



Spruce Grove Newsletter

Spruce Grove Apostolic Lutheran Church, Wolf Lake, MN Vol. 21 No. 6 November-December 2016

For Unto Is a Child Is Born

The season of Advent brings to us the greatest wonder ever to be presented or seen in this world and that is the incarnation of Christ. God in flesh comes into this world in order to save it. This season causes us to reflect on the coming of Christ into this world. For unto us a child is born. KJV Isaiah 9:1-7 *Nevertheless the dimness shall not be such as was in her vexation, when at the first he lightly afflicted the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, and afterward did more grievously afflict her by the way of the sea, beyond Jordan, in Galilee of the nations. The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light: they that dwell in the land of the shadow of death, upon them hath the light shined. Thou hast multiplied the nation, and not increased the joy: they joy before thee according to the joy in harvest, and as men rejoice when they divide the spoil. For thou hast broken the yoke of his burden, and the staff of his shoulder; the rod of his oppressor, as in the day of Midian. For every battle of the warrior is with confused noise, and garments rolled in blood; but this shall be with burning and fuel of fire. For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this.*

The prophet Isaiah some 700 years before Christ prophesied of His coming into the world. In the midst of the turmoil, heartache, and darkness of that day came the glorious proclamation of hope. "Unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given" carries a great amount of weight for it is the message of the promised king who would rescue his people from their current distress. And rescue He did as the child carried out the zeal of the Lord in His finished work on the center cross of Calvary. For you see this child would not only fulfill the role as king and messiah but he would also be the Suffering Servant who would bear the grief and sorrow of His people. He would be wounded for our transgressions, bruised for our iniquities, the punishment that brought us peace was on Him, and by His stripes we were healed. This child who was born in a stable and laid in a manger or a feeding trough changed the world

for it is the message of "For unto us a child is born" that demonstrates the magnificent grace of God. God in flesh, the creator of the world takes on flesh and becomes like his creation in order to pull it out of its darkness. The birth of Jesus has changed the dynamics of the human race. Its darkness is over because the light of the world has cast his everlasting light into the darkness and overcome it! The curse has been reversed, no longer does death have victory over us but we have risen with Jesus Christ by the glory of God the Father and now live a new life.

This message is for the world which is full of people who are broken and walking in darkness and living as it were in the shadow of death. "For unto us a child is born" is the message that the world needs because it is the only message that brings us life and peace. The imagery of the yoke, staff, and rod being broken signifies that the enslavement is over. No longer are we enslaved to sin. Its power has been broken and we now learn of the One who says that His yoke is easy and His burden is light. The noise of the battle ceases as well and all of its garments that are stained with blood are destroyed in the fire of God's love. We are then granted new garments, the garment of salvation and covered with the robe of righteousness. For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder. We now live in the kingdom of Peace with the Prince of Peace who is Our Counselor, the Mighty God, the Everlasting Father. His kingdom is established forever and its peace will last forever. The throne that is established there is a throne of grace to which we can run at any moment to find mercy and grace to help in every time of need. The One who sits on the throne is the Lord who is worthy to receive glory and honor and power for He created all things and for His pleasure they are and were created. "For unto us a child is born" is the message of the Christian church here on earth for it encapsulates the entire gospel message. Charles Wesley captures this message beautifully in His hymn; Hark, the Herald Angels Sing. The second line: "Veiled in flesh the God-head see, Hail the incarnate Deity! Pleased as Man with men to dwell, Jesus our Immanuel. Hail, the heavenly Prince of Peace, Hail, the Sun of Righteousness! Light and life to all He brings, Risen with healing in His wings."

God's Peace, Pastor Dennis Hannu

Baptisms



Krisslyn Mae Aho, daughter of Alvin & Alisha Aho of Osage, was baptized on Saturday evening, September 10, 2016, at the home of her grandparents by Pastor Dennis Hannu. Her sponsors are Will & Jennifer Yliniemi of WI and Eliina Matson of SC. Her grandparents are Raymond & Janet Aho of rural Frazee and Roger & Priscilla Matson of SC. Her great-grandparents are Jennie Hanson of rural Frazee and Doug & Donna Coponen of SC.



Kaesha Joy Impola, daughter of Loren & Karla Impola of rural Sebeka, was baptized on October 21, 2016 at the home of her parents by Pastor Dennis Hannu. Her sponsors are Jason & Amy Aho of Wolf Lake and Calvin & Kaitlyn Impola of rural Sebeka. Her grandparents are Paul & Esther Impola of rural Sebeka and Tim & Carol Karlsen of WA. Her great-grandparents are Elma Impola of Menahga, Albert Tapio of WA, and Ken & Fran Karlsen of WA.

