



# 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

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 (only  
available in the church parking 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](http://www.appleriverchurch.org)

The Ripple is also on this site.

## Noah and Jonah – Two stories that collide

*Pastor Justin*

It is fun when reading your Bible to come across connec-  
tions you never noticed before. This week while I was  
preparing for the sermon, I read about two different ancient accounts of  
the flood that were recorded in ancient Mesopotamia. These accounts of  
the flood had different purposes. One account was a guy who wanted to  
find immortality and it came through finding the one who survived the  
**ancient flood. The other story is about how the “gods” didn't like all the**  
noise humanity was making so they sent a great flood to wipe them out.

**Honestly, they are pretty odd stories. What is fun is this... both of**  
these ancient stories were found in the ruins of the great library of  
Ashurbanipal in Nineveh by Hormuzd Rassam in 1853. These stories  
date back to 1630 BC.

Here is where it gets to be interesting from a Biblical standpoint – Jonah  
went to what city to preach repentance to them? Yep, Nineveh. When  
did he go? 8<sup>th</sup> Century BC.

**See where I'm going? Jonah was saved from the waters of drowning by**  
a great fish, which carried him through the ocean and spit him up on the  
shore of Nineveh. Right to the place where these other stories of the  
flood were held. The same waters that brought death and judgement to  
humanity in the past were the waters that Jonah was delivered from to  
bring a message to a people that he did not consider worthy. Jonah  
wanted to see the people destroyed by God. But God wanted Jonah to  
bring a message of warning to them.

The people of Nineveh would have had these old flood stories to relate  
**to. Jonah could have referenced these in bringing the news of God's**  
grace to these people and reminded them of the flood in the past. They  
**could have been a great tool used to bring the truth of Yahweh's presence**  
into a culture that did not know nor worship Yahweh.

It makes me wonder, are there stories or experiences around us today  
**that would help us to bring God's message of salvation by Christ to the**  
world in which we now live? Maybe, rather than trying to run away like  
**Jonah, we need to see the opportunities to share God's message with**  
those who are lost around us. Maybe we should stretch our thinking a  
little and see how God is revealing himself in these days.

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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**

To be Updated After Election of 2021 Officers.

**PASTOR**

Justin Hosking\*

**VISITATION PASTOR**

Bruce Tanner\*

**CHAIRMAN**

Glen Wright

**DEACONS**

Rod Wetzig  
Odrey Rasmussen  
Ron Nelson  
Dan Smith  
Rich Frankson

**TRUSTEES**

Dan Lundgren  
Steve Wright

**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

Erin Hosking (Supt.)  
Deb Brown (Asst. Supt.)  
Denise Luster (Member at Large)

**CLERK and SECRETARY**

Marie Geist Berhow\*

**DEACONESS**

Judy Nelson  
Linda Wetzig  
Carol Smith

**FINANCIAL**

Sue Lundgren\*  
Joan Talmage\*

**TREASURER**

Mark Powell\*

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Noah and Jonah – Two stories that collide

The world around us is hurting. The world around us is lost. And I hate to admit it, but as Christians we have got sidetracked by trying to save our world through politics rather than the blood of Jesus. We are known more for **what we are against than what we are for. In a way, we've become a little like Jonah. The tools for the spreading of the gospel message are all around us, but we would rather see the world burn. That isn't right.**

It is time we rise up in the name of Jesus and go into this hurting world. It is time for us to show the power of the Holy Spirit working inside of us. It is time to display the grace of Jesus Christ. It is time for us to walk in the wisdom of Yahweh as we willingly **face the trials before us. This world won't be saved through judges, politicians, or legislation.** These people can only be saved by the work of God. That is the purpose we are called to. That is the task before us.

ANNUAL MEETING Minutes are posted on the bulletin board. Things to be mindful of are:

- Constitution Revision—vote at the Semi-Annual Meeting.
- Election of officers—shortly after vote on proposed constitution.
- Search for an assistant pastor after a job description is established.



Women's Bible Study

**WOMEN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL**

A Study of the Book of Daniel.

Starting Sunday, February 7.

This is not primarily a study of end-times, but one of hope: We worship God, Who is sovereign over all. All women are welcome to join us.

**Women's**

Bible

Study

Opportunities



**Tuesday Morning Women's Bible Study**

**The Tuesday Morning Women's Bible Study start a new book February 9.** The lessons are from the books of 1st and 2nd Peter and Jude. Come at 9:30 for coffee and treats and take up the challenge from Peter to "grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ " and from Jude "to contend for the faith.

Please register on the sign-up sheet on the table in the fellowship hall so we can order you a book. All are welcome, bring your friends. Masks are optional and we provide social distancing. Questions, call Carol Smith at 715 268 2835.

**WOMEN'S WHITE CROSS—February 4**

9:30– Devotions, Coffee and Treats provided by Judy Nelson.  
Projects: Tie a lap quilt, clean and arrange flower cupboard in back room, sew and roll bandages.  
Noon: Lunch - Bring your own sack lunch.  
12:30p Continue with projects. Stay as long as you can and enjoy the fun with the ladies.

All Ladies Welcome!

**God is love,**  
and those who  
**abide in love**  
**=**  
**abide in God,**  
and God  
**abides in them.**





# Birthdays and Anniversaries \*\*

## FEBRUARY

2021

1 Ken & Mary Munson (2002)  
 1 Jake Lundgren  
 2 Marie Geist Berhow  
 3 Clara Wright  
 4 Michelle Iverson  
 5 Judy Traynor

8 Chas Wright  
 8 Mary Swanson  
 10 Glen Brown, Sr.  
 10 Bonnie Fredrickson  
 11 Glen Brown, Jr.  
 12 Sherrell Wolter  
 13 Breanna White

14 Kayla Christensen  
 17 Ray Cheshire  
 19 Kent Munson  
 20 David Brown  
 20 Rosette Palmer  
 22 Nathan Elmer  
 26 Dave Olson

February 2021						
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14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28						

\*\* If we missed your birthday or anniversary, it was not intentional. If you are new to the congregation, we most likely are missing your information. Please update us by email at arcc@amerytel.net or put a note in the Ripple box in the church office. .

