Is The American Dream Dead?

This message was preached 30 June 2013 from the historic pulpit of the Fort Snelling Memorial Chapel as “Is The American Dream Dead?” ... based on Isaiah 59:1-8. This sermon, along with over 500+ other titles, is available on DVDs.

Let me take a quick poll: How many of you read the newspaper each morning? Okay. Let me be more specific: How many of you read the obituary column? Now let me ask you: How many of you are happy to find that your name is not listed in the column? I thought that would be the case!

This morning I want to speak about another name in an obituary that I am going to refer to as “The American Dream.” Now I’m not talking about the opportunity to get ahead ... although that is certainly one of things that appeals to those who want to enter this country. No, what I am speaking about is the ‘Dream’ that was America – the dream that the pilgrims had when they established the Plymouth Colony of Massachusetts in 1620; the dream that led the 56-founders fathers to gather in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania in 1776 to write and sign with their sacred honor what we call the Declaration of Independence ... wherein they acknowledged that all our rights come from our Creator and not from the state. Our founders understood that power corrupts, and absolute power corrupts absolutely!

Now, I’m not the least bit surprised if some of you might be thinking that this preacher is over dramatizing his subject, and that the dream that we call America is not dead. I am willing to admit that sometimes preachers are prone to that (to some degree); but if the dream of America is undeniably on life support, and if something doesn’t change (very soon), the dream will surely die!

Listen, again, to the prophet Isaiah that serves as our text (today): “Surely the arm of the LORD is not too short to save, nor His ear too dull to hear. But your iniquities have separated you from your God; your sins have hidden His face from you, so that He will not hear.” (Is. 59:1-2)

Today, I want us to look (together) at the problem and the prescription ... as outlined in your bulletin.

I. The Problem
Psalms 9:17 reads — “The wicked shall be turned into hell, and all the nations that forget God.”

a. The problem is our separation

God said this through His servant Moses — “See, I am setting before you today a blessing and a curse—the blessing if you obey the commands of the LORD your God that I am giving you today; the curse if you disobey the commands of the LORD your God and turn from the way that I command you today by following other gods, which you have not known.” (Deuteronomy 11:26-28)

We sing “America the Beautiful” wherein we proclaim God’s blessings. Yet, are we not seeing serious signs that His blessings have been withdrawn ... because of our rejection of His Word? Verse 2 of our text says that God will not hear our prayers!

This is further said by King David where he says in Psalms 66:16-18 — “Come and hear, all you who fear God; let me tell you what He has done for me. I cried out to Him with my mouth; His praise was on my tongue. If I had cherished sin in my heart, the Lord would not have listened ...”

b. The problem is our sins

Verse 3 of our text says — “For your hands are stained with blood ...” and verse 7 says — “... they are swift to shed innocent blood.”

Ladies and gentleman, 6-million Jews (of all ages) were put to

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President’s Corner

FREEDOM

The constitutional republic of the United States has, is and always will be under attack.

Our Republic was founded to forge a country where “free men” could live. Freedom from tyrants and governmental control; freedom to worship, gather and freedom to speak; freedom to protect ourselves against an oppressive government. Our economic system is capitalism where the “people” own the means of production. The Framers of our Republic had learned from living under the tyrant King George and forged a constitution by and for the “people”.

Now, Socialists/Communists want to take the “people’s” freedoms away and return us to governmental control.

We have to be forever vigilant against this evil. Vigilant against the constant drumbeat from those who “know” how we, the “people,” should live our lives.

FREEDOM comes from God. Galatians 5:1—“It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery.”

We honor, praise and glorify God for our freedom and for giving us those in the uniformed services and others who battle for the “people.”

This Independence Day Sunday will again find us gathered at our Chapel in solemn prayer that our Lord continues to bless the “people” of this great country and keep us free.

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New Sacred Music Staff

The Board of Directors, at the recommendation of the Personnel Committee, takes great delight in announcing our new Organist and Musical Guest Coordinator.

