



## Spruce Grove Newsletter

Spruce Grove Apostolic Lutheran Church, Wolf Lake, MN Vol. 29 No. 3 May - June 2024

### 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

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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 our world and its fallenness, 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. 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 Announcement

Tristan and Bella Aho announce the birth of their first child.

Finley Allen Aho was born on April 26, 2024 at Perham Health Hospital in Perham, MN. Finley weighed 7 pounds 6 ounces and was 20.5 inches tall.

Finley’s grandparents are Jared & Jolene Aho of rural Frazee and Matthew & Kate Somero of NH.



### Baptism



Harlan Joseph Alderson, son of Michael & Kaisa Alderson of rural Frazee, was baptized on Saturday, April 13, 2024, at the home of his parents by Pastor Dennis Hannu. His sponsors are Logan & Riana Rux of rural Frazee and Greg Wolfe of WI. His grandparents are Job & Katie Aho of rural Frazee, Mark Alderson of NH and Paula Grovogel of WI. His great-grandparents are Raymond & Janet Aho of rural Frazee, Marilyn Nevala of rural Frazee, and Craig & Jean Alderson of ME.

### Summer Schedule

Starting Sunday, June 2nd, 2024, 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 9th, following the worship service at the Wolf Lake Waterfront Park.

## 2024 Graduates



**Arabella Aho**  
Daughter of  
Victor Jr. & Stacy  
Aho  
**Menahga High  
School**



**Brayden Aho**  
Son of  
Keith & Jamie  
Aho  
**Menahga High  
School**



**Blaise Anderson**  
Son of  
Brock & Ramona  
Anderson  
**Menahga High  
School**



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

*And whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men; knowing that of the Lord ye shall receive the reward of the inheritance: for ye serve the Lord Christ.*  
**Colosians  
3:23-24**

## Confirmation Class

Confirmation Classes will be held Monday, June 10th to Friday, June 14th, 2024. Classes will be held at the church from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM. The Confirmation Service will be held on Sunday, June 16th, 2024 at 10:30 A.M. with dinner following the service.

## ALCA Convention

The 2024 Apostolic Lutheran Church of America Convention is being hosted by the Hockinson Apostolic Lutheran Church and will be held June 27th to June 30th, 2024. The services will all be held at the Hockinson Apostolic Lutheran Church.

## Vacation Bible School

Spruce Grove Church Vacation Bible School will be held July 16, 17, 23 & 25 from 10:00 A.M. to 12:30 PM.

There will be a program on at the church on Friday, July 26th at 7:30 PM. Everyone is welcome to attend the program.

All children ages Pre-K thru 6th grade are welcome to attend.

If you would like to volunteer, please contact Tyrone Aho.

## Remember in Prayer

- Jamie Aho
- Blake Cato
- Alec Aho
- Miriam Yliniemi
- Marvin Jurva
- Canton Matson
- Mickie Howard
- Hazel Aho
- 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

