



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, August 5

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

Sunday, August 12

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

NO POTLUCK

Sunday, August 19

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

Sunday, August 26

9:30am Sunday School
10:15am Fellowship
10:30am Worship/Children's Church
7:00p Sunday Night Live! (Circle 2)

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July and August Ministry

As you know, Pastor Justin and his family are on a sabbatical and vacation. Keep them in your prayers as they travel, explore and spend time together.

We are blessed to have several ministers amongst us who help out as Sunday School teachers, visitation and filling the pulpit. Pastors Bruce Tanner and Rod Wetzig filled the pulpit the first four Sundays in July.

We look forward to guest speaker Jon Engen on July 29th. Jon was the former station manager of KTIS and pastor of a Baptist Church in the Twin Cities.

Alan Dunham (Wife, Emily) will be here August 5th. Alan is Student Ministry Director at Chippewa Valley Bible Church.

We look forward to welcoming Pastor Justin and family back on August 12th.

MarieB

PIONEER VILLAGE EXPERIENCE

Saturday, July 7, several people of all ages from ARCC visited the Pioneer Village museum near Cameron, WI. The village had 40 buildings with a church, blacksmith shop, jail, saloon, etc. We did a lot of remembering of how it used to be in the "good 'ol days", but glad we have modern methods now. The food was good, and the weather was great. Workers and demonstrators dressed in the clothing of the time.

Cyrus Elmer entertained with his mandolin in the area where you could rest, and listen. I heard a rumor that he played a harmonica in the jail! We saw Larry Phillipson's name on a jukebox button in the saloon, along with sheet music with his name on it. The saloon had creme sodas.

Another highlight of the day was to watch Paul Streif work his rug loom and Carol Streif demonstrate a hand-crank sewing machine and a chain stitch machine. The chain stitch machine was the smallest working "sewing" machine I have seen.

Thank you to Paul & Carol Streif for setting up our visit and arranging a discount on our tickets.

It was a good day and a nice staycation vacation only a half-hour away.

MarieB

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 2018

PASTOR

Justin Hosking*

VISITATION PASTOR

Bruce Tanner*

CHAIRMAN

Glen Wright

DEACONS

Mark Powell

Steve Wright

Dick Berhow

Rod Wetzig

Odney Rasmussen

TRUSTEES

Glen Brown, Jr.

Rich Frankson

Dan Lundgren

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Erin Hosking* (Supt.)

Deb Brown (Asst. Supt.)

Claudine Brown (Member at Large)

SECRETARY

Marie Geist Berhow*

DEACONESS

Darlene Holecek

Judy Nelson

Linda Wetzig

FINANCIAL

Sue Lundgren*

Joan Talmage*

TREASURER

Dana Powell*

* = Appointed

5 DAY CLUB FOR Kids Ages 5-12!



5-Day Club was held at the Hosking's home this year. There was an average of about 20 kids every day—GREAT!. Thank you to helpers, Kaileigh Hosking, and Anna and Elise Powell.

Thank you to the Hosking's for opening their home for this event, while getting ready to be gone for six weeks and serving a meal at Serenity House on Tuesday. Their home was a good location especially for kids right in town.

MBerhow

MISSIONARY HAPPENINGS

Tim Sackett: Sunday morning, July 29, we will take a "Love Offering" for Tim Sacket of Transport for Christ (TFC). Tim plans to attend a TFC conference in Pennsylvania and needs financial help to pay expenses. If you want to help with Tim's expenses for this trip. Make your check payable to "Transport for Christ"

Marie Schussman: Sunday, August 12, Marie Schussman will join us for Sunday School and give a 5-8 minute presentation in the AM service. She is with Pioneers and will share about her journey in Africa. We will take her out for lunch afterwards at the Amery Pizzeria. Save the date.

NO POTLUCK IN AUGUST.

Keep Our Nation, Church, Youth, and the Sick in your Prayers!

Be sure to check out the bulletin board for church minutes and reports from board meetings. Also upcoming events.

Directory

The Directory pamphlet with basic information—no picture - is here and many have been picked up. There are corrections, and they will listed in the September Ripple or an insert in the bulletin in the near future. Please note your corrections and put in the Ripple box on the counter in the church office.

As far as the photo directory, we are out of the 3-ring binder picture directories to replenish with pictures – both new and updated. We would need to buy at least 30 3-ring binders. The cost to purchase 30 3-ring binders, make all the pictures not being updated for the new binders, and the cost of all the new and updates for the 30 new binders and all existing binders in your possession, is quite expensive. Approximately \$950.

It was decided to have a company come in to take pictures and do the directory. You are under no obligation to buy. We will keep you updated. Thank You!

