



Spruce Grove Newsletter

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Take the Name of Jesus

The name that would be given to the Christ child is announced to Joseph in Matthew's gospel record and to Mary in the gospel of Luke. Joseph received the announcement by a heavenly messenger in his dream, Matthew 1:20-21 "*But while he thought on these things, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a dream, saying, Joseph, thou son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife: for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost. And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins.*" Mary received the announcement by a heavenly messenger as well, Luke 1:30-31 "*And the angel said unto her, Fear not, Mary: for thou hast found favour with God. And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name JESUS.*"

The name Jesus is the Greek form of the Hebrew name Joshua. Jesus literally means Savior, and as Matthew says He Himself will save his people from their sins. This name is the name above every name for there is no other name under heaven whereby men can be saved. It is this name that will bring everyone to their knees in confession that Jesus Christ is Lord to the glory of God the Father. It is this name that strikes fear in the demonic forces and has defeated once and for all Satan himself, that great accuser of the brethren. Luke 10:17-20 "*And the seventy returned again with joy, saying, Lord, even the devils are subject unto us through thy name. And he said unto them, I beheld Satan as lightning fall from heaven. Behold, I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you. Notwithstanding in this rejoice not, that the spirits are subject unto you; but rather rejoice, because your names are written in heaven.*" It is the name of Jesus that has brought us the message of salvation and given us our place in heaven, for when the roll call is given there, our name will be found written in the book. It is the name that remains with us always and the one we take with us wherever we go. It is this name that calms our fears and brings us hope in all of life's circumstances and into this New Year.

It is this message that the song writer Lydia Baxter expresses in her hymn "Take the Name of Jesus With You". She was born on September 8, 1809, in Petersburg, New York. Lydia was a zealous Christian worker despite being

bed-ridden for much of her life. Her home was known as a gathering place for preachers, evangelists, and Christian workers, who came to her for inspiration and advice. Her friends used to say that a visit to her sickroom was not so much to give her encouragement and comfort as to receive some buoyancy for their own spirits. Mrs. Baxter was an avid student of the Bible and loved to discuss the significance of scriptural names with her friends. But the name that meant everything to her was the name of Jesus. When questioned about her cheery disposition in spite of her physical difficulties, she would reply, "I have a very special armor. I have the name of Jesus. When the tempter tries to make me blue or despondent, I mention the name of Jesus, and he can't get through to me anymore." "Take the Name of Jesus with you" is said to have been written by Lydia on her sick bed just four years before her death on June 22, 1874, in New York City. (101 More Hymn Stories by Kenneth W. Osbeck)

Here are the lyrics to the hymn: "Take the name of Jesus with you, child of sorrow and of woe; It will joy and comfort give you, Take it, then, wher-e'er you go. Take the name of Jesus ever, As a shield from every snare; If temptations round you gather, Breathe that holy name in prayer. O the precious name of Jesus! How it thrills our souls with joy, When his loving arms receive us, And his songs our tongues employ! At the name of Jesus bowing, Falling prostrate at His feet, King of kings in heaven we'll crown Him, When our journey is complete." "Precious name, O how sweet! Hope of earth and joy of heaven; Precious name, O how sweet! Hope of earth and joy of heaven."

Loved ones, as we begin this New Year 2017 A.D. also known as the year of our Lord let us take the name of Jesus with us wherever we go. Let us speak His name into the lives of the people we encounter at home, at work, at school, etc, by the things we say and do. God bless you this year and always with that amazing testimony of the name above every name: the name of Jesus, our Savior, our Redeemer, our Lord, and our God.

God's Peace, Pastor Dennis Hannu

Baptisms



Muriel Ann Matson, daughter of Lyle & Rebecca Matson of rural Frazee, was baptized on Friday, November 11, 2016, at the Spruce Grove Apostolic Lutheran Church by Pastor Dennis Hannu.

Muriel was born on May 6th, 2016 and is the 9th child of Lyle & Rebecca Matson. Her sponsors are Dennis & Miriam Hannu of rural Sebeka and Tamar Aho of Menahga. Her grandparents are Victor & Lola Aho of Menahga and Jack & Ann Matson of WA. Her great-grandparents are Elma Impola of Menahga and MaryAnn Seppala of FL.