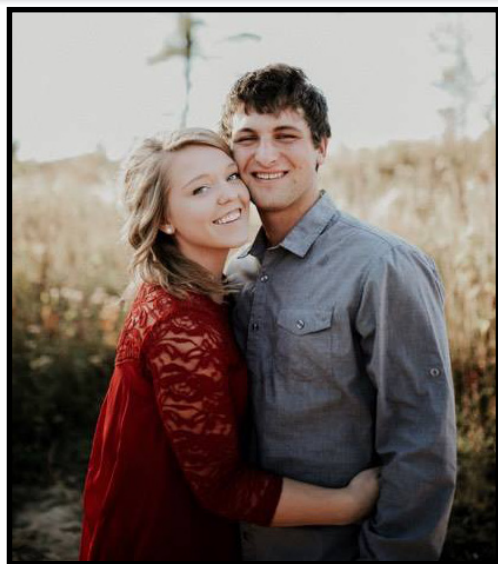


Claire Dorothy Aho, daughter of Jamin & Gina Aho of rural Frazee, was baptized on Sunday, October 9, 2016, at the Spruce Grove Apostolic Lutheran Church by Pastor Dennis Hannu. Her sponsors are Jared & Kendra Sikkila of rural Osage and Tim & Sarah Aho of rural Frazee. Her grandparents are Reino & Peggy Aho of rural Frazee and Peter & Linda Levijoki of rural Frazee.



Nolan Wayne Impola, son of Naaman & Lila Impola of rural Sebeka, was baptized on Sunday, November 6, 2016, at the Spruce Grove Apostolic Lutheran Church by Pastor Dennis Hannu. His sponsors are Philip & Amber Impola of SC and Brandon Hanson of Ponsford. His grandparents are Paul & Esther Impola of rural Sebeka and Wayne & Shirley Hrdlicka of rural Frazee. His great-grandparents are Elma Impola of Menahga and Patricia Kronshnable of St. Paul.

Engagement



Layla Aho & Derek Borth announced their engagement on September 19th, 2016.

Layla lives in Wolf Lake and is the daughter of Harvey & Patirica Aho of rural Frazee and is employed by Woodside Manor-Assisted Living.

Derek lives in Wolf Lake and is the son of Daran & Christina Borth of rural Menahga and is employed by ANA Concrete.

They are planning their wedding for July of 2017.

Advent & Christmas Services

Advent Services will be held at the church Wednesdays, December 7th, 14th and 21st at 7:30 PM.

There will also be a Worship Service on Christmas Day at 11:00 AM.

Sunday School Christmas Program Practice

We will be practicing for the Sunday School Christmas Program on December 4 & 11 starting at 9:30 A.M. and also on December 18 starting at 9:00 A.M. * Parents of Sunday School Students: Please help them to do the memory work & practice their songs for the program.

Sunday School Christmas Program

The Sunday School Christmas Program will be held on Sunday, December 18th, 2016 at the church at 11:00 A.M. Dinner will be served following the program.

Birth Announcement

Justin & Miranda Impola announce the birth of their 3rd child.

Trina Esther was born on September 25, 2016 at Lakewood Health Systems in Staples. Trina weighed 8 pounds 14 ounces and was 21 inches tall. Trina was welcomed home by her parents, brother Ashton and sister Lanna.

Trina's grandparents are Paul and Esther Impola of rural Sebeka and David and Lori Tumberg of New York Mills, MN.



Grandchild Announcements

Nola Aho announces the birth of a grandson. Bridger John Seppanen was born on October 7, 2016 to her daughter Karen & her husband Brent of Lake Norden, SD. Bridger's other grandparents are John & Jana Seppanen of SD.

Raymond & Janet Aho announce the birth of a granddaughter. Bria Marie Hill was born on October 17, 2016 to their daughter Elsa and her husband Brian of Pasco, WA. Bria's other grandparents are Paul & Charity Hill of WA.



I wish to thank my church family as well as my family for the 80th birthday party celebration for me on Sunday September 25.

A special thank you to the kitchen group and others that helped in the preparation and serving of the dinner and to all who attended, gave cards, gifts and good wishes. It was much appreciated.

*Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ."
(Ephesians 5:20)*

God's Peace! Elmer Yliniemi

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)

- Norman Kangas
- Ralph Kandoll
- Peter Bergstedt
- Gerry Southerton
- Irene Koskela
- Linda Aho
- Family of Skyla Forcier
- 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

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YOUTH WEEKEND

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

Spruce Grove Youth is hosting a Youth Weekend for New Years! December 29th -January 1st. Youth in confirmation class and older are invited to join us.

Ernest (Chuck) Bylka III will be the guest speaker throughout the weekend.

Cost is \$25 per person, with a max of \$75 per family. If you plan on attending and are in need of housing, private message/call/text Tyrone Aho (218-230-4098) hope to see you in Wolf Lake!

* If you are able to house youth, please let Tyrone or Layla know.

* If you are willing to provide bars, cookies or snacks, please speak to Kimberly or Alethea.

Ernest Bylka III will also be the guest speaker at Spruce Grove Church on Sunday, January 1st, 2016

Milestones

Gloria Juntuen

~ 87th Birthday - 11/2/2016

Reuben Tumberg

~78th Birthday - 11/14/2016

Anjalie Aho

~ 10th Birthday - 12/2/2016

Charles Aho

~ 30th Birthday - 12/13/2016

Victor Aho Jr.

