



## Spruce Grove Newsletter

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### Mother's Day

The modern holiday of Mother's Day was first celebrated in 1908, when Anna Jarvis held a memorial for her mother at St Andrew's Methodist Church in Grafton, West Virginia. St Andrew's Methodist Church now holds the International Mother's Day Shrine. Her campaign to make Mother's Day a recognized holiday in the United States began in 1905, the year her mother, Ann Reeves Jarvis, died. Ann Jarvis had been a peace activist who cared for wounded soldiers on both sides of the American Civil War, and created Mother's Day Work Clubs to address public health issues. Anna Jarvis wanted to honor her mother by continuing the work she started and to set aside a day to honor all mothers because she believed a mother is "the person who has done more for you than anyone in the world". In 1908, the U.S. Congress rejected a proposal to make Mother's Day an official holiday, joking that they would also have to proclaim a "Mother-in-law's Day". However, owing to the efforts of Anna Jarvis, by 1911 all U.S. states observed the holiday, with some of them officially recognizing Mother's Day as a local holiday (the first being West Virginia, Jarvis' home state, in 1910). In 1914, Woodrow Wilson signed a proclamation designating Mother's Day, held on the second Sunday in May, as a national holiday to honor mothers. Although Jarvis was successful in founding Mother's Day, she became resentful of the commercialization of the holiday. By the early 1920s, Hallmark Cards and other companies had started selling Mother's Day cards. Jarvis believed that the companies had misinterpreted and exploited the idea of Mother's Day, and that the emphasis of the holiday was on sentiment, not profit. As a result, she organized boycotts of Mother's Day, and threatened to issue lawsuits against the companies involved. Jarvis argued that people should appreciate and honor their mothers through handwritten letters expressing their love and gratitude, instead of buying gifts and pre-made cards. Jarvis protested at a candy makers' convention in Philadelphia in 1923, and at a meeting of American War Mothers in 1925. By this time, carnations had become associated with Mother's Day, and the selling of carnations by the American War Mothers to raise

money angered Jarvis, who was arrested for disturbing the peace. (cited from Wikipedia)

Someone once observed that the hand that rocks the cradle rules the world, referring to the impact that mothers have on the lives of their children. Recently in going through my files, I came across the stories of the early church father Augustine and the first President of the United States and the impact their mothers had on them.

Augustine was a fourth century scholar who is considered one of the greatest thinkers of all time. He was born under Roman rule in what is now called Algeria. His Christian mother, Monica, was married to a pagan who lived an immoral lifestyle. Even so, she gained a reputation as a peacemaker and counselor in turbulent times. At 23, Monica had her firstborn, Augustine, and she dedicated her life to raising him as a Christian. Despite their pagan culture, Monica won her husband to Christ just before his death, and her mother-in-law as well. Augustine was 17 when his father died and he was sent to university at Carthage for a classical education. But Carthage was a decadent place, and he wallowed in carnal pleasures. Monica cried and continually prayed for his soul. When Augustine did come to faith, years later, Monica rejoiced and told him her work was done. A week later she died. Augustine, who went on to become a great saint of the church, wrote this prayer, "My mother, Your faithful servant, wept to You for me, shedding more tears for my spiritual death than others shed for the bodily death of a son. You heard her."

George Washington, "father of his county," was a Christian gentleman, of who Thomas Jefferson said, "He was indeed, in every sense of the word, a wise, a good, and a great man." George's father died when the boy was just 11 years old, but his Christian mother, Mary Ball Washington, molded his character with Bible readings, and with Contemplations Moral and Divine by Sir Matthew Hale. George later wrote: "All that I am I owe to my mother. I attribute all my success in life to the moral, intellectual, and physical education I received from her."

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This Mother's Day, in spite of the commercialism of the day, honor your mother and thank the Lord for her and her influence on your life. There is no greater work than the work of a mother, as her hand rocks the cradle and cares for her children. God Bless you mothers this Mothers Day and always!

God's Peace, Pastor Dennis Hannu

### Birth Announcement

Rodney & Hannah Aho announce the birth of their 7th child.

Mikayla Marla was born on April 2, 2019 at Essentia Health St. Mary's Hospital in Detroit Lakes. Mikayla weighed 8 pounds 14 ounces and was 20 1/2 inches tall. Mikayla was welcomed home by her parents, brother Elliot and sisters Isabelle, Olivia, Claudia, Holly & Rochelle.

