

MINNESOTA A/G SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY 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 – An exciting summer awaits us! In a couple of weeks: **Family Camp**. I invite you to join us for our **Senior Luncheon on Tuesday July 5 at noon**. Information is included below. On **July 22** we are heading to the Amish Community for a "Seniors on the Go" event in Wisconsin. Our bus is filling up – now half full! You don't want to wait much longer to register if you plan to go. **Deadline for registering is July 8th**. When we reach the limit, we will begin a 'waiting list'. We will draw from this list if there are any cancellations from those who have already signed up. On **August 13** we have scheduled a cruise in Brainerd for you folks in the northern part of our state. Cost is only \$35 for the cruise which includes a light lunch. Information is also included in this newsletter. On August 29-31 the first **Assemblies of God Seniors Conference** will take place in Branson, MO. You can register at www.samconference.ag.org. All of the information can be found at that site. We are planning to partner with Cedar Valley Church in Bloomington to provide a bus to the conference if there is enough interest. Contact Dan Parotti at 952-883-1555 or danp@cvchurch.org if you are interested. Then, of course, our own **Minnesota Seniors Fall Retreat** will be held at Lake Geneva Christian Center, from **Friday, September 9 to Sunday, September 11**. The enclosed brochure will give you that information. If you have not yet made housing reservations, please mail the enclosed registration form to the camp directly. There will be **NO** telephone reservations taken this year. This is a beautiful time of year in our State – let's take advantage of it and join other Minnesota seniors in these activities. Ask a friend to join you. Have a delightful summer. God richly bless you!

Bruce Talso, MN SAM Director

JOIN US FOR THE 2016 MINNESOTA FAMILY CAMP LAKE GENEVA CHRISTIAN CENTER - JULY 1 - 10, 2016 SENIOR'S LUNCHEON - TUESDAY, JULY 5 AT NOON Special music by Dan & Marlene Turner, Juli Buschow & Jim Quistad

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! **Seniors discounted luncheon ticket will be \$7.50. Please pick up your ticket from camp office upon your arrival.**



NATION CHANGERS is looking for a few good men and women... people who want their lives to have an eternal impact... people who want to synergize their gifts with a worldwide evangelistic ministry. You are invited to attend **Nation Changers / 5-Star Evangelism Training** event on Saturday, June 25th, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Mount Olivet A/G, Twin Cities, MN (Located at 14201 Cedar Avenue South Apple Valley, MN 55124). Registration is \$30 and includes lunch, a flash drive with materials, and the opportunity to discuss serving as a National Trainer in the future. Call 763-425-9355 for further information and sign up.



YOUR HELP IS NEEDED – Either e-mail us or use regular mail to inform us of your change of address. This will assure you of not missing our mailings and will save us returned mail charges. Our address is: **MNSAM, 1315 Portland Avenue So. Minneapolis MN 55404-1454. Or, you can email us at brucetalso@comcast.net** Thank you! Send us your ideas and reports of SAM activities in your church! We would love to hear what you are doing!

A/G SENIOR ADULT CONFERENCE
August 29-31, 2016 • Branson, MO

REGISTER TODAY

THE FIRST NATIONAL A/G SENIOR ADULT CONFERENCE

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Information & Registration
www.samconference.ag.org

SENIOR RESOURCES

Assemblies of God Senior Adult Ministry

Web site: www.sam.ag.org

Minnesota Senior Adult Ministry

Web site: mnaog.org

One Stop for Minnesota Seniors

1-800-333-2433

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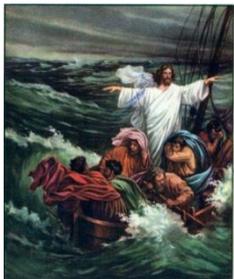
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How to Begin a Senior's Ministry in Your Church

50 Senior Adult Ministry Ideas

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



***The winds on the sea** were blowing; the billows were tossing high. The waves were beating against the boat, and no sign of help was nigh. The disciples were very frightened; the storm on the sea was rough. They tried their hardest to control the boat, but their strength just wasn't enough. Then they remembered their Master, the Lord of the earth and the skies.*

