



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.

What Would You Do Differently?

Pastor Justin



It is no surprise that the fall of 2020 has brought a resurgence of the virus that left us quarantined in the spring of the year. The trajectory of the outbreaks has many talking about shutting down and quarantining again.

For some, the spring shutdown was a welcome break from a busy life. For others it felt like a violation of the freedom held so sacred. **Still others are still fearful of the virus and haven't come out of isolation yet.** Whichever side you are on, the question is still relevant, **"what would you do differently if the state shutdown again?"** It might not be this fall. It might not be until 2021. It might not happen until the next election in 2024; but it probably will shut down again some-time. Or, at the least, your life will shut down for a period of time due to personal illness, loss or difficulty. So, what did you learn and how would you handle it differently?

Let me give you a few things to consider.

A quiet time away from public interaction gives a person ample time to reflect and grow. In Mark 1, we see Jesus taking the time to get up in the morning to draw away from others to a solitary place to pray to the Father. Jesus models this through his ministry, taking time away. He went away for 40 days and 40 nights to spend time in fasting and prayer. Jesus used these times alone to grow. He used these quiet times to prepare for ministry in the future. You would have to say from scripture that God ordained these brief shutdowns for the development of His Son.

When was the last time you read a book? Many of us have treated **education like we would obtaining a driver's license. We fulfilled the requirements and have no desire to develop our minds any further.** But great men and women of the past continued to learn through their lives. The apostle Paul is an example. He was a very learned man when he experienced Christ on the Damascus road. What many of us fail to realize is that Paul spent 3 years studying Christ and the scriptures while in Arabia before he began preaching. It was some 11-13 years later that he embarked on his missionary journeys after spending time honing his craft among the disciples. Learning and growing is something we are to do throughout our lives. Proverbs 25:2 says, **"It is the glory of God to conceal a thing, but the honor of**

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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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What would you do differently? *Continued from Page 1*

kings to search out a matter.” Are you searching out matters in life? Are you searching out what matters in life?

Did the time of shutdown draw you closer to your family or push them further away? Why did that happen? Ephesians 4:3 gives us the encouragement to keep unity of the Spirit and preserve the bond of peace. This is true for our church and our families as much as it is in our control. Ephesians 6 gives us two great directives. First, children should honor their mother and father. Second, that parents should not exasperate their children. The world sees Christ in us as they witness Christ in our families.

When a shutdown happens again in our lives, we have a choice to make. We can get angry and upset. We can peddle our thoughts through the internet like an independent snake-oil sales representative covering the country; or we can take the time to draw near to God and grow spiritually. We can learn from what we went through and be wise about the days we have. What would you do differently?

Thanksgiving Eve Service
and Pie Night
7:00 P.M.



Last Names starting with
A—M bring a pie this year.



Let's celebrate our thankfulness
together.

The 2020 Ladies Christmas Tea is CANCELED.

The theme was “Christmas begins with Christ”. As you begin your Christmas decorating and shopping, remember to keep Christ in Christmas. This is a time of giving and celebrating. Giving a smile or a big package does not matter, just remember that God gave us his son because he loved us so much and we need to share our love for others.



WOMEN'S DAY—NOVEMBER 5

9:30 AM—Coffee and Devotions provided by Sandy Sias

10:00 AM WHITE CROSS Projects for the day:
Tie a quilt.

Noon: Lunch, BRING YOUR SACK LUNCH.

12:30 PM WOMEN'S MINISTRY Business meeting.

Afternoon devotions by Lorraine Aune and dessert provided by Marie Berhow.

Ladies, come for a fun productive day!

Ladies, join us for the day!

*Let's Tie
a Quilt!*

PUZZLE

Glad gatherings

The first Christians met together over a meal. Today church families still gather to break bread and thank God.

Follow the instructions below. Then write the remaining words in order from left to right and top to bottom to complete the verses.

	A	B	C	D	E	F
1	They	found	brooks	bread	acts	in
2	houses	their	homes	beautiful	and	round
3	the	word	beginning	together	follow	thought
4	with	numbers	glad	happiness	season	and
5	thanks	pieces	stripes	gathered	beats	tradition
6	celebrates	good	praising	Christian	God	then

- Cross out all words in column E with double letters.
- Cross out all words that are books of the Bible.
- Cross out all words in column B that end in d.
- Cross out all words in column A that have more than 4 letters.
- Cross out all words in row 5 with 3 syllables.
- Cross out all words in the table with 9 letters.
- Cross out all words in column F with 2 or more vowels.

ACTS 2:46-47, NIV

RENT-A-TEEN

Winter is here and Christmas 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!!!

Our Sincere and Humble Thanks

America’s citizens, especially Christians, can be very grateful that this nation has chosen a time for annually giving thanks.

Of course, we know about the pilgrims’ first celebration with help from their Native-American neighbors. But it was George Washington, the “father of our country,” who issued the first official presidential proclamation.

In the fall of 1789, Washington assigned November 26 of that year “to be devoted by the people of these States to the service of that great and glorious Being who is the beneficent author of all the good that was, that is, or that will be.” He called upon the people to offer “our sincere and humble thanks” to God. He also asked the citizens to pray to “the great Lord and Ruler of Nations” that God might “pardon our national and other transgressions.”



Women’s Sunday School Class

start a Study on the book of Ruth on November 1

The Adult Sunday School Class continues a study on Revelation.

Come join a class.

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



America the Beautiful (3rd Stanza)

O beautiful for heroes proved
In liberating strife.
Who more than self the country loved
And mercy more than life!
America! America!
May God thy gold refine
Till all success be nobleness
And every gain divine!

