



Spruce Grove Newsletter

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Maundy Thursday

Maundy Thursday is observed during Holy Week which is the Thursday before Easter. Maundy comes from the Latin word *mandatum* which means “commandment”. The commandment referred to is found in the gospel of John 13:34 “*A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another.*” The gospel text for Maundy Thursday found on our church calendar, which finds its source in the Revised Common Lectionary, is always John 13:1-17, 31b-35. In this text we find Jesus celebrating the Passover with His disciples, washing their feet, and giving the commandment to love one another. Many churches hold a special service on this day which may include a Communion Service and washing of each other’s feet to commemorate Jesus’ washing of His disciples feet.

The text for this day is as follows: John 13:1-17 *Now before the feast of the passover, when Jesus knew that his hour was come that he should depart out of this world unto the Father, having loved his own which were in the world, he loved them unto the end. ²And supper being ended, the devil having now put into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon’s son, to betray him; ³Jesus knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he was come from God, and went to God; ⁴He riseth from supper, and laid aside his garments; and took a towel, and girded himself. ⁵After that he poureth water into a bason, and began to wash the disciples feet, and to wipe them with the towel wherewith he was girded. ⁶Then cometh he to Simon Peter: and Peter saith unto him, Lord, dost thou wash my feet? ⁷Jesus answered and said unto him, What I do thou knowest not now; but thou shalt know hereafter. ⁸Peter saith unto him, Thou shalt never wash my feet. Jesus answered him, If I wash thee not, thou hast no part with me. ⁹Simon Peter saith unto him, Lord,*

not my feet only, but also my hands and my head. ¹⁰Jesus saith to him, He that is washed needeth not save to wash his feet, but is clean every whit: and ye are clean, but not all. ¹¹For he knew who should betray him; therefore said he, Ye are not all clean. ¹²So after he had washed their feet, and had taken his garments, and was set down again, he said unto them, Know ye what I have done to you? ¹³Ye call me Master and Lord: and ye say well; for so I am. ¹⁴If I then, your Lord and Master, have washed your feet; ye also ought to wash one anothers feet. ¹⁵For I have given you an example, that ye should do as I have done to you. ¹⁶Verily, verily, I say unto you, The servant is not greater than his lord; neither he that is sent greater than he that sent him. ¹⁷If ye know these things, happy are ye if ye do them.

John 13:31b-35 *Jesus said, Now is the Son of man glorified, and God is glorified in him. ³²If God be glorified in him, God shall also glorify him in himself, and shall straightway glorify him. ³³Little children, yet a little while I am with you. Ye shall seek me: and as I said unto the Jews, Whither I go, ye cannot come; so now I say to you. ³⁴A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another. ³⁵By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another.*

Although John does not record for us the institution of the Lord’s Supper we know from the other gospels that Jesus did in fact institute it on this night (Matt. 26:26-29, Mark 14:22-25, and Luke 22:18-20). Jesus, who is our Passover Lamb, celebrates the Passover with His disciples and gives to them and His church the sacrament that we still partake of today. No longer would the disciples break bread and partake of the cup in memory of the exodus out of Egypt, but rather in memory of Jesus’ death

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and their exodus out of the wilderness of sin. We as well celebrate or commemorate this day because of the great work of our Savior which he did on our behalf. We partake of the body and blood of Jesus which is found in, with, and under the elements of bread and wine fully aware of our sinfulness and receiving what is offered in the sacrament namely the forgiveness of our sins.

Jesus on this night also did something unthinkable; He washed His disciple's feet. He who was their Master and Lord washed their feet. Peter could not understand this kind of action and recoiled at the thought of Jesus washing his feet, but as Jesus said to Peter, "If I do not wash you, you have no part with me." Peter then said "wash my hands and head as well." Jesus said "He who has bathed does not need to wash, except for his feet, but is completely clean." Jesus did this to teach His disciples humility and love. Their concern was to be for the other as Jesus would demonstrate even further in His dying

for them on the cross. This lesson is borne out for us today in all areas of our lives. Though we may not literally wash one another's feet, we carry out this command of humility and love as we offer forgiveness to our fellow believers who are feeling the weight of their sin or perhaps have offended us in some way. We carry out this command of humility and love as we by our actions imitate the actions of Christ. We carry out this commandment of humility and love as we lay down our lives (figuratively) for the sake of others. Jesus taught His disciples that they would no longer live for themselves in this world but for the other. We are to learn the same thing as we live in this world. The most beautiful thing about Maundy Thursday is our Savior demonstrates for us that this is why He came. He came to wash us and to make us clean so that we could then live like Him in this world.

