



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

The Ripple is also on this site.

What are you fleeing?

Pastor Justin

In the story of Jacob's life from Genesis 26-37, we find him fleeing from his brother Esau after stealing his brother's birth-right. Under the guidance of his mother, Jacob dresses like his brother, puts on false hair, and brings a meal for the purpose of deceiving his father Isaac. After stealing this blessing, his father is angry, his brother is murderous, and his mother is distraught. Jacob flees from home.

Genesis 35:1 Then God said to Jacob, "Go up to Bethel and settle there, and build an altar there to God, who appeared to you when you were fleeing from your brother Esau."

God knew Jacob was running away from the situation. At God's perfect time, He intended to bring Jacob back to the problems he had at home. God did not stop Jacob from running away, but promised to be with Jacob on his journey.

Let that sink in a bit, God allowed Jacob to run away from his problems for a period of time. And there is wisdom in that. Sometimes problem situations must be dealt with right away; and, sometimes we need to back away from the situation to gain perspective. Whether we need to cool down or allow the other person a chance to blow off some steam before dealing with the situation, there are times to wait. Fleeing can be very helpful in a difficult or emotional time. Scriptures call us to persevere in difficult situations. Fleeing can be persevering when we are waiting for God's response to a problem. **To persevere requires us to be faithful through bad times and difficulties.** In other words, sometimes you have to wait some time before the resolution comes. You have to go through the trial.

Our first response is often to try to make the trial go away by resolving it right away. At times a quick resolution is possible; other times, you have to leave the situation before the solution comes. The presence of difficulty is not the absence of God. God goes with us through these conflicts. God guides, protects and offers hope to the individual in trying times. **Daniel in the lion's den, the Hebrew boys going through the fiery furnace, David and Goliath, Gideon and his army,** in each of these situations, God lead His people through the trial. Yahweh brings His resolution at the time He determines to be best. It is in His time and on the other side of the trial.

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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

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

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Marie Geist Berhow*

DEACONESS

Judy Nelson
Linda Wetzig
Carol Smith

FINANCIAL

Sue Lundgren*
Joan Talmage*

TREASURER

Mark Powell*

* = Appointed

What are you fleeing? —Continued from Page 1

For Jacob, it took him some 20 years to reach resolution for his trial at home. What does this mean? It means that God is faithful to bring His people through difficulty regardless of how long it might take. It means we can take hope that God will see us through the pain of relationship conflict if we are willing to walk with Him. We might want the pain of conflict to be removed right away, however, God has set the pace for reconciliation.

Don't ignore simple solutions or rush to quick ones if that isn't God's plan. Be patient in suffering. Know that God uses these stresses in life to help refine us, work in others, and bring Himself glory. Ask the question, "What am I supposed to learn from this?" Or, "How can I bring glory to Christ in this trial?" You might not be able to answer those questions in the middle of suffering. It might take reflection after the suffering has past to find the answer. **Keep trusting God's faithfulness in the midst of the conflict.** You might need to flee for a period of time.

Proposed Constitution

The proposed Constitution is being re-worked and will be presented for your review and vote as soon as it is ready.

See any of the deacons if you have questions or concerns or those working on the re-write which are Pastor Justin, Carol Smith, Sandy Sias and Marie Berhow.



MAKE PLANS: September 17-19
WOMEN'S FALL REFRESHER AT ARROWHEAD BIBLE CAMP.
Spend the whole weekend, part of it or just for the day.

