



## Spruce Grove Newsletter

Spruce Grove Apostolic Lutheran Church, Wolf Lake, MN Vol. 23 No. 3 May-June 2018

### Praying For Our Graduates

Ephesians 1:15-23 *“Wherefore I also, after I heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus, and love unto all the saints, Cease not to give thanks for you, making mention of you in my prayers; That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him: The eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know what is the hope of his calling, and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints, And what is the exceeding greatness of his power to us-ward who believe, according to the working of his mighty power, Which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead, and set him at his own right hand in the heavenly places, Far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come: And hath put all things under his feet, and gave him to be the head over all things to the church, Which is his body, the fulness of him that filleth all in all.”*

It is again that time of year when our young people are graduating from high school and or college. As always we are proud of their achievements and want to encourage them as they make the transition from the classroom to the working world or perhaps from high school to college. Their stamina and commitment to their schooling will serve them well as they move into their careers and jobs. There is always excitement and anticipation that seems to shine from the faces of the graduates as they look forward to the future, perhaps just glad to be done with school or just excited to see what life holds in store for them. My son is among the graduates this year and so I am again witnessing firsthand the excitement of this time of the year.

Sometimes for us parents this time of the year may actually be kind of tough as we find ourselves worrying over our children: What will they do for further schooling? What will they do for work? Are they going to make enough money to survive? Should I kick them out of my house? :) The worrying can become overwhelming if we are not careful. Paul when he writes to the Ephesians gives us a wonderful reminder as he prays for the people

he is writing to. So rather than worry, we pray. We pray for our children, as Paul did for the Ephesians. We thank God for the faith that He has instilled in their hearts and for the down payment He has given them in His Holy Spirit. We pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, would give them the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him, and that their understanding would be enlightened so that they would know what the hope of His calling is, and what the glorious inheritance of the saints is. We pray that they would know the exceeding greatness of His power to all who believe, according to the working of His mighty power. We pray that they would see this power through the power of the resurrection. We pray that they would constantly be drawn to the risen Lord Jesus who God raised from the dead and set at His own right hand in the heavenly places. We pray that they would understand clearly what they possess in Christ Jesus and how they are part of His body. We pray that they would live constantly with the understanding of who they are and who they belong to. They are the loved children of the most High God and are part of the body of Christ. He has saved them by His grace. So, we continue to pray for our graduates. We pray that Christ may dwell in their hearts by faith, and that they would be rooted and grounded in love, comprehending with all the saints the breadth, length, depth, height, and to know the love of Christ that surpassed knowledge, so that they would be filled with the fullness of God. Amen and Amen.

Ephesians 3:20-21 *“Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us, Unto him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen.”*

Congratulations to our graduates this year and God Bless you as you move into the next chapter of life. We will be praying for you.

God's Peace, Pastor Dennis Hannu

## Birth Announcements



Naaman & Lila Impola announce the birth of their 4th son. Owen Steven was born on April 19th, 2018 at Essentia Hospital in Detroit Lakes. Owen weighed 8 pounds 11 ounces and was 20.75 inches tall. Owen was welcomed home by his parents and brothers: Abram, Waylon & Nolan. His grandparents are Paul & Esther Impola of rural Sebeka and Wayne & Bobbie Hrdlicka of rural Frazee.

Levi & Andrea Yliniemi announce the birth of their 4th child.

Ailey Jane was born on April 21st, 2018 at St. Joseph's Hospital in Park Rapids, MN. Ailey weighed 8 pounds, 4 ounces and was 20 inches tall.

Ailey was welcomed home by her parents and brothers: Brody, Flynn and Mason. Her grandparents are Richard & DarLayne Yliniemi of Menahga and Ken & Pam Holgate of rural Frazee.



## Grandchild Announcements

Armas & Pat Aho announce the birth of a granddaughter. Maizy Grace was born on April 16, 2018 to their son Michael and his wife Caitlin of Rindge, NH. Other grandparents are Jim & Diane Cooper of NH.

