



## Spruce Grove Newsletter

Spruce Grove Apostolic Lutheran Church, Wolf Lake, MN Vol. 23 No. 5 September-October 2018

### Trust in the Lord

Psalm 146:1-10 KJV *“Praise ye the LORD. Praise the LORD, O my soul. While I live will I praise the LORD: I will sing praises unto my God while I have any being. Put not your trust in princes, nor in the son of man, in whom there is no help. His breath goeth forth, he returneth to his earth; in that very day his thoughts perish. Happy is he that hath the God of Jacob for his help, whose hope is in the LORD his God: Which made heaven, and earth, the sea, and all that therein is: which keepeth truth for ever: Which executeth judgment for the oppressed: which giveth food to the hungry. The LORD looseth the prisoners: The LORD openeth the eyes of the blind: the LORD raiseth them that are bowed down: the LORD loveth the righteous: The LORD preserveth the strangers; he relieveth the fatherless and widow: but the way of the wicked he turneth upside down. The LORD shall reign for ever, even thy God, O Zion, unto all generations. Praise ye the LORD.”*

Trust is very important to us as we live out our lives here in this world. It affects our relationships and how we converse and live with one another. We can be really comfortable with someone we trust but if that trust is shattered it is one of the hardest things to rebuild. When we lose confidence in someone or something inevitably we no longer trust them. When you don't have trust then it is impossible to have any confidence in what they say or do. We are instructed in this psalm to not put our trust in princes or politicians neither should we place our trust in human institutions. There are a lot of good institutions established by men but if that is where we place our trust we will be sorely disappointed. Humans by their very nature will shatter our trust and we have seen that in the news time and time again as people take advantage of others in order to gratify their own desires. Ultimately there is no lasting help to be found in our politicians, we are to respect them and the offices they hold but not place our trust in them. We as citizens of the United States should exercise our right to vote, but if things don't go

as we would like them to go, we ought not lose heart because our trust is in God. In God we trust.

We trust in the Lord who brings us lasting joy and happiness. We trust in the Lord who gives us peace that is lasting and eternal. The psalmist says “Happy is he that hath the God of Jacob for his help, whose hope is in the Lord his God.” Our Creator is always trustworthy, His Word is the Truth and its promises are to be trusted. The Lord had indeed fulfilled all His promises laid out in this psalm in the life and ministry of Jesus. He embodies the Word and comes to bring justice to a world that needs it. He gives food to the hungry, looses the prisoners, opens the eyes of the blind, raises those who are bowed down, and not only loves the righteous but gives them their righteousness. One of my favorite verses in the Bible is 2 Corinthians 5:21 *“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.”* There is no greater gift that can be given to man than the righteousness of God and by being joined to Jesus Christ we possess this righteousness. No government or politician can give you that. This can only be given by the One who has made us, redeemed us, and reigns over all. Another one of my favorite passages in the Bible is Proverbs 3:5-6 *“Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.”* Even when our government and politicians fail us we do not faint or lose heart because we have not placed our trust in them. I would encourage you to pray for our president and political leaders in this nation but understand in the end they are just men and women like you and I. Trust in the Lord! He is still reigning and will always reign! Praise the Lord!

God's Peace, Pastor Dennis Hannu

## Birth Announcements



Curtis & Ruby Aho announce the birth of their 2nd child.

Josiah Raymond Aho was born on September 2, 2018 at Lakewood Health in Staples, MN.

Josiah weighed 8 pounds and was 21 inches tall. Josiah was welcomed home by his parents and sister Aria.

His grandparents are Raymond & Janet Aho of Frazee and Scott & Jolene Tumberg of New York Mills, MN.



Maximilian & Ashley Aho announce the birth of their 4th child. Capri Raea Aho was born on September 6, 2018 at Tri-County Hospital in Wadena, MN. Capri weighed 7 pounds, 12 ounces and was 20 inches tall.

Capri was welcomed home by her parents and brothers Crio & Cruz.

Capri's grandparents are Victor Sr. & Lola Aho of Menahga and Fiore and Heather Marelli of Sylvan Lake, Alberta, Canada.

