



## Spruce Grove Newsletter

Spruce Grove Apostolic Lutheran Church, Wolf Lake, MN Vol. 26 No. 5 November - December 2021

### Christ Our King

Revelation 1:1-8 KJV *The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave unto him, to shew unto his servants things which must shortly come to pass; and he sent and signified it by his angel unto his servant John: <sup>2</sup> Who bare record of the word of God, and of the testimony of Jesus Christ, and of all things that he saw. <sup>3</sup> Blessed is he that readeth, and they that hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written therein: for the time is at hand. <sup>4</sup> John to the seven churches which are in Asia: Grace be unto you, and peace, from him which is, and which was, and which is to come; and from the seven Spirits which are before his throne; <sup>5</sup> And from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, and the first begotten of the dead, and the prince of the kings of the earth. Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood, <sup>6</sup> And hath made us kings and priests unto God and his Father; to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen. <sup>7</sup> Behold, he cometh with clouds; and every eye shall see him, and they also which pierced him: and all kindreds of the earth shall wail because of him. Even so, Amen. <sup>8</sup> I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending, saith the Lord, which is, and which was, and which is to come, the Almighty.*

John 18:33-37 <sup>33</sup> Then Pilate entered into the judgment hall again, and called Jesus, and said unto him, Art thou the King of the Jews? <sup>34</sup> Jesus answered him, Sayest thou this thing of thyself, or did others tell it thee of me? <sup>35</sup> Pilate answered, Am I a Jew? Thine own nation and the chief priests have delivered thee unto me: what hast thou done? <sup>36</sup> Jesus answered, My kingdom is not of this world: if my kingdom were of this world,

*then would my servants fight, that I should not be delivered to the Jews: but now is my kingdom not from hence. <sup>37</sup> Pilate therefore said unto him, Art thou a king then? Jesus answered, Thou sayest that I am a king. To this end was I born, and for this cause came I into the world, that I should bear witness unto the truth. Every one that is of the truth heareth my voice.*

Revelation 1:9-18 <sup>9</sup> I John, who also am your brother, and companion in tribulation, and in the kingdom and patience of Jesus Christ, was in the isle that is called Patmos, for the word of God, and for the testimony of Jesus Christ. <sup>10</sup> I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day, and heard behind me a great voice, as of a trumpet, <sup>11</sup> Saying, I am Alpha and Omega, the first and the last: and, What thou seest, write in a book, and send it unto the seven churches which are in Asia; unto Ephesus, and unto Smyrna, and unto Pergamos, and unto Thyatira, and unto Sardis, and unto Philadelphia, and unto Laodicea. <sup>12</sup> And I turned to see the voice that spake with me. And being turned, I saw seven golden candlesticks; <sup>13</sup> And in the midst of the seven candlesticks one like unto the Son of man, clothed with a garment down to the foot, and girt about the paps with a golden girdle. <sup>14</sup> His head and his hairs were white like wool, as white as snow; and his eyes were as a flame of fire; <sup>15</sup> And his feet like unto fine brass, as if they burned in a furnace; and his voice as the sound of many waters. <sup>16</sup> And he had in his right hand seven stars: and out of his mouth went a sharp twoedged sword: and his countenance was as the sun shineth in his strength. <sup>17</sup> And when I saw him, I fell at his feet as dead. And he laid his right hand upon me, saying unto me, Fear not; I am

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*the first and the last: <sup>18</sup> I am he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death.*

I was struck by the contrast between Jesus in the judgment hall of Pilate and the Jesus that John sees on the Isle of Patmos. Our king is not an earthly king who reigns for a period of time, but a king who reigns forever. He is a king who came to testify to the truth and that truth is embodied in Him. He is the Way, the Truth, and the Life. He bore witness of Himself to the Jews and Pilate and they killed Him or rather He laid his life down, for He says in Revelation, I am the first and the last, the living One, I was dead but behold I live forever more. Christ our King stands in the judgment hall of an earthly ruler and is sentenced to death. He dies the death that we deserve and is raised again to give us a life that we don't deserve. John sees Christ our King in His Majesty and Power, he see Him as He truly is, our God and King. John bears witness to what he saw and we now bear witness to the One in whom we believe. Christ is our King who reigns forever, He is King of Kings and Lord of Lords! We are of all people most blessed as we live in Him. Take joy in Christ our King this thanksgiving and advent season.

God's Peace, Pastor Dennis Hannu

### Advent & Christmas Services

Advent Services will be held at the church Wednesdays, November 24, December 1st, 8th and 15th at 7:30 PM.

