



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, January 6

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

Sunday, January 13

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

POTLUCK (Circle 2)

Sunday, January 20

9:30am Sunday School
10:15am Fellowship
10:30am Children's Program
Annual Meeting

Sunday, January 27

9:30am Sunday School
10:15am Fellowship
10:30am Worship/Children's Church
6:30p Sunday Night Live! (Circle 3)

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Reading the Scripture

Pastor Justin



Something I think we can all agree upon is that all believers should be spending time in the word of God. It is through the word that we are sustained and have communion with God. The Holy Spirit works through the word, and we are given a clear picture of Christ through the word. We are also informed of the character of God through the word. So, it makes sense that we spend time reading the word of God.

Schools were originally founded in our country to teach people how to read for the purpose of being able to read the word of God. I try to remind my kids of this when they come home saying, "Why do I need to learn these things?" You are learning so that you can have a better understanding of Who God is and How God works. Yet, as adults, when we reach the 12th grade, we often hear the expression, "I don't ever want to read another book." And we carry this attitude toward scripture as well. It is part of your Christian commitment and your patriotic sense that should both drive you to read and know scripture.

There are two good ways to read the scripture. Each one accomplishes different aspects of transformation in our lives. The first method is the "whole Bible reading" where you read from Genesis through Revelation in a set period of time. It might be a year, or even two years. Maybe, you get ambitious and read it in a month. It takes about 72 hours for the normal reader to work their way through scripture. This is not an impossible task.

Reading the whole of scripture gives the believer a sense of the wholeness and continuity of the scripture. We understand the movements of God in large brush strokes. The reading of the whole of the scripture helps us tie elements of the New Testament to the Old Testament. We can see broad themes of God.

The second way of reading the scripture is small bite size chunks. You might read the scripture in 3-10 verses and slowly digest what the writer is saying. This type of reading doesn't work well in all areas of the bible. If you do this in Leviticus, you will get bogged down quickly. But if you do it in the Psalms, they come to life.

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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.

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**Senior Saints meet for
potluck on
Tuesday, January 22 at
5:00 PM**

ways to do this. Our Daily Bread puts out a few different programs, one will take you through the text in a year, one will take you through in two years. It also helps dive into smaller chunks of scripture to give you more to chew on too. If you have a difficult time reading, you can listen to the text through several Bible apps on your phone today. You just log on and start listening. In your car, while doing chores around the home, or even before you go to bed at night. Think about it, if you have a 20 minute commute to work, in a few months of listening, you would cover the whole text.

We don't have any excuse for not taking the Bible into our lives. Just take the time to do it.

Tuesday Morning Women's Bible Study

The holiday season usually brings us more time with our families. Jesus had sisters and brothers and two of his brothers, James and Jude, wrote letters in the New Testament. It will be most interesting to read and study what they say and imagine living with Jesus' family.

Our 2019 start up date for the Tuesday Morning Women's Bible Study is January 8th - all women are welcome- come, and bring your friends---questions, call Carol Smith 715-268-2835

Thanks, Carol

11TH ANNUAL LADIES CHRISTMAS TEA Apple River Community Church

“Emmanuel, God With Us”

Thank you, Thank You to ALL that attended our Christmas Tea in December. Thank you for all the ladies and all the work you did to get everything ready. An especially big thanks to Carol Streif for the beautiful banners she made. To Sandy Sias for the gorgeous table center pieces, and to everyone else who did the special things to make the tea a wonderful time for ALL of us. And of course, we cannot thank the guys enough for serving us. Betty

WHITE CROSS DAY

Thursday, January 3, 2019 at 9:30 A.M.

Ladies, begin the New Year with spending the day at church working on White Cross projects. We will begin working on quilts, putting away Christmas decorations, cutting out dresses and shorts to sew.

Judy Nelson will provide coffee and treats to begin the day along with Devotions. Bring your own sack lunch,

Beverage will be provided.



A fresh start

Baptism is a blessing because it changes us and gives us hope.

Directions: Write the boxed letters in the squares below. Then unscramble those letters to form two words that complete the Bible verse and represent the gift of baptism.

We were therefore buried with him
 through baptism into death in order that,
 just as Christ was raised from the dead
 through the glory of the Father,
 we too may live a _____.

Romans 6:4, NIV

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portion of the bulletin board for the latest minutes of the Executive Board as well as Special Congregational Meetings.