## Guest Speakers

On Sunday, September 30, Pastor Orval Wirkkala will be our guest speaker. Dinner will be served following the service.

On Sunday, October 22, Pastor Gary Kangas will be our guest speaker. Dinner will be served following the service.

## NYM Church Fall Services

New York Mills Apostolic Lutheran Church will be hosting Fall Services on Friday, September 28 to Sunday, September 30. Pastor Bruce Estola from Ironwood, MI will be the guest speaker.

Service Schedule

Friday, Sept. 28 - 7:30 PM

Saturday, Sept. 29 - 7:30 PM

Sunday, Sept. 30 - 10:30 AM & 1:00 PM

## Weddings



Marissa Aho & David Niemitalo were united in marriage on July 27, 2018 on the shore of Wolf Lake. They will be living in North Carolina.



Moriah Aho & Neil Meech were united in marriage on August 11, 2018 at Spruce Grove Church. They will be living in Nimrod, MN.



Dara Sikkila & Chad Raasio were united in marriage on September 1, 2018 at the home of Dara's parents. They will be living in Upper Michigan.



## Baptisms



Owen Steven Impola, son of Naaman & Lila Impola of rural Sebeka, was baptized on Monday, July 30, 2018, at the home of his grandparents by Pastor Dennis Hannu. His sponsors are Nathaniel & Carrie Aho of Wolf Lake. His grandparents are Paul & Esther Impola of rural Sebeka and Wayne & Bobbie Hrdlicka of rural Frazee. His great-grandparents are Elma Impola of Menahga and Trisha Kronschnable of St. Paul.



Alex Drew Keranen, son of Andrew & Laureena Keranen of rural Menahga, was baptized on Sunday, August 5, 2018, by Pastor Dennis Hannu. His sponsors are Jacob Aho of rural Frazee and Landon Keranen of rural Menahga. His grandparents are Reino & Peggy Aho of rural Frazee and Arnold & Cynthia Keranen of Menahga. His great-grandparents are Walter & Sylvia Muhonen of MN.

Lexi Reena Keranen, daughter of Andrew & Laureena Keranen of rural Menahga, was baptized on Sunday, August 5, 2018, by Pastor Dennis Hannu. Her sponsors are Gloria Aho and Marcail Sauvola both of rural Frazee. Her grandparents are Reino & Peggy Aho of rural Frazee and Arnold & Cynthia Keranen of Menahga. Her great-grandparents are Walter & Sylvia Muhonen of MN.



Zane Kenneth Impola, son of Loren & Karla Impola of rural Sebeka, was baptized on Thursday, August 16, 2018, at the home of his parents by Pastor Dennis Hannu. His sponsors are Nick & Megan Aho of rural Menahga and Philip & Amber Impola of SC. His grandparents are Paul & Esther Impola of rural Sebeka and Tim & Carol Karlsen of WA. His great-grandparents are Elma Impola of Menahga and Fran Karlsen of WA.

### Grandchild Announcement

Brian & Debbie Haataja announce the birth of a grandson. Henry Paul Ruotsala was born on August 1st, 2018 to their daughter Ann and her husband Kevin of Ironwood, MI. Other grandparents are Marcus & Alice Ruotsala of MI.



Wynn Joseph Olson, son of Joseph & Stacie Olson of rural Menahga, was baptized on Sunday, September 9, 2018, at the Spruce Grove Apostolic Lutheran Church by Pastor Dennis Hannu. His sponsors are Naaman & Lila Impola of Ironwood, MI and Andrew & Jolie Ingvalson of rural Frazee.

His grandparents are Reino & Peggy Aho of rural Frazee and Allen & Brenda Olson of rural Menahga. His great-grandparents are Gloria Beck, Jeremiah Sullivan, and Ethel Wacker all of rural Menahga.

## News & Notes

- Shirley Kangas traveled to Alaska.
- Marsha Hanson traveled to WA.
- Terrie Aho traveled to ME.
- Shari Aho traveled to NH.
- Naaman & Lila Impola & family have moved to Michigan.
- Paul & Esther Impola traveled to SD.
- A number of the youth from Spruce Grove traveled to MI to participate in the Watersmeet Youth weekend.
- Nola Aho traveled to WA.
- Miriam Hannu & Elissa Redetzke traveled to MI.
- Ashley Aho (Reid) & children traveled to NH.
- Wil & Diana spent time in WA over the summer.
- Lyle & Rebecca Matson traveled to WA.
- Harry & Lori Aho & Ginger traveled to NH.

