The Power of the Cross

There is an account that comes out of World War II, in which a young soldier asked a poignant question in the heat of battle. Picture it: There was heavy shelling and bombardment going on that day on the front lines. In the midst of this horrendous barrage of firepower, an American GI was stunned (to say the least) when another American soldier suddenly jumped into his foxhole with him. Quarters were tight as the two young men tried their best to keep down and avoid enemy fire. All of a sudden, the new occupant of the foxhole noticed something shiny in the dirt. He picked it up — it was a cross. Quickly, he rubbed the dust off of the front of the cross, and then he turned to his newfound American friend in the foxhole. With complete seriousness, he said, “How in the world do you make this thing work?”

Now, this young, inquiring soldier, in his fear and desperation, was obviously confused. For as we know, we don’t make the cross “work.” The cross is not some electronic gadget that we turn on and off as need requires. It is not some magic lamp that we rub on a whim to get our personal wishes granted. The cross is not some good-luck charm like a four-leaf clover or a rabbit’s foot. (By the way, every time I see a rabbit’s foot, I think about how it wasn’t so lucky for the rabbit!)

But, let’s give that young soldier some credit. He didn’t quite get it, but he did realize that there is great power in the cross. He was right about that, wasn’t he? There is great power in the cross. Do you know why? Because the cross is the message of God, the truth of God, the victory of God, the gospel of God, the love of God ... acted out in human history. This is what the apostle Paul was talking about when he said, “For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.” (1 Corinthians 1:18)

Some years ago, someone asked Anna Pavlova, the great Russian dancer, what she meant by a certain dance she performed. “What was she saying in that dance?” I love her answer. She said, “If it could be said in words, there would be no need to dance it.” Precisely! Certain truths are too big for words. They have to be dramatized. They have to be acted out. And that’s why the cross and the resurrection are so important to us. There, on the ‘Old Rugged Cross’ of Good Friday, and there at the empty tomb of Easter morning, God dramatized His message. God acted it out for us. And now this symbol, the cross, serves as a constant and powerful reminder of God’s truth for us — God’s will for us — God’s love for us.

Now, with three thoughts, allow me to underscore why the cross is the central focus of our Christian faith and our number one symbol.

I. The Cross Is Central Because It Reminds Us of the Ugliness of Sin

When we look at the cross, of course we think of God’s love and grace; but also we cannot miss that it was sin that nailed Jesus to the cross. The cross reminds us that we are sinners. It reminds us of how much we need a Savior.

In this modern age, we don’t take sin very seriously anymore. Not too many years ago the villains of our time turned us off, but now we make them our celebrities. But the cross is a reminder to us of how destructive sin can be.

During World War II, the famous writer Antoine de Saint-Exupéry was called back into active duty with the French Air Force. On July 31, 1944, while flying an

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President’s Corner

The first Sunday of Lent started February 22nd ... which is also my birthday; ... thus giving me two things to think about. The one that keeps returning every year on this day is my birthday; but lent has been around a lot longer than me. When Jesus went into the wilderness for 40-days, He went without a lot more than we do. He was tempted by the devil. But the devil was no match for Jesus.

We are all tempted by the devil on a regular basis, but with help from the Lord, and prayers for forgiveness, we are forgiven. Today the Lenten season gives us the opportunity to reflect on our lives and deny ourselves something we like. By doing this we can focus on the one thing that is truly important to us ... which is — that the Lord gave up His life for us, to save our souls.

Yes, Jesus died for us on the cross, but then rose again on Easter day. He came back to us showing the world He was alive and defeated death ... before ascending into heaven. Easter is a joyous time for us. We celebrate the risen Christ at our beloved Chapel once more ... by, hearing the true Word of God, singing our songs of praise, and enjoying good Christian fellowship.

Join us any Sunday at 11:00 a.m.

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On Sundays, April 12, 19 & 26 we will have a “recruiting station” in the Fellowship Hall ... where you can sign-up for a host of volunteer positions. Your participation is critical to our success! An extensive list of volunteer positions will be provided for you to indicate those places you wish to render service ... one of the expectations of membership in the Foundation. Persons will be on hand to answer your questions regarding the various opportunities to uphold the Chapel Foundation ... with your service.

