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“A rushing Mighty Wind”

“He (Spirit) shall glorify me: For he shall receive of mine, and shall shew it unto you” (John 16:14). **And it shall come to pass in the last day, saith God, I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh.** (Acts 2:17).

Pentecost, meaning the 50th day, was celebrated by the Jews as the feast of weeks and the giving of the Law by Moses. Many people from many nations had gathered in Jerusalem to celebrate Pentecost. They were to witness the unveiling of the living Church of God or the birth of the New Testament Church.

On the day of Pentecost, a great change came to the Kingdom of God on Earth. Jesus had already revealed the great powers of God. He gave sight to the blind, hearing to the deaf, caused the lame to walk, the lepers were cleansed, the dead were raised, and to the poor the gospel was preached. (Luke 7:22). He said, **“Many prophets and Kings desired to see those things which you see, and have not seen them; and to hear those things which you hear, and have not heard them”** (Luke 10:22).

Jesus asked his disciples, **“who do you say that I am?”** Peter replied, **“You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.”** Christ announced, **“On this rock I will build my church”**. He was not building it on Peter but on his confession that Jesus was the Christ. To this Church he promised great authority by giving the **“keys of the kingdom of heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.”** (Matthew 16:18-19)

Jesus did not send his disciples out in their own power. He told them, **“And, behold, I send the promise of my father upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high”** (Luke 24:49). Even though they had been with the most excellent teacher for three years, they needed heavenly power for the work that was before them.

On the day of Pentecost the disciples were assembled in one accord when the Holy Spirit descended on them as a rushing mighty wind. **“They were filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance”** (Acts:2:4). On this day, Jesus who had ascended to the Father ten days earlier fulfilled his promise of sending a counselor to teach them (John 14:26). Like the creative breath of God in Genesis, the Spirit filled the disciples, showing them how the Old Testament was fulfilled in the death and resurrection of Jesus.

Peter had recently denied the Lord for fear. Now, Peter was no longer afraid but had received power from on high to preach repentance and the forgiveness of sins boldly. That day 3000 souls were saved and they went on to turn the world “upside down” through the power of the Holy Spirit. It was clearly God’s plan from the beginning that the Church, His called out people or the Body, would be made known to the world by gathering together to fulfill His mission. **“But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and in Samaria and unto the uttermost part of the earth.”** (Acts 1:8)

The Holy Spirit is the third person of the Godhead, which proceeds from the Father and the Son. The work of the Holy Spirit is to reveal Christ. In a practical sense the Holy Spirit is the living Lord Jesus within us as a Spirit. **“I in them, and thou in me, that they may be made perfect in one; and that the world may know that thou hast sent me, and hast love them, as thou hast loved me”** (John 17:23). As God is in Christ, Christ is in the Holy Spirit. Jesus said, **“Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he**

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shall hear that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come. He shall glorify me: For He shall receive of mine, and shall show it unto you.” (John 16:13,14). Jesus glorifies the Father, and the Holy Spirit glorifies the Son. The office of the Holy Spirit is **not** to speak of Himself. The Spirit shows us the truth found in God through Jesus Christ. The power of the Holy Spirit is where Jesus is lifted up.

The first work of the Spirit is to awaken us to our sin and bring us to repentance. Then He reveals to us the greatness of the living Lord Jesus who has completed our redemption and reconciled the sins of the whole world with His Blood. Our Pentecost begins when we are able to believe our sins forgiven in the Name and Blood of Jesus. Where the preaching of the Blood is heard, there the power of the Holy Spirit is moving. The Blood of Jesus is, from the fall of man to the end of Revelation, a red cord that goes through the Bible. Through the Word, the Holy Spirit brings us into a union with God. Then the Spirit comes to live in us, to enlighten, sanctify and preserve us unto everlasting life. **“Our Gospel came not unto you in word only but also in power, and in the Holy Ghost...”** (I Thessalonians 1:5).

The Church is an assembly of those on earth in whom God dwells through the Holy Spirit. God instituted His church on earth to preach repentance and the forgiveness of sins to penitent sinners. The Church will continue here until the end of time and He will come again, just as He ascended, and receive us unto Himself.

