



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

September 6 at 10:00 AM

Starting Sept. 13

9:30 AM Sunday School for
ALL Ages

10:30 AM Worship and
Children's Church for ages
3—2nd grade

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

Seating for the most vulner-
able is in the Fellowship Hall
(MASKS REQUIRED).

If you wish, stay in your car and
listen to 107.5 on your radio which
is only available in the church park-
ing lot.

10:30 AM Livestream On Facebook

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

or

www.appleriverchurch.org

Don't Be Alarmed

Pastor Justin



Friends, we are heading into the heart of the election season. You are going to hear claims from each side. Rumors will be spread and mud will be slung, that is how elections have been for a hundred years. I want to give you some instruction from Isaiah that will help you during these times. His words speak perfectly to us today.

Isaiah 8:12-13

“Do not call a conspiracy everything this people calls a conspiracy;

Do not fear what they fear, and do not dread it.

Yahweh Almighty is the one you are to regard as holy,

He is the one you are to fear,

He is the one you are to dread.”

Let your heart contemplate the peace and wisdom that this passage brings.

Peace: When we consider that it is the Lord himself we are to live in awe of and the one we are to fear, it puts the current events we see into proper perspective. This great God that we know has seen leaders arise from the likes of Pharaoh, Ahab, Caesar, Nero, Genghis Kahn, and Hitler. Whichever candidate you are supporting, neither of them fit into the categories of these ancient wicked men. Besides, it is not that we are to fear these men; we are to keep our eyes set upon Yahweh and his great sovereign power. It is before Him that all men must give account. It is before Him that every knee will bow. He is the King OF ALL kings and the Lord above ALL lords. Do not fear. Do not dread. His mighty power is the sustaining force for all those who dwell in His shadow.

Wisdom: God isn't sitting in heaven wringing His hands wondering “Who is going to win the election?” Nor is He even afraid that things won't work out according to His sovereign plan. He cares about the concerns of men, but He doesn't change because of them.

Wisdom also calls us to consider the 328.2 million people that call the USA their home against the 7.8 billion people that live in the world. **We make up 4.23% of the world's population. That means if you lived in a family with 100 kids... 4 of them would be American.**

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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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Election Season *Continued from Page 1*

Yes, we are a great country. Yes, we have accumulated a large percentage of the world's wealth. But we are foolish to think that God doesn't care about the 95.77% of the rest of the world. We are foolish to think that we are so great that God is only interested in our part of the puzzle. If Yahweh is as great as we believe Him to be, I could use a tiny nation like the Principality of Liechtenstein to do great and mighty things. If God is for them, He could bring us to our knees.

Again, Yahweh is the one we are to fear. Do not call a conspiracy everything this people calls a conspiracy. Trust in Yahweh. **Live lives obedient to Him. Don't throw mud. Check a fact before you repeat it.** And believe that Yahweh holds all things in His mighty hand. Do not fear the election. Do not fear the result of the election. For it is Yahweh who stands with you whoever the president is.



Sunday School for All Ages Starts September 13

Classes for All Ages

Elementary Class: Working though Answers in Genesis

Teachers: Erin Hosking and Dana Powell

High School—Older Kids: Teacher, Kathy Lundgren

Women's Class—organized by Fay Caneday

Adult Sunday School—Teacher, Rod Wetzig

The Adult Sunday will meet in the auditorium. The study will continue on The Revelation of Jesus Christ. Before Covid-19 Revelation 1-5 was studied. Those chapters will be reviewed for others who want to join the class. You are encouraged to read Revelation 1-5, and be prepared with your questions.

Come join a Sunday School class.



Sunday School Kickoff—September 13

Bring a picnic and play some games after church.

A great time for ALL.



Grandparents Day

September 13h

WOMEN'S DAY—SEPTEMBER 3

9:30 AM—Coffee and devotions provided by Bev Cree


10:00 AM WHITE CROSS Projects for the day: Continue making masks; sew and roll sheets for bandages; plan and pick material for 2 quilts.

Noon: Lunch, bring your own sack lunch.

12:30 PM WOMEN'S MINISTRY Business meeting.

