



## Spruce Grove Newsletter

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### Let This Mind Be In You

Our minds are shaped by many things, some good and some not so good. We are shaped by our upbringings, our culture, our church background, peer pressure, and so on. It is very hard for us to separate ourselves from those things. They may be positive influences in our lives, shaping us to be good citizens in our country and a good influence on others around us. Of course the opposite can be true as well, if we have been subjected to a lot of negative influences, our minds may be bent in that direction. We find that whatever the case may be, our minds are hopelessly selfish. We may be so driven in our ambitions that we lose sight of other people or we are so bent in the other direction that we can't seem to get our minds off of ourselves. Either way our minds need to be reshaped and the only way that is possible is through the gospel.

Paul gives us a entirely different perspective in Philippians 2:1-11 KJV *"If there be therefore any consolation in Christ, if any comfort of love, if any fellowship of the Spirit, if any bowels and mercies, Fulfil ye my joy, that ye be likeminded, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind. Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves. Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others. Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross. Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name: That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; And that every tongue*

*should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father."*

Our culture would like us to believe that with enough contemplation and focus we can shape our minds to where we want them. The scripture says we need a new mind, an entirely different way of thinking, a new way of forming opinions, a new attitude. Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus. When we examine the life of Christ as Paul describes it in this passage we find an entirely different way of thinking and living. Jesus laid aside everything that was rightfully His to take on flesh, humbling Himself even to point of a criminal's death on the cross. He did this for the joy that was set before Him which was us. He didn't selfishly hold unto His equality with God but instead emptied Himself in order to become the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the world. For this reason God has 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. We have this confession on our lips and heart. We find consolation, comfort of love, fellowship of the Spirit, compassion and mercy in Christ Jesus. Our minds are reshaped by the work of this One who comes and makes all things new. Our concern is no longer for ourselves but for the welfare of others. We are now identified by this One whose name is above every name. Christ has set us free to embrace the gospel and to lay aside our lives for the sake of others. We, on account of Christ are able now to suffer for others, to place others above ourselves. We have the mind of Christ, 1 Corinthians 2:16 *"For who hath known the mind of the Lord, that he may instruct him? But we have the mind of Christ."* Let this mind be in you.

God's Peace, Pastor Dennis Hannu

## Lent Services

Lent Services began on Wednesday, March 6th at 7:30 PM. The services will continue on Wednesdays throughout the month of March & continuing into April.

The Maundy Thursday Service is April 9th, Good Friday Service is April 10th and Easter is April 12th.

Please join us as we gather in worship and fellowship in the weeks leading up to the celebration of Christ's resurrection from the grave.

## Guest Speakers

Ed Hulkonen will be our guest speaker on Sunday, March 29th.

Dinner will be served following this service.

## Thank You

Thank you to Pastor Bruce Estola and Pastor Dale Niskanen for being our guest speakers during our Special Services. Thanks also to those who came to hear the word and join in the fellowship.

For those who weren't able to join us, the worship services and the seminar with Pastor Dale Niskanen "Is Our Outreach, Outreach?" are available through the Spruce Grove Church website ([sprucegrovealc.org](http://sprucegrovealc.org)) under "Watch Sermons".

## 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.

## CLEANING GROUPS

### March 2020

#### **Andrew & Laureena Keranen**

Joe & Jasmine Christiansen

Tanya Sauvola

Jared & Jolene Aho

Curtis Aho

## News & Notes

- Charles & Leila Aho & family traveled to MI.
- Reino, Peggy & Thomas Aho traveled to FL.
- Max and Ashley Aho and family have moved to Texas.
- Reid & Ashley Aho and family traveled to FL.
- Katie Howard traveled to ME.
- Les & Marsha Hanson traveled to WA.
- Andrew, Landon, Dane & Darren Keranen and Jake Aho traveled to MI.

Some of the visitors the last few months were:

- Bruce & Erica West & family from SD.
- Brandon Estola from MI.
- Angie Karvonen from Duluth.
- Chase & Jenny West & family from SD.
- Pastor Bruce & Sharon Estola from MI.
- Pastor Dale Niskanen from MI.

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

\*\*\*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.

## Grandchild Announcement

Victor Sr. & Lola Aho announce the birth of a grandson. Selah Vivian West was born on February 28, 2020 to their daughter Erica and husband Bruce of SD. Other grandparents are Wesley & Joyce West of SD.

