



WELCOME TO APPLE RIVER COMMUNITY CHURCH

Reaching out to our community with Jesus' love

We welcome you and hope you will visit our church and join us in worshipping our Lord.

CHURCH SERVICES

Sunday, July 1

- 9:30am Sunday School
- 10:15am Fellowship
- 10:30am Worship /Children's Church

Sunday, July 8

- 9:30am Sunday School
- 10:15am Fellowship
- 10:30am Worship/Children's Church

NO POTLUCK

Sunday, July 15

- 9:30am Sunday School
- 10:15am Fellowship
- 10:30am Worship/Children's Church

Sunday, July 22

- 9:30am Sunday School
- 10:15am Fellowship
- 10:30am Worship/Children's Church

Sunday, July 29

- 9:30am Sunday School
- 10:15am Fellowship
- 10:30am Worship/Children's Church
- 7:00p Sunday Night Live! (Circle 1)

July Happenings

Pastor Justin



My family and I are heading off on a long vacation. We are taking a month off of church work without pay and then 2 weeks of vacation after that. We will return the week of August 13. (Yes, we have some people staying in our house while we are gone to keep it safe.) Don't worry, we will be back.

I'm so excited about the preachers that are coming through Apple River while we are gone! After all these great speakers come through, please don't be too disappointed when I get back. They are all amazing men!

You are going to hear from Bruce Tanner and Rod Wetzig. You will also hear from John Engen and Alan Dunham. Alan is a pastor from Chippewa Falls Bible Church. He and his wife Emily went to Northwestern with Erin and me. He will be here on August 5th to share with you about Hebrews. John was the former station manager of KTIS and pastor of a Baptist Church in the twin cities. He and I would occasionally speak at River of Life church in Elk River. He will be here the last Sunday in July. (You are in for a treat!)

Here is what we will be doing. My sister is getting married in Michigan on the 4th of July, so we are going up to the wedding and to visit with family. Then we are coming back to Amery to repack before heading to Chicago. Erin's mom and sister moved to Chicago in the last year. We will spend a few days visiting there.

Here is where it gets interesting, after Chicago we will go to the Creation Museum and the Ark Encounter in Ohio. After a few days there we are going out to the East Coast making stops in New York, Boston and up to Bar Harbor ME. (I've never been to Maine, so why not?) Then we are going down to Pennsylvania to visit with Erin's family again. We will be with them for about 2 weeks and take a trip over to New Jersey. Her brother Isaac is taking his youth group to a Christian conference at an amusement park in New Jersey. So what could be better... Roller coasters, tilt-a-whirl, Christian music and speakers sharing about Jesus? It doesn't get better than that!

From there, we had back to quiet Amery. I'm already looking forward to being back at home. But, it will be a trip the kids won't forget! We plan on having some challenges, some joys, and some relaxing. It is just hard to know when those times will turn up.

See you again soon!

Justin

MISSION STATEMENT

The purpose of Apple River Community Church is to glorify God by helping people to find Jesus and grow to be like him.

PASTOR
Justin Hosking*
VISITATION PASTOR
Bruce Tanner*

CHAIRMAN
Glen Wright

DEACONS
Mark Powell
Steve Wright
Dick Berhow
Rod Wetzig
Odrey Rasmussen

TRUSTEES
Glen Brown, Jr.
Rich Frankson
Dan Lundgren

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION
Erin Hosking* (Supt.)
Deb Brown (Asst. Supt.)
Claudine Brown (Member at Large)

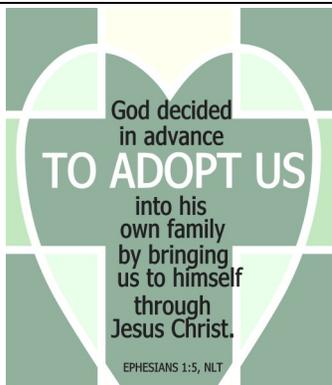
SECRETARY
Marie Geist Berhow*

DEACONESS
Darlene Holecek
Judy Nelson
Linda Wetzig

FINANCIAL
Sue Lundgren*
Joan Talmage*

TREASURER
Dana Powell*

* = Appointed



Amery on July 20th from 11:00AM to 5:00 PM.