Some of the visitors the last few months were:

- Terry & Renee Aho from NH.
- Melinda Niemala & children from NH.
- Roger & Sandy Hannu and children from SC.
- Elijah & Amanda Ketola & family from NH.
- Kurt & Marcy Traffie & family from NH.
- Andy & Ruth Farrey from WA.
- Bruce & Erica West & family from SD.
- Todd & Rhonda Niskanen from SC.
- Shawn & Heather Muhonen & family from NH.
- Neal & Marla Kandoll & family from WA.
- Jethro & Molly Impola & family from SD.
- Jimmy & Clara Estola & family from MI.
- Nick & Julianne Farrey & family from SD.
- Brian & Elsa Hill & family from WA.
- Amos & Emma Traffie & family from NC.
- Curtis & Ashley Aho & family from NH.
- Shane & Renae Lampinen & family from NH.
- Heidi Aho from NH.
- Emily Anderson & son Lane from SD.
- Eric Fallon & Nathan Somero from NH.
- Jesse & Judy Aho from MI.
- Gerald & Faythe Kantola from SC.
- Kurt & Lois Somero from NC.
- Aletha Impola & Lois Mattila from WA.
- The 3 weddings brought many visitors from MI, SD, NC, SC, NH & WA.

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

## Remember in Prayer

- Family of Art Latto
- Reino Aho
- Family of Marge Kumma
- Family of Lucy Sunnarborg
- Family of John Snelling
- Family of Alison Salo
- Tim (Jill) Aho
- Jamie Aho
- Jared & Melinda Niemala & family
- Aria Aho
- Ralph Kandoll
- Linda Aho
- Richard Yliniemi
- Joan Koskela
- Clifford & Irene Koskela
- Marvin & June Nelmark
- Lila Yliniemi
- Martha Aho
- Billy Nelmark
- Our Church, our Pastor and Church leaders.
- National Leaders
- Our Widows
- Our Missionaries
- Our Children & Youth
- Our Military
- Our Elderly

## Fall Cleaning

We will be doing an interior & exterior fall cleaning of the church on Saturday, October 6th starting at 10:00 AM. For those who won't be able make it on the 6th, 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 & Annika Aho  
Kindergarten: Dayna Anderson & Savanna Aho  
1st Grade: Ramona Anderson & Kaisa 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

