



## 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 worshipping our Lord.*

### CHURCH SERVICES

#### Sunday, April 2

9:30am Sunday School  
10:15am Fellowship  
10:30am Worship /Children's Church

#### Sunday, April 9 Palm Sunday

9:30am Sunday School  
10:15am Fellowship  
10:30am Worship/Children's Church  
Potluck

#### Sunday, April 16—Easter

##### He Is Risen Indeed

9:30am A Time for Singing Praises to Our Risen Lord  
10:15am Fellowship  
10:30am Worship/Children's Church

#### Saturday, April 23

9:30am Sunday School  
Chosen People Ministries will be here  
10:15am Fellowship  
10:30am Worship/Children's Church

#### Saturday, April 30

9:30am Sunday School  
10:15am Fellowship  
10:30am Worship/Children's Church  
7:00p Sunday Night Live

### View of the Cross

*Pastor Justin*



This Good Friday, at Amery Free Lutheran Church, several congregations will gather to reflect upon the Cross. Good Friday is often overlooked by many Christians. We like to talk about Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday... but Good Friday is where the “heavy lifting” happens.

I'd encourage each of you to attend the Good Friday Service. It starts at 7:00 and will last about 1 hour. If you can't make it, I'd encourage you to read the gospel account of the crucifixion of Jesus then take 20-30 minutes to pray and reflect upon it. One of my most memorable Good Fridays was spent in the closet of my room. I turned on a little light and read Matthew. Then I prayed and cried for an hour. It was the closeness of Jesus and the reality of His suffering that was so powerful.

This year, we are going to view the cross from the two crosses. One on either side of Jesus. Each of the thieves crucified with Christ had a different experience with the savior. They went on to two different eternities. The response of Jesus was different to each of them. What made the difference? Faith.

Most of us who gather to celebrate Good Friday already know what it means. We understand the implications of the day. But sometimes, we need to slow down and taste the bitterness of the cross a little bit more. Sometimes, we need to slip away from our daily routines and take a “holiday” ... or more appropriately a “Holy-Day”. A day where we set it apart. That is what to be Holy means, to be set apart for a noble purpose. How are you going to make Good Friday a “Holy-Day” this year?

Come join us! Four pastors, Barry Schaffer, Eric Danielson, Eric Christensen and myself have been working hard on creating a powerful reminder of the power of the Cross. We are four different pastors, with different gifts, from different congregations, with different practices of worship... joining together to lift Jesus high! The Cross is bigger than the four walls of our individual churches.



### 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

**PASTOR**  
Justin Hosking\*  
**VISITATION PASTOR**  
Bruce Tanner\*

**CHAIRMAN**  
Glen Wright

**DEACONS**  
Dick Berhow  
Odrey Rasmussen

Mark Powell  
Steve Wright

**TRUSTEES**  
Dan Lundgren  
Glen Brown, Jr.  
Rich Frankson

**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**  
Erin Hosking\* (Supt.)  
Claudine Brown (Asst. Supt.)  
Dana Powell (Member at Large)

**SECRETARY**  
Marie Geist Berhow\*

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Lydia Weiberg

**FINANCIAL**  
Sue Lundgren\*  
Joan Talmage\*

**TREASURER**  
Nancy Jorgenson\*

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Keep Our Nation and Church  
in your Prayers!



remember the M&Ms. The new M&M will include Ms., Miss, Mrs., Mrs., Mr. for all who have grown older but still enjoy get-togethers. We are planning to meet at church Tuesday, April 4th at 5:00 p.m. for a pot luck meal with lots of talk and laughter. I, Claudine, talked with Glen & Louise and Dareld and Sue about the M&M Group. So, mark your calendar bring a friend and something yummy and enjoy. Questions? Call Claudine at 715-857-5312

**Birthday Party at Golden Age Manor  
Thursday, April 20 at 1:30 PM.**

Women's Ministries is sponsoring a Birthday Party at Golden Age Manor. Men and women are invited to join us be a testimony to the residents and help bring a smile to their faces.



**3rd ANNUAL WOMEN'S RETREAT**

**APRIL 28 and 29, 2017**

**"BROKEN Yet REMADE"**



Our focus is how we, though sinful and broken, can be remade and redeemed in Christ. Come and be encouraged as women share their stories of redemption and hope in the midst of their trials and suffering.

at Oak Forest Center, Frederic, WI

Price: Friday Night + 3 MEALS: \$60.00

Saturday ALL DAY + Noon Meal: \$25.00

SPEAKER, DEVOTIONAL TIME, CRAFT TIME and RECREATIONAL TIME

WATCH FOR REGISTRATION FORMS IN FOYER

Ladies save this weekend for your special time away. We will leave the church at 5:15 PM on Friday night for supper at 6 PM at the center.

**WOMEN'S DAY:**

**Thursday, APRIL 6, THURSDAY, AT 9:30AM**

We begin the morning with devotions and coffee with Annette Strandine.

**WHITE CROSS:** We received a box of white sheets, and we will work on "Ripping and Rolling" them. So bring your muscle to "Rip", your sewing machine to sew, and your energy to "Roll". This is a project we can all work on

Library Project: Alona Rasmussen Volunteered to work in the library. Come help HER get our library organized. GOOD NEWS!

