



Sunday, October 8, 2017



TODAY IS COMMUNION SUNDAY

AAC serves grape juice instead of wine. Please see an usher or deaconess before the service if you would like a gluten-free cracker.

YOUNG ADULTS Alliance PM Returns

Thursday nights starting Oct. 12
7:00 p.m. | SMC

Alliance PM is back this week and we're #InItTogether. Join us on October 12 right here at Appleton Alliance Church. And be sure to follow us on Instagram (@appletonalliancecpm) and Facebook (AAC Alliance PM) to get even more connected with our young adult ministry.

ADULTS Explore Membership

Sunday, Oct. 15 | 11:00 a.m.-Noon
Register at aachur.ch/cem101517

Ready to make the transition from regular attendee to member? Familiarize yourself with the statement of faith, get your questions answered, and find the steps to becoming a member. This class is a prerequisite to membership.

Israel Trip 2018 Oct. 15-25, 2018

Join Dr. Dennis Episcopo, his wife Judy, and special guests, David and Jenny Wraight, on a tour of the Holy Land. Stop by the Welcome Center for a flyer.

CHILDREN Baptism Class

Oct. 15 & 21 | 11:00 a.m. & 8:00 a.m.
No cost or registration

If your child is interested in being baptized in Discovery Land, they should attend the following required classes with at least one parent: Sunday, October 15 at 11:00 a.m. and a walk-thru on October 21 at 8:00 a.m. Class will be held in Discovery Land. Please contact Laura Bricco with questions by phone at 920-931-1126 or email her at lbricco@appletonalliance.org

STUDENTS Greenhouse Getaway

Oct. 27-29 | Forest Springs, Westboro, WI
Register at aachur.ch/ghg1017

Both middle school and high school students will travel from AAC to Forest Springs for the weekend. Live music by Bread of Stone and Bible-based life teachings will be woven in throughout the entire weekend. Paintball, mountain biking, high ropes, trap shooting, capture the flag, and more are all included. Come and join the fun— You belong, no matter what.

XCEL SPORTS

Xcel Fitness offers group and personal training with certified trainers on staff. Whether you need accountability, motivation, or to take your fitness to a new level, we'll create a customized plan for you. Visit xcelsports.org for info.

WELCOME We're glad you're here!
Stop by the Welcome Center in the Hub. We have a gift for you and would love to connect with you. Find out what's happening at AAC at appletonalliance.org

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Appleton Alliance Church

Sunday Services: 8:00, 9:30, and 11:00 a.m.

Rev. Brian Episcopo

Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective. James 5:16

The weirdest part about this verse is what James doesn't say. He doesn't say, "Confess your sins to one another so that you are forgiven." We are already forgiven when we put our faith in Jesus' sacrifice on the Cross. He covered our sin in His death and resurrection (Eph. 1:7). Our forgiveness is found in Him. But healing...why healing from confession? Anytime people say, "I've never told anyone this before," and then proceed to tell me, I can almost immediately see healing. A weight being lifted off their identity and an ability to love themselves as they are commanded (Mark 12:31). As painful as confession is, it seems to be the pathway to relational, spiritual, emotional, or even physical healing from the effects of stress. Sin is definitely something for which we have to take responsibility. While you don't need forgiveness for being sick—sin over time makes us sick; emotionally, relationally, and sometimes even physically. And God is the healer. James shows us He chooses to use people to do the surgery.

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