Charity Cynthia Keranen, daughter of Darren & Sonya Keranen of Osage, was baptized on Sunday, November 20, 2016 at the Spruce Grove Apostolic Lutheran Church by Pastor Dennis Hannu. Her sponsors are Andrew & Laureena Keranen of rural Menahga. Her grandparents are Arnold & Cynthia Keranen of Osage and Matt & Jill Traffie of New Ipswich, NH. Her great-grandparents are Walter & Sylvia Muhonen of Menahga and Bernie & Hester Lampinen of Ashby, MA.

Birth Announcement



Rodney & Hannah Aho announce the birth of their 6th child.

Rochelle Deborah was born on November 29, 2016 at Essentia Health St. Mary's Hospital in Detroit Lakes. Rochelle weighed 8 pounds 7 ounces and was 20 3/4 inches tall. Rochelle was welcomed home by her parents, brother Elliot and sisters Isabelle, Olivia, Claudia & Holly.

Rochelle's grandparents are Joshua & Deborah Aho of rural Frazee and Warren & Pirjoliisa Ketola of Rindge, NH.



Royal Gem Howard, daughter of Jeremy & Katie Howard of rural Menahga, was baptized on December 4, 2016 at the home of her parents by Pastor Dennis Hannu. Her sponsors are Jacob & Leah Waggoner of Fargo, ND and Karla Seppala of SC. Her grandparents are Curtis & Sarah Howard of Menahga and Julius & Terrie Aho of rural Sebeka. Her great-grandparents are Marie Pahkala of Finlayson and Linda Aho of rural Menahga.

Special Services

Spruce Grove Apostolic Lutheran Church will be holding Special Services from Friday, March 3rd through Sunday, March 5th.

Pastor Arvo Onermaa and Pastor Steve Wuori will be the guest speakers for the weekend.

Services will be held Friday evening at 7:30 PM, Saturday evening at 7:30 PM and Sunday at 10:30 AM and 1:30 PM. Coffee will be served after the evening and afternoon services and dinner will be served after the Sunday morning service.

Everyone is invited to attend.

~There will be no Sunday School on March 5th.

Lent Services

Lent Services begin on Wednesday, March 8th at 7:30 PM. The services will continue on Wednesdays throughout the months of March & April.

The Maundy Thursday Service is April 13, Good Friday Service is April 14 and Easter is April 16.

Please join us as we gather in worship and fellowship in the weeks leading up to the celebration of Christ's resurrection from the grave.

Grandchild Announcements

Nola Aho announces the birth of a granddaughter. Cora Mary Aho was born on January 15, 2017 to her son Roy & his wife Mary of NH. Cora's other grandparents are Warren & Pirjoliisa Ketola of NH.

Tanya Sauvola announces the birth of a granddaughter. Serenity Lane Rose Sauvola was born on December 14, 2016 to her son Coltin and his girlfriend Verna Carter of Colorado Springs, CO.

This child also makes Reino & Peggy Aho great-grandparents.

Remember in Prayer

"...pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much" (James 5:16)

- Armas Aho
- Victor Aho Sr.
- Patricia Aho
- Sheila Hendrickson
- John Snelling
- Family of Wayne Juntunen
- Norman Kangas
- Ralph Kandoll
- Family of Peter Bergstedt
- Gerry Southerton
- Irene Koskela
- Linda Aho
- Richard Yliniemi
- Clifford Koskela
- Family of Camri Aho
- Joan Koskela
- Marvin & June Nelmark
- Lila Yliniemi
- Art Latto
- Marge Kumma
- Martha Aho
- Billy Nelmark
- Our Church, our Pastor and Church leaders.
- National Leaders
- Our Missionaries
- Our Children & Youth
- Our Military
- Our Elderly
- Sunday School Teachers & Students

Milestones

Hazel Yliniemi

~ 76th Birthday - 1/30/2017

Hazel Aho

~77th Birthday - 1/21/2017

Lila Yliniemi

~ 85th Birthday - 2/5/2017

Zedekiah Matson

~10th Birthday - 2/10/2017

Miriam Yliniemi

~ 78th Birthday - 2/19/2017

Sunday School Christmas Program



The Spruce Grove Sunday School Christmas Program was held on December 18th, 2016. Pictured below are the children in Pre-school through 9th grade singing the closing songs. There are over 95 children in Sunday School this year.

YOUTH WEEKEND



The Youth of Spruce Grove Church hosted a Youth Weekend at the Church from December 29th to January 1st. with over 70 youth from MN, MI, SD, WA, NH & Canada attending.

