



The Ripple



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MAY 2021

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.

To fear or not to fear? That is the question.

Pastor Justin



I often write these articles after reflecting upon a conversation from earlier in the month. This past month I was visiting with a gentleman who asked about the condition of our church. I said, "We are doing well and living without fear." He retorted that it is good for us to be afraid. "Fear keeps us alive and helps us avoid doing stupid things," he stated.

I admit that I have not considered it good for us to be afraid. His words shocked me a little. I disagreed in my mind but chose to not argue about it. After a few weeks of reflecting on it, I wanted to share with you some thoughts.

Yes, there are some natural fears that help preserve life. I don't touch a glowing hot stove for I fear being burned. I make sure my ladder is firmly on the ground before climbing it. I test electrical circuits before start working on them. In a little way, I have a healthy respect and fear of these items. Fear, by definition, is the action of being afraid of something that is likely to be dangerous, painful or threatening. It is similar to terror, alarm, or nervousness.

In the Old Testament, the people of God are told to "Fear not, for I (Yahweh) am the one who helps you." (Isaiah 41:13) Or, Joshua 1:9 where the Israelites, who are about to go into the promised land and face a difficult enemy, are encouraged with, "Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go."

There is a principle: though it would make sense to have fear and there would be reason for fear, we don't fear because Yahweh moves on our behalf. When I work on outlets, I turn the power off. I've been shocked before and it is not pleasant. I have a healthy 'fear' of the outlet. But when I recognize that I have access to the control of the outlet (the fuse box) and appeal to the fuse box to shut the power off to the outlet, I don't need to fear any longer. The same is true when we face difficulty. Our appeal is to the one who has control over the situation, and after making our appeal, we rely upon him for the outcome. Then, we don't need to fear. Yahweh is the One who is greater than the situation we face. It doesn't excuse the personal responsibility to do all you can do first, but there must be a reliance upon Yahweh.

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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.

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Jesus brings this concept up in the New Testament as well. Matthew 6:25-26 teaches **“Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they?”**

Jesus replaces the concept of “fear” with that of “anxiety.” In doing so, he elevates the detail of the concerns God has for us. Yahweh is able to handle not just the fearful circumstance, but also the small details that cause us to be anxious.

So, the BASIC principle of scripture is that we should not fear nor be anxious about difficulties that exist in the world around us.

BUT, sometimes we just stop there. That can be a problem. For if we stop there it would lead us to walk around like ignorant children playing on the ledge of a cliff. **Some Christians say, “I should not fear; therefore, I’m going to do whatever I want without thought of consequence.” Proverbs 27:12 says, “The prudent see danger and take refuge, but the simple keep going and pay the penalty.” It is repeated in Proverbs 22:3. Again, to the outlet, I don’t fear the outlet, but I make sure to exercise wisdom and prudence around the outlet.**

We shouldn’t stop at the “basic” understanding of fear, but develop the full understanding: we should not fear nor be anxious about difficulties that exist in the world around us BECAUSE we have a GOD who helps take care of us. Our faith is not the absence of fear nor the removal of situations, rather our faith is our trust in Yahweh in the midst of the fear and difficulties. As we use the minds He has given us to walk through tough times, we can also trust He will preserve us.

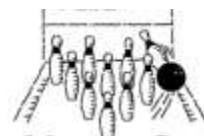
So, for you, what are you fearing? What is causing you anxiety? How can you trust the object of your faith (God) and walk wisely with Him through the challenges before you? The difficulty might be used by Him to prepare you for greater ministry in the future. The thing you are afraid of might temper your **character so that you resemble Christ more. Be wise. Be faithful. Don’t be afraid.**

Next Gen Ministries Bowling Day!

Saturday May 22nd - 11am-1pm
Spare Time Bowling in Turtle Lake

\$3 per game and
\$1 for shoes

Contact Kathy with questions or to RSVP
(715) 554-4224



Next Gen BOWLING

WOMEN’S WHITE CROSS—May 6

9:30a – WHITE CROSS for all ladies. Will start with devotions and coffee provided by Sandy Sias (devotions) and Joyce Brown (coffee treats)..

PROJECT: Continue with "Days for Girls Kits". We got a good start with this project last month, so come and help us continue putting them all together this month.

Ladies, please join us for this morning of projects.

12:30—1:00p: Lunch, bring your own sack lunch.

1:00p **Women’s Ministries Business Meeting.** Dessert and devotions and dessert provided by Lorraine Aune.

All Ladies Welcome!



