



## Spruce Grove Newsletter

Spruce Grove Apostolic Lutheran Church, Wolf Lake, MN Vol. 19 No. 4 July-August 2014

### To Everything A Season

*Ecclesiastes 3:1-8 To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven: A time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up that which is planted; A time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up; A time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance; A time to cast away stones, and a time to gather stones together; a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing; A time to get, and a time to lose; a time to keep, and a time to cast away; A time to rend, and a time to sew; a time to keep silence, and a time to speak; A time to love, and a time to hate; a time of war, and a time of peace.*

In recent days this scripture has become a reality for us in Spruce Grove as we have experienced the joy of newborn babies and the pain of death. We weep with those who have lost loved ones and rejoice with the parents of the newborns. The sound of the newborn cry sounds forth in our sanctuary reminding us that indeed God is the giver of life. We rejoice with the parents of the newborns and ask that our Heavenly Father would grant unto the newborns health and many years. We pray that the parents would raise their children in the fear and the instruction of the Lord. We praise God as we recognize His great love for these little ones and are reminded in the scriptures of this: Mark 10:13-16 *And they brought young children to him, that he should touch them: and his disciples rebuked those that brought them. But when Jesus saw it, he was much displeased, and said unto them, Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not: for of such is the kingdom of God. Verily I say unto you, Whosoever shall not receive the kingdom of God as a little child, he shall not enter therein. And he took them up in his arms, put his hands upon them, and blessed them.* These little ones are of great value to our Father who gives them to us.

These little one are indeed a blessing from the Lord. There is a time to be born.

We have also tasted the bitterness of death in our congregation. This scripture reminds us that there is also a time to die. We read in the New Testament that death and its power have been vanquished through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ and for this reason we do not despair. We are sad and grieve for those who we have lost through death, but we don't grieve as those who have no hope. Jesus told Martha as she was grieving for her brother Lazarus, *"I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die. Believest thou this?"* (John 11:25-26) Physical death will take place for each one of us because of man's fall into sin, but we will not remain in the power of death for we will be raised again on the last day. There is a time to die.

Solomon reminds us in Ecclesiastes that this life here on earth is a temporary one. We plant crops and then we harvest. We rip down buildings and build new buildings. We have times of joy and times of sorrow. We gather up and we cast away. The farmers here in Wolf Lake are constantly gathering stones from their fields. We tear our clothing and have to buy new ones (we sew). We see in the history of our world times of war and times of peace. We live in world that understands itself in terms of seasons. We live and then we die. It is a temporal world and life indeed.

What a joy it is then to understand life in terms of the eternal. We will and have experienced the temporariness of this life, but to those who are in Christ Jesus there is another life that begins in the here and now and extends into eternity. It is a life that does not measure itself in terms of seasons. This life is defined by Christ himself as abundant life (John 10:10). *continued on next page.*

He says later on in that same chapter, *“And I give unto them eternal life, and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand (v.28).”* This eternal season is what gives us the ability to live out our lives here in this temporal world for we recognize that what is truly real is what is not seen. We live in a world where seasons are easily seen and are easily grasped. We can feel them, experience them, and they impact us every day. The eternal season, which those who are in Christ live in now and will find its consummation in the second coming of Christ, is not readily available to our five senses and is not seen according to the fleshly understanding. Nevertheless, it is the only reality that truly is real for it finds its beginning and its end in God Himself; Revelation 1:8 *I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending, saith the Lord, which is, and which was, and which is to come, the Almighty.*

So dear reader take heart if the season you find yourself in presently, is one of sorrow and pain. Be assured it is only a season. The real season that is to come will bring joy beyond compare and in that season we will walk and talk with the Lord Himself. We will rejoice because He is the one who has made it possible for us to be there. The finished work of Jesus Christ, which brought to us the eternal season, we proclaim as we live out our lives in these present seasons.

