



## Spruce Grove Newsletter

Spruce Grove Apostolic Lutheran Church, Wolf Lake, MN Vol. 27 No. 4 September - October 2022

### That I May Know Him

Philippians 3:1-14 <sup>KJV</sup> Finally, my brethren, rejoice in the Lord. To write the same things to you, to me indeed is not grievous, but for you it is safe. <sup>2</sup> Beware of dogs, beware of evil workers, beware of the concision. <sup>3</sup> For we are the circumcision, which worship God in the spirit, and rejoice in Christ Jesus, and have no confidence in the flesh. <sup>4</sup> Though I might also have confidence in the flesh. If any other man thinketh that he hath whereof he might trust in the flesh, I more: <sup>5</sup> Circumcised the eighth day, of the stock of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, an Hebrew of the Hebrews; as touching the law, a Pharisee; <sup>6</sup> Concerning zeal, persecuting the church; touching the righteousness which is in the law, blameless. <sup>7</sup> But what things were gain to me, those I counted loss for Christ. <sup>8</sup> Yea doubtless, and I count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord: for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and do count them but dung, that I may win Christ, <sup>9</sup> And be found in him, not having mine own righteousness, which is of the law, but that which is through the faith of Christ, the righteousness which is of God by faith: <sup>10</sup> That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable unto his death; <sup>11</sup> If by any means I might attain unto the resurrection of the dead. <sup>12</sup> Not as though I had already attained, either were already perfect: but I follow after, if that I may apprehend that for which also I am apprehended of Christ Jesus. <sup>13</sup> Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, <sup>14</sup> I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.

The passage above is one of my favorite passages in the Holy Bible. Paul in his letter to the Philippians is writing a letter of thanksgiving and joy. We hear him speak of finding your joy in the Lord and also of the exaltation of the person of Jesus Christ. He shares the experiences of his life and how it is working for

the furtherance of the gospel, Christ is preached and this brings him great joy. He describes his life as completely caught up in the person of Jesus, to live is Christ and to die is gain. He speaks of the Lordship of Christ and the exaltation of His Name, God has exalted Him and given Him a name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord to the glory of God the Father. Paul says to us the reader/hearer of this letter that we need to know Jesus Christ. So how do we know him? Paul says we know Him as our righteousness: He became sin who knew no sin that we might be made the righteousness of God in Him, we have been given the righteousness of God by faith, or maybe better said by the faith of Jesus Christ. We know Him as our resurrection: He who was dead came to life again and we now live in that life, the power of His resurrection, we have no life of our own but are completely alive in Jesus. We know Him in His sufferings: His sufferings become ours as well, the fellowship of His sufferings, as we suffer in this world for the sake of Jesus. We know Him in His death: we have been joined to Jesus in His death, we are dead and our life is hid with Christ in God. We know Him in the resurrection from the dead: In Christ Jesus we have an abiding hope, we continue to press forward in life with our eyes on the prize. Our citizenship is in heaven and from it we await the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ, who will transform our lowly bodies to be like His glorious body. So, rejoice in the Lord my loved fellow believers and come to know Him in all of His fullness and splendor. To know Him is our ultimate quest in life, it is the highest achievement, the loftiest goal, the pinnacle of our existence, and the completeness of who we are as human. Jesus, the Son of God, became human so that we in our humanness can know Him. God be praised for His Amazing Grace and Loving Kindness toward humanity.

God's Peace, Pastor Dennis Hannu

## Birth Announcements

Justin & Miranda Impola announce the birth of their fifth child.

Ilah Mae was born on May 3, 2022 at home. Ilah weighed 9 pounds 14 ounces and was 21 inches tall.

Ilah was welcomed by her parents and siblings Ashton, Lanna, Trina & Abner.

Grandparents are Paul & Esther Impola of rural Sebeka and David & Lori Tumberg of New York Mills, MN.



Russell and Eunika announce the birth of their sixth child.

Hudson Jacob Aho was born on May 23, 2022 at Tri-County Hospital in Wadena, MN. Hudson weighed 8 pounds 11 ounces and was 20.5 inches tall.



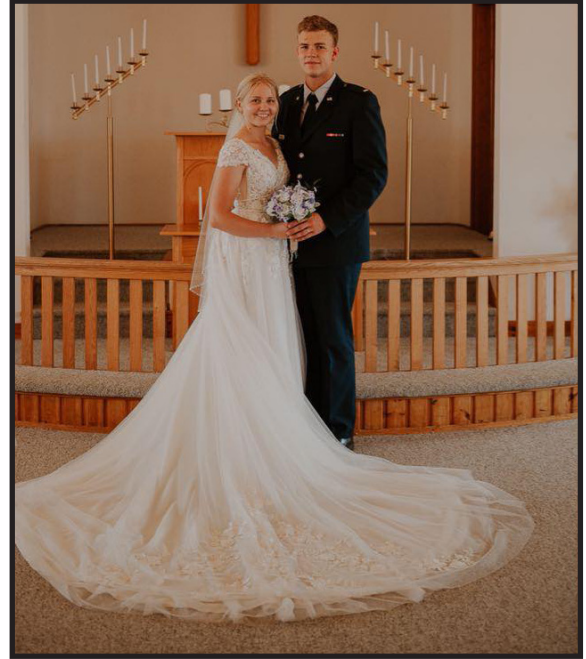
Hudson was welcomed by his parents and siblings; Jade, Jessa, Holden, Ava & Farah.

