



# 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.

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](http://www.appleriverchurch.org)

The Ripple is also on this site.

## The Church and Business

*Pastor Justin*



Everyday I get one phone call from Google asking me to update my business listing. I hang up as soon as I can; however, every now and then a person catches me on the phone. Mustering up patience, I ask them, "Which business are you calling in reference to?" Some respond with, "Apple River Community Church," others say "Leadmasters" (my lead-paint company), and still others reference "E-Z-Quote" (an old website I had started). In the eyes of the world, the church looks the same as any other "business" out there. But what is similar or different between a church and a business?

The American world sees the church and a business as "An organization or enterprising entity engaged in commercial, industrial, or professional activities. Businesses can be for-profit entities or they can be non-profit organizations that operate to fulfill a charitable mission or further a social cause." ([www.investopedia.com/terms](http://www.investopedia.com/terms)) The church is often seen as a poorly run business that is on the edge of bankruptcy because of its "kindheartedness." There is little distinction between a church, a homeless shelter, the Rotary Club, or a networking organization. These groups are viewed as places where people give money for the benefit of others.

Our federal and state designations lump the church into these same categories through 501-C3 status. Tax breaks, donation accounting, and special considerations for "public good" provided by non-profit organizations cause the church to be considered the same as all other non-profit businesses. It is valuable to understand that the world around us sees the church in such light – as a non-profit business. This helps us understand what the world expects when it engages with the church. It also helps us understand how many churches see themselves. For many people, the commitment they have with their church is similar to the commitment they have with the local Lion's club (a very fine group of people). This is the social/American view of the church. When we put the church in this perspective, we can understand why those without a Biblical understand of the church would want the church to marry same-sex couples, advocate for gender equality, and promote other agendas that don't necessarily fit within a Biblical concept of the church.

The Bible teaches us a different perspective of the church. It starts out by referencing us as called-out from among the nations. It also refers to the

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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.

PASTOR

Justin Hosking\*  
Isaac Karpenske\*, Associate

CHAIRMAN

Glen Wright

DEACONS

Rod Wetzig  
Odrey Rasmussen  
Ron Nelson  
Dan Smith  
Rich Frankson

TRUSTEES

Dan Lundgren  
Steve Wright

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Erin Hosking (Supt.)  
Deb Brown (Asst. Supt.)  
Denise Luster (Member at Large)

CLERK and SECRETARY

Marie Geist Berhow\*

DEACONESS

Judy Nelson  
Linda Wetzig  
Carol Smith

FINANCIAL

Sue Lundgren\*  
Joan Talmage\*

TREASURER

Mark Powell\*

\* = Appointed



July 11 After Morning Worship  
Be sure to review the proposed constitution.

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church as a group of believers in Jesus Christ who meet for local fellowship. As the Body of Christ, the physical embodiment of the kingdom of God in this present world, we are to submit to Jesus' lordship in all areas of life. The church does not exist solely for the benefit of the members or even "potential clients," rather the church exists to exalt Jesus Christ and walk in obedience and love to Him.

Practically, as we walk in obedience to him, we love one another, serve one another, and look out for one another. Acts 20 teaches us that the believers met together to eat together and to listen to teachers tell of Christ. Acts 2 tells us that they joyfully praised God for the work He was doing among them as they would meet together. They would share with one another who had needs as they participated in fellowship with one another. And, God was the one who brought in new "clients."

In considering how the world sees the church and how the Bible sees the church, it is clear that they don't see the function of the church the same. The church isn't a club, a charitable institution, or even an advocate for social causes. That is how the church has been viewed by some in the past but isn't how the Bible describes the church. The church is more like a "kingdom within kingdoms" or a "nation within nations." It operates with a different set of laws and under different leadership. Its politics revolve around Jesus being the Lord of all things and everything being subject to His rule and reign. Its social concerns center on the Gospel of Jesus being available to all people regardless of race, gender or background. The charity of the church centers on Jesus' love for the lost, the broken, the cast-out, and underprivileged. The goal of the church isn't its own growth, but on obedience to Jesus and commitment to His leading.

**Women's Sunday School Class**

The Women's Sunday School class will begin a study guide called "Christ in the Psalms" in August. All women are welcome.



**Missions—Come Wednesday, July 14 at 10:00 A.M.**

Tony & Ida Llapushi will be at ARCC Wednesday, July 14 at 10:00 AM. **Tony will meet with men during Men's Bible Study.** Ida will meet with the women who come that morning.

