



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 worshiping our Lord.*

CHURCH SERVICES

Sunday, May 6

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

Sunday, May 13 Mother's Day

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

NO POTLUCK

Sunday, May 20

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

Sunday, May 27

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

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Lessons from the Track

Pastor Justin



A few weeks ago, I volunteered to coach Middle School track. My focus has been training the mid-distance runners. I put on shorts and running shoes and get out there with the students. It has been fun, until yesterday.

While running sprints with the students, an 8th grade boy challenged me to a 100m race. **I had won all the other "races" we had done so far. I thought it would be easy... until we were 50m into the race. All I could see were the backs of his shoes. Even though I was shouting encouragement to him, my heart was upset. After crossing the finish line, I walked back to get my jacket... and pout. It took me 5 minutes to actually get back to shake his hand and congratulate him on his win. I had come face to face with my declining body and my own mortality. I realized I am in a race called "life" and am bound to lose.**

I started thinking, if I am not fast enough to race with them, how can I coach them? **If I can't teach them from the perspective of an expert, how can I teach them?**

We often take this type of "expert" thinking into discipleship. We take it into our relationships with our children. We think that "because we are older, bigger, have more life experience, we are able to instruct others in how to live." The problem is that age, experience, and knowledge don't necessarily make us better teachers. They can help in teaching but they don't make us better.

So, how do we encourage those we are training up? How do we speak into the lives of our children, grandchildren and even our neighbors?

I'm not an expert at this, but I'll give you the few things I'm going to try in coaching. Maybe you can incorporate some of them into your relationships too.

1. See the potential in another person. Not everyone is going to be an All-State runner, but everyone can have the heart of a champion. **We can start building that heart in others by encouraging them. We don't encourage people enough today. I have a young runner who is very slow, but he never quits. When I came across him with his parents in public, I commented to his parents how great his attitude was and how he never quit. Both the student and the parents beamed with pride. Build the heart of a champion in others.**

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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).*

CHURCH OFFICERS 2018

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MISSION UPDATE—Robert Weise

Robert and Nancy Weise live in Wausau, WI. He is Director of Student and Family Ministries and district events.

Rob has been on staff for 15 years. ARCC is a part of the Forest Lake District of the Evangelical Free Church.

The numerous duties for Rob include:

1. Church planting.
2. Church health—dealing with problems.
3. Student/youth activities. In January many of our youth attended the youth conference in Green Bay. 4,000 attended.
4. Pastor and youth pastor and wives retreats.
5. Parent summit—online helps.
6. Resources for pastors and Search Committees.
7. **Pastor's spring and fall conferences.**
8. Worship training.
9. Ordination and Installation services.
10. Contact with Trinity University.

May Mission of the month: CEF State Director, Jon Schussman

SATURDAY, MAY 5th at 8:00 A.M
WORK DAY AT CHURCH

Many hands help make the load lighter! Men and women are needed for a work day at church.

Come lend a hand. Watch the bulletin for more information about lunch, etc.



Keep Our Nation and Church in your Prayers!

. NO POTLUCK IN MAY (Mother's Day)

EACH ONE REACH ONE

Outreach Sundays are

May 20th

And June 24th.

Be sure to bring a friend.



Save the Date:
Coming Saturday, June 23
At 2:00 P.M.

"OLD TOWN GOSPEL GHOIR"
FROM SWEDEN

Watch for further information.

WHITE CROSS and WOMEN'S MINISTRIES

Thursday, May 3 at 9:30 A.M.

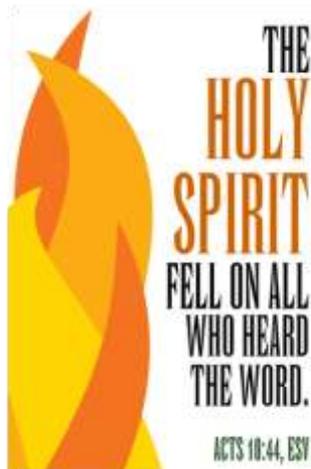
White Cross starts the day with devotions and Coffee Treat by Carol Strief.

We have patterns to cut out dresses and shorts to send to Africa. Come and help us cut and sew. We always have sheets to rip, sew and roll!!!!

Lunch at Noon—bring your own lunch. Noon: sack lunch

12:30p Women's Ministries Business Meeting.

Devotions and Coffee Treat by Betty Anderson





WORTHY OF RESPECT

On Mother's Day, we celebrate our moms and everything they do for us. How does God tell us to treat our moms?



Directions: Using the key below, fill in the blanks to complete Deuteronomy 5:16, NIV.

A	C	D	M	N	O
E	F	G	P	R	S
H	I	L	T	U	Y

" _____ your _____
 and your _____
 the _____ your _____ has _____

 _____ 5:16, NIV

Answer: See Reverse
 The Bible Quiz, puzzle, cartoons and various articles are from the Newsletter to which we subscribe and have permission to reproduce

The "M" Word

During a science lesson, a second-grade teacher demonstrated how a magnet can pick up metal objects such as nails and screws.

