

2nd half MINISTRIES

MINNESOTA SENIOR MINISTRIES NEWSLETTER

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A NOTE FROM THE DIRECTOR – I am sure that you have noticed our new logo! (Thanks to Sue Wernecke who designed it for us) Our Minnesota Seniors Ministry previously known as SAM (Senior Adult Ministry) will now be known as “**2nd HALF MINISTRIES.**” This will better describe those of us enjoying the second half of life! We know that there is a joyous new life awaiting us in heaven, but for now, we plan to enjoy the days, months and years of fellowship and blessings that God will provide for us here on earth. It has been said that “60 is the new 40.” By that they mean seniors are living longer, are more active, and are participating in life just like 40 year olds!

Don't you feel invigorated just hearing that? And as 'mature' believers, why shouldn't we? We still have much to contribute to life! We are still important to the Kingdom of God and He wants us to continue to be active until we are called home. **Quote:** “*Your greatest ability is your availability.*” Let that sink in for a moment. Be sure to let your pastor know that you are 'available!' Surely there's a work that we can do! The beautiful summer months are ahead of us. Let's take in everything God has provided for us. And while we are enjoying His handiwork, let us be sure to lift a word of praise to Him! *“I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from where my help comes from. My help comes from the Lord, which made heaven and earth.”* (Ps 121:1-2)

Bruce Talso, Director 2nd Half Ministry



Summer is upon us and a great time to participate in activities and fellowship. Here are a few activities coming up during the next few months. Hope you can join us! (Be sure to plan activities in your home church / section during the coming months)

2nd Half Ministries Family Camp Luncheon – Wednesday, July 5, Noon

Join us for the inspiration and fun of “Family Camp!” at Lake Geneva Christian Center – Alexandria, MN

Discounted dinner price: \$7.50 - Pick up your tickets at the camp office after you arrive.

Our Speaker: Dr. Allen Tennison - North Central University



Brainerd Luncheon Cruise – Saturday, August 5 - Noon – 2:00 pm (See insert)

Twin Cities Luncheon Cruise – Saturday, August 12 - 11 am – 3:00 pm (See insert)

2nd Half Fall Retreat - September 29 through October 1

Lake Geneva Christian Center – Alexandria, MN

- Special Speaker: Alton Garrison – Asst. Supt. A/G
- Friday evening concert: The Garms Family Singers
- Worship leaders: Dan and Marlene Turner
- **Housing Information and registration form enclosed**
- Send your registration directly to the camp

Please note: Lakeview Center rooms are available to us this year, providing additional housing on the campground.



Twin Cities' Spring Luncheon Was A Hit!

It was good to see so many of our friends at this year's luncheon. We enjoyed a great lunch provided by our friends at Cedar Valley Church on Saturday, April 1st. In addition to a great meal and fellowship, we enjoyed the musical ministry of The Chancellors Quartet; always a favorite with our seniors. We appreciated their four-part harmony, and their 'meaningful ministry'. The Teen Challenge waiters served us once again this year. At the conclusion of our luncheon we received a love offering for this ministry which totaled \$854. I want to thank those of you who attended. Have a blessed summer!

Myrna Gunderson - Luncheon Facilitator



SENIORS ON THE GO!

43 Minnesota seniors enjoyed an 'unforgettable' bus tour to both the **Ark Encounter** and **Creation Museum** in Ohio / Kentucky, May 8 – 12. We enjoyed beautiful weather and great fellowship as we experienced the wonders and confirmation of God's Word together. A spectacular walk through the recreated Ark (true to the biblical dimensions) detailed how Noah's family built and maintained the Ark, caring for thousands of animals during the flood. Three decks provide insights as to food storage, living quarters, workshops, animal cages and yes, even food growth. The **Creation Museum**, refuting the modern teaching of evolution, teaches the message of creationism; something our young people need to hear, as it is not being



taught in our public schools today. The biblical themes at both parks center on the trustworthiness of the Bible, and providing a clear picture of the plan of salvation. Our trip also included a luncheon cruise on the Ohio River, a bus tour of the "Queen City" (Cincinnati) and a stop at the Indianapolis Speedway museum. We are grateful that God provided us with a safe trip; one without any mishaps or sickness! What an awesome trip! A 300 picture CD is available for those interested in a pictorial overview of our trip. Contact Bruce Talso for details. (brucetalso@comcast.net)
Sue Werneke, Tour Director



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Stewardship Director

PREVENTIVE MEDICINE

Do you have a will? What is the difference between a will and a trust? Does the word PROBATE worry you? What is a funeral trust? These and many other issues regarding estates are topics that the District Office is willing to work with you on through the Stewardship Department. If you would like a consultation, please call Darrel Amiot at 612-310-1660.

