

2nd half MINISTRIES

Minnesota Seniors Enjoying the Second Half of Life!

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A NOTE FROM THE DIRECTOR

Spring is having some difficulty in arriving this year! Never-the-less, we held our annual 'spring' luncheon at Cedar Valley Church in Bloomington on April 7th! We enjoyed a sun-splashed day and very cool temperatures, but the atmosphere at our luncheon was warm and inviting. About 200 seniors enjoyed a delicious meal, some great fellowship, music by the **Teen Challenge Choir**, and the ministry of **Larry and Gloria Lundstrom**. We presented **Myrna Gunderson** the first "Faithful Servant Award" for her many years of service to the Kingdom of God, including her faithful participation in the Senior Adults Ministry here in Minnesota. We were also introduced to **Jeff and Sylvie Saxton** who are planting a church in Brooklyn Park. They appealed to our seniors for their prayers and support of this new venture. (See his article in this newsletter.) Our 'Seniors on the Go' director; Sue Wernecke reminded us of several events that are being planned - the next being an overnight bus tour to LeMars, Iowa in June to hear the Brown Family Singers. A flyer for this event is included with this newsletter. Our bus tours are always enjoyable. Perhaps you can come along with us on this one. At the conclusion of our luncheon we received a love offering for Teen Challenge that amounted to **\$912.25!** Thank you! It is my desire to see our Minnesota seniors continue to be active in their local churches. We have gifts - let's continue to use them! We also have the message of life that we need to share with lost souls around us. We just need to **"Simply Share Jesus"** with others. There are a lot of hurting people around us. Surely, there is something we can do to introduce them to Jesus. Let's ask the Holy Spirit to help us reach out and touch someone with the life-changing message of love.

Bruce Talso, Director
Minnesota 2nd Half Ministries



Larry & Gloria Lundstrom



"Faithful Servant" Award recipient; Myrna Gunderson



Pastor Jeff & Sylvie Saxton Church Planters



2ND HALF MINISTRIES FALL RETREAT

September 7 - 9, 2018
Lake Geneva Christian Center
Friday Night Concert: The Benson Family
Speakers: Scott & Karen Hagen
Registration details in our June newsletter



Our Teen Challenge Singers (and waiters)



OUR KIDS CAMPS NEED MATURE ADULTS to serve as "Grandparents" to the kids who attend camp this summer. Are you available to offer a little 'TLC'? Contact Erin Corbett at 612-322-2400 or ecorbett@mnaog.org



We have several fun opportunities for you coming up this spring, summer, and fall. **First**, June 14-15, we will be heading to LeMars, Iowa for an overnight stay to enjoy a concert with the renowned **Browns Family**, also featuring Emmet Cahill of The Celtic Thunder, followed by LeMars Ice Cream Days. A registration flyer is enclosed with this newsletter. If you are planning to go on this trip we ask that you send in the registration ASAP as the deadline is a little shorter than usual. **Second**, we are planning a one day bus outing on August 14 for the **St. Paul 'Gangster Tour'** checking out famous gangster hideouts including the Wabasha Caves. A registration flyer for this event is also enclosed. We will enjoy lunch together after the tour. **Third**, on Saturday, October 6, we will enjoy a **river cruise on the Mississippi River** out of St Paul. Our cruise was very popular last year, so we decided to go again; this time scheduling in the fall so we can enjoy the fall foliage and live music. More details will be coming on this event along with the Songs of the Season at North Central University in December. And then don't forget **Family Camp**. On Tuesday, July 3rd we will hold our senior luncheon during the week of camp. Then of course, plan to join us for our **fall retreat September 7 - 9**. The Benson Family Singers will be back us by popular demand and Scott Hagen President of North Central University and his wife Karen will be our speakers. More information on this along with registration forms will be included in the June newsletter. **Yes, we are Minnesota seniors enjoying the 2nd half of life!**

- Sue Werneke, Director, Seniors on the Go

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If you wish to be included in an email format email me at brucetalso@comcast.net or contact me with a card or letter, sending it to our **PO Box** printed on the front of this newsletter. You will be added to the e-mail list. *- Bruce Talso*

join our team

A NEW OPPORTUNITY!

Did you know - statistically speaking, new church plants that are given outside nourishment in the form of people, resources and equipment, have a 300% greater chance of survival than those that try to make it on their own? In the book of Acts, we see what a blessing the great church in Antioch was in the way that it "mothered" and "parented" new church plants. Without seasoned veterans of the faith in Antioch, contributing their time, treasures and talents, these new communities of faith would likely have never been planted.

Recently I met with Pastor Bruce Talso and shared my vision for our new church plant - **AUTHENTIK CHURCH**, in Brooklyn Park MN. Brooklyn Park has over 80,000 people, and no A/G presence. I told him that God has given us a vision to not only reach young people and young families, but people of all ages and backgrounds. Now you may be content in your church and role at this time. That's totally fine, but I want to offer you this opportunity - I am praying for the Holy Spirit to literally **CALL OUT** to some senior believers who are willing to help us on a temporary basis (for a few months.) There are 3 ways you can help us "parent" **AUTHENTIK CHURCH**:

1. **PRAYER SUPPORT** (The most powerful way)
2. **FINANCIAL SUPPORT** (The most revenant way)
3. **JOIN US SUNDAYS** serving as our "LAUNCH TEAM" (for 3 months after Launch Day - attend, tithe and tell others about our venture)



If you feel the Lord stirring you to at least, take a deeper look into this church plant opportunity, I would be pleased to speak with you. Please contact me at 952-270-5632 or email me at jeffsaxton@juno.com Our Website is: www.authentikchurch.com Check us out! Thank you so

much! Jeff Saxton, Lead Pastor **AUTHENTIK CHURCH**

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DO YOU HAVE A "2ND HALF" MINISTRY IN YOUR CHURCH?

Send for the two articles that can get you started!

- **How to Begin a Seniors Ministry in Your Church**
- **50 Senior Adult Ministry Ideas for Your Church**

These articles can also be downloaded from our MN District webpage. www.mnaog.org (Select 'ministries, then select '2nd HALF' then follow the prompts.