The disciples could never recall the day of Pentecost without thinking about what they were before and what they were after the day had passed! The same is true for everyone born of the Spirit. Has this miracle happened to you?

May we pray as Luther, “May God, our Father, through Christ Jesus, send the Holy Spirit into our hearts, there to begin and to complete the work of salvation! Amen.

Pastor Elmer Yliniemi

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This month a local grandfather will start a new column called Grandpa's Reflections.

Grandpa's Reflections



“Wind Song”

Dear Grandchildren:

Each day is a melody line in a song to God. Each day a melody, in a movement, in the song. Each year is a movement in this my life song. My life is a song written by God and it is being played out for the enjoyment of our Heavenly Creator.

And what is the instrument that we play? It is Love! God is Love! The music is made of the vibrations of our love for God, our love for our neighbors, our love for our family, our love for our friends, our love for ourselves and even our love for our enemies. Jesus says, in John 13:34: “A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another.”

My life song has had many ugly, sour notes and melody lines. God must plug His ears and turn deaf at the clanging and banging of sin-sounds in my life. But what a wonder and Glory that this song is played and recorded in God's Book of Life and He promises that if I ask forgiveness in Jesus' name and blood, those ugly parts, those ugly, sour, sin notes will fly off into space as far as sunrise is from sunset, never to be heard again. Never again to be part of my life song.

My song will only be played once. A grand concert for God like a sunrise or sunset that only happens once and then is gone forever, never to be duplicated in exactly the same way. Just a “One-Performance-Only” Glorious moment or concert for God's pleasure. A beautiful thing He created only to be heard by the Heavenly Hosts.

Sometimes I think I can faintly hear parts of other people's life song. Sometimes, the Holy Spirit encourages me by opening my ears and letting me hear their spirit singing on the wind to God. Maybe I'll be able to hear your wind words to God.

Today is the 64th movement, 337th melody line of my song. My hope and prayer for this day's music is that it will indeed be a Glory to Him and that He will be able to enjoy His Creation that is you and me.

Love Grandpa

2005 Graduates

Menahga High School – May 27, 2005, 7:30 P.M.

Emma Aho

Reid Aho

Ann Haataja

Sebeka High School-May 27, 2005, 7:30 P.M.

Jethro Impola

Sebeka High School and Northwest Technical
College-Wadena - Accounting Program graduate

Michael Aho

Riccori High School

Charlie Aho

Minnesota State Community and Technical College
May 13, Thief River Falls—RN program graduate

Carmelle Hanson

Alexandria Technical College-May 18, 2005

Law Enforcement Program graduate

William Aho

Congratulations Graduates!



Graduation Parties

You are invited to a graduation party in honor of:

- **Emma Aho** and **Reid Aho** at the church following graduation on Friday evening, May 27.
- **Ann Haataja** at the Wolf Lake Waterfront Park 1:00 to 4:00 P.M. on, Saturday, May 14.
- **Michael Aho, Charlie Aho** and **Jethro Impola** at the Paddock Town Hall on Saturday, May 28th from 6:30 to 9:30 PM.

Milestones

5/5/2005 - **DarLayne Yliniemi—60th Birthday**

5/8/2005 – **Richard and Darlayne Yliniemi—40th Anniversary**

5/21/2005 -**Bruce Sannes—65th Birthday**



Friendship Tea

You're invited to the 2nd Annual Women of Faith Friendship Tea Sunday, May 1, 2005 at 3:00 pm at the New York Mills Apostolic Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall. Please join us for fellowship and refreshments. Special PROLIFE presentation by Diane Bisila. Hope you can come!

Wedding Invitation

Mr. and Mrs Harvey Aho

And

Mr. and Mrs. Michael Muhonen
invite you to share in the joy
of the marriage uniting their children

Heather Rachel

And

Shawn Michael

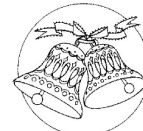
On Saturday, the twenty-fifth of June

Two thousand and five

at seven o'clock in the evening

Spruce Grove Apostolic Lutheran Church
Wolf Lake, Minnesota.

Reception immediately following ceremony.



Birth Announcements

Leslie and Marsha Hanson announce the birth of a grandson to **Tamara and Jamie Aho** of Wadena.



