Is Right Still Right?

This message was preached 16 January 2011 from the historic pulpit of the Fort Snelling Memorial Chapel as “Is Right Still Right”? … based on Daniel 1:1-6; 2:48-3:23. This sermon, along with over 500+ other titles, is available on DVDs.

Ever since God created humankind and gave him the ability to think, we have consistently made wrong decisions. From Adam to Abraham; from Moses to Matthew to Mary; from Joseph to Jonah to John. From the Bible to backyards across the world; from the Church to the city; all are filled with victims who have made wrong decisions … and thus, did not choose to do right.

Today our media venues are filled with people, children and adults; well-known and unknown; rich and poor; all colors of the race … filled with people who are making wrong choices with very little consequences or punishment.

Maybe you’re faced with a decision (right now) about what is right. Maybe (right now) your mind seems cluttered … because you’re filled with offers, suggestions, alternatives, pulling you in directions you’re not sure about.

The major contributing factor that’s making it difficult to make right decisions (today) is the post-modern era that we live in. Post-modernism has so blurred the line between right and wrong that people have a difficult time discerning what kind of behavior is good, appropriate, and expected; what behavior is fundamentally wrong, and which choices are morally neutral.

Thanks to the post-modern worldview, it’s considered foolish to declare that truth exists, and uncouth to suggest that one can have it.

Today, I want us (together) to answer the question “Is Right Still Right”? I want to share with you a short story from the Bible and then make some real practical applications for the believer and why we need to know right, learn right and do right.

In the Book of Daniel, Daniel (and his three friends - Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego) are deported to Babylon and handpicked for government service; and Daniel became a servant to King Nebuchadnezzar. God used Daniel to interpret dreams for the three different kings, one king on two different occasions. In Daniel 1, Daniel and his three friends begin their co-labor of service to the king. In chapter 2, Daniel is called upon to interpret the king’s first dream because none of his magicians or astrologers could do so. God helps him successfully interpret the dream, the king promotes Daniel and his three friends. In chapter 3, King Nebuchadnezzar constructs a gold image and commanded all the people to bow down to it, and worship it. Daniel and his three friends refuse to do so, the king finds out and orders the three friends brought to him. In 3:15 the king gives the three friends an ultimatum: either bow down or be thrown into the furnace. The three answered in a chorus of courageous and confident words recorded in Daniel 3:16-18. The three are thrown in the furnace and Daniel 3:27 records their silent and odorless testimony. Daniel chapters 4-6 record Daniel interpreting Nebuchadnezzar’s second dream, resulting in his being promoted again, followed by Daniel interpreting King Belshazzar’s writing on the wall. In chapter 6, then King Darius signs a decree that if anyone petitions another god besides Darius they would be cast into a den of lions. Daniel refuses, and with much hesitation and in great persuasion King Darius commands to have Daniel thrown

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President's Corner

America's Christian Heritage

The secular media now, and in recent decades, is doing everything in their power to convince the American public that this is a secular nation and the founding of America was not religious based. Our Sunday morning Christian Education classes narrated by David Barton, the renown historian, gives evidentiary discovery verifying that America is, in fact, religious based. Our Founding Fathers were deeply shaped by Christian moral truths. This is a very stimulating series and I recommend you attend.

February 22nd is George Washington’s birthday. He is beloved as “The Father of our Country.” The evidence points to George Washington as a leader who nurtured religious freedom in our new nation and he embraced his Savior. There is much evidence that George Washington was a devout Christian. In honor of George Washington’s birthday here is a quote from Washington's General Orders, November 27, 1779:

"Whereas it becomes us humbly to approach the throne of Almighty God, with gratitude and praise for the wonders which His goodness has wrought in conducting our forefathers to this western world ... and above all, that He has diffused the glorious light of the gospel, whereby, through the merits of our gracious Redeemer, we may become the heirs of His eternal glory."

The media would be well served to not ignore the important influence of faith and how our Founding Fathers forged this Christian nation.

