Election Day Decisions

Last year (3 Nov 2013), I preached this message based on Romans 13:1-7. This sermon, along with over 400+ other titles, is available on DVDs.

I’m looking forward to this November 3rd ... I think! What I mean is – I hope the elections will be over. Hopefully, there will be no contested results; no uncoupled votes; no dead people casting votes. At least there will be no more ads on TV or in our mailboxes; no more smattering of ranting Facebook opinions; and the end of automated telephone calls. In the end, something over 50% of the electorate will be happy and something under 50% will not be happy. It just remains to be seen which half is which. But on Wednesday, the yard signs come down and are put in the recycling bin. All that remains come Wednesday, 4 November is to wonder: “Now what?”

In truth, the election is a distraction from what we are really supposed to be doing. Whether it’s an aggravating distraction or a pleasant one; whether it’s a hopeful use of time or one that makes us angry; the end of the election season returns us to our everyday lives.

But until then, we need to examine the candidates and see what they stand for; to determine why we should vote for this person or that person.

So, what should we do? How should we vote? Should we vote for a Christian for each and every office? Not necessarily! WHAT, don’t vote for a Christian?! Well, it depends. What if you’re more liberal or more conservative in your faith and ideology? What do you do? How do we vote? What criteria do we use?

Let’s look at our scripture passage from Romans 13. It does not address the issue of voting (actually). I don’t believe there are scriptures which speak about voting ... because there was no democracy in biblical times. This passage does speak to us (however) about politics and those in political office.

As you can see, in short, Paul’s reminding us to respect and to honor those who are in government positions. We are subject to governmental authorities ... because, as Paul explains, they have been established by God for our benefit - in order to restrain evil and promote good. So, if you rebel against the government, you are rebelling against what God has established. Now, that’s a pretty sobering picture for us. It does not mean we should just sit back and not be an advocate for change or seek to do what is right. God doesn’t hold His people responsible for obeying the civil government when disobedience would mean directly disobeying a command of God Himself.

It means there is an authority above us – but below God. Ultimately, those who are in authority will have to answer to God for their actions or inactions. In the end, Paul reminds us in verse 5, not only do we submit to government authorities because it is the right thing to do, but we do it because of our conscience. We do it because we submit to God and trust that God’s plan is the right plan ... whether we understand it, like it or don’t like it. I’m not going to belabor the point.

So what do we base our decisions on in the voting booth? Our natural tendency is to ask what’s best for me, not what’s best for our country. There are times when our executive and legislative branches of government make decisions, laws and policies which are good for the whole, but are not good for the one. And when that happens,

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President's Corner

As the seasons change and we prepare for the winter months, the mood at the Chapel has taken a change for the better. It feels like the way it was when Karen and I first joined the Fort Snelling Memorial Chapel Foundation ... back when we were looking for a church home we could both be comfortable with. We both liked the Chapel on our first visit. We sensed a welcome we had not experienced before. The members, back then, were mostly World War II veterans. And if you know any veterans you will know what I mean. The Chaplain, Chaplain Ken impressed us as did the whole congregation. It was a friendly group at the Chapel that listened to the true Word of God; and because of the military connection, a place ‘where the veteran is remembered.’ Today, after some trying times, we feel the old mood back again. We can focus, again, on the Word of God as it is written ... not how it is conveniently modified to suit the modern day life style. We know there are more people out there looking for a church home like the Chapel Foundation. We have seen younger families visit our Chapel ... only to keep looking because we had no program for their young children. I am pleased to say that now we have solved that problem by initiating a new Christian education program for the children. Our hope is that this will bring in more young families who are looking to hear the true Word of God and a place for their children to hear the teachings of the Lord.

The Chapel is a place we all love. My hope is that with your help we can all go forward in life knowing that each Sunday we can hear the Word of the Lord, and share our friendship with our fellow members.

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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 952/888-1525 for an announcement of worship cancellation. In this way we will attempt to inform you of Chapel closings.

Scheduled Board Meetings in 2014:
Saturday ... @ Ft Snelling Officers Club
22 Nov (9:00 a.m.)
Sunday ... @ the Chapel Sanctuary
21 Dec (1:00 p.m.)

