



## Spruce Grove Newsletter

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### Behold He Cometh with Clouds

When we think of clouds, perhaps our minds go to the clouds that bring us rain from time to time, or maybe we just think of the clouds that seem to occupy our sky every Minnesota afternoon in the summertime. The morning will be bright and sunny and by afternoon, clouds fill the sky and begin to cause shadows and block some of the sunlight that is shining down. It is amazing, you can be outside enjoying the warmth of the sun and one little cloud blocking the rays of the sun can cool you significantly. I have observed in reading the scriptures that God has often veiled himself in clouds, for instance in Exodus 13:21-22 *“And the LORD went before them by day in a pillar of a cloud, to lead them the way; and by night in a pillar of fire, to give them light; to go by day and night: He took not away the pillar of the cloud by day, nor the pillar of fire by night, from before the people.”* And also in Exodus 19:9 *“And the LORD said unto Moses, Lo, I come unto thee in a thick cloud, that the people may hear when I speak with thee, and believe thee forever. And Moses told the words of the people unto the LORD.”* It appears that God veils himself with clouds as an act of mercy toward the people because of His holiness. Later on He warns Moses that the people are not to come near the mountain, referring to Mt. Sinai, or touch it lest they perish. The holiness of God was not something to be seen by the people thus the cloud would shield them from certain death. Later on when the tabernacle was set up which housed the ark of the testimony, the glory of God filled the tabernacle veiled behind a cloud that came down over the place. When Solomon built the temple years later the glory of the Lord filled the place, again veiled behind a cloud that filled the temple as well.

In the New Testament we see God speaking from behind clouds as well; Matthew 17:5-6 *“While he yet spake, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them: and behold a voice out of the cloud, which said, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased; hear ye him. And when the disciples heard it, they fell on their face, and were sore afraid.”* Still today the full glory of God is not available by sight. Instead God has made Himself known to us in His Son. In Christ we behold the Father in His marvelous grace and mercy and though the cloud

still is in place, one day it will be removed and we shall see Him face to face. Until that day, we bask in the glory of His grace which is not shrouded in a cloud, but is fully revealed in the finished work of Jesus Christ. Paul says in Romans that we are saved by hope because what we cannot see we wait for with full expectation that it will be fully revealed. What a marvelous God we serve who chooses to reveal Himself by becoming one of us in His Incarnation and will one day fully disclose His Godhead to us.

Another view of clouds that we see in the scripture is at the time of Jesus’ ascension: Acts 1:9-11 *“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.”* and in Revelation 1:7 *“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.”* He will come again with clouds but this time He will be seen by all, no longer hidden but fully revealed in His Majesty and Glory. Paul says in 1 Thessalonians 4:16 - 18 *“For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord. Wherefore comfort one another with these words.”* Marvel of Marvels, that one day the clouds that veiled God from His creation, we will find ourselves behind, in other words we will be with our God for all of eternity. The One who formed us in our mother’s womb will accept us into His Heavenly Home simply because of His mercy and grace. Instead of destroying us because of our lack of holiness He gives us His and accepts us behind the cloud in perfect union with Him forever. Behold my loved ones, He is coming in the clouds!

God’s Peace, Pastor Dennis Hannu

## Birth Announcements

David & Loretta Olson announce the birth of their eleventh child.

Philip Jonathan was born on September 10, 2019 at Tri-County Hospital in Wadena, MN. Philip weighed 5 pounds 11 ounces and was 17 inches tall. Philip was welcomed by his parents, sisters: Tirzah, Keziah & Talitha and brothers: Silas, Samuel, Daniel, Mathias, Asher, Joel & Nathaniel.

Philip's grandparents are Victor Sr. & Lola Aho of Menahga, MN and Wanda Laue of South Dakota.



Jared & Kendra Sikkila announce the birth of their eighth child.

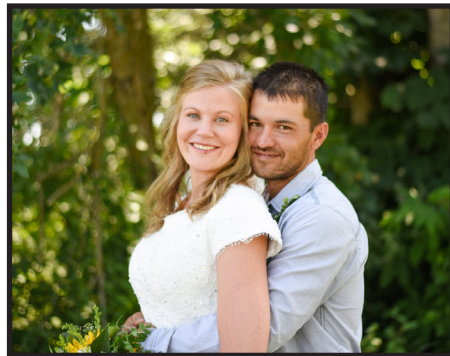
Hazel Diane was born on September 14th at home. Hazel weighed 7 pounds 1 ounce and was 19.25 inches tall. Hazel was welcomed by her parents and sisters: Dara & Chelsea and brothers: Dexter, Trenton, Ivan, Anders & Reagan.

