

2nd Half MINISTRIES

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A NOTE FROM THE DIRECTOR – We enjoyed an outstanding fall retreat at the end of September. Assistant Superintendent of the Assemblies of God, Alton Garrison was our speaker. We also found out what a great musician he is! The concert by the Garms Family on Friday evening was enjoyed by all. I want to thank those of you who supported our effort to have Minnesota seniors get together by attending our retreat. We have received many favorable comments on our weekend together. I wish more of you could have attended. As always, we enjoyed great fellowship, food and inspiration.

Now that fall is upon us, we are preparing for the Branson Christmas Bus Tour (Nov 14-18) There are a few seats left, so if you want to join us contact [Sue Werneke at 763-528-3858 ASAP](mailto:Sue.Werneke@bransonchristmasbus.com). At the writing of this newsletter, we have 35 who are planning to travel with us. The **'Songs of the Season'** dinner/concert at North Central University is scheduled for **Friday evening, December 1st**. The flyer enclosed will give you information on that. We had such a favorable response to this holiday event we decided to schedule it again this year. Perhaps you are reading our newsletter for the first time. If you wish to be added to our mailing list, send your address information (or change of address) to the **above email address or our new 2nd Half Ministries post office box.**

One more thing - You will notice an enclosed flyer for the Midwest Hebrew Ministries Bible Prophecy Conference on November 11. I have been associated with this ministry for over 30 years – having served as Director for a period of time. I would like to personally invite you to join us for this conference. Many churches are not preaching end-time sermons these days, so this would be a great time for you to hear some good 'old fashioned' Bible prophecy preaching! Rob Lindsted is always a favorite and he comes with the latest information on world events; putting a biblical perspective to them. It is a great way to spend the day in the Word!

Bruce Talso, 2nd Half Ministries Director

FALL RETREAT MEMORIES - Here are a few photos from our retreat. If you would like to get a 'full view' you can go to our web site at www.mnaog.org click on **'ministries'** then click on **'2nd Half Ministries'** and select **2017 retreat**. Jean Siirila, our camp photographer has done a marvelous job of putting together a retreat journal including photos, Alton Garrison's sermon notes, plus a whole lot more! Check it out! Next year's retreat: September 7 – 9, 2018.



The Garms Family presented our Friday Night Concert



Our speaker Alton Garrison



Our Retreat Musicians
Dan & Marlene Turner



Harold Kamppi greeted us



Special times around the altar



Harold & Jean Siirila with Alton

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**Christmas with
 The Jim Brady Trio**
 Sunday, December 3, 5 p.m.



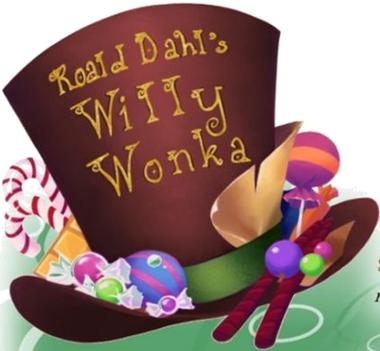
Revive Brooklyn Park Church
 7849 West Broadway
 Brooklyn Park, MN

For tickets, call 651-638-6333
 Or go to www.musicforthemaster.com
(Hotel info also available at this Web site)

Artist's Circle: \$30
General Admission: \$25
Groups of 10+: \$20
At-the-door: \$30

.....COMING IN 2018.....

- The Booth Brothers – April 13
- Collingsworth Family – Sept 15



**Roald Dahl's
 Willy
 Wonka**

DATES
 November 10–12
 November 16–19

TICKETS
 Adults \$15
 Children/Seniors \$12

Show times and ticket info at
northcentral.edu/finearts-tickets
 or call 612.343.4700

**NORTH CENTRAL UNIVERSITY
 FINE ARTS PRESENTATION**

A FUSS OVER PRUNES! - There is a story about a young boy whose mother stewed prunes for dessert every now and then. This boy hated prunes with a passion! The mother used the kind of persuasion that is probably very similar to what we have used at times. When he balked at eating his prunes, mother would say, "Just think of all the little boys around the world who don't have enough food to eat." To which the boy answered; 'Well, they can have my prunes!' One evening our little friend got down to the last two prunes in his dish, and he had had it; he didn't care what happened, he was not going to eat those last two prunes! Exasperated, the mother used another tactic; "God doesn't like little boys who don't eat their prunes." When even this tactic did not work, the boy's mother finally said, "Alright, you can go up to bed; you have been a naughty boy. God will be very unhappy with you." About the time the boy entered his room a thunderstorm broke loose – lightning flashing, thunder roaring with the wind whipping the rain against the window. The mother, thinking the boy might be frightened, went up to his room to comfort him. She expected to find him in bed whimpering in fear. Instead, she found him standing at the window with his face pressed up against the glass. As she paused at the door to his room, she overheard him say, "What a fuss to make over two prunes!"



Have you ever wondered why God makes a fuss over us? The word "fuss" means; 'An excessive display of anxious activity.' Yes, God cares enough about us to put up a fuss over us. Why does God do this? Because He loves us! That mother; loving her son, wanted him to receive the right nutrients so he could grow up healthy and strong. Our Heavenly Father knows what is best for us, and sometimes the unwanted "prunes" He places before us are 'difficult to digest', but they are designed to help us develop a greater dependence upon God. Isn't that what He wants from us? As has been said, "God loves us too much to leave us the way He found us." He is continually working on us so that we will conform to the image of His Son. (Romans 8:29) We should all welcome the work God is accomplishing in us. The rate of our spiritual growth is based upon our submission to His Spirit and His Word. I like the Phillips paraphrase of Romans 12:2.....

"Don't let the world squeeze you into its own mold, but let God remold your minds from within, so that you may prove in practice that the plan of God for you is good, meeting all His demands and moves toward the goal of true maturity."

On behalf of our 2nd Half Ministry Committee, I would like to wish each of you a Blessed Thanksgiving, a Joyous Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year! Have a blessed day!Oh, and be sure to eat ALL your prunes!

**Bruce Talso, Director, MN 2nd Half Ministries
 Psalm 34:3**

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