



# Spruce Grove Newsletter

Spruce Grove Apostolic Lutheran Church, Wolf Lake, MN Vol. 28 No. 4 September - October 2023

## The Three Ecumenical or Universal Creeds

### The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary; suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic\* Church, the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

\* catholic means "universal" and is not a reference to the Roman Catholic Church.

### The Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of the Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father; by whom all things were made; who for us men, and for our salvation, came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, and was made man, and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; He suffered and was buried; and the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures; and ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of the Father; and He shall come again with glory to judge the quick and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost, the Lord and Giver of life, who proceedeth from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified; who spake by the Prophets. And I believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins; and I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

### The Athanasian Creed

Written against the Arians.

Whosoever will be saved, before all things it is necessary that he hold the catholic faith. Which faith except every one do keep whole and undefiled, without doubt he shall perish everlastingly.

And the catholic faith is this, that we worship one God in Trinity, and Trinity in Unity; Neither confounding the Persons, nor dividing the Substance. For there is one Person of the Father, another of the Son, and another of the Holy Ghost. But the Godhead of the Father, of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost is all one: the glory equal, the majesty coeternal. Such as the Father is, such is the Son, and such is the Holy Ghost. The Father uncreate, the Son uncreate, and the Holy Ghost uncreate. The Father incomprehensible, the Son incomprehensible, and the Holy Ghost incomprehensible. The Father eternal, the Son eternal, and the Holy Ghost eternal. And yet they are not three Eternals, but one Eternal. As there are not three Uncreated nor three Incomprehensibles, but one Uncreated and one Incomprehensible. So likewise the Father is almighty, the Son almighty, and the Holy Ghost almighty. And yet they are not three Almighty, but one Almighty. So the Father is God, the Son is God, and the Holy Ghost is God. And yet they are not three Gods, but one God. So likewise the Father is Lord, the Son Lord, and the Holy Ghost Lord. And yet not three Lords, but one Lord. For like as we are compelled by the Christian verity to acknowledge every Person by Himself to be God and Lord, So are we forbidden by the catholic religion to say, There be three Gods, or three Lords.

The Father is made of none: neither created nor begotten. The Son is of the Father alone; not made, nor created, but begotten. The Holy Ghost is of the Father and of the Son: neither made, nor created, nor begotten, but proceeding. So there is one Father, not three Fathers; one Son, not three Sons; one Holy Ghost, not three Holy Ghosts. And in this Trinity none is before or after other; none is greater or less than another; But the whole three

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Persons are coeternal together, and coequal: so that in all things, as is aforesaid, the Unity in Trinity and the Trinity in Unity is to be worshiped. He, therefore, that will be saved must thus think of the Trinity.

Furthermore, it is necessary to everlasting salvation that he also believe faithfully the incarnation of our Lord Jesus Christ. For the right faith is, that we believe and confess that our Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God, is God and Man; God of the Substance of the Father, begotten before the worlds; and Man of the substance of His mother, born in the world; Perfect God and perfect Man, of a reasonable soul and human flesh subsisting. Equal to the Father as touching His Godhead, and inferior to the Father as touching His manhood; Who, although He be God and Man, yet He is not two, but one Christ: One, not by conversion of the Godhead into flesh, but by taking the manhood into God; One altogether; not by confusion of Substance, but by unity of Person. For as the reasonable soul and flesh is one man, so God and Man is one Christ; Who suffered for our salvation; descended into hell, rose again the third day from the

dead; He ascended into heaven; He sitteth on the right hand of the Father, God Almighty; from whence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. At whose coming all men shall rise again with their bodies, and shall give an account of their own works. And they that have done good shall go into life everlasting; and they that have done evil, into everlasting fire.

This is the catholic faith; which except a man believe faithfully and firmly, he cannot be saved.

In article IV section 2 of our By-Laws it states: This congregation accepts these creeds along with the Unaltered Augsburg Confession and Luther's Small Catechism as a correct exposition of the teachings of God's Word, and all preaching and teaching shall conform to these confessions, and so I thought it would be good for us to read these creeds and absorb their teachings.

