



## Spruce Grove Newsletter

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### Remember

1 Samuel 7:8-13 *And the children of Israel said to Samuel, Cease not to cry unto the LORD our God for us, that he will save us out of the hand of the Philistines. And Samuel took a sucking lamb, and offered it for a burnt offering wholly unto the LORD: and Samuel cried unto the LORD for Israel; and the LORD heard him. And as Samuel was offering up the burnt offering, the Philistines drew near to battle against Israel: but the LORD thundered with a great thunder on that day upon the Philistines, and discomfited them; and they were smitten before Israel. And the men of Israel went out of Mizpeh, and pursued the Philistines, and smote them, until they came under Bethcar. Then Samuel took a stone, and set it between Mizpeh and Shen, and called the name of it Ebenezer, saying, Hitherto hath the LORD helped us. So the Philistines were subdued, and they came no more into the coast of Israel: and the hand of the LORD was against the Philistines all the days of Samuel.*

We as human beings seem to have a propensity to forget things. We sometimes have a hard time remembering things that happened just a short while ago and so we often keep notes or journals to remind ourselves of what we need to accomplish in a given day or what we have accomplished. Another thing we often do is when we are on a trip somewhere we will buy a souvenir to remind us of the sites we have seen or the enjoyment of that particular trip. Every time we see the souvenir it reminds us of that time we enjoyed so much. Samuel raised the Ebenezer stone after the Lord had helped Israel defeat their enemies. He wanted to place something as a marker of sorts so that when the people saw the stone, they would remember how the Lord had helped them on that day. They perhaps would have been tempted to think that they in their own strength had defeated their enemies. Perhaps their memory would tell them that they had been successful in this battle on their own. The raising of the Ebenezer stone would remind them of the truth of that day in their history. They would walk by the stone and say something to the effect of: "O yes I remember that day, it seemed all

hope was lost and then the prophet Samuel prayed on our behalf and God defeated our enemies for us. What a powerful and loving God we serve. Samuel set up this stone as a memorial of that day"

I have often enjoyed singing the hymn written by Robert Robinson (1735-1790) called "Come, Thou Fount" for in this song he writes "Here I raise my Ebenezer, Hither by Thy help I'm come; And I hope by Thy good pleasure, Safely to arrive at home. Jesus sought me when a stranger, Wandering from the fold of God; He to rescue from danger, Interposed his precious blood." Our Ebenezer stone as Christians is the cross of Jesus Christ. The cross has a powerful message for the believer. Paul writes to the Corinthians and says: 1 Corinthians 2:2 "*For I determined not to know anything among you, save Jesus Christ, and him crucified.*" And to the Galatians in Galatians 6:14 "*But God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world is crucified unto me, and I unto the world.*" Whenever we see a cross on our churches, or in various other places, it is a reminder to us of what our God has done for us through Jesus. We remember the Lamb of God laying His life down on this cruel instrument in order to take away the sins of this world. We remember that God so loved this world that He sent His only Son to save it. We remember that in His dying we have been rescued from death itself. We remember that in Jesus we have been given life and salvation. When you look at the cross at the front our church and on the roof as well; Remember; remember your sins are forgiven and that the glorious message of the cross falls like a shadow over you all the days of your life until that day when faith becomes sight and memory becomes reality.

God's Peace, Pastor Dennis Hannu

## Birth Announcement

Lyle & Rebecca Matson announce the birth of their 11th child.

Harris Albert was born on July 14, 2020 at Perham Health in Perham, MN. Harris weighed 9 pounds and was 21 inches tall. Harris was welcomed by his parents and siblings: Canton, Garin, Alessandra, Eve, Natalie, Henry, Sylvia, Eloise, Muriel and Glynnis.

His grandparents are Victor Sr. & Lola Aho of Menahga, MN and Jack & Ann Matson of WA.



## Grandchild Announcements

Tim & Sarah Aho announce the birth of a grandson.

Milo Kent Aho was born on May 31, 2020 to their son Kent and his wife Alyssa of Texas. Other grandparents are Fiore and Heather Marrelli of Canada.

