



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, March 1

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

Sunday, March 8

9:30a Sunday School
10:15a Fellowship
10:30a Worship/Children's Church
Noon: Potluck (*Circle 4*)

Sunday, March 15

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

Sunday, March 22

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

Sunday, March 29

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

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What Can You Change?

Pastor Justin



We live in a world that is constantly under change. The seasons change. Our cars change as they wear out. The style of our clothes change. Words change, and then they change again. Buildings and their use change. Even our faces change as we age. But what can't change? There are a few things that can't change and by observing these unchangeable items, we can be wise.

One thing that you can't change is your genes. By saying this, there are several applications that we must consider. We can't change the genes we pass on to our children. What they have received is what they are going to receive. You can't change your race. You can't change your sex. These are tied to your genes. We are born with chromosomes XY for male or XX for female; that is what we are born with. Our culture suggests that someone might "identify" with the opposite sex of what they were born with. You might be able to alter your appearance with makeup, plastic surgery, or hormone therapy; but you can't alter what is imprinted upon your genetic code. Genetic code is not changeable.

You can't change your past. I dropped a shard of glass on my arm as a child, and it left a scar. I might alter the appearance of the scar. I might even be able to hide the scar completely. But I can't erase the fact that the glass fell and cut me. In the same way, I can't change the harsh words that I used when speaking in the past. It is possible to undo some of the damage or the scars left from those words, but I can't make them go away. The past is what it is.

This creates a dueling world view. In one way, we are forgiven by God to live a changed new life. In another way, we have a past that must be accounted for. As Christians, we believe we can change. However, there are some things that cannot change. We are changed when we come to Christ. We are a new creation. We have been born from above. We have had the deadness of our hearts removed and we are alive in Christ. As far as the past goes, Christ forgives us of our past. His blood atones for our sins. We have a new family in Christ and even a new name to come in glory. But we still live with the scars of our past. We still live with a history we have been part of. We still live with a genetic code. We still fight against the flesh.

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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 2020

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What Can You Change? —Continued from Page 1

Paul gives us a great example of how to reconcile these ideas. He acknowledges his past and looks on to the future. Frequently in his letters, he uses this model: this is who I was, but now I am different in Christ (1 Cor 15:9, Eph 2:5). So, how do we help a world that is lost? Our world is confused about what it can change and what it can't change. I'd suggest we help in two ways. First, we acknowledge the past and our own failures. We can't change the past. There is freedom that comes by just understanding that the past is what it is and we can't do anything about what happened in the past. It just is.

Second, we begin to focus upon the future. The only thing we can change is the future. Since we can't erase what is in the past, we begin to live in a manner consistent with our calling in Christ. If you don't like where you are at, change which direction you are going. By doing this, we help the world to grapple with the past and inherit unchangeable things and look to where we want to end up.

You don't like that you were born in Wisconsin? Not much you can do about that. Just own the fact and move on with what you have learned from that. Don't like the fact you are male? Again, not much you can do about that. It is in your DNA. Learn to live with it and figure out what life is like as a man. Don't like the decision you made to marry that dream stubborn spouse? Hey, you can't change the decision you made. Accept what you have decided and make the best lemonade from your lemons. You can't change your launching pad, but you can change your trajectory.

The Holy Spirit is given to us that we might live this new life in Christ. You might not like your past. But you can like your future. There are scars we have from sin that will never go away in this life. You can't get away from the affects of sin. But you can be free from the penalty of sin in eternity. You may have done something that keeps following you around. Own it. Receive the forgiveness of Christ for it. Forgive yourself for it. **Move forward knowing you are free from it. But don't forget it either. It is part of the work of Christ in you today.**

I'm sorry if this has come across a little blunt. But, sometimes we need a little bluntness to move forward in Christ. The old has gone and the new has come in Christ. Focus on what is in front of you. You can't change what is behind.



Financial Training is being planned. (Time & date TBA)

You can still sign up!

Whether young or old, it is never too late to learn more about managing your money.

WHITE CROSS DAY

Thursday, March 5

9:30 AM - Begin the day with devotions and treat provided by Sue Lundgren.

