



The Ripple



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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, March 5

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

Sunday, March 12

9:30am Sunday School
10:15am Fellowship
10:30am Worship/Children's Church
Potluck (Circle 2)

Sunday, March 19

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

Saturday, March 26

9:30am Sunday School
10:15am Fellowship
10:30am Worship/Children's Church
7:00p Sunday Night Live (Circle 3)

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Will Monopoly Money Buy Me a Burger?

Pastor Justin



What does it mean to have "faith?" Hebrews 11:1-3 says, *Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see. This is what the ancients were commended for. By faith we understand that the universe was formed at God's command, so that what is seen was not made out of what was visible.* We often talk about faith as something that we "have." Other times, it becomes an "attitude" that we live within.

Faith, according to Dr. L Morris, *"is the attitude whereby a man abandons all reliance in his own efforts to obtain salvation, be they deeds of piety, of ethical goodness or anything else."* He stresses the importance of complete trust in the work of Jesus and a reliance upon him for salvation alone. So in one sense, faith is something we do. In another sense, it is something we have. It is both a noun and a verb in the Bible.

1 Corinthians 13:13 says, "These three remain, faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love." So, again, what does it mean to have "faith?"

Faith is like the wife, waiting for her husband to return from trucking across the country. Faith is like the farmer seeing the crop when he buys the seed. Faith is like the parent looking forward to talking with their child even while they are still an infant.

Again, from the concept of how Paul writes about faith, we understand faith to be an abandoning of reliance upon our own resources and a trust in what God has done already. The Holy Spirit seals us and marks us as being owned by God through faith.

I guess, in my simple mind... I want to simplify it further. I honestly think we all have "faith," but the greater question is "what is that faith in?" For me, having "faith" is best described as "attitudes and actions that correspond to a certain belief." If you have faith in a magic pair of socks... and you believe these socks will bring you good things... by wearing those socks and believing in those socks you are demonstrating faith in those socks. Similarly, if you have faith in your riches, then your attitude toward those riches and the use of those riches will demonstrate a faith in those riches.

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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.

OUR AFFILIATION *Apple River Community Church is affiliated with the Evangelical Free Church of America (Forest Lake District).*

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Your Fingers and Your Prayers

1. Start your prayer with your thumb. Give a "thumbs up" to God as a sign of gratitude for the gift of your life. Consider all the good things, which you enjoy, all the people that you love, all the blessings you have. Praise God for them.
2. Extend your index finger. Point in the direction, as best you can, to where those who are special to you may be. Suppose a loved one is in the hospital, or at school taking a test, or at work dealing with the stresses of a job. Try to point toward them and ask God to touch and encourage them as they deal with life's problems.
3. Now let your middle and longest finger remind you of those who have the responsibility of leadership - the president and his cabinet, the heads of schools and all teachers, those responsible for running businesses that they may seek the mind of God in all their decision-making, etc.
4. The fourth finger is often the weakest finger. Let it remind you of children, of the disabled, the aged, those who simply cannot care for themselves. Lift up the plight of the weakest members of society to Almighty God that they might find help.
5. Now we come to the smallest finger. It can remind us of our own personal needs. "If you ... know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good gifts to those who ask him!" said Jesus. So ask, seek, use your hand to knock and see what happens. Remember the advice of the great missionary, William Carey: "Expect great things from God. Attempt great things for God."



FOR SALE

2009 BUS with 155,000 miles

\$12,500



SAVE THE DATE: APRIL 28 and 29, 2017

WOMEN'S RETREAT

at Oak Forest Center, Frederic, WI



Price: Friday Night + 3 MEALS: \$60.00

Saturday ALL DAY + Noon Meal: \$20.00

SPEAKER, DEVOTIONAL TIME, CRAFT TIME and RECREATIONAL TIME

WATCH FOR REGISTRATION FORMS IN FOYER

Keep Our Nation and Church
 in your Prayers!

March 12



**Time to
 Spring Ahead**

WOMEN'S DAY:

MARCH 2, THURSDAY, AT 9:30AM

WHITE CROSS from 9:30a - 12:00: We begin with devotions and coffee provided by Judy Nelson.
 We have a full size quilt to tie and lap quilts to tie. Join us as we do these projects. We need YOUR help.

12:00 LUNCH, BRING YOUR SACK LUNCH

12:30 **WOMEN'S MINISTRIES** BUSINESS MEETING

Bev Cree will share a devotional and dessert and coffee after the meeting.

LADIES, JOIN US FOR THE DAY.



PUZZLE

The psalmist's prayer

The Psalms are full of wonderful verses about God's care and protection.

Directions: Find each missing letter in the alphabets below. Use the resulting words to complete Psalm 86:7, NIV.

