

Spruce Grove Newsletter

Spruce Grove Apostolic Lutheran Church, Wolf Lake, MN Vol. 23 No. 6 November-December 2018

The Advent Wreath

The last couple of years during Advent, I have been lighting the Advent wreath during our church service, following a tradition that has been passed down for many years and practiced in many Lutheran circles but fairly new to some of us Apostolic Lutherans. So, I thought I would write my newsletter article about this practice. The Advent wreath is circular in shape representing God's infinite love and usually made of evergreen leaves or boughs which symbolizes life everlasting given through Jesus Christ. The advent wreath has within it four or five candles which are lit during the season of Advent. The candles are usually purple, although some use blue candles, and there is also a pink candle, if five candles are used the center candle would be white. On the first Sunday in advent the first purple candle is lit which is called the prophecy candle or candle of hope and the scripture that is read is Romans 15:12-13 "And again, Isaiah saith, There shall be a root of Jesse, and he that shall rise to reign over the Gentiles; in him shall the Gentiles trust. Now the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that ye may abound in hope, through the power of the Holy Ghost." On the second Sunday the first purple candle is lit along with the second purple candle which is called the Bethlehem candle or the candle of preparation and the scripture that is read is from Luke 3:4-6 "As it is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet, saying, The voice of one crying in the wilderness. Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be brought low; and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways shall be made smooth; And all flesh shall see the salvation of God." On the third Sunday in advent the first and second purple candles are lit along with the pink a which is called the shepherd candle or the candle of joy and the scripture passage that is read is Luke 2:8-14 "And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid. And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in

the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger. And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men." On the fourth Sunday in advent the first three candles are lit along with the fourth purple candle which is called the angel candle or the candle of love and the scripture that is read is either the above passage again or from John 3:16-17 "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved." The fifth candle which is the Christ candle is lit on Christmas Eve or in our case on Christmas Day, as our service is on that day, along with all the other candles and we read the entire Christmas Story from Luke 2:1-20.

Now if you do your research you will find a variation of meanings for each candle and a variety of scripture passages that are read along with the lighting of the candles but always the main purpose of this tradition is a looking forward to the event of Christmas. As we light the first candle we are reminded of the faithfulness of our God who has given us hope because His word and promises are fulfilled in Christ. The lighting of the second candle reminds us of the preparing of the way of the Lord that was carried out through the work of John the Baptist. We are reminded that the salvation of God has been fully disclosed or made known to us in Christ. The third candle lighting reminds us of the joy that we have as Christians as we hear again the familiar message of the angels "Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people." This joy is ours because we are in Christ Jesus. Paul writes "Rejoice in the Lord always: and again I say, Rejoice." As we light the fourth candle we are reminded of God's unfailing love for us as He sends His one and only Son to earth to save us. This candle can also symbolize peace and truly our peace is found in Christ. Finally as we light the white candle which is typically in the center of the *continued on next page* wreath we are reminded what Christmas is all about, it's about the Christ child, the One lying in a manger. The Christ candle, as it is called, is a reminder to us that the message of Christmas is the powerful message of God's gift to the world. The Light of the world has engulfed us in His glorious light. Colossians 1:12-13 "Giving thanks unto the Father, which hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light: Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son:"

So, whatever your traditions may be during the Advent and Christmas season, may they always point you to, and remind you of, the greatest gift of all which was given to us in the person of Christ Jesus!

Have a Happy Advent and a Merry Christmas!

God's Peace, Pastor Dennis Hannu

Grandchild Announcements

Jeff & Rosy Kinnunen announce the birth of a grandson. Aksel True Aili was born to their daughter Jacinda and her husband Alex of Esko, MN. Aksel was born on July 29, 2018 Other grandparents are Phil & Julie Aili of Esko, MN

Julius & Terrie Aho announce the birth of a grandson. Otto Jim Aho was born to their son Joel and his wife Kayse of Detroit Lakes, MN. Otto was born on October 15, 2018. Otto's other grandparents are Troy & Linda Salo of New York Mills, MN.