Afternoon devotions and dessert provided by Lorraine Aune


Ladies, join us for the day!



WISDOM FROM THE WORD

God makes a special promise to people who study Scripture.

Directions: Arrange the word list in alphabetical order. Then write the circled letters in order below to complete Joshua 1:8, NIV.

	school	—○—
	paper	—○—
	wisdom	—○—
	read	—○—
	play	—○—
	learn	○—
	grow	—○—
	pencils	—○—
	pray	—○—
	art	—○—
	student	—○—
	kids	—○—
	apple	—○—

“... meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be _____ and successful.”

JOSHUA 1:8, NIV

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

Thank You

Thank you to all who placed live flowers in the front of the church. It makes worship more beautiful

Congregation

Also a thank you to our lawn mowing and outdoor gardening people.

Bible Quiz:

Which of these was *not* one of the 10 plagues God brought against Egypt to persuade Pharaoh to let the Hebrew people go?

- A. an abundance of frogs
- B. the Nile River turned to blood
- C. the collapse of the pyramids
- D. thick darkness



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!!!



Hey Kids!

ONE-WAY CLUB

Starts September 16 at 5:30 PM

Invite your friends, neighbors, anyone age 2-Senior High. Come and learn more about the Bible, learn memory verses, sing and grow to know and love Jesus more!

A FUN program is planned for this One-Way Year.



From a newsletter in Richmond, Virginia:

~~THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE~~

School Spelling Bee On Thursday

~~Movie Night on Friday~~

Will the students spell everything correctly on *Thursday*?

Give Blood

Every 2 seconds someone in the U.S. needs blood.
American Red Cross

Blood Drive
Apple River Community church
942 U.S. Hwy. 8
Thursday, September 10
12:00 Noon to 6:00 p.m.

Please call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter: ARCC to schedule an appointment.

Thank you!





September Birthdays and Anniversaries

2020

3 Amber Elmer
 5 Mark & Dana Powell (1998)
 9 Richard & JoAnn Frankson (1989)
 9 David & Dawn Lundgren (1989)
 9 Mike & Jill Kelby (2005)
 10 Jessica Brown
 10 Madera Peterson

11 Tom Berry
 12 Brock Hosking
 18 Orville Lundgren
 18 Chris Majeske
 18 Ward Taber
 21 Steve Reed
 22 Suzette Taber

23 Makaila Brown
 23 Betty Cheshire
 28 Carol Stevens
 29 Jesse Elmer
 30 Betty Anderson
 30 Olivia Lundgren

September 2020						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			

September's Mission of the Month — The Ngonamai's

Please pray for Wangrai and Michelle Ngonami who serve in northeast India with World view Ministries. Their primary witness is to Hindus.

Senior Saints
 Tuesday, September 22
 5:00 PM

Come to Senior Saints. (No age requirement) We will share in pot-luck again. We will social distance. If you have a good idea for a program, contact Rod Wetzig or Claudine Brown.

Relaxation and Fun Day with Bonfire, 4-Wheelers and Potluck!

September 19
 Noon to ???

Come for a Good time with fellow Christians

Location: **Dan & Lori Lundgren's**
 873 60th St., Amery

Tuesday Morning Women's Bible Study

The Tuesday Morning Women's Bible Study will start on September 15th. We will meet in the fellowship room from 9:30-11:00 with distancing and individual preference for wearing masks. Schedule your September dates for the 15th, 22nd, and 29th. *(Also on calendar—page 6)*

The study will resume in Jonah and pick up where we left off in the spring. Come and join us, even if you were not with us in March. We will review and continue to visit this whale's tale once more. All are welcome- questions- call Carol Smith at 952-888-8118.

When God crosses our path

Pastor and martyr Dietrich Bonhoeffer wrote, **“God will be constantly crossing our paths and canceling our plans by sending us people with claims and petitions.”** Last spring, the whole world had plans canceled, first by Covid-19 and then by God **“sending us people with claims and petitions.”** Some needed prayers for healing or for coping with grief. Medical staff, teachers, pastors and others serving long hours needed support: meals, check-in calls, **“thinking of you” cards.** Parents working remotely while helping kids with distance-learning needed encouragement. Crucial nonprofit work still required donations.

