Wise Men Still Seek Him

This message was preached 8 Jan 2012 from the historic pulpit of the Fort Snelling Memorial Chapel as “What Do You Do With Good News?”… based on St. Matthew 2:1-11. This sermon, along with over 500+ other titles, is available on DVDs.

Friday, January 6th, is the 12th Day of Christmas. It is, in the Christian calendar, the day of Epiphany. “So what,” you say. “What’s the big deal about Epiphany?”

Christmas is over; it’s history. Santa and his sleigh are in safe seclusion. Christmas carols have been shelved until next Advent season. New Year’s Day has come and gone. Only the Super Bowl remains.

It’s a shame that Epiphany has been relegated to the back burners of religious holidays… because we need the angel’s message of “good news of great joy for all people.”

Many people get this nativity account all wrong. Yes, the Magi were astrologers from the east. Yes, they did travel to Jerusalem. Yes, they showed up in King Herod’s court and asked, “Where is He who has been born King of the Jews?” Yes, Herod called an emergency cabinet meeting composed of his closest advisers, and the highest religious authorities. And after consultation, the king quoted a cryptic bit of scripture and the wise men were sent on their way to Bethlehem.

The text goes on to say (St. Matthew 2:9ff); the star led them and came to rest over “the place where the Child was. When they saw the star they were overjoyed.” But notice: The Baby was no longer in a manger. Mary and Joseph and the Baby had moved into a house (v. 11).

Many people have this misperception as portrayed in movies, Christmas cards, and nativity sets: That of a cave, the shepherds, the Baby in a manger and the wise men with their camels. Not so. Matthew writes: “On coming to the house they saw the Child … and worshiped Him.”

January 6th celebrates the visit of the Magi and the revelation of God to mankind in human form in the person of Jesus. This is the Epiphany. It is a shame that we, as Christians have let this significant holiday lose its significance.

Back to our text… Herod was not happy. All Jerusalem was disturbed; and rightly so. Herod was jealous, merciless, suspicious and ruthless. He made sure no one challenged his kingship. Over the years he managed to drown his wife’s brother, the high priest; he killed his favorite wife, her mother and three of his own sons. When Herod got disturbed, everybody (all Jerusalem) got disturbed.

When this Baby was born in Bethlehem, King Herod was threatened. The religious rulers, who knew the prophecies, did their best to ignore Him. Today, contemporary religions have taken the indifference of the ancient priests and transformed it into the hatred of Herod. Modern religions and nations are afraid of the Babe of Bethlehem.

Islamic Saudi Arabia forbids followers of the Baby from bringing their Bibles into the country. Islamic Iran arrests and holds without trial, those who would follow the Baby. In some Buddhist nations the education and economic rights of the Baby’s followers are denied government services.

Let me ask you: What can be so frightening about a Baby that would make world religions and rulers tremble? Of course, the Babe of Bethlehem didn’t remain a baby. He grew up. He began doing astonishing things, miraculous things. He healed lepers, the lame, the blind and the

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President's Corner

I feel it is such a blessing to be a part of the Fort Snelling Memorial Chapel. Our Chapel is non-denominational where we have the freedom to direct the ministry and teaching of our church without interference or control from without. Our Chapel faithfully adheres to the teachings of the Word of God.

The Advent season culminates in Christmas; celebrating the birth of God's Son - Jesus. 12 days later we celebrate Epiphany, the Lord's divinity revealed to the Gentiles. Epiphany is January 6th and the season of Epiphany lasts until the season of Lent. It commemorates the revealing of Jesus as the Christ to the Gentiles in the persons of the Magi in Bethlehem. The manifestation of God to the world in the form of human flesh through Jesus Christ, His Son.

In Ephesians 3:5-6, Paul makes known his insight into the mystery of Christ, saying - "... which was not made known to people in other ages as it has now been revealed by the Spirit to His holy apostles and prophets ... that the Gentiles should be fellow heirs, of the same body, and partakers of His promise in Christ through the gospel."

