



Spruce Grove Newsletter

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The Love of God

The apostle John, who is commonly referred to as the apostle of love, wrote in his epistle these words: 1 John 4:9-10 *"In this was manifested the love of God toward us, because that God sent his only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through him. Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins."* The love of God is clearly revealed to us through His Son who suffers the punishment that was rightfully ours as fallen human beings. He lays down his life as a sacrifice for the sins of the entire world in order that the world might be saved. The magnitude of this sacrifice is staggering as we realize its impact for the world. God was in Christ reconciling the world unto Himself not counting their trespasses against them and has given us this message of reconciliation. John 3:16-17 *For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved.*

A God who loves in this way is hard to describe as the song writer expressed in his hymn "The Love of God". The 1st verse: "The love of God is greater far than tongue of pen can ever tell; It goes beyond the highest star and reaches to the lowest hell; The guilty pair bowed down with care, God gave His Son to win: His erring child He reconciled and pardoned from his sin." And the 3rd verse: "Could we with ink the ocean fill and were the skies of parchment made, Were every stalk on earth a quill and every man a scribe by trade, To write the love of God above would drain the ocean dry, Nor could the scroll contain the whole though stretched from sky to sky."

This hymn was written in 1917 by Frederick M. Lehman who pastored Nazarene churches in Indiana and Illinois. He moved to Kansas City in 1911 where he became involved in starting the Nazarene Publishing House. The hymn has its roots in a Jewish poem called the Hadamut in the Aramaic language. The poem has 90 couplets or verses and was written in Germany in the 11th century by Rabbi Mayer. Throughout the poem

the theme of God's eternal love and concern for His people is evident. The 3rd verse of the hymn "The Love of God" was evidently adapted from the section of the poem that reads as follows: "Were the sky of parchment made, A quill each reed, each twig and blade, Could we with ink the oceans fill, Were every man a scribe of skill, The marvelous story Of God's great glory Would still remain untold; For He, most high the earth and sky created alone of old." (101 More Hymn Stories, Kenneth W. Osbeck)

"O love of God, how rich and pure! How measureless and strong! It shall forever more endure----The saint's and angel's song." The refrain of this song reminds us of the new song that is ours now in Christ. This new song is spoken of in the Psalms, in Isaiah, and in Revelation. It is the song of the Lamb of God who has taken away the sin of the world. Our song is a new song because we have been changed by the grace of God. We no longer sing the dirges of the old existence but the joyous melodies of the new. KJV 2 Corinthians 5:17 *Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.*

To fully express the love of God would indeed take the effort of all of creation and would still fall short. Perhaps the thing that is overlooked in God's love is the ability He gives us now to live. We are able to live out our lives on this earth under His care and the care of the ones He has placed in our lives. Our mothers for instance have cared for us from our birth and in the month of May we celebrate mothers on Mother's Day. It is a time for us to remember their selfless love for us. It is a time to honor them and the role they carry out or are carrying out in our lives. We thank God that in His kindness He gave us our mothers and so we say thank you to our mothers for their love and kindness to us. May is also the month that our students graduate from high school and move on in their lives into careers or higher education. They now have the opportunity to perhaps live on their own away from their parents for the first time. This is also a gift from God who has formed us in such a way that we grow and mature into adults.

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We then encourage the graduates to always remain in the love of God. 1 John 4:16 *And we have known and believed the love that God hath to us. God is love; and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God, and God in him.*

It is the love of God that enables us to live in this world. He has knit us together in our mother's womb and He cares for us all the days of our lives for we are indeed His offspring. "O Love of God, How rich and pure! How measureless and strong!

In His Love, Pastor Dennis Hannu

Apostolic Lutheran Church Convention

"Faith Cometh By Hearing"

**2015 Annual Convention of the Apostolic Lutheran Churches of America
June 25th through 28th, 2015**

The Spruce Grove Apostolic Lutheran Church Congregation of Wolf Lake, MN invites you to attend the 107th Annual Convention of the Apostolic Lutheran Church of America.

The convention will be held at the New York Mills Public School in New York Mills, MN from June 25th through the 28th, 2015. The address is 209 Hayes Avenue, New York Mills, MN, 56567. The services will begin at the Spruce Grove Church on Wednesday evening, June 24th at 7:30 PM. We will then continue services at the New York Mills High School on Thursday, June 25th through Sunday, June 28th. The Service Times will be 10:00 A.M., 2:30 P.M. and 7:00 P.M.

