



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, June 2

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

Sunday, June 9

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

Sunday, June 16

Happy Father's Day

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

Sunday, June 23

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

Sunday, June 30

9:30am Sunday School
10:15am Fellowship
10:30am Worship/Children's Church
7:00p Sunday Night Live! (Circle 5)

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The Law and the Prophets

Pastor Justin

Matthew 7:12 says: So in everything, do to others what you would have them do to you, for this sums up the Law and the Prophets.

What does this mean and how do we understand it?

Let's start by putting it into context. Matthew is presenting Jesus giving his "Sermon on the Mount." In the sermon, Jesus is discussing the elements of living out your faith. He presents us with an overriding thought that our faith should be lived out before our Father in heaven. Often, faith is lived out before other people that we might receive our reward from them. This was the case for many of the Jews that Jesus was speaking to. They lived a public faith so that they might receive public praise. We must be careful not to do the same thing they did.

Jesus encouraged the people to keep their eyes toward heaven. They should look to God for their rewards and approval. This was a major change for his hearers. Often they would judge each other like this: If they were receiving good things (material blessings) it was because they thought someone had done well at following the Law of God. Do "good" according to the Law = Receive "good" according to man. That was the equation they followed and believed.

Jesus comes by and says, don't judge each other that way. Righteous behavior does not always equate to material blessings.

However, we can slide down another slope; if what Jesus is saying is true, if I don't have to do good to receive good, then, why do I have to do good at all? Jesus' statement squelches this argument as well. We do good unto others, for this is the summary of what God wants us to do. In doing good to others, God is pleased.

Logically, if we were to summarize all that the Law (that would be the books of Moses: Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers and Deuteronomy) and the Prophets (major and minor prophets who wrote most of the rest of the Old Testament) they would be summarized in the statement: Do unto others what you would have them do unto you.

But there is another side of this. Matthew would want to include this statement in his writing to help Jewish believers keep their faith in context with Christ. Matthew's primary audience would have been Jewish believers living in and around Jerusalem. Having been set free from the



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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SENIOR SAINTS

June 25 at 5:00 P.M.

Potluck dinner will be at the church.

Hosts: Dareld & Sue Lundgren and Dick & Marie Berhow

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Law (The Old Testament prescriptions for how to live) and what it required, many new Jewish believers would need a little help in understanding what to do with the Law and the Prophets. Are they useless? Should I elevate them and help others to follow these Laws as well? How do I move from legalism to grace?

Matthew speaks into this void with this verse as well. It isn't that the Law is all bad (Rom 7:7). Remember what Jesus said when he was asked what the greatest commandment was? Love the Lord... and Love others. Matthew 22:37-40 is going to bring this same thought back for Matthew's hearers. Being a Christian isn't about abandoning the Law, rather it is about the fulfillment of the Law and the Prophets. Jesus is about revealing all that the Law and the Prophets (Old Testament) spoke of. And in doing so, he reminds us that we are to continue to love others. We are to continue to do good to others. We should be careful how we judge others, for we are going to undergo the same judgment that we use.

POTLUCK SUNDAYS

No potlucks in June—FREE Fishing Weekend at Palmers (bring potluck)
July—No Potluck
August—Potluck Resumes

SAVE THE DATES:

WOMEN'S FALL REFRESHER AT ARROWHEAD BIBLE CAMP. SEPTEMBER 20, 21, AND 22. WATCH FOR FURTHER DETAILS

Who Is My Deacon

Beginning with the new deacon board, the deacons, pastors and chairman divided the congregation – members and those who regularly attend Apple River – among themselves. Each one has a small group of family units to “watch out for”.

The ways we are to do it is as follows:

1. Pray regularly for their group members.
2. Look out for them and greet and welcome them at church meetings and worship times.
3. If one of the group has a prayer request, or other concern, they should contact “their deacon” first.

In the days to come, “your deacon” should contact you and let you know you are in his group (if he hasn't done so, already).

Pastor Justin assigned each of you to your group. He can help tell you who “your deacon” is.

In the year to come, look for “your deacon”, pray for him, encourage him, and share with him your burdens, so he can pray for you, encourage you, and we all will be drawn closer to each other, and to our LORD.