Isn't it wonderful to live in a country where we can freely worship. Where by the Grace of God we can belong to a Chapel where the Word of God is preached without compromise.

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What a wonderful opportunity to display the historic Chapel in your home or office. A recent mailing provided the self-addressed offering envelope. If you misplaced or didn't receive it, request it via e-mail at info@fortsnellingmcf.org ... and it will be sent to you.

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16 December (1:00 p.m.)

A copy of the 2017 Annual Report will be yours at the 51st Annual Mtg scheduled for Sun 11 Feb 2018 (1:00 p.m.) in the Chapel sanctuary. If you would like a copy ... after this date ... please 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 of last year's accomplishments.
deaf. He fed thousands of people with a few fish and loaves of bread. He stilled storms with just two words. Why is He so dangerous to religious scholars and rulers?

He told stories of shepherds, slaves and Samaritans ... of lost coins, lost sheep and lost opportunities. But when He grew up, He is not remembered as a great Philosopher, or an accomplished healer, or a brilliant storyteller. He said: "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me will never die." He said: "I am the way, the truth and the life; no one comes to the Father, except through Me." Ravi Zacharias in his book “Jesus Among Other Gods” writes: "Every word of that statement challenges the fundamental beliefs of the Indian culture from which I come, and in reality, actually stands against an entire world." Hinduism and Bahaism have long challenged the concept of a single way to God.

Jesus claimed to forgive sins. The Jewish religious leaders wanted to stone Him because He claimed that He was God in flesh. Jesus claimed to be the promised Messiah. Jesus claimed to be the Savior of the world. Jesus successfully fulfilled all of God's laws ... that the rest of humanity found impossible to keep. With these words Jesus is saying that He is carrying all of humanity's sins so that all who believe in Him as their Substitute and Redeemer will be saved.

Jesus claimed that we can personally know God and that absolute nature of His truth. Agnostics deny that possibility. Our culture calls for tolerance. Yet truth cannot be sacrificed at the altar of pretended tolerance. All religions, plainly and simply, cannot be true. Some beliefs are false ... and we know them to be false.

If these claims of Jesus are true, then all other religions are false; and other religions and rulers of the world need to be afraid.

Let me remind you what Jesus did immediately after He made His claim to be the Savior of the world. He went to the gravesite of one of His dearest friends, a friend who had been dead for three days. Jesus had the stone taken away from the tomb's entrance, and then, having made a prayer of thanksgiving to His Father in heaven, He called out to His deceased friend. "Lazarus, come forth." You and I could have called all day; but with that one command of Jesus, Lazarus did come forth. Wrapped like a mummy, Lazarus came forth from that tomb, alive, healthy and healed. This action of Jesus tells the world that He has power to overcome death.

I think you can have only two reasonable reactions to the words of Jesus and His resurrection. You can either, like many that day at the gravesite of Lazarus, believe Jesus is your Savior; or you can be like some who witnessed the resurrection of Lazarus and chose to plot how to eliminate Jesus.

When Jesus was born, there were two reactions: Wise men came and worshipped Jesus as Savior; Herod tried to kill Him.

When He performed miracles there were two reactions; people believed in Him, or they said He was possessed by the Devil.

If you don't know the story of Jesus, let me tell you the rest. Those people who tried to eliminate Jesus, did eventually succeed. They paid off one of His disciples to betray Him; they railroaded Him through mock trials; they manufactured evidence against Him; they encouraged the crowd to call for His death. The Roman Governor (Pontius Pilate) had Jesus crucified and nailed to a cross, suspended between heaven and earth. There Jesus suffered and died.

Do you believe this, my friend?

You see: If Jesus had been a mere man, He would have stayed dead. Dead is what happens to a man when his heart is punctured by a Roman spear. But Jesus, along with being a Man, is also the Son of God. That's why on the third day after His murder, His sacrifice for us accepted by God, Jesus rose from the dead. Jesus came back to life.

Do you believe this, my friend?

