



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, October 6

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

Sunday, October 13

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

Sunday, October 20

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

Sunday, October 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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Barometers or Batteries

Pastor Justin



"Grace does not free the Christian from living according to God's will; rather, it makes it possible for one to live according to God's will." – John Sailhamer

In studying Romans 8, we find that Paul is encouraging the believer to understand how Christ's death frees the believer to please God. Because Christ gave us the Spirit, we are now able to live life to the full. Paul says in verse 4, **"He condemned sin in the flesh, in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk NOT according to the flesh but who LIVE according to the Spirit."** The encouragement we have is to live lives that are not governed by our flesh – or its desires. Rather, we are to live lives that are empowered by the Spirit of God.

Although we understand this truth, there is a little problem that can arise if we are not careful. Sometimes we believe that we are fulfilling the requirements of the Law by living according to the Spirit and we think of it as a sliding scale. In other words, we begin to create a standard of achievement that uses the "Flesh" and the "Spirit" as the measuring tools. Just like the barometric pressure gauge hanging on the wall of a weather station that has "HIGH" and "LOW" pressure listed on the gauge, we create our own gauge that has "FLESH" on one side and "SPIRIT" on the other side. We diligently try to live with the arrow pointed to "SPIRIT." However, this isn't what Paul is teaching us here. It isn't a matter of trying to live a "SPIRIT" life or be "in the Spirit." Rather he is pointing to a source of power. It is deeper than how much Spirit I am living in today... or how much of my Flesh was visible today.

Rather than thinking of the barometer with the two sides. Consider this illustration instead: I had an old radio that ran on either a wall-plug or 4 D batteries. I remember this old radio outside at the beach. It would play music for an hour or two and then it would die. **The batteries wouldn't be able to power the radio to keep running.** They would fail all the time. However, if I would plug that radio into the wall at home, it would play and play and play. Sailhamer writes: **"The law's requirement will be fulfilled by our relying on the Spirit's power, instead of the flesh."** It is like the radio and the batteries. **Relying on the batteries to please God doesn't work. They are incapable of doing what is required.** Sure, we might fake it for a little bit, but the end is the same: failure. However, by trusting the Spirit and relying on the Spirit to lead us, we begin to walk the road of pleasing God – the road of sanctification.

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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 2019

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12TH ANNUAL LADIES CHRISTMAS TEA (BRUNCH)
Apple River Community Church

“Peace on Eath”

ALL LADIES AGE 5 AND UP

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2019

11:00AM ---1PM

A FREE WILL OFFERING WILL BE TAKEN
Watch for a sign-up sheet in November.

ATV/UTV RIDE, GAMES & POTLUCK
Saturday, October 19 Starting at Noon

Dan & Lori Lundgren will host a fun afternoon of riding the trail, playing games and enjoying a bonfire and picnic.

If you have chairs, please bring them.

Their address is 873 60th St., Amery. (715-268-7113)

Questions? See Lori Lundgren.

Sounds Like a Fun Afternoon!



Operation Christmas Child

The Amazing Journey of a Shoebox Gift Begins with You and Results in Evangelism, Discipleship, and Multiplication.



It is time to gather items for Operation Christmas Child . When shopping, think about picking up extra school

supplies, a toy, clothes, toothbrush (no toothpaste) comb, brush, sunglasses, hair bows, Flip-flops, underwear, wash cloth, bar soap, etc. A collection box will be in the foyer.

DO NOT INCLUDE: Candy; toothpaste; gum; used or damaged items; war-related items such as toy guns, knives, or military figures; chocolate or food; seeds; fruit rolls or other fruit snacks; drink mixes (powdered or liquid); liquids or lotions; medications or vitamins; breakable items such as snow globes or glass containers; aerosol cans.

Senior Saints meets at ARCC October 22.
5:00p Potluck

White Cross & Women’s Ministry

Thursday, October 3 at 9:30AM

White Cross begins at 9:30AM with coffee and devotions by Annette Strandine.

Projects: Count items to pack for Africa and pack large tote.
Christmas Tea Committees meet: Food and Decorations

LUNCH 12-12:30, BRING YOUR OWN SACK LUNCH

12:30PM Women's Ministry Business Meeting followed by coffee and devotions.

Ladies, join us for the day!



October is Pastor Appreciation Month

PUZZLE
Harvest hunt

Directions: After unscrambling each leaf's word, follow the vine to complete the Bible verse.

