



# The Ripple



Volume 13, Issue 11

NOVEMBER 2021

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

9:30 AM Sunday School for ALL Ages

10:30 AM Worship and Children's Church for ages 3—2nd grade

Seating for the most vulnerable 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.



Our Chairwoman



Deacons and Deaconesses



Church Trustees



Our Country



PRAISE TEAM



Ushers & Greeters



LAWN-MOWING Person



Musicians



Secretary



God is my salvation. Isaiah 12:2



Finance

People



God's Word & Freedom to Worship

ARCC



SHELTER

## 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  
Odney 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

Simplified ARCC Listing.

I am working on a simplified ARCC Listing which will include your name, address, phone number and email. The data will come from the Spring Directory and any changes/corrections received since it was printed. Look for it soon to be reviewed by YOU and make any changes. Please add your name if you are not listed. The regular Directory has birthdays and anniversaries and a complete list. Those who have not been to church in the last year will not be listed on the ARCC Listing, but are in the Directory.

The 2021 Revision of the Constitution & By-Laws was accepted at a special meeting of the membership on Sunday, October 24.

Thank you for your prayers in regard to this important document on the operation of ARCC. The next step is to prepare for the annual meeting in December which includes election of officers. Pray for the election committee and consider filling a position. As per the cover page, you are needed and appreciated in many areas.

Operation Christmas Child



Thank you for the shoebox donations thus far. We continue to collect those special somethings for a child. A box for donations is in the entryway. Please—No food, fluids or toothpaste.

Let's make a child's Christmas special and let them know we care. Shoeboxes will be packed November 7.



Fall Retreat **ALL LADIES:** Mark your calendar for September 9-10, 2022. Our Women's Ministries is hosting a Women's Fall Retreat at Oak Forest Retreat Center, Frederic, WI. There will be good fellowship, good food, good speaker, and good fun. The retreat center would like an idea of how many ladies we could have. Please talk with Joy Soldner or Annette

Strandine if you are at all interested. It is a year away, but something to start planning for now!!!

Thanksgiving Eve Service & Pie Night  
7:00 P.M.



This year, last names starting with N—Z bring pie. Yum! Yum!



Membership Class

Considering membership? Or just want to learn more about us? Come to the membership class. Watch the bulletin for dates and times.



WHITE CROSS DAY—Thursday, November 4

9:30 AM Join us for devotions and treats provided by Claudine Brown.

Our big project of the day will be to count and pack a large tote with all items we prepared to ship to Tandala Hospital, Africa. We are allowed 90 pounds. We have not done this for 2 years, so we have lots of counting and packing to do. We will arrange with UPS to pick up and transport to Chicago and from there it goes to Africa.

We will continue to work on Hygiene kits to pack. We need to work on the storage room with all of our supplies and now lots of silk flowers, making room to work in.

12:00 Bring your own sack lunch.

12:30 PM Women's Ministries with business meeting.



# GOD'S WILL

God wants us to follow his will, but how can we know what that is?

Directions: Write the letters on each vine in the correct order on the lines provided to complete 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18, NIV.

e 7  
2 e o r  
4 1 c j  
6 3 l  
w y l a s  
3 5 2 4 e a  
1  
p y r a  
1 4 2 3  
e g v i  
4 1 3 2  
h n t a s k  
2 4 3 5

continually,  
in all circumstances; for this  
is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

1 THESSALONIANS 5:16-18, NIV

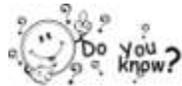
Puzzle 1 Answer: See Page 6



A Volunteer is needed to teach Children's Church once a month.

See Erin Hosking if you can help.

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



### Bible Quiz:

Naaman, the commander of the Aramean army, had leprosy. Who told his wife about a prophet in Samaria who might be able to cure Naaman? And who was that prophet?

- A. the king of Aram; Elijah
- B. Naaman's wife's sister; Isaiah**
- C. an Israelite servant girl; Elisha
- D. a visiting emissary from Israel; Jeremiah

Answer: See Page 6

For laughs (or groans!) around your table

Knock knock. Who's there? Arthur.  
Arthur who? Arthur any leftovers?

Why was the Thanksgiving soup so expensive?  
It had 24 carrots.

If you use boxed mashed potatoes ...  
... Great-Grandma will turn over in her gravy.

My family said, "No more Thanksgiving jokes." ...  
... but I said I couldn't just quit cold turkey.

### A Blessing or a Curse

Holocaust survivor and devout Christian Corrie ten Boom recounts how her sister Betsie thanked God for the fleas infesting their packed barracks. When Corrie resisted the idea, Betsie pointed out that 1 Thessalonians 5:18 says to "give thanks in all circumstances."

Still, Corrie wasn't convinced — until the sisters realized the infestation kept the guards away, giving prisoners in those quarters freedom to worship and pray. The biting pests, which seemed like added misery, became a blessing.

Anger and bitterness sometimes cloud our vision, causing us to forget to thank God *in* all situations, though not necessarily *for* them. Other times we don't wait long enough for blessings to be revealed. But faith is like waiting through a storm, knowing a rainbow is coming eventually. Meanwhile, the Lord holds an umbrella for us, and the closer with him we walk, the less wet we'll get.