God's Peace, Pastor Dennis Hannu

### Annual Meeting Notice

The Spruce Grove Apostolic Lutheran Church Annual Meeting will be held on Monday, September 11, 2023, at 7:30 P.M. at the church. All members are urged to attend.  
Secretary, Neil Aho

### Fall Schedule

#### Worship Services

Starting Sunday, September 3, 2023, Worship Services will begin at 11:00 AM on Sunday mornings until next June.

#### First Day of Sunday School

The first day of Sunday School is Sunday, September 10th starting at 10:00 AM! All children three years and up are invited to attend. Invite a friend.

#### Adult Bible Class

The Adult Bible Class will also resume on Sunday, September 10th, 2023 starting at 10:00 A.M. This class meets in the fellowship hall.

### Wedding

*Jared & Jolene Aho request  
the honor of your presence at the marriage  
of their daughter*

*Kameron Rose*

*to*

*Grayson Jay*

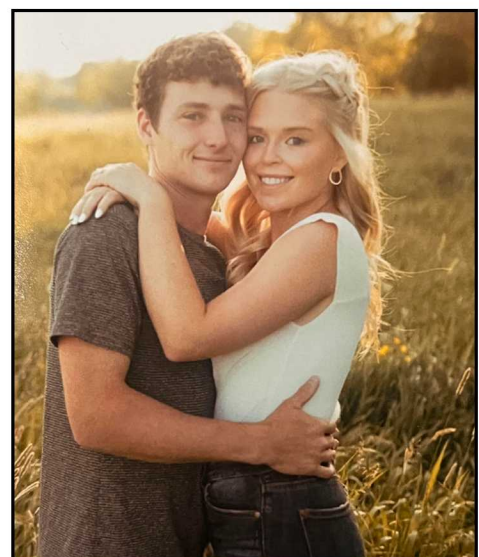
*son of Michael & Kenda Somero*

*on*

*Saturday, September 16th, 2023*

*at four o'clock in the evening*

*Spruce Grove Apostolic Lutheran Church*



## Birth Announcements

Rodney & Hannah Aho announce the birth of their ninth child.

Kaelyn Miriam Aho was born on June 4, 2023 at the Essentia Health Hospital in Detroit Lakes, MN. Kaelyn weighed 8 pounds 1 ounces and was 20.5 inches tall.

Kaelyn is welcomed by her parents, sisters: Isabelle, Olivia, Claudia, Holly, Rochelle & Mikayla and brother Elliot.

Kaelyn's grandparents are Joshua & Deborah Aho of rural Frazee and Warren & Pirjoliisa Ketola of Rindge, NH.



Nate & Carrie Aho announce the birth of their fifth child.

Dawson James Aho was born on June 14, 2023 at Essentia Hospital in Detroit Lakes. Dawson weighed 8 pounds, 13 ounces & was 21 inches tall.

Dawson is welcomed by his parents, brothers; Samuel, Stephen & George and sister Reyna.

Dawson's grandparents are Joshua & Deborah Aho of rural Wolf Lake, MN and Craig & Lisa Sunnarborg of Battle Ground, WA.



Jared & Kimberly Nevala announce the birth of their second child.

Raaya Frances Nevala was born on June 20, 2023 at the Perham, MN Hospital. Raaya weighed 7 pounds 8 ounces and was 20 inches tall.

Raaya is welcomed by her parents & sister Remi.

Her grandparents are Harvey & Patricia Aho of rural Frazee and Marilyn Nevala of rural Frazee.



Derek & Layla Borth announce the birth of their third child.

Ezra Wayne Borth was born on July 1, 2023 at the Perham, MN Hospital. Ezra weighed 8 pounds 12 ounces and was 21 inches tall.

Ezra is welcomed by his parents & sisters: Brooke and Maryn.

His grandparents are Harvey & Patricia Aho of rural Frazee and Daran & Christy Borth of rural Menahga.



## Engagement Announcement

Savanna Aho, daughter of Andy & Patty Aho of rural Sebeka, was engaged to be married to Arron Erickson, son of Eric & Melanie Erickson of rural Frazee on August 4, 2023.