The baby was born at the Detroit Lakes Regional Health Center on April 27, 2005. He was named **Clay Allen** and weighed in at 6 pounds and 13 ounces. The other grandparents are John and Mary Aho of Wadena.



Armas and Pat Aho announce the birth of a grandson to **Mindy and Jared Niemela**, of New Hampshire, on April 30. The baby weighed 7 pounds and 10 ounces and was named **Montana Michael**. This is their fourth child. The other grandparents are Ralph and Grace Niemela of New Hampshire.

Confirmation

The Confirmation classes have been set for Monday through Friday, June 13-17, with the Confirmation service planned for Sunday June 19th.



Thank You

Thank You to Brian Norman for donating and designing the website for the church. It is very much appreciated.

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)

- Pray for wisdom and God's guidance for our leaders and protection for those in the military.
- Pray for the suffering churches in the Tsunami disaster areas.
- Pray for those doing mission work in various parts of the world, and for our churches, that the Word of the Lord would go forth.
- Pray for the up-coming convention as our congregation continues to make plans.
- **June Crandall** in the sudden loss of her husband, Ivan. June is the daughter of Bill Aho.

Continue to remember in prayer:

Rodney and Hannah Aho	Dela Nelson
Bill Aho	Lila Yliniemi
Martha Aho	Violet Yliniemi
Linda Aho	Shirley Yliniemi
Esther Hendrickson	Anna Alanen
Gloria Juntunen	Elnora Matson
Eleanor Christiansen	Edna Keranen
Mildred Kangas	Marge Kumma
Bernice Makinen	

Child Car Seat Safety Evening Monday, May 9 7:00 PM Wolf Lake Lions Hall

Did you know... in this area of Minnesota there is a **95%** rate of misuse of child restraints (which includes car seats and booster seats)?

Presenter Jennifer Booge, Child Passenger Safety Liaison, is nationally certified in child passenger safety. She will present the importance of child restraints including videos of crash tests showing ~ what happens to children who are not properly buckled or placed too close to the air bags. (Though the videos are not intended to be scary, children are also welcome to attend at parents' discretion.)

All persons (such as parents, grandmas & grandpas, aunts & uncles, family, friends, etc) that will **EVER** have children on their ride are encouraged to attend.

Sponsored by: City of Wolf Lake
Wolf Lake Fire Dept.
Wolf Lake Rescue

Correspondence

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:
God's Peace!

The Apostolic Lutheran Eastern Missionary Association will be hosting the 2005 Annual Services and Meetings at the Kingston Apostolic Lutheran Church, Kingston, MN, on May 20, 21, & 22, 2005. Everyone is welcome to attend these services and join us in fellowship around God's holy and precious Word.

The times of the services are as follows:

Friday evening - May 20 - 7:00 PM

Saturday-May 21-10:00AM, 2:00 PM & 6:00 PM

Sunday - May 22 -10:00 AM & 2:00 PM

The Eastern Mission Annual Meeting will be held Saturday, May 21 at 1:30 PM at the Kingston Apostolic Lutheran Church, Kingston, MN. Your delegate must be a member of your congregation. Please remember that your congregation's yearly donation must be in by April 30, 2004 to have a vote at the meeting. Thank you to those congregations that have already sent in their contributions.

A guest speaker, Ansten Tretten, will be called for these services and will be accompanied by other speakers who are present at the services. Meals and refreshments will be served in conjunction with the services.

May our Lord God strengthen each of you in the living and true faith of our Redeemer and Savior Jesus Christ. "And the work of righteousness shall be peace; and the effect of righteousness quietness and assurance for ever" (Isaiah 32: 17).

In behalf of the Eastern Missionary Association,
Jered Niemela, Secretary

Convention Planning Meeting

A Convention planning meeting is scheduled at the church on Thursday evening, May 5, at 7:30 P.M. All members are urged to attend. Committee Chairpersons should be ready with a report on progress.

Guest Speaker

Guest speaker on Sunday May 22, will be Pastor Wayne Juntunen.

Sunday School Picnic

You are all invited to the Sunday School picnic. The date and time for the picnic will be announced in church as soon as the time and date are cleared with the Park.

