



# 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, September 1

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

#### Sunday, September 8

##### Welcome Duane Dietz, Missionary

9:30am Sunday School  
10:15am Fellowship  
10:30am Worship/Children's Church  
Noon: Potluck (*Circle 5*)

#### Sunday, September 15

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

#### Sunday, September 22

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

#### Sunday, September 29

9:30am Sunday School  
10:15am Fellowship  
10:30am Worship/Children's Church  
7:00p Sunday Night Live! (*Circle 1*)

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## Erosion Pastor Justin



I recently drove by my favorite childhood swimming spot on Lake Superior. It is a beautiful spot. A lazy river drifts into the lake, a peculiar blend of warm inland water and the icy waters of Superior. It has been almost 25 years since I last swam there, and it has changed dramatically. The waves of the great lake have washed away the spot where we used to put our chairs. The currents from the waters changed the shape of the shoreline. The small river mouth has widened. In my memories, I can think of a time I could jump into the middle of it ... but not now.

Life changes all around us. Sometimes, it seems to change for the better, other times not so much. We call the change for the good, "progress". My car doesn't need to be repaired when I take 300-mile trips – progress. The gas mileage of the truck doubles from 40 years prior – progress. Roads widen to make them safer – progress. But what do we call it when the opposite happens? What do we call it when we stop doing the things we once did that made us successful or helped us to grow?

It is common to see negative change happen in organizations and in our personal life. A business, which once was wildly successful, begins to fade and drift into the red. A relationship that once was strong and vibrant has drifted into indifference and disconnectedness. Even our relationship with our heavenly Father, which once was thriving and enjoyable, might have drifted into emptiness and obscurity. What might we call it? Backsliding? That might be too harsh. Backsliding often carries with it the idea of turning away on purpose. Negligence? Again, that might be too negative. Negligence has more of a purposeful intent.

Like the shore of Superior, one artist called this change to the negative a "slow fade". That might capture it well. An unintended drift from a positive relationship into a neutral or negative situation resulting from complacency – that would be a "slow fade". My favorite swimming spot didn't change overnight. It took years and years of forces to change.

Business executives pay counselors large sums of money to come in and evaluate their companies to find out "what went wrong." Husbands and wives might seek professional help to find out how the slow fade crept into their relationship. Churches die

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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).*

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and leave people wondering, "What happened"? In almost every one of these situations, the most common error that occurs is that each one stopped doing what made the relationship great at first.

Business people, who once had orders up to their ears, stop pursuing new customers. Husbands and wives stop dating each other and caring for each other's needs like they did early in their relationships. Christians stop having their quiet times and running to God with their daily needs in prayer. By ignoring what made the situation move forward in progress and neglecting daily diligence, we begin to enter into the "slow fade." The principle for application is that we must continue to build upon the foundations we established when life was progressing. Don't forget to do what made it good early on.

Even Jesus shared similar words with the Church in Ephesus in Revelation 2:4. "Yet, I hold this against you: You have forsaken your first love."

Don't forget your first love. If you are wondering why things are not going well, why the shores of life are eroded away, consider the slow fade. Then get back to doing what it was that made it great in the past. Don't forget who you are, and do what you did earlier.

WOMEN'S FALL REFRESHER  
at Arrowhead Bible Camp  
SEPTEMBER 20, 21, AND 22.

Speaker: Cathy Jensen  
from Elk Mound, WI

Cathy is a woman of God who loves to minister to women and make them laugh. She loves to say "seriousness is not a fruit of the spirit" so be prepared to be filled with joy!

Prices are: Full weekend: \$97      Friday/Saturday: \$63  
Saturday/Sunday: \$67      Saturday only: \$32

Relax with home-cooked meals and the beauty of God's creation. Be refreshed and renewed as you worship together with other women and discover how to experience the life God planned for you.

Please sign up the foyer.



Join us at Willow Ridge Nursing Home to Celebrate Birthdays on September 19th at 2:30 P.M.

