



Spruce Grove Newsletter

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There is Power in the Blood

Recently I was listening to the hymn by Lewis E. Jones called "There is Power in the Blood" and I began to think of how much the message of Christianity centers around the blood of Christ. Peter writes that we have been purchased not with the money of this world but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without any imperfections. John writes "Behold the Lamb of God that takes away the sins of the world" and the significance of that statement is seen at the cross as Jesus hangs there shedding His blood in sacrifice for our sins. The Hebrew writer explains that the Old Testament sacrificial system of the shedding of the blood of bulls and goats as an offering for sin was simply pointing to the supreme sacrifice of Christ. The blood that the high priests of Israel carried into the Most Holy Place did not have the power to perfect their conscience but only served as a means of pointing to the One who would enter into the Holiest Place with His own blood which would have the power to bring us eternal redemption. Paul writes that we have redemption through the blood of Christ, the forgiveness of our sins. Here is where the power of the blood of Christ is demonstrated: our sins are forgiven. The song writer poses the question "Would you be free from the burden of sin?" and then answers, "there is power in the blood." The blood of Christ speaks of cleansing, forgiveness, restoration, and ultimately salvation.

The psalmist speaks of the power of the blood of Christ powerfully in Psalm 103 KJV <A Psalm of David.> "Bless the LORD, O my soul: and all that is within me, bless his holy name. Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits: Who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases; Who redeemeth thy life from destruction; who crowneth thee with lovingkindness and tender mercies; Who satisfieth thy mouth with good things; so that thy youth is renewed like the eagle's. The LORD executeth righteousness and judgment for all that are oppressed. He made known his ways unto Moses, his acts unto the children of Israel. The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and plenteous in mercy. He will not always chide: neither will he keep his anger for ever. He hath not dealt with

us after our sins; nor rewarded us according to our iniquities. For as the heaven is high above the earth, so great is his mercy toward them that fear him. As far as the east is from the west, so far hath he removed our transgressions from us. Like as a father pitieth his children, so the LORD pitieth them that fear him. For he knoweth our frame; he remembereth that we are dust. As for man, his days are as grass: as a flower of the field, so he flourisheth. For the wind passeth over it, and it is gone; and the place thereof shall know it no more. But the mercy of the LORD is from everlasting to everlasting upon them that fear him, and his righteousness unto children's children; To such as keep his covenant, and to those that remember his commandments to do them. The LORD hath prepared his throne in the heavens; and his kingdom ruleth over all. Bless the LORD, ye his angels, that excel in strength, that do his commandments, hearkening unto the voice of his word. Bless ye the LORD, all ye his hosts; ye ministers of his, that do his pleasure. Bless the LORD, all his works in all places of his dominion: bless the LORD, O my soul."

The blood of Christ has paid the ransom price for our sins forever. All that the psalmist speaks of has been accomplished by the blood offering of Christ. The blood of Christ speaks to us of the mercy and forgiveness of our God. We read also in Romans 3:23-26 *For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God; Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus: Whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation through faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God; To declare, I say, at this time his righteousness: that he might be just, and the justifier of him which believeth in Jesus."* Paul writes here that through faith in the blood of Christ our sins have been atoned. It is Christ who has become the sacrifice for sin in order to redeem our lives from destruction. It is His blood that had the power to remove our sins from us as far as the east is from the west. No other blood could do this, in fact the old covenant sacrifices served as a reminder of the sinfulness of the people. The blood

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of Christ has however set us apart as holy forever. We are indeed made perfect by the blood of Christ and now have boldness to enter into the Holiest place. My friends, every day we walk under the covering of this blood. The scripture speaks of this blood continually as we read also in Revelation 5:9-10 *“And they sung a new song, saying, Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: for thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation; And hast made us unto our God kings and priests: and we shall reign on the earth.”*

There is indeed power in the blood of Christ my friends, hear its message and walk out from under that burden you are carrying. There is no need for you to continue to carry it for the Great Burden Carrier has already removed it from your shoulders. His blood has been shed once and for all. The payment has been made and God is satisfied! Believe it and live as the free children of God because there is *“Power in the Blood.”*

God's Peace, Pastor Dennis Hannu

Baptisms



Gabrielle Jean Ingvalson, daughter of Andrew & Jolie Ingvalson of rural Frazee, was baptized on Sunday July 30, 2017 at the Spruce Grove Apostolic Lutheran Church by Pastor Dennis Hannu. Her sponsors are Elijah & Amanda Ketola of NH and Jacob & Melina Ingvalson of GA. Her grandparents are Reino & Peggy Aho and Lee & Bonnie Ingvalson all of rural Frazee.



