

Rev. Brian Episcopo

Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins. 1 Peter 4:8

The kind of love described in the original language here is a "strenuous," "stretching," or "sacrificial" love. It's true—we all know people who show up late to meetings, forget stuff, or are opinionated. But we overlook it all because we know they would give us the shirt off their back. We "cover over" the multitude of rough edges because they are simply and authentically loving-hearted people. We see Christian leaders that our society, media, or culture generally disagree with, but respect because of how great their love is for the poor or needy. So what if the church put all our eggs in the basket of loving people well? Would being honest about the Bible's counter-cultural principles go down easier when people see us authentically "straining" and "sacrificing" in order to love them well? Does our love for others cost us? Or do we stop at the first sign of "strain"?

NOTES

PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY

Travis Ball, Nicole Brunette, Jordan Driessen, Joshua Fischer, Drew Gemmel, Mike Madsen, Joshua Mennen, Isaac Miller, Dustin Kahl, Rebekah Kopesky, Robert Kopesky II, Eric Olson, Ace Pierce, Grant Pierce, Andy Rezmer, Justin Schuh, Patrick Shuman, Brad Smoll, Wes VanEpern, and Melissa Winterfeldt

ANNUAL MEETING For Congregational Members

Monday, Sept. 18 SMC | 6:00-7:30 p.m.

AAC Members should plan to attend this annual meeting to vote in new Pastoral Care Elders, Governing Board Elders, and Deaconesses, as well as receive a financial update.

FOOD DRIVE

Sunday, Sept. 24 | Collected at the East and West Entrances

Pick up a bag in the Hub today and return it with non-perishable food items next week. The donations benefit those in need in the Fox Valley.

STUDENTS

HS Hayride @ Homestead Meadows

Wednesday, Sept. 27 6:30 p.m-9:30 p.m. | Cost: \$10 at the door Meet at AAC's West Entrance for the bus

High school students set off to Homestead Meadows for a classic, country hayride and a bonfire with snacks. Bring a friend!

ADULTS

take action!

Plugged In: Adult Ministries Kick-off Today in the Hub in-between services

Growing spiritually doesn't just happen.
It takes intentional steps, one day
at a time. We want you to grow in an
understanding of who God is and what

His plan is for your life—but you have to

Visit the booths in the Hub or stop any of our volunteers to learn how you can get plugged in. Whether you're new here or finally ready to take that next step—today is the day!

MEN SUPPORT GROUPS
WOMEN MISSIONS
YOUNG ADULTS SENIOR ADULTS DINNER 6

Meet the Pastor and Get Connected

Monday, Sept. 25 | 6:00 p.m. Register at **aachur.ch/mtpgc925**

Get to know Pastor Dennis' story, his journey to faith, and the vision for AAC. Then, stick around to discover the ways you can become a more connected attender at AAC. Learn about small groups, ministry opportunities, and volunteering.

SPANISH TRANSLATORS NEEDED ON SUNDAYS

If you are able to assist with live Spanish translation for Sunday morning sermons, please contact Barb for more info by emailing her at

bmlodzik@appletonalliance.org

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