God’s Peace,  
Pastor Dennis Hannu

### Annual Meeting Notice

The Spruce Grove Apostolic Lutheran Church Annual Meeting will be held on Monday, September 8, 2014, at 7:30 P.M. at the church. All members are urged to attend.

Secretary, Neil Aho

## Baptisms



Benson Roger Aho, son of Alvin & Alisha Aho of Detroit Lakes, was baptized on Sunday, 7/6/14, at the Spruce Grove Apostolic Lutheran Church by Pastor Dennis Hannu.

His sponsors are Chester & Ashley Aho of Rindge, NH and Brooklyn Matson of Campobello, SC.

His grandparents are Raymond & Janet Aho of Frazee and Roger & Priscilla Matson of Campobello, SC.

His great-grandparents are Jennie Hanson of Frazee, Elsie Aho of Frazee, and Doug & Donna Coponen of Greer, SC.



Sienna Ann Aho, daughter of Marlin & Ashlyn Aho of Wolf Lake, was baptized on Sunday, 7/6/14, at the Spruce Grove Apostolic Lutheran Church by Pastor Dennis Hannu.

Her sponsors are Nate & Carrie Aho of Wolf Lake and Alvin & Alisha Aho of Detroit Lakes.

Her grandparents are Joshua & Deborah Aho of Frazee and Roger & Priscilla Matson of Campobello, SC.

Her great-grandparents are Elsie Aho of Frazee, George Salmonson of Park Rapids, and Doug & Donna Coponen of Greer, SC.



## Birth Announcements

Andrew & Laureena Keranen announce the birth of their 6th child. Micah Arnold was born on May 17, 2014 at Essentia Hospital in Detroit Lakes. Micah weighed 8 pounds, 3 ounces and was 20 3/4 inches tall.



Micah was welcomed home by his parents, brothers: Landon, Dane & Reed and sisters Madelyn & Elyse.

Micah's grandparents are Reino & Peggy Aho and Arnold & Cynthia Keranen of Wolf Lake, MN.

Jethro & Molly Impola announce the birth of their 4th child. Janae Hope was born on June 12, 2014 at Tri-County Hospital in Wadena. Janae weighed 7 pounds, 13 ounces and was 18.5 tall.



Janae was welcomed home by her parents and brother Rystin and sister Vayah.

Janae's grandparents are Paul & Esther Impola of rural Sebeka and Tom & Wendy Hanson of OR.

Max & Ashley Aho announce the birth of their second child. Camri Bella was born on May 28, 2014 at home and she weighed 8 pounds 6 ounces and was 21 inches tall. Camri was welcomed by her parents and brother Crio.



Camri's grandparents are Victor Sr. & Lola Aho of Menahga and Fiore and Heather Marelli of Sylvan Lake, Alberta, Canada.

Marlin & Ashlyn Aho announce the birth of their first child. Sienna Ann was born on June 25, 2014 at Essentia Hospital in Detroit Lakes and weighed 7 pounds, 14 ounces and was 19 inches tall.



Sienna's grandparents are Joshua & Deborah Aho of Wolf Lake and Roger & Priscilla Matson of SC.

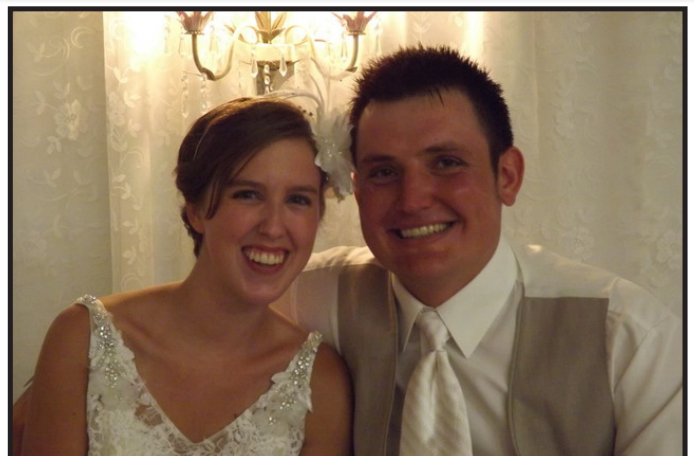
## Fall Schedule

Starting Sunday, September 7th, 2014, services will begin at 11:00 AM on Sunday mornings until next June.