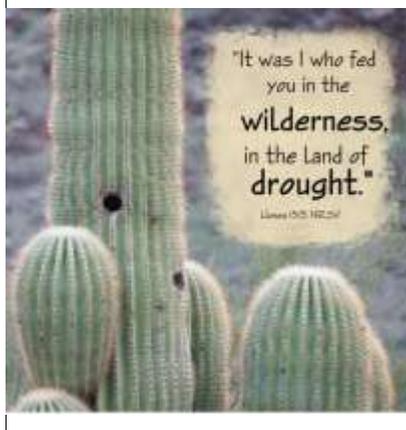
Full Weekend:	\$100	Sat-Sun	\$ 65
Fri-Sat. only	\$ 65	Sat only	\$ 32

Women's Sunday School Class

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

Senior Saints
Tuesday, August 17

Meet at the historical museum in Taylors Falls at 5:00. Fay Caneday will be our guide. Then eat at the Taylors Falls Drive-in. Sounds like fun. Come and bring friends. You can arrange car pools between you.



WHITE CROSS DAY—Thursday, August 5
9:30AM Begin the day with devotions and coffee with treats.
10:00AM Projects for the day include: Three lap quilts to tie, continue working on Hygiene kits for girls, sew and roll bandages.
12:00 LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED
1:00 PM Continue with work on projects.

THIS IS AN ALL DAY WHITE CROSS DAY,
COME WHEN YOU CAN AND STAY AS LONG AS YOU CAN.

THANKS, BETTY



No kidding

Whatever our age, God calls us to model holy living for others.



Directions: Match the animal young with its parent. Then write the letter answers in order below to complete 1 Timothy 4:12, NIV.



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|-----------------|-------------------|------------|--------------|
| 1. ___ bear | 9. ___ monkey | A. fry | I. hatchling |
| 2. ___ frog | 10. ___ platypus | B. fawn | K. foal |
| 3. ___ owl | 11. ___ alligator | C. gosling | L. owlet |
| 4. ___ horse | 12. ___ giraffe | D. cub | M. puggle |
| 5. ___ kangaroo | 13. ___ goose | E. kid | N. joey |
| 6. ___ deer | 14. ___ swan | F. cygnet | O. polliwog |
| 7. ___ goat | 15. ___ dog | G. infant | P. puppy |
| 8. ___ fish | | H. calf | |

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1 TIMOTHY 4:12, NIV

Answers: D, O, L, K, N, B, E, A, G, M, J, H, C, F, P

PUZZLE 1: Answer on Pg. 6 The Bible Quiz, puzzle, cartoons and articles are from NewsletterNewsletter to which we subscribe and have permission to reproduce

Hay there!

An elderly farmer was finishing his haymaking one Sunday afternoon when his pastor drove by. "I noticed you weren't in church this morning," said the pastor. "Don't you know that the Creator made the world in six days and then rested on the seventh?"

"Yes," replied the farmer, as he looked uneasily at the rain clouds gathering in the sky. "I know all about that. But he got done and I didn't."

Bible Quiz:

What was the name of the queen who refused to appear before the king of Persia and his guests and, as a result, was deposed?

- A. Esther
- B. Jael
- C. Vashti
- D. Milcah



Answer: See Page 6

RENT-A-TEEN

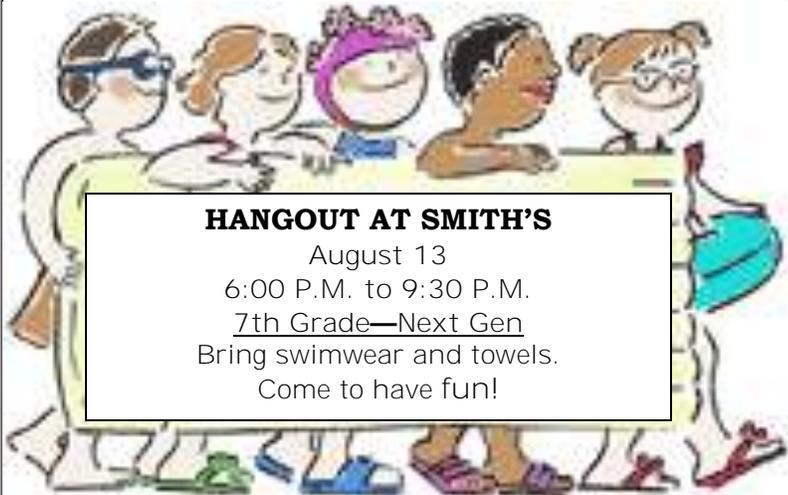
Do you need help with a project? Our youth can help and earn money for Bible Camp and/or Districts! There are no set fees.