There will also be a Worship Service on Christmas Day at 10:30 AM.

### Sunday School Christmas Program

The Sunday School Christmas Program will be held on Sunday, December 19th, 2021 at the church at 11:00 A.M. Dinner will be served following the program.

Program practice will be at 9:30 AM on December 5th & 12th and on December 19th at 9:00 AM.

## Birth Announcements

Raul & Shelby Aho announce the birth of their first child.

Arvo Reuben Aho was born on September 14, 2021 at Essentia Health-St Mary's Hospital in Detroit Lakes, MN. Arvo weighed 9 pounds 3 ounces and was 20.75 inches tall.



Arvo's grandparents are Nola Aho of rural Frazee and Ron & Carolyn Munger of rural Menahga.

Jared and Kimberly Nevala announce the birth of their first child.

Remi Mae Nevala was born on October 15, 2021 at Perham Hospital.



Remi weighed 7 pounds 4 ounces and was 20.5 inches tall.

Remi's grandparents are Harvey & Patricia Aho of rural Frazee and Marilyn Nevala of rural Frazee.

Ryan & Chelsea Aho announce the birth of their 6th child.

Nikolai James Aho was born on October 23, 2021 at Perham Hospital. Nikolai weighed 8 pounds, 9 ounces and was 21 inches tall.



Nikolai was welcomed home by his parents and brothers: Ted, Lars, Brekken & Roman and sister, Mira. His grandparents are Harvey & Patricia Aho of rural Frazee and Gerald & Martha Pinoniemi of Menahga.

## Baptism



Kolter Irving Aho, son of Victor Jr. & Stacy Aho of rural Menahga, was baptized on October 22, 2021, at the Spruce Grove Apostolic Lutheran Church by Pastor Dennis Hannu. His sponsors are Stephen & Leah Salo of Ironwood, MI. His grandparents are Victor & Lola Aho of rural Menahga and Mary Saari of WI.

## Engagement



Damon Howard and Bethany Seppanen announced their engagement on July 31, 2021.

Damon is the son of Jeremy & Katie Howard of rural Menahga and is employed by Howard's Driveway of Menahga.

Bethany is the daughter of Brian & Miranda Seppanen of WA. Bethany is employed as a dental hygienist in LaCenter, WA.

Their wedding is being planned for winter of 2022.

## Grandchild Announcements

Armas & Pat Aho announce the birth of twin granddaughters.

Jordyn Raili Aho and Hailey Rolande Aho were born on July, 14, 2021 to their son Michael and his wife Caitlyn of New Hampshire.

Nola Aho announces the birth of a granddaughter. Sage Sue Niemitalo was born on September 23, 2021 to her daughter Marisa and husband David of North Carolina.

## Sunday School Teachers

Preschool: Katie Aho

Kindergarten: Stacie Olson

1st Grade: Luke Aho

2nd Grade: Stephanie Siltala

3rd Grade: Tyrone Aho

4th Grade: Nate Aho

5th Grade: David Olson

6th Grade: Lyle Matson

7th Grade: Neil Aho

8th Grade: Justin Impola

9th Grade: Pastor Dennis Hannu

## Pastor Appreciation

We held our Pastor Appreciation Dinner on Sunday, November 7th.

Thank you Pastor Dennis and Miriam for your willingness to serve our congregation.