There are only two reactions to the resurrection of Jesus; either you believe it, or you must try to stuff Jesus back into His tomb and act as if nothing extraordinary happened.

What will you do with the Good News of the Babe of Bethlehem; the Son of God born of human flesh; born to save a lost world?

There is truth in the phrase — Wise men still seek Him.

If you have never reacted to this Good News ... by receiving the gift of salvation made possible only by the shed blood of Christ Jesus upon the Cross of Calvary in redemption for your sins ... then I invite you (right now) to come before the Lord in prayer and invite Him to take up residence in your life.

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Let us pray.

Dear Lord Jesus, I know that I am a sinner and in need of Your forgiveness. I believe that You came from heaven to earth and died for my sins upon the cross. I want to turn from my sinful nature and live in faithful obedience to Your Word. And so, O Lord, I invite You to come into my heart and into my life; to take control of my thoughts; to direct my deeds to bring honor and glory to Your name. I want to trust You and follow You as my Lord and Savior. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.

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

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51st Annual Mtg ...
will be held on Founder’s Day Sunday (11 Feb 18 - 1:00 p.m.) in the Chapel sanctuary ... where we will receive a printed Annual Report and elect members to the Board of Directors.

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Special Patriotic/ Veterans Events ...

Sun, 4 Feb 18 — Four Chaplains Remembrance — commemorating the 75th anniversary of the sinking of the USS Dorchester on which four chaplains gave their lives.

Sun, 27 May 18 — Memorial Day Remembrance — honoring the memory of those armed forces service members who gave the ultimate sacrifice.

Sun, 1 July 18 — Independence Day — celebrating the 242nd birthday of our nation ... culminating in an ice cream social.


Sun, 16 Sept 18 — POW/MIA Remembrance — remembering those who are prisoners of war and those missing in action.

Sun, 11 Nov 18 — Veterans Day Remembrance — recognizing U.S. veterans of all branches of the armed forces.

Sun, 2 Dec 18 — 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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If you are under the weather or out of town, you can still attend worship services at this site 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 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 via Livestream.

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

If you have an e-mail address and are not currently receiving the mid-week ‘Chapel Chatter’ ... providing you with what you need to know about the coming Sunday at the Chapel, please send an e-mail to the Chapel Foundation [info@fortsnellingmcf.org] and request to be added to this Constant Contact distro list.

— Steve Zorn
Publicity Committee Chair
The Story of the Immortal Four Chaplains

A convoy of three ships and three escorting Coast Guard cutters passed through ‘torpedo alley’ some 100-miles off the coast of Greenland at about 1 a.m. on February 3, 1943. The German submarine (U-223) fired three torpedoes, one of which hit the mid-section of the USAT Dorchester – a U.S. Army troopship with more than 900-men on board. Ammonia and oil were everywhere in the fast-sinking vessel and upon the freezing North Atlantic Sea.

The four Chaplains on board, two Protestant pastors, a Catholic priest and a Jewish rabbi, were among the first on deck, calming the men and handing out life jackets. When they ran out, they took off their own and placed them on waiting soldiers without regard to faith or race. Approximately 18-minutes from the explosion, the ship went down. They were the last to be seen by witnesses; they were standing arm-in-arm on the deck of the ship, each praying in his own way for the care of the men.

Almost 700-men died, making it the third largest loss at sea of its kind for the U.S. during WW2.

The Coast Guard Cutter Tampa was able to escort the other freighters to Greenland. Meanwhile the cutters Comanche and Escanaba, disobeying orders to continue the search for the German U-Boat, stopped to rescue 230-men from the frigid waters that night.

The four Chaplains were Father John Washington, Catholic; Reverend Clark Poling, Dutch Reformed; Rabbi Alexander Goode, Jewish; and Reverend George Fox, Methodist. These four Chaplains were later honored by the U.S. Congress and Presidents. They were recognized for their selfless acts of courage, compassion and faith. According to the First Sergeant on the ship, “They were always together, they carried their faith together.” They demonstrated throughout the voyage ... and in their last moments ... interfaith compassion in their relationship with the men and with each other.

