



## Spruce Grove Newsletter

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### Take the Name of Jesus With You

The name that would be given to the Christ child is announced to Joseph in Matthew's gospel record and to Mary in the gospel of Luke. Joseph received the announcement by a heavenly messenger in his dream: Matthew 1:20-21 *"But while he thought on these things, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a dream, saying, Joseph, thou son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife: for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost. And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins."*

Mary received the announcement by a heavenly messenger as well: Luke 1:30-31 *"And the angel said unto her, Fear not, Mary: for thou hast found favour with God. And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name JESUS."*

The name Jesus is the Greek form of the Hebrew name Joshua. Jesus literally means Savior, and as Matthew records, for He Himself will save his people from their sins. The name of Jesus is above every other name for there is no other name under heaven whereby men can be saved (Acts 4:12). It is this name that will bring everyone to their knees in confession that Jesus Christ is Lord to the glory of God the Father (Philippians 2:9-10). It is this name that strikes fear in the demonic forces and has defeated once and for all Satan himself, that great accuser of the brethren. Luke 10:17-20 *"And the seventy returned again with joy, saying, Lord, even the devils are subject unto us through thy name. And he said unto them, I beheld Satan as lightning fall from heaven. Behold, I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you. Notwithstanding in this rejoice not, that the spirits are subject unto you; but rather rejoice, because your names are written in heaven."* The name of Jesus is the name that remains with us always and the one we take with us wherever

we go. It is this name that identifies us as His own children for we have been joined to Him. It is this name that calms our fears and brings us hope in all of life's circumstances and into this New Year.

It is this message that the song writer Lydia Baxter expresses in her hymn "Take the Name of Jesus With You". She was born on September 8, 1809, in Petersburg, New York. Lydia was a zealous Christian worker despite being bed-ridden for much of her life. Her home was known as a gathering place for preachers, evangelists, and Christian workers, who came to her for inspiration and advice. Her friends used to say that a visit to her sickroom was not so much to give her encouragement and comfort as to receive some buoyancy for their own spirits. Mrs. Baxter was an avid student of the Bible and loved to discuss the significance of scriptural names with her friends. But the name that meant everything to her was the name of Jesus. When questioned about her cheery disposition in spite of her physical difficulties, she would reply, "I have a very special armor. I have the name of Jesus. When the tempter tries to make me blue or despondent, I mention the name of Jesus, and he can't get through to me anymore." "Take the Name of Jesus with you" is said to have been written by Lydia on her sick bed just four years before her death on June 22, 1874, in New York City. (101 More Hymn Stories by Kenneth W. Osbeck)

Here are the lyrics to the hymn: "Take the name of Jesus with you, child of sorrow and of woe; It will joy and comfort give you, Take it, then, wher-e'er you go. Take the name of Jesus ever, As a shield from every snare; If temptations round you gather, Breathe that holy name in prayer. O the precious name of Jesus! How it thrills our souls with joy, When his loving arms receive us, And his songs our tongues employ! At the name of Jesus bowing, Falling prostrate at His feet, King of kings in heaven we'll crown Him, When our journey is complete." 'Precious name, O how sweet!

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Hope of earth and joy of heaven; Precious name, O how sweet! Hope of earth and joy of heaven.”

Loved ones, as we begin this New Year 2023 A.D. also known as the year of our Lord let us take the name of Jesus with us wherever we go. Let us speak His name into the lives of the people we encounter at home, at work, at school, etc, by the things we say and do. God bless you this year and always with that amazing testimony of the name above every name: the name of Jesus, our Savior, our Redeemer, our Lord, and our God.

God’s Peace, Pastor Dennis Hannu

### Special Services

Spruce Grove Apostolic Lutheran Church will be holding Special Services from Friday, March 3 through Sunday, March 5th.

Jesse Aho & Alan Estola will be the guest speakers for the services.

Services will be held Friday evening at 7:30 PM, Saturday evening at 7:30 PM and Sunday at 11:00 AM and 1:45 PM. Coffee will be served after the evening and afternoon services and dinner will be served after the Sunday morning service.

*Everyone is invited to attend.*

### Lent Services

Lent Services begin on Wednesday, February 22 at 7:30 PM. The services will continue on Wednesdays throughout month of March & into April.

The Maundy Thursday Service is April 6th, Good Friday Service is April 7th and Easter is April 9th.

Please join us as we gather in worship and fellowship in the weeks leading up to the celebration of Christ’s resurrection from the grave.

### Grandchild Announcements

Julius & Terrie Aho announce the birth of a grandson. Ross Andrew Beldo was born to their daughter Anne and her husband Andy of Menahga, MN. Ross’s other grandparents are Chuck & Deb Beldo of Sebeka.

Nola Aho announces the birth of a granddaughter. Whitley Kate Seppanen was born to her daughter Karen and her husband Brent of SD. Other grandparents are John & Jana Seppanen of SD.