They are a native church planter from Albania. They were here two years ago. Rod highly recommends you to come, meet them and learn more about this dedicated church planter.

**WOMEN'S MINISTRY**

About 21 women met at Pure and Simple on June 3rd for a delicious lunch. We not only had good food and conversation, but we received a good message from our special speaker.

No White Cross in July.



## As sweet as honey

Honey is both a sweetener and a medicine. How can our words be used in the same ways?

Directions: Use the hexagon key to fill in the missing vowels and complete Proverbs 16:24, NIV.

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 to tho booos.

PROVERBS 16:24, NIV

Puzzle 1 Answer: See Page 6

There were events in June, but no report about them for the Ripple. Remember, this is your monthly newsletter.

We have “fillers” and puzzles, but news about what is happening at ARCC would be best.

### Thank You

Thank you to Dan & Carol Smith for hosting the fish fry on June 6, and the youth event on June 11.

### Bible Quiz:

An unnamed relative of Paul obstructed a conspiracy to kill the apostle. What was this rescuer’s relation to Paul?

- A. nephew
- B. niece
- C. brother
- D. sister



Answer: See Page 6

## RENT-A-TEEN

Do you need help with a project? Our youth can help and earn money for Bible Camp and/or Districts! There are no set fees. Call Alice Brown at 715-857-5246 to schedule a crew, or sign up in the church foyer.



Hire-A-Teen

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

Thank you for your support!!

## Who is in Camp?

- Classic Camp 1 (grades 3-5)—June 28-July 3
- Classic Camp 2 (grades 3-5)—July 12-17
- Classic Camp 3 (grades 3-5)—July 26-31
- Junior High 2 (grades 6-8) — July 5-10
- Senior High (grades 9-12) — July 19-24
- Pole & Paddle (grades 7-12) — July 9-13
- HomeBase (grades 10-12) — June 28-July 11



Pray for our children at camp, as well as the counselors and staff.

## This side of heaven



A little girl who’d grown up in the city spent some of her summer vacation out in the country. One starlit night, she and her dad stood gazing up into the sky without any harsh streetlights obstructing the view.

The girl, amazed by the sparkling view, exclaimed, “If heaven is so pretty on the wrong side, I wonder what it looks like on the right side!”

### Riddle:

What goes up and never comes down?



# Puzzle!

Complete this Bible passage by adding the missing vowels.



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Answer to Puzzle 2—See Page 6



## Birthdays and Anniversaries—JULY

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1 Ron & Betty Peterson (1972)	13 John Peterson	25 Earl Ericksen	
3 Nancy LaDoucer	14 Samantha Frankson	26 Laverne Stevens	
3 Odrey Rasmussen	15 Deborah Wilson	27 Glen & Darlene Holecek (1952)	
5 Justin & Erin Hosking (1998)	18 Mackenzie Symbal	29 Diane Berry	
7 Hughes Baker	21 Marvin & Sandy Sias (1962)	30 Dan & Lori Lundgren (2010)	
10 Doug & Linda Belland	21 Clyde Wright	30 Weston Hosking	
	22 Mark Powell		


\*\* 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](mailto:arcc@amerytel.net) or put a note in the Ripple box in the church office.



**JULY Mission of the Month —  
Rod Elbaor  
with Christian Carpentry  
Ministries**

Be sure to keep Rod and his carpentry ministries in your prayers. Rod will share about his work during the Sunday School hour on August 22.

**Senior Saints**  
Tuesday, July 20  
Potluck at 5:00p



**SENIORS  
POTLUCK**

### A gentle answer

As it does this year, July 4 fell on Sunday in 1937. While Pastor Eldred Johnston led worship that morning in Paulding, Ohio, local kids set off firecrackers nearby (restrictions were rare back then). Realizing he needed to act, the pastor slipped outside during a hymn and found the revelers.

But instead of scolding or shouting, Johnston stayed calm. "I used to enjoy shooting fireworks too," he said, adding that he knew it was a fun way to celebrate. "But many in this town are gathered in worship, and the noise is very distracting. All I'm asking is that you wait until church services are over — about noon — and then shoot firecrackers all you want." The pastor smiled at each youth and returned to church.

Recounting that experience in *Liberty* magazine, Johnston said he half-expected to hear defiant explosions. Instead, the kids waited respectfully until worship was over. When conflicts loom, may we heed that example — and this advice from Proverbs: "A gentle answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger" (15:1, NIV).

