



# 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 worshipping our Lord.*

### CHURCH SERVICES

Sundays  
10:00 AM

Inside seating with distancing.  
Please use hand sanitizer. Please  
use north and south exits from  
the sanctuary.

Those most vulnerable can sit  
in the Fellowship Hall. If you  
wish, stay in your car and listen  
in on your radio at 107.5 FM.  
Radio available in church parking  
lot only.

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



10:00 AM Livestream  
On Facebook

### Roll On *Pastor Justin*



Have you noticed that life continues to roll on? I am sitting at the church this morning while large Semi trucks keep driving by. People in their cars have their eyes set on the road ahead looking and thinking about where they are going. The little business across the street just opened their door and **put the "OPEN" flag out by the freeway.** **The radio station in Amery still has people coming in and out making programs, recording commercials, and organizing schedules.** The restaurants I drove by are open with guests inside eating. The summer is coming to a close soon and the crops are getting ready to be harvested, students are preparing for school and people are finishing home projects. Life continues to roll on.

As much as life keeps going on, many of us are bothered by **"changes" around us. We feel like the world we are used to is gone.** Masks, social distancing, and differing politics make us upset. **We are stressing ourselves out. Like the "snowflake" generation that is upset at small things, many of us have become just like them.** We are offended when someone complies with changes; **we are upset when someone doesn't comply with changes.** When someone exhibits a touch of fear, it causes us to respond in anger. When someone responds in anger, it causes us to exhibit fear. As a people, a nation, we are caught in a crazy cycle of opinion and response.

Take a deep breath.

Call me naive if you like, but the world keeps rolling on. As far as I noticed, the sun keeps coming up in brilliant glory each morning. The moon has displayed some amazing light this year. The deer are weaning their fawns. The raccoons are still a nuisance. We still keep cooking and cleaning. Life continues to happen.

**Charles Swindoll has a famous quote that says: "The longer I live, the more I realize the impact of attitude on life. Attitude, to me, is more important than facts. It is more important than the past, than education, than money, than circumstances, than**

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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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failures, than successes, than what other people think or say or do. It is more important than appearance, giftedness or skill. It will make or break a company...a church...a home. The remarkable thing is we have a choice every day regarding the attitude we will embrace for that day. We cannot change our past...we cannot change the fact that people will act in a certain way. We cannot change the inevitable. The only thing we can do is play on the one string we have, and that is our attitude...I am convinced that life is 10% what happens to me and 90% how I react to it. And so it is with you...we are in charge of our attitudes.”

As I look around at the “changes” around us, they do comprise less than the 10% Swindoll talked about. So what... you put a mask on to go into a store? You have a temperature check before going to the Indy 500... honestly, what is happening? Nothing. Individuals have been neglecting their own health for a long time and this just adds a level of accountability to health.

The problem we have is in the 90% category. We make assumptions that masks lead to human tracking, which leads to government oversight, which leads to vaccinations, which lead to implantations, which lead to cashless societies, which lead to the mark of the beast, which leads to \_\_\_\_ (fill in the blank with whatever you want.) The Bible tells us how this story ends. Things will get bad; then, things will get worse. Finally, Jesus comes and takes us home. That’s not so bad.

When we dwell in the “what if” categories of worry, we get side tracked from our true purpose. We are to show the world CHRIST. We are to display Christ’s love. We are to love one another. We are to cast our mind upon Christ and where He is.

Philippians 2:14 Do everything without grumbling or arguing, so that you may become blameless and pure, “children of God without fault in a warped and crooked generation.” Then you will shine among them like stars in the sky as you hold firmly to the word of life.

Keep holding onto the word. Stop worrying about the 90%. Don’t complain about the 10%. Keep in mind, you weren’t called to live for yourself, you are called to die to self and live for Christ. Life keeps rolling on until Christ comes.

WHITE CROSS

Thursday, August 6 at 9:30AM

Begin the day with devotions by Annette Strandine.

We will work on projects that have been on hold.

1. Rip, sew and roll bandages.
2. Begin choosing colors for quilts.
3. New Project: Make masks for the hospitals.

We will social distant with our sewing machines 6 ft apart!!

A noon meal will be provided. Ladies join us.





# Compete for the crown

The apostle Paul compares the Christian life to running a race for an imperishable crown.

*Directions: From the starting line through the finish line, circle every third letter. Then place the circled letters in order in the blanks below to complete 1 Corinthians 9:24-25, NIV.*

**START**

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**FINISH**

“Do you not know that in a \_\_\_\_\_ all the runners run, but only one gets the \_\_\_\_\_? \_\_\_\_\_ in such a way as to get the prize. Everyone who \_\_\_\_\_ in the \_\_\_\_\_ goes into strict \_\_\_\_\_. They do it to get a crown that will not last, but we do it to get a \_\_\_\_\_ that will last forever.”

