Not What I Expected

On 23 Dec 2012, this Christmas message was preached from the pulpit of the historic Fort Snelling Veterans Memorial Chapel. This sermon, along with near 400 other titles, is available to order on DVDs.

As a kid, did you ever want something for Christmas (so badly) that if you got it, you swore you’d never ask for anything again? And when you got what you wanted, after a while you felt this is not what I expected from this.

- As a teenager, you heard so much about the senior prom and what it’s going to be like. You spent those high school years waiting; securing all the money for that night; and you go ... and after it’s all over you recognize, this is not what I expected.
- As an adult, you couldn’t wait to get that new car, or that home, or even to get married. You get what you went after; but ... on the other side of the getting ... you realize this is not what I expected.
- Have you ever invested years of your life into another person with your time, energy, and resources? You could have been enjoying yourself, but instead you poured your means into this other person, and you’ve

watched them make one dumb decision after another. You look at where they are today, and you say, this is not what I expected.

Life is full of situations that sometimes don’t turn out in the way we had hoped. We may choose a college major or a particular job — only to find out, this is not what I expected. We may choose a marriage partner or decided to have a child — only to find out, this is not what I expected. We may choose to buy a house in a certain neighborhood or to buy a particular kind of a car — only to find out, this is not what I expected.

Well, the same can be said of the Christmas event. It is all about God showing-up in the midst of the unexpected.

Mary was a teenage virgin impregnated by the Holy Spirit; poor; uneducated; and from a little town (so small) that it didn’t even appear on the map. She gives birth to the Savior in a holding place for animals (a stable) ... where she placed her newborn son in a food-trough (a manger).

For Israel ... who had been looking and praying for a Savior for more than 7-centuries ... the unexpected showed-up in unexpected circumstances. Not only was the birth of the Savior not what they expected, this Babe of Bethlehem grew-up to be unlike the type of Savior they expected.

You see, Isaiah prophesized that God was going to send a Savior into the world, and that there would be light despite the darkness. He said, “Nevertheless, there will be no more gloom for those who were in distress. In the past He humbled the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the future He will honor Galilee of the nations, by the Way of the Sea, beyond the Jordan— The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of deep darkness a light has dawned.” (Isaiah 9:1-2)

Now understand: Isaiah was living in uncertain times. The Northern Kingdom of Israel had been humbled to their knees by the invasion of the growing superpower (Assyria), while Egypt (to the south) was still trying to hold onto Israel and threatening to attack. And Judah was stuck right in the middle. In the midst of all of this, their government was waffling about whom to place their allegiance in; there were wars and rumors of wars; there were terrorist attacks; and families were

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President’s Corner

We are closing in on the end of 2013 and another eventful year at the Chapel. As I reflect on all the events and happenings at the Chapel this year, I am happy that I have been a part of a strong and devoted group of individuals. We have persevered through some trying and challenging times this past year and we have stayed true to our values in recognizing our military forces as well as our belief in God and His word.

We have seen some renovations at the Chapel with additional work still being conducted. We have already seen new flooring and new electrical installed with up to code emergency lighting and lit emergency exit signs. Hopefully, we will also see the road to the Chapel and the parking lot redone in 2014 as planned. We continued having special recognition events this past year and had our 2nd annual Gold Star Family Recognition Day.

I would like to thank all the volunteers that have stepped forward this year in support of the Chapel and its events. I would like to also express my gratitude to all the Foundation members who dedicated their time serving on Committees and also as Committee Chairs. Without everyone’s selfless dedication, the Foundation would not be what it is today.

During the last couple of months of the year, I look forward to spending time with my family, both personal and Chapel, for the holidays. Thanksgiving is a special day as we get the opportunity to spend time with family members and to give thanks. Christmas gives us all the opportunity to celebrate as one the birth of Christ. I would like to take this time to wish everyone a happy holy-day season.

Thanks for making 2013 a great year for the Fort Snelling Memorial Chapel Foundation!

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— Tom Coulter
Publicity Committee Chair

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going without proper nourishment. Isaiah stood in this uncertain time and proclaimed God will show up. Looking right into the darkness and the tough times, Isaiah said, “Nevertheless ... God will show up.”

