



Spruce Grove Newsletter

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He is Risen

There were no greater words uttered in the history of man than these words. Angels spoke these words to the women who came to Jesus' tomb and found it empty. This is recorded in the gospel of Luke 24:4-8 *"And it came to pass, as they were much perplexed thereabout, behold, two men stood by them in shining garments: And as they were afraid, and bowed down their faces to the earth, they said unto them, Why seek ye the living among the dead? {the living: or, him that liveth} He is not here, but is risen: remember how he spake unto you when he was yet in Galilee, Saying, The Son of man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, and be crucified, and the third day rise again. And they remembered his words."* The voices of angels announced the news of the birth of our Lord and now they announce His resurrection. All has been accomplished and the plan of redemption completed. He is Risen indeed!!

The resurrection of our Lord is the culmination of His work here on this earth. The suffering and death of Jesus filled His disciples with fear and dread as they thought all hope was lost. Their messianic ideals were shattered and now they found themselves without any direction in this world. Peter was perhaps suffering the most as he thought of his denial of Jesus after he had boasted of being willing to die with him. Then these women show up with news that He is Risen and their world is turned upside down. They soon will understand what exactly Jesus accomplished for them through His death and resurrection. The power of the Holy Spirit will be poured out on them and they will begin to spread the gospel, the good news of the kingdom of God. The Risen Lord made all of this possible as He breathed on them and commissioned them to go out and preach the forgiveness of sins by the power of the Holy Spirit. The Risen Lord brought peace to His disciples and restored Peter as recorded in the gospel of John. The Risen Lord changed His disciples eternally, their world was truly turned upside down and would never be the same. All of Jesus' disciples would die a martyr's death except John, because of the One who

Arose they understood their lives differently; they did not live their lives unto the death but rather gave them up and in doing so live eternally with HIM.

We as well have been changed by His resurrection. We don't need to wallow in our sins or fear death. The death and resurrection of our Lord has brought salvation to the world. We were destined to die, but now we live. Paul would later say in Corinthians 15:20-22 *"But now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the first fruits of them that slept. For since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive."*

This he would say in defense of the resurrection of Christ, saying to the Corinthians that without the resurrection our faith is in vain and we are of all people most miserable. We are still in our sins and those who have died in Christ have perished. Instead, the glorious news of Christ's rising from the dead has brought us life and victory. 1 Corinthians 15:53 - 58 *"For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality. So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory. O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory? The sting of death is sin; and the strength of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord."*

May the words "He is Risen" bring us great joy this season as we remember the Resurrection of Our Lord and the life we have received through Jesus, the One who is the First and the Last, The Living One, The One who was dead, but look He is alive forevermore! He is Risen! He is Risen indeed! Have a Blessed Easter!

Pastor Dennis Hannu

Birth Announcement

Drake & Emily Anderson announce the birth of their third child.

Elna Marcella Anderson was born on February 2, 2024 at Perham Health Hospital in Perham, MN. Elna weighed 6 pounds 13 ounces and was 18.5



inches tall. Elna was welcomed by her parents and brothers: Lane & Albert.

Elna's grandparents are Dennis & Miriam Hannu of Sebeka and Brett & LaRae Anderson of Menahga.

Grandchild Announcements

David & Loretta Olson announce the births of 2 grandchildren.

Marina Helen Olson was born on November 27, 2023 to their son Samuel and his wife Bethany of SD. Other grandparent is Helen Somero.

Gideon Hank Olson was born on December 5, 2023 to their son Silas and his wife Jo-Lynn of SC. Other grandparent is Cindy Somero.

Reuben & Ellen Tumberg announce the birth of a granddaughter. Charity Linda Matson was born on March 16, 2024 to their daughter Linda and her husband Seth of WA. Other grandparents are Mark & Sandy Matson.

Holy Week Services

Maundy Thursday Service is March 28th at 7:30 PM with Communion, Good Friday Service is March 29th at 7:30 PM and Easter Service is Sunday, March 31st at 11:00 AM.

Please join us as we gather in worship and fellowship this week. There will also be coffee served following the evening services and a meal following the Easter Service. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Baptisms



Celise Deborah Aho, daughter of Marlin & Ashlyn Aho of rural Frazee, was baptized on Sunday, February 11, 2024, at the Spruce Grove Apostolic Lutheran Church by Pastor Dennis Hannu. Her sponsors are Neil & Amanda Aho and Isabelle Aho all of rural Menahga. Her grandparents are Joshua & Deborah Aho of rural Frazee and Roger & Priscilla Matson of SC. Her great-grandparents are Douglas & Donna Coponen of SC.



Arlo Jacob Aho, son of Micah & Emeri Aho of rural Menahga, was baptized on Sunday, February 25, 2024, at the Spruce Grove Apostolic Lutheran Church by Pastor Dennis Hannu. His sponsors are Kent & Tamar Leukuma of ND and Ian & Andrea Honkala of NH. His grandparents are Victor & Lola Aho of rural Menahga and Jeff & Marla Bertram of NH.