ORGANIST

Dr. Desiderius ‘Desi’ Klempay, a native of Pencevo, Yugoslavia, was Professor of Music at Crown College in St. Bonifacius, MN, an organist at Wooddale Church (1988-2010). He received his Bachelor of Arts and Master of Arts degrees in Music and Organ Performance from California State University, Los Angeles; and a Doctor of Musical Arts degree in Organ Performance from the University of MN and an Organ Diploma from the Mozarteum Conservatory in Salzburg, Austria. Desi and his wife, Martha, reside in Plymouth.

MUSICAL GUEST COORD

Eva Zorn was a Hennepin County Senior Social Worker (1990-2017) and member of FSMCF since 2010. She received her Bachelor of Science and Masters of Social Work from University of MN; and Masters of Theological Studies (Magna Cum Laude) from Bethel Seminary. She has performed in orchestrations and theatrical productions (violin & piano), and in vocal ensembles. Eva and her husband, Steve, reside in Roseville.

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death by Nazi Germany and we call it a “Holocaust.” What name can be applied to describe the deaths of 54-million children who have died since the U.S. Supreme Court declared ‘open season’ on the unborn in 1973?

Did you happen to notice in our text the references made to “truth”?

Verse 3 – “Your lips have spoken falsely, and your tongue mutters wicked things.”

Verse 4 – “They rely on empty arguments, they utter lies; they conceive trouble and give birth to evil.”

Lying (and cheating) have become a way of life in our country; and many sociologists say it’s no big deal to lie – as long as it doesn’t hurt anyone. Ever since William Jefferson Clinton was president we have had this silly debate about private and public morals. We have been told that character doesn’t matter in a president or public servant ... just his or her ability to govern effectively.

Can I tell you what I think? If a man lies and cheats on his wife, then he can’t be trusted to run the school house, the church house or the White House!

The Scripture says: “Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil; that put darkness for light, and light for darkness; that put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter!” (Isaiah 5:20)

There is a great deal more I could say this morning about what is wrong in America. Verse 5 speaks of snakes’ eggs and spiders’ webs. We are caught in a web of wickedness and we are being poisoned more and more every day! What or who is at the heart of America’s demise? The answer is easy! Satan – who is introduced to us in Genesis as a liar and the “father of all lies.”

c. The problem is our strife

Notice that Isaiah says in the last verse (v. 8) of our text – “The way of peace they do not know; there is no justice in their paths. They have turned them into crooked roads; no one who walks along them will know peace.”

Isaiah said earlier in 48:22 – “There is no peace, says the LORD, unto the wicked.”

Much, if not most, of the social turmoil of our culture is due to a hunger for peace ... which is sought for in all the wrong places. According to Ronald Hutchcraft, the Director of Youth for Christ in New York and New Jersey, in the next thirty minutes:

- 57-kids will run away from home.
- 29-children will attempt suicide.
- 22-girls under 19-years of age will receive an abortion.
- 14-teenage girls will give birth to an illegitimate baby.
- 685-teens will use some form of narcotic.

These tragic statistics that reveal we are a nation in perpetual war – a spiritual war waged against the souls of our nation. We are a nation at war with itself. We have made crooked paths – socially, economically, politically and culturally; we are walking in these crooked paths ... and the price is a lack of peace.

Think of what has happened to this country in the past decade since 9/11:

- Hurricanes Katrina and Sandy,
- Tornados in Oklahoma,
- Fires in California and Colorado, and other natural disasters (attributed to “acts of God”).

- In our society, the advance ment of the homosexual agenda,
- Occupy Wall Street,
- One out of five on Food Stamps,
- Abortion and euthanasia ...

and the list goes on and on.

America has problems. So what is the solution? What is the prescription?

II. The Prescription

Dave Kinney said: "The only cure for the crookedness, the craziness, the chaos, and the confusion in America is the Cross! And the key is every Christian and every church needs to depend on the old rugged Cross as the only beacon of light in these dark days.”

