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Thanks Mom for Life!

This page is dedicated to Mothers this month since we are celebrating Mother's Day. Thank you to each of you that shared your thoughts! I am sorry we could not fit them all in!

Proverbs 31:25-31

- 25. *She is clothed with strength and dignity, and she laughs with no fear of the future,*
- 26. *When she speaks, her words are wise, and kindness is the rule when she gives instructions.*
- 27. *She carefully watches all that goes on in her household and does not have to bear the consequences of laziness.*
- 28. *Her children stand and bless her. Her husband praises her:*
- 29. *"There are many virtuous and capable women in the world but you surpass them all!"*
- 30. *Charm is deceptive, and beauty does not last; but a woman who fears the Lord will be greatly praised.*
- 31. *Reward her for all she has done. Let her deeds publicly declare her praise.* (From the New Living Translation)

The following notes were written by some of the members of the 'young marrieds' Bible Study group

I thank my mother for the values she instilled in me for I now realize they are my own as well.

For my Mother's calm, peaceful spirit, I am grateful. It is something I hope to attain as my own. Thanks mom for a good example in loving our husbands and children. Titus 2:3-5)

Mother to me means a 'safe place'! Somewhere I can always find comfort. She is someone who cares and always loves. She is willing to listen to my problems no matter what the circumstances are. Mother's are living examples for their children and others.

My Mother is always there for me. She is always wanting to help others and puts others before herself. She thinks before she talks and is slow to anger, which are qualities I should possess more often. My mother is always forgiving, even before I ask for her forgiveness.

My Mother always listened to our problems. She made sure that we had our Bible stories and said a bedtime prayer.

- When I think of my mother, I think of a woman who sacrificed herself to raise her children*
- I think of her comforting "mom hugs"*
- I think of her as my friend*
- I think of all the love and care she put into cooking delicious meals to feed the family.*
- I think of her teaching me right from wrong and how to lead a Christian life.*
- I think of her patience in teaching me how to clean, cook, bake, and care for myself.*
- I think of how her mothering ways taught me to be a mother.*
- I think of her generosity for she enjoys buying and giving gifts.*

The following were some of the notes written by Youth Group members.

I thank God for the mother that he has blessed me with. My mother has chosen to set aside a career to be a stay at home mother and raise a large family. I think that my siblings and I often take her for granted. She has instilled the love of God in us, teaching us to serve and trust Him. I am so grateful for the blessing of a Godly mother. I pray that I will also be able to raise my children in the Lord as I have been.

My Mom has always trusted, has always encouraged has always believed has always helped and above all has had an endless love for her children.

My Mother has shown me love and compassion, just like Jesus did for us!

I am thankful for my mom because she has taught me the ways of the Lord and has loved me so much

Since the moment I was born, my mom has been there comforting, nurturing, loving, and guiding me. She has been a teacher, friend, support and source of love. Through the hardest times she was there; in time of joy, she was there; and when I achieved my dreams, she was by my side. My Mom.

I thank the Lord for the blessing I have received through my mother. My mom encourages me in my walk with the Lord and guides me through the ups and downs of life. I am grateful for my mothers love and protection. I love my mother and I am thankful for all she does for me.

God's Embroidery

When I was a little boy, my mother used to embroider a great deal. I would sit at her knee and look up from the floor and ask what she was doing. She informed me that she was embroidering. I told her that it looked like a mess from where I was. As from the underside, I watched her work within the boundaries of a round hoop in her hand, I the little that she held complained sure looked messy from where I sat. She would smile at me, look down, and gently say, "My son, you go about your playing for awhile, and when I am finished with my embroidering, I will put you on my knee and let you see it from my side."



I would wonder why she was using some dark threads along with the bright ones and why they seemed so jumbled from my view. A few minutes would pass, and then I would hear Mother's voice say, "Son, come and sit on my knee." When I did, I would see a beautiful flower or a sunset. I could not believe it, because, from underneath, it looked so mess. Then Mother would say to me, "My son, from underneath, it looked so messy and jumbled, but you didn't realize that there was a pre-drawn plan on the top. I was only following the design. Now you see it the right way."

Many times through the years I have looked up to my heavenly Father and said, "Father, what are You doing?" He has answered, "I am embroidering your life." I say, "But it looks like a mess to me. It seems so jumbled. The threads seem so dark." The Father seems to tell me, "My child, you go about your business of doing My business, and one day I will bring you to heaven and put you on My knee, and you will see the plan from My side."

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Grandpa's Reflections Living Close

Romans 8:28



"And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose."

A glimpse of bicycle and boy flashed across the kitchen window just as Grandpa sat down to a late Sunday evening dinner. A minute later Grandson came through the door. "Hi, Grandpa. What are you doing?"

