



## MARCH '23 NEWSLETTER

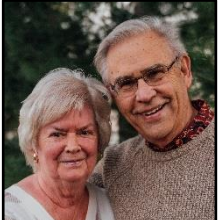
"Inspiring Minnesota Seniors to pray, serve and be a light to this generation"

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Bruce & Yvonne

**A Note from the Director** – I trust this finds you enjoying the blessings of God. You might notice I have updated my picture – one that includes my wife of 56 years! She has been a devoted partner with me in various ministries for those years, and continues to assist me in pastoral ministry including the 2<sup>nd</sup> Half Ministry. Thank you, dear! I am please to report that our lives have returned to 'normal' after our auto accident last Spring. We continue to claim Deuteronomy 33:27, "*The eternal God is our refuge and underneath are the everlasting arms.*" Thank you for your prayers and expressions of love during our recovery.

**Our next event will be our annual Spring Luncheon on April 29** at Cedar Valley Church in Bloomington. If you have not attended in the past, I urge you to join us for an afternoon of good food, fellowship, and music. Your heart will be blessed! Information is enclosed. Also, please add these dates to your calendar – **The senior luncheon during Family Camp** will be held on Wednesday, **July 5** at noon. **The Fall Retreat at Lake Geneva Christian Center** in Alexandria, MN will be held **September 7 – 9**. Our speakers will be Allen Tension and his mother Martha. You don't want to miss his outstanding teaching and her exuberant preaching!

**I enjoy sharing articles** from senior ministries in our district, letting us know what they are doing in their local churches. Pastor Vern and Mary Lathe from the Waters Church in Sartell shared their new-found seniors ministry with me recently. I asked them to write an article so we could share it with you. I invite you to share what you are doing in your church with our readers. Email me your story at - [brucetalso@comcast.net](mailto:brucetalso@comcast.net)

*Bruce Talso*



**The Prime Timers ministry** at the Waters Church in Sartell began in April 2021. Pastor Doug Vagle met with us to consider this ministry as he saw a need to reach the 60+ and the retired. He asked us to be part-time staff and launch this ministry. We started with a short list of seniors and formed an Action Team to help us plan. A luncheon is held the 2nd Thursday of each month and seniors are encouraged to invite friends. Chicken is catered by Pizza Ranch and those who attend bring sides, salads, or desserts. This event includes music from staff, a devotional, "My story" testimonies from the seniors, and guest speakers. Some have shared their talents such as photography. A wellness coordinator from the church has spoken on Alzheimer's and dementia. In November, 78 seniors and staff attended a catered Thanksgiving

luncheon served by the pastoral staff. It was a blessing to meet new seniors and enjoy the fellowship! The youth/children's pastors were asked to share their need for volunteers and several from the group are serving joyfully in these areas. We praise God for this ministry and opportunity to serve seniors. We praise Him for what's ahead as our theme is: "**The Best is Yet to Come!**"

*Pastor Vern & Mary Lathe, Directors*

### **I am sure you have been following the "Asbury Revival."**

This move of God is spreading in several areas of the country and has even caught the attention of the news media. A number of people continue to share videos of the services which I have been watching intently. There is no question that what is happening is a sincere move of the Holy Spirit among our younger generations – something that we should be truly thankful for. I believe that younger generations have become weary of the emptiness of our society and are hungry for spiritual reality – for God Himself – even though they might not recognize it as such. What we are hearing from people who have been in attendance, is that there is heartfelt

worship and repentance, certainly a true sign that this awakening is prompted by the Holy Spirit. The reports coming from these meetings reveal that the love of God is being poured out upon those gathered. When interviewed, this seems to be the mutual expression. Of course, there will always be the "Pharisees" - those who watch and criticize what is taking place. They come with a critical disposition to begin with, only looking at the physical, overlooking what the Spirit of God is doing in the lives of those seeking Him. We should be rejoicing at the moving of God among our younger people, praying that God will reveal Himself to them in a meaningful way, changing lives during these gatherings.