## Milestones

Jolie Aho

~ 30th Birthday - 3/2/2020

Anaya Aho

~ 10th Birthday - 3/6/2020

Kent Aho

~ 20th Birthday - 4/1/2020

David Yliniemi

~ 77th Birthday - 4/18/2020

### April 2020

#### **Reid & Ashley Aho**

Jamin & Gina Aho

Jeff & Rosy Kinnunen

Darren & Sonya Keranen

Devon Kinnunen

# MARCH-APRIL-MAY 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>3/8</b> Sunday School 10:00 AM Adult Bible Study 10:00 AM Worship Service 11:00 AM Organist: Sarah Sound: Neil	<b>3/9</b> 7:30 Board Meeting	<b>3/10</b>	<b>3/11</b> Lent Srvc 7:30 P.M. Organist: Carrie Sound: Tyrone Coffee Group # 2	<b>3/12</b>	<b>3/13</b>	<b>3/14</b>
<b>3/15</b> Sunday School 10:00 AM Adult Bible Study 10:00 AM Worship Service 11:00 AM Organist: Ramona Sound: Nate	<b>3/16</b>	<b>3/17</b>	<b>3/18</b> Lent Srvc 7:30 P.M. Organist: Deborah Sound: Alvin Coffee Group # 3	<b>3/19</b>	<b>3/20</b>	<b>3/21</b>  Youth Group 8:00 P.M.
<b>3/22</b> Sunday School 10:00 AM Adult Bible Study 10:00 AM Worship Service 11:00 AM Organist: Megan Sound: Chet	<b>3/23</b>	<b>3/24</b>	<b>3/25</b> Lent Srvc 7:30 P.M. Organist: Megan Sound: Tyrone Coffee Group # 4	<b>3/26</b>	<b>3/27</b>	<b>3/28</b>
<b>3/29</b> Sunday School 10:00 AM Adult Bible Study 10:00 AM Worship Service 11:00 AM Organist: Patricia Sound: Tyrone Dinner Following Service: Group # 1 <b>Guest Speaker: Ed Hulkonen</b>	<b>3/30</b>	<b>3/31</b>  GPA Nursing Home Service at 2:00 P.M.	<b>4/1</b> Lent Service 7:30 P.M. Organist: Ramona Sound: Nate Coffee Group # 5	<b>4/2</b>	<b>4/3</b>	<b>4/4</b>  Youth Group 8:00 P.M.
<b>4/5</b> <b>PALM SUNDAY</b> Sunday School 10:00 AM Adult Bible Study 10:00 AM Worship Service & Holy Communion 11:00 AM Organists: Sarah & Carrie Sound: Chet	<b>4/6</b>	<b>4/7</b>	<b>4/8</b>	<b>4/9</b> <i>Maundy Thurs</i>  Service & Communion 7:30 P.M. Organists: Patricia & Betsy Sound: Tyrone Coffee Group # 6	<b>4/10</b> <i>Good Friday</i>  Service 7:30 PM Organist: Megan Sound: Neil Coffee Group # 7	<b>4/11</b>
<b>4/12</b> <b>EASTER SUNDAY</b> Sunday School 10:00 AM Adult Bible Study 10:00 AM Worship Service 11:00 AM Organist: Deborah Sound: Alvin Dinner Following the Service: Grp # 3	<b>4/13</b> 7:30 Board Meeting	<b>4/14</b>	<b>4/15</b>  Family Bible Study 8:00 PM	<b>4/16</b>	<b>4/17</b>	<b>4/18</b>  Youth Group 8:00 P.M.
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## Remember in Prayer

- Shirley Kangas
- Seth Aho Jr.
- Family of Gladys Fraki
- Les Hanson
- Olavi & Sirkka Seppala
- Curtis & Karen Samuelson
- Family of Doris Matson
- Grady Anderson
- Family of Trudi Nevala
- Rev. Wilfred Sikkila
- Alan Estola
- Jennie Hanson
- Pat Aho
- Family of Marvin & June Nelmark
- JoAnne Aho
- Avery O'Neil
- Marlene Walters
- Family of Billy Nelmark
- Isak Yliniemi
- Elma Impola
- Tim (Jill) Aho
- 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

## WORD SEARCH

ANGEL  
ARREST  
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JESUS  
LAMB  
LOVE

PILATE  
PRAYER  
RESURRECTION  
RISEN  
ROBBERS  
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SOLDIER  
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*Matthew 28:18-20*

*And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen.*

## CRUCIFIXION & RESURRECTION BIBLE QUIZ

1) Early Friday morning, Jesus was brought before Pilate for trial. Why did Pilate condemn Jesus to death?

- Jesus had claimed to be king of the Jews.
- Jesus had spoken out against paying taxes to Caesar.
- The chief priests had persuaded the crowd to demand His execution.
- The chief priests had accused Him of blasphemy.

2) After the trial, Pilate turned Jesus over to the Roman soldiers who whipped Him, taunted Him and forced Him to carry His own cross to the place of execution. Where was Jesus crucified?

- The Mount of Olives
- Golgotha
- Jerusalem
- The Hinnom Valley

3) Jesus died on the cross about three o'clock on Friday afternoon. Which of these momentous events did not occur as Jesus was crucified?

- Darkness came over the land.
- The curtain of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom.
- The walls of the temple crashed down to the earth.
- An earthquake occurred.

4) Who claimed Jesus' body and placed it in a tomb?

- Mary Magdalene
- Mary, Jesus' mother
- Peter, Jesus disciple
- Joseph of Arimathea

5) By Sunday morning, Jesus had risen from the dead and an angel had rolled back the stone that sealed the entrance to the tomb. Who was the first person to see Jesus alive again?

- Mary Magdalene
- Mary, Jesus' mother
- Peter, Jesus disciple
- Joseph of Arimathea

6) Where did the risen Jesus first appear to two of His disciples?

- On the road to Emmaus
- On the Mount of Olives
- At the temple in Jerusalem
- At Gethsemane

7) Which disciple said he would not believe Jesus had risen "... unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side"?

- Andrew
- James
- Peter
- Thomas

8) After His resurrection, how long did Jesus remain on Earth before being taken up to heaven?

- 12 days
- 3 weeks
- 40 days
- 3 months

9) What were Jesus' final instructions to His disciples before He was taken up to heaven?

- "Do not be afraid; go and tell the others I have risen."
- "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation."
- "You must be ready, for the Son of Man will come at an hour you do not expect Him."
- "Take up your cross and follow me."

10) Jesus had promised that He would send the Holy Spirit to guide and strengthen His disciples after he was gone. What visible sign of the Holy Spirit did the disciples see on the day of Pentecost?

- A dove descending from heaven
- A lightning bolt
- Tongues of fire
- A vision of Jesus

### 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., KRJB 106.5 FM at 8:30 AM 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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