Hudson's grandparents are Victor Sr. & Lola Aho of rural Menahga and Jesse Fraki of Ottertail, MN.

### Annual Meeting Notice

The Spruce Grove Apostolic Lutheran Church Annual Meeting will be held on Monday, September 12, 2022, at 7:30 P.M. at the church. All members are urged to attend.  
Secretary, Rodney Aho

## Wedding



Canton Matson and Brynn Leukema were united in marriage on Saturday, July 16th, 2022 at Spruce Grove Apostolic Lutheran Church.

Canton is the son of Lyle & Rebecca Matson of rural Frazee, MN and Brynn is the daughter of Charles and Jill Leukema of Orono, MN.

The couple is now living in Del Rio, TX where Canton is stationed with the United States Air Force.

## Fall Schedule

### Worship Services

Starting Sunday, September 4, 2022, 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 11th 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 11th, 2022 starting at 10:00 A.M. This class meets in the fellowship hall.

**Spruce Grove Apostolic Lutheran Church  
Confirmation Class of 2022**



Front Row: Pastor Dennis Hannu, Paul Reuben Mosteller - Son of Eldon & Marie Mosteller, Lance Richard Aho - Son of Timothy & Sarah Aho, Kade Thomas Sauvola- Son of Nathan Sauvola & Tanya Crook.

Middle Row: Madelyn Joy Keranen-Daughter of Andrew & Laureena Keranen, August Marie Aho - Daughter of Job & Katie Aho, Natalie Lola Matson-Daughter of Lyle & Rebecca Matson, Mariah Mercedes Marrelli-Daughter of Fiore & Heather Marrelli, Keziah Ann Olson-Daughter of David & Loretta Olson, Haylee Marie Aho-Daughter of Neil & Amanda Aho.

Back Row: Mackenzie Joy Anderson-Daughter of Brock & Ramona Anderson, Emmie Lia Siltala-Daughter of Nathan & Stephanie Siltala, Avery Lin Aho-daughter of Jamin & Gina Aho, Isabelle Mary Aho, daughter of Rodney & Hannah Aho, Anjalie Jenae Aho-daughter of Jason & Amy Aho.

## Grandchild Announcements

~ Raymond & Janet Aho announce the birth of a granddaughter. Hailey Jane Aho was born on July 2, 2022 to their son Jonathan and his wife Lindsay of NH.

~ Nathan and Stephanie Siltala announce the birth of 2 grandchildren.

Violet Elaine Halonen was born on March 21, 2022 to their daughter Tessa and her husband Larse of Glencoe, MN.

Bennett Allen Nevala was born on June 2, 2022 to their daughter Shandra and her husband Nolan of Cokato, MN.

~ Job & Katie Aho announce the birth of their first grandchild. Zeniyah Ann Alderson was born on June 30, 2022 to their daughter Kaisa and her husband Michael of NH.

~ Paul & Esther Impola announce the birth of 2 granddaughters.

Louella Kay Impola was born on April 4, 2022 to their son Naaman and his wife Lila of MI.

Bree Seeri Estola was born on May 25, 2022 to their daughter Clara and her husband Jimmy of MI.

~ Mark & Shari Aho announce the birth of a grandson. Fletcher Raphael Aho was born on May 3, 2022 to their son Todd and his wife Cheramie of TX.

~ Victor Sr. & Lola Aho announce the birth of a grandson. Wells Edward Leukema was born on May 31, 2022 to their daughter Tamar and her husband Kent of ND.

~ David & Loretta Olson announce the birth of their first grandchild. Carsyn Rose Olson was born on August 11, 2022 to their son Silas and his wife Jo-Lynn of SC.

## 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 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.

## Remember in Prayer

- Huldy Sannes
- Canton Matson
- Carsyn Olson
- Family of Eva Salo
- Harvey & Patricia Aho
- Les Hanson
- Reuben Tumberg
- Reino Aho
- Rodney & Hannah Aho Family
- Mickie Howard
- Hazel Aho
- Marlene Walters
- Shirley Kangas
- Jennie Hanson
- 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