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20 Dec (1:00 p.m.)

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unarmed observation mission, his plane was shot down by a young German flyer, and the great French writer was killed. Now, it just so happened that the young German pilot who shot Saint-Exupéry down had been in the process of writing his doctoral dissertation on the life and works of the great French writer Saint-Exupéry. The German was an avid admirer of the Frenchman and almost worshiped him.

When the German learned who it was that he had shot down, he suffered a breakdown and had to be put into a psychiatric hospital. All he could do was repeat over and over, "I have killed my master! I have killed my master!"

It seems to me that this true story out of World War II is a capsule of one of the great tragedies of life; namely, that sometimes we unwittingly kill what we love — our marriages, our families, our friendships, our own selves, and our relationship with God.

My friends: We cannot look at the cross without remembering the sordid sinfulness that crucified Jesus.

II. The Cross Is Central Because It Reminds Us of the Beauty of Sacrifice

Our modern world urges us to think only of ourselves, to look out for #1, to give our energies only to what we want. But then the cross 'jumps up' to remind us again of the power and beauty of sacrifice.

Noted professor Fred Craddock tells about being snowed in while on a speaking engagement in Winnipeg, Canada. Three feet of snow! His host called and said, "Of course, we have had to cancel your lecture this morning. Everything in the city is shut down. In fact, I can't even get out of my driveway to take you to breakfast. However, there is a little café about two blocks away if you get hungry enough to brave this blizzard." Fred Craddock bundled up the best that he could, shoveled his way out of his motel room, and made his way through the deep snow and harsh winter winds to the little café. It was crowded and noisy with stranded travelers. Dr. Craddock took a seat. The owner of the café, wearing a greasy apron, came over to take his order. He was a large, burly man, gruff and loud, with tattoos on his arms. This conversation took place:

"What'll you have?"
"May I see a menu?"
"Whataya mean, menu? We have soup! That's all! Soup! Take it or leave it!"
"Soup — that's just what I was going to order. Soup and coffee. I love that for breakfast!"

A few minutes later when the soup arrived, it was indescribably horrible, some sort of unrecognizable gray broth that looked just awful, and it tasted even worse. Dr. Craddock took one small sip and put his spoon down. He could not eat it at all. Just about then the door to the café opened, and a blast of frigid wind swept through. An older woman came in, all bundled up, but obviously very cold. The temperature outside was far below zero. The woman's face was red and chapped. She was trembling and shuddering from the cold. She sat down at the only seat left in the café. The burly owner walked over to take her order:

"Cup of coffee, please," she said.
"Look, lady," the owner retorted, "You can't drink coffee in here! Order a meal or you have to leave!"

"But I just want coffee. It's so cold outside; couldn't I just sit here for a few minutes to warm up?"
"No way!" said the owner gruffly.
"Order a meal now, or get out!"

The attention of everyone in the café was riveted on that scene. The older woman's eyes began to moisten with tears as she stood to leave, when suddenly a voice boomed out from the other side of the restaurant. "If she leaves, we all leave!" "That's just fine with me!" the owner shouted back. Immediately, every person in the café stood up and started for the door. "All right! All right!" the owner said. "You win. You made your point. Come on back. The lady can stay, and she can have her coffee, and some soup. She can stay as long as she wants, and it's all on the house." Everybody cheered! The patrons all happily returned to their places, and things got back to normal. Fred Craddock said that as he sat back down, all he could hear was the slurping of soup, and he thought to himself: If they can handle it, so can I! So, he picked up his spoon and dipped it into the gray soup. Amazingly, somehow it tasted different now. It was pretty good soup! Why, it tasted like something very familiar. "It tasted," he said, "like bread and wine!" It tasted like bread and wine, because they had just experienced a holy communion on that cold morning in that little café in Canada.

You see, my friends, when people stand tall for what is right, there is holy communion. When people come together for justice and bond together in love — when people sacrifice for one another — there is holy communion.

That's what the symbol of the cross is about — sacrifice; going out on a limb for one another.
That’s what Jesus did for us at Golgotha. He died that we might live. He sacrificed for us – for you and me.

The cross reminds us of the ugliness of sin and the beauty of sacrifice.