"Hi, yourself. Nana is downstairs working on a crossword puzzle and I'm just having a little snack. Are you here all by yourself?"

"Yep. I just rode my bike over to see what you're doing." he said, perching on the kitchen stool.

"Have you had dinner?" Grandpa asked.

"Well..." Grandson hesitated. "Mom said I couldn't ask for dinner, but that I could eat if you offered." he said with a grin.

As soon as they had finished dinner, Grandson headed for the door saying that he had better get going or he would be in trouble for taking so long. And away he went just as quickly as he had arrived.

A few minutes later he was back! "Grandpa, my bike broke down right in the driveway." He held out his hand. "Look, these little metal marble things fell out of the back wheel."

"We better put your bike in the back of the pickup." Grandpa said, looking at the bearings from his broken bike. "I'll put on my shoes and give you and the bike a ride home."

As they drove along the road between their houses, Grandson turned and said, "You know, we sure are lucky to live so close to you, Grandpa."

"What do you mean?" Grandpa asked.

"Anytime we get in trouble you are right here close by to help. Like when dad's car won't start or like now when my bike is broken. You are always right here to help."

"It's a huge blessing for me, too, you know." Grandpa responded. "Huge!"

"Hey! You know what?" Grandson said, in an excited voice. "It's just like living close with God! God is always there to help if we are in trouble if we are living close to Him!"

Grandpa's heart started to fill with joy. It got bigger and bigger and bigger until he could hardly stand it. Huge!

Love Grandpa

Wedding Invitations

Mr. and Mrs. cal Niemela

And

Mr. Mrs. Raymond Aho

*Request the honor of your presence
At the marriage uniting their children*

Anna Jean Niemela

And

William Peter Aho

*As they ask Christ's blessing on their union
And His presence in their new life together*

On Saturday, May 20th 2006

At eleven o'clock in the morning

Tapiola Apostolic Lutheran church

Tapiola, Michigan

Mr. and Mrs. Reuben Aho

*Request the honour of your presence
At the marriage of their daughter*

Krista Sue

to

Jed Richard

Son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Estola

Saturday, the seventeenth of June

Two thousand and six

at seven o'clock in the evening

Spruce Grove Apostolic Lutheran Church

Wolf Lake, Minnesota.

Reception immediately following ceremony.

Wedding Reception

Raymond and Janet Aho invite you to a wedding reception dinner celebrating the marriage of **William and Anna Aho**, on Sunday the 4th of June following the service, from 12:00 - 2:00 P.M. Everyone is welcome.



Birth

Brayden Keith Aho, a son born to Keith and Jamie Aho on Easter Sunday, April 16, 2006 at St. Joseph's Medical Center in Park Rapids. He weighed 7 pounds and 7 ounces.

Grandparents are Armas and Pat Aho of Menahga and Mark and Paula Damon of NH.



Birth announcements

Geraldine Weaver announces the birth of a grandson on April 12, 2006, born to Ben and Tonya (Weaver) Aho of Watkins, MN. The baby was named **Grant Benjamin** and weighed 8 pounds and 11 ounces. Five sisters welcomed him home. Paternal grandparents are Arvi and JoAnne Aho.



Paul and Esther Impola announce the birth of a grandson born to James and Clara (Impola) Estola in Ironwood, MI on April 3. The baby was named **Tanner James**. He weighed 7 pounds and 12 ounces. Paternal grandparents are Richard and Betty Estola.



Bruce and Huldy Sannes announce the birth of a granddaughter born to Davin and Jen Sannes in Madison, WI on April 28. The baby was named **Enavi Evelyn**. She weighed 9 pounds and 12 ounces. Enavi was welcomed home by brother Jevin.



Milestones

5/4/06 - Curtis Samuelson

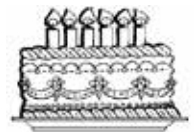
65th Birthday

5/9/06 - Marge Kumma

75th Birthday

6/13/06 - Esther Impola

50th Birthday



Baptisms

Knaylor Isaiah Howard, son of Jeremy and the late Emelia Howard, Menahga, was baptized at his home on Friday evening April 7, 2006 by Pastor Elmer Yliniemi. Knaylor was born September 1, 2005 at home.



His sponsors are Job and Katie Aho of Frazee, Cora Howard of Menahga and Joe Henderson of Park Rapids.

Grandparents are Curtis and Sarah Howard of Menahga and Victor Sr. and Lola Aho of Menahga. Great-grandmothers are Lyyli Schwartz and Elma Impola of Menahga.

Arabella Noel Aho, daughter of Victor Jr. and Stacy Aho of Menahga was baptized at the Spruce Grove Church on Sunday morning April 9, 2006 by Pastor Elmer Yliniemi. Arabella was born October 2, 2005 at home.