The Special Congregational Meeting on November 4 announced the membership of Michael & LueAnn Croes, Sandy Arvold, Mike Crim and Marvin Torgeson .

Give them a warm welcome into the membership of our church.!

Any Complaints?

While serving as a chaplain at a children’s hospital, Lisa Anderson once found a young mother kneeling in the chapel. When Anderson apologized for disrupting, the woman said, “That’s okay. I was just complaining to the Lord. I figure it worked for the Israelites!”

After laughing, the women began discussing how God listens to his people regardless of our approach. Indeed, Moses tells Aaron, “Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, ‘Draw near to the LORD, for he has heard your complaining’” (Exodus 16:9, NRSV). And as David hid in a cave from Saul, he wrote, “I pour out my complaint before [the Lord]” (Psalm 142:2).

No matter what we say – or pray – our all-powerful God certainly can handle it. And no matter what’s troubling us, we can “take heart!” because Jesus has “overcome the world” (John 16:33, ESV).

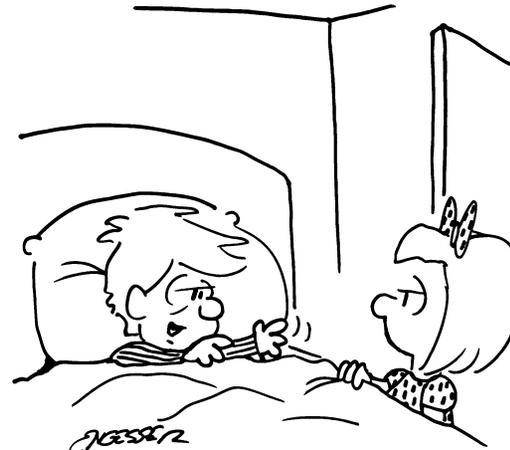
See calendar page for answer. The Bible Quiz, puzzle, cartoons and articles are from NewsletterNewsletter to which we subscribe and have permission to reproduce.

Bible Quiz

What did Jesus say brings greater joy in heaven than 99 righteous people?

- A. The singing of angels
- B. One sinner who repents
- C. 100 righteous people
- D. None of the above

Answer: See calendar page



2 Wims Christenson
3 Abigail Beatham
11 Henry Soldner
14 Perry Melstrom
15 Joshua Stager (Brown)
18 Julie Reed
19 Richard Frankson

19 Mariys Johnson
23 Troy Mintz
25 Hanna Khoury
27 Dana Powell
29 Sean Lundgren
29 Tonja Nelson
31 Sandra Arvold



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Annual Meeting, January 20—You are Invited!

You are invited to the Annual Meeting to be held January 20th following morning worship service. All members and non-members are invited. We appreciate all comments, but only members have the opportunity to vote or hold office.

Officers are needed for 2019. Most positions have a three (3) year term. We need candidates with a good Christian walk to help with goals and operations within the church. If you are willing to serve, contact Rod Wetzig, Dick Berhow or Pastor Justin. We would like names printed on the ballot prior to the meeting.

Enter In

Tired of making small talk at church about the weather or sports? Then follow Edward Welch's advice to "enter in" to the lives of your fellow worshipers.

A churchgoer once asked Welch, author of *Caring for One Another* (Crossway), two simple yet profound questions: "What was the best thing about your week, and what was the worst thing about your week?" About a month later, when some issues were weighing heavily on Welch's heart, he wondered who'd be willing to pray for him. Immediately, the person who'd asked him those two questions came to mind.

When worshipers are willing to enjoy one another's blessings and be burdened by one another's difficulties, Welch says, the body of Christ gets built up

Reading Resolutions

Every January, many Christians resolve to read the entire Bible in one year. That's a worthy goal, but God doesn't require us to read a certain number of verses or chapters per day. Instead, he tells us to simply be in his Word — and thus be with him — so he can grow our faith, light our path and assure us of his love and forgiveness. God's Word is a precious gift, but we need to "unwrap" it!

F.B. Meyer offers this helpful advice for a new year of discovering (and rediscovering!) Scripture: "Read the Bible, not as a newspaper, but as a home letter. If a cluster of heavenly fruit hangs within reach, gather it. If a promise lies upon the page as a blank check, cash it. If a prayer is recorded, appropriate it and launch it as a feathered arrow from the bow of your desire. If an example of holiness gleams before you, ask God to do as much for you. If the truth is revealed ... entreat that its brilliance may ever irradiate ... your life."