National Convention Hosted by Spruce Grove at Park Rapids Century School

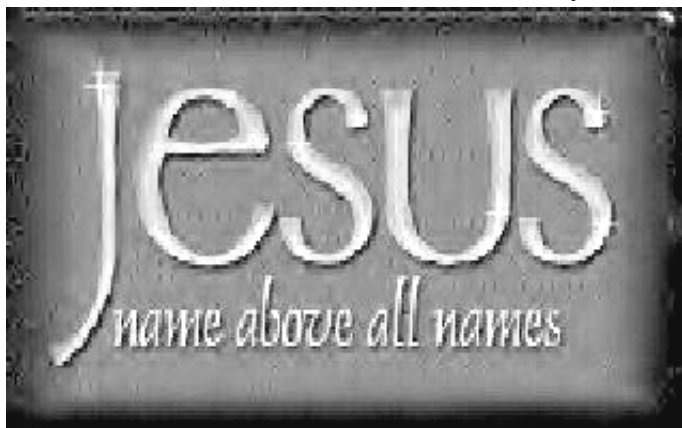
The Spruce Grove Apostolic Lutheran Church invites you to worship our Lord Jesus Christ at the 2005 annual church convention in Park Rapids, Minnesota.

It will be held Wednesday evening, July 6 through Sunday evening, July 10. The Ministers' Meeting and Sunday School Meeting will take place Tuesday and Wednesday, July 5 and 6. Services will be held at the Century School, 501 Helten Avenue, Park Rapids, MN.

Registration materials and information have been sent to all Apostolic Lutheran congregations, and have been posted on the Federation Web Site at www.apostolic-lutheran.org.

For questions on lodging information, please call: Janet Aho, 218-538-6735, Peggy Aho 218-538-6679, or DarLayne Yliniemi 218-564-4539. For information on travel information, contact Julius Aho, 218-837-5369.

We covet your prayers in behalf of these services. May all be to the honor and glory of our Heavenly Father, We extend our invitation to all, for Blessed are they that hear the word of God, and keep it (Luke 11:28). Come and worship "**Jesus, Name above all Names**". God's Peace! Bruce Sannes
Publicity Chm.



2005 Apostolic Lutheran Church Convention

July 6-10

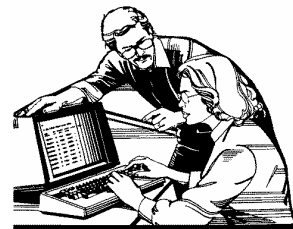
www.apostolic-lutheran.org

New Technology

Web Site:

www.sprucegrovechurch.org

You can click on the above site to find audio and video recordings of sermons, music from our services and even a photo section of special happenings in our church when the site is finished.



The web site is a part of our preparation for Convention 2005 which we are hosting in July. People will be able to find the convention information and progress on our web site as well.

You may call or e-mail Bruce Sannes with any questions or suggestions.

Services via Telephone:

The services at the church are available by telephone to those that are shut-in or cannot make it to the service.

It is free to everyone who can dial up any of the following exchanges as local calls:

Menahga-564-2030
Wolf Lake-538-2030
Sebbeka- 837-2030
Vernadale 445-2030
Nimrod-472-2030



By dialing one of the above numbers just when the service begins (Check service time on calendar) you will be prompted to give the pin number. You should then be able to hear the service. If you have a speaker phone it would be much easier. Pin numbers are in bold type as follows for the services in the month of May (Unfortunately you have to have a different assigned pin number for each service):

May 1, 2005-Sunday -11:00 A.M—**01065**
May 8, 2005- Sunday - 11:00 P.M—**01089**
May 13, 2005- Friday - 8:00 A.M—**05549**
May 15, 2005- Sunday - 11:00 A.M—**01115**
May 22, 2005- Sunday - 11:00 P.M—**01165**
May 29, 2005-Sunday-11:00 A.M—**01171**

If you wish to dial up from a long distance number you will be responsible for long distance charges which may not be that much for 60 minutes if you have a good long distance rate.

Call Pastor Elmer or Neil Aho with questions or problems.

