

# MINNESOTA SENIOR ADULT MINISTRIES NEWSLETTER

"I was young and now I am old, yet I have never seen the Lord forsake the righteous...." Psalm 37:25

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**A NOTE FROM THE DIRECTOR** – While spring has arrived on the calendar, we await more moderate Minnesota weather to venture out of doors. Summer is a time for activity! I hope you will take advantage of the opportunities for fellowship and inspiration that we are planning. A heads up to those of you “**up north;**” We are exploring the possibility of a dinner cruise in the Brainerd area this summer. Watch our next newsletter for information on this endeavor. Begin making plans now to join us for Family Camp in July and our senior luncheon on July 5<sup>th</sup>. Also, keep September 9-11 open for our Fall Retreat. Let's keep happy – healthy and heavenly minded during the months ahead!

*Bruce Talso, MNSAM Director*

We enjoyed a delightful luncheon on April 2<sup>nd</sup> at Cedar Valley Church with our musical guests; Jerry and Ginger Dallin; the Songmasters, and speaker Ron Held who presented a monologue: “*A Prodigal Father and His Two Lost Sons.*” We received many favorable comments on the delicious food, music and monologue. Men from Teen Challenge were our servers. An offering received for Teen Challenge amounted to **\$1,059.00**. It was so good to see so many of you again this year! I want to say a special ‘thank you’ to Yvonne Talso, Lou Wold and those that came early to help with the tables. You did a great job! Also, I did appreciate those that helped with the registration--you were a blessing. Then too, I want to give a BIG thank you to our Director, Bruce Talso for all the many hours that he spent preparing for this event! What a blessing! May God richly bless each of you, your presence meant so much as we met together again. With much love, *Myrna Gunderson*



## JOIN US FOR THE 2016 MINNESOTA FAMILY CAMP

Lake Geneva Christian Center - July 1 - 10, 2016

Senior's Luncheon - Tuesday, July 5 at Noon



Our speaker for this year's senior luncheon will be Dr. Carol Alexander. Carol is a passionate communicator and is in demand as a speaker around the world. She is committed to motivating men and women and assisting them in discovering God's best for their lives. Carol holds a PhD degree with a specialization in contemporary culture and Christian leadership responses to it. Carol has most recently assumed responsibilities as the Director of Graduate Studies at Trinity Bible College in Ellendale, North Dakota. We welcome Carol to our 2016 senior luncheon! Contact the camp directly at 320-763-3680 to make your housing reservations for the camp. **The seniors discounted luncheon ticket will be \$7.50 – and can be secured from the camp office upon your arrival at the campgrounds.**

### SENIOR'S FALL RETREAT

Lake Geneva Christian Center  
Friday – Sunday, September 9 – 11  
Our Friday night concert will feature the  
Benson Family Singers.

Retreat Speaker: Rev. Ron Roberts  
**Registration begins May 15. Use  
housing form in this newsletter and  
send directly to the camp**



Our first “Seniors on the Go” event of the summer season will be a one day bus tour to the **Amish Community in Augusta, Wisconsin on Friday, July 22**. We will see a living link with the past through the visible lifestyle of the Amish. We will see horse-drawn buggies, one-room schools, Amish grocery stores, and horse teams in the field. We will have lunch at the Norske Nook Restaurant in Osseo, WI. Get ready for a Norwegian ‘Lefsa omelet wrap’ (hash browns, eggs, cheese, and sausage links) coffee, and a piece of their famous Norske Nook homemade pie. **Reservations MUST be made by July 8<sup>th</sup>**. We are limited to **52** seats. This trip fills up fast, so send in your reservation ASAP to secure your place. **Cost: \$70 per person - includes lunch.** See insert for information.