**White Cross & Women's Ministry**

Thursday, September 5 at 9:30AM

White Cross begins at 9:30AM until 12 NOON.

Projects: Rip and roll bandages; make pillowcases; sort hats and other needed projects.

Coffee, Treat and Devotions provided by Bev Cree.

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

12:30PM Women's Ministry Business Meeting.  
Afternoon devotions and dessert provided by Sandy Sias.

Ladies join us for the day!

Senior Saints meets at  
ARCC  
September 24.  
5:00p Potluck



## Grandparents of the Old Testament

Can you name these biblical grandparents? If you get stuck, find an Old Testament family tree in your Bible or online.

Directions: After filling in the crossword, unscramble the circled letters to complete Psalm 145:4, NIV.

**ACROSS**

- David's grandfather
- Jacob's grandfather
- Esau's grandmother

**DOWN**

- Judah's grandmother
- Joseph's grandfather
- Solomon's grandfather
- Jesse's grandmother

One G \_ N \_ \_ \_ \_ N commends your works to another; they tell of your mighty acts. Psalm 145:4, NIV

**RENT-A-TEAM**  
Help our youth earn money to pay for camp or Districts Youth Conference!

Our youth are doing a fantastic job in doing the work and money earned.

They would love to help! 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 for your support!!



**MARK YOUR CALENDARS!**  
Sign up for Districts by October 16th.

Kids should have their \$50 deposit paid and registration in to Pastor Justin. 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

September 8 After Potluck

Have fun playing games, How about some exciting relay races?

Remember—ARCC has Sunday School for ALL Ages. Everyone can join in on the fun and fellowship.

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

Math teacher: A person from LA drove toward New York at 250 miles per hour as a person from New York drove toward LA at 150 miles per hour. Where did they meet?  
Student: In jail!

Bible Quiz:

What number fits in all the blanks to reveal God's instructions to Joshua about the city of Jericho?

Israelite warriors, led by \_\_\_ priests blowing \_\_\_ ram's-horn trumpets for \_\_\_ days, would march around the city once a day, except for the last day, when they would march around it \_\_\_ times; then the walls of Jericho would fall.

A. one      B. three      C. five      D. seven

Answer: See calendar page

**ONE WAY CLUB RESUMES**  
September 11 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!

- Sep. 11 Diaper toss
- Sep. 18 Breakfast for dinner
- Sep. 25 Outdoor games
- Oct. 2 Food Contest
- Oct. 9 Service Project Night  
Fall clean up

Oct. 16 Districts sign-up due



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



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## Birthdays and Anniversaries

3 Amber Elmer	17 Bob & Judy Traynor (1966)	22 Suzette Taber
5 Mark & Dana Powell (1998)	18 Paul & Betty Anderson (1967)	23 Makaila Brown
9 Richard & JoAnn Frankson (1989)	18 Orville Lundgren	23 Betty Cheshire
9 David & Dawn Lundgren (1989)	18 Chris Majeske	28 Carol Stevens
10 Jessica Brown	18 Ward Taber	29 Jesse Elmer
11 Tom Berry	18 Penny Schultz	30 Betty Anderson
12 Brock Hosking	21 Steve Reed	30 Olivia Lundgren

September 2019						
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8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					

Missions — September 8: Duane Dietz, our missionary to Japan will be sharing in Sunday School and 5 minutes in the morning service. Join us to hear about his work in Japan.

God gives us the ingredients for our daily bread, but he expects us to do the baking.” —William Arthur Ward  
 “Education is learning what you didn’t even know you didn’t know.” —Daniel J. Boorstin

### Give Blood

Every 2 seconds someone in the U.S. needs blood.



Apple River Community Church  
 Thursday, September 12  
 12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

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

Did you know ARCC briefly hosted 10 children and two adults from Woodcrest Baptist Church in Fridley on July 8? They played on our playground equipment and we provided a lunch that was being served. Their bus broke down on Highway 46 on their way to the Chetek Baptist Camp (our former Bible camp). Pastor Justin prayed with them in their bus before they went on their way.