12:00-12:30 LUNCH. Bring your sack lunch.

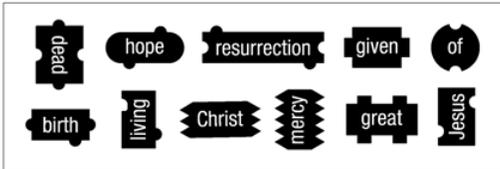
12:30-2:00p **WOMEN'S MINISTRIES** Business meeting followed with Devotions by Carol Streif and coffee and treat served by Lorraine Aune



# > NEW LIFE <

How did God work through Jesus to give us new life at Easter?

*Directions: Use the puzzle pieces from the box to complete 1 Peter 1:3, NIV.*



In his \_\_\_\_\_ he has  
 \_\_\_\_\_ us new \_\_\_\_\_ into a  
 \_\_\_\_\_ through the  
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1 P E T E R 1 : 3 , N I V

Answer: In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. 1 Peter 1:3, NIV

See calendar page—puzzle #1  
 The Bible Quiz, puzzle, cartoons, and various articles are from the NewsletterNewsletter to which we subscribe and have permission to reproduce

### Bible Quiz

By what other name(s) does the Bible identify the disciple we call “Doubting Thomas”?

- A. Didymus
- B. The Skeptic
- C. The Twin
- D. A and B



in it. It's new home is at a church in Michigan. Praise the Lord.



God is Good!

### HELP WANTED

ARCC is looking for an IT type of person that can help keep the website up to date. Sermons need to be added weekly, amongst other things.

Contact Pastor Justin or any of the deacons if you can help in this area of ministry.

### SAVE THE DATE— SATURDAY, MAY 6th WORK DAY AT CHURCH

Many hands help make the load lighter! Men and women are needed for a work day at church. Let's clean out the cobwebs, wash some windows, etc. and spring clean after the winter season. There will be a list of tasks to be done.



### “HOLD FAST”

Is the Theme of  
**Arrowhead Bible Camp**  
**this year**



Camp brochures are here and on the entry table.

Get excited and start making plans for camp now. Register by April 1 to qualify for the early bird discount of **\$20.00!**

Please consider sponsoring a child by giving towards Arrowhead Bible Camp. Costs range from \$174.00 for young kids up to \$283.00 for high school, and upwards to \$574.00. ARCC's desire is to send all who want to attend camp to be able to do so. Camp is a great minis-

4 Doris Danielson  
 4 Lori Lundgren  
 6 Louise Wright  
 7 Joy Soldner  
 8 Glen Wright  
 10 Sarah Frankson  
 15 JoAnn Frankson  
 15 Annette Strandine

16 Claudine Brown  
 16 Josh Bell  
 16 Dick & Sandy McCloud  
 17 Phyllis Lowe  
 18 Amy Lundgren  
 18 Dave Lundgren  
 19 Odrey & Alona Rasmussen (2014)

19 Sandi McCloud  
 20 Olive Johnson  
 22 Jordon White  
 23 Pat Erickson  
 24 Ginger Tanner  
 26 LeRoy Brown  
 27 Dorene Melstrom  
 29 Dan Smith

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### EASTER SCHEDULE

**Good Friday: 10 a-2p** Stop by ARCC as you are able for a time in prayer.

**7:00p at Amery Free Lutheran.** Area churches will gather to look at the cross from the perspective of the thieves—right and left of the cross. (Churches include: Amery Free Lutheran, East Lincoln Alliance, Amery Congregational, New Life, Journey (former 1st Baptist) and ARCC.)



**Easter Sunday:** No Sunday School, but there will be a time of fellowship with Donuts, cookies or other goodies, coffee or other beverages. Easter Service at 10:30 a.m.

Dare we set our hope and hearts in the hands of a small-town Jewish carpenter? The answer rests in the Jerusalem graveyard. If Jesus' tomb is empty, then his promise is not."



—Max Lucado, *Fearless*

### The role of the cross

If the cross is the place where the worst thing that could happen happened, it is also the place where the best thing that could happen happened. Ultimate hatred and ultimate love met on those two cross-pieces of wood. Suffering and love were brought into harmony. ...



To be "saved" requires a severance from the former life as clean and sharp as though made by a knife. There must be a wall of separation between the old life and the new, a

# Puzzle!

After completing this Easter crossword, unscramble the circled letters to discover a special word:

- What Jesus was wrapped in
- The site of Jesus' crucifixion
- One of the rulers who questioned Jesus
- He washed his hands of Jesus
- Followers of Jesus
- He denied Christ
- A large hill
- The feast celebrating escape from Egypt
- Jesus' mother
- A Jewish teacher
- The doubting disciple
- Jesus was mistaken for this
- One of Peter's other names

Answers: 1. cloth, 2. Golgotha, 3. Herod, 4. Pilate, 5. disciples, 6. Peter, 7. mountain, 8. Passover, 9. Mary, 10. rabbi, 11. Thomas, 12. gardener, 13. Simon; resurrection