Reuben & Ellen Tumberg announce the birth of twin granddaughters. Abby Ruth and Bailey Renee were born on May 3, 2018 to their son Marc and his wife Kiersten of Lake Lillian, MN. Other grandparents are Jamie & Julie Schierbeek of CA.

## Sunday School Picnic

The Sunday School Picnic will be held on Sunday, June 3rd, 2018 at the Wolf Lake Waterfront Park. Everyone is invited to join us for food and fellowship following the morning service.

## Confirmation Classes

Confirmation Classes will be held Monday, June 11th to Friday, June 15th, 2018. Classes will be held at the church from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM. Confirmation Service will be Sunday, June 17th, 2018 at 10:30 A.M. with dinner following the service.

## Baptisms



Dylan Raymond Aho, son of Alvin & Alisha Aho of Frazee was baptized on February 28, 2018 by Douglas Coponen. His sponsors are Aubree Matson of SC and Curtis & Ruby Aho of Wolf Lake, MN. His grandparents are Raymond & Janet Aho of Frazee, MN and Roger & Cilla Matson of SC.



Brekken Coleman Aho, son of Ryan & Chelsea Aho of Frazee, was baptized on Friday, May 11, 2018, at the Spruce Grove Apostolic Lutheran Church by Pastor Dennis Hannu. His sponsors are Kimberly Aho of Wolf Lake, Curtis & Ruby Aho of Wolf Lake, and Neal & Sara Heinonen of Delano. His grandparents are Harvey & Patricia Aho of rural Frazee and Gerald & Martha Pinoniemi of Menahga.



Ainsley Frances Nevala, daughter of Luke & Renata Nevala of rural Menahga, was baptized on Sunday, May 20, 2018, at the Spruce Grove Apostolic Lutheran Church by Pastor Dennis Hannu. Her sponsors are Jeff & Rosy Kinnunen of Menahga and Robert & Dawn Loper of rural Frazee. Her grandparents are Wilho & Diana Aho of rural Sebeka and Marilyn Nevala of rural Frazee. Her great-grandparent is Linda Aho of rural Menahga.

## Summer Schedule

Starting Sunday, June 3rd, 2018, services will begin at 10:30 AM on Sunday mornings for the months of June, July and August.

## 2018 Graduates



**Abbie Aho**  
Daughter of  
Harry & Lori Aho  
**Menahga High School**



**Savanna Aho**  
Daughter of  
Andy & Patty Aho  
**Sonrise Christian  
School**



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

**Shania Siltala**  
Graduated from  
Ridgewater College  
with Veterinary Tech  
Degree

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

## Graduation Open Houses

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

An Open House will be held for **Abbie Aho & Savanna Aho** on Saturday, June 9th, 2018 from 1:00 to 4:00 P.M. at the home of Andy & Patty Aho.

An Open House will be held for **William Hannu** on Saturday, June 9th, 2018 from 2:00 to 4:00 P.M. at his home.

## Remember in Prayer

*"...pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much" (James 5:16)*

- Family of John Snelling
- Family of Alison Salo
- Tim (Jill) Aho
- Graduates
- Elmer Yliniemi
- Huldy Sannes
- Gladys Fraki
- Ashley Aho
- Pat Aho
- Patricia 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
- Marge Kumma
- Martha Aho
- Billy Nelmark
- Our Church, our Pastor and Church leaders.
- National Leaders
- Our Widows
- Our Missionaries
- Our Children & Youth
- Our Military
- Our Elderly

