



Spruce Grove Newsletter

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The Triumphal Entry

Matthew 21:1-11 *And when they drew nigh unto Jerusalem, and were come to Bethphage, unto the mount of Olives, then sent Jesus two disciples, Saying unto them, Go into the village over against you, and straightway ye shall find an ass tied, and a colt with her: loose them, and bring them unto me. And if any man say ought unto you, ye shall say, The Lord hath need of them; and straightway he will send them. All this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, saying, Tell ye the daughter of Sion, Behold, thy King cometh unto thee, meek, and sitting upon an ass, and a colt the foal of an ass. And the disciples went, and did as Jesus commanded them, And brought the ass, and the colt, and put on them their clothes, and they set him thereon. And a very great multitude spread their garments in the way; others cut down branches from the trees, and strawed them in the way. And the multitudes that went before, and that followed, cried, saying, Hosanna to the Son of David: Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord; Hosanna in the highest. And when he was come into Jerusalem, all the city was moved, saying, Who is this? And the multitude said, This is Jesus the prophet of Nazareth of Galilee.*

The triumphant entry of Jesus into Jerusalem fulfilled the prophecy given by Zechariah the prophet. Jesus publicly declares Himself to be the promised Messiah as He rides into Jerusalem on the colt of a donkey. The people gathered there on that day, declare Him to be the Son of David, effectively announcing to one another that our king is here. They receive him with shouts of joy and by throwing outer garments in the roadway as well as palm branches which is another way of acknowledging that this man who rides on the colt of a donkey is their king and messiah. The praise that they shout is the word hosanna which is a word which means “please save us”. They are using the words of Psalm 118 in their

shouts of praise, singing forth praise as well as a cry for deliverance from captivity. The long awaited king of the Jews had arrived and though acknowledged as such, the victory Jesus would accomplish was not what the crowds had in mind. The cries of hosanna would soon become cries of crucify him, crucify him, and in His Crucifixion their request would be granted. His death and resurrection are the reasons for this ride into Jerusalem. The cry of the crowds gathered that day were accurate, this man riding on the back of a beast of burden was none other than the Son of David, their long awaited Messiah who would in fact deliver them and become their salvation. It would be an eternal salvation and not an earthly one. The prophet from Nazareth was indeed the Son of God or as John describes him, The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.

The words that crowd cried out we still use today in our communion service as we celebrate the Sacrament of the Altar: Hosanna in the Highest! Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the Highest! We confess in the reciting of these words the glorious nature of what we are about to partake in. In Holy Communion our Lord comes to us and feeds us with His own body and blood, the Holy One comes and feeds those who are made holy in order to bring to us peace. Jesus the Messiah has made us holy and this is what we celebrate in the Eucharist. “Hosanna in the Highest” or “Lord, save us! Lord, please grant us success(HCSB)! And He has granted us eternal success for our sins are forgiven and we are made holy. When we gather around the communion rail on the 1st Sunday of the month, may these words bring us complete joy as we remember the glorious victory that was accomplished for us in Jesus’ triumphal ride into Jerusalem.

God’s Peace, Pastor Dennis Hannu

Baptism



George David Aho, son of Nathaniel & Carrie Aho of rural Frazee, was baptized on Sunday, January 17, 2021, at the Spruce Grove Apostolic Lutheran Church by Pastor Dennis Hannu.

His sponsors are Neil & Amanda Aho of rural Menahga and Isak Yliniemi of rural Frazee. His grandparents are Joshua & Deborah Aho of rural Frazee and Craig & Lisa Sunnarborg of WA. His great-grandparents are James & Nancy Sunnarborg of Esko, MN and Fran Karlsen of WA.



Mickie Marlene Howard, daughter of Jeremy & Katie Howard of rural Menahga, was baptized at the home of her parents on Thursday, February 11, 2021, by Pastor Dennis Hannu.

Her sponsors are Joe & Jasmine Christiansen of rural Menahga and Travis & Johanna Seppala of SC. Her grandparents are Curtis & Sarah Howard of rural Menahga and Julius & Terrie Aho of rural Sebeka.

Birth Announcements

Derek & Layla Borth announce the birth of their 2nd child. Maryn May was born on January 22, 2021 at Perham Hospital.

Maryn weighed 8 pounds, 2 ounces and was 19.5 inches tall.

Maryn was welcomed home by her parents and sister Brooke. Her grandparents are Harvey & Patricia Aho of rural Frazee and Daran & Christina Borth of rural Menahga.



Marlin & Ashlyn Aho announce the birth of their 5th child. Royce Jay was born on February 12, 2021 at Tri-County Hospital in Wadena.

