



# 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, February 2**

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

#### **Sunday, February 9**

Rep. from Arrowhead Bible Camp here  
9:30a Sunday School  
10:15a Fellowship  
10:30a Worship/Children's Church  
Noon: Potluck (*Circle 2*)

#### **Sunday, February 16**

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

#### **Sunday, February 23**

9:30a Sunday School  
10:15a Fellowship  
10:30a Worship/Children's Church  
7:00p Sunday Night Live! (*Circle 3*)

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### Balance of Words

*Pastor Justin*



Winter is a great time to consider how the previous year went and potential changes for the coming year. One such change is in our **communication**. **Proverbs** exhorts us to do two things... **Proverbs** 26:4 gives us the encouragement to NOT answer a fool, but, the following Verse 26:5 tells us that we MUST answer a fool. Why would it encourage us in both ways? Which is right? Should we speak up or should we remain silent?

I found myself in two situations recently where I had to consider what to say and how much to say. One situation was with an adult in a public meeting place where we were discussing policy of the city. The other situation, I was with an adult and dealing with a difficult child. I walked away from both situations wondering if I had said enough and if I had said too much. You might have been in similar situations this past week. Maybe you had a disagreement with your spouse. You might have talked with a neighbor and felt like you shared too much or not enough. Maybe, you were asked your opinion on a topic and failed to share what you really think. You might have been in a bible study and kept all your thoughts to yourself when you should have shared.

How do we know when to share and when not to share?  
Proverbs gives us some good insights.

*Proverbs 10:19 Sin is not ended by multiplying words, but the prudent hold their tongues.*

When you find yourself getting angry, you will often want to get on **your soapbox and give the other person a good "tongue lashing."** **This isn't the best way to handle such a situation.** Offer some correction, but it is important not to share every last word on your mind. If you are angry in the situation, give yourself some time to formulate your thoughts. You may have to let days pass before you answer the situation. Let the emotion pass and sift through the wisdom that remains.

*Proverbs 11:14 For lack of guidance a nation falls, but victory is won through many advisers.*

It might be easy to see the faults of others and just pass them off as foolishness. There is a need in 2020 for individuals to share

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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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wisdom with those who are perishing. It is easy for us to avoid conflict with others by just refusing to answer the phone, closing our garage door, or ignoring those around us. But if we are really concerned **about our nation, we can't just talk about it with likeminded people.** We must be willing to offer our thoughts (in a respectable way) to those around us.

*Proverbs 12:15 The way of fools seems right to them, but the wise listen to advice.*

Wisdom is revealed in those who are willing to receive advice. As you approach others, are you open-minded about the situation you are considering? Often, there are many layers to conflict and different opinions that must be evaluated. We might consider someone foolish, but wisdom calls us to weigh out their foolishness before answering. For, we might be foolish in our understanding without finding all the facts before judging.

A few key questions to ask before giving an answer. 1. Do I have all the facts? 2. Am I partial toward a person or perspective that I am considering? If so, how do I balance my partiality? 3. Have I let my knee-jerk emotional response pass and given proper time to settle down before discussing the situation? 4. Do I know what I really want to say? (Can I say it in 2 minutes or less?) 5. Is there a chance I have been foolish in this discussion? (Humbly, we should usually answer this "yes" and consider how Jesus would respond to the situation we are witnessing.) **These questions won't fit every situation... but they will help you have a balanced biblical response.**

Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting held January 19 was well attended by 63 people. Reports were distributed, budget discussed and elections completed. Thank you for getting reports into the office in a timely manner. The list of church officers is listed in the column to the left. **The minutes are posted on the bulletin board under "Our Church".**

Possible Constitutional Bi-Law Change  
—Keep this proposal in your prayers.

WHITE CROSS DAY

Thursday, February 6, 2020

9:30 AM - Begin the day with devotions and treat provided by Betty Anderson.

10:00 AM Projects for the day: sewing and roll bandages. Tie a lap quilt. Decorate pillow cases.


Noon: Bring a sack lunch.

Come and stay the day or as long as you can.