### First Day of Sunday School

The first day of Sunday School is Sunday, September 7th starting at 10:00 AM.! All children three years and up are invited to attend. Invite a friend. All those willing to be teachers or substitute teachers, please talk to Jason Aho, Superintendent or Lori Aho, Secretary of the Sunday School.

## Wedding



Stacie Aho & Joe Olson were married on June 28, 2014 at the Aho Homestead. A reception was held in the Church Fellowship Hall following the ceremony.

## News & Notes

- Dara Sikkila traveled to NH.
- Charles & Leila Aho & family traveled to MI.
- Armas & Pat Aho and Reino & Peggy Aho traveled to MI.
- Carrie Aho traveled to WA.
- Luke Aho traveled to NH.
- Kent Aho traveled to WA.

Some of the visitors in the past few months were:

- Tom & Wendy Hanson and their boys from OR.
- Dan & Gerrie Roberts from MI.
- Cheryl Coponen from MI.
- Pamela Somero from SC.
- Dan & Ardelle Aho from NH.
- Steve Krook from NH.
- Marc & Alice Ruotsala from MI.
- Larry & Eva Salo from SC.
- Stephen & Leah Salo & family from MI.
- Pete & Josie Aho from ND.
- Brent & Karen Seppanen from SD.
- Darin Seppanen from SD.
- Alan and Jared Estola from MI.
- Marc & Kiersten Tumberg from ND.
- Elijah & Amanda Ketola & family from NH.
- Neal & Marla Kandoll & family from WA.
- Jed & Krista Estola & family from MI.
- Ardelle Somero from NH.
- Priscilla Matson & children from SC.
- Will & Jennifer Yliniemi & family from WI.
- Tom & Lisa Bisila & family from Isanti, MN.
- Olivia Krook from NH.
- Sarah Talo & children from MI.
- Dan & Diane Bisila from Blaine, MN.
- James & Diane Nelmark & family from Embarrass, MN.
- Jayne Talo from Virginia, MN.
- Dennis & Karissa Tumberg & family from Young America, MN.
- Bob & Tricia Tumberg from Esko, MN.
- Don & Edith Bisilia from Isanti, MN.
- Bruce & Hannah Barney & family from Chisholm, MN.
- Wil & Jennifer Yliniemi & family from WI.

Thanks to those who visit here, we are truly blessed.

## Lost & Found

Please check the fellowship hall & kitchen for left behind pans & containers and the coat racks for articles of clothing or miscellaneous items that you or your children may have left behind.

~ Thank you!

## 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)*

- Family of Tony Aho
- Family of Skyler Impola
- Joan Koskela
- Pastor Don Salo
- Greg Impola
- Family of Lorraine Matson
- Pastor Ron Holmgren
- George Salmonson
- Marvin & June Nelmark
- Raphael & Linda Aho
- Art Latto
- Ray & Marge Kumma
- Martha Aho
- National Leaders
- Our Missionaries
- Our Children & Youth
- Our Military
- Our Elderly
- Shirley Yliniemi
- Elsie Aho
- Billy Nelmark
- Elias Aho
- Our Church, our Pastor and Church leaders.

## Welcome

A very special welcome to Jennie Hanson who has moved to the area from South Dakota. Jennie is the mother of Les Hanson and Janet Aho and is living with Raymond & Janet Aho.

We also welcome to the area Reid & Ashley Aho and their daughter Matilda who have moved to the area from New Hampshire. Reid is the son of Reuben & Nola Aho. Reid & Ashley are living in Perham.

We welcome back Curtis & Ruby Aho from South Carolina and Brett Aho from New Hampshire.