Royce weighed 8 pounds, 6 ounces & was 20 inches tall.

Royce was welcomed by his parents and sisters; Sienna, Emery & Kalea and brother Zayic. Royce's grandparents are Joshua & Deborah Aho of rural Frazee and Roger & Priscilla Matson of Campobello, SC.



Holy Week Services

The Maundy Thursday Service is April 1st, Good Friday Service is April 2nd and our Easter Service is Sunday, April 4th. There will be coffee served after the evening services and a meal served after the Easter Service.

Please join us as we gather in worship and fellowship during this Holy Week.

Convention

We are pleased to announce that the Spruce Grove congregation in Wolf Lake, Minnesota, will host a modified Annual Convention this summer with in-person delegate meetings and limited services.

Meetings are being planned for Friday, June 25, and services will be Saturday and Sunday, June 26-27, 2021. Additionally, we intend to offer an online option for delegates who wish to participate in the meetings remotely and the services will be broadcast online.

Our desire is to return to normal in-person meetings and services, but due to space limitations and governmental health restrictions, we cannot yet hold a full convention.

Please check the ALCA website at www.apostoliclutheran.org for more details in the coming months, and please keep the Spruce Grove congregation in your prayers as they prepare for this event.

On behalf of the Central Board of the Apostolic Lutheran Church of America,

Gary Bertram, Chairman

Dave Myllymaki, Secretary

YOUTH GROUP

The Spruce Grove Youth Group meets on the 1st & 3rd Saturdays of each month at 8:00 PM, now at the church for Bible Study. All youth are invited to attend!

We are also asking you to open up your home as a place for the youth to meet on the 2nd & 4th Saturday evenings of each month for fellowship. If you would like to host the youth in your home, there will be a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the narthex. You can also speak to Alvin Aho for more information.

Adoption

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

Selma Lynn Anderson was born on September 21, 2019 and weighed 4 pounds 12 ounces and was 18 inches tall. Selma was welcomed into the Anderson home as a foster child on September 23, 2019 by her parents and brother Oscar.



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



Selma's adoption was finalized at home on March 5, 2021 via Zoom thru the Otter Tail County Courthouse.

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

Milestones

- Helena Aho ~ 10th Birthday - 3/12/2021
- Jacob Aho ~ 20th Birthday - 3/18/2021
- Ginger Aho ~ 20th Birthday - 3/12/2021
- Marshall Aho ~ 10th Birthday - 3/29/2021
- Ryan Aho ~ 30th Birthday - 3/30/2021
- Garin Matson ~ 20th Birthday - 4/7/2021
- Jeff & Rosy Kinnunen
~ 30th Anniversary - 4/26/2021

MARCH-APRIL-MAY 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
3/28 PALM SUNDAY Sunday School 10:00 AM Adult Bible Study 10:00 AM Worship Service 11:00 AM Organist: Betsy Sound: Neil	3/29	3/30	3/31	4/1 Maundy Thurs Service & Communion 7:30 P.M Organists: Ramona & Carrie Sound: Tyrone Coffee Group # 9	4/2 Good Friday Service 7:30 PM Organist: Megan Sound: Nate Coffee Group # 1	4/3 Youth Group 8:00 P.M.
4/4 EASTER SUNDAY Sunday School 10:00 AM Adult Bible Study 10:00 AM Worship Service & Holy Communion 11:00 AM Organists: Deborah & Sarah Sound: Chet Dinner Following the Service: Grp #	4/5	4/6	4/7 Family Bible Study 8:00 PM	4/8 Ladies Bible Study 10:00 AM	4/9 Worship Service 7:30 PM Organist: Betsy Sound: Alvin Coffee Group # 2	4/10
4/11 Sunday School 10:00 AM Adult Bible Study 10:00 AM Worship Service 11:00 AM Organist: Patricia Sound: Andreas	4/12 7:30 Board Meeting	4/13	4/14 Family Bible Study 8:00 PM	4/15 Ladies Bible Study 10:00 AM	4/16	4/17 Youth Group 8:00 P.M.
4/18 Sunday School 10:00 AM Adult Bible Study 10:00 AM Worship Service 11:00 AM Organist: Carrie Sound: Tyrone	4/19	4/20	4/21 Family Bible Study 8:00 PM	4/22 Ladies Bible Study 10:00 AM	4/23 Worship Service 7:30 PM Organist: Ramona Sound: Nate Coffee Group # 3	4/24
4/25 Sunday School 10:00 AM Adult Bible Study 10:00 AM Worship Service 11:00 AM Organist: Sarah Sound: Neil	4/26	4/27	4/28 Family Bible Study 8:00 PM	4/29 Ladies Bible Study 10:00 AM	4/30 Song Service 7:30 PM Organist: Patricia Coffee Group # 4	5/1 Youth Group 8:00 P.M.
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CLEANING GROUPS

