



# 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

Sundays  
8:30 AM  
and 10:00 AM

Tune into 107.5 available in  
the church parking lot only.  
Bring your lawn chair or sit in  
your car.

During inclement weather,  
inside seating is available with  
appropriate spacing provided,  
or you can sit in your car.

Also, Listen to WPCA, 93.1  
Amery  
for the service on  
Sundays at 1:00 P.M.



Tune into Facebook at 10:00 AM to  
hear the service Livestream.

## You Are Not Alone *Pastor Justin*



Paul writes many of his letters from jail. Jesus was crucified and cried out to God in the garden the night before he heads to trial. **Daniel went to the lion's den. Noah had a flood.**

Sometimes we think the presence of difficulties means God is not around. Or, what can be even more difficult, is when it feels that Heaven is silent. David wrote about this in the Psalm 28 when he says, **"To you, Lord, I call; You are my Rock, do not turn a deaf ear to me. For if You remain silent, I will be like those who go down to the pit."** **David faced troubles, and one of those troubles is when heaven is quiet.**

If you have been a Christian for any length of time, you know the feeling of the silence of heaven. But the silence of heaven and the difficulties of life are not the absence of God.

Let me tell you a little of how to deal with the difficulties and silence –

I went out to the woods last week. It was early in the morning and the dew was heavy. The place looked as quiet as church on a Monday morning. I thought I was alone. As I went along the path, a bird flew away from me. I looked where he was sitting, and a nest was there. **Inside the nest sat another bird with a couple of eggs. I wasn't alone.**

A few more steps down the path and I paused to take the view in. A deer jumped up and ran up the hill. Another snorted in the background. A little fawn came running past a clearing and paused for a minute. He hunkered down in the brush. As I walked up to him, he stood up and posed for a picture. You can see it here. After our brief encounter, I again realized I was not alone.

**It wasn't an audible voice, but it seemed as if I heard God speak, "You are not alone. You are not forgotten. You just might not be looking in the right places."**

Sometimes we fail to meet God because **we aren't looking for Him in the right places.** Elijah had an encounter with

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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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God in 1 Kings 19. While on the mountain, God came to him. First a violent wind came tearing the mountain apart. Then came an earthquake that shook the mountain. Then a fire came and lit the place up. Then after all those powerful expressions, Elijah realized God was not in any of those. Afterwards, a gentle whisper came, and God was in the whisper.

Finding God in the difficulties and silence starts with quieting our heart and mind. Then we begin to walk slowly and wait for the Lord to **show up. It isn't about the busy life, the fun, the excitement... God shows up when we slow down.** We approach him by faith, believing that he is near us and hears us. He meets us when we turn to him. James teaches us that when we draw near to God he will draw near to us.

Let me encourage you today. God is near to us. He comes when we slow down and believe that He will. He does not abandon us. He does not neglect us. He waits for us. The presence of difficulties and silence does not mean God is absent.

Highly esteemed

After returning from a lengthy mission trip overseas, John Huffman and his fellow passengers were held up in customs for two hours. When he finally made it to the packed airport lobby, Huffman realized it might take a while to find his family. But suddenly his 3-year-old daughter ran toward him yelling, **“Daddy! Daddy! That’s my daddy!” and launched into his arms.**

**“What a welcome,” he writes. “I have never felt so loved and acknowledged in my life.” Perhaps that’s how God feels when we call on his name in worship and prayer, acknowledging him as our heavenly Father – and honoring him above all else.**

Give Blood

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

Apple River Community Church  
 Thursday, June 11 Noon to 6:00 p.m.

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



June 20th

Financial Training is planned.

Time & date TBA after we are back to “Normal”. Whether young or old, it is never too late to learn more about managing your money.

**WHITE CROSS and WOMEN’S MINISTRY**

Ladies meet for lunch at Amery Village Pizzeria at 11:00 AM. The Pizzeria will provide space for social distancing. If you plan to attend, call Annette Strandine at 612-309-1518, Betty Anderson at 715-254-6549, or Marie Berhow at 715-268-5768 (email: [toonout@amerytel.net](mailto:toonout@amerytel.net)).





## June Birthdays and Anniversaries

2020

2 Liza Tylee  
 4 Bendiks Brown  
 6 Marv Sias  
 8 LeRoy & Joyce Brown (1957)  
 8 Dan Lundgren  
 12 Joelle Hosking  
 13 Glen & Claudine Brown  
 (1964)  
 16 Benjamin Beatham

16 Saheer Khoury  
 18 Jeff & Joan Bowers (1993)  
 21 Davy & Sherrell Wolter  
 21 Lee Elmer  
 23 Ken Aubart  
 23 John & Nancy LaDoucer (1978)  
 25 Rod & Linda Wetzig (1966)  
 27 Scott Green

28 Alan Johnson  
 29 Arla Brunberg  
 29 Mike Kelby  
 29 Steve & Julie Reed (1996)  
 30 Milo Gray  
 30 Anna Powell  
 30 Joseph Powell

June 2020						
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28	29	30				

### Mission Update — The Longs with the Navigators

Trevor and Cassie Long are Navigator missionaries at the University of Minnesota in Minneapolis. There are 6,000 international students from 50 different countries. They primarily evangelize and disciple students on campus. They train some to do other outreach ministries:

1. Tim spends one day a week partnering with Cru to have a Bible study at Minneapolis Community and Technical College.
2. Jason uses basketball to gain an audience to share Christ with. He spends 10 hours a week with students at the University Recreation and Wellness Center.
3. Norm and Kristy Hubbard hope to have an outreach at Greek Fraternities and Sororities.
4. Molly and Adam host an English Club and dinner gatherings. They hold Bible discussions with international students.