## Milestones

- Olavi Seppala ~ 94th Birthday - 5/4/2018
- Curtis Samuelson ~ 77th Birthday - 5/4/2018
- Marge Kumma ~ 87th Birthday - 5/9/2018
- Diane Niemi ~ 78th Birthday - 5/9/2018
- Bruce Sannes ~ 78th Birthday - 5/21/2018
- Alvin Aho ~ 30th Birthday - 5/22/2018
- James Aho ~ 30th Birthday - 5/28/2018
- Maija Aho ~ 10th Birthday - 6/3/2018
- Lyle & Rebecca Matson ~ 20th Anniversary - 6/6/2018
- Reuben & Ellen Tumberg ~ 50th Anniversary - 6/8/2018
- Paul & Esther Impola ~ 40th Anniversary - 6/10/2018
- Olivia Aho ~ 10th Birthday - 6/12/2018
- Kendra Sikkila ~ 40th Birthday - 6/16/2018
- Pat Aho ~ 70th Birthday - 6/20/2018
- Tim & Sarah Aho ~ 20th Anniversary - 6/20/2018
- Nick & Megan Aho ~ 10th Anniversary - 6/21/2018
- Roman Howard ~ 10th Birthday - 6/21/2018
- Pastor Dennis & Miriam Hannu ~ 25th Anniversary - 6/26/2018

