



Spruce Grove Newsletter

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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.

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

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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

2021 Graduates



Andreas Aho

Son of
Jason & Amy Aho
Menahga High School



Gloria Aho

Daughter of
Tim & Sarah Aho
**Forest Edge Academy
M-State**



Riana Aho

Daughter of
Job & Katie Aho
**Menahga High School
M-State**



Riley Aho

Daughter of
Job & Katie Aho
Menahga High School



Marcail Sauvola

Daughter of Tanya
Crook & Nate Sauvola
Menahga High School



Josiah Siltala

Son of
Nate & Stephanie Siltala
Abeka Academy

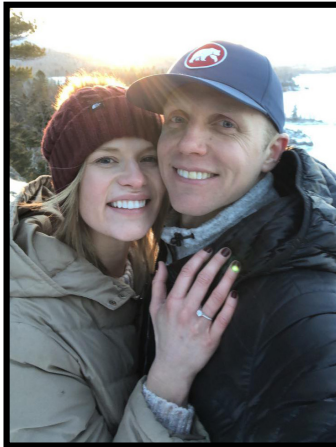
*Congratulations to
all the Graduates!
We pray God’s
blessings &
guidance for you
now and always.*



Engagement

Tamar Aho and Kent Leukuma announced their engagement on February 20, 2021.

Tamar is the daughter of Victor Sr and Lola Aho of rural Menahga. Tamar lives in rural Sebeka and is employed as an RN by Essentia Health, St. Mary's in Deroit Lakes, MN.



Kent is the son of Charles and Jill Leukuma of Orono, MN. Kent lives in Menahga and works for Howard's Driveway of Menahga.

Their wedding is being planned for August 2021

Grandchild Announcements

Raymond & Janet Aho announce the birth of a granddaughter.

Sophia Grace Aho was born on February 20, 2021 to their son William and wife Anna of Michigan.

Julius and Terrie Aho announce the birth of a granddaughter.

Joya Anne Aho was born on April 13, 2021 to their son James and his wife Delfina of Detroit Lakes, MN.

Confirmation Class

Confirmation Classes will be held Monday, May 31st to Friday, June 4th, 2021 Classes will be held at the church from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM. The Confirmation Service will be held on Sunday, June 6th, 2021 at 10:30 A.M. with dinner following the service.

Summer Schedule

Starting Sunday, June 6th, 2021, services will begin at 10:30 AM on Sunday mornings for the months of June, July and August.

Convention

We are pleased to announce that the Spruce Grove congregation in Wolf Lake, Minnesota, will host a modified Annual Convention this summer with in-person delegate meetings and limited services.

Meetings are being planned for Friday, June 25, and services will be Saturday and Sunday, June 26-27, 2021. Additionally, we intend to offer an online option for delegates who wish to participate in the meetings remotely and the services will be broadcast online.

Our desire is to return to normal in-person meetings and services, but due to space limitations and governmental health restrictions, we cannot yet hold a full convention.

Please check the ALCA website at www.apostoliclutheran.org for more details in the coming months, and please keep the Spruce Grove congregation in your prayers as they prepare for this event.

On behalf of the Central Board of the Apostolic Lutheran Church of America,
Gary Bertram, Chairman
Dave Myllymaki, Secretary

Convention Schedule:

Friday, June 25

7:00 PM Worship Service
Coffee

Saturday, June 26

10:00 AM Worship Service
Lunch
2:00 PM Worship Service
Supper
7:00 PM Worship Service
Coffee

Sunday, June 27

10:00 AM Worship Service
Lunch
2:00 PM Worship Service
Supper
7:00 PM Worship Service
Coffee

Birth Announcements

Neil & Moriah Meech announce the birth of their 2nd child. Parker Reino Meech was born on February 4, 2021 at Lakewood Health Systems in Staples, MN.

Parker weighed 8 pounds and was 21 inches tall.

Parker was welcomed home by his parents and brother Bryce. Parker's grandparents are Reino & Peggy Aho of rural Frazee, MN and Todd & Patty Meech of Nimrod, MN.



Reid and Ashley Aho announce the birth of their 4th child. Theodore Hollis was born on March 13, 2021 Essentia Health in Fargo, ND.

Theodore weighed 8 pounds, 12 ounces & was 20 inches tall.

Theodore was welcomed home by his parents and sisters; Matilda and Eleanor and brother Oliver. His grandparents are Nola Aho of rural Frazee, and Eric & Patsie Krook of New Ipswich, NH.



Baptisms



Harris Albert Matson, son of Lyle & Rebecca Matson of rural Frazee, was baptized on March 24, 2021 at the Spruce Grove Apostolic Lutheran Church by Pastor Dennis Hannu.

