



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

Sunday, June 4

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

Sunday, June 11

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

Sunday, June 18

Father's Day

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

Saturday, June 25

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

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How Church Has Changed in the Last Decade

Pastor Justin



Change or die. by Tom Rainer

Such has been the reality of too many congregations the past 10 years as the rate of church closures has accelerated. Many have died; others are on life support.

But what are some of the major changes that have taken place in congregations that are doing relatively well? What are some of the ways these congregations have adapted to new realities? Here is a hint: None of the changes in healthy churches have compromised doctrine, diminished the centrality of preaching or abandoned sharing the gospel.

So what changes have occurred in healthy churches in the last decade? Here are eight of them:

Today: Smaller worship gatherings.

10 years ago: Larger worship gatherings.

There are several factors impacting this change, among them more multi-site churches, more non-traditional worship times, and a desire among the Millennials to be a part of a smaller gathering rather than a larger gathering.

Today: Smaller church facilities

10 years ago: Larger church facilities

There are three major issues at work here. First, church leaders are more hesitant to spend funds on largely unused facilities. Second, churches are building with less space for adult small groups or Sunday school, and are choosing to have those groups meet off-site or on non-worship days. Third, the smaller worship gathering noted above means smaller worship centers.

Today: First priority staff person hired: children's minister

10 years ago: First priority staff person hired: worship leader

This shift is largely influenced by the large Millennial generation and their children. Millennials are looking for a church that is safe, sanitary, educational and fun for their children.

Today: Ministry degree optional for church staff members

10 years ago: Ministry degree strongly preferred for church staff

Churches today are more likely to call someone on staff from within their congregations. That person may not have a Bible college or seminary degree.

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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.

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Keep Our Nation and Church
in your Prayers!



Please come celebrate the graduation of

Makaila Brown

Graduation Party at ARCC

Saturday, June 3rd, 1:00-
5:00 P.M.

Everyone is invited to join in the graduation celebration of

Chas Wright

Saturday, June 10 from
2:00-5:00 P.M.
At the Wright home

Graduation is a ceremony that marks the end of study and the beginning of education.

—Evan Esar

A Hidden Message

A college class was graduating on a hot and humid day. As the graduates walked across the platform and received their diplomas from the president, he smiled, shook their hands and said loudly, "Congratulations!" Then, in a much lower voice, one that was firm and could be heard only by the graduates, he would say, "Keep moving."

He was only trying to keep the line moving across the stage, but his words were good advice for a lifetime: "Keep moving." After every achievement — growing up, graduation, marriage, job promotion, even retirement — the best advice is, "Keep moving." Don't stop. Don't stagnate. There is more to life than you have found thus far. This is not the end; it is only the beginning. Keep moving.

—SourceBook of Wit & Wisdom



**Thursday,
June 8
At ARCC
Noon to
6:00 P.M.**

T.A.C.T.I.C.A.L

(Truth and Action Consortium to Infiltrate Truth and Lies See Pg. 6)

At ARCC June 8 at 6:30 pm
Speaker: Loren Spivack, Free Market Warrior.
See poster on bulletin board.

(The views of the speaker are not necessarily the views of the church.)

Have You Ever Considered Being a Deaconess?

The deaconesses need a little help. Please consider taking on this type of ministry. Election of two new deaconesses will be held in January. They would like to train someone now to take over. So this is a great opportunity to see how it fits you. Please consider this opportunity to serve. Contact one of the deaconesses, or a deacon if interested.

WOMEN'S LUNCH

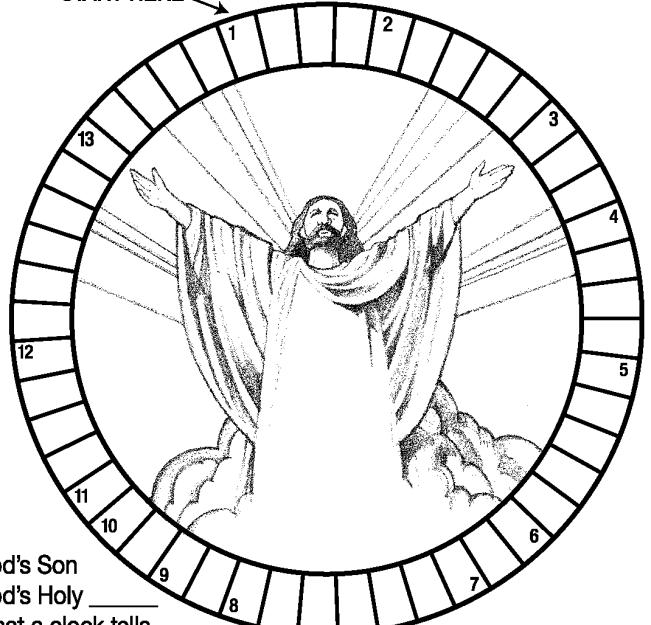
Thursday, June 1 at 11:30 AM
At Amery Village Pizzeria

Ascension of the Lord

On the day Jesus left his disciples and went up in a cloud to heaven, he said to them, "I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you." (John 14:18, KJV).