Raymond & Janet Aho announce the birth of a grandson.

Owen Jacob Traffie was born on July 29, 2020 to their daughter Emma and her husband Amos Traffie of NC. Other grandparent is Wayne Traffie of NC.

## Guest Speaker

Pastor Nick Kandoll will be our guest speaker on Sunday, October 18th.

Dinner will be served following this service.

## Sunday School Teachers

Preschool: Tamar Aho

Kindergarten: Dayna Anderson, Katie Aho & Stacie Olson

1st Grade: Alisha 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 & 9th Grade: Justin Impola

## Baptisms



Roman Samuel Aho, son of Ryan & Chelsea Aho of Frazee, was baptized on July 24, 2020, at the Spruce Grove Apostolic Lutheran Church by Pastor Dennis Hannu. His sponsors are Nathaniel & Carrie Aho of Wolf Lake, Chester & Ashley Aho of NH, and Steven & Laura Pinoniemi of Menahga.

His grandparents are Harvey & Patricia Aho of rural Frazee and Gerald & Martha Pinoniemi of Menahga.



Mia Ann Ingvalson, daughter of Andrew & Jolie Ingvalson of rural Frazee, was baptized at the Spruce Grove Apostolic Lutheran Church on Sunday, July 19, 2020, by Pastor Dennis Hannu. Her sponsors are Joseph & Stacie Olson of rural Menahga and Brent & Karen Seppanen of SD. Her grandparents are Reino & Peggy Aho of rural Frazee and Lee & Bonnie Ingvalson of rural Frazee.

## Fall Cleaning

We will be doing an interior & exterior fall cleaning of the church on **Saturday, October 10th** starting at 10:00 AM. For those who won't be able make it on the 10th, it would be appreciated if you could come earlier in the week, the list of jobs to be done is in the church kitchen.

Please help where you can.