Psalms 33:12 reads – “Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD; and the people whom He has chosen for His own inheritance.”

a. Repent thoroughly of our sins

2 Chronicles 7:14 says: “If My people, which are called by My name, will humble themselves, and pray, and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.”

Notice: These words are addressed to God’s people, not those of the world. We must humble ourselves, pray, seek God, and turn from our wicked ways. It is a condition that must be met ... if God is to hear our prayer for America, and forgive our sins, and heal our land.

Revelation 2:5 reads – “Consider how far you have fallen! Repent and do the things you did at first. If you do not repent, I will come to you and remove your lampstand from its place.” This text calls us
to remember those times in your life when you were closer to Christ than you are right now. You need to get back to that place. Remember where you were. Remember what Jesus has done for you. Remember when you knew His presence and knew His power. And this nation ... for whom the poet called Miss Liberty’s torch “the lamp beside the golden door” at the entrance to America ... will cease to shine.

My friends: If there was a time when you were closer to Jesus, what made that a reality? More than likely, your relationship with Christ drifted when you neglected the spiritual disciplines such as prayer, reading the Bible and worship. To repent means to turn away from; turn away from your neglect of your relationship with Jesus; and return to the practices that helped you to grow and develop as a Christian. Return to your daily devotions. Return to your closer walk with Christ. Return to where you belong.

Again, our text reads — “Surely the arm of the LORD is not too short to save, nor His ear too dull to hear.” (Isaiah 59:1)

b. Return to the Truth
School textbooks change every few years ... as many of you might remember trying to sell your textbook to an under-classman taking the same college course. But the Bible never changes. It is the inerrant, infallible, the inspired Word of God that is the only standard of objective absolute Truth.

Jesus ... who said of Himself ... “I am the way, the truth and the life” (John 14:6) said, “I tell you, everyone who sins is a slave to sin.” (John 8:34); but went on to say, “... if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.” (John 8:36)

The Truth is the only thing that can set us free. Truth is the only weapon against the snake’s poison and the spider’s web! If we will proclaim the Truth again ... we can bleach America clean again!

If America is not dead, then it is close to it. The dream we call America is hanging on by a thread! There have been good men and women who recognized the danger our great country is in and have tried to sound the alarm. Maybe some of them went about it the wrong way; but at least they tried to do something. It is estimated that there are 7-million humanists and about 180-million fellow citizens who would consider themselves to be Christian. On the surface it would appear that the odds are overwhelmingly in our favor; yet, we are losing the struggle for the soul of America. The question is why?????

In 1795, Edmund Burke said: “The only thing necessary for the triumph of evil is for good men to do nothing.”

Billy Graham asks: “What makes us Christians shrug our shoulders when we ought to be flexing our muscles? Always be vigilant.”

It is plain that the real problem is that we have been silent for too long. We haven’t had the courage to take a stand for the Truth.

Survivor Eva Hart remembers the night, April 15, 1912, on which the Titanic plunged 12,000 feet to the Atlantic floor, some 2-hours and 40-minutes after an iceberg tore a 300-foot gash in the starboard side: “I saw all the horror of its sinking; and I heard, even more dreadful, the cries of drowning people.” Although twenty life-boats and rafts were launched, too few were only partly filled; most of the passengers ended up struggling in the icy sea while those in the boats waited a safe distance away. Lifeboat No. 14 did row back to the scene after the unsinkable ship slipped from sight at 2:20 a.m. Alone, it chased cries in the darkness, seeking and saving a precious few. Incrreditably, no other boat joined it. Some were already overloaded; but in virtually every other boat, those already saved rowed their half-filled boats aimlessly in the night ... listening to the cries of the lost. Each feared a rush of unknown swimmers clinging to their craft, and eventually swamping it.

Our Savior said — “I came to seek and to save the lost.” And He commissioned us to do the same.

While people drown in the treacherous waters around us, we are tempted to stay dry and make certain no one rocks the boat.

