



Spruce Grove Newsletter

Spruce Grove Apostolic Lutheran Church, Wolf Lake, MN Vol. 19 No. 2 March-April 2014

Maundy Thursday

Maundy Thursday is observed during Holy Week which is the Thursday before Easter. Maundy comes from the Latin word *mandatum* which means “commandment”. The commandment referred to is found in the gospel of John 13:34 “A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another.” The gospel text for Maundy Thursday found on our church calendar, which finds its source in the Revised Common Lectionary, is always John 13:1-17, 31b-35. In this text we find Jesus celebrating the Passover with His disciples, washing their feet, and giving the commandment to love one another. Many churches hold a special service on this day which may include a Communion Service and washing of each other’s feet to commemorate Jesus’ washing of His disciples feet.

The text for this day is as follows: John 13:1-17 *Now before the feast of the passover, when Jesus knew that his hour was come that he should depart out of this world unto the Father, having loved his own which were in the world, he loved them unto the end. And supper being ended, the devil having now put into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon’s son, to betray him; Jesus knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he was come from God, and went to God; He riseth from supper, and laid aside his garments; and took a towel, and girded himself. After that he poureth water into a bason, and began to wash the disciples’ feet, and to wipe them with the towel wherewith he was girded. Then cometh he to Simon Peter: and Peter saith unto him, Lord, dost thou wash my feet? Jesus answered and said unto him, What I do thou knowest not now; but thou shalt know hereafter. Peter saith unto him, Thou shalt never wash my feet. Jesus answered him, If I wash thee not, thou hast no part with me. Simon Peter saith unto him, Lord,*

not my feet only, but also my hands and my head. Jesus saith to him, He that is washed needeth not save to wash his feet, but is clean every whit: and ye are clean, but not all. For he knew who should betray him; therefore said he, Ye are not all clean. So after he had washed their feet, and had taken his garments, and was set down again, he said unto them, Know ye what I have done to you? Ye call me Master and Lord: and ye say well; for so I am. If I then, your Lord and Master, have washed your feet; ye also ought to wash one another’s feet. For I have given you an example, that ye should do as I have done to you. Verily, verily, I say unto you, The servant is not greater than his lord; neither he that is sent greater than he that sent him. If ye know these things, happy are ye if ye do them.

John 13:31-35 *Jesus said, Now is the Son of man glorified, and God is glorified in him. If God be glorified in him, God shall also glorify him in himself, and shall straightway glorify him. Little children, yet a little while I am with you. Ye shall seek me: and as I said unto the Jews, Whither I go, ye cannot come; so now I say to you. A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another. By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another.*

Although John does not record for us the institution of the Lord’s Supper we know from the other gospels that Jesus did in fact institute it on this night (Matt. 26:26-29, Mark 14:22-25, and Luke 22:18-20). Jesus, who is our Passover Lamb, celebrates the Passover with His disciples and gives to them and His church the sacrament that we still partake of today.

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No longer would the disciples break bread and partake of the cup in memory of the exodus out of Egypt, but rather in memory of Jesus' death and their exodus out of the wilderness of sin. We as well celebrate or commemorate this day because of the great work of our Savior which he did on our behalf. We partake of the body and blood of Jesus which is found in, with, and under the elements of bread and wine fully aware of our sinfulness and receiving what is offered in the sacrament namely the forgiveness of our sins.

Jesus on this night also did something unthinkable; He washed His disciple's feet. He who was their Master and Lord washed their feet. Peter could not understand this kind of action and recoiled at the thought of Jesus washing his feet, but as Jesus said to Peter, "If I do not wash you, you have no part with me." Peter then said "wash my hands and head as well." Jesus said "He who has bathed does not need to wash, except for his feet, but is completely clean." Jesus did this to teach His disciples humility and love. Their concern was to be for the other as Jesus would demonstrate even further in His dying for them on the cross. This lesson is borne out for us today in all areas of our lives. Though we may not literally wash one another's feet we carry out this command of humility and love as we offer forgiveness to our fellow believers who are feeling the weight of their sin or perhaps have offended us in some way. We carry out this command of humility and love as we by our actions imitate the actions of Christ. We carry out this commandment of humility and love as we lay down our lives (figuratively) for the sake of others. Jesus taught His disciples that they would no longer live for themselves in this world but for the other. We are to learn the same thing as we live in this world. The most beautiful thing about Maundy Thursday is our Savior demonstrates for us that this is why He came. He came to wash us and to make us clean so that we could then live like Him in this world.

