



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 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 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.

Scripture vs Opinion

Pastor Justin

During the days of Isaiah, the prophet had to endure the people of Israel proposing many ideas opposing fidelity and trust in Yahweh as their sure salvation. What is apparent is that the people of Israel began **to listen to voices other than of Yahweh's. Here is what the prophet said** in Isaiah 8:11ff.

¹¹ This is what the Lord says to me with his strong hand upon me, warning me not to follow the way of this people:

¹² **“Do not call conspiracy**
everything this people calls a conspiracy;
do not fear what they fear,
and do not dread it.

¹³ The Lord Almighty is the one you are to regard as holy,
he is the one you are to fear,
he is the one you are to dread.

Today, there are many voices crying out for conspiracy. Often, we listen to what those people are saying. We give credence to radio shows, TV **outlets and internet sources. Yet, we often don't take the time to ask** what Yahweh thinks of such topics.

I phrased the question to a group of guys a couple weeks ago, “Would Jesus get vaccinated? Support your answer with scripture.”

We must slow down enough to ask this question. However, we would rather rush to hear people tell us what we want to hear. We look to friends to answer the question for us. If we are honest, the answer to a question like this is complicated. But, if we are going to call ourselves disciples of Jesus, we need to ask this question early and often.

How would Jesus deal with immigration? How would Jesus deal with Critical Race Theory? How would Jesus deal with mounting national debt? How would Jesus deal with homelessness? How would Jesus deal with wealth? How would Jesus deal with AI and the advances of computer science? How would Jesus deal with a common world currency? How would Jesus deal with a cell phone?

For the Christian, these questions can't be answered by personal opinion. Jesus is the Lord of our life. He is the one we are seeking to please. So, we must follow His answer as we dig into these questions.

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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

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Joan Talmage*

TREASURER

Mark Powell*

* = Appointed

October is Pastor Appreciation Month



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During the next 8 weeks, we will dive into these questions. I want to share with you what the Bible says about these questions. I want to give you a biblical perspective of these modern issues. As Charles Spurgeon did so long ago, we will take pages out of the newspapers and compare them with the pages of scripture. I hope you would consider inviting your friends and neighbors in to listen to what scripture says about these topics. Please be wise, the scripture might support your position or challenge your opinion.

Proposed Constitution

The proposed Constitution will be presented for your review October 3. It will be voted on at a Special Congregational Meeting following church on October 24.

See any of the deacons if you have questions or concerns



Operation Christmas Child

It's time to start thinking and buying gifts for shoeboxes.

Collection starts now through November 7.

No food, fluids or toothpaste.

A box for donations will be in the entryway.

Let's make a child's Christmas special with and to let them know we care.

Shoeboxes will be packed November 7.



FUN DAY Come to a Fun Day at **Dan & Lori Lundgren's home on October 3.** Potluck at noon, and games and four-wheeling will go on throughout the day.

Come for a relaxing, fun day.
(983 60th St., Amery)
See You There!



Senior Saints Potluck

Tuesday
October 19
5:00 P.M.

What do YOU think? Your Opinion, Please

What is your opinion of the Ripple? Like it?___ Don't like it?___

What other information would like to see in the Ripple? *(We can only input information if it is provided to the editor.)* _____

Would you like it be Monthly?___ Every other month?___ Quarterly?___

I hear both negative and positive comments and want to know your opinion.

Please put your comments in the Ripple Box in the church office.

Thank you, Marie

WHITE CROSS DAY—Thursday, October 7

9:30 AM Begin the day with devotions with Pat Erickson who will also provide coffee and a treat.

PROJECTS: Tie a large quilt (ALL HANDS ON DECK). Continue making hygiene kits and rip and roll sheets.

12:00 Bring your own sack lunch.

12:30 PM **Women's Ministries with business meeting followed with devotions with Betty Anderson and treats by Joy Soldner,**



MASTER MULTIPLICATION

Jesus tells a parable about faithful servants who multiply their master's money. How does the master respond?

Directions: Solve the math problems. Find the letters that match the answers and write them in order to complete Matthew 25:21, NIV.

5 x 3 =	6 x 6 =	KEY A = 28 J = 50 S = 88 B = 35 K = 21 T = 45 C = 14 L = 63 U = 64 D = 25 M = 15 V = 32 E = 33 N = 24 W = 80 F = 72 O = 77 X = 56 G = 40 P = 54 Y = 20 H = 36 Q = 9 Z = 48 I = 27 R = 16
7 x 4 =	9 x 3 =	
4 x 6 =	3 x 8 =	
2 x 10 =	10 x 4 =	
9 x 5 =	11 x 8 =	

"His master replied, 'Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of _____ Come and share your master's happiness!'"

MATTHEW 25:21, NIV

Answer—Page 6



YOUR LAW IS TRUE.
PSALM 119:142



Take Time to Read the Bible

Riddle: A man found an old coin and declared that the date on it was 150 B.C. This could not be true. Why?



