



Spruce Grove Newsletter

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Christ is Our Peace

Ephesians 2:11-22 *“Wherefore remember, that ye being in time past Gentiles in the flesh, who are called Uncircumcision by that which is called the Circumcision in the flesh made by hands; That at that time ye were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope, and without God in the world: But now in Christ Jesus ye who sometimes were far off are made nigh by the blood of Christ. For he is our peace, who hath made both one, and hath broken down the middle wall of partition between us; Having abolished in his flesh the enmity, even the law of commandments contained in ordinances; for to make in himself of twain one new man, so making peace; And that he might reconcile both unto God in one body by the cross, having slain the enmity thereby: And came and preached peace to you which were afar off, and to them that were nigh. For through him we both have access by one Spirit unto the Father. Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints, and of the household of God; And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone; In whom all the building fitly framed together groweth unto an holy temple in the Lord: In whom ye also are builded together for an habitation of God through the Spirit.”*

We have in our church the tradition of greeting one another with the words: “God’s Peace”. Whenever we see someone we haven’t seen in some time we will extend our hand and greet them with “God’s Peace”. We often think nothing of it but simply carry out the tradition mindlessly. When the disciples of Jesus encountered Him for the first time after His resurrection, He said: “Peace be unto you”. In other words everything is now fulfilled and salvation has been accomplished, your sins are forgiven, you have been reconciled to your God. God is at peace with us through the work of His Son. There is no greater message than the message of peace brought to us through the proclamation of the gospel. Paul writes of this in the above passage where he says that Christ is our peace. We, who are for the most part Gentile people, because of our origin of birth, have now been included

in the family of God. There is no longer any distinction between people as Paul writes in Galatians 3:28 *“There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus.”* We are joined to the one new human being who has brought us this peace. In this way we now identify ourselves, as those who are at peace with God because of the suffering, crucifixion, and resurrection of Jesus. Paul writes in Romans that we have been baptized into Jesus Christ which includes His death and His resurrection. Christ is the new man who now has placed his identity on us calling us His own and so making peace a reality for us. This peace belongs to both the Jewish person and the non-Jewish person. The shedding of the blood of Christ Jesus satisfied the demands of the law and removed its condemnation. This is why we have peace because there is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. We have been reconciled to God by the cross which means that we are no longer His enemies but now are part of His household. We are the temple of God. He makes His dwelling place with men. We are no more estranged from our God but rather have been restored to a right standing with Him. We have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

When we greet with God’s Peace, we are essentially saying that God is at peace with you. It is as if we are proclaiming the gospel in two words. It is like Paul says in 2 Corinthians 5:19-21 *“To wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation. Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us: we pray you in Christ’s stead, be ye reconciled to God. For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.”* To have the peace of God is to have the most glorious gift. This peace has been given to us freely and now we proclaim it to others. We preach peace to them as the representatives of Christ. God is at peace with you dear brother or sister so be at peace: “Your sins are forgiven in the name and shed blood of Christ.” We are the messengers of peace because Christ is our Peace.

God’s Peace, Pastor Dennis Hannu

Birth Announcements

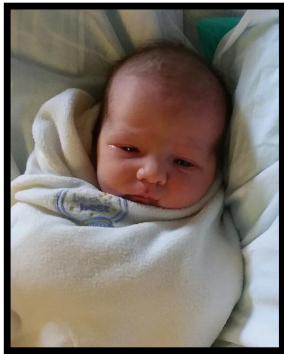


Lyle & Rebecca Matson announce the birth of their 10th child.

Glynnis Emelia was born on May 15, 2018 at Tri-County Hospital in Wadena, MN. Glynnis weighed 9 pounds and was 20.5 inches

tall. Glynnis was welcomed home by her parents and siblings: Canton, Garin, Alessandra, Eve, Natalie, Henry, Sylvia, Eloise, and Muriel.