Mission Project

In early December, 2004, Katie Aho, daughter of Julius and Terrie Aho joined ten others on a mission trip to Nicaragua to serve at an elementary school in the capital city of Managua. She shared pictures and stories of God's work being done there while she was home for Christmas. She described the great need of the students for the simplest basic things we all take for granted (especially shoes, etc). Many of students, ages 2 through the eighth grade have to walk long distances to school, some barely surviving with minimum food and clothing.

Katie is planning on returning to Nicaragua this summer and is already taking Spanish lessons for better communication. She is hoping to collect 300+ backpacks and as many pairs of shoes as possible to bring to the children. If you have good used backpacks, child-sized duffle bags or children's shoes you no longer need and would like to pass on to someone who could really use them, they would be greatly appreciated. For more information and pictures of Katie's trip feel free to email her at katieaho43@yahoo.com To donate items, contact Terrie Aho 837-5369 or Patty Aho 837-5581. Thank you and May God bless you!

News and Notes

- **Rodney Aho** is in Iraq. Rodney would enjoy getting letters at the following address:
Sgt. Aho, Rodney 2860
793rd MP /BN/A CO, 1-194 AR 3PLT
APO AE 09391
- A bridal Shower was held for **Heather Aho** on April 15, hosted by Lori Aho in her home.
- Bible study was hosted by Ray and Marge Kumma on Wednesday, April 20.
- Gloria Juntunen will host the May 4 Bible study.
- The committal service for Maynard Makinen was held on April 22, at the Minnesota State Veterans Cemetery in Little Falls, Minnesota.
- The youth group met at the Harvey Aho home on April 13, and at the Reino Aho home on April 27.

Late Breaking News

Clara Impola, daughter of Paul and Esther Impola and **James Estola**, son of Rick and Betty Estola of Ironwood, surprised everyone by getting married on Friday, April 29, at a private family wedding in Ironwood, Michigan.

Happy Mother's Day

Somebody said...

- ❖ Somebody said it takes about six weeks to get back to normal after you've had a baby, Somebody doesn't know that once you're a mother, "normal" is history.
- ❖ Somebody said you learn how to be a mother by instinct. Somebody never took a three-year-old shopping.
- ❖ Somebody said being a mother is boring. Somebody never rode in car driven by a teenager with a driver's permit.
- ❖ Somebody said if you're a "good" mother, your child will "turn out good." Somebody thinks a child comes with directions and a guarantee.
- ❖ Somebody said "good" mothers never raise their voices. Somebody never came out of the back door just in time to see her child hit a golf ball through the neighbor's kitchen window.
- ❖ Somebody said you don't need an education to be a mother. Somebody never helped a fourth grader with his math.
- ❖ Somebody said you can't love the fifth child as much as you love the first. Somebody doesn't have five children.
- ❖ Somebody said a mother can find all the answers to her child-rearing questions in the books. Somebody never had a child stuff beans up his nose or in his ears.
- ❖ Somebody said the hardest part of being a mother is labor and delivery. Somebody never watched her "baby" get on the bus for the first day of kindergarten, or on a plane headed for military "boot camp."
- ❖ Somebody said a mother can do her job with her eyes closed and one hand tied behind her back. Somebody never had four children under five at the same time.
- ❖ Somebody said a mother can stop worrying after her child gets married. Somebody doesn't know that marriage adds a new son or daughter-in-law to a mother's heart-strings.
- ❖ Somebody said a mother's job is done when her last child leaves home. Somebody never had grandchildren.
- ❖ Somebody said your mother knows you love her, so you don't need to tell her. Somebody isn't a mother.

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Cleaning Groups

May:

Armas and Pat
Reino and Peggy
Reino Hendrickson
Tim and Sarah

June:

Raymond and Janet
Harvey and Patricia
Bret and LaRae
Dale and Molly
Brock and Ramona



**Remember
Rodney and
the many
others
serving our
Country**

**Spruce Grove Apostolic Lutheran Church
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Return Service Requested

Radio Broadcast

Echoes of Mercy broadcast – KWAD – Wadena
Sundays 8:05 a.m.- English and 9:00 a.m.- Finnish
Elmer Yliniemi—May 8th and 22th
Don Salo—May 1st, 15th & 29th



or more detail

Happy Mother's Day—May 8