Perhaps the Baptist preacher at the turn of the last century – A.C. Dixon said it best — “When we depend upon organizations, we get what organizations can do; when we depend upon education, we get what education can do; when we depend upon man, we get what man can do; but when we depend on prayer, we get what God can do.”

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There are two new faces at the Chapel who sit near the front of the sanctuary. This couple has attended the Chapel for several months and were formally introduced on April 8th, 2018 when Rev. Philip ‘Buddy’ Winn, Jr. was installed as our new Associate Chaplain for the Chapel with his wife Colette at his side. In addition to being new members, the couple are two of the younger faces at the Chapel. But wait there is more to this story ...

Buddy was born in Minneapolis, MN to Philip and Anne Winn. He was the oldest of three children and followed by brother Matthew and sister Monica. At that time, Philip Sr. was in medical sales and Anne was a stay-at-home mother. The family heritage was Catholic so the children were baptized into the Catholic Church and attended Catholic grade school. Buddy recalls that one of his favorite memories was attending church every week with his grandparents and listening to the liturgy and traditional hymns. However around the time Buddy turned ten years of age, his parents decided to join an evangelical non-denominational church located in a northern suburb of Mpls. A few years later, Philip Sr. felt called by the Holy Spirit to preach. He was subsequently ordained and went on to serve as pastor for Triumphant Life Church in Willmar, MN from 1988 to 1994.

The Winn family has a strong connection to the military that includes a line of veterans dating back to the Civil War when great-great grandfather Patrick Hefferan served in Company I with the MN Heavy Artillery. Buddy’s paternal grandfather served in the army during WWII as an engineer and later as an infantry Platoon Leader during the Korean War while his paternal grandmother served as a Second Lieutenant in the Army Nursing Corps. Philip Winn Sr. is a retired Lt Colonel in the Army National Guard. Buddy’s paternal uncles, aunt, younger brother Matthew (Captain) and cousin Nick (Staff Sergeant) all served in the MN National Guard (MNARNG).

Buddy’s career in the military began shortly after graduation from Osseo High School when “my dad put me in the car and drove me to a National Guard recruiter’s office to enlist.” He was 17 years old and recalled, “initially the guard was not appealing to me but it turned out to be one of the greatest gifts in my life!” Buddy served as a Forward Observer with the MNARNG and then signed up for active duty with the U.S. Army where he served as a Driver and Forward Observer in Korea. This was followed by assignment in the 10th Mountain Division (an army light infantry unit that specializes in training for mountain warfare) at Fort Drum, NY serving as a Fire Support Sergeant and another four years as an NCO in “Readiness, Training and Supply” for the MNARNG. In 2001, Buddy answered the call to ministry and entered Bethel Seminary in St Paul, MN - graduating in 2006 with a Masters in Theological Studies. In November of that same year, he was promoted into the U.S. Army Chaplain Corps and mobilized in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom (2007) followed by deployment several years later to Kuwait (2011-2012). In 2013, Buddy was selected as Full-time Support Chaplain for MNARNG and currently serves with the 34th Infantry Division (‘The Red Bulls’) where the chaplains’ motto is “We bring God to soldiers and soldiers to God.”

Colette was born in Anoka, MN to Roger and Connie Fearing. She was the youngest of three children and preceded by two older brothers Craig and Cary. Colette grew up in the city of Elk River where she attended public school and the local Lutheran church. The Fearing family also had a military connection as Colette’s father Roger served four years in the U.S. Navy with two tours of duty in Vietnam. One Sunday morning, Colette’s mother watched a program on television that featured a pastor from Living Word Christian Center (LWCC). She was so impressed with his sermon that she decided to visit the church along with the family and shortly thereafter decided to join the church. It was in this setting that Colette came to know Jesus Christ as her personal Savior and became active with the youth group and choir. She graduated from Elk River High School and pursued further studies at Mankato State College where she received a B.A. in Elementary Education and a

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Masters Degree in Educational Administration from St. Mary’s University in Mpls. Colette has a heart for children and has worked the past 21 years as a teacher at Maranatha Christian Academy in Brooklyn Park, where she teaches the first grade.