# SEPT - OCT - NOV 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>9/20</b> Sunday School 10:00 AM Adult Bible Study 10:00 AM Worship Service 11:00 AM Organist: Ramona Sound: Nate	<b>9/21</b>	<b>9/22</b>	<b>9/23</b> Family Bible Study 8:00 PM	<b>9/24</b> Ladies Bible Study 10:00 AM	<b>9/25</b> Worship Srvc 7:30 PM Organist: Deborah Sound: Tyrone Coffee Group # 10	<b>9/26</b>
<b>9/27</b> Sunday School 10:00 AM Adult Bible Study 10:00 AM Worship Service 11:00 AM Organist: Patricia Sound: Neil	<b>9/28</b>	<b>9/29</b>	<b>9/30</b> GPA Nursing Home Service at 2:00 PM Family Bible Study 8:00 PM	<b>10/1</b> Ladies Bible Study 10:00 AM	<b>10/2</b>	<b>10/3</b> Youth Group 8:00 PM
<b>10/4</b> Sunday School 10:00 AM Adult Bible Study 10:00 AM Worship Service & Holy Communion 11:00 AM <b>Reception for Kyle &amp; Macey Aho - Dinner Following Service Noon-3:00</b> Organists: Deborah & Sarah Sound: Chet	<b>10/5</b>	<b>10/6</b>	<b>10/7</b> Family Bible Study 8:00 PM	<b>10/8</b> Ladies Bible Study 10:00 AM	<b>10/9</b> Worship Service 7:30 PM Organist: Betsy Sound: Alvin Coffee Group # 1	<b>10/10</b> <b>10:00 AM Fall Cleaning</b>
<b>10/11</b> Sunday School 10:00 AM Adult Bible Study 10:00 AM Worship Service 11:00 AM <b>Pastor Appreciation Day</b> Dinner Following Service Group # 4 Organist: Carrie Sound: Neil	<b>10/12</b> 7:30 Board Meeting	<b>10/13</b>	<b>10/14</b> Family Bible Study 8:00 PM	<b>10/15</b> Ladies Bible Study 10:00 AM	<b>10/16</b>	<b>10/17</b> Youth Group 8:00 P.M.
<b>10/18</b> Sunday School 10:00 AM Adult Bible Study 10:00 AM Worship Service 11:00 AM <b>Guest Speaker: Nick Kandoll</b> Dinner Following Service Group # 1 Organist: Ramona Sound: Alvin	<b>10/19</b>	<b>10/20</b>	<b>10/21</b> Family Bible Study 8:00 PM	<b>10/22</b> Ladies Bible Study 10:00 AM	<b>10/23</b> Worship Service 7:30 PM Organist: Patricia Sound: Nate Coffee Group # 2	<b>10/24</b>
<b>10/25</b> Sunday School 10:00 AM Adult Bible Study 10:00 AM Worship Service 11:00 AM Organist: Deborah Sound: Tyrone	<b>10/26</b>	<b>10/27</b> GPA Nursing Home Service at 2:00 P.M.	<b>10/28</b> Family Bible Study 8:00 PM	<b>10/29</b> Ladies Bible Study 10:00 AM	<b>10/30</b> Song Service 7:30 PM Organist: Betsy Coffee Group # 3	<b>10/31</b>
<b>11/1</b> Sunday School 10:00 AM Adult Bible Study 10:00 AM Worship Service & Holy Communion 11:00 AM Organists: Ramona & Carrie Sound: Chet	<b>11/2</b>	<b>11/3</b>	<b>11/4</b> Family Bible Study 8:00 PM	<b>11/5</b> Ladies Bible Study 10:00 AM Sunday School Teachers Meeting 7:30 PM	<b>11/6</b>	<b>11/7</b> Youth Group 8:00 P.M.
<b>11/8</b> Sunday School 10:00 AM Adult Bible Study 10:00 AM Worship Service 11:00 AM Dinner Following Service Group # 2 Organist: Sarah Sound: Neil	<b>11/9</b> 7:30 Board Meeting	<b>11/10</b>	<b>11/11</b> Family Bible Study 8:00 PM	<b>11/12</b> Ladies Bible Study 10:00 AM	<b>11/13</b> Worship Service 7:30 PM Organist: Deborah Sound: Nate Coffee Group # 4	<b>11/14</b>
<b>11/15</b> Sunday School 10:00 AM Adult Bible Study 10:00 AM Worship Service 11:00 AM Organist: Patricia Sound: Alvin	<p><b>CLEANING GROUPS</b></p> <p><b>SEPTEMBER 2020</b> to be completed with Fall Cleaning</p> <p><b>October 2020</b> TBD-watch for updated service groups in your mailboxes</p>					



## Weddings



Raul Aho & Shelby Munger were united in marriage on Saturday, July 18th at the Aho Big House with a reception at Spruce Grove Church. The couple is living in rural Wolf Lake, MN

### Thank You!

Dear Spruce Grove Congregation,  
Thank you for the beautiful baskets of plants you sent to honor the memory of our Mom, Ardelle Somero. May God bless you all for the love you have shown us as we grieve her loss.  
Love & God's Peace,  
Merf & Shari Aho and Harry & Lori Aho

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Spruce Grove Congregation,  
Thank you for the flowers that you sent last month. They were a blessing to me on the day that they were delivered and for many days after.  
*And now the LORD shew kindness and truth unto you: and I also will requite you this kindness, because ye have done this thing.* 2 Samuel 2:6  
God's Peace, Linda Aho

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



Kyle Aho & Macey Traffie were united in marriage on Saturday, August 22nd in New Hampshire. Kyle is the son of Raymond & Janet Aho of rural Wolf Lake and Macey is the daughter of Leif & Jessica Traffie of Rindge, NH. The couple is living in rural Wolf Lake, MN

### Wedding Reception

You are invited to a wedding reception for  
Mr. & Mrs. Kyle Aho  
on October 4, 2020  
from Noon to 3:00 PM at  
Spruce Grove Apostolic Lutheran Church

### YOUTH GROUP

The Spruce Grove Youth Group meets on the 1st & 3rd Saturdays of each month at 8:00 PM, now at the church for Bible Study. All youth are invited to attend!

