



## Spruce Grove Newsletter

Spruce Grove Apostolic Lutheran Church, Wolf Lake, MN Vol. 25 No. 3 May - June 2020

### Ascension of Our Lord

Acts 1:1-11 KJV *“The former treatise have I made, O Theophilus, of all that Jesus began both to do and teach, Until the day in which he was taken up, after that he through the Holy Ghost had given commandments unto the apostles whom he had chosen: To whom also he shewed himself alive after his passion by many infallible proofs, being seen of them forty days, and speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God: And, being assembled together with them, commanded them that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for the promise of the Father, which, saith he, ye have heard of me. For John truly baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence. When they therefore were come together, they asked of him, saying, Lord, wilt thou at this time restore again the kingdom to Israel? And he said unto them, It is not for you to know the times or the seasons, which the Father hath put in his own power. But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth. And when he had spoken these things, while they beheld, he was taken up; and a cloud received him out of their sight. And while they looked stedfastly toward heaven as he went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel; Which also said, Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven.”*

Forty days after Jesus’ glorious resurrection he ascended into heaven. During those forty days he showed to his disciples, by eating and drinking with them, that he was indeed fully alive. He also was teaching them of the things concerning the kingdom of God. It is not hard to see why the disciples would ask the question, “Lord, at this time are you going to restore again the kingdom to Israel?” Jesus’ ascension changes the scope of their question, they are still thinking in terms of an earthly kingdom perhaps, but Jesus tells them to wait in Jerusalem until they are empowered with the Holy Spirit and then they will bear witness of Him in Jerusalem, in all Judea, Samaria, and to the ends of the earth, quite

literally the world. After telling them this, while they were looking at Him, He ascended up in to the sky and a cloud blocked their eyes from seeing Him.

The ascension of Jesus accomplishes the final act of redemption as He appears in the presence of God for us as is shown in Hebrews 9:22-28 *“And almost all things are by the law purged with blood; and without shedding of blood is no remission. It was therefore necessary that the patterns of things in the heavens should be purified with these; but the heavenly things themselves with better sacrifices than these. For Christ is not entered into the holy places made with hands, which are the figures of the true; but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us: Nor yet that he should offer himself often, as the high priest entereth into the holy place every year with blood of others; For then must he often have suffered since the foundation of the world: but now once in the end of the world hath he appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself. And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment: So Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many; and unto them that look for him shall he appear the second time without sin unto salvation.”*

Jesus’ appearance in Heaven is a victorious appearance, as the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world, brings the news into the heavenly realm that the battle is over and the victory is won. Everything is accomplished and the human race has been restored. They have been restored through the death, resurrection, and ascension of our Lord Jesus Christ. His blood has fully cleansed the heavenly sanctuary and has washed us completely clean. We, like the apostles of old, are simply to bear witness to this good news, what we refer to as the gospel. In light of this virus that is ravaging our world, physically and economically, this glorious news of the ascended Lord Jesus needs to be announced. The old things are passed away and everything has been made new. God has reconciled us to Himself by Jesus Christ. The ascended Lord Jesus still reigns and is calling out to the world through His body (the church), and through His Holy Word, the message of His accomplished work.

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2 Corinthians 5:17-21 *“Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new. And all things are of God, who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ, and hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation; To wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation. Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us: we pray you in Christ’s stead, be ye reconciled to God. For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.”*

Dear reader this is for you! Jesus did this work for you! Look to Him today! Trust Him today! He is the same yesterday, today, and forever! He loves you! The circumstances of our world change nothing about our Lord Jesus Christ! We are just strangers in a foreign land passing through it with the most glorious news to tell.

God’s Peace, Pastor Dennis Hannu

## Birth Announcements

Ryan & Chelsea Aho announce the birth of their 5th child.

Roman Samuel was born on March 19, 2020 at the Perham Hospital. Roman weighed 9 pounds 7 ounces and was 22 inches tall. Roman was welcomed



home by his parents, brothers: Ted, Lars and Brekken and sister Mira.

Roman’s grandparents are Harvey & Patricia Aho of rural Frazee and Gerald and Martha Pinoniemi of Menahga, MN.

Charles & Leila Aho announce the birth of their 7th child.

Urho Victor was born on April 8, 2020 at Tri-County Hospital in Wadena. Urho weighed 8 pounds 8 ounces and was 22 inches tall. Urho was welcomed home by his parents, sisters: Bridget, Gail & Winifred and brothers: Rafe, Everett & Quinn.