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52nd Annual Mtg ...

will be held on Founder’s Day Sunday (10 Feb 19 - 1:00 p.m.) in the Chapel sanctuary ... where we will receive a printed Annual Report and elect members to the Board of Directors.

Only Chapel Foundation Members May Attend.

General Plate Offering Envelopes

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

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10 February (1:00 p.m.)
22 December (1:00 p.m.)

A copy of the 2018 Annual Report will be yours at the 52nd Annual Mtg scheduled for Sun 10 Feb 2019 (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.
into the lion’s den. And the next day, “when Daniel was lifted from the den, no wound was found on him, because he had trusted in his God.” And you know the rest of the story. If not, read it for yourself in Daniel 6.

Like Daniel, I can say with genuine certainty and with absolutely no arrogance, I have a direct line to absolute truth. I didn’t uncover it; I didn’t create it. I wasn’t the first to see it; or even recognize it. I have a direct line to absolute truth because I accept God’s Word as the authentic revelation from the Author of truth.

The sixty-six books in the Bible provide me with God’s directives and principles for my life. God took time to have His Word written down over a period of 1,400 years by some 40 different authors ... so that I can learn right, know right and do right. For thousands of years, this divinely inspired Word has been preserved so that I may know Him and obey His will. And as I read the words in the Bible, I see God’s character being revealed; and by discovering His character, I discover what values and choices give Him the most pleasure.

You see, to do what is right is to conform my life to the directives and principles found in the sixty-six books of the Bible — Not to a newspaper, horoscope, fortune cookie, political correctness, or a talk show. To do what is right is to side with the truth of God. Our desire as believers to do right should compel us into the Bible everyday to learn right from the Author of Truth.

Now, obviously we cannot do what is right if we don’t know what is right. Every day, you and I are bombarded with information and opinions and philosophies and ideologies; most in the context of a post-modern worldview that doubts the very existence of definable truth. Under this post-modern worldview are two main competing worldviews:

(1) Christian Theism, and
(2) Secular Universalism.

This is what is killing the church and paralyzing believers. If we don’t know what is right, we can’t make right decisions.

**Christian Theism** emphasizes that faith is primarily a person, and not an idea or belief system. Jesus Christ — who He is and what He has done for us — is central to Christian Theism.

While **Secular Universalism** contradicts everything about Christian Theism. Secular Universalism worldview denies what is truth, and right — it’s what you want to be right or what you feel is right, that’s right. It is relative.

**Daniel** from our story did what was right because he knew what was right to begin with. “Daniel purposed in his heart that he would not.” (Daniel 1:8). Daniel had already made the decision before the decision made him.

You see, when we choose to do right according to a Secular Universe a common reaction is going to occur: We ask — “Where did I go wrong?” “Why do I feel guilty?”

The bold choice to do something that honors the Lord or reflects His character will be punished by a world that opposes God’s ways.

Not everyone will like you all the time as you do right.

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You may lose popularity, promotion or even your job.

You might be denied opportunities you rightfully deserve.

You might even be persecuted for taking a stand for truth.

Don’t expect a reward – expect resistance. Don’t be discouraged or timid; but don’t be surprised when you face difficulties as a result of doing what is right.

Listen: You need to remember that God will superintend (control) His plan ... just as He did with Daniel.

Believe me, I know: Walking the path that God has marked for us is not going to be easy steps. When the going gets tough, remind yourself that you are not alone. It would have been easy for Daniel to say “yes” to King Nebuchadnezzar or for the three to say “yes” to the king. Yet, they were all faithful to stay to God’s will; and God protected and blessed them for it. What kept these men hopeful ... despite their sufferings ... was the trust they had placed in the Lord.

Secular Universalism has no hope for humanity; no hope that Jesus, the central figure of Christian Theism, died for our sins; no hope of the resurrection of Jesus; no hope of knowing that God was and will always be in control.

It is remarkable how invincible such knowledge of knowing right can make you feel and thus motivate you to do right.

