

*You are always on
God's mind.*

How precious are Your thoughts about me, O God.
They cannot be numbered! They outnumber the
grains of sand! And when I wake up, You are still with me.
Psalm 139:17-18

Practicing Our Faith When Unfaithfulness Surrounds Us

A Series of Studies For The Start of 2024

Gaining & Maintaining A Practical Perspective of God:

Almighty, All-Knowing, Infinitely Wise!

Based on Psalm 139

By Pastor Greg Dykstra

Today December 31, 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

“The Word of God is light in our darkness; it is hope for the hopeless; it is strong and true. The Word of God is strength for the weary; it's a shield for all who trust in You.” – Brenton Brown

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.

No Youth Group

Tuesday

Discipleship Study 6:30 a.m.

Wednesday

Men's Bible Study 6:30 a.m.

No AWANA

Opportunities

New sanctuary chairs. We received some gifts for the purchase of new chairs. After pricing out chairs we found that it will take more funding than the \$9,620.00 we have now raised. A sample chair has been set in the back of the sanctuary. The total for that chair with shipping is \$16,000.00 but \$4,000 is the shipping charge. If you would be interested in helping with the replacement costs, please consider a gift above your regular giving towards the new chairs.

Guest Preacher: Jon Payne, District Superintendent of the Forest Lakes District will be our guest preacher on Sunday, January 14. Please plan on staying after the service for a special time with Jon from 11:30-12:30.

The Nest: Snacks, A Game, Connecting, and Mary Noggle will be speaking! Join us **Tuesday, January 9 at 7:00 p.m.** for an hour of fun, treats and fellowship. All women are welcome. We can't wait to have you join us for the party!

"Let's Do Lunch": Come and join us Sunday, January 7 for a time of food, fellowship, and fun at Pizza Ranch. Everyone is welcome!

Annual Meeting: Save the date for **Sunday, January 21** immediately following church. Join us for the annual congregational meeting. Members and attendees are welcome. There will be a financial report and an update on the state of the church.

Men's Retreat: Save the date for the Men's Retreat at Lake Lundgren Bible Camp January 26-28, 2024. Please see Chris Matula for more information.

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

We invite you to free access to +20,000 Bible Study Videos for adults, youth, and kids! Open your phone's camera and point it at the QR code which will take you to the registration page for our church's account or click on <https://app.rightnowmedia.org/join/applefreechurch>.



Weekly Giving

Budgeted \$378,515

Actual **\$300,659**

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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Church Office Hours

CLOSED Mondays
Open Tuesday-Friday
8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.