Mikayla's grandparents are Joshua & Deborah Aho of rural Frazee and Warren & Pirjoliisa Ketola of Rindge, NH.



### Baptism



Brooke Christina Borth, daughter of Derek & Layla Borth of rural Osage, was baptized on Sunday, March 24, 2019, at the Spruce Grove Apostolic Lutheran Church by Pastor Dennis Hannu. Her sponsors are Shawn & Heather Muhonen of NH, Tyrone Aho of Wolf Lake, and Dustin Borth of Menahga. Her grandparents are Daran & Christina Borth of Menahga and Harvey & Patricia Aho of rural Frazee. Her great-grandparents are Renee Sordahl of Menahga and Steve & Jeanette Miller of AZ.

### Grandchild Announcements

Julius & Terrie Aho announce the birth of a grandson. Milo David Waggoner was born on April 19, 2019 to their daughter Leah & her husband Jake of Farmington, ME. Other grandparents are Ed & Kim Waggoner of Park Rapids, MN.

Joshua & Deborah Aho announce the birth of a granddaughter. Thea Ellen Aho was born on April 30, 2019 to their son Luke & his wife Kaylee of Rindge, NH. Other grandparents are Dean & Martha Bertram of NH.

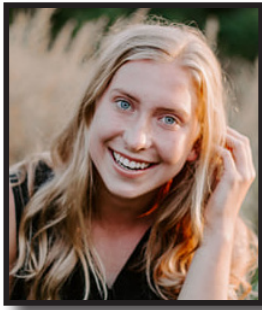
### Confirmation Class

Confirmation Classes will be held Monday, June 17th to Friday, June 21st, 2019. Classes will be held at the church from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM. Confirmation Service will be Sunday, June 23rd, 2019 at 10:30 A.M. with dinner following the service.

### Remember in Prayer

- Jennie Hanson
- Pat Aho
- Kason Aho
- Family of June Nelmark
- JoAnne Aho
- Avery O'Neil
- Marlene Walters
- Family of Billy Nelmark
- Isak Yliniemi
- Elma Impola
- Family of Richard Yliniemi
- Tim (Jill) Aho
- Jamie Aho
- Jared & Melinda Niemala & family
- Linda Aho
- Joan Koskela
- Clifford & Irene Koskela
- Marvin Nelmark
- Martha Aho
- Our Church, our Pastor and Church leaders.
- National Leaders
- Our Widows
- Our Missionaries
- Our Children & Youth
- Our Military
- Our Elderly

## 2019 Graduates



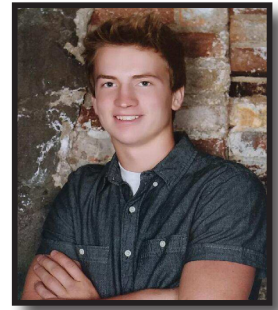
**Annika Aho**  
Daughter of  
Jason & Amy Aho  
**Menahga High School**



**Trenton Sikkila**  
Son of  
Jared & Kendra Sikkila  
**New Creation  
Academy**



**Allen Hannu**  
Son of  
Pastor Dennis & Miriam  
Hannu  
**Homeschool**



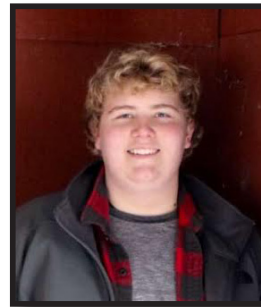
**Garin Matson**  
Son of  
Lyle & Rebecca Matson  
**Menahga High School**



**Silas Olson**  
Son of  
David & Loretta Olson  
**Heritage High School**  
**Central Lakes  
College-A.A.S. Degree**  
(Diesel & Heavy  
Equipment Technology)



**Kaisa Aho**  
Daughter of  
Job & Katie Aho  
**Menahga High School**  
**M-State-AA Degree**  
(Liberal Arts & Science)



**Boaz Siltala**  
Son of  
Nathan & Stephanie  
Siltala  
**Holdingsford High School**

**Ethan Aho**  
Graduated from Oak  
Hills College with  
Bachelors Degree  
in Psychology &  
Biblical Studies

**Tamar Aho**  
Graduated from  
Central Lakes  
College with LPN  
Certificate

***Congratulations to all the Graduates!***  
***We pray God's blessings & guidance for you now and always.***

## Graduation Open House

**Everyone is welcome to attend the Graduation Open House!**

An Open House will be held for **Annika Aho, Kaisa Aho, Garin Matson, Silas Olson, Trenton Sikkila & Boaz Siltala** on Sunday, May 26th, 2019 from 1:00 to 3:00 P.M. at Spruce Grove Apostolic Lutheran Church.