Information regarding our service schedule and lodging information will be posted on the www.apostoliclutheran.org website, as well as our Facebook page (Spruce Grove ALC Convention 2015).

If you have special lodging needs, or would like to stay with a family in the area, please contact:

Lori Aho: 218-538-6754

Diane Nelson : 218-639-6060

Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions or concerns.

We look forward to seeing you soon and we pray for God's blessings as we continue to fellowship around His Word.

On behalf of the 2015 ALC Convention Committee,

Raymond Aho, Chairman – 218-538-6735

Birth Announcements



Naaman & Lila Impola announce the birth of twin boys. Waylon Paul & Abram Jacob were born on April 11, 2015 at Essentia Health St. Mary's Hospital in Detroit Lakes. Waylon weighed 6 pounds 13 ounces and was 18 1/2 inches tall. Abram weighed 6 pounds 8 ounces and was 18 1/2 inches tall. Their grandparents are Paul & Esther Impola of rural

Sebeka and Wayne & Bobbee Hrdlicka of rural Wolf Lake.

Neil & Amanda Aho announce the birth of their 5th child.

Darius James was born on May 11, 2015 at Essentia Health St. Mary's Hospital in Detroit Lakes.

Darius weighed 9 pounds 1 ounce and was 20 inches tall. Darius was welcomed home by his parents, 3 sisters; Haylee, Addison & Lydia and brother, Silas.

Grandparents are Joshua & Deborah Aho and Kenneth & Pamela Holgate of rural Frazee.



Sunday School Picnic

You are all invited to the Sunday School Picnic at the Wolf Lake Waterfront Park. Everyone is encouraged to come join us for food and fellowship on Sunday, May 24, 2015 following the morning service.

Summer Schedule

Starting Sunday, June 7th, 2015, services will begin at 10:30 AM on Sunday mornings for the months of June, July and August.

Baptisms



Samuel Carl Aho, son of Nathaniel & Carrie Aho of Wolf Lake, was baptized on Sunday, March 8, 2015, at the Spruce Grove Apostolic Lutheran Church by Pastor Dennis Hannu. His sponsors are Tyrone Aho of Wolf Lake and Marcus Sunnarborg of Battleground, WA. His grandparents are Joshua & Deborah Aho of rural Frazee and Craig & Lisa Sunnarborg of Battleground, WA. His great-grandparents are George Salmonson of Menahga, Jim & Nancy Sunnarborg of Esko, MN, and Ken & Fran Karlsen of Hockinson, WA.



Oliver Reid Aho, son of Reid & Ashley Aho of Osage, was baptized on Sunday, March 1, 2015, at the Spruce Grove Apostolic Lutheran Church by Pastor Dennis Hannu. His sponsors are Brent & Karen Seppanen of Watertown, SD, and Olivia Krook of New Ipswich, NH. His grandparents are Nola Aho of rural Frazee and Eric & Patsie Krook of New Ipswich, NH. His great-grandparents are Sylvia Krook of South Carolina and Jim & Doris Matson of Battleground, WA.



Nina Joy Howard, daughter of Jeremy & Katie Howard of rural Menahga, was baptized on April 19, 2015 at the home of her parents by Pastor Dennis Hannu. Her sponsors are Andy & Anne Beldo of rural Sebeka and Sam & Molly Seppala of Rindge, NH. Her grandparents are Julius & Terrie Aho of rural Sebeka and Curtis & Sarah Howard of Menahga. Her great-grandparent is Linda Aho of rural Menaga. Her great-great grandparent is Marie Pahkala of Finlayson, MN.

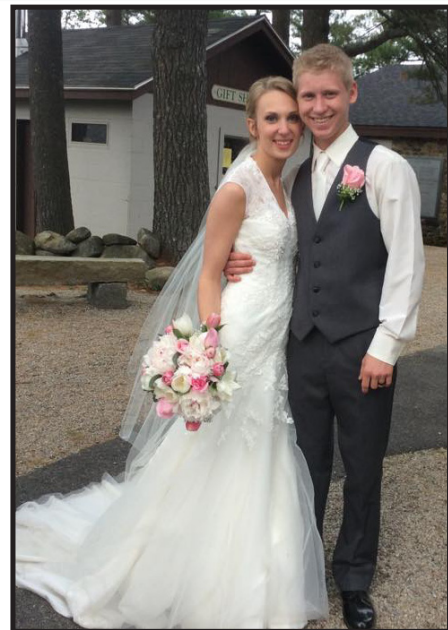
Thank You

Thank you for all your thoughts, prayers and words of encouragement over these past few months.

