



# 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  
10:00 AM

Tune your radio  
to 107.5 available  
in the church  
parking lot only.



Bring your lawn  
chair or sit in your car.

During inclement weather,  
meet inside. Appropriate spacing  
provided, or you can sit in your  
car and tune into 107.5.

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



10:00 AM Livestream  
On Facebook

## Don't Put Rotten Fish in Your Mouth

*Pastor Justin*



The concept is easy enough to understand. Rotten fish don't taste good and can have scombroid, which is a foodborne illness resulting in headaches, itchiness, blurred vision and diarrhea. **Don't eat rotten fish.**

I was reading Ephesians 4:29 this past week, and it says, "Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths." There are two key words from this passage – the first is "unwholesome." The term used for describing it in the Greek text is "sapro," which translates: "decayed, rotting, rotten; literally of decaying fish no longer useful for food." The term adds a degree of color to our understanding of "unwholesome."

The second term that the writer uses is one that is used in many different parts of scripture, "mouths." In the ancient world, the mouth was thought of as the first part of your digestive track. "Stoma" is the term that is used in the Greek- recognize it a little? "Stomach" might ring a bell for you. But in the ancient concept of this word, it carried with it the idea of your mouth or your jaw as the bodily organ that is used for eating. In other parts of scripture, it has the connotation of your "voice."

The term makes me think of Jesus as he teaches about what makes a person clean or unclean. Jesus says it isn't what a man puts into his mouth (stoma) that makes him clean, but what comes out of his mouth (stomatos) that makes him unclean.

You and I think of our mouth and our voice as connected to our brain, but the ancients thought of the mouth and voice as connected more to your heart and body cavity. "It is from the well-spring of the heart that the mouth speaks." (Luke 6:45) As such, you and I often weigh words based upon logic and intellectual proficiency. Where, scripture points to the condition of a man's heart as what the words of their mouth reveal. Bad words come from a bad heart.

So, as scripture says, "Don't let unwholesome talk come out of your mouths," it is like saying, "don't puke rotten fish on other

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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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Psalm 33:12

**Don't Put Rotten Fish in Your Mouth**—Continued from Page 1

people.” (it makes me laugh to think about it that way, but it makes the point of the text.)

How does this work? How do we avoid throwing these rotten fish around? First, we must work on the inner man or inner woman. That is where this all starts. Only the power of the Holy Spirit can cleanse the rottenness from inside of you. Let the light of Christ shine deep into your soul and help root out the rotten fish that might be lingering inside. Then, confess this to Christ, and ask a friend to help you be accountable to getting rid of the unwholesome speech from your life. Replace the rotten speech with **“pronouncements of blessings” upon others. Rather than putting the fish forward, put forward prayers and petitions for others. Lift them up to the Father asking God to bless them. Speak words of encouragement rather than words of criticism to those in your life. Get rid of the “critical eye” and replace it with a “heart of compassion.”**

I know it is easy to see the faults in others and the places they have come up short, but chose to live in graciousness. Choose grace as you deal with others. Ephesians 4:32 gives us this encouragement – Be kind and compassionate toward one another, forgiving one another, just at Jesus showed us graciousness.

**Don't put rotten fish in your mouth.**

Choose the right half

An elderly clergyman chugging slowly along on a sidewalk was hailed by a middle-aged workman as they neared each other.

“Hi, Jerry,” said the workman cheerily. “How are you?”

The old pastor replied, “Oh, I’m about 50/50.”

“Well,” replied the worker, “take the better half and forget the other half.”

Good advice!



Relaxation and Fun Day!  
 Saturday, July 18 at Noon  
**At Dan & Lori Lundgren's**  
 873 60th St., Amery



Potluck! Lemonade provided or bring your own beverage.  
 Bring a lawn chair. Relax by a bonfire!  
 Bring your 4-wheeler to ride the trail.  
 If no 4-wheeler, just have a relaxing fun, fellowshiping day.

Financial Training is planned for this Fall.  
 Time & date to be announced.



**WHITE CROSS and WOMEN'S MINISTRY**

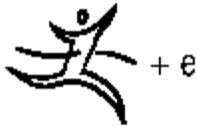
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# WATER WORKS!

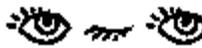
The gospels record Jesus' miracles, many of which involve water.