### Summer Schedule

Starting Sunday, June 2nd, 2019, services will begin at 10:30 AM on Sunday mornings for the months of June, July and August.

### Sunday School Picnic

The Sunday School Picnic will be held on Sunday, June 2nd, 2019 at the Wolf Lake Waterfront Park. Everyone is invited to join us for food and fellowship following the morning service.



# MAY-JUNE-JULY 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>5/19</b> Sunday School 10:00 AM Adult Bible Study 10:00 AM Worship Service 11:00 AM Organist: Megan Sound: Tyrone	<b>5/20</b>	<b>5/21</b>	<b>5/22</b> Family Bible Study 8:00 PM	<b>5/23</b>	<b>5/24</b>	<b>5/25</b>
<b>5/26</b> Worship Service 11:00 AM Organist: Patricia Sound: Neil	<b>5/27</b>	<b>5/28</b> GPA Nursing Home Service at 2:00 P.M.	<b>5/29</b> Family Bible Study 8:00 PM	<b>5/30</b>	<b>5/31</b> Song Service-7:30 PM Organist: Deborah Sound: Nate Coffee Group # 1	<b>6/1</b> Youth Group 7:30 P.M.
<b>6/2</b> Worship Service & Holy Communion 10:30 AM Organist: Mona & Sarah Sound: Alvin Sunday School Picnic Following Service	<b>6/3</b>	<b>6/4</b>	<b>6/5</b> Family Bible Study 8:00 PM	<b>6/6</b>	<b>6/7</b>	<b>6/8</b>
<b>6/9</b> Worship Service 10:30 AM Organist: Carrie Sound: Jamin	<b>6/10</b> 7:30 Board Meeting	<b>6/11</b>	<b>6/12</b> Family Bible Study 8:00 PM	<b>6/13</b>	<b>6/14</b> Worship Service 7:30 PM Organist: Megan Sound: Silas Coffee Group # 2	<b>6/15</b> Youth Group 7:30 P.M.
<b>6/16</b> Worship Service 10:30 AM Organist: Betsy Sound: Nate	<b>6/17</b>	<b>6/18</b>	<b>6/19</b>	<b>6/20</b>	<b>6/21</b>	<b>6/22</b>
	<b>Confirmation Classes 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM</b>					
<b>6/23 Confirmation Sunday</b> Worship Service & Holy Communion 10:30 AM Organist: Deborah & Patricia Sound: Neil Dinner Following the Service Grp # 3	<b>6/24</b>	<b>6/25</b>	<b>6/26</b>	<b>Apostolic Lutheran Church Convention June 27 to June 30</b>		
				<b>6/27</b>	<b>6/28</b>	<b>6/29</b>
<b>6/30</b> Worship Service 10:00 AM live video from ALC convention	<b>7/1</b>	<b>7/2</b>	<b>7/3</b> Family Bible Study 8:00 PM	<b>7/4</b>	<b>7/5</b>	<b>7/6</b> Youth Group 7:30 P.M.
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<b>7/14</b> Worship Service 10:30 AM Organist: Mona Sound: Tyrone	<b>7/15</b>	<b>7/16</b>	<b>7/17</b> Family Bible Study 8:00 PM	<b>7/18</b>	<b>7/19</b>	<b>7/20</b> Youth Group 7:30 P.M.

## Cleaning Groups

### May 2019

**Derek & Layla Borth**

Harvey & Patricia Aho

Nate & Carrie Aho

Andrew & Jolie Ingvalson

Ryan & Chelsea Aho

### June 2019

**Joe & Stacie Olson**

Paul & Esther Impola

Max & Ashley Aho

Pete & Linda Levijoki

Nola Aho

Neil & Amanda Aho

## Listen in to our Worship 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 #. 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.