God's Peace, Pastor Dennis Hannu

Birth Announcements

Neil & Moriah Meech announce the birth of their third child.

Paxton Troy Meech was born on January 22, 2023 at the Staples, MN Hospital. Paxton weighed 9 pounds 6 ounces and was 21 inches tall.



Paxton is welcomed by his parents and brothers; Bryce & Parker. Parker's grandparents are Reino & Peggy Aho of rural Wolf Lake and Todd & Patty Meech of Nimrod, MN.

Charles & Leila Aho announce the birth of their 8th child.

Asa James Aho was born on February 20, 2023 at Tri-County Hospital in Wadena, MN. Asa weighed 8 pounds 9 ounces and was 20 inches tall.



Asa is welcomed by his parents & siblings: Bridget, Rafe, Everett, Quinn, Gail, Winifred & Urho. Asa's grandparents are Victor Sr. & Lola Aho of Menahga, MN and Dan & Ann Coponen of MI.

Grandchild Announcements

Tim & Sarah Aho announce the birth of a grandson. Nico Dax Aho was born on February 24, 2023 to their son Kent and his wife Alyssa of Texas. Nico's other grandparents are Fiore & Heather Marelli.

Guest Speaker

On Wednesday, April 19, 2023 we will be having a worship service at 7:30 PM with David Orre from Finland speaking at the service.

Baptisms



Elizabeth Loretta Olson, daughter of David & Loretta Olson of rural Menahga, was baptized on Friday night, January 27, 2023, at the Spruce Grove Apostolic Lutheran Church by Pastor Dennis Hannu. Her sponsors are Victor Jr. & Stacy Aho of rural Menahga and Keziah Olson of rural Menahga. Her grandparents are Victor & Lola Aho of rural Menahga and Wanda Olson of SD.



Simo Ronald Aho, son of Raul & Shelby Aho of rural Frazee, was baptized on Sunday, February 12, 2023, at the Spruce Grove Apostolic Lutheran Church by Pastor Dennis Hannu. His sponsors are Rylan & Lindsay Aho of Menahga and Evan & Bailey Wisuri of Menahga. His grandparents are Nola Aho of rural Frazee and Ronald & Carolyn Munger of rural Menahga.

Lent & Holy Week Services

Lent Services began 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. Dinner will be served following the Easter Service.

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.

Remember in Prayer

- Family of Chuck & Barbara Norman
- Alec Aho
- Miriam Yliniemi
- Marvin Jurva
- Deborah Aho
- Family of Marlene Walters
- Family of Les Hanson
- Family of Huldy 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

MARCH - APRIL - MAY 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
3/26 Sunday School 10:00 AM Adult Bible Study 10:00 AM Worship Service 11:00 AM Organist: Sarah Sound: Nate	3/27	3/28 Green Pines Acres Nursing Home Service 2:00 PM	3/29 Lent Service 7:30 P.M Organist: Patricia Sound: Alvin Coffee Group # 7	3/30	3/31	4/1 Youth Group 8:00 P.M.
4/2 Sunday School 10:00 AM Adult Bible Study 10:00 AM Worship Service & Holy Communion 11:00 AM Organists: Sarah & Deborah Sound: Tyrone	4/3	4/4	4/5	4/6 Maundy Thurs Service & Communion 7:30 P.M Org: Patricia & Ramona Sound: Neil Coffee Group # 8	4/7 Good Friday Service 7:30 PM Organist: Betsy Sound: Nate Coffee Group # 9	4/8
4/9 EASTER SUNDAY Sunday School 10:00 AM Adult Bible Study 10:00 AM Worship Service 11:00 AM Organist: Carrie Sound: Alvin Dinner Following the Service: Group A	4/10 Board Meeting 7:30 PM	4/11	4/12 Family Bible Study 8:00 PM	4/13	4/14 Worship Service 7:30 PM Organist: Megan Sound: Tyrone Coffee Group # 10	4/15 Youth Group 8:00 P.M.
4/16 Sunday School 10:00 AM Adult Bible Study 10:00 AM Worship Service 11:00 AM Guest Speaker Organist: Deborah Sound: Neil	4/17	4/18	4/19 Worship Service-Guest Speaker-David Orre 7:30 P.M Organist: Betsy Sound: Nate Coffee Group # 1	4/20	4/21	4/22
4/23 Sunday School 10:00 AM Adult Bible Study 10:00 AM Worship Service 11:00 AM Organist: Sarah Sound: Alvin	4/24	4/25 Green Pines Acres Nursing Home Service 2:00 PM	4/26 Family Bible Study 8:00 PM	4/27	4/28 Worship Service 7:30 PM Organist: Ramona Sound: Tyrone Coffee Group # 2	4/29 Ladies Retreat 4/28 to 4/30
4/30 Sunday School 10:00 AM Adult Bible Study 10:00 AM Worship Service 11:00 AM Meal After Service Organist: Patricia Sound: Nate	5/1	5/2	5/3 Family Bible Study 8:00 PM	5/4	5/5	5/6 Youth Group 8:00 P.M.
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5/21 Last Day of Sunday School Sunday School 10:00 AM Adult Bible Study 10:00 AM Worship Service 11:00 AM Organist: Sarah Sound: Nate	5/22	5/23	5/24 Family Bible Study 8:00 PM	5/25	5/26 Graduation in Menahga	5/27