Buddy and Colette became acquainted with one another when they were attending LWCC. At that time, Buddy was divorced and had returned to church when he was formally introduced to Colette by mutual friends. Upon meeting one another, the couple sensed a “special connection from the beginning.” Well, it was definitely special as Buddy proposed to Colette one month later and they were married on August 4, 2000! According to Buddy, “Colette has been my rock throughout the marriage” and “an advocate and encourager during two different deployments and countless tours of duty.” Colette understands firsthand the plight of a spouse whose mate is deployed on foreign soil and advises spouses of deployed soldiers to “utilize the Family Readiness Group.” This group is an organization within the U.S. Army and National Guard that consists of family members, volunteers and soldiers who provide activities and support for families during times of deployment and separation. In addition, she advises spouses to find a “good church Family” for spiritual support and Christian fellowship. Colette tries to maintain an “attitude of gratitude” in all areas of her life and cites Philippians 4:8 as her favorite Bible verse, “Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things.”

The couple make their home in Osseo, MN in close proximity to three adult children and two grandchildren.

Buddy and Colette were familiar with the Chapel, but it was their visit on February 3, 2017 for ‘Four Chaplains Sunday’ that prompted them to consider the Chapel as their new church home. At that service, “three different people spoke with us about joining the Chapel” and they both felt a “nudge from the Holy Spirit” to become members at Fort Snelling Memorial Chapel Foundation. It seems appropriate to close with one of Chaplain Winn’s favorite verses from scripture:

“Being confident of this, that He who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.”
(Philippians 1:6)

This verse informs believers that life is a journey ordained and blessed by God and that very same God will see us through until the “day of Christ Jesus.” We can be confident that God will complete the work of redemption he started in our lives knowing that it is not dependent on anything we do but comes to us by His grace alone.

The Chapel family would like to take this opportunity to extend a warm welcome to Chaplain Winn and his wife Colette! Blessings to you both as you begin your ministry to Fort Snelling Chapel!

— Submitted by Eva Zorn

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 defy- ing 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!
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)

1Have you thanked God for your kidneys lately? These two fist-sized organs located in your abdominal cavity do the following:
   - Filter out waste products from your blood.
   - Regulate the water percentage of the blood stream. A 5% fluctuation could cause your blood to be too thin and your blood pressure to drop, or too thick and your heart could not pump it.
   - Maintain the perfect concentration of various salts within your body.
   - Regulate the acid-base equilibrium of your blood.
   - Secrete hormones which help maintain blood pressure and make red blood cells.

Every 50-minutes, every blood cell in your body passes through your kidneys. When a person’s kidneys fail, they need kidney dialysis. Several times each week a dialysis patient must spend hours circulating their blood through this very complex machine. This machine is hundreds of times larger and far less efficient than our kidneys.

Evolutionists say the kidneys happened by chance — that they were essentially a useful accident. Did the kidney dialysis machine happen by chance? Is the kidney dialysis machine (which was planned and designed) better than these “accidental” kidneys? No, it is not; it can only replicate a small fraction of the hundreds of processes which take place within our body’s kidneys! It has been claimed that next to the brain, the kidneys are the most complicated organ in the body. Quite a problem to explain via random mutational changes!

Speaking of kidneys, this gives me an opening into a subject near and dear to me: Water: pure water. Anyone that knows me well, also knows that I am a vocal proponent of drinking absolutely pure water. The purest form known is produced by steam distillation. I consider the fluid that bathes the estimated one hundred trillion cells which make up your body — to be a primary health factor. The kidneys are the organs which are especially sensitive to the type of fluids that are allowed to enter the body. The water and fluids we drink, and in which our food is processed, plays an important role in the function of our kidneys. Since water is so closely related to kidney function, I thought I would take this opportunity to delve into the subject of H₂O.