God's Peace,
Pastor Dennis Hannu

Special Services

Spruce Grove Apostolic Lutheran Church will be holding Special Services from Friday, March 7th through Sunday, March 9th.

The guest speakers will be Bruce Estola from Ironwood, Michigan and Vesa Poyhtari from Oulu, Finland.

Services will be held Friday evening at 7:30 PM, Saturday evening at 7:30 PM and Sunday at 10:30 AM and 1:30 PM. Coffee will be served after the evening and afternoon services and dinner will be served after the Sunday morning service.

(There will be no Sunday School on the 9th.)

Everyone is invited to attend.

Vesa Poyhtari will also be speaking at Spruce Grove on Sunday, March 16th at 11:00 AM. A meal will follow the service on the 16th as well.

Birth Announcement



Jared & Kendra Sikkila announce the birth of their seventh child. Reagan James was born on February 15th at home. Reagan weighed 7 pounds 12 ounces and was 20 inches tall. Reagan was welcomed by his parents and sisters: Dara & Chelsea and brothers: Dexter, Trenton, Ivan and Anders.

Reagan's grandparents are Lee & Diane Somero of NH and Wilfred & Phyllis Sikkila of NH.

Grandchild Announcement

Les & Marsha Hanson announce the birth of a grandson. Nels Brandon was born to their daughter Tamara and her husband Jamie Aho of Wadena, MN. Other grandparents are John & Mary Aho of Wadena, MN.

Remember in Prayer

“...pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much” (James 5:16)

- Isak Yliniemi recovering from gall bladder surgery.
- Ashley Aho who is on bedrest throughout the rest of her pregnancy.
- Family of Roy Yliniemi
- Debbie Haataja
- Lorraine Matson
- Elias Aho
- Pastor Ron Holmgren
- Marvin & June Nelmark
- Raphael & Linda Aho
- Art Latto
- Ray & Marge Kumma
- Martha Aho
- Those who are suffering from the many illnesses that have been going around.



Continue to remember in prayer:

National Leaders	Our Missionaries
Our Children & Youth	Our Military
Our Elderly	Shirley Yliniemi
Joan Koskela	Elsie Aho
Billy Nelmark	

Our Church, our Pastor and Church leaders.
Sunday School Teachers and Students

Ladies Fellowship

The Ladies of the church and their children are invited to the church on Thursday, March 13th and Thursday, April 10 at 10:30 AM for a time of fellowship. Please bring a sack lunch for you and your children.

Lent & Easter Services

Lent Services will begin on Wednesday, March 12th at 7:30 PM. The services will continue on Wednesdays throughout the month of March and into April. Services will also be held on Maundy Thursday, April 17th at 7:30 PM with Communion; Good Friday, April 18th at 7:30 PM and Easter Sunday, April 20th at 11:00 AM with dinner following the Easter Service.

Please join us as we gather in worship and fellowship.

News & Notes

- Patty Aho, Ethan Aho and Terrie Aho traveled to WA to visit their mother and grandmother.
- Laureena Keranen & Sonya Keranen traveled to Colorado.
- Pat Aho traveled to NH to visit her children and family.
- Kimberly & Layla Aho traveled to NH to visit family.
- Kimberly Aho traveled to SD.
- Jolene Aho, Katie Aho & Dawne Loper traveled to Arizona to visit their mother.
- Miriam Hannu took some of the youth to Duluth for a ski trip sponsored by the Esko Apostolic Lutheran Church.
- Darren & Sonya Keranen traveled to NH to attend her grandmother's funeral.
- Lyle & Rebecca Matson & family traveled to Florida.

Russell & Eunika Aho & family traveled to MI. Some of the visitors in the past few months were:

- Josh & Clarice Traffie & family of WA.
- Marc & Alice Ruotsala from MI.
- Bruce & Erica West from SD.
- Joni Somero from NH.
- Lee & Diane Somero from NH.
- Brent & Karen Seppanen from SD.
- Chase & Jenny West from SD.
- Sandy Hannu from SC.
- Sarah Seppala from SC.
- Ruth Farrey from WA.
- Alan Estola from MI.
- Robert Estola from MI.
- Tyler & Ashley Bertram from NH.
- Danielle Damon & Nate Anderson from NH.