Urho’s grandparents are Victor Sr. & Lola Aho of Menahga and Dan & Anne Coponen of Atlantic Mine, MI.

### Grandchild Announcement

Nola Aho announces the birth of a grandson. Luka Lee Niemitalo was born on April 23, 2020 to her daughter Marisa and her husband David of NC. Other grandparents are Scott & Karen Niemitalo.

Justin & Miranda Impola announce the birth of their 4th child.

Abner John was born on March 31, 2020 at home. Abner weighed 10 pounds 1 ounce and was 23 1/2 inches tall. Abner was welcomed



by his parents, brother Ashton and sisters Lanna and Trina.

Abner’s grandparents are Paul & Esther Impola of rural Sebeka and David & Lori Tumberg of New York Mills, MN.

Andrew & Jolie Ingvalson announce the birth of their 3rd child.

Mia Ann was born on April 29, 2020 at Essentia Health St. Mary’s Hospital in Detroit Lakes. Mia weighed 8 pounds 9 ounces and was 20 3/4 inches tall. Mia was welcomed home by her parents and sisters Liv & Gabrielle.



Mia’s grandparents are Reino & Peggy Aho and Lee & Bonnie Ingvalson all of rural Frazee.

### 2020 Apostolic Lutheran Convention

\*\*\*\* The 2020 Apostolic Lutheran Church Convention has been cancelled. \*\*\*\*

## 2020 Graduates



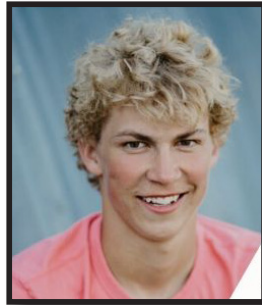
**Ginger Aho**  
Daughter of  
Harry & Lori Aho  
**Menahga High School**



**Tristan Aho**  
Son of  
Jared & Jolene Aho  
**Menahga High School**



**Victor Aho III**  
Son of  
Victor Jr. & Stacy Aho  
**Menahga High School**



**Gavin Hillukka**  
Son of  
Dale & Molly Hillukka  
**Perham High School**



**Jonah Howard**  
Son of  
Jeremy & Katie Howard  
**Menahga High School**  
**School**



**Samuel Olson**  
Son of  
David & Loretta Olson  
**Penn Foster and**  
**Heritage High School**

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

## Baptism



Urho Victor Aho, son of Charles & Leila Aho of rural Menahga, was baptized on Sunday, May 10, 2020, at the Spruce Grove Apostolic Lutheran Church by Pastor Dennis Hannu. His sponsors are Reid & Ashley Aho of rural Osage and Andrew & Laureena Keranen of rural Menahga. His grandparents are Victor & Lola Aho of Menhga and Daniel & Anne Coponen of MI. His great-grandparent is Elma Impola of Sebeka.

## Summer Schedule

Starting Sunday, June 7th, 2020, services will begin at 10:30 AM on Sunday mornings for the months of June, July and August.

## Confirmation Class

Confirmation Classes will be held Monday, June 15th to Friday, June 19th, 2020 Classes will be held at the church from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM. Confirmation Service will be Sunday, June 21st, 2020 at 10:30 A.M. with dinner following the service.

## News & Notes

~ We have been holding our worship services on a regular basis and we invite you to join us on the internet via our website: [sprucegrovealc.org](http://sprucegrovealc.org) or follow us on Facebook: Spruce Grove Apostolic Lutheran Church.

\*\*\*For those interested, "A Godly Heritage: Historical View of the Laestadian Revival and the Development of the Apostolic Lutheran Church in America" this book is now available on Amazon both as an e-book and in paperback.

