



Abiding & Abounding in Hope

A Series of Studies To Prepare For The Holiday Season 2023

The Driving Force Behind Our Faith:

Anticipation & Assurance of The Lord's Appearance

Romans 15:13

By Pastor Greg Dykstra

Today November 5, 2023

Adult and Children's Sunday School 9:00 a.m.

Growing God's Way Children's Ministry

Lil Sprouts: Under 2

Sprouts: Years 2-5

Evergreens: Kindergarten – 5th Grade

All children are dismissed for Children's Church before the Message.

"You can't go back and change the beginning, but you can start where you are and change the ending." – C.S. Lewis

Order of Worship

Announcements/Opening Prayer

Songs of Praise & Worship

Pastoral Prayer

Message

Closing Song

This Week (unless noted, all events are held at church)

Sunday	Sunday School 9:00 a.m. Youth Group 6-8:00 p.m.
Monday	Women's Bible Study 6:00 p.m.
Tuesday	Discipleship Study 6:30 a.m. Elders Meeting 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday	Men's Bible Study 6:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study 10:00 a.m. AWANA 6:00-7:30 p.m.

Opportunities

Christmas Tea: Ladies, you are invited to join us at our annual Christmas Tea! It will be held on Saturday, December 2, from 11:00 a.m.- 1:00 p.m. We will have a light lunch and a special speaker. **The \$15.00 tickets will be sold starting today in the foyer.** Please consider hosting a table, sign up in the foyer, on SignUpGenius, or call the church office.

Let's Do Lunch: Come and join us next Sunday, November 12, right after church for a time of food, fellowship, and fun at Pizza Ranch. Everyone is welcome!

Hanging of the Greens: This year we plan to decorate our church for Christmas with a church-wide event on Sunday, November 19, after the service. This will include a lunch for those who participate along with activities for the children who take part. **Sign up by November 12!**

Operation Christmas Child: Fill a shoe box or a box from OCC with small toys, school supplies, or personal hygiene items and OCC will add a brochure about Jesus in their own language. Please enclose \$10.00 for shipping and handling. **Boxes are due Sunday, November 12.**

Ladies save the date for The Nest—Being Thankful: Please join us **Tuesday, November 14 @ 7:00 p.m.** here at church. Enjoy fellowship and a gift to share or enjoy at home. If you have any questions, please contact Shay Legg.

Prayer Requests / Comments

As a church we believe in the power of prayer and would love to pray for you. Please share your details with us using your phone.



Open your phone's camera and point it at the QR code. You will be prompted to open a link, which will take you to our online prayer requests form.

Connect With Us

Welcome visitors! We are so glad you are here. We would love to connect with you. Please share your details with us using your phone.



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RightNow Media Access

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Weekly Giving

Budgeted \$319,635

Actual **\$237,165**

Appleton Community EFC
Growing together in Christ



- **Biblical Truth**

We depend on the Bible as our source of authority in what we believe, what we teach, and how we live.

- **Worship**

We believe that we are created by God to worship Him. Therefore, we live in worshipful response to God's character and activity.

- **Prayer**

We believe that daily prayer is essential in the life of a believer and as such we pray with expectancy knowing that God is actively involved in our world.

- **Evangelism**

We believe in sharing the good news of our Lord Jesus Christ with honesty and humility.

- **Fellowship**

We believe that accountability, caring and a sense of belonging are essential for each believer to grow in their relationship with Christ.

- **Encouragement**

We believe we are responsible for caring for and encouraging one another.

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CLOSED Mondays
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