III. The Cross Is Central Because It Reminds Us of the Power of Salvation

In many churches today, it has become something of a tradition at Easter (and at memorial or funeral services) to sing the song “Hymn of Promise,” written by Natalie Sleeth, a wonderful and prolific writer of Christian music. She wrote this hymn for her husband, the late Dr. Ronnie Sleeth, who was an outstanding professor of preaching. From the date of the diagnosis of his illness to his death were just 21 days, and Natalie wrote this hymn of promise for him before he died. Look at these powerful words from the last stanza:

In our death, a resurrection;
at the last, a victory,
Unrevealed until its season,
something God alone can see.

Natalie had her own set of health problems. For several years she battled a debilitating disease that ultimately took her life. Before she died, she wrote a beautiful statement for her grandchildren. She told them of how she began to realize that she was growing older and that her body was beginning to wear out. She told her grandchildren that she had talked to God about this and had asked God to help her. God had heard her and said, “My child, when I made the world and filled it with people, I had a plan. I wanted My people to have life as long as they could, but not forever on this earth because then My world would be too full with no room for anybody. I planned it so that when it was time to leave the earth, My people would come and live with Me in heaven where there is no pain or sadness or sickness or anything bad.” Natalie told her grandchildren that at this point, she said softly to God, “Is my time to come and live with You getting closer?” And God said, “Yes, but don’t be afraid, because I will always be with you, and I will always take care of you.” Natalie said to God, “But, I will miss my family and my friends, and they will miss me!” And God said, “Yes, but I will comfort them and turn their tears into joy, and they will remember you with happiness and be glad of your life among them.” So, slowly, Natalie began the journey to heaven, and day-by-day she drew nearer and nearer to God. In the distance, she said, she could see light and hear beautiful music and feel happiness that she had never known before. And as she moved toward the gates of heaven and into the house of God, she said her last words: “It’s good! It’s good! It’s good!”

This, my friends, is the good news of our faith and the power of salvation — that nothing, not even death, can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

The cross is central in our faith because it dramatically reminds us of ... the ugliness of sin, the beauty of sacrifice, and the power of salvation. And, consequently, the cross is central because it challenges us to live in the spirit of penitence, in the spirit of love, and in the spirit of trust.

May Jesus keep us near the cross!

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Intergenerational Christian Ed Class

Our congregation hosts an intergenerational (meaning all ages welcome) Christian Education Class every Sunday morning in the Fellowship Hall, beginning at 9:45 a.m. We have done some great work together and have enjoyed the presence of guest speakers with pertinent and timely presentations. From September to the end of last year Chaplain Ken led us in a study of the “one another” passages in the New Testament. As the new year began we entered into a study of the Pastoral Letters of the Apostle Peter. Chaplain Mike is leading the discussion of these vital New Testament Epistles known simply as First and Second Peter. In these letters, Peter is calling the Church of Jesus Christ to endure suffering and live with genuine faith in Jesus Christ. Peter’s main theme is that troubles are only temporary at the worst, but heaven is forever. Peter further gives believers guidance on living faithfully in a world hostile to Christ. In our day his letters take on a new relevance with meaning that grips the heart of those who love the Lord. Therefore everyone is invited to attend our Bible study every Sunday morning. Come, and let your heart sing over the faithfulness of God even when the world becomes more and more hostile to our Lord Jesus Christ.

— Chaplain Mike
Holy Week at the Chapel

Place an Easter Plant in the Chancel

A special tradition at the Chapel is to adorn the altar area with beautiful plants on Easter Sunday. This tradition is made even more precious by the dedications which are made for each of the plants. It’s a beautiful way to honor or remember your loved ones at this sacred and holy time of year.

You can select lilies and tulips. (pink, purple, and yellow)
The cost is $13.00 each.

Plants making up the Easter Garden will be noted in the bulletin in memory of... in honor of... or to the glory of God. Orders must be received by Sun, 22 Mar.
Donors may take their plant after the worship service.
The plants that remain will be delivered to the MN Veterans Home for their enjoyment.
Dorothea Johns will be taking orders beginning 1 March in the Fellowship Hall.