The following information is from an article entitled: “24 Doctors with The Courage To Tell The Truth About Distilled Water.” Below are excerpts from that article showing the comments from several of the doctors quoted in the article: Please search on the article title and read the comments from all 24-doctors.

- “When distilled water enters the body, it leaves no residue of any kind. It is free of salts and sodium. It is the most perfect water for the healthy functioning of the kidneys (83% water). It is the perfect liquid for the blood (83% water), the ideal liquid for the efficient functioning of the lungs (86% water), stomach, liver (85% water) and other vital organs. Why? Because it is free of all inorganic minerals. It is so pure that all liquid drug prescriptions are formulated with distilled water.” - Dr. Paul Bragg, N.D. Ph.T

- “Even tap water invariably contains a variety of poisons such as fluoride, chlorine, chloramine, asbestos, pesticides, copper, mercury, and lead. The best way to remove all these contaminants is by distilling.” - David Kennedy, D.D.S.

- “There’s no absolute medical proof that drinking DISTILLED WATER will cure arthritis, heart disease, high blood pressure, hardening of the arteries, or any other dozens of infirmities that humans suffer. There’s no absolute proof that drinking DISTILLED WATER will remove kidney and gall stones, reduce cataracts or cure emphysema. But, there are hundreds of case histories of people who have enjoyed success in alleviating or overcoming these health problems when they began drinking DISTILLED WATER exclusively.” - Dr. Clifford C. Dennison, Ed. D., Associate Professor at Lee College, and a lifelong water researcher and expert.

- “Distilled water is the greatest solvent on earth. (It is) the only water that can be taken into the body without damage to the tissues. What we as scientists and the public have never realized is that minerals collected in the body from water are all inorganic minerals, which cannot be assimilated (digested) by the body. The only minerals that the body can utilize are the organic minerals (from fruits and vegetables). All other types of minerals are foreign substances to the body and must be disposed

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Special Patriotic/Veterans Events...

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.

18th Annual Chapel Picnic

Our Annual Chapel Picnic will be held on Sunday 22 July (1-3 p.m.) at the Richfield Veterans Memorial Park Picnic Shelter... where there’s always plenty of good food and an opportunity to make a donation to pro-life New Life Family Services.

Tickets are on sale (each Sunday thru 15 July) in the Fellowship Hall @ $15.00/adults, $7.00/children (6-11), FREE age 5 and under.

Bring your favorite lawn chair, sit back and relax after lunch.

We look forward to seeing you there. Thanks to those who volunteer their time and efforts to make this year’s Chapel picnic a success.

— Your Fellowship Committee

Ice Cream Social

Our Annual Ice Cream Social is Independence Day Sunday (1 July) in the Fellowship Hall immediately following the 11:00 a.m. worship service. Entertainment will be the Dixieland jazz of Reuben Ristrom Trio.

Join us in celebrating the founding of our nation and reaffirming our God given independence and liberty.

Many thanks to those who volunteer their time and efforts to make this annual event a success.

— Your Fellowship Committee

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— Your Publicity Committee
George Bennard (1873-1958) was an American composer and preacher best known for the famous hymn, *The Old Rugged Cross*. He was born in Youngstown, Ohio, the son of a coal miner, but was raised in Iowa. At the age of 15, his father died due to a mining accident and George went to work in a coal mining factory in order to support his mother and sisters. According to one account, George heard about Salvation Army meetings so decided to walk five miles to attend one of these meetings. It was at such a meeting that George Bennard heard the Gospel message and responded to an altar call committing his life to Christ. He entered Christian ministry in 1898 alongside his wife Arminda and served under the aegis of the Salvation Army for nearly ten years. In 1907, Bennard left to become an independent evangelist and was later ordained into the Methodist Episcopal denomination. Over the next few years, Bennard conducted revival meetings in several states but returned to Michigan where he penned the words to the famous hymn. As he describes it, “The inspiration came to me one day when I was staying in Albion, Michigan. I began to write ‘The Old Rugged Cross.’ I composed the melody first. The words that I first wrote were imperfect. The words of the finished hymn were put into my heart in answer to my own need.” He later taught the hymn to the choir at the Methodist Episcopal Church of Pokagon, Michigan and it was here that the hymn had its first performance in 1913. The song was an immediate success and was further popularized by evangelist Billy Sunday who used it during his many revival services. This hymn reflects upon the symbols of Holy Week—specifically the cross of Calvary that points to the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. It is on this very same cross that we are directed to God in human flesh—the God who loved each of us so much that He sent His only Son, Jesus, to take our place on that very same cross—an atoning sacrifice for our sins. The theology of the cross directs us to place our lives in God’s hands rather than try to live life on our own terms. Our old life is crucified with Christ on the cross and we are baptized into new life through the power of the Holy Spirit. It is for this reason that Christians hold a special affection for the symbol of the cross as stated in the refrain of the hymn:

**The Old Rugged Cross**

1 On a hill far away stood an old rugged cross, 
the emblem of suffering and shame, 
and I love that old cross where the dearest and best
for a world of lost sinners was slain.

2 O that old rugged cross, 
borne so earnestly for me, 
I love it, I love it, I love that old rugged cross.

3 In the old rugged cross I trust, 
I will trust Him, He’s my shelter, 
I will trust Him to the end, 
for He’s my shield and my portion.

4 To the old rugged cross, 
I fly to you, O my Saviour, 
and though I be sick, 
I’ll cling to you, O my Saviour.

**Refrain**

So I’ll cherish the old rugged cross, 
the old rugged cross, 
I’ll cherish the old rugged cross, till my

WORDS and MUSIC: George Bennard (1873-1958) OLD RUGGED CROSS 164
This book takes the reader into the day-to-day life of an elite airborne rifle company of the 101st Airborne division during the height of the Vietnam War. *Tiger Bravo's War* chronicles the feats of the men with B Company, 2nd Battalion (Airborne) of the 506th Infantry during one of the bloodiest years in the war - 1968. This amazing "band of brothers" nicknamed *Tiger Bravo*, participated in battles throughout Vietnam that included a bayonet charge, street fighting, jungle shoot-outs, ambushes and several rescue missions. The author, Rick St. John, joined the B Company in 1967 as an executive officer and went on to serve as both a platoon leader and company leader during many of the events described in the book. The account covers the day-to-day life of a combat infantry unit in vivid detail from its initial training to deployment and redeployment. The narrator describes the enduring bond that connects soldiers to one another as "born of friendship and mutual respect, given wings by shared hardships and loss of innocence in a strange land, and hardened in the same blast furnace of combat known to generations of infantrymen." Included in this book is an extensive glossary of military acronyms and a detailed bibliography that lists the author's diverse sources for the material found in the narrative. He concludes the book with a list of the men from B Company who were "killed in action" - a sobering finish to an impressive book.

*Tiger Bravo’s War* is recommended for persons with an interest in military history and the Vietnam War in particular. Rick St John has written a tribute that not only honors those who fought in the Vietnam War but is also a tribute to the families of the veterans as stated in the beginning, "This book is dedicated to the men of Tiger Bravo who did not return home, and to the families who love them, still."

— Submitted by Eva Zorn

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of or eliminated. Today, many progressive doctors prescribe distilled water to their patients. All kidney machines operate on distilled water." - Allen E. Banik, M.D. Author, *The Choice is Clear*

- "Distilled water is 'empty' water – a hungry water, a water capable of absorbing body poisons. You have had the experience of trying to use an old post office blotter on the desk. Everybody had used it and it is so full of ink that it will not suck up any more. So it is with a 'full' water, a water full of chlorine, aluminum, etc. Such water does not have the capacity of absorbing body impurities."