If you would like a copy of the 2013 Annual Report, please secure one in the Fellowship Hall or call the Foundation Office at (952) 888-1525 and leave your name/mailing address that we may send you a copy of this impressive report.
we don’t like it. Many of you have seen situations at work, where some change created more work or more stress for you, but it was a good move for the institution.

I believe the two best questions we can ask in going into the voting booth are these:

I. Which candidate would bring the greatest honor and glory to God ... if they were elected?

Going along with that question is the scripture passage from Micah 6:8. I believe this passage is a good criterion and guide for us as we consider who to vote for.

The people of Israel were being oppressed because they had fallen away from God. They were being attacked by the Assyrians; but God didn’t want the people to fall further away from Him; so He gave these words to the people of Judah, and I believe God gives these words to us as well — “He has showed you, O man, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.” (Micah 6:8)

Now, that would be good criteria for anyone running for political office. We want that person to act justly ... and we can define that in many ways. But we want fairness, equity, equality, justice. We always appreciate it and respect a person who acts with respect for others.

Do they love mercy? Is there a considerate and compassionate heart that they demonstrate which really seems sincere?

I know most candidates, especially at the state and national levels are hard to know on a personal basis, but what’s your gut tell you about them? Better than gut-level response, call on the indwelling Spirit to help you discern what you believe about this person ... in the areas of mercy.

Does the candidate walk humbly with God? Now, I’m going to play on this for a moment. I intentionally said this wrong! Most of you didn’t notice it; and it’s not a matter of semantics. I believe it is very intentional the way God worded this verse.

Lots of people can walk humbly with God. There are many gods out there, but there is only One true God. Notice that the Lord said, “walk humbly with YOUR God.”

Which leads me to ask ... “who is your God?” Is your God just any god, a generic god who is impotent and harmless; or is your God the Almighty God — the King of kings and Lord of lords? Is your God the everlasting and eternal God; who is filled with love, grace and power? Is He the One who sought to redeem the world through the life, death and resurrection of His Son, Jesus, the Christ?

If you confess faith in this God, then I would ask you to also look at the candidates and seek to find the one who will bring the most honor and glory to your God and mine, Jesus Christ.

But I hasten to add, secondly, that you go into the voting booth asking:

II. Which candidate would bring hope ... if they were elected?

The rhetoric among the parties is about who will raise America out of the economic despair; who will create new jobs; who will change the course of our nation in the world at large.

As Christians we don’t place our hope in any one person. Ultimately, whoever wins will not deliver on every promise. The candidates will not be able to accomplish everything they intend. The rhetoric of hope is used by every candidate in every election.

We as Christians should vote with hope ... because we believe in a God who is sovereign over the President and Congress, and supreme over the Supreme Court. We have a God who knows the heart, spirit and mind of each candidate – local, state and national. God knows ... even when we don’t!

So, Proverbs 21:1 reminds us that the king’s heart is in the hand of the LORD. That’s a great promise! God is in control.

Remember our text in Romans 13:1 tells us — “there is no authority except that which God has established.” God will not be surprised at who wins the election. We might; but He won’t.

The point is: No matter who wins — whether “your candidate” wins or loses, you can hope in our God who is the ultimate ruler of nations. So, regardless of the election outcomes of Tuesday, November 4th rest assured you can hope in the true “King of kings and Lord of lords.” (Revelation 19:16)

As Paul gave a final charge to Timothy ... recorded in 1 Timothy 6 ... I would conclude with these words from Paul — “... I charge you to keep this command without spot or blame until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ, which God will bring about in His own time — God, the blessed and only Ruler, the King of kings and Lord of lords, who alone is immortal and who lives in unapproachable light, whom no one has seen or
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can see. To Him be honor and might forever." (1 Timothy 6:13-16)

May we pray. Father, we desire to vote intelligently in all elections. We pray that You will bring to light the things we need to know so we can vote in accordance with Your plan, will and purpose. May things not only come to light for the Christian community, but may things be made clear to the unbelieving world as well. We pray that what is right would be so clear that even unbelievers would vote using wisdom and demanding honesty and uprightness from their politicians. May the citizens of our nation become so weary of sin and degradation in our politicians that they will begin to seek out godly leaders to represent them on every level of government. Give such elected officials favor with the public and the media. Amen.

