



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 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.

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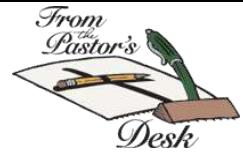
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The Ripple is also on this site.

Words, Careful How You Use Them

Pastor Justin

Proverbs 17:27 The one who has knowledge uses words with restraint, and whoever has understanding is even-tempered. 28 Even fools are thought wise if they keep silent, and discerning if they hold their tongues.



In 2010, 2 zettabytes of information was consumed by users world wide off computers. To put it in perspective, 1 zettabyte is 10^{21} bites or 1 Billion terabytes. This is very large. Some of the newest and most capable computers have 1 terabyte worth of storage, so you would have to picture 2 billion of the newest most powerful computers completely full of information in one year.

But that isn't even the most amazing part, since 2010, the 2 zettabytes has blossomed to 79 zettabytes consumed in 2021. That is equivalent to 10 powerful computers being completely filled by every person on the planet in one year. Or 15,675,063 copies of the Ripple being made every year... 42,945 per day... 1,789 per hour... 30 every minute... one every 2 seconds... PER PERSON FOR EVERYONE ON EARTH EVERYDAY!

Where does all this information come from? Short answer, it comes from us. The world is full of people talking and short of people listening. Solomon was right when he said, "Be warned, my son, of anything in addition to them. Of making many books there is no end," Ecclesiastes 12:12. Today we might add, "Of the making of videos, there will be no end."

It seems that everyone wants to share their thoughts. Books are written, articles published, videos produced, all in an effort to share thoughts with the world around us. In ages past, when it cost more to produce these items, more wisdom, care, and critical thought were given to what would be made. But with the advances in publishing and technology, anyone can share with the world what they are thinking. And we often think we will be heard by the vast quantity of words we use.

But scripture teaches something different. The wise individual knows that it is in the restraining of words that they become most effective. It isn't good to fly off the handle when you hear something you disagree with. Even those who are fools can appear to be wise by holding their tongue at times.

How are you doing with carefully weighing your words? How are you doing about taking in words from others? Sometimes we let garbage into our ears, and then garbage comes out of our mouth. Are you taking in the words of the wise or just listening to those who yell the loudest? Look for wisdom and be discerning.

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.

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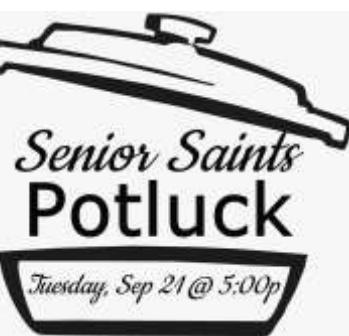
Sue Lundgren*

Joan Talmage*

TREASURER

Mark Powell*

* = Appointed



Tuesday Morning Women's Bible Study

The fall session begins September 14 at 9:30 A.M./.

We will study Mark using a book by Dr. David Jeremiah. He calls this study
"The Messiah in Action."

Your friends and neighbors are welcome.

Please register on the sign up sheet in the Fellowship Hall so books can be
ordered.

Questions, call Carol Smith 715-268-2835

Tuesday Evening Women's Bible Study on Esther

6:00 P.M. Contact Kathy Gates for cost and further information.

Contact Kathy via call or text at 715-554-4224

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.



September 17-19

WOMEN'S FALL REFRESHER AT ARROWHEAD BIBLE CAMP.

Speaker: Kathy Schwanke

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

There is a sign up sheet in the foyer. You can do the whole weekend, just
Saturday or a combination of Friday-Saturday, or Saturday-Sunday.

Pick up a brochure in the foyer. Talk with Annette Strandine or Betty Anderson
for information and car pooling.

Ladies, this is a nice weekend for relaxing and fun.

Our help — past, present and future

This month, America marks the 20th anniversary of the 9/11 terrorist attacks, which ended
almost 3,000 lives and changed life forever for millions more. The nation was shaken to its very
roots, with violence jolting out of us any assumption that "it can't happen here." September 11
banished any lingering notion that being on the side of "liberty and justice for all" served as
insulation against mass tragedy. We now had more to fear than fear itself.

Psalm 46 reminds us that "though the earth should change" (v. 2) — as it did on 9/11 —
God remains "our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble" (v. 3). We are never
alone or without hope, even on life-altering days.

How have God's presence and power sustained you through life's changes? How might sharing
your story help someone else when their world or faith gets shaken?

—adapted from *The Wired Word*

WHITE CROSS DAY—Thursday, September 2

9:30AM Begin the day with coffee and treats served by Bev Cree with
devotions .

10:00AM Projects Hygiene kits, tie a quilt and rip and roll bandages.

12:00 Bring your own sack lunch.

12:30 PM Women's Ministries with business meeting followed with
devotions and dessert served by Sandy Sias.

ALL Ladies Welcome!

PUZZLE

Teach us to pray

In Luke 11:1-13 (NIV), Jesus teaches about prayer.