Hire-A-Teen

Call Alice Brown at 715-857-5246 to schedule a crew, or sign up in the church foyer.

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



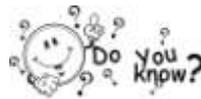
HANGOUT AT SMITH'S

August 13
6:00 P.M. to 9:30 P.M.
7th Grade—Next Gen
Bring swimwear and towels.
Come to have fun!

Riddle 1:

How can a man go 8 days without sleep?

See Pg. 6



Riddle 2: Which is heavier, a pound of bricks or a pound of feathers?

See Pg. 6

Puzzle!

Answer each statement by circling the letter in the correct column. Then write the circled letters on the numbered lines below to complete the biblical word.

	TRUE	FALSE
1. Naomi is Ruth's mother.	D	(R)
2. Ruth is a Moabite.	T	P
3. Naomi wants Ruth to leave her and return to Moab.	N	L
4. Orpah is Naomi's hired hand.	H	S
5. Boaz lives in Bethlehem.	C	B
6. Boaz is a farmer.	U	V
7. Ruth makes a living begging at Bethlehem's gates.	X	E
8. Boaz instructs his field workers to leave extra grain for Ruth to glean.	E	J
9. Boaz invites Ruth to eat with the harvesters.	R	Q
10. Boaz is related to Naomi.	I	W
11. Boaz refuses to marry Ruth.	F	R
12. Ruth is the great-grandmother of King David.	O	G

R
9 7 4 6 1 11 8 5 2 10 12 3

Puzzle 2—See Page 6



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Birthdays and Anniversaries—AUGUST

3 Grace Baker
 3 Kendra Tylee
 4 Ted Majeske
 5 Dan & Carol Smith (1967)
 9 Laura Baker
 9 Ryan & Anna Hewitt (2014)
 9 Karina Zimmerman

10 Larry Strandine
 10 Nancy Granica
 11 John LaDoucer
 12 Shannon & Denise Luster (1989)
 13 Saheer & Hanna Khoury (1995)
 18 Bill Tylee
 19 Wayne Tanner

20 Dick McCloud
 22 Brad Peterson
 22 Gary Fredrickson
 24 Lillian Powell
 27 Matt Nelson
 28 Richard & Abby Swantish
 29 Ken Johnson

August 2021						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

** 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 or put a note in the Ripple box in the church office.

August Mission of the Month - Bruce and Candice Beatham

be sure to keep the Beathams in your prayers. The Beathams work with Wycliff Missions on Bible translating in Coicoyan, Mexico. They translate the Bible to the Mixtec language.

Christian Carpentry—

Rob Elbaor and his wife will be with us during Sunday School on August 22, and will share a few minutes during morning service about his work in south Texas. Come Join us.

The Miracle of Summer

A team of Sunday school teachers faced boisterous youngsters on Rally Day, the start of a new education year. Because kids were reuniting after a break, they were eager to chat about vacations. To restore order, a teacher asked the children to take turns sharing a favorite Bible verse, story or miracle. One, who still had summer on the brain, exclaimed, "I like the time when everybody loafs and fishes!"

Semi-Annual Meeting

The meeting following morning worship on July 11 resulted in delaying the vote on the Constitution until it is reworked for clarification. One of the items voted on and approved was the development of a 4-Season Youth Room in the garage. An amount of up to \$8,000 was approved. The minutes are posted on the bulletin board by the church office.

All Directory Corrections/Changes to Date: * = Newest

Johnson, Ken (Phone) 715-268-8671

(Email & phone numbers)

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

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

*Granica, Nancy moved to United Pioneer Home 623 S. 2nd St., Luck, WI 54853

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

Thank You
 To those who
 contributed to the
 Baby Bottle
 Fundraiser.