Palm Sunday – Distribution of Palms

29 Mar is Palm/Passion Sunday.
At 11:00 a.m. each worshiper will receive palms to commemorate Christ’s triumphant entry into Jerusalem.

Chaplain Ken will present a timely sermon entitled, “Why Did the Cheering Stop?”... based on St. Luke 19:29-44. The special music will be vocalist Mark & Kacie Riddle.

Good Friday – Holy Communion

On Fri 3 Apr, we will have our Good Friday worship service at 2:00 p.m. Chaplain Ken will bring a message entitled, “Were You There?”... based on 2 Corinthians 5:17-21. The special music will be vocal soloist Bonnie Hammel. At this worship service the invitation to commune at the Lord’s Table is open to all who believe in the Lord Jesus for their salvation.

Easter Brunch

Plan to attend our Easter Brunch (9:30 –10:30 a.m.) in the Fellowship Hall prior to the Easter Sunday worship service on 5 Apr (11:00 a.m.). Please sign up between 8-29 Mar in Fellowship Hall for this freewill donation brunch.

Easter Service

On Sun 5 Apr, our worship service will be held at 11 a.m.

If you are under the weather or out of town, you can still attend worship services at this web address http://new livestream.com accounts/3709164. A link to this address can be found on the Chapel website www.fortsnelling mcf.org where you can download a pdf of the weekly worship bulletin and scripture insert. Just click on that link and you will be able to watch live or revisit previous services from the archive. Offerings can be achieved by clicking on the more link at the top of the page bringing you to a link Donate to Chapel Foundation.

Remember: We love to have you in-person at our services, but in the event that is not possible please join us in our ever-changing and improving web presence.

You may also ‘Like’ the Fort Snelling Memorial Chapel to view news of upcoming events.

— Matt Stokes, Chair
Publicity Committee

General Plate Offering Envelopes

If you are among those who are blessed by this ministry ‘beyond the walls’ of the Chapel (i.e., Livestream, bi-monthly newsletter, CDs/DVDs), and would like some pre-addressed envelopes to mail-in your plate offerings, please call our Foundation office at 952/888-1525 and leave your name/mailing address that we may send them to you. Thanks.

Getting to Know You...

Some of you may have noticed the picture of a young Cadet in the display case outside of Fellowship Hall. The young man stands ramrod straight in his cadet uniform with a serious look on his young face. The picture was taken in 1934 and is a photo of our ‘very own’ Charles Woehrle at the age of 18. It is hard to imagine - but Charles has been attending Fort Snelling Chapel off and on since 1934 for 80-years!

Charles was born in Nashua, Iowa on September 28, 1914 to Jacob and Anna Woehrle. He had four older siblings and one identical twin brother. His father was a German immigrant who came to the United States as a young man. His mother also German, was born and raised in America. His parents relocated to Minnesota when he was a toddler and he grew up in Pine City where he graduated from high school. Charles commented that he always attended church with his parents and that his mother in particular read the Bible on a daily basis. It was not uncommon for Charles to see his father on his knees at the end of the day saying his evening prayers.

Charles came to Ft. Snelling after high school graduation for one year as a cadet. At that time, Ft. Snelling offered a ‘West Point Prep School’ for interested young men. He recalls being on guard duty at night in the large brick building that sits off of Hwy 55 just to the North of Ft. Snelling Chapel (currently leased by the Boy Scouts). The army used mules at that time and they were tied up at night in this building.

Charles would frequently discover that the mules had figured out how to get loose during the night and he had to round them up again in the morning! After one year as a cadet, Charles enrolled at the University of Minnesota to study business.

However, WWII broke out which changed Charles’ educational plans. He enlisted at Ft. Snelling in January of 1943 and was commissioned a 2nd Lieutenant going on to serve as a Bombardier in the 509 Fighter Bomber Squadron of the 351st Bomber Command - 8th Air Force.