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

—Thema Davis

Riddle: When you look for something, why is it always in the last place you look?

See Pg. 6

Bible Quiz:

After Jesus healed 10 men at one time, how many returned to thank him? What had been their ailment?

- A. five; blindness
- B. all 10; deafness
- C. one; possession by demons
- D. one; leprosy

Answer: See Page 6





2 Sawyer Peterson
 4 Milo & Arlue Gray (2013)
 5 Ann Johnson
 6 Mike Crim
 7 Ted & Chris Majeske (2009)
 9 Ron & Judy Nelson (1995)
 12 Autumn Zimmerman

12 Mason Tylee
 14 Donna Sanvig
 15 Nathaniel Beatham
 15 Sue Lundgren
 29 Casey Schultz
 30 Brad & Lynne Peterson (1963)

November 2020						
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15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					

November Missions of the Month — **Radio Bible Class (RBC) and Samaritan’s Purse**

RBC Ministries was started in 1956 in Grand Rapids, Michigan. They provide free non-denominational literature as well as radio and podcast programs. Our daily Bread is their daily devotional booklet. Millions of copies are sent to over 100 countries. We have them in our entryway. You are encouraged to take them and use them yourself or give as a witness to others.

Samaritan’s Purse was started to fulfill the lessons learned from the Bible story of “The Good Samaritan”. A Samaritan man had compassion on a beaten traveler and stopped to bind up his wounds. Franklin Graham is the president. He started the organization in 1979.

Thousands of volunteers work in over 100 countries to minister to needs of people. Some of the areas of ministry include:

1. Natural disaster clean up and rebuilding
2. Help persecuted Christians
3. Proclaim the Gospel.
4. Hold prayer rallies for the U.S.A.
5. Heart and cleft palate surgeries
6. Christmas shoe boxes for children.
7. Feed refugees
8. Dig wells for clean water.
9. Provide urgent medical care including COVID-19
10. Send animals, bees, tools and sewing machines to help people earn a living.

Packing Party



Operation Christmas Child

Collection starts now through November 15!
 Bring items to be packed in shoeboxes.
 No food, no fluids, no toothpaste.
 Bring donations to Church.
 Packing will be on November 15.
 Thank You for Your Donations!



Senior Saints

Tuesday, November 17
 5:00 PM

Kevin Iverson will have a presentation on Puritans.



ALL Ages are welcome!

An Election Day Prayer

O Lord, God of every nation, we give you praise for our country, the land that we love and for which we are your stewards. We boldly call our land “one nation under God.” O Lord may it be so! May every citizen’s heart be turned to you. May our vow be to work and pray for your kingdom to be “on earth as it is in heaven.”

We come to you on this Election Day to seek your mind and your will as we prepare to cast our ballots. Guide our minds, guide our hearts and guide our hands as we make decisions about important issues.

We especially ask guidance as we choose a candidate to become president of our blessed land. Keep us from being foolishly prejudiced or biased. May our minds be fair and our decision wise as we weigh the merits of each candidate. At the end of the day, may we be at peace with one another and vow to work diligently to help our nation truly be united. Amen.

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 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 election in November and support of the elected president .

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!

Solitude as soul care

Richard J. Foster (*Celebration of Discipline*) says solitude is “more a state of mind and heart” than a place: “There is a solitude of the heart that can be maintained at all times. Crowds, or the lack of them, have little to do with this inward attentiveness.”

Although Jesus preferred crowd-free alone times, that’s not always feasible. But no matter your surroundings and responsibilities, you can carve out intentional time to “be still” (Psalm 46:10). Try these tips for adding solitude to life’s rhythms:

- **Take a day.** Every month or two, enjoy a day of solitude. Turn off your phone and spend the day with God.
- **Take an hour.** Treat this time as an important calendar appointment. Keep it free to protect your solitude.
- **Take a minute.** Before a big meeting or as you’re answering the phone, breathe deeply and invite God into the moment.

—Janna Firestone



- Marvin Torgerson -

A Member and Friend of ARCC went to his heavenly home on October 23. We will celebrate his life on Wednesday, November 11 at 2:00 P.M.



Apple River Community Church Calendar of Events

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 9:30a Sunday School 10:30a Worship/Children's Church	2	3 9:30a Women's Bible Study 6:30p Deacon Mtg; 7:30p Exec. Bd. Mtg.	4 10:00a Men's Bible Study 5:30p One-Way	5 9:30 White Cross Noon lunch provided See Pg. 2	6	7
8 9:30a Sunday School 10:30a Worship/Children's Church	9	10 9:30a Women's Bible Study 6:30p Deacon Mtg; 7:30p Exec. Bd. Mtg.	10 Veteran's Day 10:00a Men's Bible Study 2:00 Marv Torgerson Funeral 5:30p One-Way	12	13	14
15 9:30a Sunday School 10:30a Worship/Children's Church	16	17 9:30a Women's Bible Study 5:00p Sr. Saints	18 10:00a Men's Bible Study 5:30p One-Way	19	20	21
22 9:30a Sunday School 10:30a Worship/Children's Church	23 <u>RIPPLE</u> <u>Deadline!!</u>	24	25 10:00a Men's Bible Study 7p thanksgiving Eve Service & Pie (A-M bring Pie)	26 	27	28
29 9:30a Sunday School 10:30a Worship/Children's Church	30					

Bible Quiz Answer: D (See Luke 17:11-19.
Puzzle: They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God. Acts 2:46-47. NIV
Riddle: Because when you find it, you stop looking!

Ripple Articles **MUST BE** received by the deadline November 23) to be included in the Ripple. Send to arcc@amerytel.net (PREFERRED) or put in Ripple box in church office.
Thank You, Marie