### Birth Announcements

Joe & Stacie Olson announce the birth of their third child.

Rhett Allen Olson was born on November 28th, 2022 at Essentia Health-St Mary’s Hospital in Detroit Lakes, MN. Rhett weighed 9 pounds 4 ounces and was 21 inches tall.



Rhett is welcomed by his parents and brothers; Beck & Wynn. Rhett’s grandparents are Reino & Peggy Aho of rural Wolf Lake and Allen & Brenda Olson of rural Wolf Lake.

David & Loretta Olson announce the birth of their 13th child.

Elizabeth Loretta was born on December 18th, 2022 at Tri-County Hospital in Wadena, MN. Elizabeth weighed 6 pounds 8 ounces and was 18.5 inches tall.



Elizabeth is welcomed by her parents, sisters: Tirzah, Keziah, Talitha & Candace and brothers: Silas, Samuel, Daniel, Mathias, Asher, Joel, Nathaniel & Philip. Candace’s grandparents are Victor Sr. & Lola Aho of Menahga, MN and Wanda Laue of South Dakota.

Jeremy & Katie Howard announce the birth of their 11th child.

Gwen Honey Howard was born on December 30th, 2022 at Essentia Hospital in Detroit Lakes. Gwen weighed 5 pounds, 12 ounces and was 18 inches tall.



Gwen was welcomed by her parents and sisters: Grace, Stella, Nina, Royal, Sabine & Mickie and brothers: Damon, Jonah, Knaylor & Roman. Her grandparents are Curtis & Sarah Howard of Menahga, MN and Julius & Terrie Aho of Sebeka, MN

## Birth & Adoption

Chet & Dayna Anderson announce the adoption of their fourth child.

Ellen Ann Anderson was born on August 11, 2021 at the Sanford Hospital in Fargo, ND and weighed 3 pounds 13 ounces and was 16.5 inches



tall. Ellen was welcomed into the Anderson home as a foster child on August 23, 2021 by Chet & Dayna, and siblings; Oscar, Selma & Edgar.

Her grandparents are Reuben & Ellen Tumberg of rural Sebeka and Paul & Virginia Anderson of SC.



Ellen's adoption was finalized on January 6, 2023 at the Otter Tail County Courthouse.

We thank the Lord for the gift of Ellen to the Anderson family!



## 2023 ALCA Convention

The 2023 Apostolic Lutheran Church of America Convention will be held June 29-July 2 in New York Mills, MN at the New York Mills School.

New York Mills Apostolic Lutheran Church will be hosting.

## Thank You

To the Spruce Grove Congregation,

Thank you for all the love, prayers and support you gave during Les's hospitalization and subsequent death. Thank you for the food delivered to our home and the beautiful floral arrangement for his funeral. We ask for your continued prayers as we miss our dear husband, dad and grandfather.

Love & God's Peace,

Marsha with her children and family.

## Remember in Prayer

- Family of Marlene Walters
- Family of Les Hanson
- Family of Huldý Sannes
- Canton Matson
- Harvey & Patricia Aho
- Reuben Tumberg
- Reino Aho
- Mickie Howard
- Hazel Aho
- Shirley Kangas
- Jennie Hanson
- Joan Koskela
- Martha Aho
- Sirkka Seppala
- Our Church, our Pastor and Church leaders.
- National Leaders
- Our Widows
- Our Missionaries
- Our Children & Youth
- Our Military
- Our Elderly

## Milestones

Julius & Terrie Aho		
	~ 40th Anniversary	1/1/2023
Russell Aho	~ 40th Birthday	1/5/2023
Karen Samuelson	~ 80th Birthday	1/6/2023
Celeste Siltala	~ 10th Birthday	1/13/2013
Ivy Mosteller	~ 10th Birthday	1/23/2023
Ally Christiansen	~ 10th Birthday	1/27/2023
Andrew Aho	~ 60th Birthday	1/29/2023
Hazel Yliniemi	~ 82nd Birthday	1/30/2023
Terrie Aho	~ 60th Birthday	2/1/2023
Eleanor Yliniemi	~ 82nd Birthday	2/9/2023
Irene Koskela	~ 82nd Birthday	2/16/2023
Holly Aho	~ 10th Birthday	2/16/2023
Miriam Yliniemi	~ 85th Birthday	2/19/2023
Rosten Aho	~ 30th Birthday	2/23/2023
Rosten & Tori Aho		
	~ 10th Anniversary	2/23/2023