~ 40th Birthday - 12/22/2016

News & Notes

- Pastor Dennis & Miriam Hannu traveled to Seattle, WA for special services.
 - Curtis & Ruby Aho & daughter traveled to SC.
 - Nola Aho traveled to SD.
 - Joshua & Deborah Aho traveled to MT.
 - Ashley Aho traveled to Canada.
 - Kent Aho traveled to Canada.
 - Miriam Hannu, Peggy Aho & Tanya Sauvola traveled to MI for Camp Lahti Ladies Retreat.
 - Spruce Grove Church hosted the Fall Youth Rally on September 23-25. There were about 50 participants throughout the weekend. Thank you to those who hosted people in your homes, volunteered your time at the church & provided food. Your help was greatly appreciated. Thanks also to those who came to participate, we had guests from congregations in Minnesota and Upper Michigan.
 - Dara Sikkila traveled to WA & NH.
 - Kimberly Aho traveled to SD.
 - David & Loretta Olson traveled to SC.
 - Russ & Nika Aho & family traveled to MI.
- Some of the visitors the last few months were:
- Daivid & Aila Somero from NH.
 - Andre Aho & boys from NH.
 - Mark Niskanen & boys from SC.
 - Lincoln Matson from SC.
 - Elijah Ketola & boys from NH.
 - Bruce & Hannah Barney & family from Chisholm, MN.
 - Will and Jennifer Yliniemi & family from WI.
 - Alan and Val Estola & daughter from MI.
 - Joni Somero from NH.
 - Lee Somero from NH.
 - Eva and Larry Salo from SC.
 - Jen Fraki & Kirsten from WA.
 - Tim & Carol Karlsen from WA.
 - Philip and Amber Impola & family from SC.
 - Jonas & Miranda Impola & family from WA.
 - Tom & Wendy Hanson & family from OR.
 - Luke Aho from NH.
 - Kyle Aho from NH.
 - Bruce & Erica West & family from SD.
 - Bruce & Christine Sarkela from FL.
 - Steve Aho & Michael Aho from NH.
 - Marc & Kiersten Tumberg & family from ND.
 - Jacob & Robyn & family from WA.

- Todd & Rhonda Niskanen from SC.
 - Terry & Renee Aho from NH.
 - Marisa Aho from NC.
 - Amos & Emma Traffie & family from NC.
 - Rick & Betty Estola from MI.
 - Pastor Bruce Estola & Sharon and family were here from MI. Pastor Bruce was a guest speaker.
 - Rolly & Sarah Seppala, Travis & Johanna Seppala & family and Lars Seppala from SC.
 - Jimmy & Clara Estola & family from MI.
 - Jerome & Lois Mattila from WA.
 - Olivia Krook from NH.
 - Tim Aho & children from SC.
 - Kevin Aho & children from WA.
 - Emily Anderson & son Lane from SD.
 - Ryan Kandoll from Kingston, MN
 - Roxanne Kulla from WA.
 - Ray & Rosanna Kulla & family from SD.
 - KJ & Catie Sagedahl, Thomas & Kelsey Kinsella from the Twin Cities.
 - Bryce Hilman from WA.
 - Derek Traffie from NH.
 - Chad Rassio & Devin Raasio from MI.
 - Jim Impola from MI.
 - Paul & Dorothy Benjamson from MI.
- Thanks to those who visit here, we are truly blessed.



Pastor Appreciation Month was celebrated in October. Thank you to Pastor Dennis & Miriam for your service to our congregation.

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

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NOVEMBER 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 Family Bible Study 8:00 PM	3	4	5 Youth Group 7:30 P.M.
6 Sunday School 10:00 AM Adult Bible Class 10:00 AM Worship Service & Communion 11:00 AM Organists: Deborah & Carrie Sound: Chet	7	8	9 Family Bible Study 8:00 PM	10	11 Worship Service 8:00 PM Organist: Megan Sound: Tyrone Coffee Group #9	12
13 Sunday School 10:00 A.M. Adult Bible Class 10:00 AM Worship Service 11:00 AM Organist: Sarah Sound: Neil	14	15	16 Family Bible Study 8:00 PM	17	18	19 Youth Group 7:30 P.M.
20 Sunday School 10:00 A.M. Adult Bible Class 10:00 AM Worship Service 11:00 AM Organist: Deborah Sound: Alvin	21	22	23	24 Thanksgiving Day	25 Worship Service 8:00 PM Organist: Ramona Sound: Nate Coffee Group # 10	26
27 Sunday School 10:00 AM Adult Bible Class 10:00 AM Worship Service 11:00 AM Organists: Carrie Sound: Jason	28	29 Green Pine Acres Nursing Home Service 2:00 PM	30 Family Bible Study 8:00 PM			

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Aldrich: 445-1030 Nimrod: 472-1030
Sebeka: 837-1030

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November Cleaning Group

Max & Ashley Aho

Pete & Linda Levijoki

Joe & Stacie Olson

Keith & Jamie Aho

Paul & Esther Impola

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DECEMBER 2016

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Youth Group

Jared & Kendra Sikkila

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