**"A Good Time is had by All"**

There will be no Women's Ministries Meeting



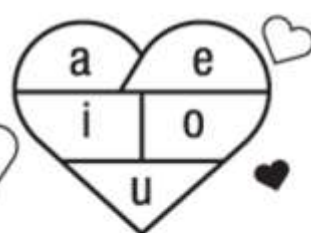


# PUZZLE

## A friend in Jesus

In the Bible, Jesus shares what it means to be a true friend.

Directions: Use the heart key to fill in the missing vowels from John 15:14, 17, NIV.



“Y \_ \_ \_ r \_ my fr \_ \_ nds \_ f  
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JOHN 15:14, 17, NIV

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

### FINANCIAL TRAINING

We have an opportunity to have Financial Training here at ARCC. Are you interested? If so, please contact Rod Wetzig.

“A smile is the light in your window that tells others that there is a caring, sharing person inside.”

—Denis Waitley

### Bible Quiz:

The precise number varies depending on the Bible version, but roughly how many times does the word “love” occur in the Old and New Testaments combined?

- A. 200-300
- B. 400-500
- C. 600-700
- D. 800-900

Answer: See calendar page



### RENT-A-TEAM

Do you need help with projects? Our youth would like to help and earn money for camp or Districts Youth Conference!



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.



### 30 HOUR FAMINE

Help our youth raise money.



See page 5.



Thank you!

### Start Thinking CAMP!

Sunday, February 12 a representative from Arrowhead Bible Camp will be with us during Sunday School and 5 minutes in the Morning service.

Think about and plan for "Bible Camp" for your children this summer.

### THIRD ANNUAL WE ARE LOVED

February 12 at 6:30 P.M.  
Amery High School



Worship led by: STUMBLING SAINTS

Join together in worship through music, fellowship, and teaching as you spend time with other youth groups and churches in our area.

(Location of One-Way on February 12th)

“If we had no winter, the spring would not be so pleasant; if we did not sometimes taste of adversity, prosperity would not be so welcome.”

—Anne Bradstreet





## February Birthdays and Anniversaries

2020

1 Ken & Mary Munson (2002)  
 1 Jake Lundgren  
 2 Marie Geist Berhow  
 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 Sherrell Wolter  
 13 Breanna White

17 Ray Cheshire  
 19 Kent Munson  
 20 David Brown  
 20 Rosette Palmer  
 22 Nathan Elmer  
 26 Dave Olson

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### Mission Updates — Lara Sykes

Lara Sykes is a young lady who just graduated UW-LaCrosse. She worked last summer as a program director at Arrowhead Bible Camp. She is now raising her support to become the full-time program director.

Her duties include training summer staff, booking rental groups and volunteers, implementing programs, creating a newsletter and visiting area churches.

Pray that Lara would raise her financial support, show the love of Jesus to campers and grow in knowledge of His will and the Word.

*Judy Nelson*

A representative from Arrowhead Bible Camp (ABC) will be here Sunday, February 9

### Dairy Farmers Receive Burnett Dairy Milk Quality Award

Congratulations to Henry, Luke and Simon Soldner who took home top honors for the third year in a row from the Burnett Dairy Cooperative. They received the Alpha Award for the highest quality milk. This "is another way to recognize our farmers for going above and beyond. We appreciate the hard work and dedication our farmers are putting into their operations."

Blessings, Carol Smith

(See the newspaper clipping on the bulletin board)

### CLEAN UP GOD'S HOUSE - ACTION NEEDED!

The east sunday school rooms will be cleared of STUFF!

The room needs the attention of several groups that have things stored there.

**Need it? Donate it? Garage sale donation? If it doesn't fit those categories and it will be needed, items needed within a month can be stored in the Sunday school room.**

**All other "needed" stuff will be moved to the garage.**

More shelving will be built in the garage to accommodate totes. Cart(s) are being made to help move the totes as needed.

The Goal is by February 16!

### Disability Awareness

A friend tearfully shared how an usher asked her to leave a church service because of her squirmy **toddler. But the boy wasn't just having a bad morning;** he was born with a genetic disorder called Fragile X, which makes it nearly impossible to sit quietly.

It was nearly a year before that mother attended a church again. Then she found one with a shepherd program, where trained volunteers help children with special needs participate in worship, Sunday school and church activities.