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White Cross All Day

Thursday, August 2 starting at 9:30 A.M.

Devotions and coffee treat by Annette Strandine

A Noon meal will be provided

Bring your sewing machine. We will start working on Christmas projects, and also make something for everyone to take home.

There is work for everyone to do.

Come fellowship around devotions, coffee and projects.

The Puzzle and cartoon are available as a separate handout.

The items turned out fuzzy and unreadable when printed in the Ripple.

So, articles from our Newsletter subscription were inserted. I hope you enjoy the quips and stories.

What Spills Out



Rev. Henry Wingblade once compared the Christian personality to the unseen soup in a bowl carried high over a waiter's head. **No one knows** what's inside — unless the waiter is bumped or trips. If Jesus is truly living inside us, Wingblade said, what spills out should be the fruit of the Spirit: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.

When you falter, what do people see? How can your **“spillage” better reflect the Holy Spirit, who lives in you?**

Knowing the flock

The pastor had just come to a new church. He was talking to one of the deacons and the deacon said, "Pastor, we have been talking among ourselves about what to call you." The pastor said, "What did you call the last pastor?"

The deacon replied, "We called him the 'Hog Caller.'"

The pastor looked a little surprised and said, "At the last place, they called me the 'Shepherd of the Flock,' but of course you know your own people here better than I do."

—Tal Bonham
in Treasury of Clean Church Jokes

Crossing the border

Some Christians know the exact date they received Jesus as Savior. Others come to faith through a gradual process; they **can't say precisely when they became a disciple.**

Norman Warren (*How Do I Face Life's Uncertainty?*) tells of **meeting refugees who'd fled horrible circumstances and** crossed into Austria. One woman had left Yugoslavia after her parents died of starvation. At the Austrian border she was given a visa stamped with the date and time of her entry, so she could always name the exact moment she stepped into her new life.

Another refugee had journeyed over the mountains from **Communist Russia. He didn't know precisely when he crossed** the invisible border line, but when he arrived at an Austrian village, he knew for certain he was free.

The Bible Quiz, puzzle, cartoons and various articles are from the NewsletterNewsletter to which we subscribe and have permission to reproduce

Hay, There!

An elderly farmer was finishing his haymaking one Sunday afternoon when his pastor drove by. **“I noticed you weren't in church this morning,”** said the pastor. **“Don't you know that the Creator made the world in six days and then rested on the seventh?”**

“Yes,” replied the farmer, **as he looked uneasily at the rain clouds gathering in the sky. “I know all about that. But he got done and I didn't.”**

Thank You!
A great BIG “Thank You” to everyone who came to celebrate my 90th birthday. For all the cards, gifts and good wishes. It was a fun day!
Paul Aune

God's yearly gift

Economic times are tough, and everything keeps getting more expensive. But God thoughtfully gives all of us a free yearly trip around



**God...
has appointed
a time for
every matter,
and for every
work.**

Ecclesiastes 3:17

Cross-eyed Bear

"Mommy," said little Heather, "did you ever see a cross-eyed bear?" "Why no, Heather," chuckled her mother, "but why do you ask?" "Well, in church this morning, we sang about the consecrated cross-eyed bear."

-Treasury of Church Jokes



Bible Quiz A

Who had a staff sprout, bud, blossom and produce almonds, indicating that God had chosen him for a special reason?



A. Moses
B. Zechariah
C. Aaron
D. Nathan

Answer: See calendar page



Birthdays and Anniversaries

3 Kendra Tylee
 4 Ted Majeske
 5 Dan & Carol Smith (1967)
 7 Jackie Miller
 10 Larry Strandine
 10 Nancy Granica
 11 John LaDoucer

13 Saheer & Hanna Khoury (1995)
 18 Bill Tylee
 19 Wayne Tanner
 20 Dick McCloud
 20 Gary & Bonnie Fredrickson
 22 Brad Peterson

22 Gary Fredrickson
 23 Gordon & Rosette Palmer (1954)
 24 Stan & Jackie Miller (1962)
 24 Lillian Powell
 27 Matt Nelson
 29 Ken Johnson

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Mission Update—Pioneers

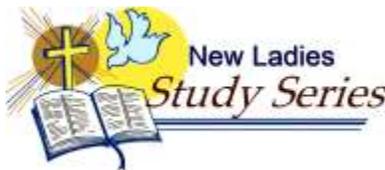
Stephen Richardson is president of Pioneers, an organization located in Orlando, Florida. The visionary men and women who join Pioneers are courageous and innovative. They go to people that have not heard the gospel. They have provided HIV treatment, sports programs for children, teach English and set up business projects so the poor can have work and earn a living. Some teach evangelism in homes, schools and churches.

