



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

The Ripple is also on this site.

Preparation of the Heart

Pastor Justin



In his final words of Jesus, Matthew 28, we see Jesus telling his disciples what to do and what to focus on until His return. These words **are called the "Great Commission."** He was beginning to prepare His disciples for what they were going to have to struggle through in the future. His words were the words that encouraged the disciples to face trials, temptations, persecutions and even death. His words offer to us preparation for the same difficulties. These words also offer clarity for what we should focus on.

Matthew 28:16 Then the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. ¹⁷ When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. ¹⁸ Then Jesus came to them and said, "**All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.** ¹⁹ Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

Jesus tells the disciples, to make disciples as they go about their days. He tells the disciples to baptize them and teach them. He **reminds them that He is with them. Some believe... and some doubt.** How are you doing in these things? Our response to His call demonstrates whether we are the believing disciples or the doubtful crowds.

So how are you doing with these important commands of Jesus? How are you doing with discipleship? Are you working to help train others in following Jesus? Or are you too busy with your own life to spend time investing in others?

How are you doing with teaching the things Jesus taught? Are you really teaching Jesus or are you propagating your own opinions and thoughts? Opinions are like bellybuttons. We all have one and they are usually stinky and full of lint. Draw into the thoughts of Jesus. Spend time with Jesus so that you will know what he says and what he thinks about different subjects. And **HOLD FIRM** to the thoughts and teachings of Jesus above your own opinions on subjects.

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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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Preparation . . . *Continued from Page 1*

How are you doing with trusting that Jesus is with you in difficult times? He promised he would be here for us. Sometimes we feel like He is missing or we can't find Him. **The reality is not that He is gone or that He has stopped speaking... the reality is that often we have stopped listening.** He is here for you. **He promised to be here.** "I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

Jesus isn't far away. But, our hearts get clogged with the anxiety and concerns of this life. Jesus is still speaking. However, sometimes our ears are so full of "white noise" that we cannot hear His voice. **Sometimes we can't understand Him because the TV is too loud. Jesus is with us.** Sometimes we cannot see Him because our eyes are blinded by the screens of our computers.

Don't lose your vision for Christ in the midst of this difficult time. Don't miss His calling among the name calling and shouting of this political season. Don't miss the life that He has called you to in the hustle and bustle of this busy time.

The hustle and bustle, the name calling and shouting, the difficulty is not going to go away after the election... it will just begin to flow into the craziness that we call the "Holiday Season." **And after that... there will be more trials and struggles.** How you prepare yourself now is the best preparation for what is to come. Get your heart prepared for the days ahead.



Come Join a Sunday School Class
9:30 A.M. Every Sunday

Elementary Class: Working though Answers in Genesis
High School—Older Kids

Women's Class

Adult Sunday School—On The Revelation of Jesus Christ.



Sunday School Kickoff—September 13

A Fun time was had by ALL. Thanks to the Peterson's for bringing their bouncy house. A great time for ALL.



WOMEN'S DAY—OCTOBER 1

9:30 AM—Coffee and devotions provided by Pat Erickson

10:00 AM WHITE CROSS Projects for the day:

Continue making masks for the hospital and schools. Work on bandages—sewing and rolling. *(A thank you was received from one of the schools for the masks)*

Noon: Lunch, bring your own sack lunch.

12:30 PM WOMEN'S MINISTRY Business meeting.

Afternoon devotions and dessert provided by Carol Streif

Ladies, come for a fun productive day!





A PLANTING Parable

Jesus had to explain his Parable of the Sower to the confused disciples.

Directions: Use the word bank to answer the clues. Then fill in the correct words below to complete Matthew 13:23, NIV.

WORD BANK: sow, soil, wither, root, thorn, crop, seed, farmer

1. Plant part that absorbs water
2. Contains what's needed to grow a plant
3. To plant
4. Sharp part of a plant
5. What is harvested.
6. To dry up and shrivel
7. Person who plants
8. The earth a plant grows in.