NEVER ALONE FOREVER ACCEPTED

"And the LORD, he it is that doth go before thee; he will be with thee, he will not fail thee, neither forsake thee: fear not, neither be dismayed." Deuteronomy 31:8

Pastor Ernest (Chuck) Bylka III was the speaker over the weekend.

~Thank you to all those who came, we were glad you were here.

~Thank you to those who helped with food, supervising or just being a part of the weekend. Your efforts were greatly appreciated.

News & Notes

- Curtis & Ruby Aho & daughter traveled to NH.
- Allen Hannu traveled to NH.
- Charles & Leila Aho & family traveled to MI.
- Nick & Megan Aho & family traveled to MI.
- Victor Jr. & Stacy Aho & family traveled to MI.
- David & Loretta Olson & family traveled to SD.
- Les & Marsha Hanson traveled to MT.
- Brandon Hanson traveled to MT.
- Dayna Anderson traveled to WA.
- Max & Ashley Aho & family traveled to SC.
- Rodney & Hannah & family traveled to NH.
- Tanya Sauvola & family traveled to CO.
- Marlin & Ashlyn Aho & family traveled to SC.
- Calvin & Kaitlyn Impola traveled to WA.

Some of the visitors the last few months were:

- Mike & Caitlin Aho & family from NH.
- Bruce & Hannah Barney & family from Chisholm, MN.
- Paul & Virginia Anderson from SC.
- Jonathan Aho from Guatemala.
- Nick & Sheri Anderson & family from WA.
- Sven & Sonja Anderson & family from SC.
- Nels & Gretchen Anderson & family from SC.
- Carl Anderson from SC.
- Will and Jennifer Yliniemi & family from WI.

Thank You

Thank you to the church for their gift, cards, thoughts and prayers through my recent illness & surgery.
God's Peace, Marty Ahlf

We would like to thank all of you for the prayers, cards, gifts, and the love and care shown to us these last weeks. May God bless you all.

Love and God's Peace, Harvey and Patricia Aho

- Alan and Val Estola & daughter from MI.
 - Joni Somero from NH.
 - Kyle Aho from NH.
 - Chet & Ashley Aho & family from NH.
 - Bruce & Erica West & family from SD.
 - Marc & Kiersten Tumberg & family from ND.
 - Todd & Rhonda Niskanen from SC.
 - Jimmy & Clara Estola & family from MI.
 - Chuck & Joy Bylkas & family from MI.
 - Brian & Elsa Hill & family from WA.
 - Alan & Nora Bergman & family from OR.
 - Warren & Pirjoliisa Ketola from NH.
 - Gwenna Krook from NH.
 - Jessica Traffie from NH.
 - Brent & Karen Seppanen & family from SD.
 - Jed & Krista Estola & family from MI.
 - Alyssa Marrelli from Canada.
 - Neal & Marla Kandoll & family from WA.
 - Andy & Nora Mickelson from WA.
 - Joe & Jasmine Christiansen & family from SC.
 - Rodney & Joy Hanson from WA.
 - Many, many others were here for the Christmas season and into the New Year.
- Thanks to those who visit here, we are truly blessed.

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Sunday Meals at Church Notice

If you are on a dinner group, but not serving on a Sunday when there is a meal, please bring a dessert and a salad. If you are not on a group and would like to bring either a salad or dessert, please feel free to do so. All meals will be potluck unless announced in church.

Cookbooks For Sale

Spruce Grove Church has 2 cookbooks for sale. Tastes for All Seasons (#1) and Feed on His Word (#2)
If you would like to purchase a cookbook, please contact Amanda Aho. The cost is \$12.50 per book; shipping is \$2.50 per book. Make checks payable to Spruce Grove Church Ladies and send to: Amanda Aho, 15610 490th Ave., Menahga, MN 56464. Please specify how many and which cookbook(s) you would like to purchase: cookbook #1 or cookbook #2.

Reminder: When there is a funeral at the church, there is usually a need for desserts and bars for after the meal.

Radio Broadcast

Echoes of Mercy broadcast KWAD Wadena
920 & 1430 AM Sundays: 8:05 A.M. Sponsored by Spruce Grove, Menahga and New York Mills Apostolic Lutheran Churches

Church Website

You are invited to check out the church website at: www.sprucegrovealc.org. Services are live online and are also recorded and may be accessed any time. Please call the church at (218) 538-6540 if you have any problems.