# MAY-JUNE-JULY 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday												
<b>5/10</b> Sunday School 10:00 AM Adult Bible Study 10:00 AM Worship Service 11:00 AM Organist: Deborah Sound: Nate	<b>5/11</b>  7:30 Board Meeting	<b>5/12</b>	<b>5/13</b>  Family Bible Study 8:00 PM	<b>5/14</b>	<b>5/15</b>	<b>5/16</b>  Youth Group 8:00 P.M.												
<b>5/17</b>  Worship Service 11:00 AM Organist: Sarah Sound: Alvin	<b>5/18</b>	<b>5/19</b>	<b>5/20</b>  Family Bible Study 8:00 PM	<b>5/21</b>	<b>5/22</b>  Graduation Menahga No Service	<b>5/23</b>												
<b>5/24</b>  Worship Service 11:00 AM Organist: Betsy Sound: Nate	<b>5/25</b>	<b>5/26</b>  GPA Nursing Home Service at 2:00 P.M.	<b>5/27</b>  Family Bible Study 8:00 PM	<b>5/28</b>	<b>5/29</b>  Song Service 7:30 PM Organist: Ramona Coffee Group #	<b>5/30</b>												
<b>5/31</b>  Worship Service 11:00 AM Organist: Megan Sound: Neil	<b>6/1</b>	<b>6/2</b>	<b>6/3</b>  Family Bible Study 8:00 PM	<b>6/4</b>	<b>6/5</b>	<b>6/6</b>  Youth Group 8:00 P.M.												
<b>6/7</b>  Worship Service & Holy Communion 10:30 AM Organists: Patricia & Deborah Sound: Chet	<b>6/8</b>  7:30 Board Meeting	<b>6/9</b>	<b>6/10</b>  Family Bible Study 8:00 PM	<b>6/11</b>	<b>6/12</b> Worship Srvc 7:30 PM Organist: Betsy Sound: Alvin Coffee Group #	<b>6/13</b>												
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## Remember in Prayer

- Family of Curtis Samuelson
- Family of Olavi Seppala
- Shirley Kangas
- Seth Aho Jr.
- Family of Gladys Fraki
- Sirkka Seppala
- Karen Samuelson
- Family of Doris Matson
- Grady Anderson
- Family of Trudi Nevala
- Jennie Hanson
- Pat Aho
- Family of Marvin & June Nelmark
- JoAnne Aho
- Avery O'Neil
- Marlene Walters
- Family of Billy Nelmark
- Isak Yliniemi
- Elma Impola
- Tim (Jill) Aho
- Jamie Aho
- Jared & Melinda Niemela & family
- Linda Aho
- Joan Koskela
- Clifford & Irene Koskela
- Martha Aho
- Our Church, our Pastor and Church leaders.
- National Leaders
- Our Widows
- Our Missionaries
- Our Children & Youth
- Our Military
- Our Elderly

## Milestones

Bruce Sannes

~ 80th Birthday - 5/21/2020

Claudia Aho

~ 10th Birthday - 6/1/2020

Tamra Aho

~ 30th Birthday - 6/6/2020

Lori Aho

~ 60th Birthday - 6/6/2020

Elmer & Miriam Yliniemi

~ 50th Anniversary - 6/13/2020

Christian Aho

~ 20th Birthday - 6/27/2020

## Funeral



**Curtis Samuelson**, age 79, a lifelong Sebeka, MN area resident, peacefully entered Heaven's Glory on Sunday morning, May 10, 2020 at the Heritage Living Center in Park Rapids, MN surrounded by his loved ones.

Curtis was born on May 4, 1941 in Red Eye Township of Wadena County, MN to Alex and Lempi (Nevala) Samuelson. He attended country school near his home through the 8th grade and then went on to attend Sebeka High School where he graduated with the Class of 1959. On September 1, 1962, Curtis was united in marriage to Karen May Leaman at the First Baptist Church in Park Rapids. This union was blessed with six children: David, Julie, Kay, Lisa, Darin, and Mindy. The young couple made their first home in Minneapolis where Curtis worked in a foundry. In 1967, they returned to Sebeka where they purchased a farm in Runeberg Township west of Sebeka where all their children were born and raised. Curtis enjoyed the rigors of farming. He raised a fine herd of beef cattle and worked hard in the fields putting up the crops needed to feed his herd. Later they sold the beef cattle and began raising dairy cows. During the years he farmed, Curtis also served in the MN National Guard and drove truck delivering Pepsi Products throughout the area. He sold the cattle in 1995 and began a new career working as a sawyer for the Renneberg Hardwood Company of Menahga until his retirement in 2006. Curtis lived his life humbly and possessed a heart for helping those in need. He was also a bit of a jokester who loved to pull pranks on his family and friends. Curtis was very gifted in working with his hands and could fix just about anything. He was a long time member of the Spruce Grove Apostolic Lutheran Church near Wolf Lake. Above all, Curtis devoted his life to his precious wife, his children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren who he loved with all his heart.

He will be lovingly remembered by his wife for these past 57 years, Karen; his six children: David Samuelson of Sebeka, Julie (John) Olston of Parkers Prairie, MN, Kay (Ronald) Paulbicke of Sebeka, Lisa Chandler of Alexandria, Darin (Carrie) Samuelson of Thomasville, NC and Mindy (Adam) Tangeman of Sebeka; 24 dearly loved grandchildren and 21 precious great-grandchildren; as well as other relatives and many friends.