Brian & Debbie Haataja announce the birth of a grandson. Zane Charle Pfeifer was born to their daughter Patricia and her husband Scott Pfeifer of Park Rapids.

Birth Announcements



Marlin & Ashlyn Aho announce the birth of their first son. Zayic Marlin Aho was born on September 13, 2018 at Tri-County Hospital in Wadena, MN. Zayic weighed 8 pounds and was 19.5 inches tall.

Zayic was welcomed by his parents and sisters; Sienna, Emery & Kalea. Zayic's

grandparents are Joshua & Deborah Aho of rural Frazee and Roger & Priscilla Matson of Campobello, SC.



James & Delfina Aho announce the birth of their 3rd child. Giorgia May Aho was born on October 16th at the Perham Hospital. Giorgia weighed 7 pounds, 13 ounces.

Giorgia was welcomed home by her parents and brother Julius & sister Giada.

Giorgia's grandparents are Julius & Terrie Aho of rural Sebeka and Nino & Antonia Ciampi of Avellino, Italy.

Darren & Sonya Keranen announce the birth of their 3rd child.

Arber Matthew Keranen was born on September 25, 2018 at Essentia Health in Detroit Lakes, MN.

Arber weighed 9 pounds, 3 ounces and was 18.75 inches tall. Arber was welcomed home by his parents and brother Matix and sister Charity.



His grandparents are Matt and Jill Traffie of New Ipswich, NH and Arnold and Cindy Keranen of Menahga, MN

Tim & Sarah Aho announce the birth of their 10th child.

Ellie Mae Aho was born on October 30, 2018 at Essentia Health in Detroit Lakes, MN Ellie weighed 9 pounds, 7 ounces and was 22 inches tall. Ellie was welcomed home by her parents and brothers: Kent, Jacob, Lance, Carter & Kirk and sisters: Gloria, Brianna,



Jacqueline & Catherine. Ellie's grandparents are Reino & Peggy Aho of rural Frazee and Rick & Betty Estola of Ironwood, MI.

Sunday School Christmas Program

The Sunday School Christmas Program will be held on Sunday, December 16th, 2018 at the church at 11:00 A.M. Dinner will be served following the program.

Advent & Christmas Services

Advent Services will be held at the church Wednesdays, December 5th, 12th and 19th at 7:30 PM.

There will also be a Worship Service on Christmas Day at 10:30 AM.

Baptisms



Capri Raea Aho, daughter of Max & Ashley Aho of Menahga, was baptized on October 12, 2018, at the Spruce Grove Apostolic Lutheran Church by Pastor Dennis Hannu. Her sponsors are Russell & Eunika Aho of rural Menahga. Her grandparents are Victor & Lola Aho of Menahga and Fiore & Heather Marrelli of Canada. Her great-grandparents are Elma Impola of Menahga, Kenneth & Sueann Brzak, and Maria Marrelli of Canada. Her greatgreat-grandparent is Ermina Guercio of Canada.



Arber Matthew Keranen, son of Darren & Sonya Keranen of rural Osage, was baptized on Sunday, November 25, 2018, at the Spruce Grove Apostolic Lutheran Church by Pastor Dennis Hannu. His sponsors are Brent & Karen Seppanen of SD. His grandparents are Arnold & Cynthia Keranen of Menahga and Matthew & Jill Traffie of NH. His great-grandparents are Walter & Sylvia Muhonen of MN and Bernie & Hester Lampinen of MA.

Great-Grandchild Announcement

Armas & Pat Aho announce the birth of their first greatgranddaughter. Reagan Alice Roberts was born to their grandson Maison and his wife Aubrey of New York Mills, MN. Maison is the son of Chris & Beth Roberts. Reagan was born on November 13, 2018.