# FEBRUARY-MARCH 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
<b>1/29</b> Sunday School 10:00 AM Adult Bible Study 10:00 AM Worship Service 11:00 AM Organist: Deborah Sound: Nate	<b>1/30</b>	<b>1/31</b> Green Pine Acres Nursing Home Service 2:00 PM	<b>2/1</b> Family Bible Study 8:00 PM	<b>2/2</b>	<b>2/3</b>	<b>2/4</b> Youth Group 8:00 P.M.	
<b>2/5</b> Sunday School 10:00 AM Adult Bible Study 10:00 AM Worship Service & Holy Communion 11:00 AM Organists: Carrie & Betsy Sound: Alvin	<b>2/6</b>	<b>2/7</b>	<b>2/8</b> Family Bible Study 8:00 PM	<b>2/9</b>	<b>2/10</b> Worship Service 7:30 PM Organist: Patricia Sound: Tyrone Coffee Group # 9	<b>2/11</b>	
<b>2/12</b> Sunday School 10:00 AM Adult Bible Study 10:00 AM Worship Service 11:00 AM Organist: Megan Sound: Neil	<b>2/13</b> 7:30 Board Meeting	<b>2/14</b>	<b>2/15</b> Family Bible Study 8:00 PM	<b>2/16</b>	<b>2/17</b>	<b>2/18</b> Youth Group 8:00 P.M.	
<b>2/19</b> Sunday School 10:00 AM Adult Bible Study 10:00 AM Worship Service 11:00 AM Organist: Sarah Sound: Nate Guest Speaker Dinner Following Service-Group C	<b>2/20</b>	<b>2/21</b>	<b>2/22</b> Ash Wednesday 7:30 P.M. Organist: Deborah Sound: Alvin Coffee Group # 1	<b>2/23</b>	<b>2/24</b>	<b>2/25</b>	
<b>2/26</b> Sunday School 10:00 AM Adult Bible Study 10:00 AM Worship Service 11:00 AM Organist: Ramona Sound: Tyrone	<b>2/27</b>	<b>2/28</b> Green Pine Acres Nursing Home Service 2:00 PM	<b>3/1</b>	<b>3/2</b>	<b>Guest Speakers:                      Jesse Aho                      &amp; Alan                      Estola</b>	<b>Special Services March 3-5</b>	
<b>3/5</b> Sunday School 10:00 AM Worship Service & Communion 11:00 A.M. Organists: Patricia & Megan Sound: Alvin Dinner Following the Service Group D	<b>3/6</b> Worship Service 1:45 P.M. Organist Sarah Sound: Tyrone Coffe Group # 10	<b>3/7</b>	<b>3/8</b> Lent Service 7:30 P.M. Organist: Ramona Sound: Neil Coffee Group # 4	<b>3/9</b>		<b>3/10</b> Worship Service 7:30 PM Organist: Carrie Sound: Neil Coffee Group # 2	<b>3/11</b> Worship Service 7:30 PM Organist: Betsy Sound: Nate Coffee Group # 3
<b>3/12</b> Sunday School 10:00 AM Adult Bible Study 10:00 AM Worship Service 11:00 AM Organist: Deborah Sound: Nate	<b>3/13</b> 7:30 Board Meeting	<b>3/14</b>	<b>3/15</b> Lent Service 7:30 P.M. Organist: Carrie Sound: Alvin Coffee Group # 5	<b>3/16</b>	<b>3/17</b>	<b>3/18</b> Youth Group 8:00 P.M.	
<b>3/19</b> Sunday School 10:00 AM Adult Bible Study 10:00 AM Worship Service 11:00 AM Organist: Betsy Sound: Tyrone	<b>3/20</b>	<b>3/21</b>	<b>3/22</b> Lent Service 7:30 P.M. Organist: Megan Sound: Neil Coffee Group # 6	<b>3/23</b>	<b>3/24</b>	<b>3/25</b>	
<b>3/26</b> Sunday School 10:00 AM Adult Bible Study 10:00 AM Worship Service 11:00 AM Organist: Sarah Sound: Nate	<b>3/27</b>	<b>3/28</b> Green Pines Acres Nursing Home Service 2:00 PM	<b>3/29</b> Lent Service 7:30 P.M. Organist: Patricia Sound: Alvin Coffee Group # 7	<b>3/30</b>	<b>3/31</b>	<b>4/1</b> Youth Group 8:00 P.M.	

# Fall Projects by Church Volunteers



More than 20 people from the Church did an amazing job in providing the labor for a new roof for Miriam Yliniemi in memory of Pastor Elmer.



Young boys helped clean up.  
Great job Volunteers!



**"I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers."** (Eph. 1:16).  
I am overwhelmed with gratitude to the volunteers and my church family. May the Lord Bless you for your love and care. With much appreciation! God's Peace, Miriam and Isak Yliniemi

# Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Project



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Shoeboxes were filled & delivered by Youth Leader Alvin Aho to the processing station.