Giada Chanel Aho, daughter of James & Delfina Aho of rural Sebeka, was baptized on August 24, 2017 at the home of her grandparents by Pastor Dennis Hannu. Her sponsors are Andy & Anne Beldo of rural Menahga and Fabio Ciampi of Italy. Her grandparents are Julius & Terrie Aho of rural Sebeka and Nino & Antonia Ciampi of Italy. Her great-grandparent is Linda Aho and great-great-grandparent is Mary Pahkala of Finlayson.



Vienna Faith Aho, daughter of Victor Jr. & Stacy Aho of rural Menahga, was baptized on Sunday, August 20, 2017, at the Spruce Grove Apostolic Lutheran Church by Pastor Dennis Hannu. Her sponsors are Keith & Jamie Aho of rural Sebeka and Tamar Aho of Wolf Lake. Her grandparents are Victor & Lola Aho of Menahga and Byron & Mary Saari of WI. Her great-grandparents are Elma Impola of Menahga and Marie Rouse of MI.

Fall Cleaning

We will be doing an interior & exterior fall cleaning of the church on Saturday, October 7th starting at 10:00 AM. For those who won't be able make it on the 7th, it would be appreciated if you could come earlier in the week, the list of jobs to be done is in the church kitchen. Please help where you can.

Notice: Jeff Kinnunen has been hired to scrub, wax, buff & maintain the floors in the narthex & fellowship hall. Light cleaning to be done as needed by the cleaning groups or Tanya. Contact Jeff or Armas if questions.

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.

Milestones

Shirley Kangas
~ 81st Birthday - 9/3/2017
Andrew Keranen
~ 40th Birthday - 9/10/2017
Kimberly Aho
~ 30th Birthday - 9/13/2017
Elmer Yliniemi
~ 81st Birthday - 9/25/2017
Charles & Leila Aho
~ 10th Anniversary - 9/29/2017
Linda Aho
~ 92nd Birthday - 10/1/2017
Sarah Aho
~ 40th Birthday - 10/6/2017
Lenae Aho
~ 20th Birthday - 10/9/2017
William Nelmark
~ 77th Birthday - 10/20/2017
Olavi & Sirkka Seppala
~ 67th Anniversary - 10/29/2017

Grandchild Announcement

Harry & Lori Aho announce the birth of a granddaughter. Emmie Lou Aho was born on August 25, 2017 to their son Daryl & his wife Megan of Wolf Lake. Other grandparents are Duwayne & Erin Jepson of Wolf Lake.

Sunday School Teachers

Preschool: Tamar Aho & Shandra Siltala
Kindergarten: Dayna Anderson & Savanna Aho
1st Grade: Ramona Anderson & Kaisa Aho
2nd Grade: Stephanie Siltala
3rd Grade: Tyrone Aho
4th Grade: Nate Aho
5th Grade: David Olson
6th Grade: Lyle Matson
7th Grade: Neil Aho
8th & 9th Grade: Justin Impola

* Parents of Sunday School Students: Children in Sunday School in 2nd Grade and up, are leaving Sunday School with memory work that they are expected to have memorized by the next Sunday, please help them to do the memory work.

Pastor Appreciation

October is Clergy Appreciation Month. The celebration was established in 1992 with a mission of uplifting and encouraging pastors, missionaries and religious workers.

On Sunday, October 8 we will be having a potluck meal in honor of Pastor Dennis Hannu following the service.

Please keep Pastor Dennis Hannu & family as well as Pastor Elmer Yliniemi & family in your prayers in October and always.

Ladies Bible Study

The Ladies of the church are invited to a Bible Study on Thursday mornings at 10:00 A.M.

Guest Speaker

On Sunday, October 29, Ryan Kandoll will be our guest speaker. Dinner will be served following the service.

News & Notes

- Lyle & Rebecca Matson & family traveled to KY.
- Karla Impola & children traveled to WA.
- Jason & Amy Aho traveled to MI.
- Tyrone Aho traveled to NH.
- Kent Aho traveled to Canada.
- Lori Aho traveled to NH.
- Marsha Hanson traveled to WA.
- Eunika Aho & daughter Ava traveled to WA.
- Miriam Hannu & Elissa Redetzke traveled to FL.
- Katie Aho, Jolene Aho and Ashley Aho and some of the youth went to the Watersmeet youth weekend in Watersmeet, MI.