Josiah Raymond Aho, son of Curtis & Ruby Aho of Wolf Lake, was baptized on October 12, 2018, at the Spruce Grove Apostolic Lutheran Church by Pastor Dennis Hannu. His sponsors are Job & Katie Aho of rural Frazee, Max & Ashley Aho of Menahga, and Lynn Impola of rural Sebeka. His grandparents are Raymond & Janet Aho of rural Frazee and Scott & Jolene Tumberg of New York Mills. His great-grandparents are Jennie Hanson of rural Frazee, Cliff & Ann Tumberg of New York Mills, and Roger & Juanita Grindstaff of New York Mills.

YOUTH WEEKEND Fruits of the Spirit

"Either make the tree good, and his fruit good; or else make the tree corrupt, and his fruit corrupt: for the tree is Known by his fruit." Matthew 12:33 The Spruce Grove Church Youth is hosting a Youth Weekend for New Years! December 28th -December 31st. There will also be an activity on January 1st. Youth age 14 and older are invited to join us.

Pastor Dale Niskanen and Pastor Dennis Hannu will be the quest speakers throughout the weekend. Cost is \$25 per person, with a max of \$75 per family. If you plan on attending and are in need of housing, private message/call/text Kaisa Aho (218-849-2766) Hope to see you in Wolf Lake! * If you are able to house youth, please let Kaisa

Know.

* If you are willing to provide bars, cookies or snacks, or with chaperoning please speak to Kendra Sikkila.

Birth/Baptism/Adoption

Chet & Dayna Anderson announce the adoption of their first child.

Oscar Michael Anderson was born on April 17, 2018 and weighed 6 pounds 9 ounces and was 19.5 inches tall. Oscar was welcomed into the Anderson home as a foster child on April 18, 2018.





Oscar was baptized on July 1, 2018 at the home of his parents by Pastor Dennis Hannu. His sponsors are Alan & Nora Bergman of Clatskanie, OR, Nels & Gretchen Anderson of Taylors, SC and Charles & Leila Aho of Menahga, MN. His grandparents are Reuben & Ellen Tumberg of rural Sebeka, Paul and Virginia Anderson of Taylors, SC. His great-grandparents are Linda Aho of rural Menahga and Doris Suomi of Lantana, FL.

Oscar's adoption was finalized on October 8, 2018 at the Otter Tail County Courthouse with more than 20 of his extended family in attendance.

We thank the Lord for the gift of Oscar to the Anderson family!

We are so grateful for the love, prayers & support that we have felt from our

church family as we went through the process of adoption and welcoming Oscar into our home. Love & God's Peace, Chet & Dayna

Milestones

Gloria Juntunen ~ 89th Birthday - 11/2/2018 Reuben Tumberg ~ 81st Birthday - 11/14/2018 Peter & Linda Levijoki ~ 40th Anniversary - 11/18/2018

News & Notes

- Armas & Pat Aho and Reino & Peggy Aho traveled to Tennessee.
- Pastor Dennis & Miriam Hannu traveled to Canada for services.
- Julius & Terrie Aho traveled to Maine.
- Tyrone Aho traveled to NH.
- Nate & Carrie Aho & family traveled to WA.
- Nick & Megan Aho & family traveled to MI.
- Some of the visitors the last few months were:
- Bruce & Erica West & family from SD.
- Todd & Rhonda Niskanen from SC.
- Jethro & Molly Impola & family from SD.
- Brent & Karen Seppanen & family from SD.
- Alan & Val Estola & family from MI.
- Jenny West & children from SD.
- Bruce & Hannah Barney from Chisholm, MN.
- James & Lois Mattila & family from WA.
- Philip & Amber Impola & family from SC.
- Paul & Virginia Anderson from SC.
- Betsy Mattila & children from WA.
- Seth Aho from SC.
- Arvi & Joanne Aho from SC.
- Carmelle Hanson from WA
- Nate Somero, Jeff LaBelle, Phil LaBelle, Eric Fallon from NH.
- Betty Estola from MI.
- Many hunters from WA, NH, SC, SD & MI.