Hazel's grandparents are Lee & Diane Somero of NH and Wilfred & Phyllis Sikkila of NH.



## Grandchild Announcements

Reuben & Ellen Tumberg announce the birth of a grandson. Joshua William Matson was born on August 13, 2019 to their daughter Linda and her husband Seth of Pasco, WA. Other grandparents are Mark & Sandy Matson of Mesa, WA.



Alethea Impola & Matthew Karlson were united in marriage on Saturday, August 3, 2019 at Spruce Grove Church. The couple is living in Benton City, WA.

## Baptisms



Milo David Waggoner, son of Jacob & Leah Waggoner of Farmington, ME, was baptized on Sunday, August 18, 2019, at the Spruce Grove Apostolic Lutheran Church by Pastor Dennis Hannu. His sponsors are Jeremy & Katie Howard of rural Menahga and Rohit & Sonya Mahajan of Fargo, ND.

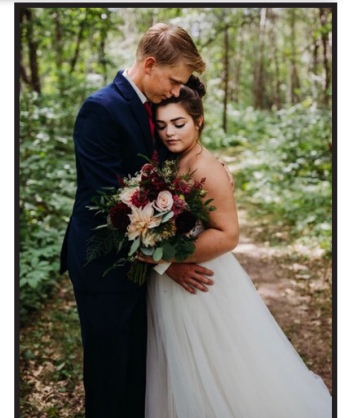
His grandparents are Julius & Terrie Aho of rural Sebeka and Ed & Kim Waggoner of Park Rapids. His great-grandparents are Linda Aho of rural Menahga, Art Riepe of Fargo, and Pat Waggoner of Park Rapids.



Giorgia May Aho, daughter of James & Delfina Aho of Detroit Lakes, was baptized on Sunday, August 18, 2019, at the Spruce Grove Apostolic Lutheran Church by Pastor Dennis Hannu. Her sponsors are Tyler & Alisha Wheeler of MN, Lorena Ciampi & Renato Barbato of Montoro, Italy. Her grandparents are Julius & Terrie Aho of rural Sebeka and Nino & Antonia Ciampi of Avellino, Italy. Her great-grandparent is Linda Aho of rural Menahga.

## Weddings

Alyssa Marrelli and Kent Aho celebrated their marriage on Saturday, August 17th, 2019. They are living in Wolf Lake, MN



# SEPT - OCT - NOV 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>9/15</b> Sunday School 10:00 AM Adult Bible Study 10:00 AM Worship Service 11:00 AM Organist: Carrie Sound: Chet	<b>9/16</b>	<b>9/17</b>	<b>9/18</b> Family Bible Study 8:00 PM	<b>9/19</b> Ladies Bible Study 10:00 A.M.	<b>9/20</b>	<b>9/21</b> Youth Group 8:00 P.M.
<b>9/22</b> Sunday School 10:00 AM Adult Bible Study 10:00 AM Worship Service 11:00 AM Organist: Deborah Sound: Tyrone	<b>9/23</b>	<b>9/24</b> GPA Nursing Home Service at 2:00 P.M.	<b>9/25</b> Family Bible Study 8:00 PM	<b>9/26</b> Ladies Bible Study 10:00 A.M.	<b>9/27</b>	<b>9/28</b>
<b>9/29</b> Sunday School 10:00 AM Adult Bible Study 10:00 AM Worship Service 11:00 AM Organist: Sarah Sound: Nate	<b>9/30</b>	<b>10/1</b>	<b>10/2</b> Family Bible Study 8:00 PM	<b>10/3</b> Ladies Bible Study 10:00 A.M.	<b>10/4</b>	<b>10/5</b> 10:00 AM Fall Cleaning  Youth Group 8:00 P.M.
<b>10/6</b> Sunday School 10:00 AM Adult Bible Study 10:00 AM Worship Service & Holy Communion 11:00 AM Organists: Ramona & Carrie Sound: Alvin	<b>10/7</b>	<b>10/8</b>	<b>10/9</b> Family Bible Study 8:00 PM	<b>10/10</b> Ladies Bible Study 10:00 A.M.	<b>10/11</b>	<b>10/12</b> 3:00 PM Sitala-Nevala Wedding
<b>10/13</b> Sunday School 10:00 AM Adult Bible Study 10:00 AM Worship Service 11:00 AM Organist: Patricia Sound: Neil Pastor Appreciation Dinner Following Service Group # 1	<b>10/14</b> 7:30 Board Meeting	<b>10/15</b>	<b>10/16</b> Family Bible Study 8:00 PM	<b>10/17</b> Ladies Bible Study 10:00 A.M.	<b>10/18</b>	<b>10/19</b>  Youth Group 8:00 P.M.
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## Wedding Invitation