Curtis was preceded in death by his parents; his sister, Mabel, and twin brothers: Frank and Wilbert who died shortly after birth.

Graveside services were held on Thursday, May 14, 2020 at the Red Eye Cemetery west of Sebeka with the Reverend Dennis Hannu officiating.

## Funeral



Olavi Seppala, age 95, was born in Viipuri, Finland on May 4, 1924. He was the youngest of eight children. As a child, his whole family enjoyed skiing as that was the only way to travel in the winter. In the summer, they rode their bicycle or walked. This kept them all in good physical shape.

When Olavi was eighteen years old, he enlisted into the Finnish Army as was mandatory at the time, as Russia had invaded Finland and was fighting with all its might to take over the country. Russia had bragged that it would take Finland in just a couple days, but the proud and stubborn Finns outsmarted the Russians. They stopped the Russian tankers by inserting trees into the tracks of the tankers and when they stalled they threw "Molotov Cocktails" down the hatch, blowing up the tankers. The Finns dressed in white and skied with their rifles on their back and took the Russians by surprise. Olavi was one of these soldiers. During one of these raids, the Finns came face to face with the Russians and Olavi took one of the hits. A blast went off right in front of him, knocking him unconscious. He was carried by his fellow soldiers to a train which took him to the nearest hospital. He said when he awoke, he was sure he was in Russian hands. He was scared to death. He said he couldn't open his eyes as they were full of debris. He said he said he heard the doctor talking in Finn and realized he was safe. He also heard the doctor say, "This man isn't going to make it." He proved them all wrong! You might call it that Finnish "Sisu!" Olavi still carries shrapnel in his head, inside of his mouth and his neck. He is thankful to his Lord that he made it through this nightmare.

In the meantime, Olavi's parents had lost their home in Viipuri to the Russians and had to evacuate to a farm near Pori. One day, Sirkka's cousin asked her if she would like to go to a circus in town, ten miles away. Of course she would go, with their bicycles. About halfway there, her cousin said he wanted to see a friend who lived nearby. When they got to his house, here came this tall, handsome, charming, young man who stopped Sirkka in her tracks and his name was Olavi Seppala. Olavi said he knew right away that she was the one for him. Oh, by the way, they did make it to the circus.

The wedding day came sometime later. Olavi and Sirkka were united in marriage on October 29, 1950 in Pori, Finland. To this union was born their daughter, Rita, and son, Matt.

Olavi worked in a foundry in Pori and Sirkka stayed home and took care of the children. Times were hard in Finland. Good paying jobs were hard to find. It was about at this time a letter came from Sirkka's great aunt and uncle who had earlier immigrated to the United States. They wanted someone to come to America to take care of them in their old age. They said they had 160 acres of land, good machinery, and everything they needed to make a good living. Wow! Sirkka and Olavi thought this would be a dream come true.

So, in November 1959, they packed their few belongings, and with their then six-year-old Rita and two-year-old little Matt, they boarded a big ship to the big United States. After thirty days, they landed in New York. From there they took a bus to Minneapolis and then to Menahga, Minnesota. Neither spoke English. It was in the middle of the night. They did not know how they were going to get to the Mattson farm. The Lord must have been by their side as a Finnish speaking woman (Mrs. Ryti) from Wadena heard their plight and told the bus driver to inform the Menahga Police that these people needed help. He in turn called Charley Lindroos who took them to Mattson's. They knocked on the door and the old man yelled, "Come back in the morning." A neighbor lady who had been sleeping upstairs heard their conversation and came down and let them in. She gave up her own bed and went and slept the rest of the night in a chair as no other beds were available. The Seppala's were exhausted as all four of them crawled into the bed. Olavi put his arm around his wife (as he looked at the stars through the boards in the roof) and said, "Welcome to America!"

This was only the beginning of what was yet to come. In the morning, they looked out the window for the first time at what was to be their new home. Two inches of snow had fallen during the night. As they looked around the yard, they saw the rusty old machinery scattered all over the yard, the rusting old tractor, and an old Pontiac car. Two outhouses sat in the front yard so they knew they would not enjoy the conveniences of indoor plumbing. The buildings were rotten and ready to fall apart. They didn't know if they should laugh or cry. They had always heard that America was a free Christian nation. It didn't take them long before they learned that their host was a strong Atheist and had adopted the Communist ideology. After listening to him rant on and on about how the Finns had first attacked Russia, how good the Russians were, etc., Olavi had finally heard enough. He told the old man just what he thought and how it really was. The old man responded angrily and said he was sorry he had brought such scum to America.

