



# Minnesota District A/G

Minnesota Seniors Enjoying the Second Half of Life!

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**A NOTE FROM THE DIRECTOR** – I am sure all of us are elated at the ‘opening up’ of our country after the COVID pandemic. With summer approaching, we can now look forward to returning to enjoyable times of fellowship. We kicked off our 2021 activities with our spring luncheon on **April 22** at Cedar Valley church in Bloomington. We had a great time of food, fun and fellowship. Our next event will be our luncheon during Family Camp on Tuesday, **July 6**. Ed Tedeschi, former pastor at Summit Church in St. Paul and Asst. District Superintendent will be our speaker. Dan and Marlene Turner are planning to be our musical guests. I hope you will plan to join us. For those of you in the Twin Cities area, we are planning another cruise on the Mississippi River on Saturday, **July 31<sup>st</sup>**. (Flyer enclosed) This has been a popular event in the past, so we decided to do it again! Then too, we are looking forward to another exciting fall retreat **September 9-11** at Lake Geneva Camp in Alexandria, MN. Flyer and registration forms are enclosed. Remember to send your registration forms directly to the camp. Rick Allen, Assemblies of God National Men’s Ministry Director will be our speaker and the Kingery Family will present an evening of music on Thursday night. If you have not joined us in previous years, I hope you will make a special effort to attend. A letter from one of our “first attenders’ two years ago might just encourage you to come along!

Rev. Bruce Talso, MN 2<sup>nd</sup> Half Ministry Director

Hello Pastor Talso,

I am writing to let you know how much my husband Rick and I enjoyed 2nd Half Ministries’ fall retreat. This was our first time attending. It has been a few years since our last visit to Lake Geneva. The refurbished Kingsriter Center made our stay quite enjoyable. The dining hall offered a good selection of food choices for each meal. All meals were delicious. The dining hall provided for relaxed conversation, renewing old friendships, and discovering new friends. We appreciated how the camp made a way for those needing help getting around the campus.

Worship services were wonderful as “Hymnsong” led us in singing hymns and spiritual songs from our younger years. Mike and Mona Shields inspired us with story and the teaching God’s Word, challenging us to continue doing the work God called us to do. The Saturday night concert by “The One-Man Band” Gary Froiland was entertaining. We are looking forward to seeing you at the 2021 get together.

Rick & Deb MacKinnon

### SPRING LUNCHEON MEMORIES



Look at all the Happy Faces!



Shirley and Charlotte sang for us.



Pastor Dan Parotti sang and brought a devotion for us.



Our hostess and caterer-Rhonda always provides us with a scrumptious meal. One comment heard: "Those baked potatoes were the size of footballs!" The Teen Challenge men served us. A \$1,200 offering was received for that ministry. PTL!



Our guests included Missionaries Ken and Marcie Dahlager, Denise Walker of Rich in Mercy Ministry, and Betty Swanson, retired Minnesota Director of 'Encore' the senior's ministry of the Evangelical Free Church of America.



**Are You Interested in beginning a senior's ministry in your church or, do you want to give your present ministry a little more zip?**

Send for a 35 – page manual authored by Dr. Ray James of the Potomac District. It will give you information on how to begin and maintain a dynamic senior's ministry in your church. The manual can be downloaded from our web page - [www.mnaog.org](http://www.mnaog.org) (2nd Half Ministry) or we can mail a free copy by your request to **2nd Half Ministry, PO Box 43953, Minneapolis MN 55443**

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**Featuring THE MARTINS in Concert  
Saturday, June 12 at 5:00 pm  
Secure tickets by phone at 800-965-9324 or  
visit [WWW.MINNESOTAGOSPELOPRY.COM](http://WWW.MINNESOTAGOSPELOPRY.COM)**

**THE ARK ENCOUNTER – MAY 2022**

In May of 2017, our seniors enjoyed a bus tour to the Ark Encounter and the Creation Museum in Kentucky. We are planning another tour for May of 2022. We want to alert you to this “Seniors on the Go” event so you can add it to your social calendar! We would love to take you along.

More information will appear in future newsletters.



*Do you have questions about your estate, wills, trusts, Social Security concerns, medical directives? Contact our Minnesota District Stewardship Director - Dr. Paul Freitag. You can reach him at 952-406-2835 or by email at: [doctorclub@aol.com](mailto:doctorclub@aol.com)*

Throughout the journey of life, we have all faced situations where we said to ourselves, “If only I had.” Oftentimes we say that because the action we did or did not take is now costing us significant time and money. In May of 2011 on a Sunday afternoon a storm came through the Twin Cities. We were driving to an open house and I noted that the skies looked funny as the sun was shining on the back side of the storm. A few hours later I learned that a tornado dropped out of the sky and ripped through north Minneapolis. That evening I went up there to check out some property and it looked like a warzone of destruction. I had insurance on a property but had reduced the coverage some months earlier. I came to find out that a tornado came under wind damage that was not covered on my current plan. The words went through my head, “If only I had...” That experience cost me time and money as I had to cover the cost of repairs to the roof and property.

This can easily occur in our lives with respect to getting our will set up and the power of attorney and health care directives. The old saying goes, “An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure.” Life circumstance can change quickly and it can be difficult or too late to take care of things after the “tornado” has hit. The best time to take care of business is when the sun is shining. We are here to assist you in getting things put in order. A little investment of time and sources can save much difficulty and finances later.

- Paul Freitag

**Sweetwater Revival's  
'Hallelujah Homecoming'  
with The Ball Brothers  
& Stellar Pianist  
Michael Fischer.  
Sat, Aug 7 @ 4:00PM  
at  
Trinity Evangelical Free  
Church, 10658 210th St W  
Lakeville, MN 55044**



**Tickets available at:  
[betheltickets.universitytickets.com](http://betheltickets.universitytickets.com)  
General Seating \$20; At the door: \$25. Group of 10+ \$18**

