



## 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, October 1

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

#### Sunday, October 8

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

#### Sunday, October 15

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

#### Sunday, October 22

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

#### Sunday, October 29

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

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## The Role of the Church

*Pastor Justin*



I had a great conversation with Claudine Brown a few weeks ago. We were talking about the difference in perspective of the church from different generations. She rightly pointed out that older individuals see the church as their primary source of interaction in their community. The church is the place of worship and connection with God. And this is true for both younger families and older individuals. But the difference shows up in the social interactions within the church. For the older generation, church is also the place they meet and visit with all their friends. The church activities become the social activities for the individuals who call it their church home. Church "is" their life. And this is good. The biblical concept that is present in this thinking is "fellowship" or "loving one another."

Younger individuals, and those who come from larger cities, see the church as an extension of their life. They often consider their home or family the center of their life and church just is a "part" of that life. Church fits into their life like piano practice, soccer games, school commitments and even para-church organizations. The church isn't their only source of social activities. They often have Christian friends at their work or on the baseball team or in the school. The question they often struggle with is, "How is this church event going to help me?" Or they might ask the question of importance, "How important is this activity?" Then they decide if they are going to attend. This is also good when viewed in the concept of evangelism and letting Christianity impact all areas of life. It is impossible to show the world Jesus' love if we are stuck inside the church building or only with our church friends.

So, as Claudine and I talked, it became more apparent that there is a generational gap within the church. But I think there is also a gap in the urban and rural thinking within the church as well. With the new bridge in Stillwater, the surrounding communities have become more accessible to the folks from the city. Amery isn't going to stay a quiet little Wisconsin town for long... it is going to be a suburb of the St. Paul. This generational gap is also a social gap. New people and new businesses are going to be moving our direction. We can't hide from it. Have

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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.*

**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\*

**DEACONESS**  
Joyce Brown  
Darlene Holecek  
Lydia Weiberg

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

**TREASURER**  
Dana Powell\*

\* = Appointed



and smaller! It is hard to even find a 40 acre spot to put a hunting shack any more.

It forces us to deal with the question of priorities... are we supposed to focus on evangelism or fellowship? Is it right to think the way one generation thinks and say the other is wrong? I don't think so.

It is important to acknowledge the desires of each generation as they approach the church. We need to grasp that other people live their Christian lives differently than we live ours. One way isn't better, just different. What you may want out of your church is not what someone else wants. That doesn't mean that it is wrong to like it your way or they are wrong for liking it their way. We must allow room for others as we serve God together. Paul writes about it when talking about Jews and Gentiles in the same church working together. The difference between the Jew and Gentile were real, but they were not to look down on each other for different practices. One could eat meat without condemnation, the other regarded certain days as holy... and Paul doesn't tell us that they are wrong. Rather, he encourages each of us to be following the leading of the Spirit in our lives and to seek harmony with each other. Let's strive to be harmonious.



### Senior Saints

About 36 Senior saints and friends, enjoyed a cruise down the Saint Croix river, on Tuesday, September 19th. The cruise left from Taylors Falls, and it was a beautiful day after the rain the previous day. We all enjoyed a box lunch and took in the scenery and learned some interesting facts about the river and area. We also used our imagination to see a cross and other things during our excursion. They say the cross is the reason for the name Saint Croix.

**OCTOBER SENIOR SAINTS—HOSTS ARE NEEDED.** Sign up on the Volunteer Bulletin Board.

THANK YOU!!! Paul and I would like to thank all the Sr. Saints and friends who surprised us to celebrate our 50th Anniversary on the boat trip. Thanks for the cards, the cake and the gift card. Your friendship is such a blessing to us. Thanks, Paul and Betty

Keep Our Nation and Church in your Prayers!

### WHITE CROSS ALL DAY OCTOBER 5 AT 9:30 A.M.

The day begins with Devotions, Coffee and treat provided by Annette Strandine.

Our project is to "tie several lap quilts and one regular size quilt", so we need all ladies to join us for the morning to finish these projects.



**LUNCH** at 12 noon, bring your sack lunch.

**WOMEN'S MINISTRIES** Business Meeting at 12:30 PM.

# The gift of grace

God's grace is a free gift, not something we can earn on our own. How do we have this gift?

Directions: Complete the Bible verse by placing the capital letters from the gifts on the blanks below.



" \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ was \_\_\_\_\_  
 through \_\_\_\_\_; \_\_\_\_\_ and  
 \_\_\_\_\_ came \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_."  
 \_\_\_\_\_ 1:17, NIV

The Bible Quiz, puzzle, cartoons, and various articles are from the NewsletterNewsletter to which we subscribe and have permission to reproduce

## COMO PARK TRIP

Our first stop was Franconia Sculpture Park. My favorite was the giant playhouse with swings, slides, and play areas. After that, we went to Como Park where I liked the tropical area, which had fish, ants, and spiders. Then we stopped to see Minnehaha Falls. For supper we stopped at Pizza Ranch.

We had a great time.

By Corbin Wright (Thanks, Corbin for your input)

## Bible Quiz

How many times does Jesus say we should forgive others?