## Apostolic Lutheran Church Convention

*Come to the Table  
Come join the sinners who have been redeemed  
Take your place beside the Savior  
Sit down and be set free  
Come to the table*

*“Come to the Table” by Sidewalk Prophets*

### **2019 Annual Convention of the Apostolic Lutheran Churches of America June 27th -June 30th, 2019**

The Kingston Apostolic Lutheran Church congregation invites you to attend the 2019 Annual Convention of the Apostolic Lutheran Church of America. This will be the 111th ALC Convention. Devotional services will be held on Thursday, June 27th through Sunday, June 30th, 2019 at St. Cloud University in St. Cloud, Minnesota. The Ministers' meeting, Central Board meeting and Sunday School delegates' meeting will be held on Tuesday and Wednesday, June 25th and 26th at the Kingston Church. The 2019 Annual Meeting will be held at SCSU on Thursday, June 27th.

Information about the convention, photos, directions to the college and a list of motels and campground facilities in the area is on the Kingston Church website [www.kingstonalc.com](http://www.kingstonalc.com).

Please note that SCSU is a smoke-free campus, as are all public facilities in Minnesota. We strongly encourage you to make reservations early by completing the registration form found on the website, allowing our food and housing committees to better plan for a successful convention.

Main services will be held in the Ballroom at Atwood Center, SCSU. Large and small lounge areas are available for attendees. Plans for evening youth gatherings are being made.

We ask for your prayers that God's blessings will be upon us during this time together. It is our prayer, as we organize this event, that rich blessings of Jesus Christ would be poured out upon each one of you today as in all the days to come.

In Christ,  
Pastor Orval Wirkkala and the 2019 Convention Committee

## News & Notes

- Sonya Keranen & children traveled to WA.
- Jared & Jolene Aho & family traveled to FL.
- Allen Hannu has moved to SC.
- Wil & Diana Aho have returned from their winter trip.
- Renata Nevala & daughters traveled to SC.
- Reid & Ashley Aho & family traveled to FL.
- Lynn & Betsy Impola traveled to Indonesia.
- Max & Ashley Aho & family traveled to Canada.
- Nick & Megan Aho & family traveled to MI.
- A baby shower was held for Moriah Meech at the church.
- Jared & Kendra Sikkila & family traveled to KY.

Some of the visitors the last few months were:

- Amanda Ketola from NH.
- Heather Muhonen from NH.
- Kyle Aho from NH.
- Jonathan Aho from NH.
- Emily Anderson & Lane from GA.
- Mel Aho from WA.
- Alex & Jacinda Aili from Esko, MN.
- Dan & Carol Hanson from WA.
- Todd & Rhonda Niskanen from SC.
- Roxanne Kulla from WA.
- Rosanna Kulla from SD.
- Robyn Jussila from WA.
- Warren & Pirjoliisa Ketola from NH.

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



## Milestones

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|------------------------|----------------------|------------|
| • Olavi Seppala        | ~ 95th Birthday      | - 5/4/2019 |
| • Curtis Samuelson     | ~ 78th Birthday      | - 5/4/2019 |
| • Alisha Aho           | ~ 30th Birthday      | -5/5/2019  |
| • Eli Aho              | ~ 10th Birthday      | -5/4/2019  |
| • Addison Aho          | ~ 10th Birthday      | -5/7/2019  |
| • Katie Aho            | ~ 40th Birthday      | -5/7/2019  |
| • Diane Niemi          | ~ 79th Birthday      | - 5/9/2019 |
| • Bruce Sannes         | ~ 79th Birthday      | -5/21/2019 |
| • Loren & Karla Impola | ~ 10th Anniversary - | 6/17/2019  |
| • Tyrone Aho           | ~ 30th Birthday      | -6/13/2019 |
| • Rebecca Matson       | ~ 40th Birthday      | -6/19/2019 |
| • Savanna Aho          | ~ 20th Birthday      | -6/24/2019 |
| • Damon Howard         | ~ 20th Birthday      | -6/29/2019 |
| • Brody Yliniemi       | ~ 10th Birthday      | -6/30/2019 |

### 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](http://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](mailto: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

Services can be listened to over the telephone, please check the calendar for details.

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