



## Spruce Grove Newsletter

Spruce Grove Apostolic Lutheran Church, Wolf Lake, MN Vol. 27 No. 2 May-June 2022

### Called to Worship

KJV Psalm 95 *O come, let us sing unto the LORD: let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation. <sup>2</sup> Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving, and make a joyful noise unto him with psalms. <sup>3</sup> For the LORD is a great God, and a great King above all gods. <sup>4</sup> In his hand are the deep places of the earth: the strength of the hills is his also. <sup>5</sup> The sea is his, and he made it: and his hands formed the dry land. <sup>6</sup> O come, let us worship and bow down: let us kneel before the LORD our maker. <sup>7</sup> For he is our God; and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand. To day if ye will hear his voice, <sup>8</sup> Harden not your heart, as in the provocation, and as in the day of temptation in the wilderness: <sup>9</sup> When your fathers tempted me, proved me, and saw my work. <sup>10</sup> Forty years long was I grieved with this generation, and said, It is a people that do err in their heart, and they have not known my ways: <sup>11</sup> Unto whom I swear in my wrath that they should not enter into my rest.*

The Psalmist called the people of his day to worship. The call still goes out today; Come and worship the Lord of the universe, Come and worship your maker and your redeemer. The Christian life is indeed a life of worship. The meaning of worship is quite readily lost in our day and age. We often see worship as the thing we do on Sunday mornings in our churches and although this is true, we do call them worship services after all, but worship is not simply going to church and singing a few hymns and listening to a sermon. To worship means to ascribe worth to something. In our time spent at the church this is what we are doing or at least should be doing; ascribing worth to God. The church service is all about God and His righteousness, it is about recalling His marvelous works, His creation, His salvation, His awesome power to sustain us throughout our lives. In short it is about the Triune God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. The worship service is not so much about our service to God but rather it is about His service to us. The service rendered to us through the finished work of

Jesus the Christ. When we gather together on Sunday morning or whenever we gather in our churches let us remember why we are there. We are there because we have a gracious God who has redeemed us. We are there because we need His service which is given unto us through His Word and through His Sacraments. Our worship is simply the response that we offer as through these means we receive by faith the gifts of God namely the forgiveness of our sins, salvation, and eternal life. God is the great giver and we are the ones who by faith receive His blessings. So our worship is always Christ-centered, not self-centered, for it is because of His work that we are now the children of God. He is our God and we are the people of His pasture and the sheep of His hand. O Come let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the Lord our maker.

The Apostle Paul often expressed worship in the form of a doxology in his letters as he was writing onto the various churches in Asia Minor. It seems as if Paul would be writing and then suddenly be overcome with his God. For example in Ephesians 3:20-21 *<sup>20</sup> 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, <sup>21</sup> Unto him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen.*

The Apostle John in the book of Revelation witnessed the majesty of God in the various visions that were shown unto him. The one vision that was perhaps the most stunning was in chapter 5 when he saw the Lamb of God standing in the center of the throne room of heaven and heard the adoration and the worship rendered unto Him. Revelation 5:11-14 *<sup>11</sup> And I beheld, and I heard the voice of many angels round about the throne and the beasts and the elders: and the number of them was ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands; <sup>12</sup> Saying with*

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a loud voice, *Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honour, and glory, and blessing.* <sup>13</sup> *And every creature which is in heaven, and on the earth, and under the earth, and such as are in the sea, and all that are in them, heard I saying, Blessing, and honour, and glory, and power, be unto him that sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb for ever and ever.* <sup>14</sup> *And the four beasts said, Amen. And the four and twenty elders fell down and worshipped him that liveth for ever and ever.*

We are called to worship Jesus the Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world. He is worthy to receive all our praise. He is the first and the last, He is the living one. He is the one who died and is alive forevermore. O, come let us fall down and worship Him. Amen.

God's Peace, Pastor Dennis Hannu

### Birth Announcements

Kyle & Macey Aho announce the birth of their first child.

Lennon Rayne Aho was born on March 10, 2022 at Essentia Health-St Mary's Hospital in Detroit Lakes, MN. Lennon weighed 6 pounds 8 ounces and was 19 inches tall.

Lennon's grandparents are Raymond and Janet Aho of rural Frazee and Leif & Jessica Traffie of New Hampshire.



Luke & Kaylee Aho announce the birth of their third child.

Klay Joshua Aho was born on April 13, 2022 at Essentia Health-St Mary's Hospital in Detroit Lakes, MN. Klay weighed 8 pounds 10 ounces and was 20 inches tall.

Klay was welcomed home by his parents and sisters, Alaina & Thea. His grandparents are Joshua & Deborah Aho of rural Frazee and Dean & Martha Bertram of New Hampshire.