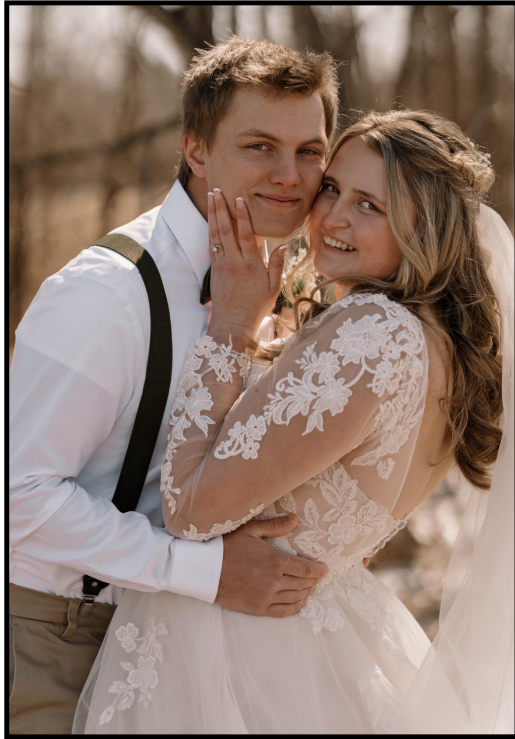
# MAY - JUNE - JULY 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>5/12</b> Sunday School 10:00 AM Adult Bible Study 10:00 AM Worship Service 11:00 AM Organist: Carrie Sound: Neil	<b>5/13</b> Board Meeting 7:30 PM	<b>5/14</b>	<b>5/15</b> Family Bible Study 8:00 PM	<b>5/16</b>	<b>5/17</b>	<b>5/18</b> Youth Group 8:00 P.M.
<b>5/19</b> Last Day of Sunday School Sunday School 10:00 AM Adult Bible Study 10:00 AM Worship Service 11:00 AM Organist: Megan Sound: Nate	<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> Graduation in Menahga	<b>5/25</b>
<b>5/26</b> Worship Service 11:00 AM Organist: Deborah Sound: Raul	<b>5/27</b>	<b>5/28</b> GPA Service 2:00 PM	<b>5/29</b> Family Bible Study 8:00 PM	<b>5/30</b>	<b>5/31</b> Song Service 7:30 PM Organist: Patricia Sound: Tyrone Coffee Grp # 6	<b>6/1</b> Youth Group 8:00 P.M.
<b>6/2</b> Worship Service & Holy Communion 10:30 AM Organists: Megan & Sarah Sound: Nate	<b>6/3</b>	<b>6/4</b>	<b>6/5</b>	<b>6/6</b>	<b>6/7</b>	<b>6/8</b> Matson - Johnson Wedding 3:00 PM
<b>6/9</b> Worship Service 10:30 AM Organist: Mona Sound: Rodney  Sunday School Picnic at Wolf Lake Waterfront	<b>6/10</b> Board Meeting 7:30 PM	<b>6/11</b>	<b>6/12</b>	<b>6/13</b>	<b>6/14</b> Worship Service 7:30 PM Organist: Megan Sound: Neil Coffee Grp # 7	<b>6/15</b> Youth Group 8:00 P.M.
<b>Confirmation Classes 9 to 3 Daily 6/10 to 6/14</b>						
<b>6/16</b> Confirmation Sunday Worship Service & Holy Communion 10:30 AM Organists: Deborah & Carrie Sound: Tyrone Dinner Following Service Grp D	<b>6/17</b>	<b>6/18</b>	<b>6/19</b>	<b>6/20</b>		<b>6/22</b>
<b>6/23</b> Worship Service 10:30 AM Organist: Patricia Sound: Raul	<b>6/24</b>	<b>6/25</b> GPA Service 2:00 PM	<b>6/26</b>	<b>6/27</b>	<b>6/28</b> Worship Service 7:30 PM Organist: Megan Sound: Tyrone Coffee Grp # 8	<b>6/29</b>
<b>ALCA Convention 6/27 to 6/30 Hockinson, WA</b>						
<b>6/30</b> Worship Service 10:30 AM Organist: Sarah Sound: Tyrone	<b>7/1</b>	<b>7/2</b>	<b>7/3</b>	<b>7/4</b>	<b>7/5</b>	<b>7/6</b> Youth Group 8:00 P.M.
<b>7/7</b> Worship Service & Holy Communion 10:30 AM Organists: Patricia & Mona Sound: Nate	<b>7/8</b> Board Meeting 7:30 PM	<b>7/9</b>	<b>7/10</b>	<b>7/11</b>	<b>7/12</b> Worship Service 7:30 PM Organist: Carrie Sound: Raul Coffee Grp # 9	<b>7/13</b>
<b>7/14</b> Worship Service 10:30 AM Organist: Deborah Sound: Neil	<b>7/15</b>	<b>7/16</b> VBS 10:00 to 12:30	<b>7/17</b> VBS 10:00 to 12:30	<b>7/18</b>	<b>7/19</b>	<b>7/20</b> Youth Group 8:00 P.M.
<b>7/21</b> Worship Service 10:30 AM Organist: Megan Sound: Tyrone	<b>7/22</b>	<b>7/23</b> VBS 10:00 to 12:30	<b>7/24</b>	<b>7/25</b> VBS 10:00 to 12:30	<b>7/26</b> VBS Program 7:30 PM	<b>7/27</b>