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All Saints Sunday

The Fort Snelling Memorial Chapel Foundation will remember those members of our congregation who have been transformed from this church to the Church Triumphant. We will celebrate their lives on Sun, Nov 2, 2014.

— Tony Stocker, Chair
Worship Committee

Special
Patriotic/
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Events . . .

Sun, 9 Nov 14 — Veterans Day Remembrance — recognizing U.S. veterans of all branches of the armed forces.

Sun, 7 Dec 14 — Pearl Harbor Remembrance — recognizing survivors ... with the tolling of the ship bell for those who have passed away since last year.

Veterans Day

Veterans Day is a celebration to honor America's veterans for their patriotism, love of country, and willingness to serve and sacrifice for the common good.

Many veterans attend our Chapel. A group of these veterans from our Chapel are also members of the Memorial Rifle Squad at Fort Snelling National Cemetery. They steadfastly perform their duties in spite of the weather conditions in order to honor their fellow veterans. Many of the Chapel veterans also volunteer their time and talents to the Chapel.

It is an honor and privilege to know these true heroes. May God continue to bless and protect them.

Please join us in worship at 11:00 a.m. on Sunday, Nov 9, 2014 as we celebrate Veterans Day Sunday; a day to honor all veterans.

— Tony Stocker, Chair
Worship Committee

Pearl Harbor Day

We remember a time of great evil in our world when World War II broke out. We remember those who stood their ground against great evil. Those who fought at home and on the battlefronts to insure that evil would not win.

We, at the Fort Snelling Memorial Chapel, will continue to honor and remember those brave individuals who fought against this great evil and whose bravery has allowed freedom and hope to prevail.

Please join us in our Pearl Harbor Remembrance Service on Pearl Harbor Day — Sun Dec 7, 2014 (11:00 a.m.). Sunday, December 7, 2014. The Chord Ayres Male Chorus will provide special music honoring their bravery and sacrifice. Please take this opportunity to meet and thanks those survivors who are still with us and faithfully attend this service.

— Tony Stocker, Chair
Worship Committee
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 purchase 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 9 Nov - 7 Dec. Plants may be taken following the 4:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Candlelight Service.

Christmas Caroling at 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 21st (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 Wednesday, 24 December we will have a worship service at 4:00 p.m. Join in the singing of the carols ... accompanied by our 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 Nov 30, Dec 7 & 21 for our fellowship hour. Sign-up on the board just outside the Chapel kitchen. Thank you.
— Carol Nygaard

Annual Christmas Luncheon
Be sure to mark your calendar — December 14th 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 $22 each for your choice of either chicken or roast beef. Tickets will go on sale after worship in the Chapel Fellowship Hall starting Nov 2nd thru Dec 7th.
— 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
Chapel on Web

Our website is a worldwide link illuminating all who visit, showing the Holy Spirit at work in our Chapel family. In Matthew 5:15, Jesus, delivering the Sermon on the Mount said; "Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven." Our website is another lamp that can provide the truth from the Word, helping us to share the experience we all have come to cherish.

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.fortsnellingmcf.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 achieves. 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 Foundation on Facebook to view news of upcoming events.

— Matt Stokes, Chair Publicity Committee

Operation Christmas Child

Operation Christmas Child is a part of the Samaritan's Purse, an evangelical Christian International relief organization headed by Franklin Graham. Since 1993 more than 100-million boys and girls in over 130-countries have experienced God's love through the power of simple shoebox gifts.

Again this November we have an opportunity for cheerful giving when we collect and deliver stacks of lovingly-filled shoeboxes to be sent to needy children around the world through Operation Christmas Child. Samaritan's Purse works with local churches and ministry partners around the world to deliver the gifts and share the life-changing Good News of Jesus Christ.

Plastic boxes are again provided by the Chapel Foundation.