## ASSEMBLIES OF GOD LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE



Bruce, Dan, Bob Cook

Dan Parotti, a member of our MN 2<sup>nd</sup> Half leadership team and I were able to attend the A/G Leadership Conference in Branson in early February. About 800 people attended. The Conference was an opportunity for various departmental leaders to meet to strategize, share vision, exchange ideas, and pray together. Fourteen district senior leaders attended. We enjoyed meeting these leaders and also the new A/G National Senior Adult Director, Bob Cook. The assembled leaders all shared the excitement of Bob's vision for the National Senior Adult Department. We look forward to assisting him in implementing his vision for our seniors! – Bruce Talso.

### OUR MINNESOTA 2<sup>nd</sup> HALF MINISTRY NOW HAS A FACEBOOK PAGE!

You can access us at

**Minnesota AG Second Half Ministries**

Keep up to date on our events.

Share testimonies and inspirational pieces.  
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### LEGACY GRANDPARENTING – We have introduced



you to this ministry in our previous letters. The Legacy Coalition has the largest source of grandparenting resources available and is rapidly growing in its influence to equip local churches to begin

grandparent ministries. Its purpose is to encourage grandparents to have a greater spiritual impact in their grandchildren's lives. Find out more about Legacy Grandparenting by going to [LegacyCoalition.com](http://LegacyCoalition.com). There is also a Monday night free webinar that features special guest presenters that cover subjects such as overcoming grand parenting obstacles, building stronger relationships, and how to nurture your grandchildren's faith. You can register for the webinar by going to [GrandMondayNights.com](http://GrandMondayNights.com). Our grandchildren are being squeezed into the 'wokeness' around them – Godless humanism, absence of moral absolutes, chaos, violence, loss of identity, loss of truth and loss of love. We need to demonstrate our love and support for our grandchildren, sharing our legacy of faith with them, challenging them to live for God in a wayward world.

Would you prefer to receive our mailings by email? Notify us by writing to: MN 2<sup>nd</sup> Half Ministries – 1315 Portland Ave. So – Minneapolis MN 55404 or email us at [brucetalso@comcast.net](mailto:brucetalso@comcast.net)

**A NEW WAY TO REMIT FUNDS** – Seniors are often slow to adapt to new technology, but we do not have to be fearful of it! Our District Office is now offering us a new way to remit payments for our luncheons, tours, retreats or just giving a gift to 2<sup>nd</sup> Half Ministries. You can do this with your credit/debit card, using the secure link below. It is handy, and will save you the price of a stamp (now 63 cents) You may continue to use 'snail' mail if you wish.

<https://onrealm.org/mnaog/give/secondhalf>



**'Spark Plugs' Wanted!** These are friends that 2<sup>nd</sup> Half Ministry is looking for who are the facilitators of their local senior group. Are you that person? If so, contact me at [brucetalso@comcast.net](mailto:brucetalso@comcast.net) or call/text me at 763-221-4469. Thanks.

**Check out our "Senior Resources."**  
**Helpful Information for all seniors**  
**Find them on our web page.**  
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Do you want to begin a seniors ministry in your church, or give your present ministry a little more zip? We invite you to send for the 35 – page manual "2<sup>nd</sup> Half Ministries" authored by Dr. Ray James of the A/G Potomac District. We will mail you a free copy at your request to **MN 2<sup>nd</sup> Half Ministry, 1315 Portland Avenue. So. Minneapolis MN 55404**



## 2023 EQUIP CONFERENCE

**April 21 – 22**

**Cedar Valley Church**  
**8600 Bloomington Ave. So**

- Visit [mnaog.org/equip](http://mnaog.org/equip) for more details.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Half Ministries will conduct a breakout session on **Friday, April 22 at 4:30 pm**

**"WHY ESTABLISH A GRANDPARENT MINISTRY?"**  
**(Passing Our Faith to Future Generations)**