Come join us for Sunday School on August 12th. Find out what Pioneers has been doing in East Africa.

Judy Nelson

MARK YOUR CALENDAR
 Sunday, August 12 at 6:30 P.M.

Solid Rock Quartet will sing at Skonewood.
 (Rod Wetzig, Dan Smith, Ken Mettler and Dennis Schaeffer)



WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Tuesday Evenings from 6:30—8:00 P.M.
 “The Armor of God” by Priscilla Shrirer.

The study led by Kathy Lundgren includes a video as well a lesson book. This is a good opportunity for those unable to join a daytime study group.



Church Signs—a part of our culture.
 By Stan Miller

St. Joseph Catholic Church in Maplewood, MN had this sign:

“The hardest arithmetic to learn is to count your blessings”.

Arithmetic was never my strong suit, but I learned to make simple calculations. We humans have a tendency to see the glass as only half full. Yet God blessed all of us with abundance. Our post Eden nature complains rather than expresses gratitude. We find it a difficult task to acknowledge what He has done for us. Just being born in the USA is a blessing that is hard to fathom. We gripe about much when we have an abundance.

Thankfulness is not a strong suit, but we should, “Praise the Lord. . .”, and never forget the good things he does for (us) personally and corporately. And not just during the season we call Thanksgiving.

Unanswered Prayer?
 One day a little boy asked his pastor-mom why she always bowed her head for a moment before starting to preach. The mother, delighted that her son was so **aware of what went on during worship, answered, "I pray for God to help me deliver a good sermon to the people."**
 Alas, her delight was short-lived and fizzled at the **child's response: "So why doesn't God ever answer?"**

T.A.C.T.I.C.A.L.
 August 9 at 6:30 PM

TOPIC: Polk County Sheriff Informational Meeting with both candidates present.
 This should be very interesting and informative, with an election coming up.



**Women's
 Fall Retreat**

**WOMEN'S FALL
 REFRESHER
 SEPTEMBER 21-23,
 2018**

Speaker:
 Kathy Carlton Willis

Workshops, Book exchange, relax and enjoy the beauty of God's creation.
 Come just for a day, an overnight, or all weekend.
 Registration slips available in the foyer
 Ladies, set aside this weekend and join with ladies from the church for a time for fellowship.
 Any questions: See Annette Strandine or Betty Anderson



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 you learn 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 Darlene Holecek, Judy Nelson and Linda Wetzig.
Prayer changes things

Harvest Time!
 With harvest underway or imminent, fields of ripe grain, tall cornstalks and soybeans turning brown recall **Jesus' words to the disciples: "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest" (Matthew 9:37-38, ESV).**
 Nowadays farmers use fewer laborers and bigger machines than in decades past. But what about harvests of **faith? Leading people to know God's love can't be done "mechanically."** Studies show that newspaper ads or door-hangers left anonymously are less effective at bringing people to church than a warm personal invite.
 Right after urging his disciples to pray for harvest workers – **in a classic instance of "You might be God's answer to your own prayer!"** – Jesus sends them out as those very laborers! How will they work the harvest? **Not by guilting people into faith. Not by pronouncing judgment or biblical law. But by using Jesus' authority to counter evil, illness and brokenness among those they befriend.**
 Ponder and pray about where Jesus is sending you as his laborer to cultivate and reap Christian faith and assurance of **God's love.**

The Semi-Annual Meeting was held Sunday, July 22nd after church, and the minutes are posted on the bulletin board. The two main items were—The parking lot will be expanded 66 feet out into the field and go 150 feet long. It will have a sand base, topped off with gravel.
 The other item is the narthex, or entrance roof will be replaced with new shingles or metal roof. The trustees are to use their judgment and decide which to use and complete the work.
 Thank you to all members and non-members who stayed for the meeting and take an active part in decisions of the church.

ATTENTION SENIOR SAINTS:
 On Tuesday, August 28, at 1:30P we have tentative plans to tour the W.H.C. Folsom House in Taylors Falls. The tour lasts at least one hour and does require going up stairs. The entrance fee for seniors is \$5. We would then eat at the Taylor Falls Drive in. There are plenty of picnic tables. I understand their hamburgers and cheese curds are the best.
 Watch the bulletin for updates on these tentative plans.

Apple River Community Church Calendar of Events



2018

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Bible Quiz: Answer: C (See Numbers 17:1-11, specifically v. 8.)

Puzzle: How sweet are your words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth! Psalm 119:103 NIV

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 Sunday's bulletin.
Thank You,