



Spruce Grove Newsletter

Spruce Grove Apostolic Lutheran Church, Wolf Lake, MN Vol. 29 No. 5 November - December 2024

Prayer

I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men; For kings, and for all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty. For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour; Who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus; Who gave himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time. Whereunto I am ordained a preacher, and an apostle, (I speak the truth in Christ, and lie not;) a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and verity. I will therefore that men pray everywhere, lifting up holy hands, without wrath and doubting. 1 Timothy 2:1-8

When Paul writes to Timothy to pray, he uses several different terms in his exhortation to him. I thought it would be beneficial for us to define these terms as laid out for us in this text. He says first of all that supplication be made, which is prayer offered for specific benefits or needs. We do this all the time in the church as we bring specific needs to our gracious Heavenly Father. He also uses the term of prayer, which is a common New Testament term for a wide array of petitions. A petition is a request made for something desired, for instance in the Lord's Prayer: "Give us this day our daily bread". He uses the term intercession, which is an appeal for others made to God with boldness and childlike trust. We put this into practice here in Spruce Grove as we intercede for those on our prayer request list. He also used the term, thanksgiving, which is an expression of gratefulness for the mercy or gifts received

from God. A common thanksgiving prayer that we practice is the giving of thanks for the food that we are about to consume and for the gifts of healing that we receive.

The scriptures are quite clear that we are to pray continually not only for ourselves and our congregation but for our nation and its leaders. In fact, Paul says we pray that we may lead a quiet and peaceful life in all godliness and honesty for this is well-pleasing and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior. His desire is that men would be saved and come to the knowledge of the truth. What a wonderful thing it is to know that we have a mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus. So, we, along with the church of old lift up holy hands to the Lord in prayer, expressing once again our tremendous need for His grace and provision. We lift up to Him our leaders and all who are in authority in our nation. We pray for the people of our great nation that men and women everywhere could hear the Gospel and be saved. We offer a prayer of thanksgiving as we gather with our families around the Thanksgiving table again this year. And as celebrate the birth of our Savior this Christmas season, we pray that our world would be given the revelation of the Christ child and the message He brings: "Peace on earth and good will toward men."

God's Peace,

Pastor Dennis Hannu

Birth Announcements

Russell & Eunika Aho announce the birth of their 7th child.

Channing Elma Aho was born on September 21, 2024 at the St. Cloud Hospital. Channing weighed 7 pounds 15 ounces and was 20 inches tall.

Channing was welcomed by her parents and siblings: Jade, Jessa, Holden, Ava, Farah & Hudson. Her grandparents are Victor Sr. & Lola Aho of Menahga and Jesse Fraki of Ottertail, MN.



Nick & Megan Aho announce the birth of their 8th child.

Carmen Beth Aho was born on October 1, 2024 at Perham Health Hospital. Carmen weighed 8 pounds 13 ounces and was 21 3/4 inches tall.

Carmen was welcomed by her parents and siblings: Courtney, Marshall, Norah, Melory, Lawton & Jillian. Her grandparents are Victor Sr. & Lola Aho of Menahga and Betty Estola of MI.



Advent & Christmas Services

Advent Services will be held at the church Wednesdays, December 4th, 11th and 18th at 7:30 PM.

Our Christmas Service will be on Wednesday, December 25th at 10:30 AM.

Sunday School Christmas Program

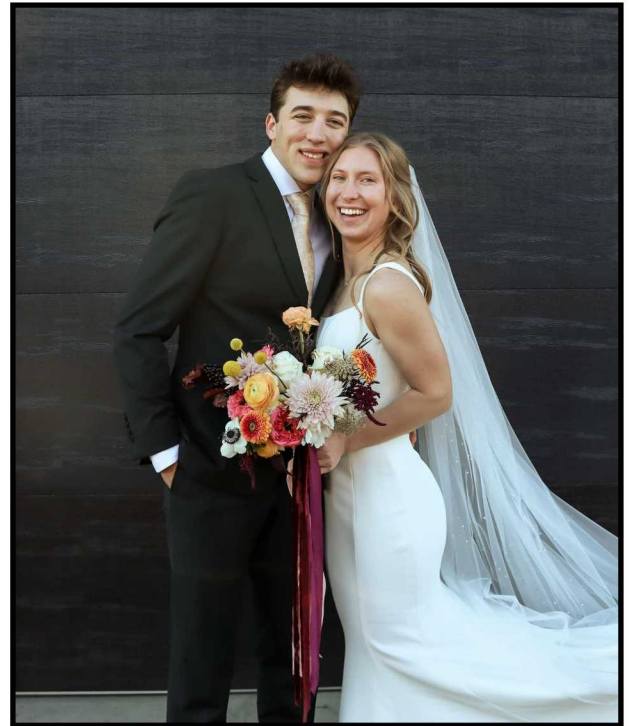
The Sunday School Christmas Program will be held on Sunday, December 15th, 2024 at the church at 11:00 A.M. Dinner will be served following the program.