A B C E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z _____
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When I am in _____, I _____ to you,
 because you _____ me. Psalm 86:7, NIV

SUNDAY SCHOOL

I have been listening to something on facebook from Answers in Genesis. It goes into the importance of having a good foundation for our world view. How important it is to believe Genesis 1-11 as truth. It got me thinking I am glad that our church is doing this study "Answers" for all the kids Sunday school. They are learning it all together. That is so great. *This is an ongoing study with workbooks.*

Thanks, Deb Brown, for your input

HELP WANTED

ARCC is looking for an IT type of person that can help keep the website up to date. Sermons need to be added weekly, amongst other things.

Contact Pastor Justin or any of the deacons if you can help in this area of ministry.

Your Invited—

March 19, at 3:00 p.m

Solid Rock Quartet will sing at Hope Evangelical Free Church, 933 248th St., Osceola. They invite you to an afternoon of praise and worship,

Members of the quartet: Dan Smith (lead), Dennis Shaeffer (tenor), Rod Wetzig (baritone), and Ken Mettler (bass).

Our music styles: traditional gospel, Christian Barbershop, Bill Gaither, and Southern Gospel.

Hope Church is located on the hill, just off Wi-35, between Dresser and Osceola.

See calendar page—puzzle #1

The Bible Quiz, puzzle, cartoons, and various articles are from the NewsletterNewsletter to which we subscribe and have permission to reproduce

Bible Quiz

In John 4, Jesus talks with a woman about living water. Where does that conversation take place?

- A. Sychar
- B. Samaria
- C. Galilee
- D. Jacob's well

Answer: See calendar page



"HOLD FAST"

Is the Theme of
Arrowhead Bible Camp
 this year

Camp brochures are here and on the entry table.

Get excited and start making plans for camp now.



Birthdays and Anniversaries

2 Melissa White
 3 Susan Hawkinson-Silvernagel
 4 Muriel LaMere
 7 Bruce Tanner
 8 Linda Gale
 10 Lee & Deb Elmer (1972)
 15 Ryan & Alice Newbauer
 (2006)

16 Wylis & Susan Silvernagel
 17 Carol Smith
 18 Lorraine Aune
 20 Joan Talmage
 23 Deb Elmer
 23 Glen Holecek
 23 Simon Soldner

24 Judy Nelson
 24 Brenda Tylee
 25 Darlene Holecek
 27 Bev Cree
 27 Wylis Silvernagel
 31 Mary Christenson
 (Willie)

March 2017						
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HELP PROGRAMS AVAILABLE:

Amery Memory Café is a gathering for people with memory concerns and their care partners. They meet monthly from 1:00-2:30pm on the 3rd Thursday at the Amery Community Center. Call 1-715-720-7611 to RSVP

YOUR Article Here!

Suggestions: Missions, favorite recipe, youth events, new Sunday School material, or upcoming Bible Study topics. There are many possibilities. We have access to many interesting articles/fill-in's but a word from you would be good.



Our life is like the dial of a clock. The hands are God's hands, passing over and over again – the short hand of discipline and the long hand of mercy. Slowly and surely, the hand of discipline must pass, and God speaks at each strike. But over and over passes the hand of mercy, showering down sixty-fold of blessing for each stroke of discipline or trial. And both hands are fastened to one secure point: the great, unchanging heart of a God of love.

—Virginia Brandt Berg

Puzzle!

Are you getting "antsy" for spring?
 Using the clues provided, fill in the spaces to complete these words that end in A-N-T.

		A	N	T			
			A	N	T		
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						A	N
							T

CLUES (from top row to bottom row):

- ▼ An 8-foot man would be one
- ▼ To take back one's testimony
- ▼ Opposite of a master
- ▼ Pertaining to, germane
- ▼ A drug that heightens the senses

Answers: See calendar page



Church signs—a part of our culture. By Stan Miller

Love doesn't need an explanation. It is an action verb, therefore the expression of love through action is all that is needed. A country song, sung by Bobby Lord says "The words I love you come easy to the lips of a liar or a fool." Words do come easy; actions are hard. But actions are perceived differently than mere words.

Jesus expressed his love to the father by being obedient to his will and he said, "If we loved him we would obey his commands." Obedience then is the sincerest form of love.

"Jesus didn't explain his love. He expressed it." That's what the sign at the Living Water Assembly of God in Sedalia, MO declares. That's what John 3:16 declares and what the old rugged cross declares to us each day. No greater love has any man than to lay down his life.

That's what Jesus did for me, and that's what he did for you. He expressed that love by dying on the cross, paying the price for sin, so we didn't have to, which gave us right standing with God the father. Give him thanks, honor and praise. Express your love to others in Jesus name.

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Now, we are all wise enough to know that our “riches” are nothing in the presence of a Holy God. But many of us hold onto our “actions” being enough before a Holy God. We have faith in our actions and then trust in our actions and then trust in our actions and perform these actions to be enough to convince a Holy God that we are good. We think our baptism, our giving, our confession, or our prayers are good works that will get God to do what we want here and in eternity. But this is little more than thinking Monopoly money can buy you a burger.

There is one “object” that will be enough in the presence of a Holy God. It isn’t your dollar, your actions or your magic pair of socks. The one “object” that God finds satisfying is His Son, Jesus. When it comes to placing your faith in something... better to bet on the object that God finds sufficient.