When filling your shoeboxes, think "Boy or Girl" in one of three age brackets: 2 to 4; 5 to 9; or 10 to 14. Some items to include in the shoebox:

- stuffed animal, doll, hand or finger puppet, small cars, plastic animals, ball, jump rope, yo-yo, harmonica, tote bag, pencils, erasers, sharpeners, crayons, markers, colored pencils, drawing paper, notebook, scissors, glue stick, coloring book, stickers, solar calculator, small flashlight and batteries, headbands, bracelet, comb, brush, toothpaste, toothbrush, soap, washcloth, band-aids, small plastic cup and plate, water bottle, hard candy and gum (in plastic baggie). No liquids!

This is a nice opportunity to give kids a wonderful surprise during the Christmas season.

Please see Sharon Coyne, Barb Stocker or Robin Nelson if you would like to make a donation toward the purchase of content for the shoe boxes, or if you have any questions. Shoeboxes need to be filled and returned to the Chapel no later than November 9th.

— Barb, Shari, & Robin

Putting Legs to Our Lip Service

Let's pray that by the time you're reading this Snelling Spirit that U.S. Marine Sgt Andrew Tahmooressi will have been released from the prison in Mexico.

Its heartwarming to see so many from our Chapel come every Thursday morning (10-11:00 a.m.) to the Mexican Consulate in St. Paul to support Andrew, his mother and his release. Truly all those attending the rally live the byline — "where the veteran is remembered."

Until his release, we will rally every Thursday. If he is not released by Veteran's Day, we will have a huge all-day rally there with speakers and music.

— Don & Patricia (Boyd) Peerson
Getting to Know You...

There is a genuine joy in sharing in the life of a congregation that is blessed with the people and stories that are part of the Fort Snelling Memorial Chapel Foundation family. And the Lord keeps adding vibrant, committed members of His Church to our fellowship. One such member is Judy Labon. Judy is for real. Her faith in Christ abounds in love for Him and for her Chapel family. She is an ardent student of God’s Word and is presently studying Hebrew so she can get deeper into God’s truth. Whenever our Chapel family meets for Bible study, whether in the Chapel or in homes, Judy is there to learn, to share, and to bless others.

During our Sunday morning Christian Education class, Judy is an activist. She comes early and connects with as many people as she can. She assists the teacher so consistently that she is affectionately called our “Errant(d) Elf.” She is genuinely concerned about veteran issues and participates in a variety of programs in and out of the Chapel to help the heroes of our fair land fare better in life. In every venue of service to our Lord, Judy’s presence influences everyone with good humor, genuine concern, loving embraces, and prayer.

Judy is a prayer warrior. She not only prays herself, but she gathers many people to pray as well. There are those among us who can testify to the efficacy of Judy’s prayer life in their own lives. There are those in ministry who are recognized leaders who turn to Judy for encouragement and prayer. In short, she is a uniquely gifted woman of great ability and commitment to our Lord Jesus Christ; and a tremendous blessing to our congregation.

It has not always been so for Judy. She was raised in a religious home of Austrian background. The religion she grew up with was more tradition than personal and so she was a seeker for many years. Her college work was mostly at the University of Minnesota, where she earned a degree in Studio Art and Photography. And after accepting Jesus Christ as her Savior Judy attended Bethel University where she earned a degree in Communications.

She worked for many years for Northern States Power, and contributed to other companies in the area as well. One of her positions led her to know and love the owners, a Jewish family. She has a heart for the Jews, and is a friend to many, and involved with praying and loving the People of God with many others. If you want to see Judy blessed, ask her about the Jews in her life.

So, how did someone who had a nominal religious life become the vibrant, exceptional human being that Judy has become? Back in the early 1980’s, she was interested in the broadcasts of the 700 Club. Her favorite personality on the show was Ben Kinchloe. On one program Ben handed Pat Robertson a dollar bill, as a gift, explaining that as a gift it only needed to be accepted. Ben explained that this is the way of salvation as God has planned it. It is a gift, it can’t be earned, and no points can be stacked up to make one acceptable to have it. This thought of salvation as gift really touched Judy’s heart. She prayed with Ben to receive Jesus Christ as her personal Savior and her heart was transformed. No longer did religion follow a tradition. From now on she had a personal relationship with God Almighty, a relationship made possible by the sacrifice of Christ on the Cross. Wow! Judy testifies constantly of Christ, and supports any worthy ministry that honors God through obedience to His Holy Word.