There might be times of darkness, gloom, and distress in your life ... but nevertheless, there will come a time when God will show up. It’s not a question of if, but when.

What Isaiah is saying is that despite dark days, despite dark nights, despite uncertainty – God shows up, nevertheless. In the midst of the darkness, the light of the Messiah will shine through.

The point is this: Christmas is our promise that there will always be light past your darkness. In the very worst of times, God has always shown up. So when the dark clouds roll into your life, and you can’t see how things are going to improve, remember this: In the midst of that darkness, nevertheless, the God we serve will show up in the midst of the unexpected.

But it’s not just during times of crisis and uncertainty; God also shows up on ordinary days in unexpected ways. The shepherds (in our text) were having (I suspect) a normal day when suddenly (unexpectedly), “An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified.” (Luke 2:9) There on the side of a mountain and in the midst of the shepherd’s terror, God showed up ... delivering the Good News of a Savior born in Bethlehem; and the first Christmas gift (a GPS system) which was a star that led them to front row seating to the greatest event the world has ever seen!

God shows up in unexpected ways. The Bible tells us that God’s ways are not our ways and sometimes in the midst of our darkness, God will show up in unexpected ways. But even though that is the case, when it is all said and done, God will always deliver something beyond what you and I can imagine – the unexpected. In the midst of our uncertainty, there is where God’s creative potential is fully realized. God shows up in unexpected ways, but delivers better things than we can imagine ... if we just hold on long enough.

I don’t know what your uncertainty looks like or what your darkness is. But I do know that because of Christmas, we have a Savior; and at the end of the day, nevertheless, God will show up. No matter how long you’ve been waiting, never give up because God is going to show up!

A brand new pastor and his wife were assigned to their first church in Brooklyn (New York), and were to reopen it. They arrived in early October excited about their opportunities. When they saw the church, it was run down and needed a lot of work. They set a goal to have everything done in time to have their first service on Christmas Eve. They worked hard – repairing pews, plastering walls, and painting. On December 18, they were ahead of schedule and just about finished. However, on December 19, a terrible driving rainstorm hit the area and lasted for two days. After the rain stopped, the pastor went over to the church. His heart sank when he saw that the roof had leaked, causing a large area of plaster ... about 20 feet by 8 feet ... to fall off the front wall of the sanctuary (just behind the pulpit). He cleaned up the mess on the floor and decided to postpone the Christmas Eve service. But on the way home, he noticed that a local business was having a garage sale for charity ... so he stopped in. One of the items was a beautiful, handmade, ivory colored, crocheted tablecloth with exquisite work – fine colors and a Cross embroidered right in the center. It was just the right size to cover the hole in the front wall. So he bought it and headed back to church. By that time, it had started to snow. An older woman running from the opposite direction was trying to catch the bus, but she missed it. The pastor invited her to wait in the warm church for the next bus ... which would arrive 45 minutes later. She sat in a pew and paid no attention to the pastor while he got a ladder and hung the tablecloth as a wall tapestry. The pastor could hardly believe how beautiful it looked ... and it covered up the entire problem area (perfectly). Then he noticed the woman walking down the center aisle. Her face was white as a ghost. “Pastor,” she asked, “where did you get that tablecloth?” The pastor explained. The woman asked him to check the lower right corner to see if the initials EBG were crocheted into it. They were. These were the initials of the woman, and she had made this tablecloth 35 years earlier, in Austria. The woman explained that before the war she and her husband were living in Austria. When the Nazis came, she was forced to leave. Her husband was going to follow her the next week; but he was captured, sent to prison, and she

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never saw her husband or her home again. The pastor wanted to give her the tablecloth, but she told him to keep it for the church. The pastor insisted on driving her home, which was the least he could do. She lived on the other side of Staten Island ... and was only in Brooklyn for the day (for a housecleaning job).