In 1960 Congress created a special Congressional Medal of Valor, never to be repeated again, and gave it to the next-of-kin of the “Four Chaplains.”

At the dedication of the Chapel of the Four Chaplains on February 3, 1952 at the Baptist Temple in Philadelphia, President Harry S. Truman proclaimed, “This interfaith shrine ... will stand through long generations to teach Americans that as men can die heroically as brothers, so should they live together in mutual faith and goodwill.”

Each year on the Sunday nearest February 3, the Chapel Foundation remembers the Four Chaplains at the 11:00 a.m. worship service. The historic Chapel also has a weekly reminder in a stained glass window to their memory.

We hope you will join us Sunday, February 4th.

— Submitted by Tony Stocker, Worship Committee Chair
New Sermon Series -
God's Divine Sanctifying of Man's Defying Statuary

History is clear: Empires that forget their founding ultimately collapse. At its core, the freedom and prosperity we enjoy in America are the consequences of individuals whose self-conscious acknowledgment of God, and their willingness to order and administer our constitutional republic consistent with the laws of nature and nature’s God.

Our heritage of faith and freedom is largely forgotten today or so distorted as to be unrecognizable. Add to this, the recent defying of statuary to many of these Godly people.

Sermon Series:
7 Jan – “Christopher Columbus: ‘Christ-Bearer’”
14 Jan – “George Washington: Deist or Disciple?”

Our spiritual heritage is being intentionally eradicated from our nation’s history, and it’s happening on our watch.

I would like you to join me in a close examination of their deeds and words; their character as was said of them during their lifetimes; and their personal love for Jesus Christ.

Will you allow it, or will you join me in proclaiming the truth … for all to hear? You better decide before it’s too late!

— Chaplain Ken
Getting to Know You ...

There is an older gentleman - one of our “cherished veterans” who makes the trip to the Fort Snelling Memorial Chapel whenever possible. His name is Leland Granberg and he has made Fort Snelling Memorial Chapel his spiritual home for the past 20 years. Few people are aware of the fact that Leland is responsible for the beautiful photo of the chapel that graces the post card in our welcome brochures. But wait there is more to this story...

Mauritz Leland Granberg or Leland as he prefers to be called, was born on July 18, 1924 to Mauritz and Minnie Granberg on a small farm in the town of Valley Springs, South Dakota. The farm was located in a community founded by Swedish immigrants and a place where Leland learned to appreciate “Swedish meatballs and lutefisk.” Leland was the first born and followed soon thereafter by brother, Vernon, and sister, Janet. Childhood on the family farm was “fairly pleasant” and consisted of lots of chores including “cultivating corn” and tending to the animals which included “pigs and cows.” The Granberg family attended church every Sunday at Beaver Valley Lutheran Church, where Leland was baptized, confirmed and came to learn about Jesus.

In addition to time spent on the farm, Leland excelled in academics and discovered a passion for mathematics and physics while a student at Valley Springs High School. He graduated from high school in June of 1942 just as the United States was mobilizing for WWII. Leland continued to work on the farm after graduation with his father, but made a decision over the summer months that he would enlist in the U.S. Navy rather than wait to be drafted. Prior to enlistment, Leland signed up to take the Eddy Test - a classification examination that was given to enlisted men to identify their aptitude and capability in the field of electronics maintenance. Leland passed the test, which served as a passport to some of the best military training available in the armed services at that time. Subsequently, the U.S. Navy sent Leland to school in Michigan City, Indiana and San Francisco, California to learn to operate and repair radar and sonar equipment. Leland was stationed stateside for the bulk of his military service and was honorably discharged from the U.S. Navy in July of 1946 with the rank of Electronic Technician Third Class.