Proceeds go toward helping Serenity Home Shelter Programs

A sign up sheet will be posted in the foyer

Our local contact is Bev Cree.

Patriotic Trivia

As we celebrate America's birthday, it's interesting to note that clergymen wrote both the Pledge of Allegiance and the hymn "My Country 'Tis of Thee." Rev. Francis Bellamy wrote the pledge in 1892. Rev. Samuel Francis Smith wrote the hymn in 1831. Both men were Baptist ministers.



The pledge was first used in public schools in 1892 during Columbus Day observances. "My Country 'Tis of Thee" was used as a national song before "The Star-Spangled Banner" was named America's national anthem in 1931.

5 DAY CLUB FOR Kids Ages 5-12!

Come for Fun, Memory Verses, Bible Lessons, Songs,

Games, Prizes and Fun Activities

3:00—5:00 PM June 25-29

Where: 500 Deronda St. in Amery

Adults: Contact Erin Hosking if you can help in any way, especially with crafts.



Keep Our Nation and Church in your Prayers!

Attention Prayer Warriors or Partners and Everyone:

Please keep our Kids in your prayers. Pray for their lives to be enriched through 5-Day Clubs and Bible Camp this summer. Kids need our prayers during summer vacation as well as the school year. Don't let up on your prayers.

NO POTLUCK IN JULY.

Directory

The Directory pamphlet with basic information—no picture - is here and ready for pick up. If there are corrections, they will be listed in the Ripple. Put a note in the Ripple box so we can list those changes in the next Ripple. Thank You!

Pictures are still being taken for the picture directory. Hopefully this will be done soon.

White Cross and Women's Ministries

Be sure to check out the bulletin board for church minutes and reports

- 1 Dareld Lundgren
- 2 Paul & Lorraine Aune (1950)
- 2 Paul Aune
- 3 Bob Traynor
- 3 Jordon Newbauer
- 3 Nancy LaDoucer
- 3 Odrey Rasmussen
- 3 Perry & Dorene Melstrom (1959)
- 5 Justin & Erin Hosking (1998)

- 10 LueAnn Croes
- 14 Samantha Frankson
- 18 Mackenzie Symbal
- 19 Jeff Bowers
- 21 Marvin & Sandy Sias (1962)
- 21 Clyde Wright
- 22 Bev Richmond
- 23 Nathan & Amber Elmer (2005)

- 25 Michael Croes
- 26 Earl Ericksen
- 26 Laverne Stevens
- 27 Glen & Darlene Holecek (1952)
- 29 Diane Berry
- 29 Parker Green
- 30 Dan & Lori Lundgren (2010)
- 30 Weston Hosking



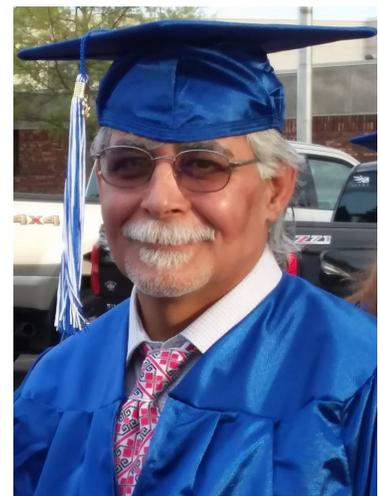
You've got mail

“What a wonderful thing is the mail,” someone has said, “capable of conveying across continents a warm human hand-clasp.” I remember the excitement of getting an “aerogram” from a grade-school pen pal in Sweden, or a letter from Mom when I was in college. How different from the instantaneous, typed messages we send today.