### 2022 Graduates



**Alec Aho**

Son of

Victor Jr. & Stacey Aho

**Menahga High School**



**Greta Hillukka**

Daughter of

Dale & Molly Hillukka

**Perham High School**



**Grace Howard**

Daughter of

Jeremy & Katie Howard

**Menahga High School**



**Alessandra Matson**

Daughter of

Lyle & Rebecca Matson

**Menahga High School**

**M-State**

### Summer Schedule

Starting Sunday, June 5th, 2022, 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 5th, following the worship service.

### Confirmation Class

Confirmation Classes will be held Monday, July 4th to Friday, July 8th, 2022. Classes will be held at the church from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM. The Confirmation Service will be held on Sunday, July 10th, 2022 at 10:30 A.M. with dinner following the service.



## Baptisms



Nikolai James Aho, son of Ryan & Chelsea Aho of rural Frazee, was baptized on Friday, February 25, 2022, at the Spruce Grove Apostolic Lutheran Church by Pastor Dennis Hannu. His sponsors are Adrian & Tamra Aho, Carol Pinoniemi, and Isak Yliniemi. His grandparents are Harvey & Patricia Aho and Gerald & Martha Pinoniemi.



Parker Reino Meech, son of Neil & Moriah Meech of Nimrod, was baptized on Sunday, February 6, 2022, at the Spruce Grove Apostolic Lutheran Church by Pastor Dennis Hannu. His sponsors are Gloria Aho and Ben & Amanda Palubicki. His grandparents are Reino & Peggy Aho and Todd & Patty Meech. His great-grandparents are Douglas & MaryAnn Haverinen, Robert Meech, and Susan Krull.



Remi Mae Nevala, daughter of Jared & Kimberly Nevala of rural Sebekka, was baptized on Friday, February 25, 2022, at the Spruce Grove Apostolic Lutheran Church by Pastor Dennis Hannu. Her sponsors are Jared & Jolene Aho, Shawn & Heather Muhonen, and Tyrone Aho. Her grandparents are Harvey & Patricia Aho and Marilyn Nevala.

## Grandchild Announcement

Victor Aho Sr. & Lola Aho announce the birth of a granddaughter. Loviisa Lola West on April 23, 2022 was born to their daughter Erica and her husband Bruce of South Dakota.

## 2022 ALCA Convention

The 2022 Apostolic Lutheran Church of America Convention will be held June 24-26 in New Ipswich, NH. Services will be held Friday thru Sunday with meetings on Thursday.

Ashburnham Apostolic Lutheran Church will be hosting.

# MAY - JUNE 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>5/8</b> Sunday School 10:00 AM Adult Bible Study 10:00 AM Worship Service 11:00 AM Organist: Carrie Sound: Tyrone	<b>5/9</b> Board Meeting 7:30 PM	<b>5/10</b>	<b>5/11</b> Family Bible Study 8:00 PM	<b>5/12</b>	<b>5/13</b> Worship Service 7:30 PM Organist: Sarah Sound: Nate Coffee Group # 2	<b>5/14</b>
<b>5/15</b> Sunday School 10:00 AM Adult Bible Study 10:00 AM Worship Service 11:00 AM Organist: Deborah Sound: Neil	<b>5/16</b>	<b>5/17</b>	<b>5/18</b> Family Bible Study 8:00 PM	<b>5/19</b>	<b>5/20</b>	<b>5/21</b> Youth Group 8:00 P.M.
<b>5/22</b> Last Day of Sunday School Sunday School 10:00 AM Adult Bible Study 10:00 AM Worship Service 11:00 AM Organist: Sarah Sound: Alvin	<b>5/23</b>	<b>5/24</b>	<b>5/25</b> Family Bible Study 8:00 PM	<b>5/26</b>	<b>5/27</b> Graduation in Menahga	<b>5/28</b>
<b>5/29</b> Worship Service 11:00 AM Organist: Megan Sound: Tyrone Guest Speaker Dinner Following Service Group # 3	<b>5/30</b>	<b>5/31</b> Green Pines Acres Nursing Home Service 2:00 PM	<b>6/1</b>	<b>6/2</b>	<b>6/3</b>	<b>6/4</b> Youth Group 8:00 P.M.
<b>6/5</b> Worship Service & Holy Communion 10:30 AM Organists: Ramona & Betsy Sound: Alvin Sunday School Picnic	<b>6/6</b>	<b>6/7</b>	<b>6/8</b>	<b>6/9</b>	<b>6/10</b> Worship Service 7:30 PM Organist: Betsy Sound: Neil Coffee Group # 3	<b>6/11</b>
<b>6/12</b> Worship Service 10:30 AM Organist: Patricia Sound: Nate	<b>6/13</b> Board Meeting 7:30 PM	<b>6/14</b>	<b>6/15</b>	<b>6/16</b>	<b>6/17</b>	<b>6/18</b> Youth Group 8:00 P.M.
<b>6/19</b> Worship Service 10:30 AM Organist: Carrie Sound: Tyrone	<b>6/20</b>	<b>6/21</b>	<b>6/22</b>	<b>6/23</b>	<b>6/24</b>	<b>6/25</b>
					<b>ALCA Convention 6/24 to 6/26</b>	
<b>6/26</b> Worship Service 10:30 AM Organist: Deborah Sound: Neil Guest Speaker Dinner Following Service Group # 4	<b>6/27</b>	<b>6/28</b> GPA Service 2:00 PM	<b>6/29</b>	<b>6/30</b>	<b>7/1</b>	<b>7/2</b> Youth Group 8:00 P.M.
<b>7/3</b> Worship Service & Holy Communion 10:30 AM Organists: Sarah & Megan Sound: Alvin	<b>7/4</b>	<b>7/5</b>	<b>7/6</b>	<b>7/7</b>	<b>7/8</b>	<b>7/9</b>
	<b>Confirmation Classes 9 to 3 Daily</b>					
					Worship Service 7:30 PM Organist: Patricia Sound: Neil Coffee Group # 4	
<b>7/10</b> Confirmation Sunday Worship Service & Holy Communion 10:30 AM Organists: Deborah & Carrie Sound: Tyrone Dinner Following Service Group # 1	<b>7/11</b> Board Meeting 7:30 PM	<b>7/12</b>	<b>7/13</b>	<b>7/14</b>	<b>7/15</b>	<b>7/16</b> Youth Group 8:00 P.M.