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

YOUTH NEWS

YOUTH GROUP- BIBLE STUDY
We would love to have more youth attend our Bible studies. We meet on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month unless there is church. If your youth would need a ride please contact someone closest to you that regularly attends or contact Tyrone. Youth ages 14 and over are welcome to attend. Tyrone Aho can be reached at 218-230-4098.

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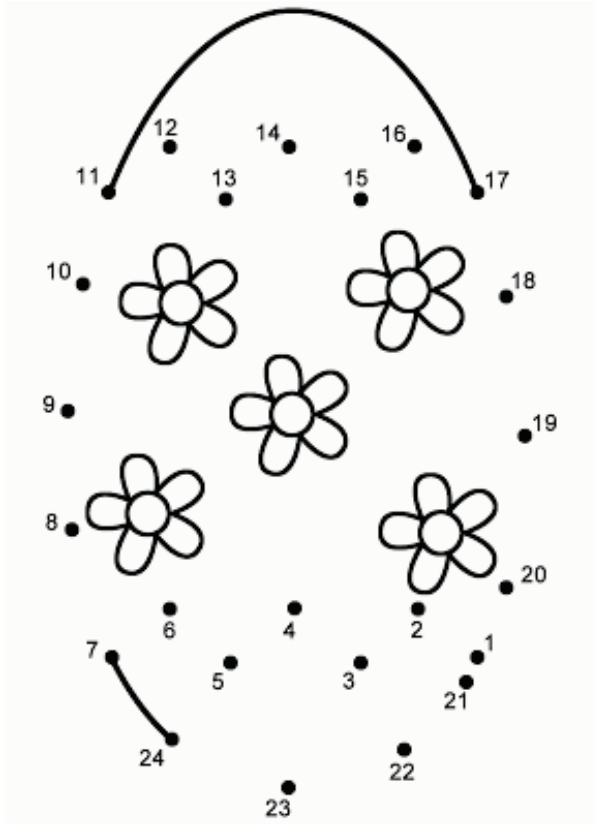
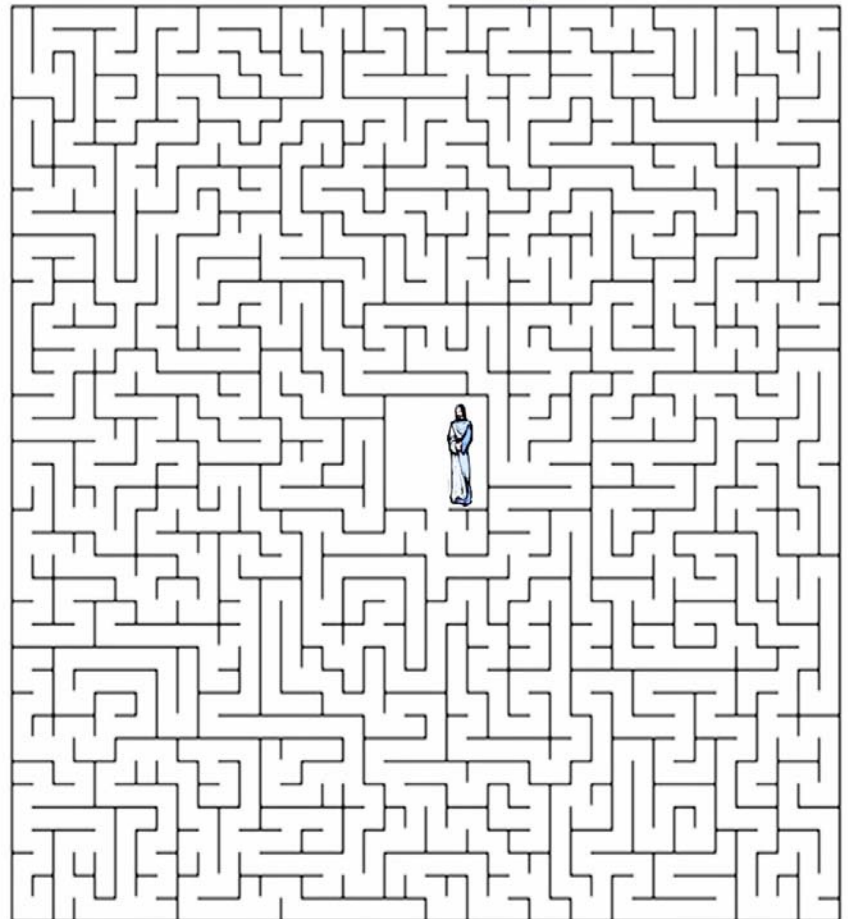
Easter Anagram