Church Signs—a part of our culture.

By Stan Miller

The Seventh Day Adventist Church in Onalaska, WI proclaims,

"God will supply your kneed's" on their sign.

This is a vital proclamation! As the new year approaches we need to remember that God is listening to our prayers and, in deed, invites us to approach the throne boldly.

He wants our communion and fellowship. We need to thank Him for the goodness he bestowed and plead for his continued blessing in the new year.

Like children, we many times mix up our wants and needs. God who knows best, will give us what is best for us. He knows us better and loves us more than anyone else. Like a good parent, he wants to pro-

- 1 cup milk
- 1 carton (8 ounces) frozen whipped topping, thawed
- 2 packages (10 ounces each) frozen raspberries in syrup, thawed
- 1-1/4 cups water, divided
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 2 teaspoons lemon juice
- 5 tablespoons cornstarch
- Whipped cream and fresh raspberries, optional

- Cool.
- In a large saucepan over medium heat, stir marshmallows and milk until the marshmallows are melted. Cool to room temperature. Fold in whipped topping; spread over crust.
- In a saucepan, bring raspberries, 1 cup water, sugar and lemon juice to a boil. Combine cornstarch and remaining water; stir into raspberry mixture. Boil for 2 minutes, stirring constantly. Cool to room temperature. Spread over marshmallow layer.

Directory

To those who had their picture taken for the directory—Thank You!

We know they ran out of time “spots” and we were hoping for later dates. They offered the following locations to get your picture taken. Call 1-866-756-0281 ASAP and give them our code of 395675.

United Covenant Church 350904
348 5th St NW ,Clear Lake WI 54005
Photo Start Date: Thu. Jan 24th, 2019
Photo End Date: Sat. Jan 26th, 2019

River Valley Christian Church 365422
5900 Lake Elmo Ave N ,Lake Elmo MN 55042
Photo Start Date: Mon. Jan 14th, 2019
Photo End Date: Tue. Jan 15th, 2019

Stillwater Evangelical Free 369936
7671 Manning Ave N ,Stillwater MN 55082
Photo Start Date: Thu. Jan 3rd, 2019
Photo End Date: Sat. Jan 5th, 2019

We can use the last directory picture or one taken here this spring in lieu of having Lifetouch take your photo. These submitted photos have a charge of \$10. The cost puts you in the directory, and you receive a directory.

Contact Deb Brown or Marie Berhow for further information.

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 you learn 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 Darlene Holecek, Judy Nelson and Linda Wetzig.

The HeavenBound Express

By McCrim

Get your house in order
That train is coming through
The conductor has a ticket
Your passage paid for you.
And you're wanted at the station for the welcoming
aboard
All has been prepared for you
For your journey to the Lord
Get your house in order
All aboard! All aboard!
When you hear the whistle blowing and the screeching
brakes on steel
It's the HeavenBound Express train slowing down
her wheels.
Pulling to the platform
Opening her doors
And every seat is empty
No feet upon the floors.
She's a one-way ticket train
And ridings your reward
And all has been prepared for you
Come aboard! Come aboard!
The HeavenBound Express train
For your journey to the Lord.
Get your house in order
That train is coming through
The conductor has a ticket
Your passage paid for you.

“Learn to light a candle in the darkest moments of someone's life. Be the light that helps others see.”
—Roy T. Bennett

January 2019

Apple River Community Church Calendar of Events

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 *See the 30th Below	3	4 8:45a M.O.P.S	5
<i>1. Praise Team</i> Sunday School office & Fellowship Worship/Children's		8 9:30a Women's Bible Study 6:30p Women's Bible Study 6:30p Deacon Mtg; 7:30p Exec. Bd. Mtg.	9 *See the 30th Below	10	11	12
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Meeting	Week of Prayer for Christian Unity					
<i>15a Praise Team</i> Sunday School office & Fellowship Worship/Children's Monday Night Live!	28	29 9:30a Women's Bible Study 6:30p Women's Bible Study	30 *10:00a Men's Bible Study 5:30p One-Way Club	31		

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

Bible Quiz: Answer: B (See Luk

***Then Joseph got up, took the child
his mother by night and went to EG***

Mathew 2:14,