~ Love & God's Peace,

Reino, Peggy Aho & family

Wedding Reception



Kaylee Bertram & Luke Aho were united in marriage on Saturday, May 16th in New Hampshire.

*You are invited to a reception for
Luke & Kaylee*

*at the Spruce Grove Church
on Sunday, June 7th from 1:00 to 3:00 PM.*

News & Notes

- Alvin & Alisha Aho & children have returned from a few months in SC.
 - Chet & Dayna Anderson traveled to WA & OR.
 - Jethro & Molly Impola and children traveled to SC.
 - Miriam Hannu and several youth from the church attended the Youth Rally in the Twin Cities.
 - Leila Aho traveled to MI.
 - Eldon & Marie Mosteller and children traveled to WA & OR.
 - Dayna Anderson traveled to ND.
 - A Bridal Shower was held for Kaylee Bertram at the church.
 - An Open House was held at the church in honor of Richard & Darlayne Yliniemi's 50th wedding Anniversary and Darlayne's 70th Birthday.
 - Neil & Amanda Aho and boys, Joshua & Deborah Aho, Rodney & Hannah Aho & family, Nate & Carrie Aho & family, Jared & Jolene Aho & family, Marlin Aho, Raul Aho, Derek Borth, Layla Aho, Micah Aho, Kyle Aho traveled to NH for Luke & Kaylee's wedding.
 - Dara Sikkila & Dexter Sikkila traveled to NH.
 - Ashlyn Aho & Sienna traveled to SC.
 - Loren & Karla Impola and family traveled to WA.
- Some of the visitors in the past few months were:
- Marc & Kiersten Tumberg from ND.
 - Jesse & Judy Aho from MI.
 - Erica West & children from SD.
 - Brent & Karen Seppanen & family from SD.

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

YOUTH NEWS

YOUTH GROUP- BIBLE STUDY

We would love to have more youth attend our Bible studies. We meet on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month unless there is church. If your youth would need a ride please contact someone closest to you that regularly attends or contact Tyrone. Youth ages 14 and over are welcome to attend. Tyrone Aho can be reached at 218-230-4098.

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)

- Reino Aho
- Kathy Yliniemi (Art)
- Lucy Kulla
- Family of Elsie Aho
- Ariana Marrelli
- Family of Graham Aho
- Family of Skyler Impola
- Joan Koskela
- George Salmonson
- Marvin & June Nelmark
- Lila Yliniemi
- Linda Aho
- Art Latto
- Marge Kumma
- Martha Aho
- Billy Nelmark
- Elias Aho
- Our Church, our Pastor and Church leaders.
- National Leaders
- Our Missionaries
- Our Children & Youth
- Our Military
- Our Elderly

Milestones

Olavi Seppala ~ 91st Birthday ~ 5/4/2015

Darlayne Yliniemi ~ 70th Birthday ~ 5/5/15

Richard & Darlayne Yliniemi
~ 50th Anniversary ~ 5/8/15

Marg Kumma ~ 84th Birthday ~ 5/9/15

Diane Niemi ~ 75th Birthday ~ 5/9/15

Tanya Sauvola ~ 40th Birthday ~ 5/24/15

Elmer & Miriam Yliniemi
~ 45th Anniversary ~ 6/13/15

Eli Hannu ~ 20th Birthday ~ 6/17/15

Peggy Aho ~ 60th Birthday ~ 6/28/15

2015 Graduates



Marisa Aho

Daughter of
Reuben & Nola Aho
**Penn Foster High
School**



Moriah Aho

Daughter of
Reino & Peggy Aho
Menahga High School



Lakyn Anderson

Daughter of
Bret & LaRae Anderson
Menahga High School



Blake Hillukka

Son of
Dale & Molly Hillukka
Menahga High School

Rosten Aho

Graduated from M State Wadena with HVAC Diploma

Tori Aho

Graduated from M State Wadena with a Liberal Arts Degree

Rylan Aho

Receiving a Telecommunications Certificate from Minnesota West

Graduation Open Houses

Everyone is welcome to attend the Graduation Open Houses!

An Open House will be held for **Marisa Aho & Moriah Aho & Blake Hillukka** at the Spruce Grove Church following the graduation ceremony in Menahga on Friday evening, May 22nd, 2015.

An Open House brunch will be held for **Lakyn Anderson** on Saturday, May 23rd, 2015 from 9:00 A.M. until Noon at her home.