Charles was stationed at Prestwick, Scotland and flew six missions to Europe when he was shot down on 5/28/1943 over France on his sixth and final mission. He parachuted from the airplane and landed in the Key of Biscayne where he was rescued by French fishermen. However, German soldiers had seen his parachute and searched for him. He was caught and placed into

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Camp Stalag Luft 3 in Poland. Charles was a prisoner of war for nearly two years and recalled that there was never one fire for warmth in the barracks the entire time he was imprisoned. He also reported that the POW guards would steal food from the prisoners and that they all lost a great deal of weight during their imprisonment. The camp was liberated by General George C. Patton and the Third Army on April 30th, 1945. Charles obtained a camera shortly after liberation and returned to the POW camp to take pictures in an effort to document the POW experience at the camp. Those photos were later used as evidence during the Nuremberg trials.

One month later, Charles returned to the United States and married Elizabeth Running on June 14, 1945. Charles met Elizabeth at the University of MN while a student. She was a ‘Delta Gamma Sorority Girl’ and Charles lived at the ‘Phi Kappa Psi’ Fraternity house. Charles was walking down the street and noticed “three girls with a car and a flat tire.” He offered to fix their tire and began small talk with the girls. It was at that point that he “could not keep his eyes off of one girl” who turned out to be Elizabeth Running. She was a student at the University and surprisingly had attended a high school in St. James where Charles’ older brother had been a teacher. Charles introduced himself and they dated a short while prior to his deployment and wrote to one another throughout the war. Charles stated that “We really got to know one another through our correspondence with one another during the war...” Charles was discharged from the Army on November 21, 1945 at the rank of Captain.

Charles and his wife made St. Paul their home and raised one daughter Elizabeth. He started his own business with another partner ‘Empire Photo and Sound.’ The business helped to create programs for company annual meetings and similar ventures. This business continued for about ten years at which point Charles accepted a job offer with ‘Pako Corporation’ - a leading company in photo processing equipment. Charles worked at Pako for over 24 years retiring in 1980 at the age of 64.

Christianity and faith have always been very important to Charles. He was baptized as a young child at the ‘Little Brown Church of the Vale’ in Iowa and grew up in a Christian home. However, he stated that “I always thought you were a Christian if you went to church ... but that is not always the case. I accepted Jesus into my heart when I was 38-years old and it changed my life.” His favorite Bible verse is John 5:24-25 “Very truly I tell you, whoever hears My word and believes Him who sent Me has eternal life and will not be judged but has crossed over from death to life.”

Charles has been a resident of the Episcopal Church Home in St. Paul for over 10-years and currently resides in a private room at ‘King’s House.’ He is no longer able to attend Ft. Snelling Chapel but continues to read The Snelling Spirit and enjoys visits, cards and telephone calls from Ft. Snelling members. He offers this advice to other members of the church family, “Be an everyday Christian - not just a Sunday Christian. Try to pray and do Bible study every day.”

Charles turned 98 this past September and continues to give God the Glory for all the blessings he has received in his long and well lived life. Thank you Charles for your military service and continued inspiration to us all at Ft. Snelling Chapel!

— Eva Zorn
Benevolent Giving ...

One of the organizations which is funded by our Chapel Family is Fishing for Life and their ‘Holes for Heroes’ Ice Fishing Festival. This Annual Ice Fishing Contest to honor our military is held on Medicine Lake in Plymouth, MN. The 2015 ‘Holes For Heroes’ contest was held on January 31st.

‘Holes for Heroes’ works with all the branches of the military to honor our troops. They set up a ‘Hole of Honor’ where they set up a live video feed where the families of a deployed soldier can ice fish for free while being linked via video to the beloved soldier. Military members, both current and former, and their immediate families, fish at the ‘Holes for Heroes for free.

Half the proceeds from ‘Holes for Heroes’ goes to help the General Colin Powell’s JROTC Twin Cities. The other half goes to support the other ministries of Fishing for Life.

This organization has a new special emphasis on relationships with families of injured or slain soldiers and veterans through their Military R & R program. They want to stand in the gap for these families by providing outdoor programming. Check out our calendar of events such as GEM Fishing Camps, canoe trips, hiking trips, lake events and even firearm safety training.