# SEPTEMBER - OCTOBER 2022

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

## Milestones

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

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| Sirkka Seppala<br>~ 92nd Birthday               | - 7/12/2022  |
| Huldy Sannes<br>~ 80th Birthday                 | - 7/23/2022  |
| Asher Olson<br>~ 10h Birthday                   | - 7/24/2022  |
| Rosy Kinnunen<br>~ 50th Birthday                | - 8/1/2022   |
| Pastor Dennis Hannu<br>~ 50th Birthday          | - 8/7/2022   |
| Armas & Pat Aho<br>~ 50th Anniversary           | - 8/12/2022  |
| Andrew & Laureena Keranen<br>~ 20th Anniversary | - 8/17/2022  |
| Glenn & Lynnette Yliniemi<br>~ 50th Anniversary | - 8/26/2022  |
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| Shirley Kangas<br>~ 86th Birthday               | - 9/3/2022   |
| Koen Aho<br>~ 10th Birthday                     | - 9/7/2022   |
| Lola Aho<br>~ 70th Birthday                     | -10/14/2022  |
| Ashton Impola<br>~ 10th Birthday                | - 10/28/2022 |

## Celebrations

Sirkka Seppala celebrated her 92nd Birthday at the Assisted Living in Menahga on Thursday, July 14 with some friends as well as other residents of the home.



Pastor Dennis Hannu's 50th Birthday was celebrated following the worship service on Sunday, August 7th with a meal and birthday cake.



A 50th Anniversary Celebration Open House was held at Spruce Grove Church for Armas & Pat Aho on August 12th.

The celebration was hosted by their children & their families from MN, NH & WA.



## Baptisms



Merritt Arnold Keranen, son of Darren & Sonya Keranen of rural Osage, was baptized on Sunday, May 15, 2022, at the Spruce Grove Apostolic Lutheran Church by Pastor Dennis Hannu. His sponsors are Hector & Carmela Lopez of Fargo, ND. His grandparents are Arnold & Cynthia Keranen of rural Menahga and Matt & (late) Jill Traffie of New Ipswich, NH. His great-grandparents are Walter & Sylvia Muhonen of MN.



Lennon Rayne Aho, daughter of Kyle & Macey Aho of rural Osage, was baptized on Friday, July 8, 2022, at the Spruce Grove Apostolic Lutheran Church by Pastor Dennis Hannu. Her sponsors are Adrian & Tamra Aho of rural Frazee, Olivia Krook of NH, and Reagan Traffie of NH. Her grandparents are Raymond & Janet Aho of rural Frazee and Leif & Jessica Traffie of NH. Her great-grandparents are Eric & Patsy Krook of NH, Al & Kathy Traffie of NH, and Jennie Hanson of Menahga.



Wells Edward Leukuma, son of Kent & Tamar Leukuma of Williston, ND, was baptized on Sunday, August 7, 2022, at the Spruce Grove Apostolic Lutheran Church by Pastor Dennis Hannu. His sponsors are Micah & Emeri Aho of rural Menahga and Trevor Leukuma of Orono, MN. His grandparents are Victor Sr. & Lola Aho of rural Menahga and Charles & Jill Leukuma of Orono, MN.

## Engagement

Samuel Olson and Bethany Somero were engaged to be married on August 13, 2022.

A wedding is being planned in South Dakota for November 5, 2022.

Samuel is the son of David & Loretta Olson and works for Allcrete in concrete construction and lives in Greer, SC. Bethany is the daughter of Helen and the late Shane Somero and works in new construction cleaning and lives in Taylors, SC.

## Thank You

Many thanks to our children and their families for all their love and hard work in putting on such a great 50th anniversary celebration for us. Thanks to all who blessed us with their presence, cards, gifts, and greetings.

May God bless you all. It was a beautiful time!

Love & God's Peace~Armas & Pat

# VBS 2022—Awesome God

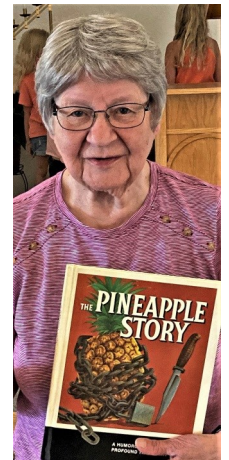


The VBS leader was Tyrone Aho with about 20 able women and men assisting. The theme song was “**Our God is an Awesome God.**” 95 students were registered this year. The major story was the life of Joseph taught by Pastor Hannu to the older students and Tyrone to the younger students. Memorizing Bible verses with the lessons was included.

Miriam Yliniemi read a mission story called the Pineapple story which continued at the end of each day.

Song leaders Layla Borth, Heather Muhonen, Tyrone, Patricia Aho and the older girls did a great job with the singing.

A great Thank you to all the faithful Mother’s that Helped in many ways and brought their children, food etc.



These are some great crafty young ladies that were in charge of the tie-dye project as well as many other projects the children enjoyed! Everyone had a shirt for the evening program







Adrian Aho mixed concrete for a project the children made.



Healthy snacks were provided during a break. They also had time for brief outdoor activities and time for singing in the beginning and end of each day's activities!



A program was held for the parent's, grandparents and friends on Friday evening July 22 & lunch followed.



### 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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