***Congratulations to all the Graduates!
We pray God's blessings & guidance for
you now and always.***

Grandchild Announcement

Reuben & Ellen Tumberg announce the birth of a grandson. Bennett Richard Tumberg was born on May 10, 2015 to their son Marc and his wife Kiersten of Dickinson, ND. Other Grandparents are Jaimie & Julie Schierbeek of CA.

Confirmation Classes

Confirmation Classes will be held Monday, June 15th to Friday, June 19th, 2015. Classes will be held at the church from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM. Confirmation Service will be Sunday, June 21, 2015 at 10:30 A.M.

Convention Meeting

There will be a Convention Planning Meeting on Friday, June 5th at 7:30 P.M. Please attend! Please also keep the planning process and the whole convention in your prayers.

Convention Notes

If you live in the area and are willing to host people who will be coming to the convention, please let Lori Aho or Diane Nelson know or put your name and number on the sign-up sheet in the entry at the church.

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. 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 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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MAY 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3 Sunday School 10:00 AM Adult Bible Class 10:00 AM Worship Service & Communion 11:00 AM Organists: Patricia & Jolie Sound: Jamin	4	5	6 Youth Group 7:30 PM	7	8 Worship Service 8:00 PM Organist: Megan Sound: Nate Coffee Group # 2	9
10 Sunday School 10:00 AM Adult Bible Class 10:00 AM Worship Service 11:00 AM Organist: Betsy Sound: Jason	11	12	13 Family Bible Study 8:00 PM	14 Adult Bible Study 2:00 PM	15	16
17 Sunday School 10:00 AM Adult Bible Class 10:00 AM Worship Service 11:00 AM Organist: Sarah Sound: Chet	18	19	20 Youth Group 7:30 PM	21	22 Graduation in Sebeka & Menahga	23
24 Worship Service 11:00 AM Organist: Megan Sound: Alvin Sunday School Picnic	25 Memorial Day	26 Green Pine Acres Nursing Home Service 2:00 PM	27 Family Bible Study 8:00 PM	28 Adult Bible Study 2:00 PM	29 Song Service 8:00 PM Organist: Patricia & Sarah Sound: Tyrone Coffee Group # 3	30
31 Worship Service 11:00 AM Organist: Jolie Sound: Andrew						

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Aldrich: 445-1030 Nimrod: 472-1030

Sebeka: 837-1030

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May Cleaning Group

Joe & Stacie Olson

Keith & Jamie Aho

Paul & Esther Impola

Max & Ashley Aho

Pete & Linda Levijoki

JUNE-JULY 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5 Convention Planning Meeting 7:30 PM	6
7 Worship Service & Communion 10:30 AM Organists: Ramona & Betsy Sound: Jamin Luke & Kaylee Aho reception 1:00 to 3:00 PM	8	9	10 Youth Group 7:30 PM	11 Adult Bible Study 2:00 PM	12 Worship Service 8:00 PM Organist: Sarah Sound: Nate Coffee Group # 4	13
14 Worship Service 10:30 AM Organist: Megan Sound: Neil	15	16	17	18	19	20
Confirmation Classes 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM						
21 Confirmation Sunday Worship Service & Communion 10:30 AM Organists: Deborah & Patricia Sound: Jason Dinner Following Service Group # 2	22	23	24 Worship Service 7:30 PM Organist: Patricia Sound: Chet Coffee Group # 11	25	26	27
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28 Service at NYM High School	29	30 Green Pine Acres Service 2:00 PM	7/1	7/2	7/3	7/4 Independence Day
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7/12 Worship Service 10:30 AM Organist: Ramona Sound: Alvin	7/13	7/14	7/15	7/16	7/17	7/18
7/19 Worship Service & Communion 10:30 AM Organists: Sarah Sound: Chet	7/20	7/21	7/22 Youth Group 7:30 PM	7/23 Adult Bible Study 2:00 PM	7/24 Worship Service 8:00 PM Organist: Deborah Sound: Nate Coffee Group # 6	7/25
7/26 Worship Service 10:30 AM Organist: Megan Sound: Jamin	7/27	7/28 Green Pine Acres Service 2:00 PM	7/29	7/30	7/31 Song Service 8:00 PM Organist: Patricia & Sarah Sound: Tyrone Coffee Group # 7	

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June Cleaning Group

Ryan & Chelsea Aho
Nate & Carrie Aho
Harvey & Patricia Aho
Chet & Dayna Anderson
Andrew & Jolie Ingvalson

July Cleaning Group

Jared & Kendra Sikkila
Darren & Sonya Keranen
Reid & Ashley Aho
Seth Aho