Options for Women thanked our church for raising \$218.45 this year. Collectively, with other churches in our area, over \$22,000 was donated through this campaign.

The campaign went from Mother's Day to Father's Day.

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.
- 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.



Missionaries Amongst Us

Did you know we had a missionary in church at the July 18 service? Upon greeting four guests who sat in front of us, we discovered it was Michele Ngonamai of WorldView Ministries, serving in India. She was with her grandmother, Carol Morfitt and two cousins. She was in the states to attend a funeral, and visited our church as we support her and her husband Wangraibou. You never know who your sitting with unless you greet them, welcome them and talk to them.

Marie

Forecast: 100% goodness

While Stan Purdum pastored an Ohio church in 1988, the region suffered a major drought. Congregants who were farmers saw their fields — and livelihoods — dry up and die. "I was impressed that they didn't stop attending church and kept giving offerings," he says. "A cynic might respond, 'Well, the farmers don't want to offend God and cause him to withhold more rain.' But I concluded, 'Look at their remarkable faith.'"

During the drought, Purdum gave a sermon about Elijah challenging the prophets of Baal (1 Kings 18:20-40). "Like Elijah, we need to hold on to our belief in God's goodness," he preached. "God will again send rain on our land. We will continue to pray for it. Perhaps it's too late for this year's crop, and we need to care for the people affected. But we do so while maintaining our faith in God's providence."

5-DAY CLUB

By Pastor Justin



This week we had a 5-day club that came to our house. We had 36 different students attend through the week. On top of learning scripture, memorizing bible verses, hearing stories, and playing games, the kids had a blast just playing together. I'm updating this on Thursday, so I don't have totals this week for decisions for Christ... but I can hear my house shake from all the singing and dancing upstairs! Here are a few pictures of the wonderful chaos.



Thank you to Erin, Justin and the Hosking family for hosting 5 Day Club this year.

5-DAY CLUB is for kids between the ages of 5-12, and is part of CEF—Child Evangelism Fellowship. Teen missionaries lead the activities and the program.



The Church and Social Justice

Pastor Isaac Karpenske

In recent times, evangelical Christians have become more aware of the importance of actively living out Micah 6:8, which says that we ought to “seek justice, love mercy, and walk humbly” with our God. Oftentimes justice is associated with a certain progressive agenda, yet God commands us to pursue justice throughout Scripture. When considering, then, the question of how the church ought to pursue justice and how this pursuit affects their overall mission, it's important that Christians address (1) the standard that governs and drives the need for social justice, and (2) the possibility that biblical justice and social justice are two different concepts altogether.

In the history of Christianity, the idea of democracies inheriting and forming documents and philosophies and missions according to biblical principles isn't necessarily a new idea. For example, James Madison, who is considered the “Father of the Constitution,” drafted the concept of checks and balances from the basic belief that mankind is sinful by nature; therefore, all power couldn't be consolidated to one man. “The Founding Fathers all knew that because man was sinful, power could not be vested in any one person” (David C. Gibbs, *One Nation Under God*, 150). Additionally, men such as “Benjamin Franklin, John Adams, Patrick Henry . . . and Alexander Hamilton” formulated their ideas based on Christian principles. “Although stated in secular form, the U.S. Constitution and Bill of Rights derive most directly from earlier colonial covenants, compacts, and bills of rights that were generally justified explicitly in biblical and theological terms” (Robert D. Woodberry, “The Missionary Roots of Liberal Democracy,” *American Political Science Review*, 248). All this to say, it's important to consider what's the motivation behind pursuing ideologies and philosophies.

This brings me then to the main issue: are biblical justice and social justice synonymous? If they are, should the church pursue social justice? If not, how should the church move forward faithfully in pursuing justice? Is social action the call of the church or is the blessed command to “make disciples of all nations?” (Matt. 28:18-20).