May 31



A lasting promise

Before ascending into heaven, Jesus speaks a final promise to the disciples.



Directions: Use the picture clues to find the letters. Then write that word below to complete Acts 1:8, NIV.

Find a letter that's in  but not in . _____

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Find a letter that's in  but not in . _____

"But you will receive _____ when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

ACTS 1:8, NIV

: Answer on Pg. 6

RENT-A-TEEN

Spring has sprung, and lots to do. Need help getting Spring in your step? Our youth can help you get ready for the season and earn money for Bible Camp and/or Districts!



Hire-A-Teen

You decide your contribution for the project, as there are no set fees.

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

Thank you for thinking of Rent-a-Teen to help you.

ARE YOU REGISTERING FOR CAMP?

- **It's Time!**

Camp Brochures are on the Entry table

Theme: GRIMM'S FOREST

Even in the Struggle He is Good

Psalm 13

**GRADUATE
Day
At ARCC
Sunday
May 23**



OUR HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

Sarah Frankson
Corbin Wright

Beginning...and beginning again

During the coming weeks, as you or loved ones celebrate graduation, remember it isn't a closed door, an end or a farewell. Instead, it's an entryway threshold, a beginning, a hello — and one of many such opportunities that mark life.

"God wants us to know that life is a series of beginnings, not endings, just as graduations are not terminations but commencements," writes Bernie Siegel. "Creation is an ongoing process, and when we create a perfect world where love and compassion are shared by all, suffering will cease."

Of course, we can "create a perfect world" only by letting God guide our actions. So, dear graduates, may you partner with God to meet suffering with love, kindness and compassion through all the new beginnings of your life!

"The [one] who graduates today and stops learning tomorrow is uneducated the day after."

—Newton Baker

Bible Quiz:

Acts 1:1 (NIV) reads: "In my former book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus began to do and to teach." What "former book" did the author write to Theophilus?

- A. Matthew
- B. Mark
- C. Luke



Riddle:

It starts out tall, but the longer stands, the shorter it grows. What is it?



You are Invited to Help Celebrate High School Graduations!!

Sarah Frankson
Saturday, June 19 from
1:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M.

33606 Shady Oak Trail, Shafer, MN 55074
RSVP 651.249.8247 Texting Compatible

Corbin Wright
Saturday, May 22
3:00 P.M.— to 6:00 P.M..

At the Wright house:
526 U.S. Hwy 8.



Birthdays and Anniversaries—MAY

1 Denise Wright	17 Jenna Lundgren	27 Jemma Baker
2 Mike Crim	17 Bruce & Ginger Tanner (1975)	27 Nate Baker
3 Glen Jr. & Deb Brown (1997)	20 Henry & Joy Soldner (2000)	27 Prayer Hewitt
7 Rebecca White	20 Tobias Wilson	28 John & Tiffany Peterson (2003)
11 Laverne & Carol Stevens	21 Helen Elmer	29 Annabelle Zimmerman
15 Dick Berhow	23 Dareld & Sue Lundgren (1959)	31 Jeremiah Beatham
16 Mary Munson	24 Zachary Hosking	31 Erin Hosking
17 Kris & Autumn Zimmerman	26 Sandra Sias	31 Davy Wolter

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** 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.

May Mission of the Month — CHILDREN'S HAVEN INTERNATIONAL. PHARR, TEXAS

Children's Haven International is located on our southern border. The headquarters are in Pharr, Texas and the children's home is in Reynosa, Mexico. Their purpose is to care for orphans and teach them academics and biblical training. They also run a thrift store to raise funds.

Lee and Shirley Mendoza started the orphanage in the 70's. They house over 50 children and more come in just for schooling. It was originally started by the Mennonites, but now have many supporting churches. There are 6 houses on 14 acres and staff seek to give emotional, physical, academic and spiritual help.

Pray for new partners and more funds, favor with Mexican government officials and patience for the house parents.

Sandra Arvold is on the board and visits each winter.

Learn A Lesson From Corn

Jesus speaks to us where we are at. He told many parables and taught many lessons by relating to the people with whom he was speaking in their own context.



On July 16, 2019 a tornado went through our area. We had a lot of trees down and the buildings had minor damage. One of the hardest things was being without electricity for four days. It was discouraging.