Her grandparents are Victor Sr. & Lola Aho of Menahga, MN and Jack & Ann Matson of WA.



Victor Jr. & Stacy Aho announce the birth of their 10th child. Havana Joy was born on June 11, 2018 at Tri-County Hospital in Wadena. Havana weighed 7 pounds, 10 ounces and was 20 inches tall.

Havana was welcomed home by her parents and siblings: Victor III, Alec, Arabella, Izaiah, Yana,

Helena, Soren, Vaniah & Vienna.

Havana's grandparents are Victor Sr. & Lola Aho of Menahga and Byron & Mary Saari of Ironwood, MI.

Loren & Karla Impola announce the birth of their 5th child.

Zane Kenneth was born on June 14th, 2018 at Tri-County Hospital in Wadena, MN. Zane weighed 8 pounds, 13 ounces and was 21.5 inches tall.



Zane was welcomed home by his parents and brothers: Matthew & Parker and sisters: Audrie & Kaesha. His grandparents are Paul & Esther Impola of rural Sebeka and Tim & Carol Karlsen of WA.



Andy & Anne Beldo announce the birth of their 2nd child. Hadessah Leah was born on June 29th, 2018 at Perham Hospital. Hadessah weighed 8 pounds, 10 ounces and was 21 inches tall.

Hadessah was welcomed home by her parents and brother Easton.

Hadessah's grandparents are Julius & Terrie Aho of rural Sebeka and Chuck & Deb Beldo of rural Sebeka.

Joe & Stacie Olson announce the birth of their 2nd child. Wynn Joseph was born on July 13, 2018 at Essentia Health-St. Mary's in Detroit Lakes, MN. Wynn weighed 8 pounds, 5 ounces and was 20 inches tall. Wynn was welcomed home by his parents and his brother Beck.

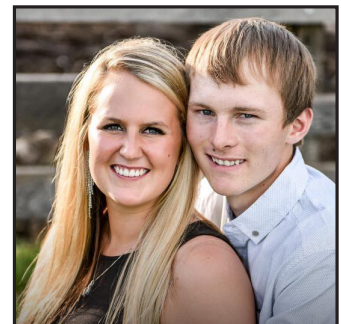


Wynn's grandparents are Reino & Peggy Aho of rural Frazee and Allen & Brenda Olson of Wolf Lake.

Wedding Invitation

REINO & PEGGY AHO AND TODD & PATTY MEECH
INVITE YOU TO SHARE IN THEIR JOY
AT THE MARRIAGE CEREMONY OF THEIR CHILDREN

Moriah Lynn
and
Neil Troy



SATURDAY, THE ELEVENTH OF AUGUST
TWO THOUSAND EIGHTEEN
AT TWO O'CLOCK IN THE AFTERNOON
SPRUCE GROVE APOSTOLIC LUTHERAN CHURCH
WOLF LAKE, MINNESOTA
RECEPTION IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING

Baptisms



Sabine Noelle Howard, daughter of Jeremy & Katie Howard of rural Menahga, was baptized on Sunday, June 24, 2018, at the home of her parents by Pastor Dennis Hannu. Her sponsors are Max & Ashley Aho of Menahga and Curtis & Karyn Estola of SC. Her grandparents are Julius & Terrie Aho of rural Sebeka and Curtis & Sarah Howard of Menahga. Her great-grandparent is Linda Aho of rural Menahga.



Ailey Jane Yliniemi, daughter of Levi and Andrea Yliniemi of Menahga, was baptized on Sunday, July 8, 2018, at the Spruce Grove Apostolic Lutheran Church by Rev. Elmer Yliniemi.

Her sponsors are Duane and Lisa Yliniemi of Watertown, MN and Nate and Ashley Reynolds of Sauk Centre, MN.

Her grandparents are Richard and DarLayne Yliniemi of Menahga and Ken and Pam Holgate of rural Frazee. Her great-grandparents are Kenneth Sr. and Eunice Holgate of Mora, MN and Jane Deike of Detroit Lakes, MN.