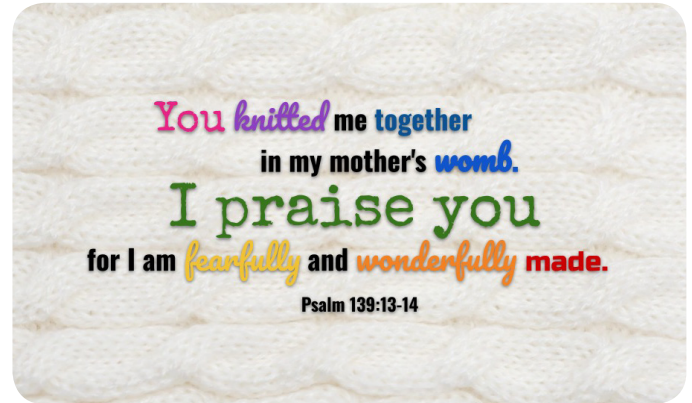
Wedding

Betsy Impola & Richard Rhoades were united in marriage on Saturday, February 17, 2024 at Spruce Grove Church.

The couple is now living in Bryant, SD.



Women's Retreat



Join us for a weekend of fellowship around God's Word with Speaker Stephanie Lang, Women's Ministry Counselor & Balm of Gilead Co-founder, of LaCenter, Washington.

Starting Friday, April 26th at 4:00 PM thru Sunday, April 28th at 10:30 AM.

Cost: \$120 for 2 nights camp lodging & 5 meals or \$60 for day commuters (no lodging).

To register go to Central Minnesota Christian Women on Facebook or talk to Linda Levijoki.

Remember in Prayer

- Jamie Aho
- Elizabeth Mattila
- Family of Colton West
- Blake Cato
- Alec Aho
- Miriam Yliniemi
- Marvin Jurva
- Family of Les Hanson
- Canton Matson
- Harvey & Patricia Aho
- 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

Jeannette Jurva	
~ 83rd Birthday	3/20/2024
Katie Howard	
~ 40th Birthday	3/29/2024
Eloise Matson	
~ 10th Birthday	3/29/2024
Lynn Impola	
~ 30th Birthday	4/2/2024
Mira Aho	
~ 10th Birthday	4/13/2024
David Yliniemi	
~ 81st Birthday	4/18/2024
Victor Aho Sr.	
~ 70th Birthday	4/30/2024

Benefit

**Benefit Meal
for Jamie & Tamara Aho
Sunday, April 14, 2024
Noon until 3:00 PM
at Spruce Grove Apostolic Church**

Jamie Aho of Wadena suffered a severe stroke on October 26, 2023. He underwent a craniectomy to relieve pressure on the brain, but the stroke left the left side of his body paralyzed. After nearly 5 months of being in the hospital and rehab center in the Twin Cities, Jamie is now back home in Wadena with his wife Tamara and their 5 children. Now that Jamie is home, he is going to Staples 3 days per week for therapy and rehab.



Sloppy Joes & Pulled Pork Sandwiches will be served as well as sides and desserts.

Free Will Donations will benefit Jamie & Tamara Aho with the continuing costs of medical expenses adjustments in their home and lives.

If you would like to send a donation, please send it Spruce Grove Church with memo: Jamie Aho Fund

Wedding Invitation

Andy & Patty Aho
and
Eric & Melanie Erickson
request the honor of your presence
at the marriage of their children

Savanna Rose
and
Arron Alan

Saturday, April 6, 2024 at 3:00 PM
at Spruce Grove Apostolic Lutheran Church

Reception to follow



MARCH - APRIL - MAY 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
3/24 Sunday School 10:00 AM Adult Bible Study 10:00 AM Worship Service 11:00 AM Organist: Deborah Sound: Nate	3/25	3/26 Green Pines Acres Nursing Home Service 2:00 PM	3/27	3/28 <i>Maundy Thursday</i> Service & Communion 7:30 P.M. Org: Carrie/Mona Sound: Raul Coffee Grp # 10	3/29 <i>Good Friday</i> Service 7:30 PM Organist: Sarah Sound: Neil Coffee Grp # 1	3/30 Youth Group 8:00 P.M.
3/31 EASTER SUNDAY Sunday School 10:00 AM Adult Bible Study 10:00 AM Worship Service 11:00 AM Organist: Megan Sound: Tyrone Dinner Following Service: Grp B	4/1	4/2	4/3 Family Bible Study 8:00 PM	4/4	4/5	4/6 Aho - Erickson Wedding 3:00 PM Youth Group 8:00 P.M.
4/7 Sunday School 10:00 AM Adult Bible Study 10:00 AM Worship Service 11:00 AM Organist: Sarah & Deborah Sound: Nate	4/8 Board Meeting 7:30 PM	4/9	4/10 Family Bible Study 8:00 PM	4/11	4/12 Worship Service 7:30 PM Organist: Mona Sound: Raul Coffee Grp # 2	4/13
4/14 Sunday School 10:00 AM Adult Bible Study 10:00 AM Worship Service 11:00 AM Organist: Patricia Sound: Neil Jamie Aho Benefit following Service	4/15	4/16	4/17 Family Bible Study 8:00 PM	4/18	4/19	4/20 Youth Group 8:00 P.M.
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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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