*Judy Nelson*

### A Letter from the Beathams

Thank you so much for praying for the Beathams! We have basically been able to continue working on translation and other things even with COVID going on. We have recorded the book of Mark and are now working on the editing process. Since we would normally be able to work with technicians in a studio to prepare the recording, we are new to this and it is taking us a while. For example, we cut out too much silence in some edits and so it sounds like the reader is racing through the text! We are still working out some issues with the introduction to the book so that it is smooth and says what is intended.

Ernesto remains in the village but is still working part time. He is drafting 2 Corinthians and is looking forward to doing some online checking with our translation team. Bruce has been working from home so Valentin can go to the office to work. That way they don't have to share workspace and can keep social distancing. Valentin doesn't have a computer or internet at his house so the office is his only option.

I am taking an online Coaching course and am really enjoying it! Since I have to be 'in class' all morning, Abby has been learning to make breakfast. She has a few subjects to finish up for school, but the benefit of homeschooling is that we were able to just keep going even with the isolation orders being given. I'm not sure that she feels it is that great, though.

We ask you to continue to pray for us and for God to be gracious to this part of the world as the medical staff and facilities could not begin to handle a hard hit with the pandemic. So far God is answering our prayers for this and we have only heard of five cases in the town next to us and none where we live.

May the Lord bless each of you!  
 Candice, Bruce and Abby

The Senior Saints—Fourteen Senior Saints met Tuesday May 26 at Church for praise and prayer. They brought their own lunch and did social distancing of 6 feet apart. The fellowship was blessed. Next Senior Saints is June 23. More information to be announced.

### 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 on the prayer chain in your prayers. Also, the home-bound, in nursing homes with no visitors, those with Alzheimer's and those fighting cancer. Pray for those affected by COVID-19. Our country needs prayer, too.

#### The act of asking

In *Everyday Spirituality*, James Hazelwood explores 27 ordinary activities that are, he asserts, more spiritual than we tend to think. **One is asking questions. “We see God in all the questions we ask, whether or not they are religious. The simple act of asking questions indicates that we are meaning-seeking creatures.”**

**The pastor continues: “We inquire of the meaning of life, the purpose of work and relationships. We even ask it of our very own existence. The answers often come not in clear proclamations of certainty but in stories, tales and the myths of life. ... Inquiry, wonder, and discovery are things that the human mind loves.” Then he offers this thought-provoking statement: “When we ask questions, we are engaging in prayer.”**

Do you agree? What other daily activities might be more intertwined with your faith than you thought? While you ponder even these questions, do you sense the Holy Spirit moving you?

#### A Kindred Fire

**“I can worship outside among nature just as well as I can inside a church building.” That claim is especially common during the summer, when church attendance tends to decline.**

**Certainly it’s possible to worship and talk to God among his creation. In fact, George Washington Carver called nature “an unlimited broadcasting station, through which God speaks to us every hour, if we will only tune in.” And Martin Luther said, “God writes the Gospel not in the Bible alone, but also on trees, and in the flowers and clouds and stars.”**

**Yet corporate, or church, worship is still vital. Luther also noted: “At home, in my own house, there is no warmth or vigor in me, but in the church when the multitude is gathered together, a fire is kindled in my heart and it breaks its way through.” When we’re away from God’s house, we miss blessings and opportunities including communion, fellowship and support. So this summer, spend time in nature but don’t neglect “to meet together” (see Hebrews 10:25)!**

#### Directory Update—New address for Lynne and Brad Peterson

Lynne Peterson  
10 Windsor Court #211  
New Brighton MN 55112  
715-338-3047

**Brad Peterson’s new address is:**  
Johanna Shores - The Gables  
3200 Lake Johanna Blvd  
Arden Hills MN 55112

Brad is struggling right now because of his dementia and several moves. I live within a very short drive but we can only communicate by phone until nursing homes open again but that may be several months. Brad would certainly appreciate receiving cards.

**Although I’m here in the Twin Cities, you all at Apple River are in my prayers and in my thoughts. Please keep me on your email and prayer lists.**

Lynne Peterson



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# Apple River Community Church Calendar of Events



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 8:30a Worship 10:30a Worship	1	2	3 10:00a Men's Bible Study	4 Women's Ministry lunch at Amery Village Pizzeria at 11:00 AM. See page 2	5	6
7 8:30a Worship 10:30a Worship	8	9 6:30p Deacon Mtg; 7:30p Exec. Bd. Mtg.	10 10:00a Men's Bible Study	11 Blood Drive Noon to 6:00 PM 	12	13
14 Flag Day 8:30a Worship 10:30a Worship	15	16	17 10:00a Men's Bible Study	18	19	20 First day of Summer
21 Father's Day 8:30a Worship 10:30a Worship	22 <u>RIPPLE Deadline!!</u>	23 5:00p Sr. Saints	24 10:00a Men's Bible Study	25	26	27
28 8:30a Worship 10:30a Worship	29	30		"A father's words are like a thermostat that sets the temperature in the house."		
Bible Quiz Answer: B (See Ecclesiastes 3:1-8)			Ripple Articles <b>MUST BE</b> received by the deadline (June. 22) to be included in the Ripple. Send to <a href="mailto:arcc@amerytel.net">arcc@amerytel.net</a> ( <b>PREFERRED</b> ) or put in Ripple box in church office. Thank You, Marie			
Puzzle 1: plane, car, sign, ship, world, suitcase. The Lord will watch over your coming and going both now and forevermore. Psalm 121:8 NIV						
Puzzle 2: Fruit, wild game, stew, cucumbers, grain, pomegranates, honey, vegetables, locusts, bread & fish						