"But the 2 falling on good 8 refers to someone who hears the word and understands it.

This is the one who produces a 5, yielding a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was 3 n."

MATTHEW 13:23, NIV

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

RENT-A-TEEN

Fall (and winter) is coming! Do you need help? Our youth would like to help and earn money for Bible Camp and/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

Started September 16 at 5:30 PM

It's not too late to invite your friends, neighbors, anyone age 2-Senior High. They will learn more about the Bible, sing songs, learn memory verses, and grow to know and love Jesus more!

P.S. The Store is BACK!



From a church bulletin in Viola, Wisconsin:

~~BENEDICTION~~

HYMN OF SENDING (see insert #2241)
"The Spirit Sends Us Froth to Serve"

~~DISMISSAL~~

Did they go forth and serve lattes after worship?

Ways you can SERVE

NURSERY: One adult and 1 or 2 girls to help in the nursery. Contact Deb Brown at 715-410-2771 or debbriel37@gmail.com

DRIVER: Orville Lundgren needs a ride to church on Sundays. Please call Orville at 715-268-2011.

(He isn't a fan of Sunday School or Pot Lucks)

GREETERS Needed: Sign up in entryway.

Riddle: What gets wetter the more it dries?

See Pg. 6

Bible Quiz:

In Jesus' parable about people who hear and live by God's words, on what did the wise man build his house?

- A. rock
- B. sand
- C. grassland
- D. soil that was free of rocks

Answer: See Page 6



"When someone is going through a storm, your silent presence is more powerful than a million empty words."

—Thema Davis





October Birthdays and Anniversaries

October 2020						
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11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

- 1 Justin Hosking
- 2 Alan & Marlys Johnson (1965)
- 2 Corbin Wright
- 3 Fay Canaday
- 4 Kevin & Michelle Iverson (2014)
- 4 Bill & Brenda Tylee (1992)
- 5 Michael & LueAnn Croes (1974)
- 8 Jake & Becky Lundgren (2016)
- 9 Paul & AmyJo Lundgren

- 16 Barb Tanner
- 17 Alona Rasmussen
- 17 Chad & Melissa White
- 17 Luke Soldner
- 18 Kevin Iverson
- 18 Kathy Lundgren
- 18 Paul Lundgren
- 18 Willis & Mary Christenson (1958)
- 18 Steve & Denise Wright (1997)
- 20 Ron Nelson

- 21 Steve Wright
- 24 Vickie Gensing
- 24 Gavin Lundgren
- 24 Lynne Peterson
- 25 Alice Brown
- 25 Carol Streif
- 26 Dick & Marie Berhow (2013)
- 26 Kaileigh Hosking
- 26 Dick & Sandi McCloud (1968)
- 26 Becky Palmer

October’s Mission of the Month — Pioneers - Pioneers empowers gospel-driven Christians to go to the ends of the earth together in relentless pursuit of the unreached.

The Pioneer we sponsor lives in the Twin City area. Pray our Pioneer has opportunities to share faith and discuss spiritual ideas.



Senior Saints
Tuesday, October 27
5:00 PM

FUN DAY!

A fantastic time was had at Dan & Lori Lundgren’s on September 19th.

We had a delicious potluck, curly fries, hamburgers, brats and to top it off—SMORES!

There was a lot of activity with various games, the four-wheelers buzzed around everywhere, and Peterson’s brought their bouncy house. **Something for everyone!**

T.A.C.T.I.C.A.L.
October 15 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

A new call

Noted preacher Will Willimon received a frantic phone call from parents who feared their college-age daughter was throwing away her life. Asked to intervene, Willimon inquired why she was ending her studies to work with the children of migrant farmers. What had motivated her radical decision?

“It was your sermon yesterday that started me to thinking,” she replied. Willimon had talked about how God wants us to do something important with our lives, leading the young woman to choose a new path that would make more impact and hold more meaning. After a long silence, he stammered, “But I was just preaching!”