His sponsors are Barry & Adriana Matson of South Dakota. His grandparents are Jack & Ann Matson of WA and Victor & Lola Aho of Menahga. His great-grandparents are the late Elma Impola of Sebeka and MaryAnn Seppala of Florida.



Maryn May Borth, daughter of Derek & Layla Borth of rural Menhga, was baptized at the Spruce Grove Apostolic Lutheran Church on Sunday, April 11, 2021, by Pastor Dennis Hannu.

Her sponsors are Ryan & Chelsea Aho of Frazee, Micah Aho of Menahga, Tamar Aho of rural Sebeka, and Kent Leukuma of Menahga. Her grandparents are Daran & Christina Borth of rural Menahga and Harvey & Patricia Aho of rural Frazee. Her great-grandparents are Renee Sordahal of Menahga, Steve & Jeanette Miller of AZ, and her great-great grandparent is Jeanne Pritchard of MN.

Milestones

Diane Niemi ~ 81st Birthday - 5/9/2021

Wilho & Diana Aho

~ 54th Anniversary - 5/13/2021

Bruce Sannes ~ 81st Birthday - 5/21/2021

Audrie Nevala ~ 10th Birthday - 5/26/2021

Rafe Aho ~ 10th Birthday - 6/3/2021

Nate & Carrie Aho

~ 10th Anniversary - 6/4/2021

Eldon Mosteller ~ 60th Birthday - 6/5/2021

Reuben & Ellen Tumberg

~ 53rd Anniversary - 6/8/2021

Lane Aho ~ 10th Birthday - 6/15/2021

Bruce & Huldy Sannes

~ 57th Anniversary - 6/20/2021

Lydia Aho ~ 10th Birthday - 6/23/2021

Alvin & Alisha Aho

~ 10th Anniversary - 6/26/2021

MAY-JUNE-JULY 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
5/23 Worship Service 11:00 AM Organist: Ramona Sound: Andreas	5/24	5/25	5/26 Family Bible Study 8:00 PM	5/27 Ladies Bible Study 10:00 AM	5/28 Worship Service 7:30 PM Organist: Patricia Sound: Alvin Coffee Group # 4	5/29 Youth Group 8:00 P.M.
5/30 Worship Service 11:00 AM Guest Speaker: Jacob Aho Organist: Betsy Sound: Neil	5/31	6/1	6/2 Family Bible Study 8:00 PM	6/3	6/4	6/5 Youth Group 8:00 P.M.
Confirmation Classes 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM						
6/6 Confirmation Sunday Worship Service & Holy Communion 10:30 AM Organists: Patricia & Carrie Sound: Chet Dinner Following the Service: Grp # 1	6/7	6/8	6/9 Family Bible Study 8:00 PM	6/10	6/11 Worship Service 7:30 PM Organist: Megan Sound: Nate Coffee Group # 5	6/12
6/13 Worship Service 10:30 AM Organist: Deborah Sound: Tyrone	6/14 7:30 Board Meeting	6/15	6/16 Family Bible Study 8:00 PM	6/17	6/18	6/19 Youth Group 8:00 P.M.
6/20 Worship Service 10:30 AM Organist: Betsy Sound: Neil	6/21	6/22	6/23 Family Bible Study 8:00 PM	6/24	6/25 Convention Services Worship Service 7:00 PM	6/26 10:00 AM 2:00 PM 7:00 PM
6/27 Convention Services 10:00 AM 2:00 PM 7:00 PM	6/28	6/29	6/30 Family Bible Study 8:00 PM	7/1	7/2	7/3 Youth Group 8:00 P.M.
7/4 Worship Service & Holy Communion 10:30 AM Organists: Ramona & Sarah Sound: Chet	7/5	7/6	7/7 Family Bible Study 8:00 PM	7/8	7/9 Worship Service 7:30 PM Organist: Carrie Sound: Tyrone Coffee Group # 6	7/10
7/11 Worship Service 10:30 AM Organist: Patricia Sound: Nate	7/12 7:30 Board Meeting	7/13	7/14 Family Bible Study 8:00 PM	7/15	7/16	7/17 Youth Group 8:00 P.M.

CLEANING GROUPS

May 2021

Jared & Jolene Aho
Andrew & Laureena Keranen
Joe & Jasmine Christiansen
Jamie & Tamara Aho
Curtis Aho

June 2021

Julius & Terrie Aho
Brock & Ramona Anderson
Marlin & Ashlyn Aho
David & Loretta Olson
Rodney & Hannah Aho

Funeral



Elma Stephanie Impola, 94, died Wednesday, April 7, 2021 at Providence Villa Assisted Living Home in Sebeka, MN. Elma was born June 13, 1926 at Astoria, Oregon to Hjalmar and Fredrika (Kummala) Kandoll. She grew up and

attended school in Rosburg, WA. Elma was united in marriage to Albert Emil Impola on September 12, 1950 in Rosburg, WA. They lived in Cathlamet, WA until 1955, then moved to South Bessemer, MI residing there until 1960. They lived in both Washington and Ironwood, MI throughout the years of raising their family of nine children. In 1983, they moved from Lynnwood, WA to rural Menahga, MN where they raised strawberries and raspberries and later settled into retirement.