On Christmas Eve, the church was almost full. The music and the spirit were great. At the end of the service, the pastor and his wife greeted everyone at the door and many said that they would return. One older man from the neighborhood continued to sit in one of the pews and stare. The pastor wondered why he wasn’t leaving. The man asked him where he got the tablecloth on the front wall. The pastor explained, and then the man said it was identical to one that his wife had made years ago when they lived in Austria ... before the war, and wondered how there could be two tablecloths so much alike. He told the pastor when the Nazis came he forced his wife to flee for her safety and he was supposed to follow her, but was arrested and put in a prison. He never saw his wife or his home again. The pastor then asked if he would allow him to take the man for a little ride. They drove to Staten Island, to the same house where the pastor had taken the woman three days earlier. He helped the man climb the three flights of stairs to the woman’s apartment, knocked on the door and that day, he saw the greatest Christmas reunion he could ever imagine ... as this husband and wife embraced each other for the first time in 35 years.

God shows up in the unexpected. Have you ever been there?

This Christmas, if life appears to be full of uncertainties for you; nevertheless, God will show up in ways better than you could ever imagine. Wait on God, because in those unimaginable times and in unexpected conditions, nevertheless, God will show up. And when He does, God always brings new life.

On that first Christmas, God showed up in an unexpected and scandalous way. He didn’t show up in a mansion, but in a manger. He didn’t show up to high society, but to lowly shepherds. He didn’t show up to Jewish religious leaders, but to foreign wise men. It was an unexpected and scandalous birth. And in the despair and uncertain conditions of our lives, in God’s hands it leads to scandalous love, unexpected from the God of possibilities.

That’s what Christmas is all about – It is all about God showing-up in the midst of the unexpected.

I don’t know how your Christmas has been or what the circumstances of your life are right now, but don’t ever forget that “Nevertheless ... God will show up.”

May God bless you as He shows up in unexpected ways today, through the holiday, and in the coming New Year.

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Special Patriotic/Veterans Events . . .

Sun, 10 Nov 13 — Veterans Day Remembrance — recognizing U.S. veterans of all branches of the armed forces.

Sun, 8 Dec 13 — 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.

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In the Event of Inclement Weather

If on a Sunday morning it is significantly snowing ... or tremendously cold ... or the winds are resulting in drifting conditions, please call our Foundation office at 651/286-7296 for an announcement of worship cancellation. In this way we will attempt to inform you of Chapel closings.
Celebrate the Season!

Christmas Garden of Poinsettias
A tradition at the Chapel is to adorn the altar area with beautiful poinsettia plants at our Christmas Eve Candlelight Service (4:00 p.m.). The Chapel is made alive with color. You can participate by purchasing a red, pink or white plant(s) — $15 each. 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. Plants will be on sale in the Fellowship Hall starting 10 Nov - 8 Dec. Plants may be taken following the 4:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Candlelight Service.

Christmas Caroling at the VA
Once again, the chapel congregation will be singing Christmas carols ... making melody through the halls of the MN Veteran's Home on Sunday, December 22nd (2:00 p.m.). Those interested in participating should gather at 1:30 p.m. at the Chapel Fellowship Hall. Following our caroling, the group will be going out to eat together.
Help us spread the joy of Christmas in song with those veterans who risked their lives so that we might have such freedom to express our faith.
— Your Fellowship Committee

Christmas Eve
On Tuesday, 24 December we will have a worship service at 4:00 p.m. Join in the singing of the carols ... accompanied by our Interim Minister of Music — Marlys Wallman — on the historic Kimball pipe organ ... in the beauty of candlelight and of a garden of poinsettias. The special music will be the "Regency Trio" and "Touching Hearts" ... featuring instrumental and vocal. A shuttle bus will be available.

Christmas Cookies Needed
The Kitchen Angels are requesting cookie donations for Sundays Dec 1, 8 & 22 for our fellowship hour. Sign-up on the board just outside the Chapel kitchen. Thank you.
— Carol Nygaard
Coordinator

Annual Christmas Luncheon
Be sure to mark your calendar — December 15th at 1:00 p.m. — to join your Chapel friends and their guests at our Annual Christmas Luncheon. It will be held, once again, at the historic Fort Snelling Officers Club located just south of the Int. Airport on Hwy 5 and Post Road. Tickets are $20 each for your choice of either chicken picante or roast pork with rosemary. Tickets will go on sale after worship in the Chapel Fellowship Hall starting November 3rd thru December 1st.
— Your Fellowship Committee

Advent
Soon we will be entering into the Season of Advent, which in Latin means "The Coming." The Advent Wreath is a circle which symbolizes the eternity of God. The lighting of the first candle represents Expectation. The second candle represents Hope. The third represents Purity. The fourth represents Love. The Christ Candle lit on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day reminds us that Jesus is the "Light of the World."
In this busy time of preparation and anticipation, remember it is better to give than to receive. Once you receive the gift of Jesus, you will want to give the gift of Jesus to others. He is the never ending gift.
— Your Worship Committee
Getting to Know You...