Read the clues below. The last letter of each word is the beginning of the next word.

START HERE



1. God's Son
2. God's Holy _____
3. What a clock tells
4. Our planet
5. Where Jesus is now
6. Opposite of Old Testament
7. An onlooker
8. Place to see clouds
9. Modern word for thee
10. Opposite of down
11. Authority or strength
12. Comes back
13. Searches for

Answer: See calendar page

The Bible Quiz, puzzle, cartoons, and various articles are from the Newsletter to which we subscribe and have permission to repro-

Bible Quiz 1

The "Trinitarian formula" occurs only once in the Bible. In which New Testament book do we read "in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit," and who said these words?

- A. Romans; Paul
- B. 1 Peter; Simon Peter
- C. The Acts of the Apostles; Luke
- D. Matthew; Jesus



- A. A promiscuous and adulterous woman
- B. Hosea's wife
- C. A symbol for Israel, beloved of God despite her sinfulness
- D. All of the above

Answer: See Calendar Page

A Short Quiz

- Q: What time of day was Adam created?
A: A little before Eve.

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.

FREE FISHING WEEKEND IS COMING JUNE 4TH

After Church

Come to our annual Free Fishing event at Gordon & Rosette Palmers. It's a fun time with games and potluck to go with our "catch".

Boats and life preservers needed. If you don't have these, come anyway, as there will be some available.

Map available on narthex table.



5-Day Club HEY KIDS

Ages 4—5th Grade,
MARK YOUR CALENDAR.

5-Day Club

will be at ARCC Monday through Friday
July 10 – 14, 3:00-5:00. PM

"HOLD FAST"
the Theme of
**Arrowhead Bible Camp
this year**
Pray for Kids in camp:



1 Linda Carlson	12 Lyle & Mary Christenson (1982)	24 Ken Aubart
1 Ron Kirk	13 Glen & Claudine Brown (1964)	23 John & Nancy LaDoucer (1978)
2 Liza Tylee	14 Deb Newbauer	24 Jon Wright
3 Crystal Bell	16 Benjamin Beatham	27 Marion Anderson
4 Bendiks Brown	16 Saheer Khoury	28 Alan Johnson
6 Marv Sias	18 Jeff & Joan Bowers (1993)	29 Arla Brunberg
8 LeRoy & Joyce Brown (1957)	20 Blake & Kathy Lundgren (2014)	29 Steve & Julie Reed (1996)
8 Dan Lundgren	21 Davy & Sherrell Wolter	30 Milo Gray
12 Joelle Hosking	22 Lee Elmer	

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Today: Emphasis on congregational singing

10 years ago: Emphasis on performance singing

Healthy churches are seeing an awakening of congregational singing today. Ten years ago, contemporary churches emphasized the performance of the praise team and band, while traditional churches emphasized the performance of the choir and soloists.

Today: Community focus

10 years ago: Community myopia

Too many churches the past two decades all but abandoned their communities and are paying the price for their short-sightedness today. Healthy churches realize that the community is their place of ministry, their “Jerusalem” of Acts 1:8.

Today: Vital importance of groups

10 years ago: Marginal importance of groups

Healthy churches today make groups (community groups, home groups, Sunday school, life groups, etc.) a high priority. Ten years ago, many church leaders did not see how groups could enhance the health of the church in discipleship, evangelism, prayer, ministry and fellowship.

Today: Church leaders are continuous learners

10 years ago: Church leaders were “degree and done”

For several decades, church leaders essentially ended their education process with a college or seminary degree. In today's ever-changing world, leaders of healthy churches have intentionally established a discipline of continuous learning.

These eight major shifts took place in a relatively brief period.



Church signs—a part of our culture.

By Stan Miller

“MUCH PRAYER—MUCH POWER”

Calvary Baptist Church in Sedalia, Missouri proclaimed. We know the truth of that church sign, but we don't always practice what we know to be the right course of action.

Man made inventions require a source of power. Power can be amplified in different ways. Some by blending, some by additives, etc.

The fuel for human energy spiritually speaking comes from the source of all power. God is that source. Communion with the source amps up the power availability. We receive that power from reading God's words and by prayer. The more we abide in the source, the more power is available to us.

If Jesus, who was God incarnate needed to take time to refuel by praying and/or meditating on the Scripture, how much more do we need to follow his example. The answer is obvious, yet we do not usually avail ourselves of the opportunity to experience the power we could have at our disposal. Shame on

East right (May 26) the Polk County Board of Supervisors agreed to renew our lease for 3 years!