\* 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. Starting on October 4th.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>9/16</b> Sunday School 10:00 AM Adult Bible Study 10:00 AM Worship Service 11:00 AM Organist: Patricia Sound: Neil	<b>9/17</b>	<b>9/18</b>	<b>9/19</b>  Family Bible Study 8:00 PM	<b>9/20</b>	<b>9/21</b>	<b>9/22</b>  Youth Group 7:30 P.M.
<b>9/23</b> Sunday School 10:00 AM Adult Bible Study 10:00 AM Worship Service 11:00 AM Organist: Ramona Sound: Jamin	<b>9/24</b>	<b>9/25</b> GPA Nursing Home Service 2:00	<b>9/26</b>  Family Bible Study 8:00 PM	<b>9/27</b>	<b>9/28</b>	<b>9/29</b>
<b>9/30</b> Sunday School 10:00 AM Adult Bible Study 10:00 AM Worship Service 11:00 AM Organist: Betsy Sound: Alvin Dinner Following Service Group # 2 <b>Guest Speaker: Orval Wirkkala</b>	<b>10/1</b>	<b>10/2</b>	<b>10/3</b>  Family Bible Study 8:00 PM	<b>10/4</b>  Ladies Bible Study 10:00 AM	<b>10/5</b>	<b>10/6</b> Fall Cleaning 10:00 AM  Youth Group 7:30 P.M.
<b>10/7</b> Sunday School 10:00 AM Adult Bible Study 10:00 AM Worship Service & Holy Communion 11:00 AM Organist: Sarah & Megan Sound: Chet	<b>10/8</b>  7:30 Board Meeting	<b>10/9</b>	<b>10/10</b>  Family Bible Study 8:00 PM	<b>10/11</b>  Ladies Bible Study 10:00 AM	<b>10/12</b> Worship Service 7:30 PM Organist: Patricia Sound: Tyrone Coffee Group # 7	<b>10/13</b>
<b>10/14</b> Sunday School 10:00 AM Adult Bible Study 10:00 AM Worship Service 11:00 AM Organist: Carrie Sound: Neil	<b>10/15</b>	<b>10/16</b>	<b>10/17</b>  Family Bible Study 8:00 PM	<b>10/18</b>  Ladies Bible Study 10:00 AM	<b>10/19</b>	<b>10/20</b> Youth Group 7:30 P.M.
<b>10/21</b> Sunday School 10:00 AM Adult Bible Study 10:00 AM Worship Service 11:00 AM Organist: Ramona Sound: Nate Dinner Following Service Group # 3 <b>Guest Speaker: Gary Kangas</b>	<b>10/22</b>	<b>10/23</b>	<b>10/24</b>  Family Bible Study 8:00 PM	<b>10/25</b>  Ladies Bible Study 10:00 AM	<b>10/26</b> Worship Service 7:30 PM Organist: Betsy Sound: Silas Coffee Group # 8	<b>10/27</b>
<b>10/28</b> Sunday School 10:00 AM Adult Bible Study 10:00 AM Worship Service 11:00 AM Organist: Deborah Sound: Jamin	<b>10/29</b>	<b>10/30</b> GPA Nursing Home Service 2:00	<b>10/31</b>  Family Bible Study 8:00 PM	<b>11/1</b>  Ladies Bible Study 10:00 AM	<b>11/2</b>	<b>11/3</b> Youth Group 7:30 P.M.
<b>11/4</b> Sunday School 10:00 AM Adult Bible Study 10:00 AM Worship Service & Holy Communion 11:00AM Organist: Patricia & Ramona Sound: Alvin	<b>11/5</b>	<b>11/6</b>	<b>11/7</b>  Family Bible Study 8:00 PM	<b>11/8</b>  Ladies Bible Study 10:00 AM	<b>11/9</b> Worship Service 7:30 PM Organist: Carrie Sound: Neil Coffee Group # 9	<b>11/10</b>
<b>11/11</b> Sunday School 10:00 AM Adult Bible Study 10:00 AM Worship Service 11:00 AM Organist: Megan Sound: Chet	<b>11/12</b>  7:30 Board Meeting	<b>11/13</b>	<b>11/14</b>  Family Bible Study 8:00 PM	<b>11/15</b>  Ladies Bible Study 10:00 AM	<b>11/16</b>	<b>11/17</b> Youth Group 7:30 P.M.



# PUZZLE PAGE

## Name These People

1. She was the daughter of Laban.
2. Her husband worked for her father for 14 years in order to marry her.
3. When she was first married, she could not have children.
4. She died during childbirth.
5. As she was dying, she named her son Ben-Oni.

Hint: Read Genesis 29 through 35 to learn more about this loving mother.

**Who was this woman?**

1. He was a descendant in a long line of priests.
2. He was a Nazarite from his birth.
3. His birth was foretold by an angel.
4. He was imprisoned by Herod.
5. Jesus called him a *shining light*.

Hint: Look in Luke 1 to learn about this cousin of Jesus.

**Who was this man?**

1. He was the son of King Ahaz.
2. He reigned as king for 29 years.
3. He destroyed idols in Jerusalem.
4. His prayer led to the death of 185,000 soldiers.
5. When he was on his death bed, God added 15 years to his life.

Hint: Read in 2 Kings 19 and 20 to read more about this man of honor.