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Galatians 6:9 James 3:18 John 4:35

Peacemakers who sow in _____ reap a harvest of righteousness. James 3:18, NIV

Let us not become _____ in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. Galatians 6:9, NIV

I tell you, open your eyes and look at the _____!
They are ripe for harvest. John 4:35, NIV

RENT-A-TEAM

Do you have leaves to rake? Stuff moved inside before winter, etc.? Our youth would like to help and earn money to pay for camp or Districts Youth Conference! They are doing a great job in doing the work and earning money.



There are no set fees – you decide 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.

THANK YOU!

Sign up for Districts by October 9th.
(Note the earlier date)

Kids should have their \$50 deposit paid and registration to Pastor Justin by Oct. 9. Scholarships are available for anyone.

IF students have been participating in RENT-A-TEEN, a \$10 deposit is all that is required.

Adults going also need to register.

Sunday School Kickoff

Kickoff was a success with everyone either doing or watching the beanbag games and kids/people in the

bouncy house.

A BIG thank you to the Petersons for bringing the bouncy house for everyone to enjoy.



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

Congratulations to Samantha Frankson on achieving the Gold Award in Girl Scouts for the **Human Foosball**. It's a great game to play as a team and create bonds through good sportsmanship and teamwork. Her goal was to create an activity anyone could play no matter their abilities.

Bible Quiz:

Name the first three kings of Israel in the order of their reigns.

- A. Saul, David, Solomon
- B. Samuel, David, Saul
- C. Abraham, Isaac, Jacob
- D. Solomon, Jesse, David

Answer: See calendar page

ONE WAY CLUB at 5:30 PM

Invite your friends, neighbors, anyone age 2-Senior High. Come and learn more about the Bible, learn memory verses, sing and grow to know and love Jesus more!



- Oct. 2 Food Contest
- Oct. 9 Service Project Night—Fall clean up
(Districts sign-up due)

- Oct. 16 Regular Club
- Oct. 23 Regular Club
- Oct. 30 Costume Party

September 25—Everyone enjoyed fellowship around a **bonfire with food including s'mores following a hayride**. The rain held off until almost the end. The attendance has been 40-42 kids per night.

Thanks for everyone who helps serve food, teach and clean up.



2019

Birthdays and Anniversaries

1 Justin Hosking	17 Alona Rasmussen	21 Steve Wright
2 Alan & Marlys Johnson (1965)	17 Luke Soldner	24 Vickie Gensing
2 Corbin Wright	17 Chad & Melissa White	24 Gavin Lundgren
3 Fay Canada	18 Kevin Iverson	24 Lynne Peterson
4 Kevin & Michelle Iverson (2014)	18 Paul Lundgren	25 Alice Brown
4 Bill & Brenda Tylee (1992)	18 Kathy Lundgren	25 Carol Streif
5 Michael & LueAnn Croes (1974)	18 Steve & Denise Wright (1997)	26 Becky Palmer
8 Jake & Becky Lundgren (2016)	18 Willis & Mary Christenson (1958)	26 Dick & Marie Berhow (2013)
9 Paul & AmyJo Lundgren		26 Kaileigh Hosking
16 Barb Tanner	20 Ron Nelson	26 Dick & Sandi McCloud (1968)

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Missions — October 13, Kathy Lundgren will share in Sunday School about the mission trip she took earlier this year. Come enjoy her story and pictures.

A Mission Field Experience through YWAM (Youth With a Mission)

Our Kendra Tylee has the opportunity to minister and experience the mission field for several months starting in January. She will have three months of discipleship training in Maui, Hawaii. In her last three months, she and her group will be somewhere in the South Seas trying to reach small groups to minister to them. They will spread the Word of God and His love to the people they reach.



She will keep us updated on her location, once she has been assigned.

Kendra needs to save \$12,000, and has earned \$5,000 to date. She thanks those who already pledged. If you could help her financially she would be grateful. You can contribute by going to <http://pay.cornerstone.cc/ywammaui+student+fees>. Kendra asks for your prayer support as well.

Kendra can be contacted at tyleekendra@yahoo.com or 715-501-4724. Please pick up an information sheet on the entry table.

November 3 is designated for giving toward Kendra's mission trip. You may give on line or write your check to ARCC, with a note it is for Kendra's Mission Trip.

A BIG Thank You!

I am sure you noticed the attractive improvement in the church landscaping.