Afterward, she said, "My name begins with the letter 'm.' I pick up things with my power. What am I?"
 A boy quickly answered, "You're a mother!"

Bible Quiz A

While in Jerusalem for Pentecost, people from many faraway lands miraculously heard the disciples preaching in their own native languages. Which of the following modern-day places was/were represented?

- A. Egypt
- B. Libya
- C. Crete
- D. Rome
- E. All of the above
- F. A, B and D



Answer: See Reverse



Congratulations to Brianna White, daughter of Chad and Melissa White

Thanks Mom

At his graduation, a young man tasked with giving a speech began reading from some notes. "I want to talk about my mother and the wonderful influence she had on my life," he said. "She's a shining example of parenthood, and I love her more than words can ever do justice."

The graduate then paused, appeared to struggle a moment and looked up at the audience with a mischievous smile. "It's really hard to read my mom's handwriting," he said.

Sign Up for Camp!

Are you signed up for camp? If not, sign up NOW! Some sessions Sold Out early last year. Camp can be a life changing experience for our youth. It's a great time for them to be with other Christian youth.

Keep our campers, counselors and speakers in your prayers. All youth need our prayers. Life can seem stressful in school and even during summer vacation.



Campbell

"I never volunteered to cook church suppers until I discovered these."



Birthdays and Anniversaries

1 Denise Wright
 2 Mike Crim
 3 Jim Hughes
 3 Glen Jr. & Deb Brown (1997)
 4 Paul Anderson
 7 Rebecca White
 9 Ray & Betty Cheshire (1956)

10 Stan Miller
 11 Laverne & Carol Stevens
 15 Dick Berhow
 16 Mary Munson
 17 Jenna Lundgren
 17 Bruce & Ginger Tanner (1975)
 20 Henry & Joy Soldner (2000)

21 Helen Elmer
 23 Dareld & Sue Lundgren (1959)
 26 Zachary Hosking
 23 Sandra Sias
 31 Jeremiah Beatham
 31 Erin Hosking
 31 Davy Wolter

May 2018						
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6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		



The CPR / AED Class was attended by nine people from our church on April 2nd.

It was very beneficial, educational and a good refresher. Thank you to ARCC for paying one-half of the cost.

Sin

By MCCrim

Sin came calling, knock, knock, knock
 Who could it be, my only thought
 I didn't have to wonder long
 Through he peep, my old Friend Wrong
 I did not want to let him in.
 He never was my better friend.
 But I was tempted, none the less
 Pleasures came when he was guest.
 Ecstasies, I remember well
 Secret things, I could not tell
 That gave me shivers, in my thoughts
 That kept me captive, enslaved and lost.
 The guilt I had, made me feel shame
 And worst of all, I was solely to blame
 So Jesus I called, and I asked Him in
 And I left the door closed, to my visitor Sin.

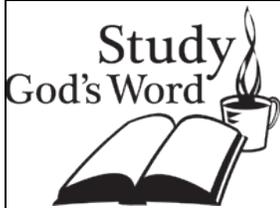
My mother had a great deal of trouble with me, but I think she enjoyed it.”

—Mark Twain

The First Step

Take the first step in faith. You don't have to see the whole staircase, just take the first step.

—Martin Luther King Jr.



SEE YOU AT A BIBLE STUDY

Womens: Tuesdays at 9:30 AM
 Through May 22nd

Mens: Wednesdays at 10:00 AM

Where Is It? - Update

What's happening with the Directory?

The Directory is a “Moving Target”. The paper Directory (No pictures) will be distributed by month end after new members are received. That's the plan.

If you are new to our congregation and have not filled out a directory form or given your information to Marie, please stop in the office to complete a form. Our directory lists members & friends.

Pictures will be taken again after church. We mainly need pictures of new people not in our picture directory, and families who have grown and/or whose children have grown.

Thank you for your patience. Marie



Church Signs—a part of our culture.

By Stan Miller

The Siren, WI Assembly of God boasted this sign shortly after the un-retirement of Brett Favre. It said:

“God will never leave you for the Jets!”

A big boost to the unfailing loyalty of God with a jab at the “where is Brett going to end up playing ball speculation”. This was several years ago now, but the implication is still apropos because ball players change their allegiances for the bigger pay check.

Our God does not change allegiances for any reason. He is always faithful and just. That's his nature. God didn't need that sign, but we all need to be reminded that we “have a friend that sticketh closer than a brother”. Not because God is unfaithful or fickle but because we sometimes lose our perspective when we face a road block.

God will never leave us nor forsake us is his promise and we know that he aggressively looks for the lost sheep.