—Julie Lee

### A Gratitude Game

Years ago, ads for a toy-store chain featured an animated kangaroo jumping on a frown to turn it upside down. That reminds me of family life, which can feel like a nonstop attempt to keep everyone happy. Busy schedules, grumpy kids and tired parents can be a bad combination.

When our family needs to turn frowns upside down, we play the thankful game. The rules are simple: We take turns sharing one thing we're thankful for. Everyone plays. No one can pass. No repeats are allowed. Our kids, now teens, still chime in.

As we share gratitude for football, Grandma, hugs, warm brownies, coffee and more, kids tend to stop bickering, and adults get a mental reset. Try playing — and bring on lots of smiles!

—Janna Firestone

Minutes of Special Meetings and Executive Board Meetings are posted on the bulletin board outside the office door.



2021

# Birthdays and Anniversaries—NOVEMBER

2 Ryan Hewitt  
 2 Sawyer Peterson  
 4 Milo & Arlue Gray (2013)  
 5 Ann Johnson  
 7 Ted & Chris Majeske (2009)  
 9 Ron & Judy Nelson (1995)

12 Autumn Zimmerman  
 12 Mason Tylee  
 14 Donna Sanvig  
 15 Nathaniel Beatham  
 15 Sue Lundgren  
 17 Cindy Hardin  
 30 Brad & Lynne Peterson (1963)

| November 2021 |    |    |    |    |    |    |
|---------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| S             | M  | T  | W  | T  | F  | S  |
|               | 1  | 2  | 3  | 4  | 5  | 6  |
| 7             | 8  | 9  | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 |
| 14            | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 |
| 21            | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 |
| 28            | 29 | 30 |    |    |    |    |

\*\* 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.

**November Mission of the Month—Samaritans Purse:** This summer, 14,000 volunteered to clean up in Louisiana after massive hurricanes. They tarped roofs, sawed trees, and cleaned up mud and debris from houses.

They enabled freedom flights for hundreds of Afghans. Eighty missionary families were evacuated by land routes from Afghanistan this August.

Millions of shoeboxes are sent every Christmas to children around the world. 357,000 of those were sent to Afghanistan in recent years containing the gospel lessons.

In Haiti, their DC-8 made 5 flights to set up an emergency hospital. 3,400 patients were treated and water filtration systems were installed.

Pray for safety, more volunteers and money to meet so many needs around the world. They always give out a Bible and pray with people they help.

**Update on Ngonmai's with WordView Ministries in India:** The final stage of the books of John and Matthew are nearly ready for distribution. Then the work on the old testament begins. One of their translators, who is also a pastor, has a newborn with a heart defect. Surgery will be needed soon.

Michelle has degenerative back discs and is in need of pain medication and rest.

The second round of COVID has been bad with hundreds dying locally.

Wangrai taught in a Bible camp this summer and saw three children come to Christ. Pray their three foster children would also make that decision.

More funds are needed to purchase a computer and finish the Ministry Center.

## Where do you Live?

A man who resided near the border of two states had been told for years his house was in Minnesota. But when a new survey revealed that he actually lived in Wisconsin, he proclaimed, "Thank goodness! I never could bear those cold Minnesota winters."

Defining where we live certainly affects our attitude. Followers of Jesus, or saints, consider their true home to be in God's dynamic presence. St. Paul was so connected to God through prayer that mystical experiences left him not knowing whether he was in or out of his body (see 2 Corinthians 12:1-10). Living with one foot in heaven and the other on the way there, Paul could know peace. "Whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's," he concludes (Romans 14:8). Christian saints who are still living on earth can rest assured: Our true home is always with the Lord.

## Senior Saints Potluck



Tuesday  
 November 16 at  
 Noon  
 (Note new time)  
 Kevin Iverson  
 will share about  
 Benjamin  
 Franklin

## Remember:



Turn  
 your  
 clocks  
 back  
 Saturday  
 night,  
 Novem-  
 ber 6.

Remember this is YOUR Ripple to share dates of events, news about our youth, Sunday school classes, Bible Studies, Etc.

**If I don't have your information by the due date, I can't make something up for you, so I supplement with interesting (I hope) tidbits we get from our Newsletter website to which we subscribe and have permission to copy.**

Thank you to those that turn in your information on or before the due date. It helps a LOT!

- Marie

# Puzzle!

Complete each friend pair from the Bible, using the verses as hints. Then write the circled letters in order on the blanks below to complete Proverbs 17:17.