NATHAN & STEPHANIE  
SILTALA

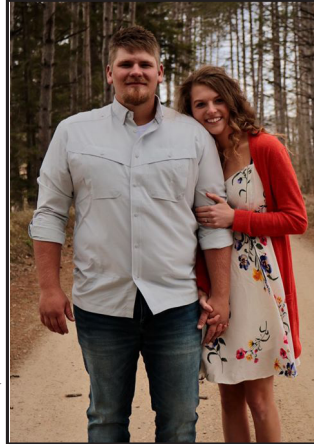
REQUEST THE HONOR  
OF YOUR PRESENCE  
AT THE MARRIAGE OF  
THEIR DAUGHTER

*Shandra Kay*

to

*Nolan Isaac*

SON OF TIM & WENDY  
HALONEN AND THE  
LATE CHAD NEVALA



ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12 AT 3:00 PM  
SPRUCE GROVE APOSTOLIC LUTHERAN  
CHURCH  
RECEPTION TO FOLLOW

## Youth Gathering

The New York Mills Apostolic Lutheran Church is hosting a Youth Gathering on October 4, 5 & 6, 2019.

The cost for the weekend will be \$25.00 each. Our theme is "Peace Be With You." Theme Verse: Philippians 4:9 "Those things, which you have both learned, and received, and heard, and seen in Me, do; and the God of peace shall be with you."

Please bring warm clothing along as we hope to do several outdoor activities. We may be swimming, depending on what is available for us to use so bring appropriate swim wear. Below is a tentative schedule of events. We are looking forward to meeting you!

Students 6th thru 12th grade and college and career are welcome to attend! 5th grade and younger are welcome with an adult. More info and registration sheets will be available at Spruce Grove.

\*Friday, October 4: Registration starts at 5:00 p.m., 5:30-6:30 Meal, 6:30-7:00 Mixer (Introductions), 7:00-8:00 Lesson 1 with Music, 8:00-10:00 Activity-Bonfire

\*Saturday, October 5: Breakfast by hosts 10:00 Lesson 2 with Music 11:00 Activity or Craft 12:00 Lunch 1:00 Lesson 3 with Music 2:00 Tours/Softball 4:00: Games 5:30: Supper 7:00: PAC or Maslowski Wellness Center

\*Sunday, October 6: Breakfast by hosts 10:30 Worship Service with Meal

God's Peace, The New York Mills Church Committee

## News & Notes

- Nate & Carrie Aho & family traveled to WA.
- Raymond & Janet Aho traveled to MI.
- Peter & Linda Levijoki traveled to Canada.
- Jamin & Gina Aho traveled to NY.
- Tim & Sarah Aho & family traveled to MI.
- Nick & Megan Aho & family traveled to MI.
- A bridal shower was held at the church for Shandra Siltala.



Some of the visitors the last few months were:

- Kurt & Marcy Traffie & family from NH.
- Steve & Jennette Aho & family from NH.
- Elijah & Amanda Ketola & family from NH.
- Alan & Nora Bergman & family from OR.
- Jim & Linda Impola from MI.
- Bruce & Sharon Estola from MI.
- Jake & Leah Waggoner & son from ME.
- Dave & Karen Impola from WA.
- Fiore & Heather Marrelli & family from Canada.
- Many friends and family from Canada & across the U.S. for the wedding of Kent & Alyssa.
- Many friends and family from SC, MI, WA and SD for Matt & Alethea's wedding.