Upon his return to South Dakota, Leland enrolled in Sioux Falls College where he pursued his love of science with a double major in mathematics and physics. He graduated in 1949 and began to teach at Sioux Falls College while pursuing a Masters Degree at the University of South Dakota in Vermillion. Along the way, Leland met a “sweet young lady” at a church youth group named Alvina McCurdy. Alvina had grown up in southwestern Minnesota and was a recent graduate of St Barnabas Nursing School and the University of Minnesota, then working as a registered nurse at the Veteran’s Hospital in Sioux Falls. Leland was attracted to Alvina for many reasons including her “good looks” so he decided to ask her out for a date. The relationship quickly blossomed into a romance at which point Leland “popped the question” and Alvina accepted! The couple were married on May 30, 1952 at Beaver Valley Lutheran Church and made their home in Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

However, Leland was looking for a better paying job and soon learned of job openings in Seattle at Boeing, so made the decision to apply for a position with the aircraft manufacturer. He was hired soon afterwards and the Granbergs picked up and moved to Seattle. During his tenure at Boeing Aircraft, Leland worked on the Boeing Bomarc - a supersonic long-range surface to air missile. He also had the good fortune to work at Boeing Aircraft at the same time that test pilot “Tex Johnston” was employed by the company. Tex was well-known for his test flights of various aircraft including the B-47 Stratojet and B-52 bomber. But his most daring maneuver involved the barrel roll.

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of a giant airliner - the Boeing 367-80 which was the prototype for the Boeing 707. The feat took place on August 7, 1955 and was considered "sensational" at the time since it demonstrated the amazing capabilities of this new Boeing jet. Leland worked several more years for Boeing, then returned to Sioux Falls where he resumed his teaching career at Sioux Falls College. Well, as luck would have it, Leland did not have to wait long before he learned of a job opening in the Twin Cities with Sperry Univac Corporation - an early manufacturer of computers. He applied for the job and was hired as a “Chief Circuit Designer” in the area of product development. Leland worked a total of 30 years at Sperry Univac retiring in 1990 as “Director of New Product Development.” During his tenure with the company, Leland obtained 18 patents for inventions in the field of electronic circuitry and sonar.

Leland and Alvina Granberg made their home in Richfield, Minnesota and welcomed three daughters into the family: Esther, Anne and Margaret. The family attended church regularly but one Sunday Alvina suggested that they “check out Fort Snelling Chapel.” The couple visited the Chapel one Sunday morning in 1997 and found the people to be “real friendly.” Leland appreciated the “emphasis on the veterans” and they both enjoyed the sermons by former Chaplain, Milo Gronseth - so after a short conversation they decided to make the Chapel their new church home. The couple continued to worship at the Chapel weekly until Alvina’s death on April 11, 2004 at the age of 83. Leland recollected that his wife of 52 years had not been ill and that her death was a “shock” at the time. The funeral service took place at Fort Snelling Chapel and was officiated by Chaplain Beale with interment at Fort Snelling National Cemetery.

John 3:16 to be of particular comfort —

“For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life.”

This verse reveals the heart and purpose of God - namely that God’s love is wide enough to embrace all persons. God gave His one and only Son as an offering for our sin on the cross in order that we may have eternal life. Eternal life is the gift God bestows on each of us, but we must repent of our sin, turn to God and put our faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. Christians are fully assured that when we place our trust in Christ, we will experience fellowship with God in heaven for eternity!

Thank you, Leland, for your service to our country during WWII and your continued presence at Fort Snelling Chapel.

— Submitted by Eva Zorn
A Word From the Classroom

"But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run and not be weary; and they shall walk and not faint."
(Isaiah 41:31)

Let me be honest with you folks. I am not a patient person. It is very hard for me to wait upon the Lord, wait in the grocery checkout line, and even wait at Christmas when it’s time to open presents. I tend to want things on my timetable and that is “let’s do it NOW or even yesterday”. There is even a song with the words, “I’m in a hurry to get things done. I rush and rush until life’s no fun.” It is really fun for me to walk with the Lord leading the Children’s Ministry, but I do tend to want it on my terms ... bring the children EVERY Sunday. A great deal of work goes into establishing lesson plans, recruiting teachers, putting together craft projects and teaching tools ... only to have an empty classroom! Then I have to pull up short and remember this is NOT my program, it is the Lord’s.