March 2021
Jason & Amy Aho
 Andy & Patty Aho
 Eldon & Marie Mosteller
 Adrian & Tamra Aho
 Joshua & Deborah Aho
 Dale & Molly Hillukka

April 2021
Calvin & Kaitlyn Impola
 Harry & Lori Aho
 Loren & Karla Impola
 Rosten & Tori Aho
 Russell & Eunika Aho
 Isak Yliniemi

Funeral



Linda Paananen was born to Julius and Selma (Sallinen) Paananen at home in Paddock Township in Otter Tail County, Minnesota. She passed away peacefully at home at 95 years of age.

Linda was the sixth child in a family of eight. Having five brothers older than her, she often stated she was a tomboy doing the same things her brothers did. She attended the one room country schoolhouse that was a mile from home. When Linda was 8 years old, her brother accidentally shot Elmer, her 13 year old brother and she never liked to hear gun shots after that experience. About a year later another brother, Melvin died from a ruptured appendix at the age of 13. Mom always said she grew up in a loving home and had great respect for her parents. On December 23, 1942, Linda was united in marriage to Raphael Aurelius Aho. To this marriage 20 children were born, 12 sons and 8 daughters. The last two sons were stillborn. The couple spent their first eight years living on the Aho Brothers Farm in Wolf Lake, MN. In 1950 they purchased Linda's home place where they farmed together for more than 40 years. To help make ends meet, Linda worked at the Swift Turkey plant in Detroit Lakes for 16 years. Linda was a very loving mother who made tasty meals, delicious flatbread and pies. She sewed hundreds of quilts and enjoyed going to garage sales. One never left hungry from their home and she knew how to rock crying babies to sleep. Linda enjoyed putting puzzles together and she would read her Bible daily and pray for each of her children by name.

Linda was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, two sons in infancy, William and Matthew, two grandchildren, Jeffrey and Ruth Aho; five brothers:

Ernest (Hilda), Reino (Lillian), Elmer, Melvin, Alvin (Elaine) Paananen. One sister: Esther (Reuben) Hendrickson, Brother-in-laws: Uno, Urho (Emmi), Toivo, Arvo, Hugo (Elsie), Paul and Joel. Sister-in-laws: Helmi, Anna, Alli Aho, Ilma (Art) Suomala, and Rauha Aho.

She will be lovingly remembered by her children: Armas (Pat) Aho of Menahga, Wilho (Diana) Aho of Sebeka, Ellen (Reuben) Tumberg of Sebeka, Elma (James) Keskitalo of Ottertail, Miriam (Glen) Mursu of New York Mills, David (Wanda) Aho of Rindge, NH, Jacob Aho of Menahga, Aila (David) Somero of New Ipswich, NH, Susan (Michael) Keskitalo of Ottertail, Melvin (Sari) Aho of Vancouver, WA, Mark (Shari) Aho of Menahga, Julius (Terrie) Aho of Sebeka, Sarah (Roland) Seppala of Woodruff, SC, Calvin (Wanda) Aho of Brush Prairie, WA, Ruth (Andrew) Farrey of Vancouver, WA, Andrew (Patty) Aho of Sebeka, Sandra (Roger) Hannu of Duncan, SC and Raphael Terry (Renee) Aho of Rindge, NH, 130 grandchildren, over 300 great-grandchildren and 26 great-great-grandchildren, Sister Hazel (Art) Skoog as well as numerous nieces, nephews, relatives and many friends.

Linda's funeral service was held on Wednesday, February 10, 2021 at the Spruce Grove Apostolic Lutheran Church.

Thank You

The family of Linda Aho thanks everyone who sent cards, donations, flowers, and prayers during the time of the passing away of our mother and grandmother. She will be dearly missed but we know she wanted to go to a better land. Thanks also to those that brought food and prepared food for her funeral.

Oh, give thanks to the LORD, for He is good!
For His mercy endures forever!" Psalm 136:1

Remember in Prayer

- Family of Linda Aho
- Family of Clifford Koskela
- Family of Byron Saari
- Mickie Howard
- Family of Rev. Elmer Yliniemi
- Family of Josie Aho
- All of those affected by COVID-19
- Eva Salo
- Hazel Aho
- Ava Woodard
- Marlene Walters
- Shirley Kangas
- Jennie Hanson
- Pat Aho
- Elma Impola
- Jamie Aho
- 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

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, and in International Falls on KSDM 104.1 FM at 11:05 am.

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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.

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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