Dr. Charles McFerrin, writing in the July 1955 issue of Nature’s Path

- "Water hardness (inorganic minerals in solution) is the underlying cause of many, if not all, of the diseases resulting from poisons in the intestinal tract. These (hard minerals) pass from the intestinal walls and get into the lymphatic system, which delivers all of its products to the blood, which in turn, distributes to all parts of the body. This is the cause of much human disease."

Dr. Charles Mayo of the Mayo Clinic

"For He draws up the drops of water, they distill rain from the mist, which the clouds pour down, they drip upon man abundantly.”

(Job 36: 27-28)

— Submitted by: John Kruse

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Health & Safety

Ticks and Disease

When I first moved my family to Eden Prairie in 1992, the only thought we ever gave to wood ticks was when we traveled north for fishing or hunting.

Then in the early 90's the conversation turned to Deer Ticks also known as black-legged ticks, one of thirteen different variety of ticks found in Minnesota. Deer Ticks are relatively new to the metro area, but a source of growing concern. They are the source of: Lyme disease, Anaplasmosis, babesiosis, Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever, (the most common), along with three other known infections.

Deer ticks pick up the bacterium from white-footed field mice and transmit the bacterium to humans when they bite and draw blood. It typically takes several hours of feeding for the bacterium to be transferred to the human host. Deer ticks are very small and very easily overlooked.

With the spread of ticks' statewide, Minnesota has become known by the CDC as a national hot spot for tick-related diseases. Minnesota recorded 26,886 cases of tick-borne disease between 2004 and 2016, the seventh highest in the U.S., according to the CDC. There were 1,305 confirmed cases of Lyme disease in Minnesota in 2016, according to the state Department of Health.

The ticks obtain the bacterium from the white-footed mouse and attach themselves to deer and are then spread across the state by the deer population. Deer ticks can lay up to a thousand eggs and they become especially prolific after a hard winter, thus sources are saying this year is prime for the tick population.

Tick borne diseases are very hard to diagnosis because the symptoms are very vague. However, the diseases themselves can be life threatening.

Symptoms include: rashes, small bumps that emerge on the arms and legs, headaches, nausea, chills, fever and muscle aches.

Five years ago, my brother-in-law contracted Lyme disease and was unable to work for two months, so this is serious stuff. The worst part of tick related diseases is that the symptoms can last for months and in some cases years.

Ticks can be picked up in wooded areas, meadows, leaf piles, field brush, and long grasses. You can also get ticks in your house if they have attached themselves to your dog. You won't feel a tick bite so after visiting any of the areas above perform a body search for ticks, also regularly check your dog for ticks. The best defense if you go into potentially tick infested areas; insect repellant with 20% or more of DEET, picaridin, or IR3535 on exposed skin. A natural deterrent and one for your pets is, in a spray bottle; 1 cup of water, 2 cups of distilled white vinegar. Ticks and most insects hate the taste and smell of vinegar.

— Tom Newman

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— Tim Bray, Bill Coyne, Johnnie Johnson
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| **5  11th Sunday after Pentecost**  
11:00 a.m. Worship Service  
Sermon: "Three Victories That Will Change Your Life"  
Music: Singleton Street Band, Bluegrass/Gospel Music | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 |
| **12  12th Sunday after Pentecost**  
11:00 a.m. Worship Service  
Sermon: "Why Do You Wait for Permission?"  
Music: Lake Country Chorus | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 |
| **19  13th Sunday after Pentecost**  
11:00 a.m. Worship Service  
Sermon: "There Are Some Things You Just Can’t Borrow"  
Music: 4-Given, Men's Quartet | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 |
| **26  14th Sunday after Pentecost**  
11:00 a.m. Holy Communion  
Sermon: "Holy Communion: Remembering, Thanking, Humbling"  
Music: Rod & Connie Lindberg, Husband & Wife Duet | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | **Day**

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**Chaplain's Notes**

1. **June 13th:** commencement of Pentecost liturgy.
2. **July 11th:** introduction of "Three Victories That Will Change Your Life" liturgy.
3. **August 18th:** commencement of Ken's Personal Notes.