Bible Quiz:

Hebrews 11 is called the Hall of Faith because it's a partial list of ancestors who lived out their belief in God. Who is named in this chapter?

- A. Adam, Eve and Seth
- B. Abel, Enoch, Noah and Sarah
- C. Moses' parents, Moses and Rahab
- D. Deborah, Bathsheba and Huldah
- E. A and B
- F. B and C
- G. C and D



Answer: See Page 6

B-I-B-L-E

Bible: Basic Instructions Before Leaving Earth

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Recall the old story of the grandmother who was reading the Bible. When her grandson asked her why, she said, "I'm getting ready for my final exam."

Pastor Appreciation

Many churches observe October as Pastor Appreciation Month. Given the reluctance of many pastors to call attention to themselves, it's not likely that they will mention anything about being appreciated.

Were someone to ask a pastor, however, what might be done to show appreciation to him or her, the answer would likely be, "Pray for me."

St. Paul never asked for anything for himself except that others pray for him. To the church at Rome, he wrote, "I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by our Lord Jesus Christ and by the love of the Spirit, to join me in earnest prayer to God on my behalf, that I may be rescued from the unbelievers in Judea, and that my ministry to Jerusalem may be acceptable to the saints, so that by God's will I may come to you with joy and be refreshed in your company" (Romans 15:30-32, NRSV).

Encourage your pastors by assuring them your prayers and love.

September Updates on ARCC Youth

Pastor Isaac Karpenske

There's an excitement that comes with change. We feel good about modifications to ministry opportunities, and we want to see good results from efforts to glorify God in ministry. Ever since our official launch on September 8, things have been going very well. With the addition of MOPS, we had 80 kids our first night running around, having fun, and learning about God in His Word. On the 15th we had 60 kids. Impact has been going through the Parables of our Lord and learning how they can greatly shape their lives and help them confront the issues in our day with grace, compassion, love, truth, and also wisdom. Overall, our average has been around 70 kids per night, which is a huge improvement from last year. God has been gracious to us as we continue to have opportunities to witness and be the hands and feet of Christ in youth ministry.

Regarding our Impact building project, we've made great progress on the building, but we have much to do yet before we're finished with the project. If you feel compelled to donate to the project fund, please specify in the memo of your offering that you'd like to make a donation to the building project. We're so thankful and grateful for how God has blessed this opportunity to minister to the kids. And we thank those that have already invested copious amounts of time, energy, and finances into this project.

Keep our youth and young adults in your prayers.



Birthdays and Anniversaries—OCTOBER

1 Justin Hosking
 2 Corbin Wright
 3 Fay Canaday
 3 Linda Gale & John Strickland (2020)
 4 Kevin & Michelle Iverson (2014)
 4 Bill & Brenda Tylee (1992)
 5 Michael & LueAnn Croes (1974)
 7 Rich Swantish
 9 Paul & AmyJo Lundgren
 16 Barb Tanner
 17 Alona Rasmussen
 17 Luke Soldner

18 Kevin Iverson
 18 Kathy Gates
 18 Paul Lundgren
 18 Willis & Mary Christenson (1958)
 18 Steve & Denise Wright (1997)
 20 Ron Nelson
 21 Steve Wright
 24 Vickie Gensing
 24 Gavin Lundgren
 24 Lynne Peterson
 25 Alice Brown
 25 Carol Streif

26 Becky Palmer
 26 Dick & Marie Berhow (2013)
 26 Kaileigh Hosking
 26 Dick & Sandi McCloud (1968)
 29 Doug Belland
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** 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.

October Mission of the Month—The Pioneers Connecting with international students, especially at the University of Minnesota. Come learn more about the Pioneers on Sunday, October 10th during Sunday School and morning worship.

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 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 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.



Alice Brown
 Melissa White

The Gift of Water

Water is a wonderful sign for baptism. It is a gift of God from creation. It cleanses us from that which has soiled us. It refreshes us when we are hot and tired. Without it we could not live. Whatever use we make of water it can **become for us a reminder of God's gift of love and grace in accepting us into the household of faith.**

Why the Old Testament Matters

Pastor Isaac Karpenske

For those that haven't been able to keep up with the preaching schedule, Pastor Justin just wrapped up his preaching series through Genesis. Now, some of you may have enjoyed it, but others of you maybe didn't enjoy the long series through a difficult book of the Bible. In fact, some Christians see neither the need to study the Old Testament nor preach from the Old Testament. Oftentimes people comment, "I don't study the Old Testament. I don't think that there is much to be gained by it, because it's historical in nature, and the New Testament tells us everything we need to know about Jesus and God's redemptive work."