## Milestones

- Brian & Debbie Haataja  
~30th Anniversary ~ 6/30/14
- Patty Aho  
~ 50th Birthday ~ 8/17/14



# Spruce Grove Apostolic Lutheran Church Confirmation Class of 2014



Front Row: Brenna Ann Kandoll, Daughter of Neal & Marla Kandoll; Betsy Jane Impola, Daughter of Paul & Esther Impola; Tessa Lynn Siltala, Daughter of Nathan & Stephanie Siltala; Aspen Annie Anderson, Daughter of Bret & LaRae Anderson; Lily Ann Aho, Daughter of Harry & Lori Aho; Melissa Jayne Nelmark, Daughter of James & Diane Nelmark  
Back Row: Aaron Jacob Barney, Son of Bruce & Hannah Barney; William Paul Hannu, Son of Pastor Dennis & Miriam Hannu; Damon Israel Howard, Son of Jeremy & Katie Howard; Kent Timothy Aho, Son of Timothy & Sarah Aho; Pastor Dennis Hannu; Canton Lyle Matson, Son of Lyle & Rebecca Matson; Colton Reino Sauvola, Son of Nathan & Tanya Sauvola; Karl Everett Bisila, Son of Daniel & Diane Bisila; Michael Thomas Bisila, Son of Thomas & Lisa Bisila; Dexter Terry Sikkila, Son of Jared & Kendra Sikkila

## Sunday School Picnic 2014



Whether at a picnic, on the beach or playing outdoors, it seems like we're always joined by uninvited guests – bugs!

Bugs and other little creatures are mentioned in the Bible.



Fill in the blanks with the little creatures mentioned in each verse.  
Circle them in the puzzle below.

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|------------------------|-----------------------|
| Proverbs 6:6 _____     | Exodus 16:20 _____    |
| Psalms 78:45 _____     | 1 Sam. 24:14 _____    |
| Matt. 23:24 _____      | Isaiah 50:9 _____     |
| Judges 14:8 _____      | Isaiah 59:5 _____     |
| Acts 12:23 _____       | Leviticus 11:22 _____ |
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| Deuteronomy 7:20 _____ |                       |



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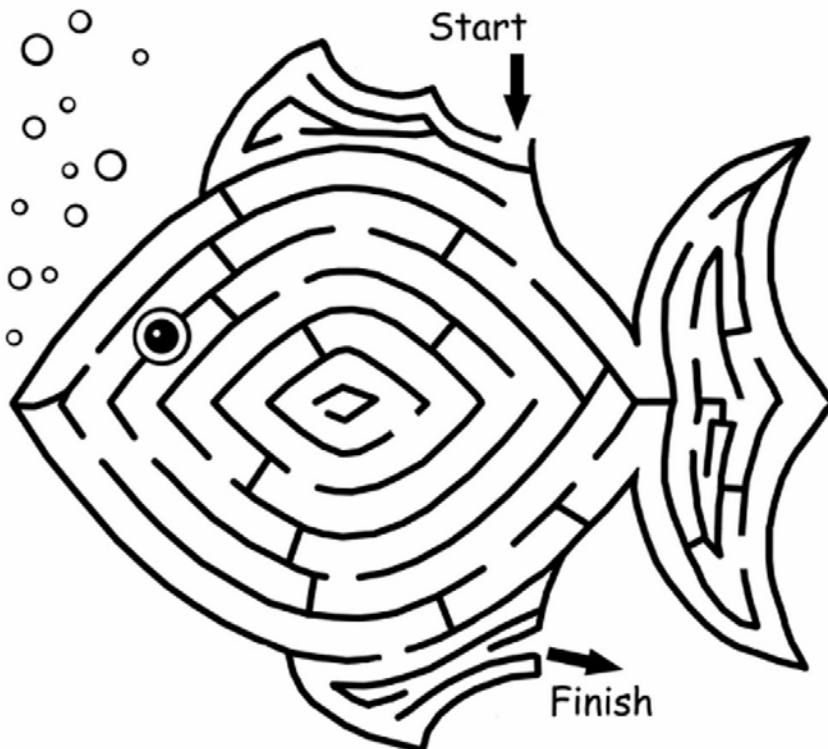
## WHO AM I?