This past Fall we taught the Ten Commandments but there was little continuity due to so many absences. Each week we reviewed, hoping to help the children catch up on what they had missed. But those absent far outweighed those present. I am not the only one who is weary. We have a great group of teachers who also put in hours and hours of time and probably wonder why the kids aren’t coming regularly. I put the responsibility on the parents. According to the kids, they don’t miss school, just church. Is it parents wanting to “sleep in”? Is it football games? I dare you to look toward heaven and say, “Um, I’m too tired to go to Your house today.” Or, “I’d rather watch football than worship You.” Ask yourself honestly what is causing these absences?

Rather than have lessons linked to each other (as the Ten Commandments are), we will begin in January teaching Biblical short stories. You know the ones I mean, like Jonah and the big fish; Sampson; Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego; Daniel and the lions’ den; David and Goliath; Balaam and the talking donkey and Ezekiel and the dry bones.

Please pray for me that instead of trying to lead the Children’s Ministry, I will follow God’s lead and remember that it is His program, not mine!

Respectfully,
— Leslie Henschel,
Coord. Children’s Ministry

Intergeneration Christian Education Class

Winter/Spring CE Class

We will begin the class with a video entitled: “God of Wonders.” As the winter progresses, the topics will range through creation, evolution, geology, the worldwide flood, dinosaurs, Darwin, Intelligent design, astronomy, dating rocks and fossils, 6-day creation vs. long ages, sanctity of life, living cells & DNA-the code of life, genetics & genetic entropy, ape men, nature & anatomy.

The aim is to help equip the attendees to be able to share the Genesis account of “beginnings” and to be able to relate how the Biblical account is confirmed by true science.

Question: Why in the world would someone listen to a presentation of the Gospel when they are taught by schools, universities, TV, PBS, libraries, even some churches that the Genesis accounts of creation, the world-wide flood, the origin of man and woman are nothing but stories or myths? True science confirms God’s Word — “word for word” and “cover to cover.”

These series of videos begin on Sundays 7 January through 20 May 2018. Remember: The class begins promptly at 9:30 a.m. in the Chapel Fellowship Hall. The coffee will be ready!

— John Kruse, Facilitator
Creation Corner

“For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes, His eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly seen, being understood through what has been made, so that they are without excuse.” (Romans 1:20)

What do these two items have in common?

What about these?

Welcome to the Creation Corner. Next time you get a glimpse of an elephant’s trunk, please observe how our gracious Creator God saw fit to install what appears to be the equivalent of a “Swiss army knife” where we would expect to see a unique, specially designed nose, as with other mammals. This magnificent creature has four legs and feet that appear to be designed for holding up the enormous weight of the elephant and for providing mobility — while really not supplying the animal with the ability to manipulate the world it encounters. Let’s examine in the amazing elephant’s trunk and while we’re there, let’s also investigate the ingenious mechanism designed to cool this leather-encased beast so he can live and work in the hotter climates of our earth.

“The elephant’s trunk is the ultimate ‘Swiss army knife.’ With its trunk an elephant can breathe, rub an itch eye, greet and hug a friend, pick up a 300 pound load, snatch a penny lying flat on the floor, locate a nearby friend or food, grab tasty leaves from 23 feet up in a tree, tear up food and place it into its mouth, knock down a tree, use it like a hose to suck up over four gallons of water per minute, take a shower by spraying water over its body, sense enemies, sprinkle dust and fling mud on itself as protection from biting flies or the hot sun, dig 10 feet deep for water, raise a warning, scratch his ear, wrestle with friends, swim underwater using it as a snorkel, and make a wide variety of sounds by changing its nostril size (the elephant has at least 25 different calls, each with a special meaning).