### Directory Corrections/Changes to Date:

Johnson, Ken (Phone) 715-268-8671  
 (Email & phone numbers)  
 Majeske, Ted & Chris Ted: 715-554-4388  
 1834 60th St. Balsam Lake, WI 54810 Chris: 715-554-2383  
 tedchris4953@gmail.com

Peterson, Ron & Betty (Address)  
1494 2 3/4 St., Turtle Lake, WI

Wetzig, Rod & Linda (Linda's Phone Number) Linda: 715-494-1025

(If you are aware of any other corrections, please let Marie know for the next Ripple. Thank You.)

### Why Grandma Gave

One Sunday as she was getting ready for church, a grandmother received a call from her daughter. "Can you watch the kids while we're out of town next week?" the daughter asked.

Grandma was so thrilled she put an extra \$5 into the offering plate that morning.

The next Sunday, after her three young grandchildren had returned home, she put in an extra \$20.



## 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 and Semi-Annual Meeting.
- 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.
- 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 missionaries.

### 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.

 <p style="font-size: 1.2em; font-weight: bold; margin-top: 10px;"><i>Fall</i> Retreat</p>	<p><u>SAVE THE DATE:</u> September 17-19  <b>WOMEN'S FALL REFRESHER AT                  ARROWHEAD BIBLE CAMP.</b></p> <p>Spend the whole weekend , part of it or just for the day.</p> <table style="margin-left: auto; margin-right: auto; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="padding-right: 20px;">Full Weekend: \$100</td> <td style="padding-right: 20px;">Fri-Sat. only \$65</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Sat-Sun \$ 65</td> <td>Sat only \$32</td> </tr> </table>	Full Weekend: \$100	Fri-Sat. only \$65	Sat-Sun \$ 65	Sat only \$32
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  <p style="font-weight: bold; margin-top: 10px;">WEEP                  WITH • THOSE • WHO                  WEEP</p> <p style="font-size: 0.8em; margin-top: 5px;">ROMANS 12:15</p>	<p>Tom Berry passed away on May 12 at the age of 86. Pray for Diane Berry and their family as they go through the process of grief. A Celebration of Life was held on June 27 in North Park, Amery.</p> <hr/> <p>Thank you for upholding the Berhow family in prayer after Dick's dad went to his heavenly home on June 18. He was over 100 years old and in good spirits until shortly before his death. We celebrated his life on June 26, and appreciated the Apple River people who attended the funeral.</p> <hr/> <p>Pray for the McCloud Family.</p> <p>Dick &amp; Sandi McCloud's grandson, Joshua 'Josh' Ryan McCloud, died in a tragic accident on June 24. His funeral will be at ARCC on Tuesday, July 6th at 11:00 A.M. Please support them in prayer.</p>				



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# Apple River Community Church Calendar of Events



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 7:00p Men's Bible Study	2	3
4 Independence Day 10:30a Worship/Children's Church	5	6 11:00a Funeral for Josh McCloud (See page 5)	7 10:00a Men's Bible Study	8 7:00p Men's Bible Study	9	10
11 9:30a Sunday School 10:30a Worship/ Children's Church After Worship: Semi-Annual Meeting	12	13 6:30p Deacon Mtg; 7:00p Exec. Bd. Mtg.	14 10:00a Mission Info. by Liapushi's ALL are Welcome	15 7:00p Men's Bible Study	16	17
18 9:30a Sunday School 10:30a Worship/Children's Church	19 <u>RIPPLE Deadline!</u>	20 5:00p Sr. Saints	21 10:00a Men's Bible Study	22 7:00p Men's Bible Study	26	24
25 9:30a Sunday School 10:30a Worship/Children's Church 6:00p Sunday Night Live (no food refreshments)	26	27	28 10:00a Men's Bible Study	29 7:00p Men's Bible Study	30	31
Bible Quiz Answer: A (See Acts 23:12-22, esp. v. 16.) Puzzle 1: Gracious words are a honeycomb, sweet to the soul and healing to the bones. Proverbs 16:24, NIV Puzzle 2: <b>Answer: Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and clearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. Colossians 3:12-13 NIV</b> Riddle: Your Age		<b>Don't forget to put</b> your events in the Ripple. News about youth events, etc. are always welcome in YOUR Ripple!		Ripple Articles <b>MUST BE</b> received by the deadline (July 19) to be in the August Ripple. Send to arcc@amerytel.net (PREFERRED) or put in Ripple box in church office.  Thank You, Marie		