Lessons from the Track—*Continued from page 1*

2. **Be vulnerable**, maybe someone else can learn from your mistake. Telling another person how you are **always right and never made a mistake won't help them to avoid their own mistakes**. **Once in a while**, share where you slipped up. Help them to avoid pitfalls. Obviously, share your triumphs too, but share where you fell. People in the world are looking for sincere and honest leaders. Perfect leaders are only found in history books.
3. **Set an example**. It is hard to coach someone if they are running past you all the time. Put on your shorts and get out there with them. Yes, it is hard to run and talk at the same time (especially when the kids are faster than you), but that is how you encourage arm and foot position. Being with them and modeling a stride helps them to see how to stride too.
4. **Care for them. This takes some time. Sure, you can “care” about a stranger, but honest caring only comes after a relationship has been fostered. Jesus didn't fake caring for his disciples. He spent time with them; he was vulnerable with them; he set an example for them. It took a while, even past his crucifixion, for them to reciprocate that care and love. People may not love you back, but you don't get to stop loving them.**

As our children age, as our abilities fail, as the world changes, we still need to “coach” others. Try using these models for your relationships with those in your life. Don't back away from relationships with others. Jump into life with them. Don't expect them to follow you. You can't use the excuse, “Because I said so...” Start sharing yourself with them and see where God leads you.

A Prayer for Mom

A young boy had been misbehaving, so his mother sent him to his room. Sometime later, he came out and told his mom he'd prayed about the matter. “That's good,” she replied. “If you ask God for help to not misbehave, he'll help you.”

“Oh, I didn't pray for help behaving,” said the boy. “I prayed for God to help you put up with me.”



Memorial Day

Memorial Day emerged from the grim shadows of the American Civil War. Before the close of the war, women began decorating the graves of soldiers who had died in that war. The practice quickly spread, and a few years later May 30, 1868, was designated as Decoration Day — a day for placing flowers on the graves of Union and Confederate soldiers throughout the United States.

In 1882, Decoration Day became known as Memorial Day, and soldiers who died in other wars were also honored. Over the years, it has become a day when all loved ones who have died — in war and otherwise — are remembered. In 1971, the United States Congress declared Memorial Day a national holiday to be observed annually on the last Monday in May.

On this Memorial Day, remember those who gave their lives for our country. But also pray for those who continue serving to keep America free, especially those who are in harm's way.



Ever-evolving, ever-loved hymn

“Eternal Father, Strong to Save,” often known simply as “The Navy Hymn,” dates back to 1860, when William Whiting wrote it for a student of his about to travel by ship from England to America.

Original verses testified to the protection of God the Father, Christ, the Holy Spirit and the Trinity. In 1940, the U.S. Episcopal Church rewrote the hymn to include travel on land and in the air. Many verses have been written since: for Navy SEALs, submariners, astronauts, military families, ship dedications and more.

The following verse, intended for Memorial Day, may be used with the credit line below:

We thank you, God, for loved ones dear
 Who clung to faith beyond their fear,
 Who served and paid the highest price
 For freedom bought with sacrifice.
 May they remind us of your Son
 Whose death our final freedom won.

No. 808 in our hymnal if you
 want to read the whole hymn.

—Heidi L. Mann, 2012



Apple River Community Church Calendar of Events

2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 9:30-11:00a Women's Bible Study	2 10:00a Men's Bible Study 5:30p One-Way Club	3 9:30a White Cross See Pg. 2.	4 8:45a M.O.P.S	5 8:00 a Work Day at Church for everyone!
6 8:45a Praise Team 9:30a Sunday School 10:15a Fellowship 10:30a Worship/Children's Church	7	8 9:30-11:00a Women's Bible Study 6:30p Deacons Meet; 7:30p Executive Bd Meets	9 10:00a Men's Bible Study 5:30p One-Way Club	10	11	12
13 Mother's Day Guest: Jon Schussman, CEF 8:45a Praise Team 9:30a Sunday School 10:15a Fellowship 10:30a Worship/Children's Church (NO POTLUCK)	14	15 9:30-11:00a Women's Bible Study	16 10:00a Men's Bible Study 5:30p One-Way Club	17	18 8:45a M.O.P.S	19
20 Membersip Sunday 8:45a Praise Team 9:30a Sunday School 10:30a Worship/Children's Church	21 RIPPLE DEADLINE	22 9:30-11:00a Women's Bible Study 5:00p Senior Saints 5:00p Serenity House	23 10:00a Men's Bible Study	24	25	26
27 8:45a Praise Team 9:30a Sunday School 10:30a Worship/Children's Church 7:00p Sunday Night Live! (<i>Circle 2</i>)	28 Memorial Day	29	30 10:00a Men's Bible Study	31		

Bible Quiz: E (See Acts 2:9-11.)
Puzzle: Honor your father and your mother, as the Lord your God has commanded you." Deuteronomy 5:16 NIV

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,