- A. 7
- B. 70
- C. 77
- D. 70 x 7
- E. C or D, depending on the translation

forgive

Thank you to everyone that contributed to a very good potluck. The relay races were challenging. Pastor Justin and Troy competed and provided us with entertainment. Pastor won, but the game playing is questionable. The weather was fantastic!



The kids are learning from "Answers in Genesis" Our teachers are:

- Pre-School Kids—Erin Hosking
- Grades 1-5—Dana Powell
- Grades 6-12—Rich Frankson
- Women (meet in library)- Rosette Palmer
- Adults (meet in sanctuary) - Jim Gorman

We give thanks that you will lead us in the ministry of Christian education. As you teach your students, may all be open to God's truth and be inspired to live the Christian life as fully as possible. We appreciate the time and effort you expend as teachers of our church family. May God grant you strength and joy in your important role.

Substitute teachers are needed and appreciated. If you can help, please contact Erin Hosking, Sunday School Superintendent.



Thank you to all adults who help with kids like the Como Park trip, working with our kids at One Way Club, Rally Day Relay Races, etc., etc., etc. Your help is very much appreciated!



- 1 Justin Hosking
- 2 Alan & Marlys Johnson (1965)
- 2 Corbin Wright
- 4 Lyle Christenson
- 4 Bill & Brenda Tylee (1992)
- 10 Pamela Tillman
- 11 Alice Newbauer
- 16 Barb Tanner
- 17 Alona Rasmussen
- 17 Luke Soldner

- 17 Blake Lundgren
- 17 Chad & Melissa White
- 18 Paul Lundgren
- 18 Kathy Lundgren
- 18 Steve & Denise Wright (1997)
- 18 Willis & Mary Christenson (1958)
- 19 Lois Lovgren
- 20 Don & Marg Nelson (1956)
- 20 Ron Nelson
- 21 Steve Wright

- 24 Lynne Peterson
- 24 Gavin Lundgren
- 25 Alice Brown
- 25 Carol Streif
- 26 Becky Palmer
- 26 Dick & Marie Berhow (2013)
- 26 Kaileigh Hosking
- 26 Dick & Sandi McCloud (1968)
- 26 Jim Woodcock
- 31 Paul Streif



It's apple season, and here's a good simple recipe. I hear it's delicious!

**APPLE CRISP**

Fill pan with sliced apples (1 1/2" deep—about 20-25 apples)  
 Sprinkle about 1 Cup sugar/cinnamon (to taste) on top.  
 Sprinkle on top—do Not pat down:  
 1 Cup soft butter      2 Cups sugar  
 2 Cups flour  
 Bake 375° oven for 1 hour or apples are done.

**RASPBERRY DELIGHT**

Crush 1/2 lb. wafers. Line 9X12 pan with 2/3 of crumbs.  
 Beat 3/4 cup soft butter, 2 eggs, 2 1/2 cups powdered sugar. Spread over layer of crumbs.  
 Boil up juice from 1 quart frozen berries, 1/2 cup water, and 2 tablespoons cornstarch. Add berries and cool.  
 Spread over butter and sugar layer. Whip 1/2 pint cream and sweeten and spread over the berries. Top with crumbs.

The gem cannot be polished without friction, nor man perfected without trials.”  
 —Origin uncertain

“Autumn ... the year's last, loveliest smile.”  
 —William Cullen Bryant

Please submit your article for **November** by the **23rd**. How about updates on things happening in church.

Puzzle!

Find these words — all from the book of Acts — forward, backward or diagonally in either direction.

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

Ananias	light
baptize	Paul
Barnabas	Peter
basket	Philip
chariot	prayer
church	prison
Damascus	Samaria
Dorcas	Sanhedrin
Ethiopian	Saul
Gaza	Simon
Gentiles	sorcery
Holy Spirit	Stephen
Jerusalem	stones
Jesus	Straight
Joppa	synagogue

Collecting for Operation Christmas Child now. Collection box in in the foyer.

**Operation**  
Christmas Child



**Church signs**—a part of our culture.  
By Stan Miller

We've become accustomed to hearing someone refer to a person who has to have his way as, "it's my way or the highway". Sometimes that saying has more than a little truth. For instance, the boss!

When I worked in a factory, which I won't name, I heard this story about the foreman. I knew him quite well and I believe the story is truthful. It seems that a worker was having trouble pleasing this foreman. No mater how he tried, the foreman found fault with his work. The worker said, "Show me how you want it done".

The foreman took the piece and proceeded to 'deburr' it and then handed it back as the model. The worker took it to his station and worked on a few more pieces. Later he took the foreman's model to the foreman and asked, "Does this piece work for you?" The foreman looked it over thoroughly and said, "This is not good enough, this is wrong, and that could be done better" and told him to correct the product.

The worker then informed him. "That's the piece you did about an hour ago!" the foreman screamed. "You're fired! It's my way or

In *User Friendly Churches* (Regal Books), researcher George Barna compares the behavior of people in growing vs. stagnant or declining churches. Members of growing churches actively participate in the church's ministry. "They did not divorce their faith from their lifestyle; their faith was their lifestyle," Barna writes. "They took seriously the classical Reformation doctrine of the priesthood of all believers."