Pre-pandemic, you may not have realized that staying home or wearing a face mask could be a ministry. Or that sending a card **expresses love in Jesus' name.** Or that buying takeout from a local restaurant can be a gift to the owners. When our calendars empty, God **“crosses our paths” in new ways** — both to be with us and to nudge us toward others (even if virtually, or 6 feet apart!).

All workers are essential

The concept of vocation, Latin for “to call,” previously referred only to a calling to church work. But then Martin Luther emphasized the importance — and even sanctity — of *all* types of labors. The reformer pointed out that **“God doesn't need our good works, but our neighbor does.”**

RJ Grunewald, in a blog post titled **“God Makes Pizza,”** describes how this looks today: **“God is busy about his work** in the midst of *your* work whether you realize it or not. The laundry, the spreadsheets, the phone calls and the cups of coffee are all deeply spiritual because God is at work in the world. He is serving your family, your coworkers and your community **through the work you do. God is at work providing ‘daily bread’ through the work that you do, no matter what that work is.”**

Suggested Prayers for our church

1. Pray for our church leadership to have wisdom as they seek to guide our church and protect its integrity and core values.
2. Pray for our congregation to embrace spiritual discipline including daily Bible reading, prayer and scripture memorization.
3. Pray for intentional focus of winning others to the Lord.
4. Pray for revival in our churches and a spiritual awakening in America

Thank you, Claudine, for the suggestion.

Many Parts, One Body

Through the teaching, support, sacrifice, worship and commitment of the church, utterly ordinary people are enabled to do some rather extraordinary, even heroic acts, not on the basis of their own gifts and abilities, but rather by having a community capable of sustaining Christian virtue. The church enables us to be better people than we could have been if left to our own devices

—Stanley Hauerwas and William Willimon, *Resident Aliens*

God of All the Ages

It's tempting to breeze through biblical genealogies, but those name lists serve important purposes. They reveal the fulfillment of prophecy, tie together time periods and Bible books, and reveal how God works in every age — and through people of all ages.

Consider the Old Testament's many references to "the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob." That lineage-linked name reminds us that God is the Lord of every succeeding generation and the friend of all. Although people's needs differ as they journey from youth to middle age to their later years, God remains constant and ageless, fulfilling his promises to all who seek him.

God's surprises

Don't assume that God will always work in your life the way he always has. A sunset is proof that God colors outside the lines. He has no status quo. Even the laws of nature are his to interrupt. As many times as you've prayed before, today may be the day when God sends the answer so swiftly — so divinely — that you're windburned.

—Beth Moore

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.
September 20 at 6:30 P.M.

Speaker to be determined. Watch for more information in the bulletin.


(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	2 10:00a Men's Bible Study	3 9:30 White Cross Noon lunch provided See Pg. 2	4	5
6 10:00a Worship/Children's Church	7 	8 6:30p Deacon Mtg; 7:30p Exec. Bd. Mtg.	9 10:00a Men's Bible Study	10 Noon—6:00 p.m. Blood Drive—See page 3	11	12
13 9:30a Sunday School 10:30a Worship/Children's Church	14	15 9:30a Women's Bible Study	16 10:00a Men's Bible Study 5:30p One-Way	17 6:30 PM T.A.C.T.I.C.A.L.	18	19
20 9:30a Sunday School 10:30a Worship/Children's Church	21 <u>RIPPLE</u> Deadline!!	22 9:30a Women's Bible Study 5:00p Sr. Saints See Pg. 5	23 10:00a Men's Bible Study 5:30p One-Way	24	25	26
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Bible Quiz Answer: C (See Exodus 7:14–12:32.)

Puzzle: apple, art, grow, kids, learn, paper, pencils, play, pray, read, school, student, wisdom; prosperous

Ripple Articles **MUST BE** received by the deadline (September 21) to be included in the Ripple. Send to arccc@amerytel.net (**PREFERRED**) or put in Ripple box in church office.

Thank You, Marie