



Spruce Grove Newsletter

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Assurance

We live in a world of uncertainty as is plainly seen. One only needs to read or watch the news and we are inundated with news of weather related events, accidents, politics, wars, rumors, protests, etc... In a world where change is certain and the assurance of future prosperity uncertain we need something that is sure. Paul, in writing to the Thessalonians says that assurance is found in the Gospel. When everything looks dark and one wonders where to turn, the Gospel like a lighthouse on the shores of a stormy sea shines its assuring light into our hearts and lives. We need its comfort and message of grace and so does our world. When Paul along with Silvanus and Timothy writes to the church in Thessalonica he speaks to them of this assurance that came to them through the gospel.

KJV 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10 Paul, and Silvanus, and Timotheus, unto the church of the Thessalonians which is in God the Father and in the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace be unto you, and peace, from God our Father, and the Lord Jesus Christ. We give thanks to God always for you all, making mention of you in our prayers; Remembering without ceasing your work of faith, and labour of love, and patience of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ, in the sight of God and our Father; Knowing, brethren beloved, your election of God. For our gospel came not unto you in word only, but also in power, and in the Holy Ghost, and in much assurance; as ye know what manner of men we were among you for your sake. And ye became followers of us, and of the Lord, having received the word in much affliction, with joy of the Holy Ghost: So that ye were examples to all that believe in Macedonia and Achaia. For from you sounded out the word of the Lord not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but also in every place your faith to God-ward is spread abroad; so that we need not to speak anything. For they themselves show of us what manner of entering in we had unto you, and how ye turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God; And to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, even Jesus, which delivered us from the wrath to come.

This church in Macedonia was established on the finished work of Christ. They were as Paul writes "in God the Father and in the Lord Jesus Christ." This identifying statement is of great importance because there is only one way we can have full assurance in this world and that is to be found "in Christ". To be in Christ means to have assurance that no matter what this world throws at you everything is going to be okay because we have been granted life through Him. God in His great grace has elected to save us through the gospel. Therefore it

is the gospel, the good news about Jesus that brings to us the greatest assurance. It is the assured believer that makes the greatest impact on his world. The Thessalonians observed not only the message of Paul and the others but their confidence in the gospel's message as they endured persecution for it (see Acts 16 and 17). The Thessalonians endured afflictions as well as they received the Word with happiness of the Holy Spirit which was a testimony to the other believers in Macedonia and Achaia. Their example didn't just impact the people in Thessalonica but the whole Greek Peninsula which includes places like Berea, Corinth, Athens, and Phillipi. The message of the gospel impacted them and they repented turning from the worship of idols to serve the living and true God. We need to be confident and assured of our standing with our God and then we can truly be His ambassadors to this world. We who were dead have been made alive and now in Christ are new creations, "old things are passed away; behold all things are become new." We have been turned to a new and living way by the work of the Jesus on the cross and through His Powerful Resurrection. We are of all people most blessed! I encourage you this day be assured again of the power of the gospel and its message of forgiveness, life, and salvation. It is this assurance that will speak volumes to the people you encounter in your life as we live in full confidence of Christ in us the hope of glory. Paul writes beautifully in Romans of the assurance we have in Christ:

Romans 8:31-39 What shall we then say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us? He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things? Who shall lay any thing to the charge of God's elect? It is God that justifieth. Who is he that condemneth? It is Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us. Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written, For thy sake we are killed all the day long; we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter. Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us. For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Our assurance is in Christ Jesus our Lord! Amen and Amen! God's Peace, Pastor Dennis Hannu

Birth Announcements

Darren & Sonya Keranen announce the birth of their second child.

Charity Cynthia was born on July 30, 2016 at Essentia Hospital in Detroit Lakes. Charity weighed 7 pounds 1 ounce and was 19 inches tall. Charity was welcomed home by her parents and brother Matix.



Charity's grandparents are Matt & Jill Traffie of New Ipswich, NH and Arnold & Cynthia Keranen of Wolf Lake, MN.