Our homeless our housed, the hungry will be fed and the community will be served in great part because of your support!

I can not thank you each enough for the sharing of emails, your attendance and your prayers.

Moving Forward: Serenity Home has been told we have 3 years and a new location will have to be secured for our shelter. Please be in prayer about where God may be leading our shelter.

Thank you and blessings to you all!

PS... As for Business as usual, We still could use clean up volunteers and silent auction items for our June 9th Backpack Fundraiser at The Amery Fire Hall
The Fundraiser benefits ALL of Polk County.

Please call 715-268-2275 or my cell 715-497-4438 if you have additional questions.

Thanks again!

Angela L. Moulton

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"He's using the devotional we gave him for Father's Day."

Solid Rock Quartet
The Solid Rock Quartet (Dan Smith, Dennis Shaffer, Rod Watzig and Ken Mettler)

Old Testament Crossword

Locate the names of all the Old Testament books, using your Bible's table of contents for reference. Numbered books, such as 1 Samuel, appear only once — without numbers.

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N J O S E E S T H E R G A I M
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F E U E O E C E U A A E H B A
S M A K M V H I R N H S C O N
O I C I A I H A N O J I A A R
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M I A Z E C H A R I A H M E H
O D C G K U K K A B A H C Y O
N K I N G S B R E V O R P R T
K V M P S A L M S U D O X E U
J U D G E S I S A M U E L U Z



Spiritual Submarines

Author Steve Farrar encourages Christian fathers to be spiritual submarines under the surface of their children's lives. "Through your prayers you have the ability to affect situations where you are not physically present," he writes in *Standing Tall*. "You may be undetected, but that does not mean that you are ineffective."

A man who puts on the armor of God and goes to war on his knees for his children is a force to be reckoned with, Farrar adds. "When it comes to battle ... understand that you have been given awesomely powerful weapons."

Live it Out

The greatest single cause of atheism in the world today is Christians who acknowledge Jesus with their lips, walk out the door and deny him by their lifestyle. That is what an unbelieving world simply finds unbelievable.

—Brennan Manning, *The Ragamuffin Gospel*

tium To Infiltrate Confusion and Lies. It is much easier to just call it T.A.C.T.I.C.A.L.

T.A.C.T.I.C.A.L. believes that we are God's people, called by His name and He is calling us to stand in the authority that He has given us to regain the 7 territories that the enemy has been taking.

1. Church

2. Family

3. Education

4. Government/Law

5. Media

6. Arts

7. Business

How will T.A.C.T.I.C.A.L. be a part of God's plan?

1. By hosting speakers that represent each one of the territories that will:
 - a. Expose truth on how each territory is being attacked through confusion and lies.
 - b. Provide an action plan, if at all possible, on how we can regain what was lost.
2. Try to help each individual identify which territory God has given them authority in.
3. Provide support through resources.
4. Provide an avenue to network with people in each territory.

So with that bit of information, T.A.C.T.I.C.A.L is excited to invite you to hear Loren Spivack speak on June 8th at 6:30pm. The Apple River Community Church just North of Amery, WI on HWY 8 is so graciously letting T.A.C.T.I.C.A.L. use their facility to host this and future speakers.

Person of the Year

HCE of Polk County

(Wisconsin Association for Home and Community Education aka Homemakers)

One of our own, Bev Cree, won the Homemakers Person of the Year Award in Polk County. Parts of her presentation by her sister, Joan Talmage follows:

Bev has been on the HCE® Executive Board for a many years, first serving as Center Chair and Co Chair and now the Culture Arts Program Chair. She attended some State Conventions and District meetings. She served as President of the Apple River HCE® Club.

Bev has been and is involved with our church activities for many years, teaching Sunday school, serving as a deaconess, president and secretary of WMS, is chair of the serving committee, and a facilitator of Grief Share. She is in charge of the Salvation Army program. Our church serves dinner there once a month but Bev does more than her share because there aren't enough volunteers so she ends up doing more dinners. She has gone in early for many years to make coffee, so it is ready on time. Now she fills in as needed.

Her other interests include: President of the Free Mission Cemetery Board. Martial Arts, where she won a certificate and decided to be a member. She worked her way up to the Blue Belt with a brown stripe before she decided to call it quits. She could break a board with her hand and her foot. She also enjoys square dancing and doesn't miss any unless she absolutely has to.

Bev helps her cousin, Orville, who is blind and very self-sufficient, but what he can't do he calls Bev to help him. She writes his checks and other correspondence. She takes him shopping and they have been at garage sales where Bev has read the names of singers and songs on many records for him to choose from. Every December she makes sure he gets to Baldwin to ride the shuttle bus to the Airport so he can spend Christmas with his family in Milwaukee, and she is there to pick him up when he returns.