Due to much activity this fall, the youth and some adults worked at different times and days to complete the project. Thank you to all the volunteers and people who contributed time and money for shipping the boxes which go to children in need around the world. *(Not all volunteers are pictured)*





The Sunday School Program was held Sunday Morning, December 18, Dinner was served following the event. 142 Sunday School students participated.

The Spruce Grove Church Youth hosted Youth Weekend for New Years! December 30th -January 1st. The guest speaker for the weekend was Gerald Southerton.

An interesting feature of the annual event is the marriage panel. This year the 4 couples featured were Charles and Leila Aho, Jason and Amy Aho, Gerry and Rita Southerton and Mark and Shari Aho. They answered questions and shared experiences.



### Name These People

1. He was the oldest Son of Amram.
2. His wife's name was Elisheba.
3. He had four sons.
4. He was a gifted speaker.
5. He was the first anointed priest.

*Hint: Read more about this famous priest in the book of Exodus.*

**Who was this man?**

1. She was a follower of Jesus in the city of Joppa.
2. Her Greek name was Dorcas.
3. She was known for helping the poor.
4. Peter raised her from the dead.
5. Many people believed in Jesus when they heard her story.

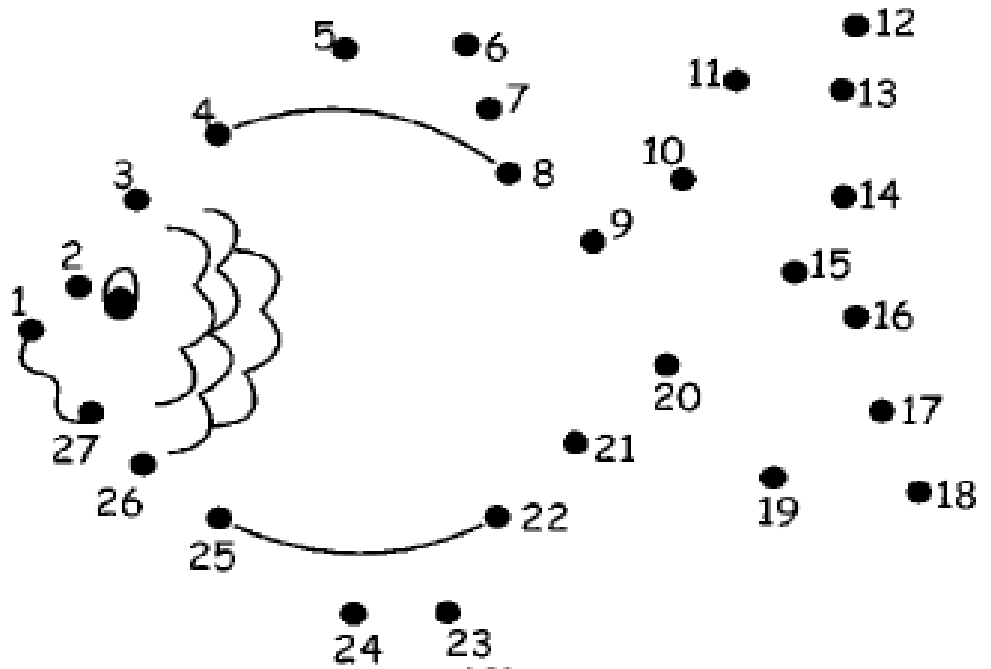
*Hint: Read Acts 9:36-43 to learn more about this loyal servant of God.*

**Who was this woman?**

1. He was chosen by God to save Israel.
2. He was chosen from the tribe of Manasseh.
3. He used a piece of fleece to test God.
4. He led an army of 300 men.
5. He had 70 sons.

*Hint: Read Judges 6 through 8 to find out more about the battle that made this man famous.*

**Who was this man?**



### A Neighbor's a Neighbor!

" 'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind'; and, 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' " Luke 10:27

Based on Luke 10:25-37



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LEVITE	LIFE	ROBBERS	SAMARITAN	TEST
LAW	INHERIT	SOUL	MIND	DEAD
MERCY	JERICO	LOVE	STRENGTH	NEIGHBOR

### 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 on Sundays: KWAD Wadena 920 & 1430 AM at 8:30 A.M., Ada on KRJB 106.5 FM at 8:35 am, in Aitkin on KKIN 94.3 FM at 9:35 am, in Fosston on KKCQ 96.7 FM at 10:35, in International Falls on KSDM 104.1 FM at 11:05 am and a NEW STATION has been added KDKK 97.5 FM at 9:30am in Park Rapids.

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### Church Website

You are invited to check out the church website at:

[www.sprucegrovealc.org](http://www.sprucegrovealc.org). Services are live online and are also recorded and may be accessed any time.

### Telephone Services

The numbers to dial to listen to the services over the telephone are: Wolf Lake: 538-1030 / Menahga: 564-1030 / 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 #. Press # again or just stay on the line and it will connect you after about 5 seconds.

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