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

Remember in Prayer

- Isak Yliniemi
- Elma Impola
- Family of Richard
 Yliniemi
- Family of Lila Yliniemi
- Reino Aho
- Tim (Jill) Aho
- Jamie Aho
- Jared & Melinda Niemala & family
- Ralph Kandoll
- Linda Aho
- Joan Koskela
- Clifford & Irene Koskela

- Marvin & June Nelmark
- Martha Aho
- Billy Nelmark
- Our Church, our Pastor and Church leaders.
- National Leaders
- Our Widows
- Our MissionariesOur Children &
- Youth
- Our Military
- Our Elderly

NOV-DEC 2018/JAN 2019

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| /25 | 11/26 | 11/27 | 11/28 | 11/29 | 11/30 | 12/1 |
| Sunday School 10:00 AM | | GPA Nursing Home | | | Song Service | |
| Adult Bible Study 10:00 AM | | Service at 2:00 P.M. | | | 7:30 PM | |
| Worship Service 11:00 AM | | | | | Coffee Group #1 | |
| Organist: Ramona | | | Family Bible Study | | | |
| Sound: Chet | | | 8:00 PM | | | |
| 2/2 | 12/3 | 12/4 | 12/5 | 12/6 | 12/7 | 12/8 |
| | 12/3 | 12/4 | | 12/0 | 12/1 | |
| Sunday School 10:00 AM | | | Advent Service | | | Youth Group |
| Adult Bible Study 10:00 AM | | | 7:30 P.M | | | 7:30 P.M. |
| rship Service & Holy Communion | | | Organist: Megan | | | |
| 11:00AM | | | Sound: Tyrone | | | |
| Organist: Megan & Betsy | | | Coffee Group # 2 | | | |
| Sound: Alvin | | | | | | |
| 2/9 | 12/10 | 12/11 | 12/12 | 12/13 | 12/14 | 12/15 |
| Sunday School 10:00 AM | 7:30 Board Meeting | 12/11 | Advent Service | 12/13 | 12/14 | 12/15 |
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| Adult Bible Study 10:00 AM | | | 7:30 P.M | | | |
| Worship Service 11:00 AM | | | Organist:Deborah | | | |
| Organist: Patricia | | | Sound: Nate | | | |
| Sound: Neil | | | Coffee Group # 3 | | | |
| /16 | 12/17 | 12/18 | 12/19 | 12/20 | 12/21 | 12/22 |
| Sunday School 10:00 AM | | | Advent Service | | | |
| Adult Bible Study 10:00 AM | | | 7:30 P.M | | | Youth Group |
| Worship Service 11:00 AM | | | Organist: Ramona | | | 7:30 P.M. |
| Organist: Betsy | | | | | | 7.50 T .IVI. |
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| Sound: Chet | | | Coffee Group # 4 | | | |
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| Worship Service 11:00 AM | | Christmas Day | | | | |
| Organist: Megan | | Service | | | | |
| Sound: Jamin | | 10:30 AM | | | | |
| | | Organist: Patricia | | | Youth Weekend | 12-28 to 12-31 |
| GPA Nursing Home Service | | Sound: Tyrone | | | | |
| at 2:00 PM | | | | | | |
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| Worship Service 11:00 AM | | | | | | |
| Organist: Betsy | | | | | | Youth Group |
| Sound: Neil | | | | | | 7:30 P.M. |
| ner Following Service Group # 1 | | | | | | |
| st Speaker: Dale Niskanen | | | | | | |
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| Sunday School 10:00 AM | | | | | | |
| Adult Bible Study 10:00 AM | | | | | Worship Service | |
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| Worship Service 11:00 AM | | 1 | Family Bible Study | | Organist: Megan | |
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| Organist: Ramona & Deborah Sound: Chet | 1/14 | 1/15 | | 1/17 | Coffee Group # 5 | 1/19 |
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Listen in to our Worship Services

Sunday School Christmas Program Practice

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.