unscramble the letters to find the words

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Palm Sunday Maze

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Funeral



Roy Henry Yliniemi, age 84 of Menahga, MN, passed away on February 7, 2014 at the Veterans Home Village in Fergus Falls, MN.

Roy was born on March 24, 1929 to Isacki (Ike) and Aili (Haanpaa) Yliniemi on the family farm in Toad Lake Township of Becker Co., MN. As a boy, he attended the Toad Lake Country School near his home and helped on his

family's farm. As a young man, Roy ventured to Seattle, WA where he worked machine jobs during the winter months. In 1953, Roy entered the United States Army where he served for two years during the Korean War. He fondly remembered the Army's training of winter survival skills in the Mountains of Colorado. After receiving his honorable discharge in 1955, Roy worked in Minneapolis before returning to farming on the Ponsford Prairie. He was united in marriage to Hazel Mickelson from Perth, North Dakota on September 16, 1960 in East Grand Forks, MN. This union was blessed with five children: Diane, Donna, Kenneth, Anna and Anita. He and Hazel both earned their GEDs from Park Rapids High School before their children began attending school. Roy dairy farmed until 1977 and then began a career working for the Snappy-Standex Corporation in Detroit Lakes for 14 years until his retirement in 1991. Roy's life was deeply saddened by the death of his wife in 1992. In 1999, Roy moved into Menahga where he resided until June of 2013 when he moved into the Veterans Home. He enjoyed speaking Finnish with his brothers and sisters and anyone else who could speak the "heavenly" language. A most memorable experience was visiting Finland in 1991 with his wife. In his retirement, Roy kept busy doing woodwork, driving the Menahga senior center bus, reading the paper, mowing the lawn, plowing snow, and visiting family and friends.

For many years he had served as the Pine Point Township

Clerk and was active in the Minnesota Finnish American Historical Society. He was a member of the Spruce Grove Apostolic Lutheran Church near Wolf Lake and also had attended the Ponsford Community Church for many years, His family draws great comfort in knowing that Roy gave his life to Christ in the early years of his marriage and is now present with the Lord in Heaven.

He will be lovingly remembered by his five children: Diane Yliniemi of Rochester, MN, Donna Yliniemi of Menahga, Kenneth Yliniemi of Long Beach, CA, Anna (Rick) Dabill of Baxter, MN and Anita (Brent) Griffeth of Spooner, WI; five siblings: Helen Laine of Detroit Lakes, MN, Elmer (Miriam) Yliniemi, Hazel Yliniemi and Hulda (Bruce) Sannes all of Frazee, MN and Patricia (Arlan) Ervasti of Bertha, MN; his five beloved grandchildren: Ailiana, Eva and Brant Dabill and Genavieve and Spenser Griffeth; as well as numerous nieces, nephews, other relatives and many friends.

Roy was preceded in death by his wife, Hazel; his parents, his brother, James Edward Yliniemi (December 8, 2013); three siblings who died in infancy and his brother-in-law, Art Laine.

Funeral services were held on Saturday, February 15, 2014 at the Spruce Grove Apostolic Lutheran Church with Rev. Dennis Hannu and Rev. Elmer Yliniemi officiating. The organist was Deborah Aho. Soloist was Tim Mickelson singing "How Great Thou Art". Casket bearers were his nephews: Roger Yliniemi, Tim Mickelson, Davin Sannes, Isak Yliniemi, Arden Laine and Jason Ervasti. Military honors were provided by the Star of the North Marine Corps League with burial at the Pickeral Lake Cemetery near Wolf Lake.

