



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, February 3

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

Sunday, February 10

9:30am Sunday School
10:15am Fellowship
10:30am Worship/Children's Church
POTLUCK (Circle 4)

Sunday, February 17

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

Sunday, February 24

9:30am Sunday School
10:15am Fellowship
10:30am Worship/Children's Church
6:30p Sunday Night Live! (Circle 5)

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Inward and Outward

Pastor Justin



Donald Trump, Bill Gates, Rush Limbaugh, Will Smith and Nancy Pelosi, what do they all have in common? They are modern mavericks. They are individuals who are unorthodox or independent minded people. "Original" and "trend setters" are words we would use to describe them. Many mavericks operate without any need for others in their lives. They are free from caring about the opinions of others. Because of their strength and independence, we have a tendency to idealize these people. That's right, we idealize but we don't idolize. Their faults are easy enough to see. However, there is something rough and American about their life that makes us look up to them. It is the same roughness can cause us to disagree with them. But being maveicks, they don't care much for our opinions.

Some people approach Christianity with the same type of maverick mindset. Because we see the world in disarray, upheaval, and full of contentious relationships, the hostility toward Christianity, many of us are drawn to be bastions of truth in a false world. Spurred on by the call of scripture to "Stand against the devil," "Be ready to give account," "Not worry about what to say," and "Sheep to the slaughter," many Christians fight against the world around us. We are a strong, independent and righteous voice in the world today.

But this same maverick attitude gets in the way of the "one another" commands that Jesus gives his disciples. Our maverick minds cause us to overlook "loving" one another. Our independent thinking scares us from bearing "one another's burdens." We become uncaring about the opinions of the world around us, like a good maverick would, but that hinders us from being "united in the Spirit" and taking thoughts "captive to Christ." In a way, the same maverick spirit that draws us away from the world and toward Jesus fights against the unity that Jesus calls for in His church and His disciples.

So what do we do about this? First, recognize the fact that we are called "out" of the world but we are also called "into" a relationship with Christ. The salvation we experience is not for us alone, but

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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.

PASTOR

Justin Hosking*

VISITATION PASTOR

Bruce Tanner*

CHAIRMAN

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DEACONS

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Odrey Rasmussen

Ron Nelson

Mike Croes

Glen Wright

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Dan Lundgren

Mike Crim

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Linda Wetzig

Carol Smith

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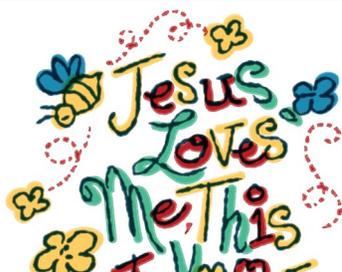
Sue Lundgren*

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Dana Powell*

* = Appointed



“A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another, even as I have loved you, that you also love one another. ³⁵ By this all men will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another.”

Third, as we demonstrate this love toward one another, we are to be in contact with each other. Yes, you need to share your thoughts and burdens with others. Yes, you should call each other on the phone or visit with each other over a cup of coffee.

The context of John 13:34-35 includes that the world will know you are a disciple, not by how loud you shout against the world, not by how you avoid the world, not by what you post on Facebook or write in an editorial; RATHER, they will know you are Christ’s disciple by the love you demonstrate toward other Christians. Demonstrate, to show the world through your life and words, this is what you are called to do. DEMONSTRATE to the world your love for each other. A demonstration done in secret is a disguise. You are not to disguise your Christianity, but to live it where the world can see it. Love one another publicly. Go out with your Christian friends and show the world you love each other in Jesus’ name.

Tuesday Morning Women's Bible Study

2019 started with a new study on the book of James. All women are welcome. Come, and bring your friends. Questions, call Carol Smith 715-268-2835

PARKING CONSIDERATIONS

Please be considerate of those who are elderly or have difficulty walking, especially with snow and icy conditions.

You can do this by leaving the front row closest to church available to those less able than you. This is especially important on Sunday mornings and Sunday Night Live nights.

Your cooperation will be very much appreciated!

Thank You!



WHITE CROSS DAY

Thursday, February 7, 2019 at 9:30 A.M.

Begin the day with Devotions and Coffee and Treats provided by Joyce Brown.

Projects for the day: Tie a quilt!!! Work on two other quilts,

Scripture Cards - bring old greeting cards with any appropriate pictures such as: flowers, scenery, animals, crosses and short biblical truths in English.

Come for the day. Bring your own sack lunch, enjoy working

WITH LOVE FROM ABOVE

The Bible is full of special words from our loving God.

Directions: Using the messages on the candy hearts, complete the Bible verses (all NIV) below.



God is our _____ and _____,
an ever-present help in trouble. Psalm 46:1

“Surely I am with you _____.” Matthew 28:20

And the _____ of God ... will guard
your hearts and your minds in
_____. Philipians 4:7

Whoever lives in _____ lives in God,
and God in them. 1 John 4:16

_____ love drives out fear. 1 John 4:18

See calendar page for answer. The Bible Quiz, puzzle, cartoons and articles are from NewsletterNewsletter to which we subscribe and have permission to reproduce.