Naaman & Lila Impola announce the birth of their third child. Nolan Wayne was born on August 15th, 2016 at Essentia Hospital in Detroit Lakes. Nolan weighed 8 pounds, 13 ounces and was 20.5 inches tall.



Nolan was welcomed home by his parents and 2 brothers, Abram & Waylon.

Nolan's grandparents are Paul & Esther Impola of rural Sebeka and Wayne & Bobbee Hrdlicka of rural Wolf Lake.

Loren & Karla Impola announce the birth of their fourth child. Kaesha Joy was born on September 7th, 2016 at Tri-County Hospital in Wadena and she weighed 9 pounds 7 ounces and was 19.5 inches tall.

Kaesha was welcomed home by her parents and 2 brothers: Matthew & Parker and sister Audrey. Kaesha's grandparents are Paul & Esther Impola of rural Sebeka and Tim & Carol Karlson of WA.



Baptisms



Aria Rose Aho, daughter of Curtis & Ruby Aho of Wolf Lake, was baptized on Sunday, July 17, 2016, at the Spruce Grove Apostolic Lutheran Church by Pastor Dennis Hannu. Her sponsors are Alvin & Alisha Aho of Osage, Chris & Katrina Aho of New York Mills, and Santiago Tumberg of New York Mills. Her grandparents are Scott & Jolene Tumberg of New York Mills and Raymond & Janet Aho of rural Frazee. Her great-grandparents are Jennie Hanson of rural Frazee, Cliff & Anne Tumberg of New York Mills, and Roger & Juanita Grindstaff of New York Mills.



Reyna Fay Aho, daughter of Nathaniel and Carrie Aho of Wolf Lake was baptized Friday evening, August 19, 2016, at the Spruce Grove Apostolic Lutheran Church by Rev. Elmer Yliniemi. Her sponsors are Shawn and Julia Olin of Battle Ground, WA and Marlin and Ashlyn Aho of Wolf Lake.

Her grandparents are Joshua and Deborah Aho of rural Frazee, and Craig and Lisa Sunnarborg of Battle Ground, WA. Great-grandparents are James and Nancy Sunnarborg of Esko MN, and Ken and Fran Karlsen, Brush Prairie, WA.

80th Birthday Celebration

The family of Pastor Elmer Yliniemi invites you for dinner in the Fellowship Hall following the morning service on Sunday, September 25th In honor of Elmer's 80th Birthday.

A brief program will take place around 1:00 P.M. and cake & coffee will be served until 2:30 P.M.



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)

- Irene Koskela
- Bruce Sannes
- Linda Aho
- 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

Weddings

Leah Aho & Jacob Waggoner were united in marriage on August 6th, 2016 at Spruce Grove Church. They are living in Moorhead, MN.



Emily Hannu & Drake Anderson were united in marriage on September 3rd, 2016 at Spruce Grove Church. They are living in Rapid City, SD.

Fall Youth Rally

The Fall Youth Rally is going to be held on September 23rd to 25th, 2016 at the Spruce Grove Apostolic Lutheran Church in Wolf Lake, MN.

The cost is \$20.00 per person with a max of \$40 per family.

Registration begins at 5:00 P.M. on Friday evening. The entire schedule is posted on the bulletin board at the church.

If you are interested in attending, helping or if you would like more information, please speak to Pastor Dennis or Miriam Hannu.

Fall Cleaning

We will be doing an interior & exterior fall cleaning of the church on Saturday, October 8th starting at 10:00 AM. For those who won't be able to make it on the 8th, it would be appreciated if you could come earlier in the week, the list of jobs to be done is in the church kitchen.

We will also be pressure washing the church on Saturday, October 1st, please help where you can.

Ladies Bible Study

The Ladies of the church are invited to a Bible Study on Thursday mornings at 9:30 A.M.

