



JUNE 2025 NEWSLETTER

"Encouraging Minnesota Seniors to Pray, Serve and be a Light to this Generation"
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A Note from the Director – The short / dark days of winter are receding, giving us opportunity to enjoy the summer season activities. Be sure to keep active! We enjoyed our annual spring luncheon on April 12 at Cedar Valley Church in Bloomington. It was good to see so many of you again. Here are a few pictures from that event.



A large crowd of seniors joined us for our spring luncheon



The Gerber Brothers



This year's "Faithful Servant" award was given to Pastor Tom Hartwell of the Morningstar A/G, pictured here with Mark Dean, MN District Supt. and Bruce Talso, 2nd Half Ministries Director



MN Adult & Teen Challenge men were our waiters and sang for us

We are looking forward to our senior luncheon during family camp on Monday, June 30th. Minnesota Asst. Superintendent, Doug Graham will be our speaker. We hope you will join us. Then too, plan on coming to Lake Geneva Christian Center September 4 – 6 for our fall retreat which we are now identifying as our **"Fall Camp Meeting."** Information and registration form are included in this mailing. You can now pay "online". See the instructions on the registration form, or you can continue to send your check in with the application form. Registrations begins June 1. Get your application in early, as rooms fill up fast. Have a great summer! - Bruce Talso, Director, 2nd Half Ministries

WANT TO LIVE LONGER? by Bob Cook, A/G Senior Adult Ministries Director, Springfield Missouri

A recent study published in the *Journals of Gerontology* from the University of Texas states that senior adults with active social lives live longer. One of the authors of the study said, "Adults often grow less physically active and more sedentary as they age, and these behaviors pose a risk factor for disease and death. It's difficult to convince some seniors to go to the gym or commit to work out regularly, but what about simply reaching out to acquaintances, attending an organized group event at church, or engaging the cashier at the store or coffee shop?"

Another study suggests that "seniors who interact with friends and family regularly live longer with fewer chronic illnesses. This doesn't only apply to face-to-face interactions. Even digital communication has been found to have benefits for longevity if it facilitates genuine connection and support. Gardening, housework, and walking to neighbors' houses help seniors to stay fit and vital, with less dementia." Seniors, resist the temptation to sit in front of the TV or spend hours on your iPads or phones. Get out of the house if you can, engage others in conversation, and allow God's Spirit to direct you, empower you, and use you during your senior years. Allow the Holy Spirit to fill you and model that Spirit-filled life by staying active among His people. I love Proverbs 11:25 (NIV) that says, "Whoever refreshes others will be refreshed." 2 Corinthians says that "We can be renewed day by day," Let's stay as active as possible and let God use us.



We are grateful that more than 800 senior adults who attended our National Senior Adult Conference in Branson in September of last year. Everyone went away strengthened in their faith because God's Spirit moved powerfully among us. Our next national conference will be held September 21-23, 2026, in Kansas City, MO. More information will be available in the near future.

- Bob Cook

We introduced you to our new ministry "QR" code in our last newsletter. Use your phone camera to scan the code and you will be taken directly to our 2nd Half Ministry web page where you can view coming events, newsletters and senior resources. We also have a Facebook page. You can access that at MINNESOTA AG 2ND HALF MINISTRIES.





GOD, PEOPLE AND HORSES – by Warren Bengtson (Ed: Warren has been a “farrier” for many years. A farrier is a specialist that cares for horses’ hooves. The term comes from the Old French word ‘ferrier’ which means ‘blacksmith.’ Here he shares a spiritual application to what he does.)

“My message to any horse I’m going to train, or shoe is four-fold 1) I am in charge 2) I am your safe place, 3) I am here to help you sort all that out, 4) If you decide to ignore or challenge me, you will quickly discover that you are your own worst enemy. By the way I handle and relate to them, they learn to consider and discover that I care about them and that I am going to be their teacher and leader. When horses are assured of those points, they have all the information they need to trust, obey and behave themselves. Survival (fight or flight) in a dangerous world is hardwired into their DNA. To facilitate survival in their herd, they will dominate if they can and submit if they must.”

“When horses are called upon to serve us in our world, they make the transition from living according to their horse nature to living in submission and service to our expectations and intentions. This is exactly what God says to me in His Word. My journey with Him begins the same way my horse’s journey with me begins and develops. Surrender! The ups and downs and variables of both relationships are the same and are constantly facilitated by renewed surrender and yielding of the will”.

“Jesus has a threefold relationship with us. As the Lion of the Trib of Judah, He is our King. As the sacrificial Lamb of a Holy God, He is our Savior and Redemer. As our Shepherd, He guides, protects and teaches us what the Father wants us to know and understand. Like our horses, we find fulfillment and significance in unconditional surrender to unconditional love which is the only escape from fear, confusion and resistance. The Lord Jesus is the Way, the Truth and the Life. He is our everything and He is our all! Hallelujah!”



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 “2ND Half Ministries” written by Dr. Ray James of the Potomac A/G

District. We will mail you a free copy at your request to “MN 2nd Half Ministry, 1315 Portland Avenue So, Minneapolis MN 55404.

EVENTS

2nd HALF MINISTRIES 2025

**Senior luncheon during Family Camp
Monday, June 30th noon,
Speaker, MN Asst. Supt. Doug Graham**

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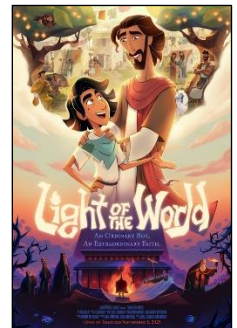
**Fall Camp Meeting – Sept 4 - 6
Lake Geneva Christian Center
Information & Registration enclosed**

**Fall Foliage Cruise
Taylors Falls MN
Saturday, October 11
Information in our next newsletter**

**“Seniors on the Go” Bus Tour - May 2026
The Ark Encounter**

LIGHT OF THE WORLD

It was so nice to connect with so many of you at the 2nd Half Ministries Spring Luncheon April 12. Some folks asked, “Why are there so many JESUS movies and faith-based shows out this year?” The creators didn’t discuss making these movies with each other before they were produced – this is a GOD-INSPIRED idea! It is so exciting that He is calling us (and the next generation) to Himself like never before.



Remember that this movie is not just for entertainment; its purpose is missional! Purchasing theater tickets will help Salvation Poem Project translate the movie into over 20 languages around the globe by Christmas, with hundreds more translations in years to follow. Their proceeds from the box office will all go back into the mission and ministry.

Thanks to those who signed up right away to join our prayer team covering the final details of the film’s production, execution, and distribution around the globe. We would still LOVE for you to join, if you haven’t yet signed up. Email Tabby at ministry@lightoftheworld.com to sign up and we’ll get you on the list. We can’t wait to see what God will do through this movie, and we can’t wait for you and your family to experience Light of the World when it premieres this September 5th. **Tabby Finton**

**“For God is not unjust; He will not forget your work and the love you have shown Him as you have helped His people and continue to help them.”
Hebrews 6:10**

Do you have questions about your estate, wills, trust, power of attorney, medical directives, Social Security? Give Paul Freitag, our Minnesota District Stewardship Director a call at 952-406-2835 or email him at doctorclub@aol.com