Bible Quiz

In Luke's account of Jesus calling the first disciples from their work as fishermen to follow him and "fish for people" (NIV), which disciple is not named?

- A. James
- B. John
- C. Simon



FREE Fern See Olive Johnson about a free plant, or call her at 715-268-8966. A picture and information is on the bulletin board.

A STORY WORTH LIVING



**WHAT STORY DO I THINK I AM LIVING?
IS IT THE BEST STORY?
IS THERE A BETTER STORY?**

Jan. 4-6 at the Convention Center,
Green Bay, WI

Districts had 106 churches and 4,462 attendees. We sent 42 youth and adults. Adults get as much (or more) out of it than the youth! Here is how Districts describes itself...

The DISTRICTS Youth Conference is a growth level conference with out-reach potential, where the gospel is clearly presented. This plug and play event for students in Junior & Senior High challenges and equips students to live on mission with God and take the next step in their relationship with God.

The goal of this conference is to create an environment through large group rallies & seminars where students can experience God together and have adult leaders who can walk alongside their students as they go home.

Afternoon seminars are offered that address four specific purposes for students to choose from:

Equip, Grow, Stretch & Hot Topics.

Additionally, prayer is a central part of the weekend. It saturates everything they do.

Thank you to ALL who helped send our bunch to Districts, and give them this life changing experience.

They even participated, as Alice Brown read scripture to the attendance of over 4,000.

Let's strive to keep our youth

- 1 Ken & Mary Munson (2002)
- 1 Jake Lundgren
- 2 Marie Geist Berhow
- 2 Lola Wolter
- 3 Clara Wright
- 4 Michelle Iverson
- 5 Judy Traynor

- 8 Chas Wright
- 8 Mary Swanson
- 10 Glen Brown, Sr.
- 10 Bonnie Fredrickson
- 11 Glen Brown, Jr.
- 12 Gordon Palmer
- 12 Sherrell Wolter
- 13 Breanna White

- 14 Paul & Carol Stren (1959)
- 17 Ray Cheshire
- 19 Kent Munson
- 20 David Brown
- 20 Rosette Palmer
- 22 Nathan Elmer
- 26 Dave Olson

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Annual Meeting, January 20

The Annual Meeting minutes and roster of new officers is posted on the "Church" portion of the bulletin board. The roster is also listed on page two of this Ripple. Thank you to all volunteers for doing the tasks of these various positions. Keep these people and ARCC in your prayers.

Welcome New Member

During the meeting, Kathy Lundgren was accepted and welcomed into ARCC membership. Please welcome Kathy.

Our Prayer Chains are Active.

If you have a prayer concern, contact Bev Richmond (715-268-4226) or Lynne Peterson at (lybrpeterson@yahoo.com).

Hospital Calls: If someone is hospitalized, please contact Pastor Justin and/or Pastor Bruce.

The deaconesses also need to know so they can visit, send cards, etc. Our deaconesses are Judy Nelson, Linda Wetzig and Carol Smith.

Keep our nation, church, youth, teachers, schools and the sick and hurting in your prayers!

SENIOR SAINTS

About 20 Senior Saints met for potluck supper on Tuesday night, January 21. Everyone brought a sample of their hobby or told about their hobby. Glen Brown had quite an "entertaining" demonstration about ice fishing (his hobby). It gave us all a laugh. We have some very talented people doing woodworking, quilting, sewing, and other non-tangible talents used in the community.

Senior Saints meet for potluck on Tuesday, February 26 at 5:00 PM



"Love is like a tennis match; you'll never win consistently until you learn to serve well."

—Dan P. Herod



Church Signs—a part of our culture.

By Stan Miller

The sign at the Free Lutheran Church in Onalaska, WI poses this question:

"Is Jesus Christ your hobby, your job, or your passion?"

All of us have jobs of one kind or another, some of us have hobbies which we can turn to for relaxation, or recreation, but only a few of us have a passion for something. How would you answer the question in the quiet of meditation upon its deep meaning?

The Bible declares that there are so many lost people, so little time to work, and so few workers in the harvest. Does that change your perspective? It should. Does it change mine? It should.

Over the years I've had many jobs, some wonderful, and one which became my means of earning a living for our family. I've also had several hobbies which have given me time to relax and recreate and enjoy time away from the tedious day-to-day, work-a-day-world. If I'm to be honest, I would have to admit that my passions could be numbered on one or two fingers.