# MAY-JUNE-JULY 2018

| Sunday   | Monday   | Tuesday   | Wednesday                                    | Thursday   | Friday  | Saturday                               |                   |                       |                     |  |                     |                              |                  |                      |        |                  |               |                      |  |
|--|--|---|--|--|---|--|-------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|--|---------------------|------------------------------|------------------|----------------------|--------|------------------|---------------|----------------------|--|
| <b>20</b><br>Sunday School 10:00 AM<br>Adult Bible Class 10:00 AM<br>Worship Service 11:00 AM<br>Organist:<br>Sound: Chet  | <b>21</b>  | <b>22</b>   | <b>23</b><br>Family Bible Study<br>8:00 PM   | <b>24</b>  | <b>25</b>   | <b>26</b>                              |                   |                       |                     |  |                     |                              |                  |                      |        |                  |               |                      |  |
| <b>27</b><br>Worship Service 11:00 AM<br>Organist: Deborah<br>Sound: Neil  | <b>28</b>  | <b>29</b><br>GPA Nursing Home<br>Service at 2:00 P.M. | <b>30</b><br>Family Bible Study<br>8:00 PM   | <b>31</b>  | <b>1</b>  | <b>2</b><br>Youth Group<br>7:30 P.M.   |                   |                       |                     |  |                     |                              |                  |                      |        |                  |               |                      |  |
| <b>3</b><br>Worship Service &<br>Communion 10:30 AM<br>Organists: Carrie & Betsy<br>Sound: Alvin<br>Sunday School Picnic Following Service                           | <b>4</b>   | <b>5</b>  | <b>6</b><br>Family Bible Study<br>8:00 PM    | <b>7</b>   | <b>8</b><br>Worship Service<br>8:00 PM<br>Organist: Megan<br>Sound: Tyrone<br>Coffee Group # 1    | <b>9</b>                               |                   |                       |                     |  |                     |                              |                  |                      |        |                  |               |                      |  |
| <b>10</b><br>Worship Service 10:30 AM<br>Organist: Sarah<br>Sound: Jamin   | <b>Confirmation Classes 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM</b>   |   |  |  |   | <b>16</b><br>Youth Group<br>7:30 P.M.  |                   |                       |                     |  |                     |                              |                  |                      |        |                  |               |                      |  |
| <b>17</b> <b>Confirmation</b><br>Worship Service &<br>Communion 10:30 AM<br>Dinner following service. Dinner Group # 2<br>Organists: Deborah & Ramona<br>Sound: Chet | <b>11</b><br>7:30 Board Meeting  | <b>12</b>   | <b>13</b><br>Family Bible Study<br>8:00 PM   | <b>14</b>  | <b>15</b>   | <b>16</b><br>Youth Group<br>7:30 P.M.  |                   |                       |                     |  |                     |                              |                  |                      |        |                  |               |                      |  |
| <b>17</b><br>Worship Service &<br>Communion 10:30 AM<br>Dinner following service. Dinner Group # 2<br>Organists: Deborah & Ramona<br>Sound: Chet                     | <b>18</b>  | <b>19</b>   | <b>20</b><br>Family Bible Study<br>8:00 PM   | <b>21</b>  | <b>22</b><br>Worship Service<br>8:00 PM<br>Organist: Patricia<br>Sound: Silas<br>Coffee Group # 2 | <b>23</b>                              |                   |                       |                     |  |                     |                              |                  |                      |        |                  |               |                      |  |
| <b>24</b><br>Worship Service 10:30 AM<br>Organist: Betsy<br>Sound: Nate  | <b>25</b>  | <b>26</b><br>GPA Nursing Home<br>Service at 2:00 P.M. | <b>27</b><br>Family Bible Study<br>8:00 PM   | <b>28</b>  | <b>29</b><br>Song Service<br>8:00 PM<br>Organist: Carrie<br>Sound: Tyrone<br>Coffee Group # 3     | <b>30</b>                              |                   |                       |                     |  |                     |                              |                  |                      |        |                  |               |                      |  |
| <b>7/1</b><br>Worship Service &<br>Communion 10:30 AM<br>Organists: Ramona & Sarah<br>Sound: Chet  | <b>7/2</b>   | <b>7/3</b>  | <b>7/4</b><br>Family Bible Study<br>8:00 PM  | <b>7/5</b>   | <b>7/6</b>  | <b>7/7</b><br>Youth Group<br>7:30 P.M. |                   |                       |                     |  |                     |                              |                  |                      |        |                  |               |                      |  |
| <b>7/8</b><br>Worship Service 10:30 AM<br>Organist: Megan<br>Sound: Neil   | <b>7/9</b><br>7:30 Board Meeting   | <b>7/10</b>   | <b>7/11</b><br>Family Bible Study<br>8:00 PM | <b>Apostolic Lutheran Church Convention July 12-15</b> |   | <b>7/14</b>                            |                   |                       |                     |  |                     |                              |                  |                      |        |                  |               |                      |  |
| <b>7/15</b><br>Worship Service 10:30 AM<br>Organist: Sarah<br>Sound: Alvin   | <p style="text-align: center;"><b>May Cleaning Group</b></p> <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%; border: none;"><b>Jeremy &amp; Katie Howard</b></td> <td style="width: 50%; border: none;">Reino &amp; Peggy Aho</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="border: none;">Lyle &amp; Rebecca Matson</td> <td style="border: none;">Charles &amp; Leila Aho</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="border: none;"></td> <td style="border: none;">James &amp; Delfina Aho</td> </tr> </table> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>June Cleaning Group</b></p> <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%; border: none;"><b>Rosten &amp; Tori Aho</b></td> <td style="width: 50%; border: none;">Calvin &amp; Kaitlyn</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="border: none;">Russell &amp; Eunika Aho</td> <td style="border: none;">Impola</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="border: none;">Harry &amp; Lori Aho</td> <td style="border: none;">Isak Yliniemi</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="border: none;">Loren &amp; Karla Impola</td> <td style="border: none;"></td> </tr> </table> |   |  |  |   | <b>Jeremy &amp; Katie Howard</b>       | Reino & Peggy Aho | Lyle & Rebecca Matson | Charles & Leila Aho |  | James & Delfina Aho | <b>Rosten &amp; Tori Aho</b> | Calvin & Kaitlyn | Russell & Eunika Aho | Impola | Harry & Lori Aho | Isak Yliniemi | Loren & Karla Impola |  |
| <b>Jeremy &amp; Katie Howard</b>   | Reino & Peggy Aho  |   |  |  |   |  |                   |                       |                     |  |                     |                              |                  |                      |        |                  |               |                      |  |
| Lyle & Rebecca Matson  | Charles & Leila Aho  |   |  |  |   |  |                   |                       |                     |  |                     |                              |                  |                      |        |                  |               |                      |  |
|  | James & Delfina Aho  |   |  |  |   |  |                   |                       |                     |  |                     |                              |                  |                      |        |                  |               |                      |  |
| <b>Rosten &amp; Tori Aho</b>   | Calvin & Kaitlyn   |   |  |  |   |  |                   |                       |                     |  |                     |                              |                  |                      |        |                  |               |                      |  |
| Russell & Eunika Aho   | Impola   |   |  |  |   |  |                   |                       |                     |  |                     |                              |                  |                      |        |                  |               |                      |  |
| Harry & Lori Aho   | Isak Yliniemi  |   |  |  |   |  |                   |                       |                     |  |                     |                              |                  |                      |        |                  |               |                      |  |
| Loren & Karla Impola   |  |   |  |  |   |  |                   |                       |                     |  |                     |                              |                  |                      |        |                  |               |                      |  |

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.