|                |                 |                |
|----------------|-----------------|----------------|
| David &        | — — — — — ○ —   | 2 Samuel 15:37 |
| King Agrippa & | ○ — — — — — —   | Acts 25:13     |
| Naomi &        | ○ — — — — — —   | Ruth 1:22      |
| Paul &         | — ○ — — — — —   | Acts 16:25     |
| Joshua &       | — — — — — ○ —   | Numbers 14:6   |
| Peter &        | — — — — — ○ —   | Luke 5:8-10    |
| Job &          | ○ — — — — — —   | Job 2:11       |
| Elijah &       | — ○ — — — — —   | 2 Kings 2:1-14 |
| Zophar &       | — ○ — — — — —   | Job 2:11       |
| Jonathan &     | — — — — — ○ —   | 1 Samuel 18:1  |
| Peter &        | — — — — — ○ ○   | Luke 5:8-10    |
| Jesus &        | — ○ — — — — —   | John 11:20     |
| Jesus &        | — — — — — ○ —   | John 11:5      |
| Timothy &      | — — — — — ○ —   | 2 Timothy 1:1  |
| Jesus &        | ○ — — — — — —   | John 11:5      |
| Mary &         | — — — — — — ○   | Luke 1:39-40   |
| Job &          | — — — — — ○ —   | Job 2:11       |
| Aaron &        | ○ — — — — — ○ ○ | Exodus 4:27    |

“  
 — — — — —  
 — — — — —”

PROVERBS 17:17a

Puzzle 2: See Page 6 for Answers.

### Thankfulness in Action

Thanksgiving is a spiritual exercise, necessary to the building of a healthy soul. It takes us out of the stuffiness of ourselves into the fresh breeze and sunlight of the will of God.

*Elisabeth Elliot, Keep a Quiet Heart*



**Honoring Our Veterans:** Veterans Day has its roots in what was called Armistice Day, when a peace agreement ended World War I on November 11, 1918. President Wilson proclaimed that Armistice Day was to be marked with solemn pride in heroism and with gratitude for victory as well as the “opportunity it has given America to show her sympathy with peace and justice.” In 1954, the remembrance was renamed Veterans Day to honor all U.S. military personnel. It’s a reminder to pray for and honor all who serve and sacrifice, to support and assist their families, and to pray that God will bring peace on earth.

## Prayer Concerns

### Congregational Care:

- Those going through cancer treatments.
- Widows, widowers and those going through the process of grief.

### Ongoing Concerns:

- Pray for our church leadership to have wisdom to guide our church, protect its integrity and core values.
- 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 health-care professionals.
- Our elected president and other officials, sheriff, police and fire fighters.
- Our missionaries.
- Our children in school, as well as their teachers.

### Our Prayer Chains are Active.

If you have a prayer concern, contact Lorraine Aune (715-268-2429) or pastorjustin@live.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.



# Apple River Community Church Calendar of Events

2021



| Sun  | Mon                                     | Tue   | Wed  | Thu   | Fri | Sat        |
|--|---|---|--|---|-----|------------|
|  | 1                                       | 2<br>9:30a Women's Bible Study<br>7:00p Women's Bible Study   | 3<br>10:00a Men's Bible Study<br>* 5:30p See Note Below                      | 4<br>9:30a White Cross<br>7:00p Men's Bible Study   | 5   | 6          |
| 7<br>9:30a Sunday School<br>10:30a Worship/Children's Church   | 8                                       | 9<br>9:30a Women's Bible Study<br>6:30p Deacon Mtg.<br>7:00p Exec. Bd. Mtg<br>7:00p Women's Bible Study | 10<br>10:00a Men's Bible Study<br>* 5:30p See Note Below                     | 11<br><b>Veteran's Day</b><br>7:00p Men's Bible Study<br><small>(6:30p TACTICAL using the bldg.)</small>  | 12  | 13         |
| 14<br>9:30a Sunday School<br>10:30a Worship/ Children's Church<br>11:45a Potluck   | 15                                      | 16<br>9:30a Women's Bible Study<br>Noon: Sr. Saints<br>6:00p Women's Bible Study                        | 17<br>10:00a Men's Bible Study<br>* 5:30p See Note Below                     | 18<br>7:00p Men's Bible Study   | 19  | 20<br>MOPS |
| 21<br>9:30a Sunday School<br>10:30a Worship/Children's Church  | 22<br><u>RIPPLE</u><br><u>Deadline!</u> | 23<br>6:00p Women's Bible Study   | 24<br>10:00a Men's Bible Study<br>7:00p Thanksgiving Eve Service & Pie Night | 25<br><i>Let Us Give Thanks</i><br>   | 26  | 27         |
| 28<br>9:30a Sunday School<br>10:30a Worship/Children's Church<br>7:00p Sunday Night Live   | 29                                      | 30<br>9:30a Women's Bible Study<br>6:00p Women's Bible Study  | * 5:30p One-Way, and Impact meet at 5:30p weekly. MOPS joins them Nov.10.    |   |     |            |
| <p>Bible Quiz Answer: C (See 2 Kings 5:2-3, 8-10.)<br/>                     Puzzle: rejoice, pray, give, thanks<br/>                     Hushai, Festus, Ruth, Silas, Caleb, John, Bildad, Elisha, Job, David, James, Mary, Martha, Paul, Lazarus, Elizabeth, Eliphaz, Moses; A friend loves at all times.</p> |   |   |  |   |     |            |
|  |   |   |  | <p>Ripple Articles for December <b>MUST BE</b> received by the deadline (Nov. 22) Send to arcc@amerytel.net (PREFERRED) or put in <b>Ripple box in church office. Bulletin deadline: Wednesday's.</b><br/>                     Thank You, Marie</p> |     |            |