Those passions have been fleeting and have altered with age and other complications, but as I've grown

- 1/4 cup sugar
- 1/4 cup baking cocoa
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1 egg, lightly beaten
- 2 cups finely crushed graham crackers
(about 32 squares)
- 1 cup flaked coconut
- 3 tablespoons milk
- 1 pkg. (3.4 oz.) instant pistachio or lemon
pudding mix
- 2 cups confectioners' sugar

In a double boiler, combine 1/2 cup butter, sugar, cocoa and vanilla; cook and stir until butter is melted. Add egg; cook and stir until mixture thickens, about 5 minutes. Stir in crumbs and coconut. Press into greased 9-in. square baking pan.

In a mixing bowl, cream remaining butter. Add milk, pudding mix and confectioners' sugar; beat until fluffy. Spread over crust. Refrigerate until firm, 1-1/2 to 2 hours.

Melt chocolate chips and butter; cool. Spread over pudding layer. Refrigerate. Cut into bars. Yield: 4 dozen.



Oh, Oh!

I just realized a couple of lines were blocked out of sight on the

Raspberry Marshmallow

Delight recipe in the January issue. It should have included:

- 5 tablespoons cornstarch
- Whipped cream and fresh raspberries, optional

The recipe in it's entirety is on the "welcome" table in the narthex.

I double checked this month's recipe.

My apologies, Marie

Moving Help

A young woman who has been attending Crossroads Church in Chippewa Falls is enrolling in the program at Ruth House (homeless shelter for women in Eau Claire).

She needs help moving her belongings at 500 Riverside Blvd, in Amery to a storage unit in Clayton on Saturday, Feb. 2.

She will move from 10 am to 6 pm on Feb. 2. Crossroads Church is organizing a moving party for her and sending people up to help her.

ARCC has been asked to help by sending some people over to help. It would be greatly appreciated.

Carol Spitzenberger is her contact person: phone number is 805-815-6105.

Thank you for spreading the word and offering any help you can.

Wade Duroe, Crossroads Church, Chippewa Falls, WI
715-271-0822 (cell)

(Or contact Justin at 763-954-1642)

Church Basement Ladies "You Smell Barn"

was attended by ARCC & Friends on Jan. 25. We had a good time laughing and remembering the "Good Old Days".

Thanks to Ron & Judy Nelson for setting up this

"With the Heart of a Lion"

By McCrim

With the heart of a lion and the faith of a lamb,
We warriors embark, serving the great I Am.
Steeped in the word, with a sharpened sword,
Ready to fight, in the name of the Lord.
Fearless in faith and sheltered from harm,
Strong as a Samson, the strength in our arms.
This world has no hold, for we have a home,
That is joyous, eternal, with a King and a throne.
We are all sons, each one of us heirs,
We desire all people to come with us there.
So we tell them of Jesus, how he loved us all so,
That he died for our sins, conquered death and arose.
And if you believe, Oh! The gifts you'll receive.
The first one is grace and it's followed by peace.
The Holy Spirit will come, to comfort and teach
And all uncertainties, will eventually cease.
Our father in heaven, He cares and He chose us.
He asks for our trust, no one better knows us.
So, proclaim the good news, across all this land,
With the heart of a lion and the faith of a lamb.

Office Copy Machines

The office copy machines are for church use only such as the weekly bulletin, Ripple, Sunday School, Bible Studies, music, etc.

We are trying to keep our costs down on paper and ink.

Thank you for your help!

Directory Change: Rod & Linda Wetzig—

Remove phone No. 715-483-7054
New Phone No. (Rod's Cell) 715-553-2648

What's New & Happening in Church?



Apple River Community Church

2019

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| | | | | | 1 8:45a M.O.P.S | 2 H P |
| <i>5a Praise Team</i> Sunday School office & Fellowship Worship/Children's Church | 4 | 5 9:30a Women's Bible Study 6:30p Women's Bible Study | 6 *10:00a Men's Bible Study 5:30p One-Way Club | 7 9:30a White Cross—Bring Sack Lunch—See Pg. 2 | 8 | 9 |
| <i>5a Praise Team</i> Sunday School office & Fellowship Worship/Children's Church Potluck (Circle 4) | 11 | 12 9:30a Women's Bible Study 6:30p Women's Bible Study 6:30p Deacon Mtg; 7:30p Exec. Bd. Mtg. | 13 *See the 6th above | 14 <i>Valentine's Day</i> | 15 8:45a M.O.P.S | 1 |
| <i>5a Praise Team</i> Sunday School office & Fellowship Worship/Children's Church | 18 RIPPLE Deadline!! | 19 9:30a Women's Bible Study 6:30p Women's Bible Study | 20 *See the 6th above | 21 | 22 | 2 |
| <i>5a Praise Team</i> Sunday School office & Fellowship Worship/Children's Church Monday Night Live! (Circle 5) | 25 | 26 9:30a Women's Bible Study 5:00p Senior Saints Potluck 6:30p Women's Bible Study | 27 *See the 6th above | 28 | | |

Bible Quiz: Answer: D (See Luke
Puzzle: refuge, strength, always, pe
Jesus, joy, Perfect

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office. Bulletin items must be received by Thursday for the next