They are planning to be married in April of 2024.



## Grandchild Announcement

Victor Sr. & Lola Aho announce the birth of a granddaughter. Via Elise Leukema was born on August 27, 2023 to their daughter Tamar and her husband Kent of ND.

## Fall Cleaning

We will be doing an interior & exterior fall cleaning of the church on Saturday, October 1st starting at 10:00 AM. For those who won't be able to make it on the 1st, 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.

## Spruce Grove Apostolic Lutheran Church Confirmation Class of 2023



**Front Row:** Bridget Ann Aho-Daughter of Charles & Leila Aho, Joanna Mae Aho-Daughter of Jamie & Tamara Aho, Olivia Hannah Aho-Daughter of Rodney & Hannah Aho, Grace DiAnn Bakke-Daughter of Chris & Dustie Bakke, Maija Raili Aho-Daughter of Jamin & Gina Aho

**Middle Row:** Pastor Dennis Hannu, Daniel Luke Olson-Son of David & Loretta Olson, Tyrell Mark Aho-Son of Keith & Jamie Aho, Logan James Sauvola-Son of Nathan Sauvola & Tanya Krook, Marcus Robert Bisilia-Son of Tom & Lisa Bisila, Waylyn Francis Bisila-Son of Tom & Lisa Bisila

**Back Row:** Izaiah Xavior Aho-Son of Victor Jr. & Stacy Aho, Drew Joseph Christiansen-Son of Joseph & Jasmine Christiansen, Frank Gerald Southerton-Son of Gerald & Rita Southerton, Roman George Howard-Son of Jeremy & Katie Howard, Drew Anthony Aho-Son of Jared & Jolene Aho

### Vacation Bible School 2023

Theme: "Twists & Turns, Following Jesus Changes the Game" Psalm 25:4



86 students participated as well as 35 teenage and adult volunteers.

Vacation Bible School was held on 4 mornings over 2 weeks in July with a program on Friday night, July 21st.



Thank you to those who attended and volunteered!

## Baptisms



Kaelyn Miriam Aho, daughter of Rodney & Hannah Aho of rural Menahga, was baptized on June 25, 2023 at the Spruce Grove Apostolic Lutheran Church by Pastor Dennis Hannu. Her sponsors are Jeremy & Katie Howard of rural Menahga, Jared & Jolene Aho of rural Frazee, and Aspen & Megan Ketola of Rindge, NH. Her grandparents are Joshua & Deborah Aho of rural Frazee and Warren & Pirjoliisa Ketola of Rindge, NH.



Nico Dax Aho, son of Kent & Alyssa Aho of TX, was baptized on July 7, 2023 at the camp of his grandparents by Pastor Dennis Hannu. His sponsors are Neil & Moriah Meech of Nimrod. His grandparents are Tim & Sarah Aho of rural Frazee and Fiore & Heather Marrelli of TX. His great-grandparents are Reino & Peggy Aho of rural Frazee, Betty Estola of MI, Maria Marrelli and Ken & Sue Ann Brzak of AB, Canada.



Kiara Elsie Karlsen, daughter of Matthew & Alethea Karlsen of rural Sebeka, was baptized on August 10, 2023 at the home of her grandparents by Pastor Dennis Hannu. Her sponsors are Clayton & Eva Kuusisto of NH and John & Rachael Karlsen of SC. Her grandparents are Paul & Esther Impola of rural Sebeka and Victor & Kiyoko Karlsen of SC.



Dawson James Aho, son of Nathaniel & Carrie Aho of rural Frazee, was baptized on Sunday, August 20, 2023, at the Spruce Grove Apostolic Lutheran Church by Pastor Dennis Hannu. His sponsors are Brock & Ramona Anderson of rural Menahga and Alvin & Alisha Aho of Osage. His grandparents are Joshua & Deborah Aho of rural Frazee and Craig & Lisa Sunnarborg of WA. His great-grandparents are Francis Karlsen of WA and Nancy Sunnarborg of Esko, MN.