Submitted by Rod Wetzig

WOMEN'S MINISTRIES

Thursday, June 6, 2019 at 11:30 A.M.

Come to Lunch at the Amery Village Pizzeria.

Please sign up in the narthex.



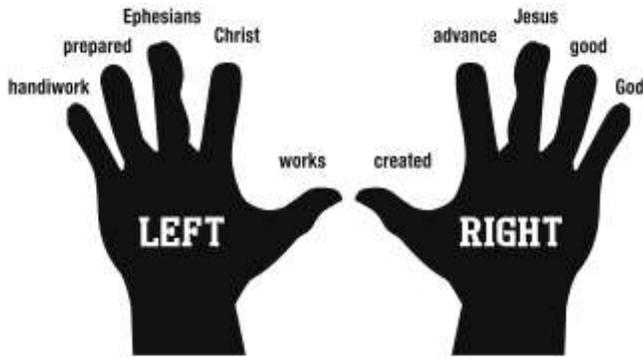
Please Note: No regular meetings of White Cross or Women's Ministries in June or July.



Handiwork to do good works

God has a special plan and purpose for each of us.

Directions: Use the finger-position clues under the blanks below to complete Ephesians 2:10, NIV.



For we are God's _____ in _____
L. pinky R. thumb
 _____ to do _____,
L. pointer R. middle R. ring L. thumb
 which _____ in _____
R. pinky L. ring R. pointer
 for us to do. _____ 2:10, NIV
L. middle

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

Ripple:
 Got News? Upcoming Events? Submit your article by June 20 to be included in the July issue. Preferably by email to arcc@amerytel.net, or put in the Ripple box in the church office.

Bible Quiz

Which follower of Jesus preached to the crowds after receiving the Holy Spirit on Pentecost?

- A. John
- B. Peter
- C. Mary Magdalene
- D. Paul

Answer: See calendar page



“Jesus, like any good fisherman, first catches the fish; then he cleans them.”

—Mark Potter

Thank You!

I thank all the ladies who helped make my wonderful graduation quilt.

Calvin Wright.

Let's keep our youth "On Fire" for the Lord.

Arrowhead Bible Camp

This year's theme is "KNOWN"

“The Lord knows those who are his.”

II Timothy 2:19

Camp starts June 9

Keep Our Kids in your prayers, especially those at camp, and for all camp workers.

RENT-A-TEEN

Help our youth earn money to pay for camp or Districts Youth Conference!

Spring and summer chores time is here!

- Do you want some help –
- Sprucing up your yard?
- Washing windows?
- Spring cleaning?
- Planting flowers?

We'd love to help!

There are no set fees – you determine your contribution for the project.

Call Alice Brown at 715-857-5246 to schedule a crew (large or small), or sign up in the church foyer, its up to you!!



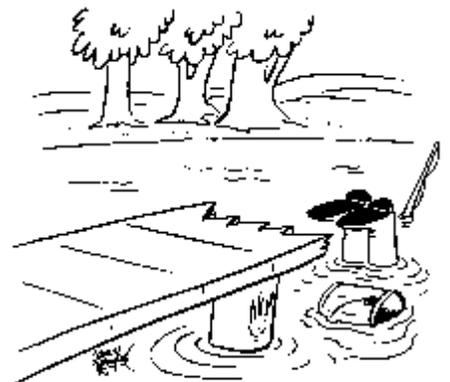
**YOUTH
 RENT A
 TEAM**



**GIVE
 Blood**

The Red Cross Bloodmobile will be at ARCC on Thursday, June 13 from Noon to 6:00 P.M.

Please call 1-800-RED CROSS (1800-733-2767 or visit redcrossblood.org and enter: code ARCC to schedule an appointment.



Fred went fishing, instead of church every Sunday, until others were persuaded by peer pressure.