It was December and Rita and Matt were all excited because Christmas was near. The old man let them know that Christmas never has and never will be celebrated in his home. Neighbors (Edwin Kinnunen's) had heard that Finland people were living with the Mattson's, so they went to visit them. They told the Seppala's that Christmas will be celebrated and invited them to their home for dinner. Olavi and Sirkka had wondered if all the people in the United States were like the Mattson's.

A few weeks later, the old man became very ill, so they took him to see Dr. Mortenson in Menahga. After examining him, the doctor told him he should be admitted to a nursing home in Wadena. While there, he became as violent as he had been at home. He kicked and spit at the nurses and used foul language. He was out of control. From Wadena he was

placed in the mental institution in Fergus Falls, Minnesota. Dr. Mortenson was very concerned about the well-being of the folks who had come from Finland to take care of them. The great aunt eventually joined her husband at the nursing home, once he was able to return there.

After being in America for four months and feeling a little homesick, the Seppala's decided to go back to their homeland. They sold all their meager possessions and returned to Finland, only to find that the economy was as bad as when they first left. They decided to once again return to America and find a place of their own. They wrote a letter to a former neighbor who encouraged them to come back. He knew of a farm nearby, which they could rent and Olavi could get his old job back. And so, they returned to the United States. The neighbors came and offered their help. The men helped with the fieldwork, plowing, and seeding and putting up the hay. The women brought food. A welcoming party was held at the Meadow Apostolic Lutheran Church. Edwin Kinnunen took them to Senator Hubert Humphrey's office in St. Paul and got them a permanent visa which enabled them to get a job and make a living. Sirkka worked at the Badoura Tree Nursery and learned to speak the English language. Olavi worked in the woods as a logger and his fellow workers were Finns, so he continued using the Finnish language. Rita and Matt enrolled in school and the other children taught them the English language.

With determination and hard work, the Seppala's were able to buy a farm, machinery, and cattle. They harvested wild rice and did whatever it took to make living and raise their two children. Eventually, they were able to retire and they bought a lovely home near Little Blueberry Lake where they could go fishing and skiing, as they had in the past. They will be forever grateful to their neighbors and friends who were so willing to help them when help was needed.

In 2019, Olavi received the very distinguished White Rose of Finland Medal of Honor which was presented to him by the United States Ambassador to Finland for his brave and courageous military service to his beloved Finland against the Russians. In the military, he learned to ski smoothly, quietly, and fast so he could attack the Russians by surprise. Throughout his life, Olavi won many trophies and ribbons for his talents with cross country skiing in Finland and the United States. The MN Nordic Ski Association, (MNSA) honored Olavi with the 2018 Master Skier Award which he received at the Vasaloppet Nordic Center in Mora, MN. Olavi was a longtime member of the Spruce Grove Apostolic Lutheran Church near Wolf Lake, MN.

Olavi will be lovingly remembered by his wife, Sirkka; his son, Matt (Mijumg) Seppala of Dallas, TX; his grandson, Michael Seppala of Little Rock, AR; great-grandson, Matthew Seppala of Tennessee and granddaughter, Anna-Liisa Wegscheid.

He was preceded in death by his parents; 5 sisters and two brothers; and his beloved daughter, Rita Wegscheid.

## Hymn History

Horatio Spafford (1828-1888), a prominent, wealthy Chicago lawyer, is remembered for writing the beloved hymn "It Is Well With My Soul."

It seems such lyrics would come naturally to someone so successful. But Spafford didn't pen the hymn during life's high points. Instead, the words poured forth amid tragedy.

In 1871, the Great Chicago Fire wiped out Spafford's life savings. Two years later, his wife, Anna, and their four daughters headed to Europe on the SS Ville Du Havre, with Spafford to follow a few days later. The boat was struck by another vessel and sank, killing 226 of the 313 people onboard. Although Anna survived, the Spafford girls didn't.

After receiving the news, Spafford went to England to get Anna. While sailing over the spot where his daughters had died, he wrote the lyrics to "It Is Well With My Soul." They're a reminder that no matter what life brings, our souls can be at rest in God.

"When peace, like a river, attendeth my way,  
when sorrows like sea billows roll;  
whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say,  
It is well, it is well with my soul."

## 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.

### 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., KRJB 106.5 FM at 8:30 AM 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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