III John, vs. 13-14  
*(New American Standard)*

“I had many things to write to you, but I am not willing to write them to you with pen and ink, but I hope to see you shortly, and we shall speak face to face. Peace be to you. The friends greet you. Greet the friends by name.”

*Submitted by Joy Soldner*

T.A.C.T.I.C.A.L. Meets at ARCC on September 19 at 6:30p.

Speaker **Usama Dakdok** will discuss how the Quran teaches terrorism and jihad.

### Tuesday Morning Women’s Bible Study Begins it’s Fall Season on September 10.

Time: 9:30 to 11:00 A.M.

Come join in the study of the book of Ephesians. Please register in the foyer so we can purchase study books. All are welcome, including your friends and neighbors. Questions, call Carol Smith 715-268-2835.

# Puzzle!

Match each numbered description with the correct biblical dreamer. Use the passages as hints, if needed.

1. His brothers were irritated when he told them of his dreams. *(Genesis 37:5-8)*
2. He saw angels going up and down a ladder. *(Genesis 28:10-12)*
3. This ruler dreamed about some skinny cows eating fat cows. *(Genesis 41:17-21)*
4. She had an unpleasant dream and told her husband to have nothing to do with Jesus. *(Matthew 27:17-19)*
5. He saw a statue whose feet were smashed by a stone. *(Daniel 2:24-34)*
6. He was warned to take his family to Egypt. *(Matthew 2:13)*
7. He saw a vine produce grapes, and he squeezed their juice into a cup. *(Genesis 40:9-11)*
8. They were warned in a dream about Herod’s evil plan. *(Matthew 2:12)*

- A. Pharaoh
- B. The magi
- C. Jacob
- D. Pharaoh’s cupbearer
- E. Joseph (Mary’s husband)
- F. Joseph (Jacob’s son)
- G. Pilate’s wife
- H. The king of Babylon

Answer on calendar page.

What kind of school do you go to if you’re

- ... an ice cream man? Sundae school
- ... a giant? High school
- ... a surfer? Boarding school
- ... King Arthur? Knight school

**“Peter”**

*By MCCrim*

Now Jesus said to Peter, you're a very brash young man  
 You have the great potential to do more than you can.  
 You're not an over thinker, but rise to action take,  
 So hearken to my words, and good decisions make.  
 I see where you are going, and I know you want to go,  
 But you have to take your time, you have to take it slow.  
 Treasure every word I say; promise every word to keep.  
 You will tell the world about me, and be a shepherd to my sheep.  
 You will face all earthly terrors, travails beyond compare.  
 You will have the power of heaven, against the Kingdom of the air.  
**Through the spirit you'll grow stronger, and for me you'll plead my case.**  
 And all will come to know me, that I died to take their place.  
 And not only did I die for them, I rose to conquer death.  
 Now I sit beside the Father, with those in heaven blest.  
 So Satan groaned and cried aloud, this victory he lost.  
 The fear of death is nevermore, but overthrown and tossed.  
 And so begins the battle, in the war now fully pressed.  
 You will proclaim this news of me, to the poor and kingly dressed.  
 And you a lowly fisherman, with no ambition for the task,  
 who gave up all you knew and had, just because I asked.  
 Your faith in me will surely lead you straight into your death,  
 But the great reward awaiting you, will surely take your breath.  
 No eye has seen, no ear has heard, no mind has yet conceived  
 What God of heaven has prepared, for those who have believed.



**Grandparents Day**  
 September 8th

“The simplest toy, one which even the youngest child can operate, is called a grandparent.”  
 —Sam Levenson



“Winter is an etching, spring a watercolor, summer an oil painting and autumn a mosaic of them all.”  
 —Stanley Horowitz

**Labors of Love**

Thomas Merton, an American monk, writer and social activist, said, “It is in the ordinary duties and labors of life that the Christian can and should develop his spiritual union with God.” As the United States observes Labor Day, may we find meaning not simply in marking summer’s end but in celebrating the ways nearly all “duties and labors of life” can empower ministry and faith.