Thank you to Odrey Rasmussen and his crew, as well as Ron Nelson and others for all the work put into the rock work around the church. Gone are the tall weeds around the church and around the propane tanks.

Very Nice! Thank You!
You Rock!



Parking Lot

The Parking Lot got a facelift on Monday, Sep. 16th. About 12-15 workers applied 118 pails of sealer on the parking lot. They finished in about four hours—by 2:30 P.M.!

Thank you to Lori & Dan Lundgren for organizing this job well done.

Thank you to Lori for providing lunch and donuts by Milo.

Dan, Lori & Mike Crim painted the parking lot lines on Monday, Sep. 23.

It Looks Great!

Upcoming Events? Submit your item for the November Ripple by October 21. Preferably by email to arcc@amerytel.net, or put in the Ripple box in the church office.

Sound Booth Training—October 5 at 10:00a for those interested in helping in the sound booth
Sandwiches for lunch provided.



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It isn't about living a life where the Spirit wins more than the Flesh wins in us; rather, it is about a complete abandonment of Flesh. It is about dying to our Flesh and LIVING IN THE SPIRIT. As the believer continues to walk down the road of sanctification, we start by asking "God what do you want in this situation"? If we are honest, we will feel our desires pulling us away from what God wants at times. But we continue to die to those desires. It is the slow process of crucifixion of the Flesh. It doesn't want to die. It may hang on the cross yelling at us, jeering us, taunting us. But the Flesh must stay on the cross and we are to walk in communion with the Spirit. Slowly, we move from that first question of "What God wants of me", to a statement, "Empower me as I do your will as I stay plugged into you".

Member and Friend
Gary Clark went to be with the Lord on Tuesday, September 24.

Our condolences to his friends and family.



A Memo from M.O.P.S. (Mothers of Pre-Schoolers)

Hi There,

Thank you for partnering with MOPS this year. Our prayer is that women, children and families are being radically transformed by their encounter with Jesus through your church and your MOPS ministry. Whether you have supported a MOPS ministry for years or this is your first experience, here is what we want you to know about us:

MOPS is a place where women experience life change through Jesus Christ. MOPS is unapologetically Christ-centered. We believe in the truth of scripture and look to Jesus for an example of how to walk in the world. We desperately want to share the gospel with moms who have never even thought about the love and redemption found in Jesus. Jesus died for every mom, and we want her to know it.

MOPS is not a Bible study; it is an outreach ministry. Oftentimes, people who need Jesus are hesitant to walk through the doors of a church on a Sunday morning. MOPS gives you a place to invite these women - women who will come to MOPS because they want to be better moms. We create safe, welcoming spaces where women encounter the love of Jesus lived out in the lives of other women and mentors. When a woman wonders about Jesus and how much he loves her, we have set the table for dialogue and trained leaders how to engage in these important conversations about faith.

MOPS values the church. Our ultimate goal is to connect families to your church where they can go deeper in their relationships with Jesus and participate in the full life of the body of Christ. We want to help you reach more people in your city, train your volunteers to disciple new believers and become leaders not only in MOPS but in other church programs as well.

A quick overview of MOPS:

- MOPS is an outreach ministry that is multigenerational and volunteer led.
- MOPS is a proven growth tool to bring new families to your church.
- MOPS connects families to your church where they can experience life-long faith formation.

MOPS provides in-depth evangelism and leadership training for leaders.

We are excited to hear about the stories of life-change that will happen in your church and in your community because of your MOPS ministry. Please share them with us at leaders@mops.org. **Here's to a remarkable new year of reaching more moms with the message of Jesus. Together we can do incredible things for the kingdom of God.**

Mandy Arioto

Warmly,
Mandy Arioto
President and CEO, MOPS International

M.O.P.S. meets at ARCC the first and third Friday mornings of the month during the school year. **Anyone willing to help on the first Friday of the month from 9 to 11 in the nursery would be great.**
Pray for our moms and kids – that God would use their discussions and the precious time we have to draw families to Himself.

Our Prayer Chains are Active.

If you have a prayer concern, contact Bev Richmond (715-268-4226) or Lynne Peterson at (lybrpeterson@yahoo.com). Contact them if you want to be added to a prayer chain.

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.



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Apple River Community Church Calendar of Events

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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Puzzle—Pg. 3: peace, weary, fields.
Bible Quiz: A (See 1 Samuel 9:15-17; 16:1-13; 1 Kings 1:28-30.)

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