To a society that has trouble with knowing right and doing right; to a generation that possesses a Secular Universalism worldview – we need to respond as Daniel did in 1:8 and 3:18, “Daniel resolved not to defile himself ...” “... Let it be known to you, O king, that we will not serve your gods or worship the image of gold you have set up.”

Which brings me back to the question serving as my sermon title – “Is Right Still Right?” The answer has been, still is and will always be a confident YES, when right is PURSUED from the Author of Truth.

Serving God and Country,
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How many times have you been driving down the road, and seen something on a car that causes you to contemplate? I know that I have many times; whether it’s a school sticker, a political posting, or something religious. It’s interesting what people proclaim about their feelings to anyone who cares to glance at their car. I sometimes find myself trying to imagine what this person looks like ... even to the extent of trying to pass the car so as to see who’s driving. Well, with the help of many of you sharing your observations made on the highway, I’ve selected these bumper stickers to debunk (to expose the falsehood of) in this series of sermons. Join me each Sunday for the scriptural truth in response to these falsities.

— Chaplain Ken
Getting to Know You ...  

Every Sunday morning a dignified gentleman serenades the congregation from the Kimball pipe organ. This man joined the Chapel as the principal organist in June and recently became a member. Who is this person? His name is Desi Klempay - but wait there is more to this story...

Desiderius Klempay was born to Dezso and Karla Klempay in Pancove, Yugoslavia during WW II. Dezso Klempay graduated from the University of Belgrade with a Doctor of Medicine degree, and was practicing medicine at the time of Desi's birth. His mother Karla, was a well-educated graduate of an Austrian "finishing school" who spoke seven languages, sang and played the piano. Desi referred to his mother as a "wonderful, spiritual and nurturing woman" who passed on the values of honesty and hard work to her son. Desi's father enjoyed listening to his wife sing and play the piano during her pregnancy with Desiderius. However, this all changed dramatically in 1943, when Dezso was forcibly conscripted into the German army to serve on a medical team. Sadly, Dezso was killed a short while later when the medical team was ambushed during battle. Desi's mother decided that it was necessary to leave Yugoslavia and head to Salzburg, Austria given the danger of a Communist insurgency in Eastern Europe. Without hesitation, Karla and Desi boarded a Red Cross train in late 1944 bound for Salzburg, Austria. Upon arrival, the little family was befriended by a group of nuns who provided housing and other assistance. They remained in Salzburg for the duration of the war and in 1949, were visited by Father Lani, a Catholic priest who encouraged the family to emigrate to the United States due to their status as "displaced persons." In 1951, Karla made the decision to board a ship headed to New York City with her 8 year old son. Halfway across the Atlantic Ocean, the ship encountered the "storm of the century" which necessitated a change in route to New Orleans, Louisiana - their official port of entry into the United States. Desi referred to his mother as a "survivor" who not only made a new life in a new country but maintained her sense of grace and good manners along the way. The family was resettled in Anaheim, California and became naturalized American citizens on August 17, 1956.

Desi's mother introduced him to the world of classical music at the age of nine when he began piano lessons. Later as a teenager, he gravitated to jazz and pop music and played in a dance band for ten years. After graduation from St John Vianney High School, Desi enrolled at Cal State in Los Angeles to complete a degree in music. He began organ lessons his sophomore year of college and was thrilled to discover the vast organ repertoire and the "palette of orchestral sounds at his fingertips!" Desi received his B.A. and M.A. in Organ Performance from Cal State and his Doctor of Musical Arts degree in organ performance from the University of Minnesota. He traveled to Europe for additional performance and study - receiving an Organ Diploma from the Mozarteum Conservatory in Salzburg, Austria. Desi was the principal organist at Wooddale Church from 1988 to 2010 prior to his retirement. Despite his many travels, Desi is always happy to "return home to the United States" which is the "only place I choose to be." He added, "Yes, I know there are flaws in America but I have freedom to live where I want, to worship in the church of my choice and travel throughout this great and diverse land." Furthermore, "Being an American allows me to live in peace and harmony and pursue my dreams."

