



# Minnesota Seniors Enjoying the Second Half of Life!

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**A NOTE FROM THE DIRECTOR** – Welcome to fall! It was good to see so many of you at our fall retreat this year. We enjoyed three days of beautiful weather, great fellowship, an outstanding concert by the Kingery Family, and the inspirational ministry of Rick Allen, National Director of Men's Ministries and Light for the Lost. The Buschow Trio led us in praise and worship. Many favorable comments from those who attended. Our last event for 2021 will be the **"Songs of the Season"** dinner and concert at North Central University on December 3. Details and signup are included on the insert. I hope you will join us for this delightful event which will add to your Christmas celebration. God bless you, and may you have a delightful holiday season!

**I AM LOOKING FOR 'SPARK PLUGS'** - people in our local churches who will be the 'go to' person for us to keep in touch for the purpose of developing and supporting a senior ministry in your church. Might that be you? If so, contact me at [brucetalso@comcast.net](mailto:brucetalso@comcast.net) or call – 763-221-4469. Several of you have contacted me already, but I would like to become familiar with more of you. Let me know if you can serve your church and your seniors.

**RECENT ACTIVITIES** – Pictures below are from our last couple of events. Enjoyable times with so many of you!



"Cruisin' Down the River - July 31 aboard the Jonathan Padleford in St. Paul. - 60 friends joined us



Willie & Jametria Raspberry celebrated their 45th anniversary!



Mark & Joanne Ericson on their first cruise after Mark's retirement from the District Office.



Larry and Bernice Hale looking very nautical!!



Our Brainerd friends had a cruise in August



The Kingery Family presented a delightful concert during our retreat.



The Buschow Trio led us in praise and worship



Rick Allen, the National Director of Men's Ministry and Light for the Lost was our retreat speaker. We so enjoyed his anointed ministry!

**FALL RETREAT**



"Pickin' and singin' around the campfire





**Interested in beginning a senior's ministry 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. Great ideas 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/2ndhalf](http://www.mnaog.org/2ndhalf) (Resources) or we can mail a copy to you by your request to 2nd Half Ministry, PO Box 43953, Minneapolis MN 55443

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Please notify us by writing to MN 2<sup>nd</sup> Half Ministry, PO Box 43953, Minneapolis MN 55443 or by email at:

[brucetalso@comcast.net](mailto:brucetalso@comcast.net) Thank you!

## SENIOR RESOURCES

VISIT OUR WEB PAGE

[mnaog.org/2ndhalf](http://mnaog.org/2ndhalf)

Helpful information for all Seniors

Check us out!

**FOR YOUR MUSICAL ENJOYMENT.....**

**Jeff & Sheri Easter**



**Saturday, November 13, 2021, 5 pm**

**At Crossroads Church**

17671 Glacier Way, Lakeville, MN 55044

Tickets are \$30 and \$35 and can be purchased at (800) 965-9324 or online at

[WWW.MINNESOTAGOSPELOPRY.COM](http://WWW.MINNESOTAGOSPELOPRY.COM)

Tickets are \$5 more at the door.

## THE ARK ENCOUNTER & CREATION MUSEUM - MAY 2022

In May of 2017, our seniors enjoyed a tour to the Ark Encounter and the Creation Museum. We are planning another tour for May of 2022. We would love to take you along to meet 'Noah'. The enclosed flyer will give you information. A full itinerary will be available in the spring. A deposit of \$100 will reserve your seat on the bus. Final payment will be due on April 4. Come and join us!

## PLANNING POST PANDEMIC

**John and Judy Heide** serve as U.S. Missionaries to the Second Half Generations, ministering to churches parks, RV camps, leading bus trips and wherever 'older' folks hang out. John was with us for our fall retreat sharing his ministry with us during our 'Missions Moment' segment. The following article is adapted from his book "Finishing Life Strong!"



"Have you noticed how much time and energy is spent on "informing and helping" Second Halfers prepare for the future? Whether it is finances, housing, wills, pills, or even our funeral arrangements, the list for planning ahead seems to be endless. As believers we should make preparations in life, but the greatest preparation should include asking ourselves what is God's will for our present season in life? Job 42:10-12 reads that God blessed the Second Half of Job's life twice as much as the first half. We "Second Halfers," should adopt that mentality as we enter the "new normal" of these post pandemic times!

Bill was seventy-three years old but decided he didn't want to retire and sit on the front porch and watch life pass by. So, Bill wrote out a twenty-year plan which included returning to school and learning the computer. He wanted to learn a foreign language so he could take some missions trips. For fun he added learning to play the piano. Did I mention Bill was seventy-three years young?

Retiree Nola Ochs wanted to go back to college. At ninety-eight years of age Nola became the world's oldest person to graduate with a master's degree from Fort Hays State University. She traveled as a storyteller on a cruise ship. What are your plans for **YOUR** future? What would you like to learn? Sign language, become an artist, volunteer at a hospital, write your life story? If it is "the moving ship that can be steered" then let's get moving and see God lead and guide us! What's your plan for the rest of 2021 and beyond....? (Ed. Note: We are at a place in life where we can share the love of Jesus with others in so many ways. Let's do it!)