Willimon was just preaching, and the worshiper was just attending church while home on break. Yet she perceived a change in calling that led to a change in identity, security, priorities – and fulfillment.

—adapted from The Wired Word

A Lesson in Appreciation

During a church anniversary celebration, a pastor overheard a group discussing various congregational leaders over the years. Her ears perked up when an older member said, **“Whenever someone asks which of our pastors I liked best, my answer is always, ‘The one we have at any given time is my favorite.’”**

What a relief for the pastor to hear – and what a great lesson for Pastor Appreciation Month. God sends each shepherd to us with a specific set of spiritual gifts and then works through those gifts to bless us.

Mark Your Calendar:

13th Annual
Christmas Tea
Saturday, December 5
9:30 A.M.
ALL Ladies 5 and Up



Prayer Concerns



Congregational Care:

- Alona Rasmussen and Nancy Jorgenson 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 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 and their caregivers, and healthcare professionals.
- The upcoming election in November.

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. We would rather have several calls about a hospitalization than not to know. Thank You!

FOR YOUR TIME OF DEVOTION: Use the “Our Daily Bread” devotional. Devotionals are on the entry table. There are large print devotionals available as well as the standard size. The devotional has suggested scripture reading, a short interesting story and relates it to bible teaching. If you know of someone that would like a copy, please give them one.

But what about here?

At age 4, Anna was starting to make sense of prayer. Her parents had been praying with her since birth, but now her developing cognitive and language skills caused her to really ponder what prayer meant for *her*.

One night, after tucking her into bed and leaving the room, Anna’s dad heard her voice. He paused outside the door to see if she needed something. But she was speaking to her *heavenly Father*: **“Dear God,”** Anna prayed, **“when is the best time for me to talk to you? I mean, Mama and Daddy say I can pray anytime, and I know you’re always listening. But when will you be listening *especially* hard in Minneapolis?”**

Are you listening?

A father asked his 7-year-old son to say **the mealtime prayer.** **“All right,”** the boy said. **“Let’s pray.”**

When every head was bowed, the boy prayed, **“Lord, we thank you for the pancakes we’re going to eat tonight. Amen.”**

“Jimmy,” his mother said. **“I think you should know we’re having chicken, not pancakes, tonight.”**

“I know,” Jimmy answered. **“I just wanted to see if God was paying attention.”**



Apple River Community Church Calendar of Events

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
4 9:30a Sunday School 10:30a Worship/Children's Church	5	6 9:30a Women's Bible Study	7 10:00a Men's Bible Study 5:30p One-Way	1 9:30 White Cross Noon lunch provided See Pg. 2	2	3
11 Pastor Appreciation Day 9:30a Sunday School 10:30a Worship/Children's Church	12	13 9:30a Women's Bible Study 6:30p Deacon Mtg; 7:30p Exec. Bd. Mtg.	14 10:00a Men's Bible Study 5:30p One-Way	15 6:30 PM T.A.C.T.I.C.A.L.	16	17
18 9:30a Sunday School 10:30a Worship/Children's Church	19 <u>RIPPLE Deadline!</u>	20 9:30a Women's Bible Study	21 10:00a Men's Bible Study 5:30p One-Way	22	23	24
25 9:30a Sunday School 10:30a Worship/Children's Church	26	27 9:30a Women's Bible Study 5:00p Sr. Saints	28 10:00a Men's Bible Study 5:30p One-Way	29	30 A towel.	31 Halloween

Bible Quiz Answer: A (See Matthew 7:24-27.)
 Puzzle: root, seed, sow, thorn, crop, wither, farmer,
 soil, seed, soil, crop, sow
 Riddle: Oh, don't give up yet—O. K. see Oct 30

Ripple Articles **MUST BE** received by the deadline (October 19) to be included in the Ripple. Send to arcc@amerytel.net (**PREFERRED**) or put in Ripple box in church office.
 Thank You, Marie