## Remember in Prayer

- Family of Eva Salo
- Harvey & Patricia Aho
- Les Hanson
- Reuben Tumberg
- Reino Aho
- Rodney & Hannah Aho Family
- Family of Van Matson
- Family of Ava Woodard
- Family of Robert (Bob) Christiansen
- Family of Elma Impola
- Mickie Howard
- Hazel Aho
- Marlene Walters
- 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

Darren & Sonya Keranen

~10th Anniversary ~ 3/17/2022

Jeanette Jurva ~ 81st Birthday ~ 3/20/2022

Callie Aho ~ 10th Birthday ~ 3/26/2022

Reed Keranen ~ 10th Birthday ~ 4/3/2022

Chelsea Aho ~ 30th Birthday ~ 4/6/2022

David Yliniemi ~ 79th Birthday ~ 4/18/2022

Loren Impola ~ 40th Birthday ~ 4/20/2022

Darlayne Yliniemi ~ 78th Birthday ~ 5/5/2022

Diane Niemi ~ 82nd Birthday - 5/9/2022

Parker Impola ~ 10th Birthday ~ 5/26/2022

Wilho & Diana Aho

~ 54th Anniversary - 5/13/2022

Bruce Sannes ~ 82nd Birthday - 5/21/2022

Sylvia Matson ~ 10th Birthday ~ 5/29/2022

Alethea Karlsen ~ 30th Birthday ~ 5/29/2022

Jeff Kinnunen ~ 50th Birthday ~ 6/5/2022

Joe Christiansen ~ 40th Birthday ~ 6/7/2022

Reuben & Ellen Tumberg

~ 54th Anniversary - 6/8/2022

Wilho Aho ~ 77th Birthday ~ 6/15/2022

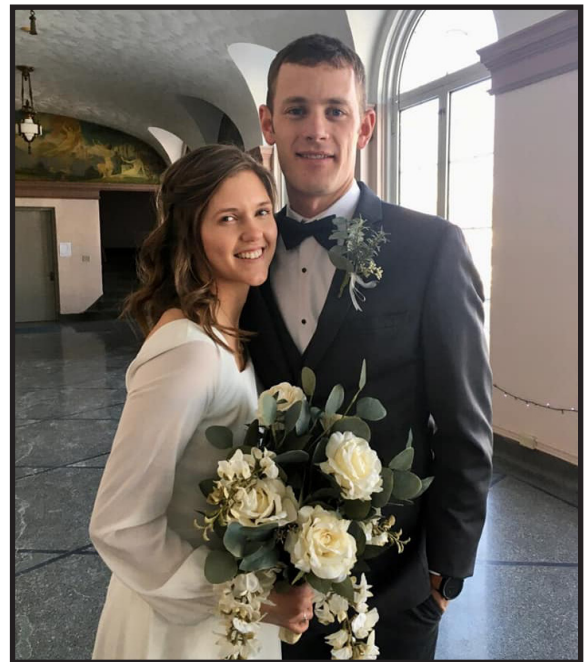
Bruce & Huldy Sannes

~ 58th Anniversary - 6/20/2022

## Weddings



Damon Howard & Bethany Seppanen were united in marriage on February 5, 2022 in Hockinson, WA. They are living in rural Menahga.



Brandon Hanson & Lynette Estola were united in marriage on March 12, 2022 in Ironwood, MI. They will be splitting their time between Ponsford, MN and South Dakota.



### 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](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.

### 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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