Desi learned about Fort Snelling Chapel five years ago when he was playing the organ at a funeral officiated by Chaplain Ken Beale. Desi was invited to join the Chapel staff as organist last June and has been principal organist since that time. He enjoys many aspects of the Chapel including the "patriotic emphasis" and the "different styles of music" that are presented on a weekly basis. Desi cited "Now Thank We All Our God" as his favorite hymn. This popular Christian hymn was written in 1636 by Protestant minister Martin Rinkart, and set to a melody attributed to Johann Cruger. Desi has heard this hymn sung in many settings, but the most poignant was when he heard it sung by a group of POWS who had survived the

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Battle of Stalingrad. Upon their arrival in Germany, the POWS were simply grateful to God to be alive as stated in the first stanza of the hymn:

Now thank we all our God,
with heart and hands and voices,
Who wondrous things has done,
in Whom this world rejoices;
Who from our mothers' arms
has blessed us on our way
With countless gifts of love,
and still is ours today.

Desi is married to Martha Otto - a music educator, performer and cantor in the Catholic Church. The couple make their home in Plymouth, Minnesota. Desi is also the proud father of four adult children and grandfather to seven grandchildren. All three sons served in the military including one son in the Air Force reserves and two sons in the Marines. Desi shared that the "hand of the Lord" has been present throughout the various circumstances of his life and he "thanks his God for the wondrous things he has done!" He cited John 14:6 as his favorite Bible verse "I am the way, the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me." This verse informs us that Christ is the only way to God, and the source of truth and life for all believers.

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome Desi and Martha to the Chapel and to thank Desi for sharing his time and talent with us!

— Submitted by Eva Zorn

How to Stay Safe in the World Today

1. Avoid riding in automobiles ...
   because they are responsible for 20% of all fatal accidents.

2. Do not stay home ...
   because 17% of all accidents occur in the home.

3. Avoid walking on streets or sidewalks ...
   because 14% of all accidents occur to pedestrians.

4. Avoid traveling by air, rail or water ...
   because 16% of all accidents involve these forms of transportation.

5. Of the remaining 33%, 32% of all deaths occur in hospitals.

   Above all else, avoid hospitals.

You will be pleased to learn that only .001% of all deaths occur in worship services in church, and these are usually related to previous physical disorders. Therefore, logic tells us that the safest place for you to be at any given point in time is at church!

Bible study is safe too. The percentage of deaths during Scripture study is even less.

FOR SAFETY'S SAKE – Attend church and read your Scriptures ...

IT COULD SAVE YOUR LIFE.
Special Patriotic/Veterans Events . . .

Sun, 3 Feb 19 — *Four Chaplains Remembrance* — commemorating the 76th anniversary of the sinking of the USS Dorchester on which four chaplains gave their lives.

Sun, 26 May 19 — *Memorial Day Remembrance* — honoring the memory of those armed forces service members who gave the ultimate sacrifice.

Sun, 7 July 19 — *Independence Day* — celebrating the 243rd birthday of our nation ... culminating in an ice cream social.


Sun, 22 Sept 19 — *POW/MIA Remembrance* — remembering those who are prisoners of war and those missing in action.

Sun, 29 Sept 19 — *Gold Star Day* — recognizing the families of those service members who paid the ultimate price on the altar of liberty.

Sun, 10 Nov 19 — *Veterans Day Remembrance* — recognizing U.S. veterans of all branches of the armed forces.

Sun, 1 Dec 19 — *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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**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.