Women's Retreat

He makes all things
Beautiful
...in His
time!



	FRIDAY	<i>Spring Women's Retreat</i>
REGISTRATION	4:00	CAMP EMMANUEL, MENAUGA, MN
SUPPER	5:00	APRIL 28-30, 2023
SESSION 1	6:00	
EVENSONG	8:00	
	SATURDAY	SPEAKER: WENDY BERGSTEDT FROM
COFFEE	7:30-9:00	ESKO, MINNESOTA
SESSION 2	9:00	
SMALL GROUPS	10:15	COST: \$100 (2 nights lodging/4 meals)
BRUNCH	11:00	\$50 (no lodging/4 meals)
SESSION 3	12:00	(Financial assistance available.)
SMALL GROUPS	1:15	REGISTER BY APRIL 15, 2023.
ACTIVITIES	2:30	
SUPPER	5:00	
EVENSONG	6:00	
	SUNDAY	To register: Miriam Hannu 218-639-9068 or
BREAKFAST	7:30-9:00	centralmnchristianwomen@gmail.com.
DEVOTION	9:00	

80th Birthday Celebration

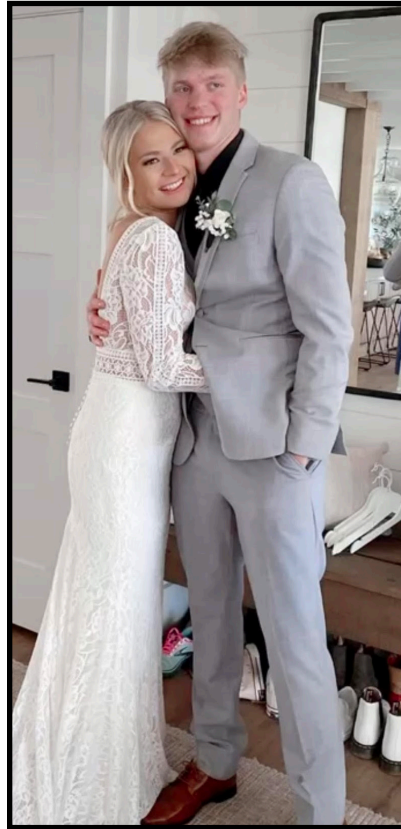
The family and friends of David Yliniemi invite everyone to celebrate David Yliniemi's 80th Birthday on Sunday, April 30th, 2023. A meal will be served following the Sunday Morning Worship Service.

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.

Wedding



Tristan Aho, son of Jared & Jolene Aho was united in marriage to Bella Somero, daughter of Matt & Kate Somero of New Hampshire.

Their wedding was on February 18, 2023 in New Hampshire.

We pray blessings for them as they start their life together as a couple.

Milestones

Jessa Aho	~ 10th Birthday	3/10/2023
Jeannette Jurva	~ 82nd Birthday	3/20/2023
Andrew & Jolie Ingvalson	~ 10th Anniversary	4/6/2013
Everett Aho	~ 10th Birthday	4/7/2023
David Yliniemi	~ 80th Birthday	4/18/2023
Curtis Aho	~ 30th Birthday	4/23/2023

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. 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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