



## MAY 2023 NEWSLETTER

"Encouraging Minnesota Seniors to Pray, Serve and be a Light to this Generation"  
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**A Note from the Director** – We held our 2023 spring luncheon on Saturday, April 29 at Cedar Valley church in Bloomington, enjoying an afternoon of fellowship, great music and testimonies from the men of Minnesota Adult and Teen Challenge. Our guests included Missionaries Sam & Laura Witwicke, Sam & Tsana Gullickson and Ben



Larry & Bernice Hale

Mason of The Legacy Coalition. Dan and Marlene Turner provided special music and led us in a time of praise and worship. We also presented Pastor Larry Hale and his wife Bernice our annual "**Faithful Servant Award.**" They have served our District for over 40 years, both as pastors and Larry as presbyter and teacher at North Central University. May God continue to bless this special couple, and the many faithful servants in our District. Each year we receive a retiring offering for the Minnesota Adult & Teen Challenge. This year we were pleased to have received gifts in the amount of **\$1,244.44 PTL!**



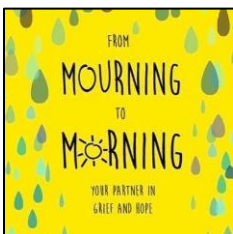
Dan & Marlene Turner

**Our Next Event - Family Camp Luncheon – Wednesday, July 5 Noon.** All seniors are invited to join us for lunch! Dan Parotti and Janet Hintz will lead us in praise / worship and George Bunnell. will bring our devotion. Special discounted price for your meal. Make plans to join us!

**Our summer "Seniors on the Go" bus / cruise tour** is scheduled for July 12-14. Information is enclosed. This will be the only tour this year, so you will want to sign up ASAP, as the tour director says this is a popular cruise. A good number have signed up already. A deposit of \$100 will secure your registration; the balance needing to be in our office by **June 15<sup>th</sup>**. Pick up / drop off locations will be Emmanuel Christian Center /Spring Lake Park and Cedar Valley Church in Bloomington. Additional information will be sent to those who register.

HELLO  
SUMMER

**2023 Fall Retreat – September 7-9** - We are now preparing for another fall retreat at Lake Geneva Christian Center. Information and the registration form is included in this mailing. Dr. Allen Tennison and his mother, Martha, will be our speakers. Returning again for our Thursday night "kick-off: will be the Kingery Family. Dan and Marlene Turner will lead us in praise / worship. **Remember, to register directly with the Camp. Registration opens on May 25<sup>th</sup>**. The new building – The Lodge – will be open for our retreat.



The most stressful thing that can happen to a person is losing a spouse. It is life changing. Whether you are recently widowed or have been for a while, we invite you to join us for our "**Mourning to Morning**" luncheon during the fall retreat at Lake Geneva

Christian Center on September 8. Pastor Hal Kamppi will view this valley from a man's perspective, and I will meet with the women. Our desire is to support you as you face this transition in life. May God grant you peace.  
- Linda Enno

### A WAY TO PAY!

We are pleased to offer you a new way to pay for registrations, tours, retreats, or giving a gift to our ministry. Please use this link when remitting payments.

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

Use the 'pull down' tab to identify your payment. You can continue to use the regular mail to send in your payments if you wish.



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**” written.

by Dr. Ray James of the Potomac A/G District. We will mail you a free copy with your request to “MN 2nd Half Ministry, 1315 Portland Ave. So. Minneapolis MN 55404.”

**GODSPEED** – President Scott Hagen and his wife Karen have resigned from the office of President of North Central University after having served there for the past 7 years. Scott has stated that he wants to do more writing and preaching, during this new stage of life. Our warmest wishes for God’s continued blessings upon their ministry.



### LIFE SYMBOLS

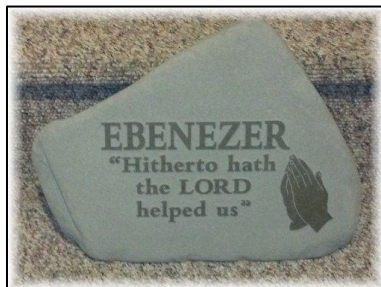


On May 25, 1979, Dennis Waitley was desperately trying to catch a flight from Chicago to Los Angeles for a speaking engagement. When he arrived at his gate, they had just closed the

jetway. Dennis begged them to let him on the airplane but was denied entry. Out of breath and out of patience, he made his way to the ticket counter to register a complaint and rebook his travel. While he was waiting in line, an announcement came over the airport intercom that Flight 191 to Los Angeles had just crashed after takeoff. The engine on the left wing of the DC-10 separated from the airplane after it had lifted off from the runway. The unbalanced aerodynamics caused the plane to roll, a roll from which it could not recover. All 258 passengers, as well as 13 crew members perished in the horrific crash.

**That near-death experience** had a life-altering impact on Dennis. Had he been on time, it would have been the last day of his life on earth. Needless to say, he never registered his complaint. In fact, he never returned his ticket for Flight 191. He took his paper ticket and mounted it in a visible place in his office; it became a ‘life symbol’ - a symbol from the **past** that gave him meaning to the **present**. On difficult days when he felt like ‘throwing in the towel’ all he had to do was take a glance at the ticket; it was a constant reminder to him that every day is a gift from God.

**Might you have ‘life symbols’** around the house remind you of past memories - both painful and joyful? What lessons have you learned from them? Have they reshaped your outlook on life? Are they lessons you can pass along to others? Your children? Grandchildren? Friends? Can you still recall how God worked on your behalf to bring about deliverance or blessing? It is always good to reflect on our past blessings. Our faith for the future is based upon God’s faithfulness in the past. The older we get, the more confidence we should have in a loving God. Why? Because we have more testimonies of God’s provision and blessing throughout our lives. Looking back reminds us of God’s faithfulness, and without question, it reminds us of God’s care for the future. “I may not know what the future holds, but I know Who holds the future! Who holds the future! (copied) - Bruce Talso



### THE ERWINS IN CONCERT

**Saturday, May 20 at 5:00 pm**  
Lakeville Crossroads Church  
17671 Glacier Way  
Lakeville MN

Tickets: \$25 - available through  
itickets.com or call 800-965-9324  
Leon and Ronda Lundstrom, Directors



**NEWS FROM THE A/G NATIONAL SENIOR ADULT  
MINISTRY DEPARTMENT – SPRINGFIELD MO**  
Bob Cook, National Director

#### National SAM Conference – Branson MO

September 4- 6, 2024 The Hilton Hotel

#### Ministry to Widows Ministry

Marlene Craft - Link to her website [sam.ag.org](http://sam.ag.org)  
click on ‘Resources’.

#### Primetime Magazine

Official publication of the National Seniors  
Department is FREE by going to [sam.ag.org](http://sam.ag.org)  
click on “Primetime sign up.”

### Chuckles:

- **What’s more amazing than a talking parrot?**  
A spelling bee!
- **What happens when a duck hears a funny story?**  
He quacks up!
- **How many birds does it take to change a light bulb?**  
Toucan can do it!
- **Where do birds invest their money?**  
In the stork market.
- **What bird doesn’t need a comb?**  
A bald eagle.