The historic Fort Snelling Memorial Chapel has a weekly reminder of the Four Chaplains in a stained glass window to their memory.
Book Review

This book chronicles the story of Etta Jones - a teacher on the remote Aleutian island of Attu during the onset of World War II. How did this adventurous woman end up on one of the most remote islands in the world? The story begins in the year 1922, when Etta - a trained nurse and teacher was invited to travel to the territory of Alaska for an extended vacation by her older sister Marie. At that time, Alaska's population was only 55,000 people for the entire territory with no large cities or centers of commerce. This cosmopolitan woman from Pittsburgh - always up for a challenge agreed to travel with her sister to Alaska for a period of one year. Well, that year turned into several decades as Etta fell in love not only with the beautiful Alaskan scenery but with Foster Jones, a gold and mining prospector whom she wed on April 1, 1923.

However, the strategic position of the Aleutian Islands (Attu and Kiska in particular) suggested that the location would be instrumental for control of the sea lanes in the North Pacific. This concept did not go unnoticed by the Japanese or the United States who feared that both islands could be turned into strategic airbases from which the Japanese could launch attacks on the West Coast of the United States. On June 7, 1942 an infantry battalion from the Japanese Northern Army landed unopposed on the island of Attu one day after the invasion of nearby Kiska. This landing caught the Native Aleuts and the Jones family completely by surprise and resulted in an end to all communication with other parts of the Alaskan territory and U.S. mainland. The Japanese began a harsh occupation of the island which resulted in the forceful removal of Etta Jones and many of the Native Aleuts to prisoner of war camps in Japan. On May 7, 1943 units from the 7th Infantry Division made amphibious landings on Attu with the goal of retaking the island from the Japanese Imperial Army. Despite heavy naval bombardments of Japanese positions, the American troops encountered strong resistance and entrenched enemy positions that made for difficult combat. Exacerbating the situation were the arctic weather conditions and exposure related injuries experienced by combat troops. The battle for Attu raged for two weeks when most of the Japanese defenders were killed in brutal hand to hand combat as U.S. forces reclaimed the small island on May 29, 1943. Etta was eventually liberated by U.S. forces from the POW camp at the end of the war and returned to the United States, to the surprise of her relatives who had given her up for dead.

Etta Jones was a prolific letter writer and this book chronicles the many letters written by Etta to her family back East throughout her two decades in Alaskan territory. The author Mary Breu (great-niece of Etta Jones) also provides detailed information regarding Etta's experiences as a prisoner of war interned in a Japanese camp. This bittersweet story is recommended for persons with an interest in the pioneers of the Alaskan frontier, the Battle of Attu and how one woman survived the sudden transformation from teacher to POW during W.W.II.

Social Media

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

Remember: We love to have you in-person at our services, but in the event that is not possible please join us via Livestream.

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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.

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Great Hymns of the Faith

Fanny Crosby, considered one of the most prolific writers of gospel hymn texts, was born on March 24, 1820 in a small town in New York state. She lost her sight at the age of six weeks due to an eye infection and poor medical care. Despite this impairment, Fanny was blessed to grow up in a loving home with a Christian mother who encouraged her to study and memorize scripture. She enrolled at the New York Institute of the Blind at the age of 15, where she excelled as a student of literature and music. The Institute recognized Crosby’s talent as a poet and encouraged her to write texts for hymns that could be set to music. She published her first volume of poetry in 1844 (The Blind Girl and Other Poems) and joined the faculty of the Institute at the age of 22, as an instructor of rhetoric and history. She remained at the Institute until 1858, when she married a former student and faculty member - Alexander Van Alstyne.

The words to Blessed Assurance, were penned by Fanny Crosby to a tune composed by Phoebe Palmer Knapp. Phoebe played the melody one day to Fanny Crosby and asked her "what does the melody say to you?" Fanny responded that the tune said, "Blessed Assurance Jesus is Mine!" Crosby went on to pen the remaining verses to the hymn which was published in the monthly magazine "Guide to Holiness" in 1873. The hymn became better known after publication in a subsequent volume of hymns - "Gospel Songs No. 5" (1887) and was frequently sung at the revivals of D. L. Moody in Great Britain and the United States. Fanny Crosby is credited with writing over 8,000 gospel hymn texts including "Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior" - "All the Way My Savior Leads Me" - "To God Be the Glory" - "Rescue the Perishing, Care for the Dying."