Can you imagine, then, how meaningful the letters of Paul, Peter and other apostles were to early Christians? Painstakingly handwritten, carefully delivered by a courier or friend – so different from emails, texts and even postal delivery! Think how elated the recipients must have been to read warm greetings, news from afar, teachings, even reprimands – and then words such as these: “My love be with you all in Christ Jesus” (1 Corinthians 16:24, ESV).

The next time you read or hear a New Testament letter, imagine a time when such communication was rare and precious. Hear the writer’s words – which are also God’s words to you – from that perspective, and hold them fast.

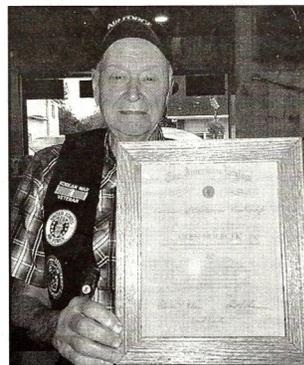
–Heidi Mann



Congratulations to Hannah Khoury on his graduation from WITC Rice Lake.

Hannah finished his machinist courses in March. Graduation was in May.

Hey Kids, comments about camp will be welcome for the August issue of the Ripple due July 23. Ideas - New friends, crafts, fun, worship. Pranks?



60 YEARS OF MEMBERSHIP

Congratulations to Glen Holecek of American Legion Post 346. Glen was recently awarded his 60-year membership certificate.

Glen is also the oldest member of the American Legion Riders Post 346.

Omnipresent

We may ignore, but we can nowhere evade, the presence of God. The world is crowded with him. He walks everywhere incognito. And the incognito is not always hard to penetrate. The real labor is to remember, to attend ... in fact to come awake. Still more, to remain awake.

—C.S. Lewis



Church Signs—a part of our culture.

By Stan Miller

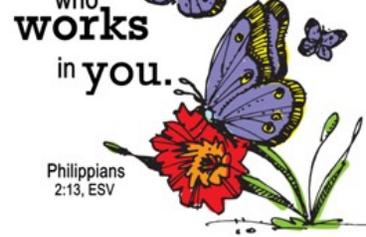
Soul food is usually associated with ethnicity and for many of us, we associate the term with Black culture. However, I would submit we all have traditional food(s) which could be called soul food.

Bone Lake Lutheran Church had a sign which read: **“Soul Food Served Here!”** A clever play on words and the real definition of food that comes from the Word of God. Churches that preach the good news are serving soul food. Manna was given to the escaping Hebrews from the Egyptians. This was soul food for the journey, filled with nourishment and provision from God’s hand. It wasn’t always pleasing to the escapees.

Today this celebration of certain food is associated with Passover. The “soul food” of the gospel is a Pass-



that liberty is not only to be loved but also to be lived. Liberty is too precious a thing to be buried in books. It costs too much to be hoarded. Help us see that our liberty is not the right to do as we please, but the opportunity to please to do what is right.



ever open door! ... To call any situation hopeless is to shut the door on God.”

—Anthony Coniaris

Update from the Beathams—

God has been so gracious to us! These past months have been filled with field program meetings, getting our work situation ready for our leaving Mexico, packing, *commissioning Ernesto, more packing, traveling, traveling, seeing friends along the way, traveling, **graduation parties for Nathaniel (yay!) and attending others, ***Jeremiah and Abbie's wedding (hurrah!), more traveling, a week of VBS in Minnesota, two family birthdays, baby shower, family reunion, rest!

We have had NO mishaps throughout all of this wild and wacky schedule! Join us as we give glory to God in this!

Here are highlights of a few of these activities:

*We are excited to share that Ernesto was commissioned by our church in Juxtlahuaca to be a missionary to his own village this summer! With us being gone, and his family needing him to be there to help man their small store, we all thought it would be a great idea for him to work on translation from there – drafting more books of the Bible, teaching Bible AND Mixtec (MEES-tek) literacy classes to the kids in two villages (ministries started through giving away the Operation Christmas Child boxes that so many of you have filled!), traveling to Coicoyán (coy-coy-YAHN), where we lived, to do village checking (in Luke & Acts), checking out usage of words and key biblical terms in his own village, and sharing the life-giving Message he has found in Christ with his own family. He recently told me that he thought he'd never live in his village again, but that God has given him a deeper love for his family and he has a desire for them to know Christ like he does. Pray for God's guidance and blessing for Ernesto this summer as he seeks God every day.