In response to any generic statement indicating the Old Testament is unimportant for biblical study, I would give the following three responses to why it's important to study the Old Testament:

1. Without studying the Old Testament, we lose sight of the magnitude of Christ fulfilling the law and many of the types established in the Old Testament. Without reading Exodus 12, we would never truly understand John 1:29. Without understanding who Adam is, we wouldn't understand why Paul says what he says in Romans 5:12-21 in contrasting Adam and Christ. Without understanding the preservation of the "seed" from Genesis 3:15 to Jesus Christ, we wouldn't understand Paul's statement in Galatians 3:16. These are only a few of the biblical examples of why the Old Testament is needed in studies.
2. Good students of Scripture understand the background of their authors, which helps in understanding their writing. Because most of the New Testament authors grew up in the Jewish culture, and the bedrock of Jewish culture was the Old Testament, it is necessary to read the Old Testament to understand the thinking and writing of the New Testament writers. Without the Old Testament to give context, the Gospel of Matthew would be very confusing because Matthew's original audience was primarily Jews that understood the Old Testament.
3. Simply put, 2 Timothy 3:16-17 indicates that "all Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness; so that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work" (NASB1995). Because the New Testament writers quote, refer to, and illustrate using the Old Testament, the Old Testament is included in Scripture that is profitable for equipping the saints for being active members of the body of Christ. Because God orchestrated both the Old and New Testaments "for training in righteousness," we can still grow and learn from the Old Testament, even if we study a controversial and/or confusing portion of Scripture.

In the same way the Apostles and the early church understood the necessity of the Old Testament, so we must also use it in preaching and teaching. Without the Old Testament, we ultimately lose out on seeing God providentially fulfill his promises in Christ. We miss out on the fullness of our Maker and Redeemer. We also lose the Psalms, which beautifully capture the heart of what it means to worship God and to "rejoice always" (1 Thess. 5:16 ESV). We also lack the wisdom from Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, and Song of Solomon that God provides for us so we can glorify and fear him. As we leave Genesis, I'd encourage you to still read from the Old Testament. In doing so, meditate on how God works to fulfill his promises in Christ.

Going to extremes:

When a herd of elephants ventured into a town in eastern India, people chased them away. But soon they learned that a baby elephant had fallen into a 30-foot well and been left behind. Workers had to use three backhoes to free the calf, breaking down the brick well and digging a sloping trench for the youngster to walk out on.

Righting a wrong — and even saving a life — may require extreme measures. A structure holding someone captive may need to be torn down. And in many cases, it's better to allow the trapped one as much independence and agency as possible. Rather than hoisting the elephant out vertically, which might have been dangerous and traumatic, helpers made a path so it could take part in attaining its freedom.

God often works like this, restoring and equipping us to partner with him. How can we assist others while granting them the dignity of being part of the solution?

GRACE Grace strikes us when we are in great pain and restlessness. It strikes us when we walk through the dark valley of a meaningless and empty life. It strikes us when our disgust for our own being, our indifference, our weakness, our hostility, and our lack of direction and composure have become intolerable to us. It strikes us when, year after year, the longed-for perfection of life does not appear, when the old compulsions reign within us as they have for decades, when despair destroys all joy and courage.

"I have so much to do that I shall spend the first three hours in prayer."

- Martin Luther



Apple River Community Church Calendar of Events

2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 Fun Day at Dan & Lori's— See pg. 3
3 9:30a Sunday School 10:30a Worship/Children's Church	4	5 7:00p Women's Bible Study	6 10:00a Men's Bible Study * 5:30p See Note Below	7 7:00p Men's Bible Study	8	9
10 Clergy Appreciation Sunday Pioneer Missionary 9:30a Sunday School 10:30a Worship/ Children's Church	11	12 9:30a Women's Bible Study 6:30p Deacon Mtg. 7:00p Exec. Bd. Mtg. 6:00p Women's Bible Study	13 10:00a Men's Bible Study * 5:30p See Note Below	14 7:00p Men's Bible Study	15	16
17 9:30a Sunday School 10:30a Worship/Children's Church	18	19 9:30a Women's Bible Study 5:00p Sr. Saints 6:00p Women's Bible Study	20 10:00a Men's Bible Study * 5:30p See Note Below	21 7:00p Men's Bible Study. <small>(6:30p TACTICAL using the bldg.)</small>	22	23 M.O.P.S. 9-11a
24 9:30a Sunday School 10:30a Worship/Children's Church 11:35a Special Mtg. to vote on Constitution.	25 <u>RIPPLE</u> <u>Dead-</u> <u>line!</u>	26 9:30a Women's Bible Study 6:00p Women's Bible Study	27 10:00a Men's Bible Study * 5:30p See Note Below	28 7:00p Men's Bible Study	29	30
31 9:30a Sunday School 10:30a Worship/Children's Church 6:00p Sunday Night Live			* 5:30p One-Way, and Impact meet at 5:30p weekly. MOPS joins them on Oct. 6.	Ripple Articles for November MUST BE received by the deadline (Oct. 25) Send to arcc@amerytel.net (PREFERRED) or put in Ripple box in church office. Bulletin deadline: Wednesday's. Thank You, Marie		
Bible Quiz Answer: F Riddle: Because B.C. is counting backwards from the birth of Christ. If Christ hadn't been born yet, there were no date in B.C. yet!						