Reunion is a sweet thing and certainly something that Dale and Nancy Seubert can appreciate.

Both Dale and Nancy were born amidst the Great Depression and although they did not have much money, they had close families and "made their own fun." They were both from Dubuque, Iowa and first met when they were juniors in high school.

After high school, Nancy remained in Dubuque and went to work at Brown Publishing Company. She later married her first husband, Hans, and they had three children- Heidi, Lisa, and John- and she busied herself raising them. Nancy was also very active in her church, serving as a deacon, elder, and Sunday school teacher at the First Presbyterian Church. She was also the President of the Board of Bethany Home as well as a member of the PEO in Dubuque. After her husband passed away in 1998, she continued living in Dubuque.

Meanwhile, Dale went to the University of Iowa after high school and soon joined the Navy in the Korean conflict. After his Navy service, he returned to the University of Iowa. While strolling through the park on his way home from classes one afternoon, he met his first wife, Martha. They had two children, Greg and Vickey, before Martha passed away in 1964. The next year he married Joyce, who had been his bookkeeper at Barker Poultry Co. in Ottumwa, Iowa. The young family moved to Minneapolis in 1968. Joyce passed away in 2010, after forty-five years of marriage. Two months later, Dale's son passed away of cancer.

Because of the amount of grief Dale went through in that year, his children suggested that he go to his sixty-second class reunion to have some fun. It was there at the reunion that Dale and Nancy reconnected again; they married on June 25, 2011. Although they now live in Bloomington, Nancy retained her condominium in Dubuque, which they visit once a month.

These days, Dale spends his time woodworking and is an active member of Lake Harriet Lodge #277, serving as secretary. It was through a Masonic group, the National Sojourners, that Dale first heard about the Chapel. Just this year, Nancy was welcomed as new member.

Dale and Nancy believe we must first get to know the Lord and His Church. Then, we must constantly reunite with the lessons which the Bible teaches. They truly believe that this reunion with Biblical principles and sound economic teachings are what will bring us out of our country's current state of disarray and restore it to greatness. For this we join in their prayer.

— Submitted by: Megan Michaelis
THANKS ... is Not Enough

Thanks is not enough ... but for now, it is the only thing you can say to the ever-vigilant, always ready, Patriot Guard.

After leaving Cottage Grove on Sunday for my daughter's family day at the National Guard Armory, Don and I decided to stop in St. Paul Park to pay our respects to a 27-year old Marine who had served in Afghanistan. His obituary said he had died suddenly at home in Camp Pendleton, CA.

When we arrived at the KOK Funeral Home, there were no flags! You would have never known there was a deceased service member being laid to rest. It was something we hadn't seen before since honoring our heroes with the calendar. When I had a chance to speak with his mother, she told me he had killed himself after he found out he was to be deployed again. She thought people would not honor him because he took his life. I told her he would always be honored and not forgotten and he had wounds no one could see.

When leaving the funeral home, Sgt. Kessler's mother-in-law followed me to the parking lot. I was wearing my Patriot Guard Rider (PGR) vest. She and her husband were from Washington State and knew about the Patriot Guard, but did not know ... like the rest of the family ... that they had to be asked to do a flag line. They, too, thought it was because he took his life. I assured her that if they would have been invited there would have been a huge flag line. They so wanted one for his burial the next morning. She gave me her phone number and asked if there was any way it could happen. I told her, I would see what I could do. As soon as I got home there was already a message from her saying that she spoke to his widow and parents and they would love some flags for their son and husband. Well, I took to the phones and the computer and talked to so many people that were PGRs. To make a long story short, in a few hours, the PGR State Director, Karla had gotten the permission to put out a very short notice of a mission request. Anyone available was to stage at the Newport Cemetery early the next morning.