“One of the young people who participated in this festival, our oldest son Tommy, had been diagnosed with borderline Asperger’s, ADHD/ADD and clinical depression. It’s always been difficult for him to connect with people and difficult to make friends, but I knew he’d enjoy going on an outing. After spending a week with Mr. Lindmark and his other staff, Tommy was in love with fishing. He came home talking a 100 miles per hour about how much fun he had and was begging us to go again. To get more than a few words out of Tommy at any given time was difficult, so I knew his enthusiasm was genuine. A short time later Mr. Lindmark called me and asked if Tommy would like to go again, he had some cancellations and availability on his next camping trip. What a wonderful invitation, however money was and is extremely tight for our family. However Mr. Lindmark told me if we could just pay a small amount that would be fine. I couldn’t believe how generous Mr. Lindmark was and is! Tommy was just as excited from his second trip as he was the first and couldn’t wait go back next year!”

— Submitted by Richard Geis, Benevolence Committee Chair

Special Patriotic/ Veterans Events ...

Sun, 24 May 15 — Memorial Day Remembrance — honoring the memory of those armed forces service members who gave the ultimate sacrifice.

Sun, 14 Jun 15 — Flag Day — honoring ‘Old Glory’ with the wearing of red, white and blue.

Sun, 5 July 15 — Independence Day — celebrating the 239th birthday of our nation … culminating in an ice cream social.

Sun, 2 Aug 15 — A Day of Recognition & Reconciliation — honoring our Viet Nam veterans on this 50th anniversary of the war.


Sun, 13 Sept 15 — POW/MIA Remembrance — remembering those who are prisoners of war and those missing in action.

Sun, 27 Sept 15 — Gold Star Family Day — honoring those parents who have offered up their sons and daughters on the altar of liberty.

Sun, 8 Nov 15 — Veterans Day Remembrance — recognizing U.S. veterans of all branches of the armed forces.

Sun, 6 Dec 15 — Pearl Harbor Remembrance — recognizing survivors … with the tolling of the ship bell for those who have passed away since last year.

Mark your calendar with these dates … and join us at 11:00 a.m.

This congregation tithes (10%) from its plate offerings. If you know of an organization/ ministry ... that is in keeping with our purpose ... please feel free to secure an application to submit for financial support in 2015. Simply call the Foundation Office at 651/286-7296 ... and provide a name and mailing address.
From the Flag-Line

I was kind of feeling a dry spell in my soul; it had been awhile since I had one of those GOD meetings where you KNOW its HIM encouraging you and supporting you. No sooner had I asked HIM to send me one to renew my energy and make sure I am on the right track such a meeting happened — on Sat, 13 Dec, at Ft. Snelling National Cemetery after the Wreaths Across America ceremony. I had finished last minute good-byes with the awesome Salvation Army mobile kitchen volunteers at WAA and headed off to take pictures of the sections where the wreaths were laid so I could send the pictures to all the companies that donated food.

Whenever I go to Ft. Snelling Cemetery, I never leave without visiting the grave of Thomas Burnett Jr. in Section 7. Tom was a ‘Citizen Soldiers’ of United Flight 93 on Sep 11, 2001. He and the others on board that day took on the Islamic terrorists averting any planned target.

When I pulled over to the side of the road, I noticed a woman to the left of Tom’s grave holding some flowers. I got out of my car and took a picture of Tom’s grave. As soon as I finished, the woman asked me who I was. I told her my name and said I wanted to take a picture since WAA just ended. I asked her who she was, she said, “I am Tom’s mother.” I said, “Oh my gosh, Beverly Burnett, I have wanted to meet you for years!!!!” You see, I had spoken with her on the phone many times because Tom was in my very first Minnesota Fallen Heroes Remembered Calendar. I never had the honor of meeting her or Tom’s dad in person. They moved to Northfield. I tried to contact her recently to invite them to the Ft. Snelling Memorial Chapel for our September 11th remembrance service. I gave her a huge hug and she remembered me. After speaking with her for awhile, it was so clear that she IS a ‘warrior’ woman and it was easy to see how her son Tom answered the call to be a hero that day.