# NOVEMBER - DECEMBER 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>11/21</b> Sunday School 10:00 AM Adult Bible Study 10:00 AM Worship Service 11:00 AM Organist: Deborah Sound: Neil	<b>11/22</b>	<b>11/23</b>	<b>11/24</b> Advent Service 7:30 P.M Organist: Megan Sound: Tyrone Coffee Group # 3	<b>11/25</b> <b>THANKSGIVING</b>	<b>11/26</b>	<b>11/27</b> Youth Group 8:00 P.M.
<b>11/28</b> Sunday School 10:00 AM Adult Bible Study 10:00 AM Worship Service 11:00 AM Organist: Patricia Sound: Nate	<b>11/29</b>	<b>11/30</b>	<b>12/1</b> Advent Service 7:30 P.M Organist: Betsy Sound: Alvin Coffee Group # 4	<b>12/2</b> Ladies Bible Study 10:00 AM	<b>12/3</b>	<b>12/4</b> Youth Group 8:00 P.M.
<b>12/5</b> Sunday School 9:30 AM Adult Bible Study 10:00 AM Worship Service & Holy Communion 11:00 AM Organists: Sarah & Megan Sound: Tyrone	<b>12/6</b>	<b>12/7</b>	<b>12/8</b> Advent Service 7:30 P.M Organist: Deborah Sound: Neil Coffee Group # 5	<b>12/9</b> Ladies Bible Study 10:00 AM	<b>12/10</b>	<b>12/11</b>
<b>12/12</b> Sunday School 9:30 AM Adult Bible Study 10:00 AM Worship Service 11:00 AM Organist: Ramona Sound: Nate Guest Speaker: Matt Niemala Dinner Following Service-Group # 3	<b>12/13</b>	<b>12/14</b> 7:30 Board Meeting	<b>12/15</b> Advent Service 7:30 P.M Organist: Patricia Sound: Alvin Coffee Group # 6	<b>12/16</b> Ladies Bible Study 10:00 AM	<b>12/17</b>	<b>12/18</b> Youth Group 8:00 P.M.
<b>12/19</b> Sunday School 9:00 AM Adult Bible Study 10:00 AM Worship Service 11:00 AM <b>Sunday School Program</b> Dinner Following Service Organist: Betsy Sound:	<b>12/20</b>	<b>12/21</b>	<b>12/22</b>	<b>12/23</b>	<b>12/24</b>	<b>12/25</b> <b>CHRISTMAS DAY</b> Service 10:30 AM Organist: Deborah Sound: Tyrone
<b>12/26</b> Worship Service 11:00 AM Organist: Patricia Sound: Neil	<b>12/27</b>	<b>12/28</b>	<b>12/29</b>	<b>12/30</b> Spruce Grove Youth Weekend 12/30/2021 to 1/1/2022	<b>12/31</b>	<b>1/1</b>
<b>1/2</b> Worship Service & Holy Communion 11:00 AM Organists: Sound: Tyrone	<b>1/3</b>	<b>1/4</b>	<b>1/5</b> Family Bible Study 8:00 PM	<b>1/6</b>	<b>1/7</b>	<b>1/8</b>

## CLEANING GROUPS

### November 2021

#### **Raul & Shelby Aho**

Neil & Amanda Aho  
 Joe & Stacie Olson  
 Paul & Esther Impola  
 Pete & Linda Levijoki

### December 2021

#### **Youth Group -**

#### **Alvin & Alisha Aho**

Tyrone Aho            Betsy Impola  
 Brandon Hanson    Christa Ojala  
 Lynn Impola

## Remember in Prayer

- Reino Aho
- Harvey Aho
- Rodney & Hannah Aho Family
- Family of Robert (Bob) Christiansen
- Moriah Meech
- Family of Rev. Elmer Yliniemi
- Family of Elma Impola
- Family of Jill Traffic
- Family of Linda Aho
- Family of Clifford Koskela
- Family of Byron Saari
- Mickie Howard
- 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



## YOUTH WEEKEND

Theme: Who is Jesus?

The Spruce Grove Church Youth is hosting a Youth Weekend for New Years! December 30th - January 1st. Youth age 14 and older are invited to join us.

Cost is \$25 per person., with a max of \$50 per family. Hope to see you in Wolf Lake!

\* If you are able to house youth, or provide food or snacks, please speak to Alvin Aho or any of the youth.

## Milestones

Gloria Juntunen

~ 92nd Birthday - 11/2/2021

Armas Aho

~ 78th Birthday - 11/5/2021

Reuben Tumberg

~ 84th Birthday - 11/14/2021

Justin & Miranda Impola

~ 10th Anniversary - 11/15/2021

AvieLee Anderson

~ 10th Birthday - 12/7/2021

Rodney Aho

~ 40th Birthday - 12/8/2021

## Funeral

Tyler Arthur Aho was born on October 7, 2021 into Eternal Peace at Essentia Health, Detroit Lakes, Minnesota. At 34 weeks, Tyler went from the safe haven of his mother's womb to the the sweet haven of rest, the arms of Jesus. Tyler was 5 pounds, 6 ounces and 19 inches long.

Tyler is survived by his parents Rodney and Hannah Aho, his brother Elliot, sisters: Isabelle, Olivia, Claudia, Holly, Rochelle and Mikayla of Menahga, MN, grandparents: Joshua & Deborah Aho of Frazee, MN and Warren & Pirjoliisa Ketola of Rindge, NH, as well as many aunts, uncles and cousins.

Tyler's funeral was held on Monday, October 11th at Balmi Cemetery.

### 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/ 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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