I can say, with tears two members of Sgt. Kessler's family told me when they came around the corner and saw at least 20 Patriot Guard members holding a flag in his honor they just broke down and cried. They were so thankful and never dreamed that so many would come on such short notice. I know one of them was also a Marine Rider from Savage who had dropped everything to come that morning. He said he couldn't miss it for a brother Marine. The relatives of those who take their lives need to know that we still consider their sons heroes and like the Marine Rider said, not all casualties happen on the battlefield.

I am sure the PGRs have wings we can't see, and the Father takes joy that His fallen heroes are honored this way. They will be rewarded with more than a thank you someday, but for now, THANK YOU!!!

— Don & Patricia Peerson

From the Flag Line

Donald Peerson (a Vietnam Marine vet) has taken over the responsibility of the Flag Line before Chapel each Sunday. He purchased 5 U.S. flags for anyone who would like to help. We have been out there for many weeks already. He would like to thank the others who have volunteered: Doc Feller, John Kruse, Patricia Boyd-Peerson, Len Ericson and others who just happen to come and hold the flag and open the door for people attending the service.

AMVETS Fund War Memorial

On Sun, 29 Sep, members of the AMVETS Post #1 of Mendota ... along with auxiliary members ... presented the Chapel Foundation with an initial check for $19,000 to establish a war monument to MN's fallen warriors of the Global War on Terrorism ... to be permanently mounted on the Chapel grounds. It will list all their names in the order of date of sacrifice. Many thanks is expressed to this AMVETS post who will see this project through to completion.
Benevolent Giving

Corporal Mark Litynski is a 27-year-old Marine (ret.) who served two tours in Afghanistan. On 19 Nov 2010, as point on a foot patrol, Mark stepped on an IED (improvised explosive device) and was considerably wounded. He survives as a triple amputee, losing both lower legs and left forearm. He is a MN veteran and lives with his wife, Heather, at this time in a downtown apartment in Mpls. Two months after his injury, he was up and walking on his first set of prosthetics.

Mark doesn't for a moment regret his decision to enlist in the Marines. He served, he said, "to make a difference, not just for the United States, our citizens, but over there – we were making a difference for the people of Afghanistan. I wouldn't change it for anything." Mark joined the Marine Corps in 2007, a few years after high school. He and Heather, who grew up in Crystal, both attended Armstrong H. S. during which time the two were nothing more than acquaintances. Heather, 28, graduated two years prior to Mark and left the state to attend college. When she returned two years later, the pair was reunited, and Mark began begging Heather for a date. "He begged all summer," she said with a laugh, "before I agreed to one date, just one. And it went from there." Roughly two years after the couple started dating, Mark enlisted. He was stationed at Camp Pendleton in CA with the 3rd Battalion/5th Marines, an infantry battalion nicknamed "Dark Horse."

He spent his first tour on a ship in the Pacific Ocean stopping in several countries throughout his deployment. The two were married following his first deployment in 2009. In fall of 2010, he deployed to Sangin, a town in the Helmand Province of Afghanistan along the Helmand River, where Mark stepped directly on top of a pressure plate detonating the explosive. His injuries resulted in a bilateral, above-knee amputation and above-elbow amputation of his left arm. Mark was initially treated at a hospital in Bethesda, MD, before transferring to Walter Reed National Military Medical Center also in Bethesda. Mark underwent several surgeries – as many as three a week for the first month – and numerous challenging therapy sessions to get where he is today. It took a lot of motivation, but for those who know Mark, there was no question as to whether he could do it. Only two months after starting physical therapy, Mark began walking using prosthetics. His therapist taught him how to cook, do laundry, eat, drive, fish, and golf ... and everything in between. He completed roughly two years of physical therapy at Walter Reed before retiring from the Marine Corps in September 2012 and moving home to MN. The couple lived in Crystal with Heather's parents while searching for an appropriate living situation. While staying with her parents, Heather recalls carrying Mark on her back up and down the stairs to get around the house. "I was piggybacking him up and down the steps," she said. "I got a good work out. But it wasn't going to work for anything long-term."