*Directions: Using the illustrated equations, fill in the blanks to describe each miracle. Use the Bible references for help.*



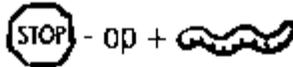
Water changes to

JOHN 2:1-11



Heals a man born

JOHN 9



Calms a

MATTHEW 8:23-27



Catch of

LUKE 5:1-11



Walks on

MATTHEW 14:22-33

Answer on Pg. 6 Puzzle 1 The Bible Quiz, puzzle, cartoons and articles are from NewsletterNewsletter to which we subscribe and have permission to reproduce



### Bible Quiz:

What seemingly small act did Jesus specifically say would be rewarded?

- A. Giving a child a toy
- B. Giving a lost traveler directions
- C. Giving someone a cup of cold water
- D. Giving a sad person a hug

Answer: See Page 6



### 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.

Congratulations—

to Calvin Wright

Who graduated from

WITC, New Richmond, Small Motor

Course, May 15

- to Benjamin Beatham

Who made the Deans list at LeTourneau University in Longview, TX. Benjamin is

the son of Bruce & Candice Beatham and grandson of Glen & Claudine Brown.

### OPEN HOUSE DATES FOR OUR HIGH SCHOOL GRADIATES

You are invited to their parties.

**Alice Brown—July 4**

1:00-5:00 p.m.

1955 60th St., Balsam Lake, WI

RSVP text Deb 715-410-2771

Outside, under canopies.

Uncomfortable around people—a cupcake will be delivered to your car. Masks and gloves optional

**Luke Soldner—July 11**

At Hunky Dory Resort

Noon—3:00 p.m.

2006 70th St., Balsam Lake

RSVP to henrysoldner@yahoo.com

or 715-986-2701

**Rebecca White—July 26**

3:00 p.m.

504 S. Main St., Luck, WI

Food, music and fun provided!





## July Birthdays and Anniversaries

2020

1 Dareld Lundgren 3 Nancy LaDoucer 3 Odrey Rasmussen 3 Perry & Dorene Melstrom (1959) 5 Justin & Erin Hosking (1998) 10 LueAnn Croes 13 John Peterson	14 Samantha Frankson 18 Mackenzie Symbal 19 Jeff Bowers 21 Marvin & Sandy Sias (1962) 21 Clyde Wright 22 Mark Powell 23 Nathan & Amber Elmer (2005)	25 Michael Croes 26 Earl Ericksen 26 Laverne Stevens 27 Glen & Darlene Holecek (1952) 29 Diane Berry 30 Dan & Lori Lundgren (2010) 30 Weston Hosking
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July 2020						
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19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

### Mission Update — A letter from the Beathams

Dear family and friends,

Hi! We wanted to let you know that even though a 7.4 earthquake hit about 150 miles from where we live, we are fine. We were swaying for about a minute (a long time for an earthquake!) but no damage, thank the Lord. Please pray for those who were closer to the epicenter as there are places that have suffered a lot of damage. We are several miles in from the coast and there is a mountain range between us and where the tsunami threat is being issued. (Click on the [link](#) here to get more details.)

I'll also take this opportunity to update you on the translation work. The state of Oaxaca is in the 'red zone' for COVID so we are being asked to continue to work from home (not go to the office where Vale works from noon to 6pm) and Ernesto is still in his village. He finished drafting Corinthians and wants to come here, but if he's not allowed to go to the office to work, we're not sure how that would happen. So, like the rest of the world, we're living day to day. We're also ask God to be gracious to these people out here who desperately need Him, and have very few resources to live on when times are tough. Please pray for the Mixtec people!

Praise God that so far we still have *no* reported cases of COVID here in the town where we live. The cases in our market town (10 minutes away) are few and there's only one reported case in our Mixtec area. We are grateful that we can get out and walk early mornings and that the food supplies seem to be consistent as we always have plenty. God is good.

Other things we are working on are:

Updating some of our literacy books with a few changes in orthography (mostly how we are marking tones) and publishing about a dozen books that were in 'preliminary versions' previously.

Our roles as supervisors is greater since people in our organization are either displaced or are more isolated, having to figure out how to keep working.

Doing taxes and filling out FAFSA forms taking up WAY more time than they should. ☹

In between trying to keep the translation project going over Zoom meetings & WhatsApp calls, Bruce's schedule has stayed busy with keeping up with reports and converting a traditional workshop to an online course.

We praise God that our kids are doing well. Jers was let go from his work because of COVID and is looking for another full-time job. Would you pray with us that he will hear God's voice and find the perfect job that is within his skill-set, has benefits and will bring glory to God? Thanks! Abbie, his wife, is working as a nurse and though she has seen patients with COVID, she has been healthy! PTL!

Nathaniel is doing well in Okinawa. He has lead worship in their church services on base recently and said that he is basically singing a solo as the other worshippers are only allowed to hum because of COVID restrictions! That's got to be interesting.