10:00 AM Projects for the day: Tie a quilt. Sew and roll bandages.
 Noon: Your sack lunch.

12:30 PM Women's Ministries Business Meeting

Come and enjoy the day with other ladies.

April 2, we will meet at Doris Danielson's in St. Croix Falls.





MAKE MUSIC TO THE LORD

People of the Bible used many different instruments to worship God through music.

Directions: Using the clues, unscramble the names of instruments found in Psalm 150. Then write the circled letters in order in the spaces below to complete words.

	A type of horn	___ _ _ _ _	<input type="checkbox"/>	MURTEPT
	Played by King David	□ _ _ _		PRHA
	Plucked to make sound	_ □ _ _ _		IGSN\$1R
	Similar to a tambourine	_ _ _ □ _ _		MRBELIT
	A type of harp	_ _ _ □		ELRY
	Blown through to make sound	_ _ □ _		EPP1
A percussion instrument	_ _ _ _ □ _		YBLACMS	

Le_ everyt_ing tha_ has _r_ath
raise the ORD. Psalm 150:6, 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

Congratulations to Mason Tylee
For earning his way to the
WIAA Division 2 State Wrestling
Tournament in Madison
Great Job!

Congratulations to the Zimmermans!
(Kris, Autumn, Karina and Annabelle)



On the birth of Josie Grace
born February 7th.
Welcome Josie Grace!

Bible Quiz:

Who came to Jesus by night to ask him questions, and what famous Bible verse was part of Jesus' answer?

- A. Martha; "I am the resurrection and the life ..."
- B. Peter; "Do to others what you would have them do ..."
- C. Thomas; "I am the way and the truth and the life ..."
- D. Nicodemus; "For God so loved the world ..."

Answer: See calendar page

RENT-A-TEEN

Do you need help with projects? Our youth would like to help and earn money for Bible Camp or Districts!

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!!!



30 HOUR FAMINE

Our youth had a spaghetti supper night and did a fantastic job in raising funds to meet most of their goal of \$1,000. Thank you for your support in this important mission.



Start Thinking CAMP! 2020's Theme is "Share the Hope" I Peter 3:15

Registrations **postmarked by April 1** receive a **\$20 discount**. There is also a family discount if you send more than two children. Check out the brochures on the entry table.

The Red Faced Usher

When an elderly woman asked a church usher to seat her close to the pulpit, he tried to talk her out of it. "If you sit up front, you won't be able to sleep," he said.

The woman looked the usher square in the face and asked, "Do you know who I am?"

"No, I don't," he responded.

"Well," she said firmly, "I'm the preacher's mother."

Fully embarrassed, the usher asked, "Do you know who I am?"

"No," she answered.

"Good!" whispered the fellow. "Sit anywhere you want."





March Birthdays and Anniversaries

2020

1 Elise Powell
 2 Melissa White
 3 Susan Hawkinson-Silvernagel
 7 Bruce Tanner
 8 Linda Gale
 9 Linda Bibeau
 10 Lee & Deb Elmer (1972)

14 Curtis Lundgren
 16 Wylis & Susan Silvernagel
 17 Carol Smith
 18 Lorraine Aune
 20 Joan Talmage
 21 Ashley Swanson
 23 Simon Soldner

23 Deb Elmer
 23 Glen Holecek
 24 Judy Nelson
 24 Brenda Tylee
 25 Darlene Holecek
 27 Bev Cree
 27 Wylis Silvernagel
 31 Mary Christenson

March 2020						
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29	30	31				

Mission Updates — Duane Dietze, EFCA ReachGlobal Japan

EMAIL DATED: February 18, 2020

Wow! Five months have passed already since my visit with you in September. Soon after that I was back in Japan for just two weeks for our church's (Tokyo Multicultural Church or TMC) annual retreat, at which a young man from China who is working here in Tokyo was baptized. Then I arrived back in Japan on January 8th. I had to jump right back into the preaching schedule. In October a separate Japanese worship service was started, and now Japanese worship is at 9:30 am followed by English worship at 11. I split the Japanese preaching with Moto Harada, who joined our team last April. On some Sundays I am preaching in both the Japanese and English services. Moto has taken a job three days a week with a parachurch ministry until we are able to provide him with a full salary.