We are also asking you to open up your home as a place for the youth to meet on the 2nd & 4th Saturday evenings of each month for fellowship. If you would like to host the youth in your home, there will be a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the narthex. You can also speak to Alvin Aho for more information.

\*\*\*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.

## News & Notes

- Pastor Dennis & Miriam Hannu traveled to WA.
- Wilho & Diana Aho traveled to WA & AZ.
- Alvin & Alisha Aho & family traveled to SC & NH.
- Nola Aho traveled to SD.
- Reid & Ashley Aho & family traveled to NH.
- Ryan & Chelsea Aho & family traveled to NH.
- Elmer & Miriam Yliniemi traveled to MI.
- Many of the youth from our church traveled to the Annual Watersmeet Youth Weekend in Watersmeet, MI.
- Betsy Impola traveled to SC & WA.
- Jeff & Rosy Kinnunen traveled to AZ.
- Luke & Renata Nevala traveled to AZ.
- Tamar Aho traveled to TX & WA.
- Raymond & Janet Aho traveled to NH.
- Marsha Hanson traveled to WA.
- Charles & Leila Aho & family traveled to SD.
- Julius & Terrie Aho traveled to NE.
- Neil & Amanda Aho & family traveled to KY.
- Curtis Aho traveled to NH.
- Hazel Aho has moved to Blaine, MN.
- Adrian & Tamra Aho & family traveled to NH.
- Patty Aho traveled to MT.
- Amy Aho & children traveled to WA.
- Katie Aho & children traveled to NH.
- Jeremy & Katie Howard & family traveled to SD.
- Eunika Aho & children traveled to SC.
- Luke & Renata Nevala & family traveled to WA.
- Tim & Sarah Aho & family traveled to MI.
- Charles & Leila Aho & family traveled to SD.

Some of the visitors the last few months were:

- Kent, Alyssa & Milo Aho from TX.
- Kevin & Ann Ruotsala & family from MI.
- Paul & Virginia Anderson from SC.
- Elijah & Amanda Ketola & family from NH.
- Roy & Mary Aho & family from NH.
- Brent & Karen Seppanen & family from SD.
- Jed & Krista Estola & family from MI.
- Alan & Val Estola & family from MI.
- Mona Matson from SD.
- Arvi & Joanne Aho from SC.
- Kurt & Lois Somero from NC.
- Steve & Jeannette Aho & family from NH.
- Abe & Lisa Logan & family from WA.
- Kurt & Marcy Traffie & family from NH.
- Jared & Melinda Niemala & family from NH.
- Sam & Molly Seppala & family from NH.
- Mike & Caitlin Aho & family from NH.
- Jimmy & Clara Estola & family from MI.

- Jethro & Molly Impola & family from SD.
- Dean & Sharinda Niskanen & family from SC.
- Gabe & Laura Weisser & family from SC.
- Mark & Lynette Niskanen & family from SC.
- Sarah Seppala from SC.
- Dave & Kristi Myllymaki from WA.

Thanks to those who visit here, we are truly blessed.

## Remember in Prayer

- Ava Woodard
- Family of Ardelle Somero
- Family of Curtis Samuelson
- Family of Olavi Seppala
- Shirley Kangas
- Seth Aho Jr.
- Jennie Hanson
- Pat Aho
- Elma Impola
- 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

Shirley Kangas	~ 84th Birthday	9/3/2020
Sonya Keranen	~ 30th Birthday	9/11/2020
Job & Katie Aho	~ 20th Anniversary	9/16/2020
Elmer Yliniemi	~ 84th Birthday	9/25/2020
Harvey & Patricia Aho	~ 40th Anniversary	9/27/2020
Linda Aho	~ 95th Birthday	10/1/2020
Isak Yliniemi	~ 40th Birthday	10/2/2020

### 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.

### Telephone Services

Services can be listened to over the telephone, please check the newsletter for details.

### 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.

### Newsletter

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