Birthdays and Anniversaries

2 Liza Tylee 4 Bendiks Brown 6 Marv Sias 8 LeRoy & Joyce Brown (1957) 8 Dan Lundgren 12 Joelle Hosking 13 Glen & Claudine Brown (1964) 16 Benjamin Beatham	16 Saheer Khoury 18 Jeff & Joan Bowers (1993) 21 Davy & Sherrell Wolter 21 Lee Elmer 23 Ken Aubart 23 John & Nancy LaDoucer (1978) 25 Rod & Linda Wetzig (1966) 27 Scott Green	28 Alan Johnson 29 Arla Brunberg 29 Mike Kelby 29 Steve & Julie Reed (1996) 30 Milo Gray 30 Anna Powell 30 Joseph Powell
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Mission Update— Rod Elbaor (Christian Carpentry Ministries)

Rod Elbaor owned his own construction business for many years, the LORD him into full-time service using his gifts and abilities the Lord gave him for His work. He used his abilities at various ministries doing construction, carpentry and work projects. His desire is to not only use his gifts as a carpenter, but also to develop relationships and mentoring those he works with.



Some of the recent projects he has been involved in include Habitat for Humanity in the Rio Grande Valley of Texas; Mission Bible Training Center in Gaastra, Michigan; Feed My Lambs International of Los Canelos, Mexico; and the Cheyenne River Indian Reservation of South Dakota.

He does not own a house but travels with his RV trailer and tool trailer from sight to sight. This helps keep down personal expenses and enables him to stay at the work sight for extended periods of time.

If you have any questions you can reach him at 651-303-8918 or email him at rodelbaor@gmail.com. You may also visit him on Facebook at Rod Elbaor (Christian Carpentry Ministries).

***Sunday, June 23, Rod Elbaor of Christian Carpentry Ministries will share in Sunday School and 5 minutes in the morning service. Rod was added to our Mission Budget this past year

A Father's Legacy

For Joseph Dodson, the pressures and responsibilities of parenthood felt compounded when he and his wife adopted a son. Dodson, a Bible professor, wonders if Jesus' earthly father also struggled with doubts and fears.

Scripture doesn't say much about Joseph, but he clearly left Jesus "a significant legacy," Dodson writes in *Bible Study Magazine*. Joseph obeyed God — despite the risk to his reputation — by marrying a pregnant woman. Joseph, a son of David, raised the Son of David as his very own. To protect his family he fled to Egypt, foreshadowing the "new exodus" of Jesus' saving ministry. And Joseph heard neighbors mock Jesus as "the carpenter's son."

"Joseph taught Jesus much more than woodworking," Dodson writes. "He modeled for his adopted son how, for God's glory, he must drink the Father's cup no matter the cost."

MEMBERSHIP

If you are interested in membership, please contact
 Pastor Justin at pastorjustin@live.com or
 763-954-1642
 or Dick Berhow at 715-268-5768.

Evening White Cross had 30+ people come to work on projects after a delicious meal. Everyone seemed to like new experiences and helping those in Africa. Even our younger people helped with sewing and rolling bandages. Great job!



FREE FISHING and BAPTISM JUNE 2nd After Church

Come to our annual Free Fishing event at
 Gordon & Rosette Palmers. It's a fun time
 with games and potluck to go with our "catch".
 Maps available to 1818 Kemah Park Court, Balsam Lake. .

Boats and life preservers needed. If you don't have these, come anyway, as some will be available. Potluck around 4:00 PM, so you may want to eat a sandwich earlier.

Baptism—If you are interested in being baptized, contact Pastor Justin or one of the deacons.

Help is needed to set up/prepare for the FREE Fishing week-end event at Palmers on Sunday, June 2. The lawn may need mowing, tables brought in from church, etc. See Dan Lundgren to help with this event.
 Thank YOU.

**Senior Saints Saw
 Craftiness!**

The Senior Saints met at **Jim Gorman's apartment** bldg. on May 21. They enjoyed potluck and the MANY beautiful wood-carvings Jim made - Free standing, wall décor, pictures. A great imagination and talent!

Your Comments Needed

from Deb Brown

I was talking to some young people and the comment was said "How do you know that God is real? The disciples could have lied, He might not have been dead. How do you know that God is real?" So I thought maybe some people that read this could answer that question. How do YOU personally know that God is real? Please email your replies to arcc@amerytel.net or write it by hand and put it in the Ripple box in the church office..