Congratulations Bev Cree for winning the award and all you do



Well, Kiddo, It's You and Me

T.J., a boy with developmental delays, is featured in *Chicken Soup for the Soul: Children with Special Needs*. T.J. and his father, who'd long yearned for a son, settled into a routine of daily outings.

Stacey, one of T.J.'s sisters, was moved when she realized how much their father loved that together time. One day, as their dad made T.J. laugh, "T.J. stopped and reached up to softly touch our father's face," Stacey writes. "My dad looked down at him and said ... 'Well, kiddo, it looks like it's you and me for the rest of my life.' There wasn't a sense of sadness or burden in my father's voice, only acceptance and unconditional love."



Apple River Community Church Calendar of Events

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
5	6		7 10:00a Men's Bible Study	8 Noon-6:oop Bloodmobile 6:30p TACTICAL See Pg. 2.	9	1
4 Praise Team Sunday School Fellowship/Worship/Children's Church Sing/Potluck at Palmers See Pg. 3			14 10:00a Men's Bible Study	15	16	
:45a Praise Team Sunday School Fellowship/Worship/Children's Church	12	13 6:30p Deacons Meet; 7:30p Executive Bd Meets		21 10:00a Men's Bible Study	22	23
	19 RIPPLE DEADLINE					2
ather's Day	20					
5a Praise Team Sunday School Fellowship/Worship/Children's Church			27 5:00p Serenity House 5:00p M&M?? Fellowship Group of Mature Adults	28 10:00a Men's Bible Study	29	30
45a Praise Team Sunday School Fellowship/Children's Church Sunday Night Live	26					

articles MUST BE received by the deadline to be included in the end to arc@amerytel.net (*PREFERRED*) or put in Ripple box in Bulletin items must be received by Thursday for the next Sun-
Thank You, Marie

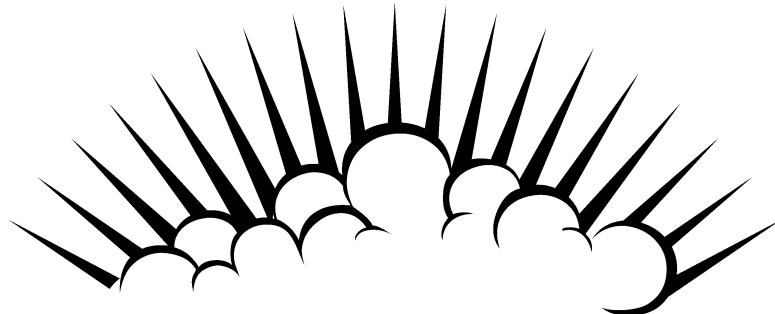
Bible Quiz1 : Answer: B (See Acts 17:22.)
Bible Quiz 2: Answer : D (See Hosea 1-2.)



Our heavenly Father

Father's Day is the perfect time to remember God, our heavenly Father. What does the psalmist say about him?

Directions: Complete Psalm 89:26 by placing the correct vowels in the blanks.



"H_ w_|| c_|| _ _t t_ m_,

'Y_ _ _ r_ m_ F_th_r, m_

G_d, th_ R_ck m_ S_v_ _r."

Ps_Im 89:26, N_V

Savior," Psalm 89:26, NIV
Answer: "He will call out to me, 'You are my Father, my God, the Rock my

Fortunate Typo

A pastor had his sermon titles published weekly in the city newspaper. One Monday, he phoned to thank the paper for making an error.

"The topic I sent you was 'What Jesus Saw in a Publican,'" he said. "You printed it as

YOU!!!

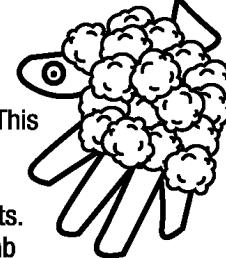
Do you have something for the Ripple?

Submit it by June 19 for the July Ripple.

We appreciate reports from Bible camp, activities, a good

Lamb mission Bank

God can do great things with our gifts. This craft reminds us that every little coin counts. When your lamb is full, empty out the coins and give them to a charity or church mission program.



What you need:

- Knit glove (black or white)
- 1-foot-long piece of thin ribbon, any color
- Stapler
- Craft glue or hot glue gun
- Fiberfill or cotton balls
- 2 googly eyes

What you do:

1. Staple one end of the ribbon to the inside of each side of the glove's opening to make a hanger.
2. For the lamb's body, cover the palm and half of the thumb with glue. Stick the fiberfill or cotton balls onto the glue.
3. Glue a googly eye to each side of the mitten's thumb. (The other fingers will be the legs.)
4. Hang the lamb where you'll see it often. Whenever you have extra change, drop it into your lamb bag.