Newsletter

The newsletter is also available online, if you prefer not to receive the newsletter by mail, please e-mail sgalcnewsletter@gmail.com and ask to be removed from our mailing list. Also if you know of anyone who would like to receive our newsletter, please call the church at 218-538-6540 and leave the name & address of the person who would like to receive it.

Telephone Services

Services can be listened to over the telephone, please check the calendar for details.

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JANUARY 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Worship Service & Communion 11:00 AM Organists: Patricia & Ramona Sound: Chet Dinner Following Service-Group # 4	2	3	4 Family Bible Study 8:00 PM	5	6	7 Youth Group 7:30 P.M.
8 Sunday School 10:00 AM Adult Bible Class 10:00 AM Worship Service 11:00 AM Organist: Megan Sound: Neil	9 7:30 Board Meeting	10	11 Family Bible Study 8:00 PM	12	13 Worship Service 8:00 PM Organist: Sarah Sound: Nate Coffee Group #3	14
15 Sunday School 10:00 AM Adult Bible Class 10:00 AM Worship Service 11:00 AM Organist: Betsy Sound: Chet	16	17	18 Family Bible Study 8:00 PM	19	20	21 Youth Group 7:30 P.M.
22 Sunday School 10:00 AM Adult Bible Class 10:00 AM Worship Service 11:00 AM Organist: Carrie Sound:	23	24	25 Family Bible Study 8:00 PM	26	27 Worship Service 8:00 PM Guest Speaker: Elmer Yliniemi Organist: Ramona Sound: Tyrone Coffee Group # 4	28
29 Sunday School 10:00 AM Adult Bible Class 10:00 AM Worship Service 11:00 AM Organist: Deborah Sound: Jamin Guest Speaker: Orval Wirrkala Dinner Following Service-Group # 1	30	31 Green Pine Acres Nursing Home Service-2:00 P.M.				

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Sebeka: 837-1030

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January Cleaning Group

Justin & Miranda Impola
Tim & Sarah Aho
Victor Jr. & Stacy Aho
Nick & Megan Aho
Luke & Renata Nevala
Thomas Aho

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FEBRUARY 2017

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			1 Family Bible Study 8:00 PM	2	3	4 Youth Group 7:30 P.M.
5 Sunday School 10:00 A.M. Adult Bible Class 10:00 AM Worship Service & Communion 11:00 AM Organist: Megan & Betsy Sound: Alvin	6	7	8 Family Bible Study 8:00 PM	9	10 Worship Service 8:00 PM Guest Speaker: Reino Maunu Organist: Sarah Sound: Nate Coffee Group # 5	11
12 Sunday School 10:00 A.M. Adult Bible Class 10:00 AM Worship Service 11:00 AM Guest Speaker: Reino Maunu Organist: Patricia Sound: Neil	13 7:30 Board Meeting Dinner Following Service Group # 2	14	15 Family Bible Study 8:00 PM	16	17	18 Youth Group 7:30 P.M.
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26 Sunday School 10:00 A.M. Adult Bible Class 10:00 AM Worship Service 11:00 AM Organist: Megan Sound: Jamin	27	28 Green Pine Acres Nursing Home Service 2:00 PM	3/1 Ash Wednesday	3/2	3/3	3/4
				Guest Speakers: Arvo Onermaa & Steve Wuori	Special Services March 3-5, 2017	
					Worship Service 7:30 PM Organist: Betsy Sound: Chet Coffee Groups # 7 & 8	Worship Service 7:30 PM Organist: Deborah Sound: Nate Coffee Groups # 9 & 10
3/5 Worship Service & Communion 10:30 A.M. Organists: Sarah & Patricia Sound: Alvin Dinner Following the Service	3/6 Worship Service 1:30 P.M. Organist: Carrie Sound: Tyrone Coffe Group # 11	3/7	3/8 Lent Service 7:30 PM Organist: Ramona Sound: Nate Coffee Group # 1	3/9	3/10	3/11
3/12 Sunday School 10:00 A.M. Adult Bible Class 10:00 AM Worship Service 11:00 AM Organist: Deborah Sound: Neil	3/13 7:30 Board Meeting	3/14	3/15 Lent Service 7:30 PM Organist: Sarah Sound: Tyrone Coffee Group # 2	3/16	3/17	3/18 Youth Group 7:30 P.M.

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February Cleaning Group

Les & Marsha Hanson
Levi & Andrea Yiniemi
Dennis & Miriam Hannu
Job & Katie Aho
Dawne Loper
Kimberly Aho

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