Just like car engines, there needs to be a cooling mechanism, otherwise the heat would kill the animal — especially in hot climates. The elephant is a perfect example. It is a large animal that lives in hot climates. As an engineer, how would you design this creature to overcome the heat problem? God has designed the elephant with huge ears. The ears of an elephant weigh about 100 pounds each. Each ear has a multitude of small blood vessels that can carry enormous amounts of blood through the thin ear membrane. By changing how closely the ears are held to the body, or moving air around the ears by flapping them, the elephant can control how much the blood is cooled before it returns to the rest of the body. You could say that elephants have radiators in their ears!

Would you believe that a car’s radiator happened by accident or chance? Of course not! So why tolerate you or your children being taught that the even more complex radiator found in the ears of an elephant are the result of chance mutational changes?

By the time God had finished His work of creation, He had solved millions of engineering problems just like this one. God displays His great power in the things He has made.”

“I am the LORD who made all things.” (Isaiah 44:24)

— Submitted by: John Kruse

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Food Safety

Knowing the Limits (Part 2)

We left off last time with shelf stable items, and they were shelf stable because the water in the product was bound. Shelf stable items include: jams, jellies, baked goods, cereals and dried foods. If sufficient water is added or absorbed from humid air the moisture level is raised to a level that can support bacterial multiplication.

Salt and sugar have the ability to bind water with weak molecular bonds and make it unavailable for the multiplication of microorganisms.

The amount of acid in a food can limit or totally stop bacterial multiplication by effecting the functioning of the enzyme system within the cell and the transport of nutrients into the cell. Bacteria multiply best in a neutral environment (pH 7). By increasing the acidity of a food, bacterial multiplication is inhibited. Increasing the acidic content of food can be done by adding; lemon juice as in Hollandaise sauce. The recipe in Escoffier's Cookbook, with the addition of lemon juice, brings the pH to 3.8. Acids were used long before refrigeration to aid in food preservation. Common acids used in recipes are lemon juice, vinegar (as in potato salad), tomato juice, these acids are also flavor enhancers and increase shelf stability. Organic acids; sorbic acid, citric, and propionic acid are added to many dairy and bakery products to prevent the multiplication of bacteria, yeasts, or molds. Bacterial cultures of lactic acid-producing microorganisms are added to foods in order to create specific kinds of products; yogurt, sauerkraut, cheeses. The shelf life of these foods far exceeds the shelf life of the food commodity from which they were produces.

Chemical preservatives can be used to inhibit the growth of microbes by affecting their cell membranes, and interfering with their metabolism and/or reproductive mechanism. Chemical preservatives can slow down or totally stop growth. Chemical preservatives must be proven to have no adverse effects on humans in the amounts permitted in foods. They must also have very little effect on the color, taste and odor of food. Examples are nitrates used to cure meats, which prevents bacon from turning grey. Propionates are used as mold inhibitors in bakery products. Sodium benzoate used as an antimicrobial agent in beverages, syrups, jams, and pie fillings.

— Tom Newman

Supporting Our Troops ...

In 2017, 79-boxes were shipped to our troops in harms way in Iraq.

On November 18th we received this response from our latest shipment of 32-boxes:

THANKS MUCH!!!

They arrived in the mail yesterday! They're being distributed to Soldiers at some of our outposts and more remote locations -- anything left goes to those at Q West. The other Chaplain teams (BN and BDE) here also really appreciate the packages, since I don't technically have any Soldiers of my own...  

THANKS so much for all your support thus far ... it's truly brightened the days of many of our Service Members over here ... they love the snacks!!! And, I'll see what I can do for pictures -- not all of the locations allow photos; I'll see what I can do, though.

God bless!!!

Kris
CH (CPT) Kristoffer McKusky
CJFLCC-OIR Catholic Coverage Chaplain
Northern Iraq

Additionally, we shipped three (3) boxes containing a total of 103 scarves ... (as shown in the photo) to Afghanistan.