**Who was this man?**

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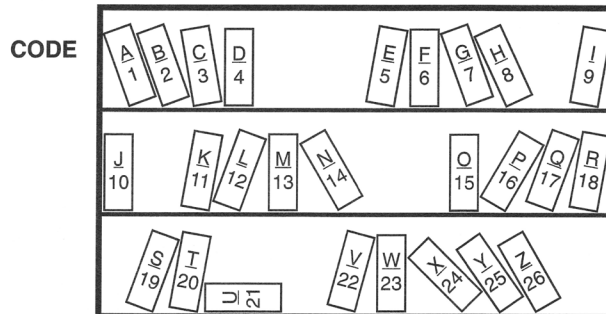
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UNSCRAMBLE the letters into the line at the right of each set of letters. Copy the letters on the numbered lines to the other lines with the same number in the phrase below .

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When the Israelites returned to Jerusalem to rebuild God's holy temple and the walls of Jerusalem, Ezra had an important job to do. Use the code written on the books on this bookshelf to find out what his job was. Check Ezra 7:25 to see if your answer is correct.



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## Funeral

**ARTHUR JULIUS LATTO**  
 October 20, 1940 - July 29,  
 2018



Arthur Julius “Art” Latto, age 77 of Park Rapids, MN died Sunday, July 29, 2018 at the Veterans Administration Medical Center in Fargo, ND.

Art was born on October 20, 1940 in Detroit Lakes, MN to John and Lorraine (Jones) Latto. He attended country school near his home. Art entered the United States Army on December 1, 1960 where he received his basic training at Fort Lewis, WA. Art was proud to have been selected to work for the Secret Service for a time. Following his honorable discharge, Art ventured to Alaska and worked as a heavy equipment operator with the 49ers. In the late 60’s, Art met Karen Harju of Park Rapids while she was a student at the University of MN. They were later married and began a busy and productive life together. In 1974, they ventured to Ontario, Canada where they built a life together in the aviation and outfitting industries. They owned and operated Art Latto’s Wilderness Cabins near Savant Lake, Ontario. Art, a licensed pilot, would fly his many repeat customers out to his modern cabins in the

Canadian wilderness where they would enjoy fantastic fishing or bear & moose hunting. In addition he enjoyed bringing his daughter, Paula and son, Jacob into the family business. His life was deeply saddened by the death of his precious wife, Karen in 2011; his son, David in 2007 and his son, Artie in 1963.

In addition to his love of flying, Art enjoyed hunting and had harvested his last deer in the fall of 2017. He also enjoyed collecting and tinkering with Model A antique cars and antique tractors. He enjoyed being a member of the Park Rapids Antique Tractor Club. He was a man of faith and enjoyed being a member of the Spruce Grove Apostolic Lutheran Church at Wolf Lake, MN.

Art will be lovingly remembered by his daughter, Paula (David Bitker) Latto of Park Rapids and his son, Jacob (Holly) Latto of Savant Lake, Ont.; his dearly loved grandchildren and great grandchildren, 1 sister, Josie and 1 brother, Bob; three daughters from his first marriage; Carolynn, Cherie and Stacy, as well as numerous in-laws, nieces and nephews. Art was also preceded in death by one sister, Barbara.

Memorial services were held on Tuesday, August 7, 2018 at the Spruce Grove Apostolic Lutheran Church near Wolf Lake, MN with the Rev. Dennis Hannu and his lifelong friend, Rev. Elmer Yliniemi officiating.

### Milestones

Marvin & June Nelmark	
~ 62nd Anniversary	-9/1/2018
Shirley Kangas	
~ 82nd Birthday	- 9/3/2018
Betsy Impola	
~ 20th Birthday	- 9/12/2018
Elmer Yliniemi	
~ 82nd Birthday	- 9/25/2018
Alexi Aho	
~ 10th Birthday	- 9/25/2018
Linda Aho	
~ 93rd Birthday	- 10/1/2018
William Nelmark	
~ 79th Birthday	- 10/20/2018
Joshua Aho	
~ 65th Birthday	- 10/22/2018
Olavi & Sirkka Seppala	
~ 68th Anniversary	- 10/29/2018

### Reminder

Reminder for Cleaning Groups: If your name is first on the list for your cleaning group, it is your responsibility to let everyone else on your group know that it is your month to clean. If you are unable to clean when it is your group, please ask to switch months with someone on another group.

The church needs to be thoroughly cleaned once a month and please check the church after evening services.

### 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/ 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 #. 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.

### 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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