Directions: Add or subtract the letters indicated and unscramble the letters to form a new word, using hints from the passage. Then unscramble the circled letters to answer the question below.

party - t = **P r A y** (v. 1)

lady + i = **L O V E** (v. 3)

drab + e = **D R A B B O** (v. 5)

rod + o = **R O D D E R** (v. 7)

bask - b = **A S K** (v. 9)

keeps - p = **K E E P** (v. 9)

define - ee = **D I F F E R** (v. 9)

shift - t = **S H I F T** (v. 11)

sneaky - y = **S N E A K Y** (v. 11)

sift + g = **S I F T G** (v. 13)

What will the Father give to those who ask of him?

----- (v. 13)



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

One of the best things about heading back to school is the chance for a fresh start. A new year, new teachers, perhaps even a new school offer students the opportunity to try a little harder and do a little better than the year before.

Praise God that he allows us to always start over. Jeremiah writes that the Lord's mercies "are new every morning" (Lamentations 3:23a). With God's help we can begin each day with a clean slate and a new attitude, determined to make some changes for the better.

Bible Quiz:

How many times in the Old Testament do people cross a body of water on dry ground?

- A. once
- B. twice
- C. three times
- D. four times

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.

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.



Hire-A-Teen

Everybody, Somebody, Anybody and Nobody

This is a little story about four people: Everybody, Somebody, Anybody and Nobody.

There was an important job to be done, and Everybody was sure that Somebody would do it. Anybody could have done it, but Nobody did it.

Somebody got angry about that because it was Everybody's job. Everybody thought that Anybody could do it, but Nobody realized that Everybody wouldn't do it.

It ended up that Everybody blamed Somebody when Nobody did what Anybody could have done.

NOTE: One of the jobs to which this may apply is Greeters. The Nobodies greeted a couple Sundays in August. Thankfully Somebody stepped in to fill the Nobody spot that Anybody could do..

A friendly greeting to welcome people when entering church is essential.

How about being a Somebody and signing up for a Sunday?



Youth Groups

of One-Way and Impact as well as MOPS
Start September 8

This year the elementary kids will continue to be called One Way Club, and the Middle School and High School group will be called Impact. Everyone will eat at 5:30, then the Impact group will move to the garage for their games, music, and lesson, and the One Way Club will meet in the sanctuary for their own games, music and lesson. Kids can still earn tokens by attending and dressing up in the theme each week, as well as by bringing a new friend and memorizing Bible verses. Tokens can be spent at the "store" at the end of the evening, and club will be done at 7:30 pm.

Another big change is that our MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers) group is combining with our One Way Club time on the 2nd Wednesday of each month. The moms and their kids will eat with everyone, then the moms will have their discussion time while the older preschoolers join in with the One Way Club activities. Erin Hosking is finding volunteers to staff the nursery for that 2nd Wednesday each month so the kids 2 and under have loving people to care for them while the moms meet. This change was made because we had several working moms who wanted to participate in MOPS and couldn't make a daytime meeting. MOPS also plans to meet on the 4th Saturday of the month for an informal moms and kids playdate.

If you are willing to help with the nursery for MOPS or with One Way Club—kitchen help, sitting with kids during the lesson, help with young kids, running the music slides, listening to verses - see Erin Hosking or call her at 715-554-4797.

We appreciate your help!



2021

Birthdays and Anniversaries—SEPTEMBER

5 Mark & Dana Powell (1998)
 9 Richard & JoAnn Frankson (1989)
 9 Mike & Jill Kelby (2005)
 9 David & Dawn Lundgren (1989)
 10 Jessica Brown
 10 Madera Peterson

12 Brock Hosking
 18 Orville Lundgren
 18 Chris Majeske
 18 Ward Taber
 21 Steve Reed
 22 Suzette Taber

23 Makaila Brown
 26 Mabel Hardin
 27 Anna Hewitt
 28 Carol Stevens
 29 Betty Peterson
 30 Betty Anderson

September 2021						
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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 or put a note in the Ripple

September Mission of the Month—Wangraibou & Michele Ngonamai with WordView Ministries in Northeast India

The focus of World View Missions is Bible translation, Evangelism, Discipleship and Church Planting. They appreciate our prayers as well as monetary support. ARCC budgeted \$1,100.00 to help support their work.

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 missionaries.
- Our children returning to school, as well as their teachers.

Answers

Answers to prayers come in various ways, sometimes in minutes, sometimes in days. And some take years to fully unfold the harvest of love and blessings they hold. Answers to prayers come in various forms, sometimes in sunlight, sometimes through storms. Some blossom early, and some blossom late, but each one will flower — have faith and wait!

—Helen Inwood, *His Mysterious Ways*

Our Prayer Chains are Active.

If you have a prayer concern, contact Lorraine Aune (715-268-2429) or Deb Brown at debbrie37@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.

Hangout at Dan and Carol Smith's

Pastor Isaac Karpenske

On Friday, August 13th, many of the kids from grades 6-12 to young adults from the Next Gen ministry gathered at Dan and Carol Smith's place on Bear Trap Lake. Before I reflect on the event, I'd like to make a special thank you to Dan and Carol Smith for graciously opening up their home and for the wonderful food. I'd also like to thank the volunteers that helped with organizing the event as well.