Ladies Fellowship

The Ladies of the church and their children are invited to the church on Thursday, October 13th at 11:00 AM for a time of fellowship. Bring a bag lunch for you and your children.

Milestones

Shirley Kangas

~ 80th Birthday - 9/3/2016

Amanda Aho

~ 30th Birthday - 9/3/2016

Kade Sauvola

~ 10th Birthday - 9/4/2016

Seth Matson

~ 40th Birthday - 9/4/2016

Norman & Shirley Kangas

~ 60th Anniversary - 9/8/2016

Avery Aho

~ 10th Birthday - 9/10/2016

Isabelle Aho

~ 10th Birthdday - 9/15/2016

Elmer Yliniemi

~ 80th Birthday - 9/25/2016

Paul Impola

~ 65th Birthday - 9/18/2016

Linda Aho

~ 91st Birthday - 10/1/2016

Lyle Matson

~40th Birthday - 10/5/2016

Peter Levijoki

~60th Birthday - 10/11/2016

Lakyn Anderson

~ 20th Birthday - 10/11/2016

Thank You

Thank you for all the love, prayers and support at the time of my back surgery. Thanks also for all the visits, cards, gifts, meals, cleaning and all that was done for our family.

You all sure blessed us.

Jamie & Keith Aho and family

Sunday School Teachers

Preschool: Lori Aho

Kindergarten: Dayna Anderson

1st Grade: Ramona Anderson

2nd Grade: Stephanie Siltala

3rd Grade: Tyrone Aho

4th Grade: Jethro Impola

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.

Funeral

Aaro August Tanney, 85, of Menahga, passed away on Sunday, August 27, 2016 in a Bemidji nursing home. Funeral services were held on Saturday, September 3, 2016 at 3:00 P.M. at Cardini-Pearson Funeral Home in Menahga, MN, with Pastor Elmer Yliniemi officiating.

Aaro was born on February 26, 1931 to August and Lempi (Lolli) Tanney at the family home in Spruce Township in Becker County. He attended a little schoolhouse in Spruce Grove Township before transferring to Frazee High School, where he graduated in 1949. In 1952, Aaro joined the U.S. Army where he was stationed in Germany.

Aaro was united in marriage to Bernice Amelia Golnick on June 17, 1961 at the Spruce Grove church in Wolf Lake. This marriage was blessed with two sons, Brad and Clayton. Bernice passed away in 1994.

Aaro was a farmer his whole life, milking cows until the late 1990's. He also served his community as Clerk of the Runeberg Township Board. In addition, he served as a member of the local electric board for several years.

Aaro was preceded in death by his parents; wife Bernice; brothers Bill (Marlene) Tanney and Jack Tanney; sister Lempi (Edward) Fischer. He is survived by his sons, Brad and Clayton; sister Margaret Rovinsky. Internment took place at Alajoki Cemetery in Menahga.

News & Notes

- Reino & Peggy Aho & their children and grandchildren traveled to MI for a family reunion.
- Armas and Pat Aho traveled to MI for a family reunion.
- Leila Aho and children traveled to MI.
- Harry & Lori Aho & children traveled to NH.
- Dave and Loretta Olson & family traveled to MI.
- Kimberly Aho traveled to NH.
- Hazel Aho travelled to SD and ND.
- Dara Sikila traveled to WA, NH & MI.
- Many of our youth and some adults traveled to Michigan for the Watersmeet Youth Weekend. Below is a picture of some of the youth & chaperones that traveled from Spruce Grove for the weekend.



- Nick and Megan Aho & family traveled to MI.
- Pete and Linda Levijoki traveled to MI.
- Ashley Aho and boys traveled to Canada.
- Hazel Aho is a Great-Grandmother, Tarah and Derek Nolan had a baby girl Halle Elisabeth on September 6th, her grandparents are KJ and Catie Sagedahl.
- Linda Aho traveled to SD with her daughter Ruth Farrey to visit grandchildren & great-grandchildren.
- A 60th Anniversary Celebration was held at Spruce Grove Church on Sunday, August 7th for Norman & Shirley Kangas. Their 5 daughters, Rene, Roslyn, Robin, Andrea & Amber along with their spouses & families were all here. Their families came from MI, WI, NH, SC, TX & AK. Shirley also celebrated her 80th birthday.



