



## 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, January 1

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

#### Sunday, January 8

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

#### Sunday, January 15

9:30am Sunday School  
10:15am Fellowship  
10:30am Worship/Children's Church  
Potluck (*Circle 2*)  
1:00p Annual Meeting

#### Saturday, January 22

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

#### Wednesday, January 29

9:30am Sunday School  
10:15am Fellowship  
10:30am Worship /Children's Church  
7:00p Sunday Night Live (*Circle 3*)

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## The Lost One and 10 Questions:

*Pastor Justin*



The story of Zacchaeus is interesting and raises questions for us. First, let me summarize the story. Jesus enters Jericho and Zacchaeus wants to see him. Jesus spots him up in a tree and says, "I'm coming to your house today." And, Zacchaeus gladly welcomed him into his home. But all the other people condemned Jesus for eating at the house of a "sinner". Zacchaeus stands up and makes restitution for any wrongs he has done. Jesus then proclaims that salvation has come to Zacchaeus. For the Son of Man came to seek and save the lost.

Jesus, bent on his mission to seek and save the lost, reaches through the crowd and grabs the heart of Zacchaeus. In the middle of this, we see a crowd that looks down upon Jesus for his work. Did they really think that Zacchaeus was so bad? Was there a hint of jealousy that the "popular" Jesus was going to the house of this man? Doesn't this fit with what Jesus taught about the 99 sheep and the 1 that was lost? It appears that the Spirit of God had worked on Zacchaeus at some points of the story... climbing the tree, making restitution... is there one point of the story that is the turning point for Zacchaeus?

I don't have answers, but the more I reflect upon the story... the more I can see myself in it.

Am I working in conjunction with Jesus and his mission or with the people and theirs? Would I be willing to do what Jesus did? Sometimes it is easier to sit in judgment of others rather than loving them. Sometimes, don't we all forget the mission of Jesus to seek and save the lost? We can be like a pack of hungry dogs stumbling over ourselves to find food when it comes to sharing Christ with others. Rather than working together, why do we trip each other and stumble? Why do we let our concepts of theology detract us from what is important? We let our public image keep us from certain people and places where they gather. Why do we let our self-prescribed righteous behaviors prohibit us from seeking the lost?

Let's try to stop tripping over ourselves and focus on the real goal... the goal of Jesus: to seek and save the lost.

### 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

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officers. Please consider being a deacon, trustee, helping in Christian Education, being a deaconess, etc. Please talk to a member of the Nominating Committee: Josh Bell, Dick Berhow Odrey

Rasmussen and Pastor Justin.

Various Committees, Officers, etc. Please turn in your written annual report to the church office by Sunday, January 8. You can email it to arcc@amerytel.net, or put it on the desk in the church office by January 8th, so we can print it and compile the Annual Report.

**Annual Business Meeting**



**Ways to Start Off the New Year**

According to historians, the celebration of the New Year is the oldest holiday. Ancient Babylonians first observed it in the spring about 4,000 years ago. In 153 B.C., the Roman Senate declared January 1 as New Year's Day.

The early church started to hold religious observances that coincided with pagan celebrations. Some denominations still mark Christ's circumcision on New Year's.

The tradition of making resolutions dates back to the Babylonians, who often promised to return borrowed farm equipment. Using a baby to symbolize rebirth and the new year dates back to the ancient Greeks and Egyptians.

Modern-day New Year's customs often focus on prosperity. In Spain, people eat 12 grapes at midnight, hoping to have 12 happy months to come. The Dutch eat donuts because another year has come full circle.

One of the best ways to start off the New Year is by spending time in prayer. Look back on God's many blessings during the completed year and ask for his guidance in the one to come. Also consider starting the tradition of praying for people around the world on New Year's Day.

**Ignite!**

It is with Christians as with burning coals. If these are scattered apart, one after the other, they are easily extinguished. But, when collected together, the fire of one preserves that of the other, and the glowing coals often ignite others that lie near.

—August Francke

**WHITE CROSS**

Thursday, January 5

9:30AM Devotions, coffee and treats: Claudine Brown

Ladies, join us as we begin the new year working together on projects for everyone.

"Rip and Roll" sheets for bandages – our box is empty.

Several lap quilts to tie and finish.

Stocking caps to make - again our box is empty.

Work on a large quilt and baby quilts.

Bring a sack lunch and spend the day, enjoying the fellowship of

Keep Our Nation in your Prayers!









# Apple River Community Church Calendar of Events



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>Happy New Year!</b> Praise Team Sunday School Fellowship Worship/Children's Church	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> 9:30-11 Women's Bible Study 6:00p Deacons Meet; 7:30p Executive Bd Meets	<b>4</b> 10:15a Men's Bible Study 5:30p One-Way Club	<b>5</b> 9:30a White Cross all day. Bring sack lunch. See pg. 2.	<b>6</b> 8:45a MOPS	<b>7</b>
Praise Team Sunday School Fellowship Worship/Children's Church	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> 9:30-11 Women's Bible Study	<b>11</b> 10:15a Men's Bible Study 5:30p One-Way Club	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
Praise Team Sunday School Fellowship Worship/Children's Church Lunch (Circle 2) Silent Meeting.	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> 9:30-11 Women's Bible Study	<b>18</b> 10:15a Men's Bible Study 5:30p One-Way Club	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> 8:45a MOPS	<b>21</b>
Praise Team Sunday School Fellowship Worship/Children's Church	<b>23</b> RIPPLE DEADLINE	<b>24</b> 9:30-11 Women's Bible Study 5:00p Serenity House	<b>25</b> 10:15a Men's Bible Study 5:30p One-Way Club	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
Praise Team Sunday School Fellowship Worship/Children's Church Monday Night Live (Circle 3)	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> 9:30-11 Women's Bible Study				

Puzzle #1 Answer: 1. forever 2. Son 3. father 4. give 5. throne 6. kingdom 7. David 8. he 9. end 10. Jacob 12. give 13. High

Articles MUST BE received by the deadline to be included in the Ripple.  
Items must be received by Thursday for the next Sunday's bulletin.

Thank You, Marie

Bible Quiz: D (See Matthew 2:1-12.)

#2 Answer: black, rose, dress, pea, path, eel, emerald  
Blessed are the peacemakers.