Now the couple resides in downtown Mpls in a wheelchair-accessible apartment. Heather is grateful she no longer has to carry Mark up and down a flight of stairs. Heather works with veterans at the Mpls VA Health Care System ... a job she gravitated toward after Mark's incident.

Mark does not currently work but stays active fishing, golfing, seeing friends and planning date nights with Heather. He also enjoys visiting Heather's family cabin located north of Duluth. He plans to return to school and hopes to one day have a job that allows him to spend most of his time outdoors.

The couple looks forward to settling in their new home and starting a family. Despite all that has happened following his incident, Mark says he does not regret his decision to join the Marines. In fact, he would do it all over again.

Now, a program created by two national organizations is working to help build a 'smart home' for Litynski and his wife. In 2011, the Stephen Siller Tunnel to Towers Foundation and the Gary Sinise Foundation (Lt Dan) partnered to create the "Building for America's Bravest" program. Building for America's Bravest aims to raise money to build smart homes for severely injured military vets. These smart homes

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Intergenerational Christian Education Classes

(8 September 2013 — 18 May 2014)

Every Sunday morning from September through May, our congregation hosts a Christian Education hour beginning at 9:45 a.m., at the Fort Snelling Memorial Chapel. This year we have decided to provide a series of short subjects and Bible studies. Our first series, which went through October 13, was a creative presentation of the “Trial and Testimony of the Early Church.” Our purpose was to draw lessons from the early believers on living in a world that is openly hostile to Christ.

From mid-October to the end of November, we will study “The Nature of Biblical Prophecy.” This series is actually a necessary sequel to the lessons of the Early Church, as it focuses on the Bible and how, in practical terms, it speaks to our need to remain faithful even as we contemplate an uncertain future. We will take each of the main headings listed below and have a Bible study and discussion with a view to appropriate these great truths for our own walk with the Lord.

1. What is Biblical Prophecy?
2. Interpreting Biblical Prophecy.
3. Prophecies for the Present.
5. Prophecies of the End Time.

December classes will focus on the Book of Revelation. In the four weeks we will hold classes (there will be no class on December 29), we will outline the book and explore the meaning of its purpose and its impact on the Early Church. Like our own US Constitution we cannot understand or appreciate this great work unless we know why it was written in the first place.

Everyone is invited to come and share and learn and in some cases to help the discussion. There are refreshments and fellowship with each class, and we welcome youth and adults. Bring your Bibles and let’s get into it together.

— Rev. Michael Wallman, Associate Chaplain

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include a plethora of advanced features to make daily life easier for vets. Homes may feature automated doors and lighting, wider doors and special wheelchair-accessible showers, cabinets and counters that can be raised and lowered, and central heating and air conditioning systems that can be controlled by an iPad. Each home is custom-designed to fit the specific needs of its owner. Although it is still too early into the process to know what the Litynskis will have in their home, it is likely it will include many of those features. Mark says it will lessen Heather’s worry about him while she is away at work.

Smart homes cost roughly $550,000 to build depending on features and materials used. The program allows individuals to search for a lot in a neighborhood desirable to them as long as it falls within the given budget. The Litynski’s are uncertain as to where they will break ground for their new home, but they know it will be in their native State of MN. The Litynski’s hope to break ground on their smart home in the fall.

The Chapel Foundation’s benevolence gave $1,000 to Building for America’s Bravest. We look forward to hearing of Mark and Heather moving into their ‘smart home.’

— Submitted by Richard Geis, Benevolence Committee Chair

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 2013. Simply call the Foundation Office at 651/226-7266... and provide a name and mailing address.

New Members Recognized

On Sun, 22 Sep, new members were publically received into membership. Both the new members and long-standing members recommitted themselves to uphold the Chapel Foundation with their prayers, presence, gifts and service.

Many thanks to Molly Durkin and her camera! Over this summer the members were encouraged to have their portraits taken for the new photo directory, and for personal purchase. The directory is currently in design phase and about to go to the printer. You will receive your directory shortly thereafter. If you haven’t ordered prints of your photos, please contact Molly Durkin (651/222-3507).

— Stephanie Michaelis, Membership Committee Chair
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