Whether as a dentist, parent, artist, teacher, mechanic, gardener, city councilor, farmer, day laborer, attorney or anything else, a Christian can begin each workday or shift by praying for opportunities to serve **whoever they'll encounter. We also can pray for and seek ways to grow in “spiritual union with God”:** cultivating spiritual fruits; actively loving God and neighbor; seeing Jesus in the vulnerable; practicing humility, gratitude and praise.

In Labor Day, may we find inspiration to make all our labors loving and faithful!

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.

Keep our Bible camp, nation, church, youth, teachers, schools and the sick and hurting in your prayers as well as those being persecuted for their faith!

IF you borrow items from the office, please return them to the office. Items go missing, making us hunt them down. (tape dispensers, staplers, “cheater” glasses, pens, etc. )  
 Your cooperation is appreciated.

Got News? Upcoming Events? Submit your article for the October Ripple by September 23 . Preferably by email to arcc@amerytel.net, or put in the Ripple box in the church office.



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# Apple River Community Church Calendar of Events

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>1 8:45a Praise Team 9:30a Sunday School 10:15a Coffee &amp; Fellowship 10:30a Worship/Children's Church</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4 10:00a Men's Bible Study</p>	<p>5 9:30a White Cross-Noon: Your sack lunch 12:30p Women's Ministry Business Mtg.</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p>
<p>8 8:45a Praise Team <b>Welcome Duane Dietz, Missionary</b> 9:30a Sunday School 10:15a Coffee &amp; Fellowship 10:30a Worship/Children's Church 11:45a Potluck (Circle 3) <b>Sunday School Kickoff—Games</b></p>	<p>9 6:30p Women's Bible Study</p>	<p>10 9:30a Women's Bible Study (See pg. 4) 6:30p Deacon Mtg; 7:30p Exec. Bd. Mtg.</p>	<p>11 10:00a Men's Bible Study 5:30 One-Way Club Diaper Toss (1st Night)</p>	<p>12 Noon-6:00p Blood Mobile (See pg. 4) 2:30P Willow Ridge Birthday Party</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p>
<p>15 8:45a Praise Team 9:30a Sunday School 10:15a Coffee &amp; Fellowship 10:30a Worship/Children's Church</p>	<p>16 6:30p Women's Bible Study</p>	<p>17 9:30a Women's Bible Study</p>	<p>18 10:00a Men's Bible Study 5:30 One-Way Club Breakfast for Dinner</p>	<p>19 6:30p T.A.C.T.I.C.A.L. (See Pg. 4)</p>	<p>20 Sep. 20-22 Women's Fall Refresher See Pg. 2</p>	<p>21</p>
<p>22 8:45a Praise Team 9:30a Sunday School 10:15a Coffee &amp; Fellowship 10:30a Worship/Children's Church</p>	<p>23 6:30p Women's Bible Study RIPPLE Deadline!!</p>	<p>24 9:30a Women's Bible Study</p>	<p>25 10:00a Men's Bible Study 5:30 One-Way Club Outdoor Games</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>
<p>29 8:45a Praise Team 9:30a Sunday School 10:15a Coffee &amp; Fellowship 10:30a Worship/Children's Church 7:00p Sunday Night Live (Circle 4)</p>	<p>30 6:30p Women's Bible Study</p>					

Puzzle—Pg. 3: ACROSS: 2. Obed, 5. Abraham, 6. Sarah;  
DOWN: 1. Rebekah, 3. Isaac, 4. Jesse, 7. Ruth. Generation.  
Puzzle—Pg. 4: 1. F; 2. C; 3. A; 4. G; 5. H; 6. E; 7. D; 8. B  
Bible Quiz Answer: Answer: D (See Joshua 6:1-5.)

**MISSING: "One Year Book of Hymns" a paperback book. Please return it to the church office. Thank You!**