People from many countries attend our church. Our Chinese members in particular, who have family in China, Hong Kong, and Macao, are worried about the spread of the coronavirus. Public meetings there are banned now, and churches in China are having to livestream their meetings. Even here in Japan the government is asking people to avoid large gatherings and recommending that companies allow their employees to work from home where possible. No one knows how widespread this will become or how long it may last. With the Tokyo Olympics scheduled for this summer, there is deep concern.

One of our Japanese members, Mr. M.K., who has been coming to TMC for four years, made a profession of faith in November. He originally came to TMC through our week of summer outreach English classes, and immediately after began attending our worship service and Japanese Bible study. Please pray for him. He faces struggles with work and family, and is having a hard time believing that God really loves and cares for him. He doesn't understand why his problems just don't go away now that he is a Christian. Pray that he might gain a proper understanding of what relationship with God is all about.

Pray too for our Japanese worship service. We are only a handful of people at this point, as most of the Japanese who attend our church prefer to continue in the English service. That is the type of Japanese person our church has attracted so far. But our desire is to reach the majority of Japanese in our community who are not interested in English. Pray that the Lord would give us many divine appointments that would bear fruit for His Kingdom.

Thank you for your interest, prayers, and financial support for our ministry among one of the largest unreached people groups in the world, in the largest megacity in the world!

Kendra Tylee—Update: Thank you to all who continue to pray for and ask us about Kendra!

Her team was going to Nepal for their YWAM mission but those plans changed due to the Corona Vrus. She is really disappointed, but knows God will put them where He wants them. It may be somewhere in South America, but the leaders are praying and they will decide next week. Please note that she is not able to have any social media postings or communications regarding their destination. Their group had weekly meetings to learn about the Nepal culture and what to expect while they are there. They have been told, for instance, that they will be very sick at some point with food poisoning - Yikes! Keep praying!

You can keep in touch and see postings on Facebook -Kendra Tylee and YWAM Maui. The address is YWAM Maui, PO Box 790237, Paia, HI 96779.

Brenda Tylee

Excerpts from a letter home:

"Learning to live in constant community has been the hardest part (there are 16 girls in one small room!), but also very fun. Something God has been trying to teach me is putting my trust in Him. He wants me to learn to go to Him to be my comfort and helper. I love that I was able to hear Him call me to this. I have been learning so many incredible things and I can't wait to see what else God has in store for me. Wish I could say I'm counting down the days till I come home, but I am truly enjoying my time here."



With Sympathy

Bev Richmond

July 22, 1932-February 2, 2020

Bev Richmond went to her heavenly home on February 2, 2020.

Bev was a Friend and member of ARCC.

Thank you to Pastor Bruce for the following poem which was in her celebration of life bulletin:

Good Bye, Beverly

This afternoon on this fine day,
Another friend has passed away.

And though we're sad that she has gone

Her life in memory lingers on.

She knew so much of pain and sorrow
With courage fought for each tomorrow
When others might have broken down

She found the strength to carry on

She lived a simple life alone

Serving others from her phone

She loved to cook, she loved to eat

She kept her kitchen clean and neat

Mother's love is strong and true

Family know, that Bev loved you.

T.A.C.T.I.C.A.L.

(Views of this group are not necessarily the views of this church)

At ARCC on March 19 at 6:30 PM

Speaker: Sheriff Brent Waak

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

Congregational Communication and Care

It was fun to have a variety of musical treats during the month of February. Sue Lundgren and Louise Wright started us off with their magical finger skills at the beginning of the month and Joy Soldner sang for us on the 23rd.

We welcomed Renee Barron and the Melodies on the 9th and the 16th. Renee is the daughter of Pat Ericksen. She came from Osceola and played the keyboard and sang. The next Sunday we heard from Alice and Claudine Brown, Joy Soldner, Arla Brunberg and Annette Strandine. These ladies practice after the Sunday worship service one to two weeks prior to singing. Claudine Brown is the contact person for this group and would welcome anyone who wants to come and sing.