With it, we send our prayers that each troop receiving these handmade expressions of support for them, will serve to keep them aware of our love (and warmer too).

— The Crafty Ladies
This full-color newsletter is brought to you in-part by memorials received in memory of Jerry & Lois Bray.

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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9:30 a.m. Christian Education Class  
11:00 a.m. **Worship Service**  
Sermon: "Christopher Columbus: Christ-Bearer"  
Music: Marcia Guerra-Baker, Soloist | 8   | 9   | 10  | 11  | **Chaplain Ken's**  
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| 14  | **2nd Sunday after Epiphany**  
9:30 a.m. Christian Education Class  
11:00 a.m. **Worship Service**  
Sermon: "George Washington: Deist or Disciple?"  
Music: 4-Given, Men's Quartet | **ML King Jr Day**  
15 | 16  | 17  | 18  | 19  | 20  |
| 21  | **3rd Sunday after Epiphany**  
Sanctity of Life Sunday  
9:30 a.m. Christian Education Class  
11:00 a.m. **Worship Service**  
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Music: Chirs Ward, Harpist | 22  | 23  | 24  | 25  | 26  | 27 |
| 28  | **4th Sunday after Epiphany**  
9:30 a.m. Christian Education Class  
11:00 a.m. **Worship Service**  
Music: Chaddock Quartet | 29  | 30  | 31  |     |     |     |

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| **4 5th Sunday after Epiphany**           | **Four Chaplains Remembrance**            | **9:30 a.m. Christian Education Class** | **11:00 a.m. Worship Service**          | **Chaplain's B-day**                        | **Lincoln’s B-day**                         | **Presidents' Day**                          |
| **9:30 a.m. Christian Education Class**  | **11:00 a.m. Worship Service**           | **Guest: CH (LTC) Buddy Winn**         | **Sermon: "No Greater Love"**           | **Ash Wednesday**                          | **1:00 p.m. Annual Mtg**                   | **Washington's B-day**                       |
| **Music: Nancy Guertin, Soloist**         | **1:30 p.m. Board Mtg**                  | **Sermon: "Abraham Lincoln: A Christian?"** | **Lincoln's B-day** | **St. Valentine's Day**                    | **9:00 a.m. Crafty Ladies Mtg.**           | **26th**                                    |
| **11 Last Sunday after Epiphany**         | **Founder's Day**                        | **1:00 p.m. Annual Mtg**               | **1:00 p.m. Annual Mtg**                | **Presidents' Day**                        | **27th**                                   | **28th**                                   |
| **9:30 a.m. Christian Education Class**  | **11:00 a.m. Worship Service**           | **Chaplain's B-day**                   | **1:00 p.m. Annual Mtg**                | **27th**                                   | **6:30 p.m. Worship Comm Mtg.**            |                                          |
| **11:00 a.m. Holy Communion**             | **Sermon: "Why Ashes?"**                | **1:00 p.m. Annual Mtg**               | **26th**                                   | **27th**                                   | **28th**                                   |                                          |
| **Music: John Kruse, Vocal/Guitar**       | **Sermon: "The Difference Faith Makes"** | **27th**                                   | **28th**                                   | **28th**                                   | **28th**                                   |                                          |
| **18 1st Sunday in Lent**                 | **Imposition of Ashes**                  | **26th**                                   | **27th**                                   | **28th**                                   | **28th**                                   |                                          |
| **9:30 a.m. Christian Education Class**  | **11:00 a.m. Worship Service**           | **26th**                                   | **27th**                                   | **28th**                                   | **28th**                                   |                                          |
| **11:00 a.m. Holy Communion**             | **Sermon: "The Difference Faith Makes"** | **27th**                                   | **28th**                                   | **28th**                                   | **28th**                                   |                                          |
| **Music: Wickman Duo, Soloist/Piano**     | **Sermon: "The Difference Faith Makes"** | **27th**                                   | **28th**                                   | **28th**                                   | **28th**                                   |                                          |