The first thing I'd like to say is that the food was great, especially Carol's barbecue sandwiches, and the kids had fun with the games and swimming. One notable highlight from the night was that there were two volleyball matches where it was guys versus girls. In both matches, the girls walked away with the win. I gave a brief devotional around the campfire in the evening to encourage the kids to go into the school year radiating the love of Christ. In a brief summary, Jesus summarized my main point best in His Sermon on the Mount: "let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven" (Matt. 5:16 ESV). It was awesome to see the kids after not seeing many of them for the entire summer. I'm looking forward to what God has in store for the youth ministry at ARCC this coming year.



Project Impact: Changes to ARCC Youth Ministry

Pastor Isaac Karpenske

Change can be a good thing for us; however, we often resist change. Sometimes we fall into a routine that makes us passive with ministry because it's "familiar" or "comfortable" or "the way things have always been done." But according to God's will, changing the tempo of ministry in the church not only has the potential for more room for growth, but also creates ministry opportunities that bring glory to God.

That being said, after meeting with the volunteers for youth ministry at ARCC, there will be some changes that I pray bring glory to God and growth in the church. For some that don't know the history of youth ministry at ARCC, One Way was first formed in 2013 for grades Pre-Kindergarten through Seniors in high school. Since then, One Way has grown to a healthy number and continues to grow.

Even when growth takes place, frustrations still come to the surface. Questions on engaging both the older kids (grades 6-12) and the younger kids (grades pre-K-5) came to the surface at one of our youth ministry meetings during the summer.

To answer questions on engaging both groups to participate in an authentic worship experience, I decided to create two different groups within ARCC Youth. Grades pre-Kindergarten through 5th grade will remain as One Way, but grades 6th through 12th will be a different group called "Impact". The theme verse for this new group is 1 Timothy 4:12, which is: "Let no one despise you for your youth, but set the believers an example in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith, in purity" (ESV). My goal in creating Impact is for middle-schoolers and high-schoolers to make an impact in the schools and in the community, being impacted by the Gospel of Christ and equipped by God's Word.

To help with this process, we are remodeling the garage so that Impact will have their own space for ministry and fellowship. This will be called "The Shop". This construction project has been spearheaded by Dan Lundgren and a bunch of great volunteers. Lord willing, The Shop will be complete before ARCC youth ministry starts up for the school year. If you have any further questions or would like to know how to get involved, please let me know.



Let's keep our youth and young adults in your prayers. Pray for the One Way and Impact groups this coming school year, as well as Next Gen young adults.

Saturday, September 11: Baptism at Hoskings. Let Pastor Justin know if you want to be baptized.



Apple River Community Church Calendar of Events

2021



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 10:00a Men's Bible Study	2 9:30 White Cross All Day Men's Bible Study	3	4
5 9:30a Sunday School 10:30a Worship/Children's Church	6 Labor Day	7 7:00p Women's Bible Study	8 10:00a Men's Bible Study 5:30p See Note Below	9 7:00p Men's Bible Study	10 10 6 11 Patriot Day Baptism at Hoskings	
12 <i>National Grandparents Day</i>	13 9:30a Sunday School 10:30a Worship/ Children's Church	14 9:30a Women's Bible Study 6:30p Deacon Mtg. 7:00p Exec. Bd. Mtg. 6:00p Women's Bible Study	15 10:00a Men's Bible Study 5:30p See Note Below	16 7:00p Men's Bible Study (Location TBA) (6:30p TACTICAL using the bldg.)	17 Women's Retreat—Pg. 2 Sep 17-19	18
19 9:30a Sunday School 10:30a Worship/Children's Church	20 <u>RIPPLE Deadline</u>	21 9:30a Women's Bible Study 5:00p Sr. Saints 6:00p Women's Bible Study	22 1st Day of Autumn 10:00a Men's Bible Study 5:30p See Note Below	23 7:00p Men's Bible Study.	24 25 MOPS	
26 9:30a Sunday School 10:30a Worship/Children's Church 6:00p Sunday Night Live	27	28 9:30a Women's Bible Study 6:00p Women's Bible Study	29 10:00a Men's Bible Study 5:30p See Note Below	30 7:00p Men's Bible Study		
Bible Quiz Answer: C (See Exodus 14; Joshua 3; 2 Kings 2.) Puzzle: Pray, daily, bread, door, ask, seek, find, fish, snake, gifts, Holy Spirit Riddle: A piano Be sure to ask about use of church building before planning your event!		Don't forget to put your events in the Ripple. News about youth events, etc. are always welcome in YOUR Ripple!	5:30p One-Way, and Impact meet at 5:30p weekly. MOPS joins them on 2nd & 4th Wednesdays.			
						Ripple Articles for October MUST BE received by the deadline (Sept. 20) Send to arcc@amerytel.net (PREFERRED) or put in Ripple box in church office. Bulletin deadline: Wednesday's.
						Thank You, Marie