Annual Meeting Notice

The Spruce Grove Apostolic Lutheran Church Annual Meeting will be held on Monday, September 10, 2018, at 7:30 P.M. at the church. All members are urged to attend.
Secretary, Rodney Aho

Fall Schedule

Starting Sunday, September 2, 2018, Worship Services will begin at 11:00 AM on Sunday mornings until next June.

First Day of Sunday School

The first day of Sunday School is Sunday, September 9th starting at 10:00 AM.! All children three years and up are invited to attend. Invite a friend. All those willing to be teachers or substitute teachers, please talk to Jason Aho, Superintendent or Tyrone Aho, Secretary of the Sunday School.

Adult Bible Class

The Adult Bible Class will also resume on Sunday, September 9th, 2018 starting at 10:00 A.M. This class meets in the fellowship hall.

Sunday School Teachers Meeting

There will be a meeting on Thursday, August 23, 2018 at 7:30 P.M. at the church for Sunday School teachers for the 2018-2019 School Year. Anyone interested in teaching, substituting or assisting, please attend this meeting. If you are interested in teaching and are unable to be at the meeting, please speak to Jason Aho or Tyrone Aho.

Grandchild Announcements

Paul & Esther Impola announce the birth of a granddaughter. Jacee Elma Estola was born on June 15, 2018 to their daughter Clara and her husband Jimmy of Ironwood, MI.. Other grandparents are Rick & Betty Estola of MI.

Raymond & Janet Aho announce the birth of a grandson. Kade Chester Aho was born on July 24, 2018 to their son Chester and his wife Ashley of Rindge, NH. Other grandparents are Matthew & Deanna Olson of NH.

News & Notes

- Armas & Pat Aho traveled to NH.
- Ashley Aho traveled to NH.
- Shirley Kangas has returned from MI & SC.
- Seth & Linda Matson and family have moved from the area to Tri-Cities, WA.
- A number of people traveled to Esko to attend the funeral of Lucy Sunnarborg.
- Terrie Aho traveled to WA.
- A bridal shower was held for Dara Sikkila at the church.



- Tanya Sauvola and family traveled to SD & CO.
- Lori Aho and Shari Aho traveled to NH.
- Raymond & Janet Aho traveled to WA.
- Russ & Nika Aho & family traveled to WA.
- Jamie Aho & children traveled to NH.
- A bridal shower was held for Moriah Aho at the church.



- Nick & Megan Aho & family traveled to MI.
- Rodney & Hannah Aho & family traveled to NH.
- Joe & Jasmine Christiansen & family traveled to NH.
- Pastor Dennis & Miriam Hannu traveled to WA & NH.
- Pastor Elmer & Miriam Yliniemi traveled to WA.

Some of the visitors the last few months were:

- David & Aila Somero from NH.
- Andre & Janel Aho & family from NH.
- Jason & Carrie Phillips & family from SC.
- Mark & Lynnette Niskanen & family from SC.
- Will & Jennifer Yliniemi & family from WI.
- Lois Impola & daughter from WA.
- Tim & Carol Karlsen from WA.
- Jamin & Ana Somero from NH.
- Darin Seppanen from SD.
- Kevin & Anne Routsala and family from MI.
- Alan & Val Estola and family from MI.
- Corey & Tina Higgins and family from WI.
- Brent & Karen Seppanen and family from SD.
- Marc & Alice Ruotsala from MI.
- Rolly & Sarah Seppala from SC.
- Roger & Cilla Matson & family from SC.
- Bruce & Erica West & family from SD.
- Carl & Emily Aho & family from St. Francis, MN.
- Tom & Lisa Bisila & family from Isanti, MN.
- Luke & Kaylee Aho & family from NH.
- Chad Raasio from MI.
- Dara Sikkila from MI.
- Sam & Molly Seppala and family from NH.