We will be practicing for the Sunday School Christmas Program on December 2 & 9 starting at 9:30 A.M. and also on December 16 starting at 9:00 A.M.

* Parents of Sunday School Students: Please help them to do the memory work & practice their songs for the program.

Funeral

Richard Yliniemi, age 77, of Menahga, MN died Tuesday, October 30, 2018 at Green Pine Acres Nursing Home in Menahga, MN.

Richard Nestor Yliniemi was born August 5, 1941 to Levi Immanuel Yliniemi and his wife Ida Jukua Yliniemi, on the



Yliniemi farm in Toad Lake Township, Becker County Minnesota.

The family later moved to a farm in Spruce Grove Township. Richard attended country school in rural Menahga and then graduated from Menahga High School in 1961.

Richard and his brother David and other friends went to work driving gravel truck. They were working on a road near Ada, MN, in September 1964, when Richard met his future bride after a football game one fall evening.

Richard married DarLayne Rinerson the following spring on May 8, 1965. After their marriage, they bought a farm from Ida Longfors-Yliniemi and moved to Runeberg Township in November 1965. Six children were born to this union: Rick(Debbie) of Menahga, Laura Ahlf(Marty) of Menahga, Duey(Lisa) of Watertown, MN, Leann(Janet) of Sebeka, Levi(Andrea) of Menahga and Ron(Lesley) of Menahga.

Richard farmed, drove milk truck and then in 1972 found his life vocation. He became a bus driver for the Menahga School District and drove for 43 years before retiring. He enjoyed and loved all of his "kids". Through the years he drove regular bus routes, late bus, and busloads of kids on trips and to sporting events; including busing his sister Bonnie and the grandchildren of former students. He loved the children he bused and was never shy about sharing his love for Jesus with his students. He never met a stranger, because it wouldn't be long before they would be sharing his love for his Savior.

Richard enjoyed hunting, fishing and taking trips with DarLayne. They traveled with DarLayne's sister DeAnne and her husband to Oregon three times, California four times and Richard and DarLayne made three trips to New Hampshire and Massachusetts. He liked to watch sports and he loved watching his children and grandchildren play. But most precious of all was the time spent with his family including Sunday dinners with his children and grandchildren and Christmas, which was always a favorite time of year because the whole family tried to be together to celebrate the birth of Jesus.

He was preceded in death by his parents, and his sister Alice.

Left to mourn, his wife of 53 years and his six children; grandchildren: Melissa, Rob, Scott(Gina), Travis, Tyler, Alicia(Casey), Cierra, Tayler, Abby, Katelyn, Brody, Flynn, Mason, Ailey, Zach, Ethan, Linkin, Zoe, Sebastian; great-grandchildren: Syah, Jacob, McKenzie, Kailey, Grayson, Noah; five siblings: Gladys(Glenn) Pettit of Delavan, David of Menahga, Elaine(Bud) Benson of St. Paul, Carol Myers of Menahga, Bonnie(David) Jennen of Fergus Falls and many relatives and friends.

He will be forever missed but never forgotten.

Funeral Services were held on Monday, November 5, 2018 at Spruce Grove Apostolic Lutheran Church, Wolf Lake, MN. Interment was at Pickeral Lake Cemetery, rural Wolf Lake.

Thank You

We wish to thank you all for the prayers and flowers and gifts we received from the Benefit and passing of our beloved husband and father and brother, Richard Yliniemi. Words cannot possibly describe how much love we have felt from the Spruce Grove Congregation and Pastors Dennis Hannu and Elmer Yliniem; from organists Debbie Aho and Jacob Aho, singers and guitarists, Peter Levijoki and David Olson and Jacob Aho and Victor Aho; for Dayna Anderson for her work on the memorials and programs; and the ladies who helped serve the wonderful dinner in the Fellowship Hall. May God richly bless you all for your loving care. To anyone I haven't included, consider this your thank you and blessing also. I am deeply humbled by the outpouring of love we have received. Truly Richard was loved by so many and will indeed be extremely missed by his family.