Benjamin, PTL, has a job with my uncle and cousin. In this unstable economy, we praise the Lord for them and that he will be able to pay for another year of schooling at LeTourneau this fall. He finished up last semester (from my sister's house in MN) and made the Dean's List! We're so proud of him!

Abigail is here at home and a bit bored. We just heard that our local pastor and family (most of them) just returned to their home here in Tecu today! Abby is friends with their kids and hopes to see them soon (after they spend two weeks in quarantine!) She's memorizing Scripture verses, learning to do some cooking and baking, practicing guitar and doing some reading for History class and for her own pleasure.

Blessings on you, dear ones. May the Lord give you strength and encouragement for today. We pray you all are well.

Candice, Bruce and Abby

The Senior Saints—Will meet Tuesday, July 28 at 5:00 PM.

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.

There are many things that need our prayerful attention—Our widows and those going through the grief process; the homebound in nursing homes who are unable to have the personal contact of visitors, those with Alzheimer's and those fighting cancer. Pray for those affected by COVID-19. Also, keep our president and our country In your prayers.



Paul Aune, born July 2, 1928, went to be with the Lord on June 11, 2020.

A Celebration of his life was held June 16 at the Balsam Lutheran Cemetery. Paul will be missed.

**The “Wow” Factor**

After the final notes concluded at a recent symphony performance in Boston, the conductor hadn't yet lowered his baton when a child exclaimed, “Wow!” The break in protocol, magnified by excellent acoustics, didn't upset the participants or audience, however. Instead, several later said it brought them great joy. One even called the moment life-changing.

The incident was especially meaningful because the child, a 9-year-old named Ronan, has autism and is generally nonverbal. Music, his family says, tends to attract his interest and make him happy. When **symphony officials learned Ronan's identity, they arranged a private performance** so he could meet some musicians.

**How often do you shout “Wow!”** – in a good way – at what you see and hear? You may tend to do so on vacation or while observing God's natural wonders, but what about during your day-to-day life? Think about the people you encounter and their talents – and your own. **When have these sparked a “Wow!” of thanks to God?**

Every blessing, large or small, is a wow-moment – a gift from God that warrants our praise.

*—adapted from HomeTouch Ministry*



For Paul Anderson will be held Saturday, July 25 at 11:00 A.M. at Apple River Church. You are invited.

**Patriotic Trivia**

As we celebrate America's birthday, it's interesting to note that clergymen wrote both the Pledge of Allegiance and the hymn “My Country 'Tis of Thee.” Rev. Francis Bellamy wrote the pledge in 1892. Rev. Samuel Francis Smith wrote the hymn in 1831. Both men were Baptist ministers.

The pledge was first used in public schools in 1892 during Columbus Day observances. “My Country 'Tis of Thee” was used as a national song before “The Star-Spangled Banner” was named America's national anthem in 1931.

**Directory Update—**

Sandra Arvold  
630 Kreekview Dr.  
Osceola, WI 54020



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

6:30 P.M.

Sheriff Waak will fill us in on what's happening in Polk County.

*(The views of this group are not necessarily the views of this church)*



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# Apple River Community Church Calendar of Events



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 10:00a Men's Bible Study	2	3	4 * Grad. Party see Pg. 3.
<b>5</b> 10:00a Worship	6	7 6:30p Deacon Mtg; 7:30p Exec. Bd. Mtg.	8 10:00a Men's Bible Study	9 6:30 p.m. T.A.C.T.I.C.A.L. W/Sheriff Waak	10	11 * Grad. Party see Pg. 3.
<b>12</b> 10:00a Worship	13	14	15 10:00a Men's Bible Study	16	17	18 All-Church Picnic See Pg. 2
<b>19</b> 10:00a Worship	20 <u>RIPPLE Deadline!</u>	21 5:00p Sr. Saints	22 10:00a Men's Bible Study	23	24	25 11:00 a Paul Anderson Celebration of Life
<b>26</b> 10:00a Worship * Grad. Party see Pg. 3.	27	28	29 10:00a Men's Bible Study	30	31	
Bible Quiz Answer: C (See Matthew 10:42.) Puzzle: wine, blind, storm, fish, water		"If you want to touch the past, touch a rock. If you want to touch the present, touch a flower. If you want to touch the future, touch a life." —Author unknown			Ripple Articles <b>MUST BE</b> received by the deadline (July . 20) to be included in the Ripple. Send to <a href="mailto:arccc@amerytel.net">arccc@amerytel.net</a> ( <b>PREFERRED</b> ) or put in Ripple box in church office. Thank You, Marie	