Allow me to illustrate by comparing two men who lived in the same century in the same city but preached two different messages. Karl Marx preached the gospel of revolution, abolition, and political upheaval. Charles Spurgeon, however, preached the Gospel of reconciliation, eternal assurance, atonement, and the hope of glory in Christ alone. One preacher rooted his message in political reform, while the other in the Kingdom of God. We must observe that these men preached different messages. One is rooted in social justice, and the other in biblical justice. As Taunton writes:

Today the battle continues, but the battlefield has expanded to the entire world. Marxism morphs as it goes, disguising itself until it reaches our own time in the sheep's clothing of racial equality and so-called ‘social justice.’ The Gospel, however, remains remarkably unchanged. Its power to transform societies is one of the most underrated benefits of Christian belief. Through the inward transformation of the individual, there is a corresponding outward transformation of society. No greater scam has been perpetrated on so many for so long than the lie that socialism, once adopted, will reorganize society along the lines of a utopia for all. Such political solutions have always failed, and this one has nothing but a history of catastrophic failure. As Spurgeon so eloquently put it: “To attempt national regeneration without personal regeneration is to dream of erecting a house without separate bricks” (Larry Alex Taunton, “Karl Marx vs Charles Spurgeon,” *Founders*).

Therefore, the church ought not to “seek justice, love mercy, and walk humbly” (Mic. 6:8 ESV) with the Lord according to the standard of social justice, but rather biblical justice rooted in Scriptural teaching on how to be the people of the Kingdom (John 14:15; 15:12). To do otherwise would be forming missions on a foundation of sand, which passes with the tide of God's providence in raising up and taking down nations. The Church must base the mission of being witnesses on the Rock of Ages, Jesus Christ, and His Word (Matt. 7:24-27).



2021

Apple River Community Church Calendar of Events



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 9:30a Sunday School 10:30a Worship/ Children's Church	2	3	4 10:00a Men's Bible Study	5 9:30 White Cross All Day 7:00p Men's Bible Study	6	7
8 9:30a Sunday School 10:30a Worship/Children's Church	9	10 6:30p Deacon Mtg; 7:00p Exec. Bd. Mtg.	11 10:00a Men's Bible Study	12 7:00p Men's Bible Study	13 6:00-9:30p Hangout at Smiths for 7th Gr.- Next Gen see pg. 3	14
15 9:30a Sunday School 10:30a Worship/ Children's Church	16	17	18 10:00a Men's Bible Study	19 7:00p Men's Bible Study	20	21
22 Rob Elbaor /Christian Carpentry 9:30a Sunday School 10:30a Worship/Children's Church	23 <u>RIPPLE</u> <u>Deadline!</u>	24 5:00p Sr. Saints at Taylors Falls — See Pg. 3	25 10:00a Men's Bible Study	26 7:00p Men's Bible Study. Watch bulletin for location. (6:30p TACTICAL using the blog.)	27	28
29 9:30a Sunday School 10:30a Worship/Children's Church 6:00p Sunday Night Live (no food refreshments)	30	31				
Bible Quiz Answer: C (See Esther 1:12.) Puzzle 1: D,O,L,K,N,B,E,A,G,M,I,H,C,F,P Puzzle 2: Answer: 1.R, 2.T, 3.N, 4.S, 5.C, 6.U, 7.E, 8.E, 9.R, 10.I, 11.R, 12.O; RESURRECTION 1st Riddle: He only sleeps at night. 2nd Riddle: The same—a pound is a pound!			Don't forget to put your events in the Ripple. News about youth events, etc. are always welcome in YOUR Ripple!			Ripple Articles MUST BE received by the deadline (August 23) to be in the September Ripple. Send to arcc@amerytel.net (PREFERRED) or put in Ripple box in church office. Thank You, Marie
Be sure to ask about use of church building before you plan your event!						