That is what brought her to our Chapel family. She has found in our midst the faithful love for Christ and His people that she herself embraces for all God’s people. Like many in our midst, when Judy came to the Chapel she felt like she had come home. We are glad you are home, in the Lord, with us, Judy. May your gifts continually fulfill the purpose for which God has given them to you, and may we encourage you with the same love, and grace that you bring to our fellowship, in Christ, amen.

— Mike Wallman

Photo: Judy Labon's high school photo of 1960.

Photo: Judy Labon, a member of the Chapel family and the Board of Directors.
Benevolent Giving...

Our Chapel family is invited to come along with members of the Benevolence Committee when we visit some of the local organizations and foundations funded with our benevolence gifts. This experience is an uplifting and memorable time, perhaps an hour or two for a visit; but an important part of learning about, praying for and caring about the people who are blessed by the guidance of our Lord through our hearts and church.

On August 20th, Don Smith, John Butler, and I visited the New Hope Center on Cedar Avenue in Mpls. This is the men's portion of MetroHope (MetroHope Recovery Ministries) the parent organization. [Healing House (for women) also is within MetroHope organization.]

Similar to the Healing House, New Hope Center is in the completion stage of replacing 93-windows of their 50-year-old building with those of more modern, heat retaining ability. This has been a summer-long task.

Mr. Roger Arnold is the executive director, and he graciously guided us through the building — a former nursing home. The program for men's progress includes as many as 53-men in residence from 5-7-months. It is biblically based with attention and focus on personal responsibility to self and family. Some of the men are veterans.

This is a clean and healthy environment for men seriously wishing to change from a cycle of failure and collapse to one of successful choice and life skills. There is professional guidance on site throughout the day with education, vocational training and individual case management.

John was impressed with the visit and the men we met. "They were very friendly people."

Please pray for the men and women making this major life change with the help of the MetroHope Recovery Ministries.

So, dear friends, come along with a committee member and visit some of the people whom we support as a Chapel family. It is new. It is fun. It is helpful.

— Submitted by Richard Geis
Benevolence Committee Chair

Intergenerational Christian Ed Class

(7 Sep 2014 — 17 May 2015)
9:45-10:30 a.m. each Sunday

Before worship every Sunday, we have classes for everyone interested in Bible study. Chaplain Ken and Mike will lead in these weekly studies... each of which are 'stand alone' studies. This academic year will begin with a study of the "one another" Biblical passages... describing how every member of the church can help strengthen other Christians. The study is based upon the Gene Getz book — "Building Up One Another."

The remaining topics are:
2 Nov — Greet One Another (Romans 16:3-6,16)
9 Nov — Serve One Another (Galatians 5:13)
16 Nov — Bear One Another's Burdens (Galatians 6:2)
23 Nov — Bearing with One Another (Ephesians 4:2)
30 Nov — Submit to One Another (Ephesians 5:21)
7 Dec — Encourage One Another (1 Thessalonians 5:11)
14 Dec — Review and Application
21 Dec — Summary

Worksheets are provided that when completed during the class will provide every participant with practical application of how to function together as the Church.

Class begins promptly at 9:45 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Coffee will be prepared.

— Chaplains Ken & Mike

Children's Ministry

Each Sunday during worship we have a 'Children's Church' for ages 5-10 (approx. 11:15 a.m. — 12:15 p.m.). Children begin worship with parents in the sanctuary, then exit the sanctuary through the front pulpit doors and go into a classroom for Christian education to include: singing, Bible lessons, activities (arts & crafts), refreshments, etc. Parents pick-up their children following the worship service... prior to the fellowship time in the Fellowship Hall.
From the Flag-Line

Hard to believe that summer is over. Of course, with the month of September, both the Chapel and the flag line remembered that terrible day – September 11th – 13-years ago ... the day that changed all of our lives. Who would have ever believed that since that day, the U.S. would lose over 6,800 of our brave troops in the Global War on Terrorism.