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood.

She lived an exceptionally long life and enjoyed a close relationship with several presidents including: Martin Van Buren, John Tyler, James Polk and Grover Cleveland. Fanny Crosby passed away on February 12, 1915 at the age of 94 and was buried at Bridgeport, Connecticut.

The hymn "Blessed Assurance" celebrates our special relationship with Jesus - that it is in Him we find mercy, grace and salvation. We do not have to wonder or guess about our salvation as Jesus laid down His life at the cross of Calvary so that each of us may have eternal life! This was the hope of New Testament Christians and it is the hope of all believers today. We cannot help but praise our Lord and express thanks for the many blessings he has bestowed upon us as stated in the refrain of the hymn:

This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior all the day long;
This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior all the day long.
Sermon Series on CDs — "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.

This sermon series closely examines their deeds and words; their character as was said of them during their lifetimes; and their personal love for Jesus Christ — is available in this CD set. The cost is $10.00/set if you pick up your set(s) or $13.00/set if you would like it mailed to you or someone.

Let us join in proclaiming the truth ... for all to hear ... before it’s too late!

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— Tim Bray, Johnnie Johnson
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Dr. Desi Klempay performing on the Wooddale Church pipe organ are available for purchase ($10 ea.) any Sunday in the Fellowship Hall of the Chapel.
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 sunflowers, daisies, pineapples, cactus petals, lightning, snowflakes, lengths of finger-segments, coastlines, fractals, nautilus shells, broccoli and pinecones have in common?

"Creationwiki.org" defines Fibonacci numbers and sequences: Regular patterns occur throughout nature which are defined by mathematicians and offer powerful evidence of intelligent design. The atoms in a crystal are arranged in a pattern, as are the atoms in the DNA molecule, the stripes on an angelfish, the movement of the legs of a centipede. These patterns frequently help to identify and determine the characteristics of a species.

(This is only a brief, teasing look into how Jesus, our Creator, spoke brilliant and infinite designs into His creation—and in the case of fractal designs (see below) how He integrated infinite patterns showing unfathomable depth of design, and maybe, a sneak-preview of heaven.) (Now re-read Romans 1:20.)

'Fibonacci numbers are one of many evidences for God's existence. So what are Fibonacci numbers? They are a patterned sequence that can be found everywhere throughout nature: 0, 1, 1, 2, 3, 5, 8, 13, 21, 34,... and so on. Every number in the pattern is the sum of the two previous numbers: 0+1=1, 1+1=2, 1+2=3, 2+3=5, and so on.

One of the most common examples is the arrangement of flower petals. The Black-eyed Susan has 21 petals, a Fibonacci number. The Shasta daisy has 34 petals, again a Fibonacci number. The arrangement of leaves around a plant stem display Fibonacci numbers. A 3 sided banana displays a Fibonacci number. The cross section of most bell peppers reveals 3 chambers; 3 is a Fibonacci number. Cut an apple and the seed pod will reveal 5 points on a star; 5 is a Fibonacci number. We see the number five again in the number of arms on a starfish. If you count the spirals on a pinecone you will find it goes in two directions, 13 spirals open to the left and 8 spirals open to the right—both 13 and 8 are Fibonacci numbers. In fact, there are so many Fibonacci numbers in nature that there is a publication dedicated to it, the Fibonacci Quarterly! As Galileo stated, "Mathematics is the alphabet with which God has written the universe."

There are patterns all around us. When we see patterns, we know there is a pattern maker. The next time you take a walk through that flower garden, don't just stop and smell the roses, but... stop and count the petals... see the pattern and praise the Pattern Maker.

"Who can speak of the mighty deeds of the Lord, Or can show forth all His praise?" (Psalm 106:2)

— Submitted by: John Kruse

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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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Bev Johnson, Administrative Assistant
Carol Nygaard, Accounting Specialist
Eva Zorn, Musical Guest Coordinator

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