Some of the visitors the last few months were:

- Elijah & Amanda Ketola & family from NH.
- Tim & Carol Karlsen from WA.
- Jeff & Phil LaBell from NH.
- Eric Fallon from NH.
- Bruce & Hannah Barney & family.
- Jed & Krista Aho & family from MI.
- Brent & Karen Seppaned & family from SD.
- Marc & Alice Ruotsala from MI.
- Eva & Larry Salo from MI.
- Terry & Renee Aho from NH.
- Kurt & Marcy Traffie & family from NH.
- Shane & Renae Lampinen & family from NH.
- Derek & Joani Hannu from NH.
- Jordan & Raakel Hill & family from NH.
- Ruth Farrey from WA.
- Cal & Wanda Aho from WA.
- Mel & Sari Aho from WA.
- Alex & Jacinda Aili & family from Esko, MN.

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

Ladies Fellowship

The Ladies of the church and their children are invited to the church on Thursday, October 24th at 11:00 AM for a time of fellowship. Please bring a salad to share.

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)

- Jamie Aho
- Aria Aho
- Family of Norman Kangas
- John Snelling
- Ralph Kandoll
- Irene Koskela
- Linda Aho
- Richard Yliniemi
- Clifford Koskela
- 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 Widows
- Our Missionaries
- Our Children & Youth
- Our Military
- Our Elderly
- Sunday School Teachers & Students

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Pastor's Office Hours:

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SEPTEMBER 2017

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

The numbers to dial to listen to the services over the telephone are:

Wolf Lake: 538-1030 Menahga: 564-1030
Aldrich: 445-1030 Nimrod: 472-1030
Sebeka: 837-1030

The pin number will be 787565# for all services. When you call in, you will be asked for the participant code and that is when you will dial the pin number followed by the #. Then it will ask for your name, this is optional, you can either say your name and press # or just stay on the line and it will connect you after about 5 seconds.

September Cleaning Group

Darren & Sonya Keranen

Reid & Ashley Aho

Jamin & Gina Aho

Jeff & Rosy Kinnunen

Tyrone Aho

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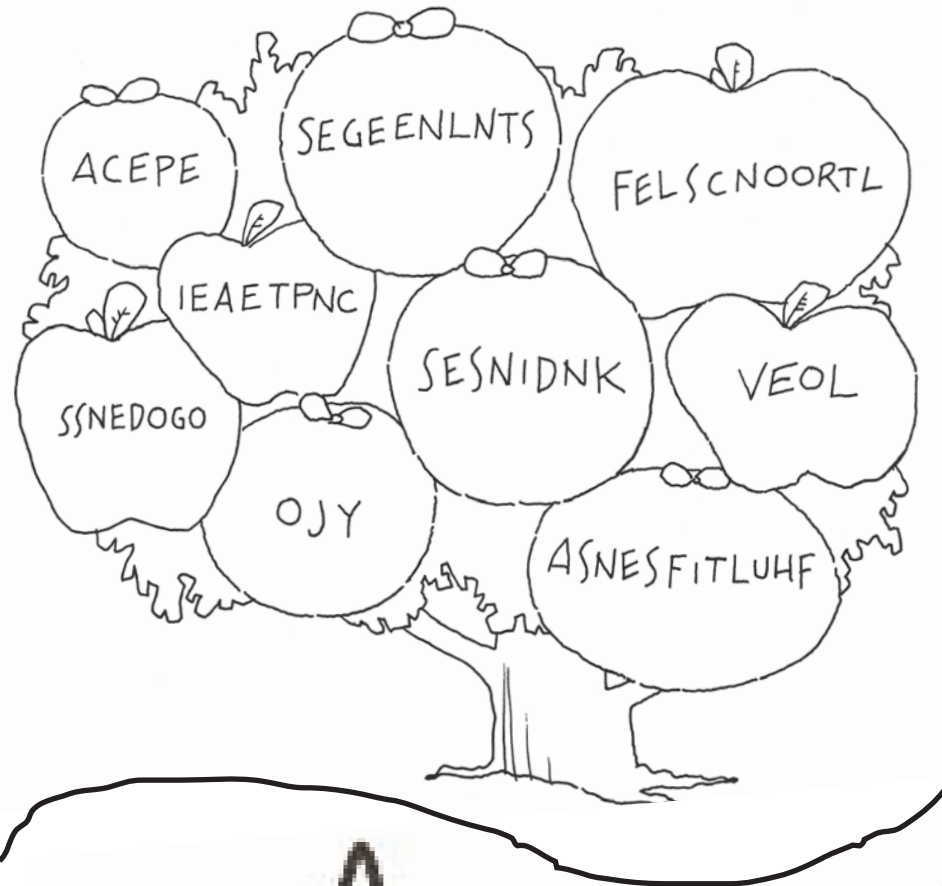
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Delicious Fruit

(Galatians 5:22-23)

Crunchy apples, juicy oranges, and ripe bananas. The Bible teaches us that the fruit of the Spirit grows in the lives of believers just like fruit grows on a tree.