Program practices will be at 9:00 AM on December 1st & 8th and 15th.

Wedding

Annika Aho and Lyle Brownell were united in marriage at Spruce Grove Church on November 8, 2024.

The couple is living in Sioux Falls, SD.



Grandchild Announcements

Nola Aho announces the birth of a granddaughter. Eden Elsie Niemitalo was born on September 4, 2024 to her daughter Marisa and her husband David of North Carolina.

Julius & Terrie Aho announce the birth of a granddaughter. Ellie Lowette Waggoner was born on September 18, 2024 to their daughter Leah and her husband Jake of Nebraska.

Lyle & Rebecca Matson announce the birth of their first grandchild. Clara Brynn Matson was born on October 6, 2024 to their son Canton and his wife Brynn of Texas.

SPRUCE GROVE NEW YEARS YOUTH WEEKEND

Theme: Contentment
1 Timothy 6:5

But Godliness with
contentment is great gain.

The Spruce Grove Church Youth
are hosting a Youth Weekend to
celebrate the coming New Year!

Sunday,
December 29, 2024
to
Wednesday,
January 1, 2025

Speaker: Caleb Maunu

Youth age 14 and older are invited
to join us.

RSVP by text: 218-539-1312
or 218-396-0666

For Housing call: 218-252-1377

Remember in Prayer

- Joshua Aho
- Ellen Tumberg
- Joel Olson
- Karen Samuelson
- Knaylor Howard
- Family of Patricia Ervasti
- Reba Estola
- Jamie Aho
- Blake Cato
- Marvin Jurva
- Canton Matson
- Mickie Howard
- Hazel Aho
- 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



NOV 2024 - DEC 2024 - JAN 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
11/17 Sunday School 10:00 AM Adult Bible Study 10:00 AM Worship Service 11:00 AM Organist: Ramona Sound: Tyrone	11/18	11/19	11/20 Family Bible Study 8:00 PM	11/21	11/22 Worship Service 7:30 PM Organist: Sarah Sound: Nate Coffee Grp # 6	11/23
11/24 Sunday School 10:00 AM Adult Bible Study 10:00 AM Worship Service 11:00 AM Organist: Patricia Sound: Neil	11/25	11/26 GPA Service 2:00 PM	11/27 Family Bible Study 8:00 PM	11/28 Thanksgiving Day	11/29	11/30
12/1 Sunday School 9:00 AM Adult Bible Study 10:00 AM Worship Service & Holy Communion 11:00 AM Organists: Deborah & Sarah Sound: Nate	12/2	12/3	12/4 Advent Service 7:30 P.M Organist: Carrie Sound: Raul Coffee Grp # 7	12/5	12/6	12/7 Youth Grp 8:00 P.M.
12/8 Sunday School 9:00 AM Adult Bible Study 10:00 AM Worship Service 11:00 AM Organist: Ramona Sound: Tyrone	12/9 7:30 Board Meeting	12/10	12/11 Advent Service 7:30 P.M Organist: Sarah Sound: Neil Coffee Grp # 8	12/12	12/13	12/14
12/15 Sunday School 9:00 AM Adult Bible Study 10:00 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL PROGRAM 11:00 AM Organist: Sound: Dinner Following the Program	12/16	12/17	12/18 Advent Service 7:30 P.M Organist: Deborah Sound: Nate Coffee Grp # 9	12/19	12/20	12/21 Youth Grp 8:00 P.M.
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Pastor Appreciation

We held our Pastor Appreciation Dinner on Sunday, November 10th.

Thank you Pastor Dennis and Miriam for your willingness to serve our congregation.



Milestones

Gloria Juntunen

~ 95th Birthday - 11/2

Elliot Aho

~ 10th Birthday - 11-4

Armas Aho

~ 81st Birthday - 11/5

Nick Aho

~ 40th Birthday - 11/16

Dane Keranen

~ 20th Birthday - 11/28

Ellen Tumberg

~ 77th Birthday - 11/10

Reuben Tumberg

~ 87th Birthday - 11/14

Raymond & Janet Aho

~ 50th Anniversary - 12/7

Victor Aho Jr.

~ 50th Birthday - 12/22

Sunday School Teachers 2024-2025

Preschool: Sarah Aho & Alethea Karlsen

Kindergarten: Stephanie Siltala

1st Grade: Michael Alderson & Addison Aho

2nd Grade: Luke Aho & Olivia Aho

3rd Grade: Tyrone Aho & Isabelle Aho

4th Grade: Nathaniel Aho

5th Grade: Raul Aho

6th Grade: Loren Impola

7th Grade: Neil Aho

8th Grade: Justin Impola

9th Grade: Pastor Dennis Hannu

Blood Drive

The Red Cross Bloodmobile will be at Spruce Grove Church on Friday, December 27th from 10:00 AM to 1:30 PM.

To schedule a time to donate, please contact Lori Aho.



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. 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/ Sebekka: 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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