Judd Albert Impola, son of Loren & Karla Impola of rural Sebeka, was baptized on Sunday, August 27, 2023 at the home of his parents by Pastor Dennis Hannu. His sponsors are Russell & Eunika Aho of rural Menahga and Betsy Impola of rural Sebeka. His grandparents are Paul & Esther Impola of rural Sebeka and Tim & Carol Karlsen of WA. His great-grandparent is Francis Karlsen of WA.

## Baptisms



Ezra Wayne Borth, son of Derek & Layla Borth of rural Menahga, was baptized on Saturday, August 26, 2023 at the Spruce Grove Apostolic Lutheran Church by Pastor Dennis Hannu. His sponsors are Jared & Kimberly Nevala of rural Sebeka, Luke & Kaylee Aho of rural Frazee, and Camden Muhonen of NH. His grandparents are Harvey & Patricia Aho of rural Frazee and Daran & Christy Borth of rural Menahga.

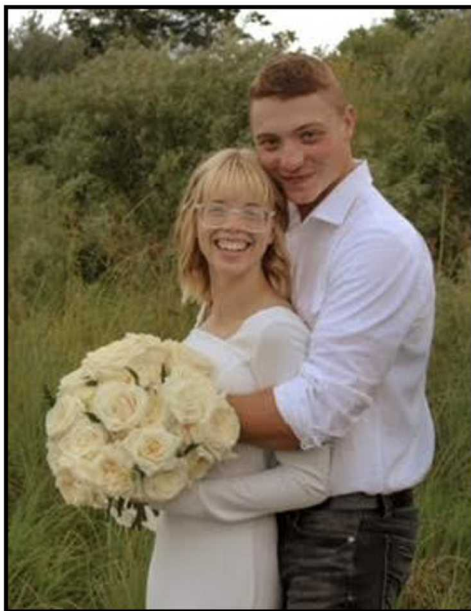


Raaya Francis Nevala, daughter of Jared & Kimberly Nevala of rural Sebeka, was baptized on Saturday, August 26, 2023 at the Spruce Grove Apostolic Lutheran Church by Pastor Dennis Hannu. Her sponsors are Luke & Renata Nevala of rural Sebeka, Ryan & Chelsea Aho of rural Frazee and Marissa Nevala of rural Frazee. Her grandparents are Harvey & Patricia Aho of rural Frazee and Marilyn Nevala of rural Frazee.

## Marriage

Riana Aho, daughter of Job & Katie Aho of rural Frazee, and Logan Rux, son of Mike & Sandy Rux of Frazee were united in marriage on Saturday, August 12th.

The couple is living near Wolf Lake.



## Remember in Prayer

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| • Alec Aho              | • Joan Koskela                               |
| • Miriam Yliniemi       | • Martha Aho                                 |
| • Marvin Jurva          | • Sirkka Seppala                             |
| • Deborah Aho           | • Our Church, our Pastor and Church leaders. |
| • Family of Les Hanson  | • National Leaders                           |
| • Canton Matson         | • Our Widows                                 |
| • Harvey & Patricia Aho | • Our Missionaries                           |
| • Reino Aho             | • Our Children & Youth                       |
| • Mickie Howard         | • Our Military                               |
| • Hazel Aho             | • Our Elderly                                |
| • Shirley Kangas        |  |
| • Jennie Hanson         |  |

## Milestones

### \*\*\*Missed Milestones\*\*\*

Jamie Aho ~ 40th Birthday - 8/11/2023  
 Laureena Keranen ~ 40th Birthday - 8/29/2023  
 Reino Hendrickson ~ 75th Birthday - 8/29/2023

Wes Aho ~ 10th Birthday - 9/1/2023  
 Luke Nevala ~ 40th Birthday - 9/19/2023  
 Alessandra Matson ~ 20th Birthday - 9/26/2023  
 Grady Anderson ~ 10th Birthday - 10/9/2023  
 Luke Aho ~ 30th Birthday - 10/15/2023  
 Victor & Lola Aho ~50th Anniversary - 10/13/2023

# SEPTEMBER - OCTOBER 2023

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

### 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 KDKK 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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