1. She was from the land of Moab
  2. Her sister-in-law's name was Orpah.
  3. She took care of her mother-in-law.
  4. She gathered grain from fields in Bethlehem.
  5. She had a son named Obed.
- Who was this woman?

*Hint: Look in the book after Judges to read about this faithful woman.*

1. He was from Tishbe in Gilead.
  2. He predicted a great drought in Israel.
  3. He raised a widow's son from the dead.
  4. With God's help he called fire down from heaven.
  5. The Lord appeared to him on Mount Horeb.
- Who was this man?

*Hint: Learn more about this famous prophet in 1 Kings 17 through 2 Kings 2.*



1. He lived in the land of Uz.
  2. He had seven sons and three daughters.
  3. He was the richest man in the eastern part of his country.
  4. He cursed the day he was born.
  5. He said, "Shall we accept good from God, and not trouble?"
- Who was this man?

*Hint: Look in the book after Esther to learn more about this faithful man.*



## Funerals

SOPHIE ANNA FORSMAN

January 5, 1922 ~ March 11, 2014

Sophie Anna Forsman, age 92 of Petaluma, CA, formerly of San Mateo, CA and Menahga, MN peacefully passed into eternity at her home in surrounded by her loved ones on March 11, 2014.

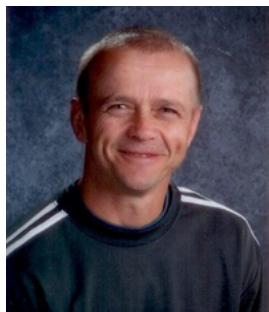
Funeral services were held at 2:00 P.M. Monday, May 19, 2014 at the Cardini-Pearson Funeral Home in Menahga with the Reverend Elmer Yliniemi officiating. Interment was at the Alajoki Cemetery near Menahga. A light luncheon was held at the Menahga Senior Citizens Center following the service.

ANTHONY DAVID AHO

October 20, 1967 ~ June 23, 2014

Anthony David Aho, age 46, of North Branch, MN formerly of Menahga, MN, entered eternity on June 23, 2014 at his home near Stanchfield, MN.

Tony was the son of Elias and Hazel (Koskela) Aho, husband to Rhonda and father to daughters: Megan and Jenna. Funeral services were at held 11:00 A.M. on Monday, June 30, 2014 at the Spruce Grove Apostolic Lutheran Church near Wolf Lake, MN with the Reverend Dennis Hannu and Reverend Don Salo officiating. Interment was at Balmi Cemetery near Wolf Lake, MN.



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**Pastor Dennis Hannu**

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Jason Aho (218)538-6732

## Vacation Bible School

Vacation Bible School will be held July 28th to August 1st from 6:30 to 8:30 P.M. Please have your children here on the first night at 6:15.

If you are willing to volunteer your time to teach, lead songs, prepare snacks, do activities or crafts, please talk to Pastor Dennis.

## Sunday School Teachers Meeting

There will be a meeting on Thursday, August 21, 2014 at 7:00 P.M. at the church. Anyone interested in teaching, substituting or assisting, please attend this meeting. If you are interested in teaching and are unable to be at the meeting, please speak to Jason Aho.

## Thank You

Thank you for the prayers, cards and kindness you've shown our families. Your love and support has been a great help to us during this difficult time.

Thank you for the peony plants in memory of our mother/ grandmother.

We are thankful to God for sustaining us during this time of loss and for friends and family.

May God bless you!

The family of Lorraine Matson

(Families of Julius & Terrie Aho and Andrew & Patty Aho)

## Reminder

Reminder for Cleaning Groups: If your name is first on the list for your cleaning group, it is your responsibility to let everyone else on your group know that it is your month to clean. If you are unable to clean when it is your group, please ask to switch months with someone on another group.