Not all the heroes on that fateful day were military. The brave souls on United Flight #93 that crashed in a field in Shanksville, PA, became citizen soldiers having fought the attackers and tried to take the plane back ... no doubt saving many lives on the targeted ground. Thomas Burnett Jr. from Bloomington, MN was one of those citizen soldiers. He was one of the leaders of those fighting the terrorists by all accounts with the phone calls to his wife.

On October 23rd, 2014, many of us of the Chapel will be helping to observe the 31st anniversary of the Beirut Lebanon barracks bombing ... really the first terrorist attack on our troops and the U.S. resulting 241-Marines being killed. We were able to find some of the families of the 5-Marines Minnesota lost in Beirut and they were at last year's ceremony. They had felt not only their sons were forgotten, but the event itself forgotten. We promised to make that day an annual event at Ft Snelling National Cemetery where, three of the five Marines are buried: Thomas Lamb, John Downing, and John Tishmack. The other two Marines, John Olson and Kevin Custard, are buried in Sabin and Virginia, Minnesota. The Patriot Guard have made it a mission to be there. We have the Marine Color Guard, Chaplain Ken doing the invocation, plus some music, rifle salute and TAPS. Relatives of those Marines will lay cedar crosses at the graves. This is all a part of our Chapel's byline – "Where the Veteran is Remembered.”

[We have also honored those fallen Marines in the 2015 Minnesota Fallen Heroes Calendar; with their commanding officer, Ret. Col. Timothy J. Geraghty writing the tribute.]

We have several people who have been contacted to be our guest flag holders for November – especially for Veteran's Day Sunday. All are true patriots and heroes; and you will be honored to meet them. Once again, thank you to all those who help with holding the flags and walking people to/from their cars.

When I found out that Tom's grave site was at Ft Snelling National Cemetery, I began visiting him every Sunday after Chapel. Over the months (and years) I started meeting and talking with the families of our fallen buried near Tom. It was at the cemetery that I made a promise to one of those mothers, that I would think of a way for everyone to remember, not only her son, but all the sons or daughters MN has lost. All of the families were always concerned their sons would be forgotten ... thus the idea for the Minnesota Fallen Heroes Remembered Calendar. The 2015 calendar is the sixth. [The calendar has changed my life forever, along with my husband, Don.]

This past September 11th, I once again visited Tom's grave and left the 2010 calendar – the edition with Tom's pictures and story – so people could read about him when they visited him. You can see how his grave is remembered in the photo [left]. While I was paying my respects, I met five other patriots who remembered Tom and came to visit. Two of those visitors, were two young women, Carol and Kathy. We talked about an hour. They were excited to find out about a church that truly honors our military, veterans, and heroes. They have been to the Chapel service twice and really enjoy it.

The flag line was honored to have Erik Aamoith as our guest flag holder on Sun, Sept 7th. Erik's brother, Gordon Aamoith, was killed on September 11th ... working in the South Tower of the Twin Towers. He held my 9/11 flag with the names of all the victims of 9/11 printed on it. He also carried that flag down the aisle during the opening hymn.

— Don & Patricia (Boyd) Peerson
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9:45 a.m. Christian Education Class  
11:00 a.m. Holy Communion  
Sermon: "Hurry Up and Wait"  
Music: Dick Hensold | Fort Snelling Memorial Chapel Foundation Staff  
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| 2   | 21st Sunday after Pentecost  
All Saints Sunday  
9:45 a.m. Christian Education Class  
11:00 a.m. Worship Service  
Sermon: "The Judgment of the Saints"  
Music: Chapel Singers | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 |
| 9   | 22nd Sunday after Pentecost  
Veterans Day Sunday  
9:45 a.m. Christian Education Class  
11:00 a.m. Worship Service  
Sermon: "Earn This..."  
Music: Augsburg Centennial Singers | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 |
| 16  | 23rd Sunday after Pentecost  
National Bible Sunday  
9:45 a.m. Christian Education Class  
11:00 a.m. Worship Service  
Sermon: "The Power of God's Word"  
Music: Wickman Duo | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 |
| 23  | Last Sunday after Pentecost  
Thanksgiving Sunday  
9:45 a.m. Christian Education Class  
11:00 a.m. Worship Service  
Sermon: "Just be Thankful"  
Music: American Swedish Institute Male Chorus | | | | | | | |

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