Thanks to each of these wonderful musicians for sharing their talents with us.

Carol Smith



Our Prayer Chains are Active.

If you have a prayer concern, contact Lorraine Aune (715-268-2429) or Deb Brown at debbriel37@gmail.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.

Remember to keep our members and friends that are on the prayer chain in your prayers. Especially the homebound and those in a facility for Alzheimer's. We have had a couple of recent surgeries, that need continued prayer for healing.

Joy Seekers

In northern Minnesota several years ago, some women formed a "joy circle." They settled into a routine of meeting every couple of weeks to share joys they've noticed. Their aim, amid our troubled world and chaotic lives, is to deliberately focus on the positive. The women don't simply hope to stumble upon good news among the outrage, bitterness and tragedy surrounding us; they actively seek out joy and report it to the group.

Joy is a fruit of the spirit named in Galatians 5:22-23. As Christians, we don't ignore or dismiss life's struggles and sorrows, and neither do joy-circle participants. But God promises that life is stronger than death, and Jesus' resurrection is proof. With the Holy Spirit's help, we can make a spiritual discipline of seeking and sharing joy — and thanking God for it. (Visit joycircles.network online to learn more.)



—Heidi Mann



2020



Apple River Community Church Calendar of Events

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>1 8:45a Praise Team Practice 9:30a Sunday School 10:15a Coffee & Fellowship 10:30a Worship/Children's Church</p>	<p>2 6:30p Women's Bible Study</p>	<p>3 9:30a Women' Bible Study</p>	<p>4 10:00a Men's Bible Study 5:30 One-Way Club</p>	<p>5 9:30a White Cross Noon: Your sack lunch 12:30p Women's Ministries Business Meeting</p>	<p>6 9:00a M.O.P.S.</p>	<p>7</p>
<p>8 8:45a Praise Team Practice 9:30a Sunday School 10:15a Coffee & Fellowship 10:30a Worship/Children's Church 11:45a Potluck (Circle 4)</p>	<p>9 6:30p Women's Bible Study</p>	<p>10 9:30a Women's Bible Study 6:30p Deacon Mtg; 7:30p Exec. Bd. Mtg.</p>	<p>11 10:00a Men's Bible Study 6:30 One-Way Club (Flower Power Night)</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p>
<p>15 8:45a Praise Team Practice 9:30a Sunday School 10:15a Coffee & Fellowship 10:30a Worship/Children's Church</p>	<p>16 6:30p Women's Bible Study</p>	<p>17 9:30a Women' Bible Study</p>	<p>18 10:00a Men's Bible Study No One Way Club (Spring Break)</p>	<p>19 6:30p T.A.C.T.I.C.A.L. w/Sheriff Brent</p> 	<p>20 9:00a M.O.P.S.</p>	<p>21</p>
<p>22 8:45a Praise Team Practice 9:30a Sunday School 10:15a Coffee & Fellowship 10:30a Worship/Children's Church</p>	<p>23 6:30p Women's Bible Study <u>RIPPLE Deadline!!</u></p>	<p>24 9:30a Women' Bible Study 5:00p Sr. Saints</p>	<p>25 10:00a Men's Bible Study 5:30 One-Way Club</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>
<p>29 8:45a Praise Team Practice 9:30a Sunday School 10:15a Coffee & Fellowship 10:30a Worship/Children's Church 7:00p Sunday Night Live (Circle 1)</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31 9:30a Women' Bible Study</p>		<p> "Wherever you go, no matter what the weather, always bring your own sunshine." ☺ —Anthony J. D'Angelo</p>		

Ripple Articles **MUST BE** received by the deadline (Mar. 23) 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 Sunday's bulletin.**

Bible Quiz: Answer: D (See John 3:1-16.)
Puzzle: trumpet, harp, strings, timbrel, lyre, pipe, cymbals;
 Let everything that has breath praise the Lord.
 Psalm 150:6 NIIV

Thank You, Marie