I have no idea how old Beverly is, 70’s maybe, but what a strong, articulate woman. She keeps track of everything going on in Congress concerning Saudi Arabia … since that is where all the terrorists on 9/11 came from. While we were talking, a truck drove by and John Lane from the Patriot Guard Riders (PGR) was driving. He stopped to say hi, and I told him who I was talking to. He hurried and parked his truck and came over and gave Beverly a big hug. He started sobbing when he told Bev what an inspiration Tom was to him … one of the reasons he is part of the PGR. I told Bev that Tom was the reason the calendar was ever started. When I found out Tom’s grave was at Ft. Snelling, I started to visit him every Sunday. It was there that I started to meet the mothers and families of other fallen heroes and was inspired to do a calendar. The three us were all sobbing. Bev heard how much her son inspired so many, and we were able to meet the warrior mom of a warrior, a citizen like us. The Band of Mothers, slogan is, ‘Warriors come from Warriors.’ You can see that in Beverly and her son, Tom Jr. What an honor!

WAA is always emotional, so many families of the fallen are there. Meeting them and then meeting Beverly was just so inspirational. These families have such courage; so did their sons. Do any of us have a reason NOT to be courageous?? We must stand and think of the examples these heroes and families have set before us!

— Don & Patricia (Boyd) Peerson

Children’s Ministry

The worshipping and serving congregation of the Fort Snelling Memorial Chapel Foundation began a ministry last year that focuses on bringing children, K-5th grade, into fellowship with the Church of Jesus Christ. Presently we are conducting a Children’s Message every Sunday during scheduled worship which is followed by a Children’s Church which meets during the sermon. The classroom is fully equipped and right next to the sanctuary. We have a team of great teachers who are committed to help children learn of Christ on their level. Our teachers are: Leslie Henschel, Marilyn Nelson and Judy Dolin; and our assistants are Robin Nelson, Barb Stocker and Judy Labon.

Leslie Henschel has accepted the responsibility of leading and directing in the affairs of our Children’s Church. Her goal is to have a different team for each Sunday so no one has to miss time in the worship service. We are short a few teachers and assistants to make this happen so we make this appeal. Leslie will be so glad to hear from you and will get with you immediately to show how you can help. Please pray for the children and our ministry to help them grow in Christ.

— Chaplain Mike
Fort Snelling Memorial Chapel Foundation

This is a non-denominational Christian church founded in 1967. We invite you to join us for worship each Sunday at 11:00 a.m. at this historic Chapel.

The Fort Snelling Veterans Memorial Chapel is a unique Minnesota memorial — a splendid monument to the patriotism, the moral earnestness and the convictions of the people of this state — a shrine to commemorate those who have died for their country. Weekly Sunday worship is sponsored by the Fort Snelling Memorial Chapel Foundation and is not subsidized by the state.

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| 1 2nd Sunday in Lent  
9:45 a.m. Christian Education Class  
11:00 a.m. Worship Service  
Sermon: "A Faith That impressed Jesus"  
Music: Cameroon Choir  
1 p.m. Benevolence Mtg. @ Chapel | 2  
Chaplain Mike's Personal Day | 3  
Chaplain Ken's Personal Day | 4  
6:30 p.m. Publicity Committee Mtg.  
@ Officers Club | 5  
6:30 p.m. Membership Comm Mtg.  
@ Officers Club | 6 World Day of Prayer  
Chaplain Ken's Personal Day | 7  
Daylight Saving Time begins |
| 8 3rd Sunday in Lent  
9:45 a.m. Christian Education Class  
11:00 a.m. Worship Service  
Sermon: "The Priorities of Life"  
Music: Tamara Henshel, Flute | 9  
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9:45 a.m. Christian Education Class  
11:00 a.m. Worship Service  
Sermon: "God Bless America?"  
Music: Kaia Wallman, Vocalist | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 1st Day of Spring  
Personal Day | 21  
9:00 a.m. Board of Directors Mtg. and Prayer Shawl Mtg.  
@ Officers Club |
| 22 5th Sunday in Lent  
MN Foodshare Sunday  
9:45 a.m. Christian Education Class  
11:00 a.m. Worship Service  
Sermon: "The Gift of Amazing Grace"  
Music: Faith First Men's Chorus | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 |
| 29 Palm/Passion Sunday  
Distribution of Palms  
9:45 a.m. Christian Education Class  
11:00 a.m. Worship Service  
Sermon: "Why Did the Cheering Stop?"  
Music: Mark & Kacie Riddle, Vocalists | 30  
Personal Day | 31  
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