## SENIOR RESOURCES

### One Stop for Minnesota Seniors

1-800-333-2433

[www.MinnesotaHelp.info](http://www.MinnesotaHelp.info)



### Minnesota Good Age Magazine

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1115 Hennepin Avenue

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### How to Begin a Senior's Ministry in Your Church

#### 50 Senior Adult Ministry Ideas

(These articles and others can be downloaded from the Minnesota District website – [www.mnaog.org](http://www.mnaog.org) (Select 'ministries' then select "SAM" then follow the prompts)



**Darrel Amiot,**  
**Minnesota A/G Stewardship**  
**Director**

#### **Living Legacies**

Over the past two years, we have had the opportunity to meet with hundreds of Christians. One common theme has appeared throughout these meetings...leaving a financial legacy. There are many people who have wills; however, there are many who do not. We have discovered that Christians want to leave an inheritance to their children or a charity.

Many times people have great intentions, but their wishes are never fulfilled. The causes for unfulfilled wishes are numerous. Listed here are just a few:

- Lack of proper planning or follow through
- Unforeseen illness
- Transition to a nursing home
- Catastrophe leading to elimination of assets

We have identified these situations and refer to them as **"DEAD LEGACIES"**. These situations are not allowing Christians the opportunity to fulfill their dreams.

For assistance in preparing a Living Legacy, please contact Darrel Amiot or Chris Fleck (612-310-1660)

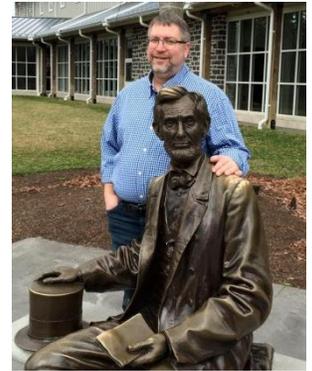
### **MORE INTERESTING NEWS!**

- **The First Assemblies of God Seniors Conference**  
**August 29-31, 2016 - Branson MO**  
**At The Chateau on the Lake Resort**  
**Registration now open - \$49 - includes 6 meals!**  
**Special \$89 per night A/G hotel rate - Register**  
**on "National Senior Adults" Facebook page**
- **Check out the new AG Facebook Page – find it at "National Senior Adults"**

## WHAT NOW?

By Troy Fields, Pastor, Tree of Life A/G &  
North Twin Cities Section SAM Field Representative

If one were to do a Google search using the question, "How many words are in the Bible?" they would find that there are 8,674 different Hebrew words, 5,624 different Greek words and 12,143 different English words. That is a phenomenal number of words that appear in scripture. There are some amazing words like propitiation, redemption, atonement, and preeminence. There are seemingly insignificant words like and, or, but, wept and walked. There are words that can change our life contained in scripture. With all of the words that are found in the Bible, I find it quite interesting that there is one word that you do not find...retirement.



**Wait!** Did he say that Christians can never retire? We must stay at our jobs until we die? No. What I am saying is that there is no age when a Christian stops being useful to the Lord. Abraham was 90, and childless, when God said He was going to make a great nation out of Abraham's offspring. Moses was 80 when God told him that he would no longer be shepherding sheep but would instead be shepherding the entire nation of Israel. Joshua was at least 50 when God said he would take over for Moses. John was at least 70 when he received Revelation on the Island of Patmos. I have heard some pastors tell their older members that they can pray, while others do the work. This is a wrong idea.

In this world we will have trouble. The older people in this world have been through that trouble already. Who better to teach the younger believers the ways of faith? Who better to speak to the importance of knowing and understanding scripture? Who better to model the life of devotion and humility than one who has had years and years of practice? As a youth pastor I used a certain verse of scripture often to motivate the teens in my charge:

***"Do not let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in life, in love, in faith and purity." (1 Tim. 4:12)***

The implications to a teen are clear; do not allow yourself to fall into the trap of saying "I am just a kid. You can be an example of what it means to be Christian". Those implications are the same for the older folks too. Do not fall into the trap of saying, "I do not have any worth anymore" and be satisfied to sit in the corner and rock your life away. You have spent your life being an example of what a Christian is. Teach the younger believers how to do it. Model the behavior for them. Pray, as only you can, because you have been through the battles and are tested and know you can trust the Lord in all things. Do not let people look down on you because you are older!

***"IT'S HARD TO BE AN OPTOMIST  
WHEN YOU HAVE A MISTY OPTIC!"***