**Nathaniel's graduation celebrations have been small, but many! He shared in our Juxtlahuaca church about his plans for the future, and he and Benjamin sang a song for special music. While we were in Virginia for Jers' wedding, Bruce's parents and, of course, Jers and Abbie were there so we had an open house for him there. We hope to have another open house here in early July to celebrate his high school graduation with our family and friends here and combine it with a send-off to the Marines boot camp as he leaves on July 16. Please pray for safety and blessings for him as he embarks on this new adventure. Pray also for us as good-byes are always so hard.

***We left Oaxaca (wah-HAH-kah), Mexico on May 20 and arrived in Newport News, Virginia a week later, ahead of the June 3 wedding date in order to make preparation for the upcoming rehearsal dinner and wedding! The days leading up to the big day were filled with shopping, planning, sight-seeing, family fun, and recuperating from our long trip. The wedding went off without a hitch – the bride was beautiful, the groom handsome, Nathaniel and Benjamin were dashing (as groomsmen) and a fun time was had by all. The newlyweds spent a week in Ireland on their honeymoon and are back to a new 'normal' as they begin life as a married couple. Please pray for them as they adjust to life together.

Blessings on all of you! We love and appreciate you!

Candice, Bruce, Nathaniel, Benjamin and Abby

The Beathams will share more at the ice cream social here at Apple River Church on Friday, June 29 at 7:00p.

Lessons from a Farmer

Summer often reminds pastor Walter Wangerin Jr. of his father-in-law, a farmer. Farmers, he writes, remember “that we belong to the earth, and the earth belongs to God.” Recalling his father-in-law working the fields, he states, “Surely I don't suppose that we shall live by the horse again, but I plead that we live on this earth with reverence.”

Because God gave people “dominion” over creation (see Genesis 1:28), we are “God's emblem within the universe, God's signature upon the work he had accomplished,” Wangerin writes. “We were placed here to serve God by serving the earth and so to be served by it.”

Who demonstrates that better than a farmer nurturing soil and seeds to yield abundant harvest? “By his reveren-

July 

Apple River Community Church Calendar of Events

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	
<i>45a Praise Team</i> Sunday School Fellowship Worship/Children's Church Paul Aune's 90th Birthday Party	2	3	4 	5	6	7
Jr. High Camp Session 2: July 1-6						
<i>5a Praise Team</i> Sunday School Fellowship Worship/Children's Church TLUCK	9	10 6:30p Deacons Meet; 7:30p Executive Bd Meets	11 10:00a Men's Bible Study	12	13	14
Classic Camp Session 1: July 8-13						
<i>45a Praise Team</i> Sunday School Fellowship Worship/Children's Church	16	17	18 10:00a Men's Bible Study	19	20 2-5 Bell Ringing at Dick's Market, Amery	21
<i>45a Praise Team</i> Sunday School Worship/Children's Church semi-Annual Meeting	23 RIPPLE DEADLINE	24 5:00p Serenity House	25 10:00a Men's Bible Study	26	27	28
<i>45a Praise Team</i> Sunday School Worship/Children's Church Sunday Night Live! (<i>Circle 2</i>)	30	31 (5:00p Senior Saints Date to be deter- mined) Watch bulletin.	Classic Camp Session 3: July 29-August 3			

Articles MUST BE received by the deadline to be included in the
and to arcc@amerytel.net (*PREFERRED*) or put in Ripple box in
ce. Bulletin items must be received by Thursday for the next
ulletin.
Thank You,



Bible Quiz: Answer: A (See John 9:6-7.)

Puzzle: He determines the number of the stars and calls them each
name. Psalm 147:4 NIV