1 CORINTHIANS 9:24-25, NIV

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

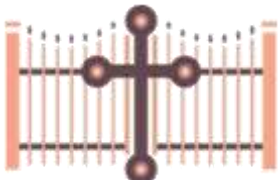
“Every saint has a past. Every sinner has a future.”  
 —Stanley Hauerwas

“A friend is one of the nicest things you can have, and one of the best things you can be.”  
 Douglas Pagels

When you get to your wit’s end, you’ll find God is right there to offer you strength and guidance.  
 —Anonymous

Bible Quiz:  
 in John of Patmos’ vision, what is special about the 12 gates of the New Jerusalem?

- A. They are made of gold and always closed.
- B. They are made of amethyst and onyx.
- C. They are closed by day and open by night.
- D. They are made of pearl and never closed.



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.

Call Alice Brown at 715-857-5246 to schedule a crew (large or small), or sign up in the church foyer.

Thank You!!!



From a church newsletter:

FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT  
 These students had perfect attendance, with zero abscesses.  
 Way to go!

Stay healthy to avoid absences!

From a church bulletin in College Park, Maryland:

ANNOUNCEMENTS  
 The women's choir will sing "All Thighs Bright and Beautiful."

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Sounds like a jingle for an exercise video.

From a church newsletter:

THE CHORUS IS COULING THIS FALL.  
 Can you help hose the visiting choir members?  
 They need room and board for one night.

We hope they each find a hospitable host!



“We’re short a couple players. Mind if we use Holy Ghost runners?”



## August Birthdays and Anniversaries

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3 Kendra Tylee 4 Ted Majeske 5 Dan & Carol Smith (1967) 9 Karina Zimmerman 10 Larry Strandine 10 Nancy Granica	13 Saheer & Hanna Khoury (1995) 11 John LaDoucer 13 Saheer & Hanna Khoury (1995) 18 Bill Tylee 19 Wayne Tanner 20 Dick McCloud	20 Gary & Bonnie Fredrickson (2010) 22 Brad Peterson 22 Gary Fredrickson 24 Lillian Powell 27 Matt Nelson 29 Ken Johnson
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### Mission Update — A letter from the Beathams, our August Mission of the Month

Hello, ARCC family!

We are doing well, PTL! We are healthy and able to live in our home in Teco, which is about 1.5 hours from the village. Teco has been our home for over six years and we feel very comfortable here. There are rumors of cases of CoVid-19 here, but we have not experienced people’s lives being affected and so business (for our Mexican neighbors) seems to go on as usual.

Because of Covid-19, we have not been able to travel – neither to the village nor to Mitla for workshops, and we’ve had to make adjustments in our work here to keep the appropriate distances. Bruce has been working from home and Valentin works at the office a few blocks away. Ernesto moved back to his village to live with his family while isolating and works only very part-time with all of the distractions of being at home and supporting his family. He has not been able to continue with the youth or children’s ministries there during this time of restrictions but feels God is using him to live out his faith daily so people can see what God’s people are like! Pray his family will come to know Christ as this is his (and our!) prayer for them.

So, we’ve discovered that it is true that necessity is the mother of invention. We moved the workshops we offer as SIL in Mexico online! While doing this has been a challenge for some of our indigenous co-workers who don’t have consistent internet or own a computer, this has been a blessing for others who would not have been able to travel to Mitla for these workshops and can now ‘attend’ online! Right now Bruce is helping teach an online workshop to help people distribute literacy materials in apps that can be used on smart phones. He is working with students and other staff members from various parts of Mexico, Peru, Colombia, Argentina, Germany and even from the US! Instead of cramming into one busy week all kinds of information as to how to produce literacy materials digitally, they are spreading it out over four weeks and giving the students homework to do throughout that time. This will probably help the students digest more of the information which will help them to apply it better in the future!

Restrictions for traveling to the villages has also caused Bruce and others to think about how we can ‘village check’ our translated Scriptures without being together in person. WhatsApp is big here in Mexico, and Bruce, Valentin and Ernesto (from Yellow Oak) as well as Yuyu and her mom, Teresa (from Coicoyán) all ‘meet’ over WhatsApp at least once a week to continue to check God’s Word! Please pray for good connections from four locations so they can hear each other clearly and that God’s Word can be prepared to be used by a people who are lost without Christ! Bruce also investigated and started using a program called *Scripture Forge* to utilize while they are checking. It allows the users to see the text, hear a recording of that text AND a recording of comprehension questions and allows them to respond with their comments. We pray this can be used for speakers of Mixtec in the diaspora as well – people who live outside this community. We’ve shared the link to this online tool with others to get their suggestions about how to make the Scriptures natural, clear and accurate in the Mixtec language! We pray that more will respond and join in the process!