Fun in the Sun

Enjoy some summer-themed laughter while you lounge!
Seen on a church sign (and appropriate for grilling season):
"God doesn't make mistakes."

Person approaching a shoreline: "Is this river any good for fish?"
Response: "It must be. I can't get any of them to leave it."

Q: Why do people go to church in the summer?
A: **It's prayer**-conditioned!

Q: Why was it so hot in the stadium after the game?
A: All the fans left.

Q: While hiking, how can you identify a dogwood tree?
A: By its bark.

Q: What do sheep have on sunny days?
A: A baa-baa-cue!



June is Dairy Month—Thank a Farmer!

No farmer ever plowed a field by turning it over in his mind.

George E. Woodbury



Say Cheese, Johnny

A mother was driving to a grocery store with her 5-year-old son, Johnny. They soon found themselves in a thunderstorm. Flashes of lightning and rolls of thunder came one after another.

The mother looked down at Johnny, thinking perhaps he might be afraid. Instead he was smiling. "Johnny, why are you smiling?" she asked. "Because God keeps taking my picture," he answered.

"Do Diligence

Against the backdrop of people who avoid work, cut corners and do half-hearted jobs, a diligent [person] stands out. Practicing diligence is an excellent way to stand out for Christ at home, in the workplace and even at church. Today, complete each one of your tasks, however big or small, with diligence.

—David Jeremiah

Pray for Missions, and give to the Benevolence Fund which helps the Deacons with mission work in our own area.

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. as well as those being persecuted for their faith!

Perfect Order

By the time the summer solstice occurs, it feels as if the season has been in full swing for weeks. It's bittersweet that just when summer officially starts, the length of daylight begins decreasing. Before we're ready to let go of the season, summer marches toward fall, and then winter with the year's shortest day.

Yet that is our Creator's plan: "You have fixed all the boundaries of the earth; you have made summer and winter" (Psalm 74:17, ESV). God fashioned the world to be beautiful, good and perfectly symmetrical. With concise order, he ordained seasons, rhythms, orbits and natural boundaries. As God's beloved children, we're blessed to enjoy the intricacies and patterns of this magnificent universe.

MaryAnn Sundby



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Apple River Community Church Calendar of Events

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
2 8:45a Praise Team 9:30a Sunday School 10:15a Coffee & Fellowship 10:30a Worship/Children's Church Noon: Fishing at Palmers	3 6:30p Women's Bible Study	4	5 10:00a Men's Bible Study	6 11L00 AM Women's Lunch at Amery Village Pizzeria	7	8
9 8:45a Praise Team 9:30a Sunday School 10:15a Coffee & Fellowship 10:30a Worship/Children's Church	10 6:30p Women's Bible Study	11 6:30p Deacon Mtg; 7:30p Exec. Bd. Mtg.	12 10:00a Men's Bible Study	14 Red Cross Bloodmobile Noon—6:00p	14	15
Jr. High Camp—Those completing 6-8 Grade						
16 Happy Father's Day 8:45a Praise Team 9:30a Sunday School 10:15a Coffee & Fellowship 10:30a Worship/Children's Church	17 6:30p Women's Bible Study	18	19 10:00a Men's Bible Study	20	21	22
Classic Camp—Those completing 3-5 Grade						
23 8:45a Praise Team 9:30a Sunday School 10:15a Coffee & Fellowship 10:30a Worship/Children's Church	24 6:30p Women's Bible Study RIPPLE Deadline!!	25 5:00p Senior Saints Potluck	26 10:00a Men's Bible Study	27	28	29
6/26—7/1 Adventure Pole & Paddle Camp—Those completing 7-12 Grade						
30 8:45a Praise Team 9:30a Sunday School 10:15a Coffee & Fellowship 10:30a Worship/Children's Church 7:00p Sunday Night Live! (Circle)	Kids Camp—6/30—7/3 Those completing 1-2 Grade					

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

Bible Quiz: Answer: B (See Acts 2:14ff.)
Puzzle: handwork: created, Christ, Jesus, good, works, God, prepared, advance, Ephesians