## Weddings

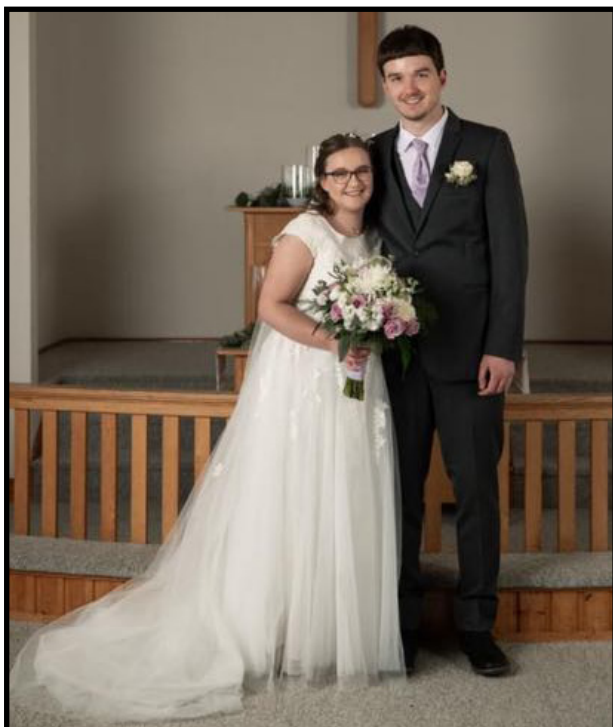
Gloria Aho & Gage Hannu were united in marriage on Saturday, March 23, 2024 at Spruce Grove Church.

The couple is living in Washington.



Savanna Aho & Arron Erickson were united in marriage on Saturday, April 6, 2024 at Spruce Grove Church.

The couple is living in rural Frazee.



## Wedding Invitation

You are invited to celebrate with Lyle & Rebecca Matson and Matthew & Pamela Johnson the wedding of

**Alessandra Rebecca**  
and  
**Christian Alexander**



Saturday,  
June 8th,  
2024  
at 3:00 PM  
at Spruce  
Grove  
Apostolic  
Lutheran  
Church

Reception  
to follow

## Milestones

Marvin Jurva	~ 90th Birthday	- 5/4
Talitha Olson	~ 10th Birthday	- 5/9
DarLayne Yliniemi	~ 79th Birthday	- 5/5
Diane Niemi	~ 84th Birthday	- 5/9
Benson Aho	~ 10th Birthday	- 5/12
Wilho & Diana Aho		
	~ 57th Anniversary	- 5/13
Micah Keranen	~ 10th Birthday	- 5/17
Bruce Sannes	~ 84th Birthday	- 5/21
Reuben & Ellen Tumberg		
	~ 56th Anniversary	- 6/8
Wilho Aho	~ 79th Birthday	- 6/15
Pat Aho	~ 76th Birthday	- 6/20
Sienna Aho	~ 10th Birthday	- 6/25
Joe & Stacie Olson	~ 10th Anniversary	- 6/28
Sirkka Seppala	~ 94th Birthday	- 7/12
Liv Ingvalson	~ 10th Birthday	- 7/23

### 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, in International Falls on KSDM 104.1 FM at 11:05 am and a NEW STATION has been added KDCK 97.5 FM at 9:30am in Park Rapids.

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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.

### 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/ 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 #. Press # again or just stay on the line and it will connect you after about 5 seconds.

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