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

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JULY-AUGUST 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
7/15 Worship Service 10:30 AM Organist: Patricia Sound: Alvin Guest Speaker: Carl Aho Dinner Following Service Group # 4	7/16	7/17	7/18	7/19	7/20	7/21 Youth Group 7:30 P.M.	
7/22 Worship Service 10:30 AM Organist: Carrie Sound: Tyrone Guest Speaker: Don Salo Dinner Following Service Group # 1	7/23	7/24	7/25	7/26	7/27	7/28	
7/29 Worship Service 10:30 AM Organist: Ramona Sound: Jamin	7/30	7/31 GPA Nursing Home Service at 2:00 P.M.	8/1 Family Bible Study 8:00 PM	8/2	8/3	8/4 Youth Group 7:30 P.M.	
8/5 Worship Service & Communion 10:30 AM Organists: Sarah & Megan Sound: Chet	8/6	8/7	8/8 Family Bible Study 8:00 PM	8/9	8/10	8/11 Aho-Meech Wedding	
8/12 Worship Service 10:30 AM Organist: Deborah Sound: Nate	8/13 7:30 Board Meeting	8/14	8/15 Family Bible Study 8:00 PM	8/16	8/17	8/18 Youth Group 7:30 P.M.	
8/19 Worship Service 10:30 AM Organist: Patricia Sound: Neil	8/20	8/21	8/22 Family Bible Study 8:00 PM	8/23 Sunday School Teachers Meeting 7:30 P.M.	8/24 Worship Service 8:00 PM Organist: Carrie Sound: Alvin Coffee Group # 5	8/25	
8/26 Worship Service 10:30 AM Organist: Betsy Sound: Jamin	8/27	8/28 GPA Nursing Home Service at 2:00 P.M.	8/29 Family Bible Study 8:00 PM	8/30	8/31 Song Service 8:00 PM Organist: Ramona Sound: Tyrone Coffee Group # 6	9/1	
9/2 Worship Service & Communion 11:00 AM Organists: Deborah & Carrie Sound: Alvin	9/3	9/4	9/5 Family Bible Study 8:00 PM	9/6	9/7	9/8	
9/9 Sunday School 10:00 AM Adult Bible Study 10:00 AM Worship Service 11:00 AM Organist: Sarah Sound: Chet	9/10 7:30 Annual Meeting	July Cleaning Group Adrian & Tamra Aho Dale & Molly Hillukka Joshua & Deborah Aho Eldon & Marie Jason & Amy Aho Mosteller				August Cleaning Group David & Loretta Olson Julius & Terrie Aho Rodney & Hannah Aho Marlin & Ashlyn Aho Brock & Ramona Anderson	

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 #. 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.

Spruce Grove Apostolic Lutheran Church Confirmation Class of 2018



Front Row: Gloria Elizabeth Aho-Daughter of Timothy & Sarah Aho, Riana Lea Aho-Daughter of Job & Katie Aho, Marcail Raili Sauvola-Daughter of Tanya Sauvola, Riley Lynn Aho-Daughter of Job & Katie Aho, Julee Anne Bisila-Daughter of Tom & Lisa Bisila
Back Row: Josiah Allen Siltala-Son of Nathan & Stephanie Siltala, Samuel Jacob Olson-Son of David & Loretta Olson, Pastor Dennis Hannu, Andreas Joshua Aho-Son of Jason & Amy Aho, Caden Lane Higgins-Son of Corey & Tina Higgins

Remember in Prayer

- Reino Aho
- Family of Marge Kumma
- Family of Lucy Sunnarborg
- Family of John Snelling
- Family of Alison Salo
- Tim (Jill) Aho
- Jamie Aho
- Jared & Melinda Niemala & family
- Aria Aho
- Ralph Kandoll
- Linda Aho
- Richard Yliniemi
- Joan Koskela
- Clifford & Irene Koskela
- Marvin & June Nelmark
- Lila Yliniemi
- Art Latto
- Martha Aho
- Billy Nelmark
- Our Church, our Pastor and Church leaders.
- National Leaders
- Our Widows
- Our Missionaries
- Our Children & Youth
- Our Military
- Our Elderly