The church needs to be thoroughly cleaned once a month and please check the church after evening services.

## "We Care" Program

Whenever you shop at Central Market in Detroit Lakes, ask for the We Care stamp on your receipt (They usually do that automatically) and turn in your receipts to Miriam Yliniemi. They give a 1% rebate to our church for all sales receipts turned in. Miriam turns them in quarterly for rebate. So far only a few people have turned in receipts and yet over the years we have received over \$2000 in rebates for the church so they add up even if it seems insignificant. The receipts must not be over a year old.

### **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.

### **Radio Broadcast**

Echoes of Mercy broadcast KWAD Wadena  
920 & 1430 AM Sundays: 8:05 A.M. – English, 9:00 A.M. - Finnish 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.sprucegrovechurch.org](http://www.sprucegrovechurch.org) New pictures are added often. 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](mailto: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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# JULY 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4 <i>Independence Day</i>	5
6 Worship Service & Communion 10:30 AM Organists: Megan & Betsy Sound: Chet	7	8	9	10 Adult Bible Study 2:00 PM	11 Worship Service 8:00 PM Organist: Sarah Sound: Nate Coffee Group # 4	12
13 Worship Service 10:30 AM Organist: Ramona Sound: Andrew	14	15	16	17	18	19
20 Guest Speaker: Orval Wirkkala Worship Service 10:30 AM Organist: Patricia Sound: Jason Dinner Following Service-Group # 3	21	22	23	24 Adult Bible Study 2:00 PM	25 Worship Service 8:00 PM Organist: Betsy Sound: Tyrone Coffee Group # 5	26
27 Worship Service 10:30 AM Organist: Deborah Sound: Jamin	28	29 Green Pine Acres Nursing Home Service 2:00 PM	30	31		
<b>Vacation Bible School 7/28 to 8/1 6:30 to 8:30 PM</b>						

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Sebeka: 837-1030

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### July Cleaning Group Jamin & Gina Aho

Andrew & Laureena Keranen  
Darren & Sonya Keranen  
Victor & Lola Aho  
Seth Aho

# AUGUST 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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Vacation Bible School 7/28 to 8/1 6:30 to 8:30 PM						
3 Worship Service & Communion 10:30 AM Organists: Sarah & Betsy Sound: Neil	4	5	6	7	8 Worship Service 8:00 PM Organist: Ramona Sound: Nate Coffee Group # 6	9
10 Worship Service 10:30 AM Organist: Megan Sound: Chet	11	12	13	14 Adult Bible Study 2:00 PM	15	16
17 Worship Service 10:30 AM Organist: Deborah Sound: Andrew Dinner Following Service Group # 4	18	19	20	21 Sunday School Teachers Meeting 7:00 PM	22 Worship Service 8:00 PM Organist: Patricia Sound: Tyrone Coffee Group # 7	23
24 Worship Service 10:30 AM Organist: Betsy Sound: Jason	25	26 Green Pine Acres Nursing Home Service 2:00 PM	27	28 Adult Bible Study 2:00 PM	29 Song Service 8:00 PM Organist: Sarah Sound: Nate Coffee Group # 8	30
31 Worship Service 10:30 AM Organist: Megan Sound: Jamin	9/1 Labor Day	9/2	9/3 Family Bible Study 8:00 PM	9/4	9/5	9/6
9/7 Sunday School 10:00 AM Adult Bible Class 10:00 AM Worship Service & Communion 11:00 AM Organists: Patricia & Ramona Sound: Chet	9/8 SGALC Annual Meeting 7:30 PM	9/9	9/10 Youth Group 7:30 PM	9/11 Adult Bible Study 2:00 PM	9/12 Worship Service 8:00 PM Organist: Deborah Sound: Tyrone Coffee Group # 9	9/13

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## August Cleaning Group

**Rosten & Tori Aho**  
Russell & Eunika Aho  
Harry & Lori Aho  
Loren & Karla Impola