Isaiah 64:6 All of us have become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous acts are like filthy rags; we all shrivel up like a leaf, and like the wind our sins sweep us away.

Wonder of Wonders

The world is filled with wonders, writes Nathaniel Olson. Consider chemistry: Salt is formed by two poisonous substances (sodium and chlorine). The alnico magnet, the world’s strongest, contains three non-magnetic substances (aluminum, nickel and cobalt). And water consists of oxygen (which is flammable) and hydrogen (which burns easily); yet water puts out fires!

That pales in comparison to the wonder of salvation through Jesus. Every day, Olson writes, Jesus transforms filthy, hopeless sinners into new, forgiven creations. “On the skid rows of our cities, in wealthy and poor homes, in jungles ... whenever any soul wants Christ, the wonder of the new birth is taking place.”

Our God is the true Wonder of wonders. “None can compare” (Psalm 40:5).

“No winter lasts forever; no spring skips its turn.” —Hal Borland



Or March Wind???

CHOSEN PEOPLE MINISTRIES

Will present the “Spring Feasts”
At ARCC on Sunday, April 23
at the 10:30a Worship Service

Chris Heeb will share about the exciting work they are doing to reach Jewish people for Messiah Jesus.

From Great to Good

Jim Collins’ 2001 book *Good to Great* featured companies that had “made the leap” to greatness. Years later, many of them are no longer great; some aren’t even around.

Should Christians seek greatness? After all, our attempts to be great – wealthy, powerful, successful, famous – often become the “enemies” of our doing the good God commands.

God’s Word flips on its head the saying “good is the enemy of great.” The meek, Jesus teaches, will inherit the earth (Matthew 5:5). “Whoever would be great among you,” he says, “must be your servant” (Mark 10:43, ESV). One of Jesus’ most famous parables is called the Good Samaritan, not the Great Samaritan. And goodness, not greatness, is a fruit of the Spirit.

Christians and churches are called not to greatness but to doing good for the sake of the world. Let’s shift our focus “from great to good.”

—Based on “From Great to Good,” *Homiletics*, January-February 2017

Perfect Victory

Many people enjoy making basketball picks in March, though their brackets are soon “busted.” Selecting every correct victor throughout the NCAA tournament would be quite a feat. According to *Mental Floss* magazine, if you flipped a coin for each game, the odds of achieving a perfect bracket would be one in 9.2 quintillion! By comparison, your odds of becoming president are one in 10 million, and your odds of bowling a perfect game are one in 11,500.

For odds that are less of a long shot, consider this: Your chance of living an imperfect life is one in one. Sin is the ultimate bracket-buster, and you’d be hopelessly lost without a Savior. “But thanks be to God, who gives [you] the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ” (1 Corinthians 15:57).



Apple River Community Church Calendar of Events

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>The Key of the Day Prayer should be the key of the day and the lock of the night.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>—George Herbert</i></p>			<p>1 10:15a Men's Bible Study 5:30p One-Way Club</p>	<p>2 9:30 White Cross 12:30 Women's Ministry</p>	<p>3 8:45a MOPS</p>	<p>4</p>
<p>5 8:45a Praise Team 9:30a Sunday School 10:15a Fellowship 10:30a Worship/Children's</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7 9:30-11 Women's Bible Study</p>	<p>8 10:15a Men's Bible Study 5:30p One-Way Club</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p>
<p>12 8:45a Praise Team 9:30a Sunday School 10:15a Fellowship 10:30a Worship/Children's Church Noon: Potluck <i>(Circle 5)</i></p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14 9:30-11 Women's Bible Study 6:30p Deacons Meet; 7:30p Executive Bd Meets</p>	<p>15 10:15a Men's Bible Study 5:30p One-Way Club</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17 8:45a MOPS</p>	<p>18</p>
<p>19 8:45a Praise Team 9:30a Sunday School 10:30a Worship/Children's Church</p>	<p>20 RIPPLE DEADLINE</p>	<p>21 9:30-11 Women's Bible Study</p>	<p>22 10:15a Men's Bible Study 5:30p One-Way Club</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p>
<p>26 8:45a Praise Team 9:30a Sunday School 10:15a Fellowship 10:30a Worship/Children's Church 7:00p Sunday Night Live <i>(Circle</i></p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28 9:30-11 Women's Bible Study 5:00p Serenity House</p>	<p>29 10:15a Men's Bible Study 5:30p One-Way Club</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31</p>	

Ripple Articles **MUST BE** received by the deadline to be included in the Ripple. Send to arcc@amerytel.net (**PREFERRED**) or put in Ripple box in church office. Bulletin items must be received by Thursday for the next Sunday's bulletin.

Thank You, Marie

Bible Quiz: Answer: A, B and D (See John 4:4-7ff.)

Puzzle #1 Answer: When I am in distress, I call to you, because you answer me. Psalm 86:7 NIV

Puzzle #2 Answer: giant, recant, servant, relevant, stimulant