Her sponsors are; Nathan and Stephanie Siltala of St. Joseph, MN and Ian and Trisha Hrdlicka of Frazee, MN. Her grandparents are Victor Sr. and Lola Aho of Menahga and Byron and Mary Saari of Ironwood, Michigan. Great-grandmothers are; Elma Impola of Menahga, Marie Rouse and Signe Saari of Ironwood, MI.

Alyse Mae Martin, daughter of Luke and Shela Martin of Nevis was baptized at the Spruce Grove Apostolic Lutheran Church on Saturday afternoon, April 22, 2006 by Pastor Elmer Yliniemi. Alyse was born February 26, 2006 at St. Joseph's Medical Center in Park Rapids.



Her sponsors are; Gene and Joy Kraushaar of Nevis, Garrett Jensen of Park Rapids and Dina foster of Menahga.

Her grandparents are; Robert Martin of Frazee, and Kenneth and Alice Ristinen of Menahga. Great-grandparents are Art and Paddy Martin of Vergas, MN.

2006 Graduates

Menahga High School – May 26, 2006, 7:30 P.M.

Travis Ahlf

Kimberly Aho

Alvin Aho

Krista Aho

Daryl Aho

Kirby Anderson

Valerie Haataja

New York Mills High School.–May 26, 7:30 P.M.

Titus Fraki

Detroit Lakes Technical College–May 9, 2006

Emma Aho –Accounting Program

Joslyn Ashnewitz–Architectural Technology

*Congratulations
Graduates!*



Graduation Parties

You are invited to a party in honor of:

- **Alvin, Daryl, Kimberly and Krista Aho** at the church following graduation on Friday evening, May 26.
- **Valerie Haataja** at the Wolf Lake Waterfront Park 1:00 to 4:00 P.M. on, Saturday, May 13.
- **Travis Ahlf** at the Marty Ahlf home on Saturday, May 27th from 1:00-5:00 PM.
- **Kirby Anderson** at the Bret Anderson home on Sunday May 28th from 1:00 to 3:00 P.M.
- **Titus Fraki** at the Jesse Fraki farm in NYM on Saturday, May 27 at 7:30 P.M

News and Notes

- Counselors from the Valley Christian Counseling Center in Fargo had an informal follow-up session on depression and grieving Wednesday evening April 19, at 7:00 P.M at the Church.
- Andrew Kandoll from Champion, Michigan was guest speaker on April 30.
- Andrew Tumberg will be guest speaker on May 14, when Pastor Elmer will be attending a meeting in Vancouver, WA
- Jesse Aho from Michigan will be guest speaker on May 21, when Pastor Elmer will be speaking at the Trout Lake Apostolic Lutheran Church.
- Mildred Kangas celebrated her 80th birthday at Green Pine Acres Nursing Home on April 17.
- Esther Hendrickson is now living at the Madison assisted living apartments in Detroit Lakes. Her Address is Apt. 104, 1405 Madison Ave., Detroit Lakes, MN and her phone number is 218-844-8264. She would appreciate visitors.
- Curtis Samuelson has retired from his job as of May 5.
- Rodney Aho is employed at the Armory in Detroit Lakes as of May 1.
- A group of young people attended the Youth Rally in Esko, MN the last week-end of April.
- A bridal shower for Anna Niemela on Saturday April 22 at the big house was well attended..



- A baby shower was held for Jamie Aho on April 15 at the Paddock Town Hall.



Summer Schedule

Starting June 4, services will begin at 10:30 A.M. on Sundays for the months of June July and August.

Confirmation

The Confirmation classes have been set for Monday through Friday, June 19-23, with the Confirmation service planned for Sunday June 25th.



Thank You

To Bill Aho of Osage for a generous donation to the Building fund.



Sunday School Picnic

You are all invited to the Sunday School Picnic on Sunday evening June 11, at the Wolf Lake Ball Park. Everyone is encouraged to come join us for an evening of food and fellowship. Starting about 6:30 to 7:00 P.M.



Eastern Mission services

The Apostolic Lutheran Eastern Missionary Association will conduct the 2006 Annual Meeting and Services, at the Watertown, SD Apostolic Lutheran Church on May 19, 20 and 21. Everyone is welcome to attend these services, and join us in fellowship.

Service schedule is as follows:

Friday evening, May 19 - 7 P.M.

Saturday, May 20-10:00 A.M., 2 P.M. and 5 P.M.

Sunday, May 21 10A.M and 2 P.M.

On behalf of the Eastern Mission
John Ruotsala, Secretary

Church Website

You are invited to check out the church website at:

www.sprucegrovechurch.org

The Newsletter is now available on the web. New pictures are added weekly from events at the church. Sermons from the church can be accessed or downloaded.