## Engagements

Moriah Aho and Neil Meech announced their engagement to be married on April 15th.

Moriah is the daughter of Reino and Peggy Aho. Moriah lives in Nimrod, MN and is employed by Meech Farms.

Neil is the son of Todd & Patty Meech. Neil lives in Nimrod, MN and is employed by Meech Farms. A late summer wedding is being planned.



Dara Sikkila and Chad Raasio announced their engagement to be married on April 23rd.

Dara is the daughter of Jared and Kendra Sikkila. Dara lives in Chassell, MI and is self-employed as a photographer and works part-time at J. Jukuri Spa.

Chad Raasio is the son of Stephen and Karla Raasio. Chad is employed by Steve Raasio Construction and lives in Hancock MI. Plans for a late summer wedding are being made.



## Apostolic Lutheran Church Convention

*His Amazing Grace ~ John 8:36  
If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed.*

### 2018 Annual Convention of the Apostolic Lutheran Churches of America July 12th -July 15th, 2018

The Apostolic Lutheran Church of Tri Cities Congregation invites you to attend the 110th Annual Convention of the Apostolic Lutheran Church of America.

The convention will be held at the TRAC Center located at 6600 Burden Blvd. Pasco, WA. 99301, from July 12th through the 15th, 2018.

Information regarding our service schedule and lodging information will be posted on the

www.apostoliclutheran.org website, our website www.tricityalc.com, as well as the ALC Convention and ALC Community Facebook pages.

Please reserve hotel rooms early. The rooms will be released to the general public 1 month before the convention.

We will have a RSVP form on the websites so we can better estimate how many meals we will need to provide. Please take the time to fill it out.

Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions or concerns.

We look forward to seeing you soon and we pray for God's blessings as we continue to fellowship around His Word.

On behalf of the 2018 ALC Convention Committee,  
Anthony St. Martin

## News & Notes

- Chet & Dayna Anderson traveled to SC.
- Pastor Dennis & Miriam Hannu & family traveled to SC.
- Jamin & Gina Aho traveled to Mexico.
- Marlin & Ashlyn Aho & family traveled to SC.
- Patricia Aho & Layla Borth traveled to NH.
- Eldon & Maija Mosteller and family traveled to WA.
- David & Loretta Olson & family traveled to SC.
- Raymond & Janet Aho traveled to MI.
- Max & Ashley Aho & family traveled to SC.
- Reino & Peggy Aho, Thomas Aho, Tanya Sauvola, Tim & Sarah Aho, Paul & Esther Impola, Job Aho, David & Loretta Olson, Victor Sr. & Lola Aho, Victor Jr. & Stacy Aho, Nate & Stephanie Siltala, Jared Aho, Jason Aho and Harvey Aho traveled to SC to attend the funeral of Alison Salo.
- Wil & Diana Aho have returned from SC & FL.
- Rosy Kinnunen and Renata Nevala traveled to FL.

- Tamar Aho, Stephanie Siltala, Tessa Siltala and Shandra Siltala traveled to FL.
- Mark & Shari Aho traveled to NH & SC.
- Linda Levijoki & Gina Aho traveled to NY.
- Chet and Dayna Anderson have become licensed foster parents. They welcomed an infant into their home on April 19th and are in the process of adoption. A baby shower was held for Dayna on May 19th at the church.

Some of the visitors the last few months were:

- Paul & Virginia Anderson from SC.
- Alex & Jacinda Aili and family from Esko, MN
- Carmelle Hanson from WA.
- Jake & Holly Latto & family from Canada.
- Emily Anderson & Lane from SD
- Alyssa Marrelli from Canada.
- Pastor Reino Maunu from SD.

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

### 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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