Milestones

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Elissa Hannu
20th Birthday
3/19/2014 * Raphael Aho
95th Birthday
3/22/2014 * Katie Howard
30th Birthday
3/29/2014 * Lynn Impola
20th Birthday
4/2/2014 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Alicia Ahlf
20th Birthday
4/11/2014 * Elsie Aho
91st Birthday
4/19/2014 * Victor Aho
60th Birthday
4/30/2014 |
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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.

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 KWAD Wadena
920 & 1430 AM Sundays: 8:05 A.M. – English, 9:00 A.M. - Finnish 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.sprucegrovechurch.org New pictures are added often. 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 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.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 Sunday School 10:00 AM Adult Bible Class 10:00 AM Worship Service & Communion 11:00 AM Organists: Jolie & Betsy Sound: Neil	3	4	5	6	Special Services March 7-9	
9 Worship Service 10:30 AM Organist: Deborah Sound: Jason Worship Service 1:30 PM Organist: Patricia Sound: Jamin	10	11	12 Lent Service 7:30 PM Organist: Betsy Sound: Chet Coffee Group # 5	13 Ladies Fellowship 10:30 AM Adult Bible Study 2:00 PM	14	7 Worship Service 7:30 PM Organist: Sarah Sound: Tyrone Coffee Groups # 1 & 2
16 Guest Speaker Sunday School 10:00 AM Adult Bible Class 10:00 AM Worship Service 11:00 AM Organist: Sarah Sound: Chet Dinner Following the Service-Group # 1	17	18	19 Lent Service 7:30 PM Organist: Sarah Sound: Nate Coffee Group # 6	20	21	8 Worship Service 7:30 PM Organist: Megan Sound: Nate Coffee Groups # 3 & 4
23 Sunday School 10:00 AM Adult Bible Class 10:00 AM Worship Service 11:00 AM Organist: Megan Sound: Andrew	24	25 Green Pine Acres Nursing Home Service 2:00 PM	26 Lent Service 7:30 PM Organist: Megan Sound: Tyrone Coffee Group # 7	27 Adult Bible Study 2:00 PM	28	22
30 Sunday School 10:00 AM Adult Bible Class 10:00 AM Worship Service & Communion 11:00 AM Organist: Jolie Sound: Jason	31					

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March Cleaning Group

Jeremy & Katie Howard
Charles & Leila Aho
Nola Aho
Lyle & Rebecca Matson
Reino & Peggy Aho

APRIL 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 Lent Service 7:30 PM Organist: Jolie Sound: Nate Coffee Group # 8	3	4	5
6 Sunday School 10:00 AM Adult Bible Class 10:00 AM Worship Service & Communion 11:00 AM Organists: Patricia & Deborah Sound: Neil	7	8	9 Lent Service 7:30 PM Organist: Patricia Sound: Chet Coffee Group # 9	10 Ladies Fellowship 10:30 AM Adult Bible Study 2:00 PM	11	12
13 Palm Sunday Sunday School 10:00 AM Adult Bible Class 10:00 AM Worship Service 11:00 AM Organist: Ramona Sound: Jamin	14	15	16	17 Maundy Thursday Service 7:30 PM Organists: Ramona & Betsy Sound: Tyrone Coffee Group # 10	18 Good Friday Service 8:00 PM Organist: Betsy Sound: Nate Coffee Group # 11	19
20 Easter Sunday Sunday School 10:00 AM Adult Bible Class 10:00 AM Worship Service 11:00 AM Organist: Deborah Sound: Chet	21 Dinner Following Service Dinner Group # 4	22	23 Youth Group 7:30 PM	24 Adult Bible Study 2:00 PM	25 Worship Service 8:00 PM Organist: Megan Sound: Tyrone Coffee Group # 1	26
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5/3 Sunday School 10:00 AM Adult Bible Class 10:00 AM Worship Service & Communion 11:00 AM Organists: Megan & Jolie Sound: Jason	5/4	5/5	5/6 Youth Group 7:30 PM	5/7	5/8 Worship Service 8:00 PM Organist: Sarah Sound: Tyrone Coffee Group # 2	5/9

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April Cleaning Group

Job & Katie Aho
Dawne Loper
Les & Marsha Hanson
Joe & Jasmine Christiansen