As we looked out our porch window, we noticed the sweet corn in our garden was flattened by the high winds. We were so sad as we thought we had lost our corn crop. We looked so forward to eating fresh sweet corn each year. Gradually though, over the next four days that crazy sweet corn began to stand back up! And so we learned a lesson from the corn. If God can give the corn the strength to stand back up, he can give us the strength to go through anything. **And He does!**

- By Glen and Claudine Brown

SAVE THE DATE: September 17-19 **WOMEN'S FALL REFRESHER AT ARROWHEAD BIBLE CAMP.** Spend the whole weekend, part of it or just for the day.

Full Weekend: \$100
 Fri-Sat. only \$65
 Sat-Sun \$65
 Sat only \$32



Lydia Weiberg

Saturday, May 8

1:00 PM

At Apple River Community Church

You are invited to remember God's boundless mercy and grace toward Lydia on her birthday.

What a blessing to be in the middle of His perfect will and know He has everything under control!

Senior Saints

Tuesday, May 18

Potluck at 5:00p

Kevin Iverson will have a presentation about Lewis & Clark.

Prayer Concerns



Congregational Care:

- Those going through cancer treatments.
- Widows, widowers 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 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.
- 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. The deaconesses also need to know so they can visit, send cards, etc. Our deaconesses are Judy Nelson, Linda Wetzig and Carol Smith. Due to HIPPA laws, hospitals do not call when a member is admitted.



May 9

The Birth of Mother's Day

Anna M. Jarvis (1864-1948) loved her mother dearly. It was Miss Jarvis who first suggested a national day to honor all mothers. At a memorial service for her mother on May 10, 1908, Anna gave a carnation, her mother's favorite flower, to each person in attendance. Within a few years, the idea to honor mothers gained popularity, and Mother's Day was soon observed annually in many large cities of the United States.

On May 9, 1914, by an act of congress, President Woodrow Wilson proclaimed the second Sunday of May as Mother's Day. He established the day as a time for "public expression of our love and reverence for the mothers of our country." By then, it had become customary to wear white carnations in honor of departed mothers and red carnations to honor the living. The custom continues to this day.

Look Ahead "The spirit of complaint is born out of an unwillingness to trust God with today," says Priscilla Shirer. "Like the Israelites, it means you are spending your time looking back toward Egypt or wishing for the future, all the while missing what God is doing right now."

Thank You!

I thank my church family for your prayers following my recent hospitalization. I feel I am getting better and I covet your prayers for my complete recovery. I appreciate your cards, calls, visits, food and bringing Louise down to see me.

Glen Wright


FREE STUFF

The church garage has FREE Stuff for the taking before we toss it, or bring to a thrift store. This offer is good until Sunday, May 2. Items not available are roped off.



Apple River Community Church of Events Calendar 2021



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
2 9:30a Sunday School 10:30a Worship/Children's Church 10:	3	4 9:30a Women's Bible Study	5 National Day of Prayer 10:00a Men's Bible Study 5:30p One-Way	6 9:30a White Cross Noon: Sack lunch 12:30p Women's Ministry Mtg 7:00p Men's Bible Study	7	8 1:00p Lydia Weiberg Funeral
9 Mother's Day 9:30a Sunday School 10:30a Worship/ Children's Church	10	11 9:30a Women's Bible Study 6:30p Deacon Mtg; 7:00p Exec. Bd. Mtg.	12 10:00a Men's Bible Study 5:30p One-Way Club (Last One until Fall)	13 7:00p Men's Bible Study	14	15 Youth to Feed My Starving Children
16 9:30a Sunday School 10:30a Worship/Children's Church	17 <u>RIPPLE Deadline!!</u>	18 5:00p Sr. Saints	19 10:00a Men's Bible Study	20 MOPS 7:00p Men's Bible Study	21	22 11:00—1:00p Next Gen
23 Graduate Sunday 9:30a Sunday School 10:30a Worship/Children's Church	24	25	26 10:00a Men's Bible Study	27 7:00p Men's Bible Study	28	29
30 9:30a Sunday School 10:30a Worship/Children's Church 6:00p Sunday Night Live (no food refreshments)	31 Memorial Day			Don't forget to put your upcoming events in the Ripple. News about youth events, etc. are always welcome in YOUR Ripple!		Watch for Summer Events in the Bulletin.
Bible Quiz Answer: C (See Luke 1:1-4.) Puzzle: Power Riddle: A candle		May 1 is May Day! Remember delivering baskets on May Day?				Ripple Articles MUST BE received by the deadline (May 24) to be in the June Ripple. Send to arccc@amerytel.net (PREFERRED) or put in Ripple box in church office. Thank You, Marie
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