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

## Remember in Prayer

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| • Olavi & Sirkka Seppala          | • Tim (Jill) Aho                             |
| • Curtis & Karen Samuelson        | • Jamie Aho                                  |
| • Family of Doris Matson          | • Jared & Melinda Niemela & family           |
| • Grady Anderson                  | • Linda Aho                                  |
| • Family of Trudi Nevala          | • Joan Koskela                               |
| • Rev. Wilfred Sikkila            | • Clifford & Irene Koskela                   |
| • Alan Estola                     | • Martha Aho                                 |
| • Jennie Hanson                   | • Our Church, our Pastor and Church leaders. |
| • Pat Aho                         | • National Leaders                           |
| • Kason Aho                       | • Our Widows                                 |
| • Family of Marvin & June Nelmark | • Our Missionaries                           |
| • JoAnne Aho                      | • Our Children & Youth                       |
| • Avery O'Neil                    | • Our Military                               |
| • Marlene Walters                 | • Our Elderly                                |
| • Family of Billy Nelmark         |  |
| • Isak Yliniemi                   |  |
| • Elma Impola                     |  |

## Fall Cleaning

We will be doing an interior & exterior fall cleaning of the church on Saturday, October 5th starting at 10:00 AM. For those who won't be able to make it on the 5th, 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.

## Sunday School Teachers

Preschool: Tamar Aho & Alessandra Matson

Kindergarten: Dayna Anderson, Gina Aho & Savanna Aho

1st Grade: Alisha Aho & Christa Ojala

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

\* Parents of Sunday School Students: Children in Sunday School in 2nd Grade and up, are leaving Sunday School with memory work that they are expected to have memorized by the next Sunday, please help them to do the memory work.

## Ladies Bible Study

The Ladies of the church are invited to a Bible Study on Thursday mornings at 10:00 A.M.

## Thank You!

Words can't express how much we appreciate all of the love, prayers, and support shown to our family during our difficult time of loss. Thank you to everyone who sent beautiful cards and flowers, brought delicious meals, and helped prepare and serve the meal for the funeral. It all brought great comfort and will always be remembered by the family of Trudi Sue Nevala.

## 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 #. Then it will ask for your name, this is optional, you can either say your name and press # or just stay on the line and it will connect you after about 5 seconds.

## Funeral

### Trudi Sue Nevala

August 14, 1973 - August 20, 2019

Trudi Sue (Peka) Nevala, age 46 of Wolf Lake, Minnesota passed away on August 20, 2019.

She was born to Isaac and Marilyn Nevala on August 14, 1973 in Litchfield, MN. She graduated from Sebeka High School in 1991.

Trudi had many accomplishments

throughout her life, including serving in the U.S. Army for four years, working as a Phoenix police officer, and as a registered nurse. But her greatest joy and blessing in life was her daughter Hope. Family meant everything to Trudi. She had a special bond with children and her love impacted many little hearts, especially her nieces and nephews. Trudi also took every opportunity she could to thank Veterans. She blessed them in many ways including using her talent of painting. When God placed a person on Trudi's heart, she would paint a flag or a cross and hand-delivered it if she could. She had such a giving heart and a passion to serve others. Her renewed faith and ministering to others became her purpose in life.

Trudi will be lovingly remembered by her daughter Hope, her mother Marilyn Nevala, siblings Zane (Mindi) Nevala, Ross (Christine) Nevala, Dawne (Robert) Loper, Katie (Job) Aho, Jolene (Jared) Aho, Jared Nevala, Luke (Renata) Nevala, Marissa Nevala, and many nieces, nephews, family and friends.

Trudi is preceded in death by her daughter Jacqueline, father Isaac Nevala, brother Chad Nevala, niece Angel Aho, maternal grandparents John Wilfred and Lea Simonson, and paternal grandparents August and Hilda Nevala.



## Milestones

Shirley Kangas	~ 83rd Birthday	9/3/2019
Sonya Keranen	~ 30th Birthday	9/11/2019
Courtney Aho	~ 10th Birthday	9/19/2019
Elmer Yliniemi	~ 83rd Birthday	9/25/2019
Marie Mosteller	~ 50th Birthday	9/26/2019
Linda Levijoki	~ 60th Birthday	9/29/2019
Linda Aho	~ 94th Birthday	10/1/2019
Jason & Amy Aho	~ 20th Anniversary	10/23/2019
Olavi & Sirkka Seppala	~ 69th Anniversary	10/29/2019

### 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 8:05 A.M. and KKCQ 96.7 FM Fosston at 10:35 AM Sponsored by Spruce Grove, Menahga and New York Mills Apostolic Lutheran Churches

### 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

The newsletter is also available online, if you prefer not to receive the newsletter by mail, please e-mail [sgalcnewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:sgalcnewsletter@gmail.com) and ask to be removed from our mailing list. Also if you know of anyone who would like to receive our newsletter, please call the church at 218-538-6540 and leave the name & address of the person who would like to receive it.

### Telephone Services

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

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