Services via Telephone:

The services at the church are available by telephone. It is free to everyone who can dial up any of the following exchanges as local calls:

Menahga-218-564-2030
Wolf Lake-218-538-2030
Sebeka-218- 837-2030
Verndale 218-445-2030
Nimrod-218-472-2030



By dialing one of the above numbers just when the service begins you will be prompted to give the pin number. You should then be able to hear the service. If these numbers are long distance numbers, you will have long distance charges. Pin numbers are in bold type as follows for the services in May and June. (Unfortunately you have to have a different assigned pin number for each service):

May 7, - Sunday -11:00 A.M.—**18902**
 May 14, - Sunday -11:00 A.M.—**10990**
 May 21, - Sunday-11:00 A.M.—**11048**
 May 28, - Sunday - 11:00 A.M.—**11072**
 June 4, - Sunday - 10:30 A.M.—**42062**
 June 9, - Friday - 8:00 P.M.—**42100**
 June 11, - Sunday- 10:30 A.M.—**42142**
 June 17, - Saturday -Wedding -7:00 P.M.—**42192**
 June 18,- Sunday - 10:30 A.M.—**42216**
 June 23, - Friday- 8:00 P.M.—**42244**
 June 25, - Sunday-Confirmation-10:30A.M.—**42270**
 July 2, - Sunday - 10:30 A.M.—**42348**

Convention 2006

To the Apostolic Lutheran Congregations,
 God's Peace!

The Hockinson Apostolic Lutheran Church would like to welcome you to the 2006 Annual Conventions, which will be held in Vancouver, Washington, July 12th, through July 16th.

Services will begin on Wednesday evening, at 7:00 pm, at the Apostolic Lutheran Church in Hockinson Washington, and will continue at the Skyview High School Thursday, July 13th, through Sunday July 16th

Enclosed with this letter is motel and campground information, along with a map and a listing of some area attractions. Please make your reservations early, as some of the motels are holding discounted rates for us through the end of June. Be sure to state that you are with the Apostolic Lutheran Convention, as we have received rates under that

name. Just a reminder to the young: The world is watching, please conduct yourselves in a manner that is a reflection of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

We will be using the Companion Songbooks at the services. They will be available for purchase during the convention at the registration desk.

Please check our website:
www.hockinsonchurch.com for further updates and information.

We look forward to having you join us in July.
 Gregg & Vivian Walikainen
 Convention Lodging & Registration Committee
The list of motels, attractions and map will be posted on the church bulletin board.

Remember in Prayer



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

- The **Jeremy Howard family**, Victor and Lola Aho family, and Curtis and Sarah Howard family. May the Lord continue to uphold and sustain them.
- **Reuben Aho** and the family as he goes to the Mayo Clinic in Rochester for treatment options. Pray for healing and guidance in making treatment decisions.
- **Linda Aho** who is dealing with several health issues. Pray for guidance in the decisions she must make.

Continue to remember in prayer:

Leaders of our Nation Edna Keranen

Our missionaries

Dela Nelson

Our military

Alice Ristinien

Martha Aho

Lila Yliniemi

Anna Alanen

Violet Yliniemi

Elnora Matson

Shirley Yliniemi

Mildred Kangas

Steve Ristinien

Esther Hendrickson

Organist Schedule

May - 7th- Sunday - Deborah/Patricia

14th - Sunday - **Deborah**

21th- Sunday - **Ramona**

28th- Sunday - **Marge**

June - 4th - Sunday - Patricia/Sarah

9th-Friday - **Deborah**

11th-Sunday - **Ramona**

18th-Sunday - **Deborah**

23rd-Friday - **Patricia**

25th-Sunday- **Marge**

July - 2nd - Sunday - Deborah/Sarah

9th - Sunday - **Patricia**

Available on line

A Godly Heritage

Historical view of the Laestadian Revival and Development of the Apostolic Lutheran Church in America

Book can be ordered from Miriam Yliniemi, 218-538-6615 or on the website by credit card. See link on church website

www.sprucegrovechurch.org

Price is \$10.00. Add postage and handling charge of \$2.50 when ordering by mail.



Radio Broadcast

Echoes of Mercy broadcast – KWAD – Wadena

Sundays 8:05 a.m. - English--- 9:00 a.m. - Finnish

Elmer Yliniemi—May 7th and 21th **June 4th** and 18th

Don Salo--May 14th and 28th **June 11th** and 25th

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

Cleaning groups

May

Esther and Paul
Neil and Amanda

June

Harry and Lori
Andrew and Laureena

July

Les and Marsha
Jared and Jolene



Mother's Day
May 14th



Memorial Day
May 29th