By contrast, laypeople in stagnant churches tend to observe rather than participate. "They perceived their role as being in the audience in the stands," Barna notes, "nodding approvingly in efforts to demonstrate religious behavior as the clergy went through their paces."

Appreciate your pastors, but then follow their example by living out your beliefs!

**Our Prayer Chains are active.** If you have a prayer concern, contact Bev Richmond (715-268-4226) or Lynne Peterson (lybrpeterson@yahoo.com).

**Hospital Calls:** If you learn someone is hospitalized, please contact Pastor Justin and/or Pastor Bruce. The deaconesses also need to know so they can visit, send cards, etc. Our deaconesses are Joyce Brown, Darlene Holecek and Lydia Weiberg.

*Prayer changes things*

**UPDATE FROM THE BEATHAMS . . .**

Hey all, we definitely felt this earthquake but for those of us in Mitla (The Mission Center) it was mild. Bruce, who is still in the language area working with the guys for another week, said that they were shaking quite a bit more than here and that almost all of the rest of the tejas (clay roof tiles) on our back wall (they aren't cemented in) have fallen now! They are cosmetic so no real damage – PTL!

Please pray for Mexico City and Puebla – two major cities that seemed to receive the brunt of disaster. Many buildings collapsed, roads split open and people are in suffering.

Thanks,  
`Candice for Bruce and family

**Different perspectives**

Because different writers penned each Gospel, the four books offer unique angles and insights. Although the overall message is the same, the human authors' backgrounds and perspectives shine through every account.

These verses by an unknown writer remind us of each Gospel's characteristics:

Matthew – Messiah, Israel's King, sets forth, by Israel slain; but God decreed that Israel's loss should be the Gentiles' gain.

Mark tells us how in patient love this earth has once been trod by One Who, in a Servant's form, was yet the Son of God.

**LOOK UP**

Pride leads to every other vice: it is the complete anti-God state of mind. ... As long as you are proud, you cannot know God. A proud [person] is always looking down on things and people. And, of course, as long as you are looking down, you cannot see something that is above you.

Luke, the physician, writes of a more skilled Physician still Who gave himself, as Son of Man, to save us from all ill.

**The Tate Family**

Do you know how many members of the Tate family belong to our church? There is old man Dic Tate, who wants to run everything, while Uncle Ro Tate tries to change everything. Their sister, Agi Tate stirs up plenty of trouble, with plenty of help from her husband, Irri Tate.

Whenever new projects are suggested, Hesi Tate and his wife, Vege Tate, want to wait until next year. Then there is Aunt Imi Tate, who wants our church to be like all the others. Devas Tate provides the voice of doom, while Poten Tate wants to be a big shot.

But not all members of the family are bad. Brother Facili Tate is quite helpful in church matters. A delightful and happy family member is Miss Felici Tate. Cousins Cogi Tate and Medi Tate always think things over and lend helpful, steady hands.

John, the beloved of Jesus, sees in him the Father's Son, the everlasting Word made flesh, yet with the Father One.

**SEE YOU AT A BIBLE STUDY**



# Apple River Community Church Calendar of Events

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
45a Praise Team Sunday School Bible Fellowship Worship/Children's Church	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> 9:30-11:00a Women's Bible Study	4 10:00a Men's Bible Study 5:30p One-Way Club	<b>5</b> 9:30a White Cross 12:30p Christian Women's Ministries	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
5a Praise Team Sunday School Bible Fellowship Worship/Children's Church Lunch	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> 9:30-11:00a Women's Bible Study 6:30p Deacons Meet; 7:30p Executive Bd Meets	<b>11</b> 10:00a Men's Bible Study 5:30p One-Way Club	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
45a Praise Team Sunday School Bible Fellowship Worship/Children's Church	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> 9:30-11:00a Women's Bible Study	<b>18</b> 10:00a Men's Bible Study 5:30p One-Way Club	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
45a Praise Team Sunday School Bible Fellowship Worship/Children's Church	<b>23</b> RIPPLE DEADLINE	<b>24</b> 9:30-11:00a Women's Bible Study 5:00p Serenity House 5:00p Senior Saints	<b>25</b> 10:00a Men's Bible Study 5:30p One-Way Club	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
45a Praise Team Sunday School Bible Fellowship Worship/Children's Church Sunday Night Live	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> 9:30-11:00a Women's Bible Study				

"For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ." John 1:17 NIV

Articles MUST BE received by the deadline to be included in the bulletin and to arccc@amerytel.net (*PREFERRED*) or put in Ripple box in the church office. Bulletin items must be received by Thursday for the next bulletin.  
*Thank You,*

**Bible Quiz: Answer: E**  
(See Matthew 18:22.)

**WE WELCOME YOUR ARTICLE !!!**  
Please submit your article for November by October 18. Do you have updates on things happening here at church—projects, new class books, etc.