On the family front, Jeremiah and Abbie celebrated two years of marriage in June! Though Jeremiah lost his job due to Covid, he is looking for other opportunities and is getting more training in the meantime. Abbie continues as a nurse and though she has seen patients with Covid, God has protected her from getting it. Nathaniel continues to serve in the US Marine Corp in Japan and co-leads a Bible study as well as worship on Wednesday or Sundays. Benjamin has multiple jobs this summer (PTL!) to help pay for LeTourneau University this fall. This is his second year there but he’ll be going in as a junior. Pray he can live on campus again as he doesn’t relish the thought of doing classes online. Abby is with us and is memorizing passages of the Bible this summer as well as reading and keeping up with her guitar. She is bored but thankful that our Pastor and family are back from the US so she has at least some friends with whom she can hang out in person (from a distance, supposedly!)

We are very grateful for you and your loving prayers and support. We can do what we do because you allow God to use you to keep us here!

Love and blessings,  
The Beathams

God amid pandemic

Last spring, life changed as we became familiar with terms such as social distancing, flattening the curve and self-quarantining. We could hardly believe the closed schools, businesses and especially churches – just as Holy Week and Easter drew near! The coronavirus ran rampant in the world. Where was God?

But as the spread continued, many civic leaders stepped up, calmly informing us of the facts, of actions being taken to mitigate the crisis and of how we could help. Healthcare professionals risked their lives and endured separation from families; teachers drew on astounding stores of creativity to teach online; pastors delivered sermons and lessons to empty sanctuaries as members listened and prayed while living in lockdown. Surely God was present – through them!

Then I remembered how God assures us through Isaiah, “Fear not! When you pass through the waters, the fires, yes, even the pandemics of this world, I will be with you” (43:1-2, paraphrased). And Jesus echoes, “I am with you always” (Matthew 28:20).

**Learning — and laughing — on the fly**

Faced with the sudden move to livestreamed church services, many pastors and worship leaders had to learn new technology quickly during the pandemic. As they were “winging it,” bloopers and bobbles added levity to the tense time.

For instance, a fake tree fell on a drummer while a worship song was being broadcast from Georgia. After getting too close to a candle, a vicar in England had to pause to extinguish flames from his sweater. And several preachers appeared on screen with cartoon-like features after inadvertently turning on social media filters.

“This wasn’t planned,” wrote the pastor about the falling ficus, which didn’t cause injury but quickly went viral. “But God used it to bring laughter to the hearts of many. For that, we are thankful.”

Relaxation and Fun Day with Bonfire, 4-Wheelers and Potluck!  
Postponed until Cooler Weather

Date 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.

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



Financial Training is planned for this Fall.

Time & date to be announced.



The Senior Saints—Will meet Tuesday, July 28 at 5:00 PM. Bring your own lunch,. We will social distance in the fellowship hall. The program by Kevin Iverson is a power point presentation on "Our National Parks".

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

August 20 at 6:30 P.M.

Marvin Munyon, founder of Wisconsin Family Council will talk about Wisconsin issues and current events.

*(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
2 10:00a Worship	3	4 9:30a Women's Bible Study	5 10:00a Men's Bible Study	6 9:30 White Cross Noon lunch provided See Pg. 2	7	8
9 10:00a Worship	10	11 9:30a Women's Bible Study 6:30p Deacon Mtg; 7:30p Exec. Bd. Mtg.	12 10:00a Men's Bible Study	13	14	15
<b>16</b> 10:00a Worship	17 <u>RIPPLE Deadline!!</u>	18 9:30a Women's Bible Study	19 10:00a Men's Bible Study	20 6:30 PM T.A.C.T.I.C.A.L. See. Pg. 5	21	22
24 10:00a Worship	24	25 9:30a Women's Bible Study 5:00p Sr. Saints See Pg. 5	26 10:00a Men's Bible Study	27	28	29
30 10:00a Worship	31					

Bible Quiz Answer: D (See Revelation 21:21, 25.)

Puzzle: race, prize, run, competes, games, training, crown

Ripple Articles **MUST BE** received by the deadline (August 24) to be included in the Ripple. Send to [arccc@amerytel.net](mailto:arccc@amerytel.net) (**PREFERRED**) or put in Ripple box in church office.

Thank You, Marie