### February Mission of the Month —

Lara Sykes is the program director for Arrowhead Bible Camp. Phil Rayburn is in charge of maintenance, Jeremiah Harder is Executive Director. They have had some winter retreats. They all are considered missionaries and must raise their own support. Lara may be with us in March to report on the camping program.

Kaylee Tracy grew up in Osceola. In college she did a short term mission assignment and developed compassion for refugees. She is currently serving with the Evangelical Free Church in Berlin, Germany. She is learning the language and helping refugees through a local church.

### FREE SIGN

The sign is 4 feet X 8 feet. One side says “God loves you. He always has. He always will”. The other side says “GOD.....the Betsy Ross flag then CONSTITUTION”. The sign can be seen at 1934 U.S. Hwy. 8. The cross on top of the sign stays—it is not to be given away.

### A Note from Kendra Tylee on a New Mission.

Hello Apple River Community Church. As many of you know, I went to Maui, Hawaii in January of 2020 to be part of Youth With A Mission (YWAM). I was supposed to be there for discipleship training for 3 months and then go to another country to evangelize for an additional 3 months. However, due to Covid19 we were all sent home early. Our outreach was not canceled at the time, just postponed, and was going to look a little different. Eventually our leaders came up with an outreach idea that would take place here in the states. At the time I did not feel called to be part of that particular outreach nor did many of my other classmates. My friends from other countries were not able to be part of this outreach either.

When I came back home, I enjoyed my time with my family. I started working at Dizzy Jay, my neighbor’s horse ranch, across the road. It is my favorite thing to do - work with kids and horses! I have also been working as a CNA at Golden Age Manor.

A few weeks ago, my mom heard a podcast on Focus on the Family featuring Kim Meeder who founded Crystal Peaks Youth Ranch in Bend, Oregon. It is a Christian ranch that works with broken families and kids that are at risk. My mom sent me a link and I checked it out. They take on interns to be mentors and ranch hands. I felt called to consider this ministry and decided to put in an application. I received an acceptance shortly after! So, I will be moving to Bend, Oregon the end of February to work at the ranch for 3 months. I am considering this to be an outreach because it is a place where they work with sharing the love of Jesus with the kids and families that come through the program.

I am really looking forward to working there and being part of the team that gets to share the good news of Jesus! I am once again going to try and post updates on my Facebook page if you would like to follow and see my journey to and in Oregon:)

In Christ, Kendra Tylee

(Thanks, Kendra for the update. We will miss you, but know you are doing God’s work and will keep you in our prayers.)

## Prayer Concerns



### Congregational Care:

- Those going through cancer treatments.
- Widows and those going through the grief process

### Ongoing Concerns:

- Pray for our church leadership to have wisdom as they guide our church and protect its integrity and core values.
- Pray about the proposed Constitution.
- Pray about the search for an assistant pastor.
- Pray for our congregation to embrace spiritual discipline including daily Bible reading, prayer and scripture memorization.
- Pray for intentional focus of winning others to the Lord.
- Pray for revival in our churches and a spiritual awakening in America
- The homebound and in nursing homes who are unable to have personal contact of visitors
- Those struggling to find work, reliable shelter and healthy food.

### Concerns Beyond our Doors:

- Our local, state, national and international leaders.
- Teachers, staff, parents and students this school year which will be different than normal.
- Racial inequality in our community and around the world.
- Those afflicted with COVID, their caregivers, and healthcare professionals.
- Our elected president and other officials, sheriff, police and fire fighters.

### 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.

Because of HIPPA laws, hospitals do not call when a member is admitted.

Thank You!

### DIRECTORY UPDATE

Our Directory needs updating! At this time, we are updating the non-picture directory. We include both members and non-member friends. If you **haven't completed a green sheet, please do so** within the next two weeks and put in the church office.

OR, email arcc@amerytel.net with name(s), addresses, emails, phone numbers, and birthdates (First name and MO/Day) and Anniversaries (MO/DAY/YR—if desired).

Questions? Contact Marie at 715-268-5768

Thank You!

**Church  
Directory  
Update**



Lydia Weiberg

Went to her heavenly home on  
January 15, 2021

**Keep Lydia's family in your  
prayers.**

A Celebration of Her Life will be  
held May 8, 2021

Details will be provided later.



2021

# Apple River Community Church Calendar of Events



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
9:30a Sunday School 10:30a Worship/Children's Church	1	2 9:30a Women's Bible Study	3 10:00a Men's Bible Study 5:30p One-Way	4 9:30 White Cross Noon: Sack Lunch	5	6
7 9:30a Sunday School 10:30a Worship/Children's Church	8 * * * 10:00a	9 9:30a Women's Bible Study 6:30p Deacon Mtg. 7:00p Exec. Bd. Mtg.	10 10:00a Men's Bible Study 5:30p One-Way	11	12	13
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Bible Quiz Answer: C (See Exodus 2:21.) Puzzle A: "Where you go I will go, and where you stay I will stay. Your people will be my people and your God my God." Ruth 1:16 NIV Puzzle B: Moses Riddle: T-H-A-T						
Ripple Articles <b>MUST BE</b> received by the deadline (February 22) to be in the March Ripple. Send to arccc@amerytel.net (PREFERRED) or put in Ripple box in church office. Thank You, Marie						