Relevant Senior Adult Ministry

Addressing older adult concerns:

- Loneliness - Sickness - Poverty - Confusion
- Need of acceptance
- Rejection (Feeling of being 'cast aside')
- Spiritual 'burn out'
- Spiritual void
- Need of companionship
- Need of encouragement (1 Thess. 5:11)
- Preparation for death

The above 'slide' is from the **"60 is the New 40 – Relevant Senior Adult Ministry"** presentation made at the recent Minnesota District EQUIP Conference. The session focused on the challenge of providing a relevant Senior program in the local church; one that addresses the needs of adults in the 2nd Half of life. If you would like a complete set of the printed handouts from these slides, contact 2nd Half Ministries at the District Office and request a set. The handouts are free and postage paid. This presentation can be used in your local group to inform and challenge your adults in reaching seniors in your community. District Office address is 1315 Portland Avenue So, Minneapolis MN 55404-1454

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.

**THE BIGGEST LIE I TELL MYSELF IS
'I DON'T NEED TO WRITE THAT DOWN
I'LL REMEMBER IT'**

**SCHOOL TEACHES YOU LESSONS
AND THEN GIVES YOU A TEST
LIFE GIVES YOU A TEST
AND YOU LEARN THE LESSONS**

ANNOUNCING..... SENIORS ON THE GO SUMMER CRUISES



BRAINERD LUNCHEON CRUISE

Saturday, August 5 Noon – 2:00 pm

\$38.50 - Includes: cruise, luncheon, taxes and gratuity.

Free parking at Ernie's on Gull Restaurant. We had such a great time last summer, so we thought we would do it again! We invite our seniors in Northern Minnesota to join us for this fun-filled event. A light jacket or sweater is advisable as the breezes on the water are cooler than on land. Cruise will be held rain or shine. Destiny Cruises is docked across the street from Ernie's on Gull, located on the Southeast shoreline of Gull Lake near Brainerd. Free parking available at Ernie's restaurant, 10424 Squaw Point Rd, East Gull Lake, MN 56401. Use reservation form below. **Registration deadline is July 29th**

TWIN CITIES LUNCHEON CRUISE

Saturday, August 12 11 am – 3 pm

\$38.75 – Includes cruise, luncheon, taxes & fees

We invite you to come along for a 4-hour cruise aboard the Johnathan Paddleford Riverboat from Harriet Island in downtown St Paul, up the Mississippi River, through Lock and Dam #1 into Minneapolis and back. Enjoy lively banjo music, spectacular scenery and historical narration. We will feast on a buffet of BBQ chicken, pulled pork sandwiches, green chilli, cheddar corn bread, potato salad, coleslaw watermelon wedges, cookies and coffee; a meal that is sure to leave you satisfied...and stuffed! Make your summer complete with a cruise on the Mississippi with our 2nd Half Minnesota seniors! **Use form below to make your reservation. Registration deadline is July 29th. Don't wait – boat fills fast! Map and further information will be sent to you upon receipt of your registration.**



Select cruise - complete form and send along with your check for the desired reservations



BRAINERD CRUISE – SATURDAY, AUGUST 5 - Noon – 2 pm

Make your check out to "2nd Half Ministries"

Tickets will not be mailed – Pick up at the dock before departure

Mail to:

Lowell Clark

**11737 Maplewood Drive
East Gull Lake MN 56401-2066**

Reserve _____ tickets @ \$38.50 each TOTAL _____



TWIN CITIES CRUISE – SATURDAY, AUGUST 12 - 11 am – 3 pm

Make your check out to "2nd Half Ministries"

Tickets will not be mailed – Pick up at the dock before departure

Mail to:

Bruce Talso

**10609 Sunset Road
Minneapolis MN 55443**

Reserve _____ tickets @ \$38.75 each TOTAL _____

PRINT NAME _____ PHONE _____