~ DarLayne Yliniemi & family

Funeral

Lila Evelyn Yliniemi, age 86, of Park Rapids, MN, formerly a longtime Ponsford, MN area resident, peacefully entered the gates of Heaven on Tuesday morning, September 25, 2018, at the Heritage Living Center with her children by her side.

Lila was born on February 5,

1932, in Toad Lake Township of Becker County, MN to John William and Ida (Kinnunen) Longfors. At a very young age, she moved with her family to the Snellman, MN area. As a young girl, her mother was remarried to Joseph Yliniemi and Lila knew him as a loving father. She attended the Shell Lake and later the Oakcrest Country Schools through the eighth grade and then went on to attend high school in Menahga from where she graduated with the Class of 1951. After high school, Lila ventured to Chicago where she gained employment working for the Oscar-Mayer Meat Company. After a year or so she returned to the Park Rapids area where she helped her father on the farm and also worked as a waitress for Bracken's Café in Park Rapids. On June 6, 1953, she was united in marriage to Adolf E. Yliniemi and their marriage was blessed with a son, Alden and a daughter, Karen. Lila devoted her life to making a loving home for her husband and children. She was a wonderful cook and baker who will be long remembered for her homemade mojakka and rieska. She and Adolf purchased a farm in the Bad Medicine Lake area north of Ponsford where she enjoyed working right alongside Adolf in transforming the rugged land into a productive farm. She enjoyed helping care for their livestock and the twice a day milkings. She also enjoyed keeping busy working with handcrafts such as sewing, needlepoint and working with tri-chem paints until her hands became too crippled with rheumatoid arthritis. Although she was forced to stop doing the work and crafts she loved, she never complained about the intense pain she constantly lived with; but, instead sought to find joy in all her circumstances boldly telling others that she would be healed someday. She was a strong woman of faith and enjoyed worshipping at both the Spruce Grove Apostolic Lutheran Church of Wolf Lake and also the Ponsford Community Church. For many years Lila served as the clerk of the Forest Township Board and she enjoyed being a member of the Ponsford Prairie Partners. Her life was deeply saddened by the death of her beloved Adolf on December 29, 1998. Her failing health caused her to become a resident of the Heritage Living Center where her sweet optimism and deep love for the Lord positively impacted the lives of many staff and residents, including Gary Sitz, a dear friend, who suffered from Lou Gehrig's disease. Lila would often have a calming effect on him as she comforted him with the assurance of Christ's love. Lila received her healing in the early morning hours of Tuesday, September 25 when at the moment she was taken by the angels, a peaceful smile brightened her face and comforted her loved ones.

She will be lovingly remembered by her son, Alden (Lisa) Yliniemi of Park Rapids, MN and her daughter, Karen (Mark) Branstrom both of Park Rapids, MN; her nine dearly loved grandchildren and five precious great-grandchildren; her two sisters: Helen (Archie) Henderson of Park Rapids and Verniel (Bob) Latto of Anchorage, AK; as well as many nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends. Throughout her life, her niece, Geraldine (Weaver) Christopherson was very precious to her and would often pray and share scripture with her. Lila was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; three sisters: Mildred, Violet, and Elsie; her brother, Arlie and one great-grandson, Tucker Lee Branstrom.

Funeral services were held on Saturday, October 6, 2018, at the Spruce Grove Apostolic Lutheran Church near Wolf Lake, MN. Her casket bearers were her grandchildren: Wil Craft, Tanya Yliniemi, Mickey Leigland, Lee Branstrom, Adam Branstrom, Jordan Yliniemi, Brooke Yliniemi, Kayla Branstrom and Olivia Yliniemi. Interment was in the Pickerel Lake Cemetery.

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.

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)

(#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. 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 and ask to be removed from our mailing list. Also if you know of anyone who would like to receiver 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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