Funeral

MARJORIE C. KUMMA
 May 9, 1931 – July 1, 2018



Marjorie C. Kumma, age 87, a long time Menahga, MN area resident, and a former long-time resident of Seattle, Washington passed into the eternal splendor of Heaven on Sunday morning, July 1, 2018 at the Green Pine Acres Nursing Home in Menahga, MN with her son, Gary at her side.

Marjorie was born on May 9, 1931 in Menahga, MN to Charles and Clara (Olson) Stimpson. She attended the Menahga Public School, graduating from high school with the Class of 1949. She then ventured to Seattle, WA where on September 3, 1949 she was united in marriage to John Raymond Kumma. Their marriage was blessed with three children: John, Arlyce and Gary. She was a wonderful cook and baker who will be long remembered for her delicious homemade beef roast with potatoes and her famous gravy, as well as her cakes and cookies. Marjorie would often work with her hands sewing clothes for her children, or quilting or crocheting blankets and other gifts for her family and friends. Her love for music was best demonstrated by teaching herself to play the piano and several other instruments totally by ear. She was a woman who loved the Lord with all her heart, soul

and mind. She loved to read God’s word each day and was a devoted prayer warrior. Marjorie was a faithful member of the Spruce Grove Apostolic Lutheran Church near Wolf Lake where she enjoyed the fellowship of the church family. Above all, Marjorie devoted her life to her husband, Ray, who preceded her in death in 2014, her children and grandchildren who she loved with all her heart. She will be lovingly remembered by her two sons: John (Larisa) Kumma and Gary Kumma all of Seattle, WA; her daughter, Arlyce (Phil) Frost of Seattle, WA; a grandson, John Frost and a granddaughter, Carla (David) Williams; 16 dearly loved greatgrandchildren and her great great grandchildren; five siblings: Arlyce Van Cleve of Maple Grove, MN, Vernice Theis of Hamel, MN, Sharon Quick of Brooklyn Center, MN, Donald Stimpson of Hamel, MN and Kathy Blommer of St. Cloud, MN; a well as many nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Marjorie was preceded in death by her husband, Ray; her parents and six siblings: Clarence, Arlene, George, Lloyd, Margaret and Lorraine.

Funeral services were held on Thursday, July 5, 2018 at the Spruce Grove Apostolic Lutheran Church near Wolf Lake, MN with the Rev. Dennis Hannu officiating. The casket bearers were: Ryan Aho, Harry Aho, Harvey Aho, Rodney Aho, Nathaniel Aho and Kenneth Blommer. Interment was made at the Hillview Cemetery west of Menahga, MN next to her husband, Ray.

Milestones

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| Bridget Aho | ~ 10th Birthday | - 8/12/2018 |
| Reino Hendrickson | ~ 70th Birthday | - 8/29/2018 |
| Huldy Sannes | ~ 76th Birthday | - 7/23/2018 |
| Richard Yliniemi | ~ 77th Birthday | - 8/5/2018 |
| Sirikka Seppala | ~ 88th Birthday | - 7/12/2018 |

What God Can do With Nothing

Martin Luther said, “Since it is God’s nature to make something out of nothing, we must become nothing before God can make something out of us.”

Adelaide A. Pollard, a 20th-century poet, made the same point in the hymn “Have Thine Own Way”:

Have thine own way, Lord!
 Have thine own way!
 Thou art the potter,
 I am the clay.
 Mold me and make me
 after thy will,
 While I am waiting,
 yielded and still.



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 8:05 A.M. and KKCQ 96.7 FM Fosston at 10:35 AM 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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