Here are some pieces of fruit with words written on them. When you unscramble each word, you'll find a fruit of the Spirit. Check Galatians 5:22-23 to see if your answers are correct.



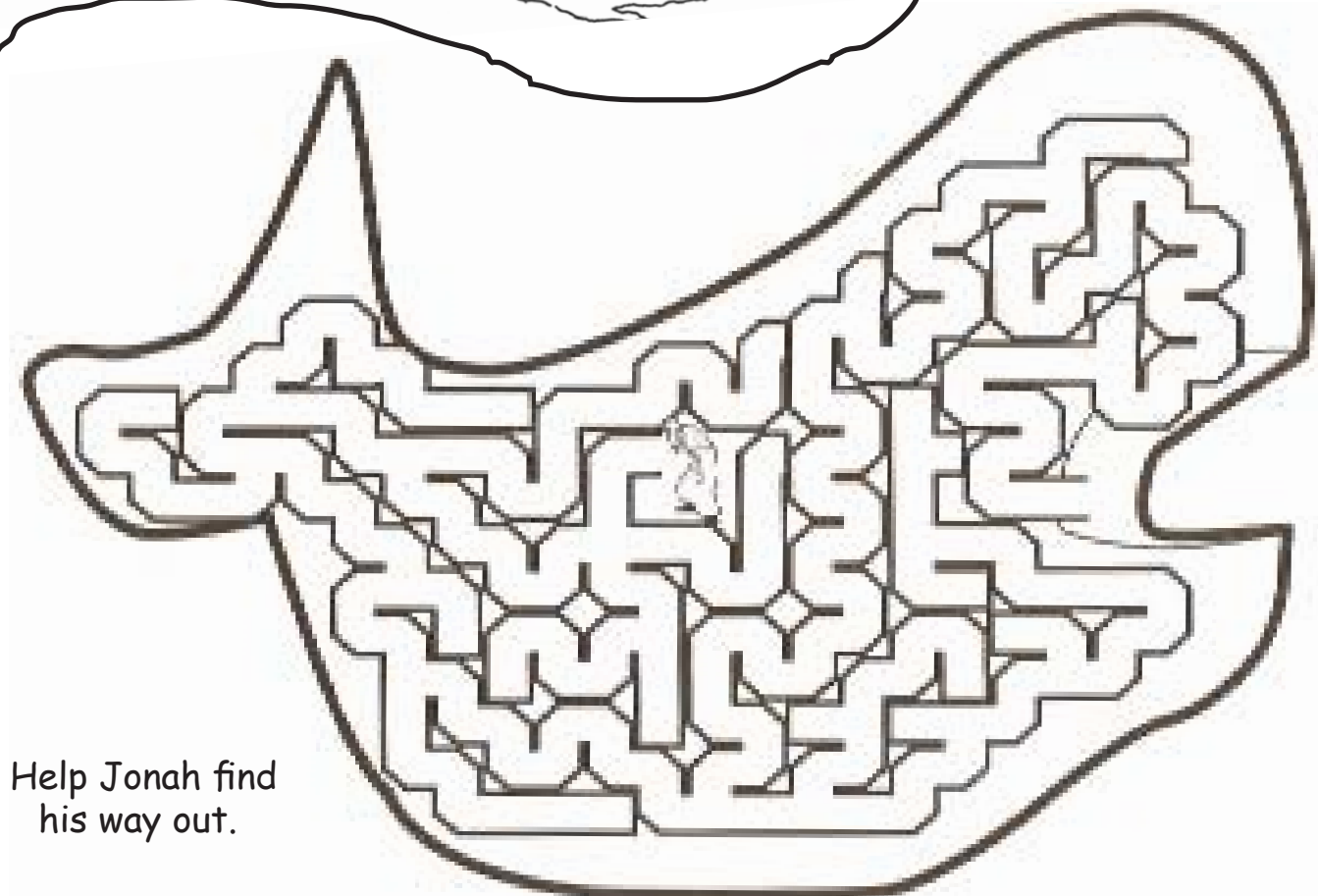
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Who was this man?

1. He was the son of Alphaeus.
 2. He was a tax collector.
 3. He lived in Capernaum.
 4. He was also known by the name Levi.
 5. He was a follower of Christ.
- Read Mark 2:13-17 to find out more about this man.
His name is: _____

Who was this man?

1. He was born in the city of Tarsus.
 2. His father was a Roman citizen.
 3. The Lord appeared to him on his way to Damascus.
 4. He was imprisoned for his faith more than once.
 5. He wrote several books of the Bible.
- Read Acts 9 through 28 to find out more about this famous missionary's life.
His name is: _____



Help Jonah find his way out.

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.

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

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. Sponsored by
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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.

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