As we look for ways to reach out to people with **disabilities, remember that God's love has no limits. How can we, as God's church, reflect that love?**



Our Prayer Chains are Active.  
 If you have a prayer concern, contact Lorraine Aune (715-268-2429) 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.

# HEARTS FOR HUNGER DINNER



When: February 15th  
5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Where: Apple River  
Community Church

## Fundraiser

Our youth group, One Way, has opted to raise \$1000 to help children who are starving around the world. We are hosting a 30-hour famine through World Vision to raise awareness about childhood hunger.

## 30-hour Famine

The 30-hour famine is meant to be a time of fellowship between our youth where they can reflect on what children go through when they are hungry. During the 30-hours the kids will play games, watch movies, pray, have personal bible time, and enjoy time with each other! The 30-hour famine will be held on April 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> at ARCC.

## Menu

Come and enjoy salad, spaghetti & meatballs, breadsticks, and dessert! All proceeds go to World Vision to help feed starving children worldwide. We are asking \$10 per plate or however much God is calling you to donate for our cause.

### Comments from the kids that went to Districts in 2020

I was part of a 4500 mass of Christians.

I liked having Lara and Eli come with us.

**It's fun.**

The speaker was cool.

**I liked how all the speakers and students were so excited to be there! And I liked how "real" it was, from interviews with students, to listening to Greg Speck.**

I like how Greg Speck could be funny but also be able to put in the important points we needed to hear.

I really enjoyed how our speaker was able to understand the problems our generation goes through.

I liked that we were in a crowd with a lot of other Christian teens.

Districts was important to me because it allowed us to be around thousands of other fellow Christians in the same room.

Greg Speck was a good speaker. He was very motivating and easy to listen to.

**I liked Greg Speck's good morning speech.**

We learned about the Bible and fun games and singing, and the food.

What I really enjoyed about Districts was when I came home and how in my hotel room wrote notes and had a discussion about what we wrote.

One thing that I enjoyed about Districts was when we were singing and you could feel that God was there.

I liked the Packer speaker—he was cool.

*Thank you, kids, for your input.*

*Thank you, adults, for your support. Remember to encourage our kids of ALL ages.*

### In Other Words

**We're so accustomed to hearing the Bible's "love chapter," 1 Corinthians 13, at weddings and other occasions that we may not really hear its meaning anymore. It can help to listen to something familiar said in different words. What new understandings of love does this paraphrase from *The Message Bible* reveal to you?**

**"Love never gives up. Love cares more for others than for self. Love doesn't want what it doesn't have. Love doesn't strut, doesn't have a swelled head, doesn't force itself on others, isn't always 'me first,' doesn't fly off the handle, doesn't keep score of the sins of others, doesn't revel when others grovel, takes pleasure in the flowering of truth, puts up with anything, trusts God always, always looks for the best, never looks back, but keeps going to the end. Love never dies" (1 Corinthians 13:4-8a, MSG).**





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# Apple River Community Church Calendar of Events

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
2 8:45a Praise Team Practice 9:30a Sunday School 10:15a Coffee & Fellowship 10:30a Worship/Children's Church	3 6:30p Women's Bible Study	4 9:30a Women' Bible Study	5 10:00a Men's Bible Study 5:30 One-Way Club	6 9:30a White Cross	7 9:00a M.O.P.S.	8
9 Welcome Arrowhead Bible Camp Representative 8:45a Praise Team Practice 9:30a Sunday School 10:15a Coffee & Fellowship 10:30a Worship/Children's Church 11:45a Potluck (Circle 2)	10 6:30p Women's Bible Study	11 9:30a Women' Bible Study 6:30p Deacon Mtg. 7:30p Exec. Bd. Mtg.	12 10:00a Men's Bible Study 6:30 One-Way Club at Amery H.S., "We Are Loved" Event	13	14	15 5:00-7:00p Hunger Dinner See Page 5
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Bible Quiz: C

Puzzle: "You are my friends if you do what I command... This is my command: Love each other" John 15:14, 17

Ripple Articles **MUST BE** received by the deadline (Feb. 17) to be included in the Ripple. Send to [arcc@amerytel.net](mailto:arcc@amerytel.net) (**PREFERRED**) or put in Ripple box in church office. Bulletin items must be received by **Thursday for the next Sunday's bulletin.**