Elma was a woman of Godly principles; a tender, loving wife and mother, grandmother, great grandmother and great-great grandmother. She used her God-given gifts and talents to serve both the church and communities alongside the care of homemaking and family life. Elma was a lifelong member of the Apostolic Lutheran Church. She played the piano and was a church organist most all her life.

Her employment included kitchen work at

Grandview Hospital, MI; cook at Lynnwood Manor Nursing Home, WA; baker at Smokey Hills Restaurant, MN; office and house cleaning, MN.

She enjoyed flowers and gardening, beauty and color in fabrics, making rugs on a loom, sewing, knitting and crocheting. Her many interests were music, reading, writing letters, conversations, scrabble and listening to sermons and programs on the radio.

Elma is survived by three sons, David(Karen) of Marysville, WA, Paul (Esther) of Sebeka, MN, James (Linda) of Ironwood, MI; four daughters, Lola (Victor) Aho of Menahga, MN, Elaine Impola of Hiawatha, IA, Sharon (Bruce) Estola of Ironwood, MI, and Carol Snelling of Park Rapids, MN; 54 grandchildren; 187 great grandchildren and 1 great great grandchild; one sister, Toini Seppanen of Lake Norden, SD; and many nephews, nieces and friends. Elma was preceded in death by her husband, Albert Impola, two daughters, Lois and Sara, one son-in-law, John Snelling; four grandchildren, Angela, Sonny, Emelia, and Greg; five great great grandchildren, Asiah, Skyler, Camri, Graham, and Adam; her parents; five brothers, John, Gust, Wiljo, Roy and Theodore; and one sister, Elsie Wirkkala.

Funeral Services were held on Saturday, April 17, 2021 at Spruce Grove Apostolic Lutheran Church, rural Wolf Lake, MN. Interment was at Balmi Cemetery.

Remember in Prayer

- Family of Elma Impola
- Family of Jill Traffie
- Family of Linda Aho
- Family of Clifford Koskela
- Family of Byron Saari
- Mickie Howard
- Family of Rev. Elmer Yliniemi
- Family of Josie Aho
- All of those affected by COVID-19
- Eva Salo
- Hazel Aho
- Ava Woodard
- Marlene Walters
- Shirley Kangas
- Jennie Hanson
- Armas & Pat Aho
- Jamie Aho
- 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

Put the books of the New Testament in Numerical Order

_____ 1 Corinthians
 _____ 1 John
 _____ 1 Peter
 _____ 1 Thessalonians
 _____ 1 Timothy
 _____ 2 Corinthians
 _____ 2 John
 _____ 2 Peter
 _____ 2 Thessalonians

_____ 2 Timothy
 _____ 3 John
 _____ Acts
 _____ Colossians
 _____ Ephesians
 _____ Galatians
 _____ Hebrews
 _____ James
 _____ John

_____ Jude
 _____ Luke
 _____ Mark
 _____ 1 Matthew
 _____ Philemon
 _____ Philippians
 _____ 27 Revelation
 _____ Romans
 _____ Titus

Who Am I?

What Does the Bible Say About ME?

1. I am wonderfully made.

I will praise thee; for I am fearfully and wonderfully made: marvellous are thy works; and that my soul knoweth right well. Psalm 139:14

2. I am loved.

But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. Romans 5:8

3. I am created with a purpose.

For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the LORD, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end. Jeremiah 29:11

4. I am forgiven.

For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit: 1 Peter 3:18

5. I am a child of God.

For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus. Galatians 3:26

BIBLE WORD SEARCH!

BASIC WORDS OF THE BIBLE



JESUS CHRIST
 SALVATION
 JEW
 GENTILE
 HOLY SPIRIT
 GOD THE FATHER
 PERSECUTE

PRAY
 TITHE
 MINISTRY
 BIBLE
 HOLY
 SACRIFICE
 FAITH

MIRACLE
 NAZARETH
 BETHLEHEM
 JERUSALEM
 BAPTIZE
 TEMPTATION
 SIN

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, and in International Falls on KSDM 104.1 FM at 11:05 am.

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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. Please call the church at (218) 538-6540 if you have any problems.

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/ Sebekka: 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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