- Seth Aho has moved to SC.
- Eldon & Maija Mosteller & family traveled to WA & OR.
- The youth group spent some time at Norm & Shirley Kangas' farm this summer helping with projects.

Some of the visitors the last few months were:

- Elijah & Amanda Ketola and family from NH.
- Heather Muhonen and children from NH,
- Bruce and Hannah Barney from Chisholm, MN.
- Will and Jennifer Yliniemi & family from WI.
- Alyssa Morelli from Canada.
- Alan and Val Estola & daughter from MI.
- Matt Traffie from NH.
- Don and Chris Levijoki from SC.
- Joni Somero from NH.
- Eva and Larry Salo from SC.
- Andre and Janel Aho & family from NH.
- Clayton and Brenda Aho from NH
- Brooklyn Matson from SC.
- Anessa Matson from SC.
- Eliina Matson from SC.
- Sam and Jen Fraki & family from WA.
- Philip and Amber Impola & family from SC.
- Eric & Patsie Krook from NH.
- Lisa & Abe Logan & family from WA.
- Marcy & Kurt Traffie & family from NH.
- Jared & Melinda Niemela from NH.
- Sam & Molly Seppala & family from NH.
- Michael & Caitlin Aho & family from NH.
- Karl & Sam Kantola from SC.
- Faythe and Jerry Kantola from SC.
- Larry & Maria Kinnunen from MI.
- Tom & Wendy Hanson & family from OR.
- David & Marilyn Hannu from SC.
- Lee & Miriam Holombo & family from KY.
- Pete & Andrea Lappi from MI.
- Neal & Marla Kandoll & family from WA.
- Luke & Kaylee Aho & daughter from NH.
- Jerry & Heidi DeVries from Sturgeon Lake, MN.
- Ruth Farrey from WA.
- Craig & Lisa Sunnarborg from WA.
- Julia Olin from WA.
- Bruce & Erica West & family from SD.
- Natasha Hannu from KY.

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

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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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Youth Group 7:30 PM
2 Sunday School 10:00 AM Adult Bible Class 10:00 AM Worship Service & Communion 11:00 AM Organists: Carrie & Betsy Sound: Chet	3	4	5 Family Bible Study 8:00 PM	6 Ladies Bible Study 9:30 A.M.	7	8
9 Sunday School 10:00 AM Adult Bible Class 10:00 AM Worship Service 11:00 AM Organist: Ramona Sound: Alvin	10	11	12 Family Bible Study 8:00 PM	13 Ladies Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Ladies Fellowship 11:00 AM	14 Worship Service 8:00 PM Organist: Megan Sound: Tyrone Coffee Group # 9	15 Youth Group 7:30 PM
16 Sunday School 10:00 AM Adult Bible Class 10:00 AM Worship Service 11:00 AM Organist: Patricia Sound: Neil	17	18	19 Family Bible Study 8:00 PM	20 Ladies Bible Study 9:30 A.M.	21	22
23 Sunday School 10:00 AM Adult Bible Class 10:00 AM Worship Service 11:00 AM Organist: Deborah Sound: Jason	24	25 Green Pine Acres Service 2:00 PM	26 Family Bible Study 8:00 PM	27 Ladies Bible Study 9:30 A.M.	28 Worship Service 8:00 PM Organist: Sarah Sound: Nate Coffee Group # 10	29
30 Sunday School 10:00 AM Adult Bible Class 10:00 AM Worship Service 11:00 AM Organist: Betsy Sound: Jamin	31	11/1	11/2 Family Bible Study 8:00 PM	11/3 Ladies Bible Study 9:30 A.M.	11/4	11/5 Youth Group 7:30 PM
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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.