*He was asleep in the back of the boat. They called, and He opened His eyes. **'Carest Thou not that we perish?'** They asked Him in dismay. Then He arose and rebuked the wind and the wind and waves did obey. He spoke the words, 'Peace be still' and there was a wonderful calm. All heavens and earth obeyed His voice; He holds it all in His palm. When the winds of life's sea are raging, and the waves beat against your soul, will you forget that the Master is there, and wants your life to control? He wants to hear you ask Him; He's waiting for you today. He will speak peace to your troubled soul and calm your fears away. Won't you invite Him in right now? Say, Lord," You take control; forgive my sins and give me peace". He longs to speak peace to your soul.*

Composed by: Myrna Gunderson

I'm sure that most of you have read this story recorded in Mark chapter 4 many times. Now, if the disciples had only realized and thought that they had the Master of earth and skies in the boat, they should have known that there was no way that they could sink. He was in complete control. In the Living Bible it reads that Jesus said **"Don't you even yet have confidence in Me?"** Now, many times in our Christian walk with the Lord, a bad storm arises—a circumstance way beyond our control, and we have a tendency to panic—"Lord, I don't know which way to turn—what am I going to do?" May we stop and realize Jesus is in the boat with us—we can't sink, the God of the universe is with us and He really is in control! He will calm your storm—He is with you!!! I like that chorus, 'Jesus, Jesus How I trust Him, how I've proved Him o'er and o'er. Jesus, Jesus, Precious Jesus O for grace to TRUST Him more'

Myrna Gunderson



Amish Community Bus Tour - Get ready for a day of fun as we travel to the Amish Community in Augusta Wisconsin on Friday, July 22th. There is still room on the bus for you - so get your registration in by July 8th to be included. A St Paul pick up will be added for those in eastern Twin Cities areas. Participants will be contacted in advance of the trip.

Brainerd Luncheon Cruise - For you folk in the northern Minnesota – We invite you to join us for a Luncheon Cruise – Saturday, August 13th Noon- 2 pm. \$35 includes light lunch. See enclosed brochure for information and sign up.

MN Arboretum Fall Foliage Trip – Tentatively the first week in October. Further details in our next newsletter.

OUR NEWEST SAM FIELD REPRESENTATIVE

Pastor Susan Werneke is on staff at Maranatha A/G in Forest Lake, MN. She serves as the MAGlife Pastor with the goal of seeing that everyone who enters the church feels like part of the family.



Maranatha's Encore Seniors are a part of the MAGlife Ministry. Those who are not 55+ sometimes wish they were when they see this group of seniors enjoying each other and doing fun events. These seniors also show the younger generation that you are never too old to serve in various ministries in the church and community. Sue is married to Ed Werneke, a 38 year law enforcement retiree, and serves as Maranatha's Director of Men's Ministry.

Ed. Note: We appreciate those of you working with our seniors! If you are a senior's facilitator in your church, let me know who you are and what you are doing in your senior's ministry. We are constructing a list of local senior's facilitators to share ideas with churches throughout our state.

Bruce Talso, Director

FIELD REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

We enjoyed a special time of fellowship with seniors from Spring Valley and Albert Lea on Saturday, May Spring Valley Pastor James Leonard was our congenial host. The Spring Valley group did an outstanding job in preparation. They were so welcoming and had set up a beautiful banquet table for our lunch. Just before lunch, we enjoyed portions of the Gaither video RIVERS OF JOY. The ladies put on quite a feast of pulled turkey sandwiches, potato salad, veggies & dip, & topped it off with some great pies! It was a great time of interchange and conversation around the tables. We also had some discussion about future events. I shared some thoughts from John 17 challenging us as seniors, to be "prayers" and "encouragers." This was our first attempt in a sectional activity for our seniors. While we did not have the numbers we would have liked, it was a small step in getting acquainted and discussing future events. **Loren Molskness - SAM Field Representative - SE Section.**