The People on the Road to the Cross

This message was preached 24 March 2013 from the historic pulpit of the Fort Snelling Memorial Chapel as "The People on the Road to the Cross" based on St. Matthew 21:1-11. This sermon, along with other titles, is available on DVDs.

This Palm/Passion Sunday, I think it appropriate that we look at the people on the road to the Cross. As we heard read just moments ago [read Matthew 21:1-11], Jesus entered into Jerusalem. He did so to fulfill all that God (the Father) wanted Him to accomplish — including the death, burial, and resurrection — that leads to the redemption of humankind and the defeat of sin and Satan.

I want us to look at this familiar passage and see the attitude change of the people. The people went from praising Jesus to wanting to crucify Him; they went from following Him to betraying Him.

But Jesus was determined to stay the course and go to the Cross. The Devil wanted Jesus killed on the Cross; but had no idea what would happen on and off the Cross.

A lot of people know about the Cross and Jesus Christ, and you may well be among them. But few have experienced what the Cross means for their life.

A story is told about a famous preacher (long ago) who pastored a church that was filled every Sunday by people who traveled for miles (on foot) just to hear his messages. One day as the church was emptying, a passer-by asked one of the people coming out of the church why the preacher's message was so compelling. The person responded (without hesitation), the preacher will take you up to the mountain and down to the valley; he will bring you to laughter and to tears. He will have you jumping around with joy and then falling to your knees. But, by the time he is finished, he will always have you at the foot of the Cross.

Have you been to the Cross? If you haven't, today you will travel that road.

So, according to our text, Jesus goes to Jerusalem. This is followed by —

- His clearing out of the money changers in the Temple;
- The betrayal by one of His own disciples for thirty pieces of silver;
- His last supper with His disciples where He institutes a new meal;
- The unlawful arrest by the Temple Guards in the Garden of Gethsemane;
- His mock trial and near death agony at the hands of Roman soldiers; and
- The giving of His sinless life upon the cruel and painful Cross of crucifixion.

Of course, it doesn't end there ... for Jesus experiences the resurrection power of God on the first day of the next week.

But, wow, what a week — from Palm Sunday to Resurrection Day! We call it Holy Week! That is the road traveled by Jesus!

But who are the people along this road? And of which do you identify?

Picture it: Jesus is triumphantly entering into Jerusalem. He is riding on a colt ... that symbolizes humility rather than power. He is fulfilling the prophecy of Zechariah (9:9). The people have gone from "Who is this?" to laying their coats on the ground as a sign of loyalty. The people are spreading palm branches and screaming "Hosanna ..."
="Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord." "Hosanna in the highest!" All three phrases having a meaning of honor — expressions of praise — of worship for their new leader! And yet, 5-days later, these same people were yelling "Crucify Him," and wanting a convicted criminal

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President's Corner

Ash Wednesday is the beginning of Lent. The beginning of Lent is a time of reflection and penitence leading up to the crucifixion of Jesus Christ on the cross and His resurrection from the dead.

On Ash Wednesday, ashes are placed on our foreheads in the shape of a cross. This is done to remind each Christian of Genesis 3:19 - "...for dust you are and to dust you shall return."

Easter for most means chocolate, colored eggs, and family dinners. However, there is more to the Easter story than that - Easter is one of the most significant events in the Christian calendar.

Maundy Thursday (also known as Holy Thursday) was the day of the Last Supper. It took place when Jesus' time on earth was nearly over. He gathered friends and followers, His 12-disciples including Saints John, Matthew, Mark and Peter to share a final meal together.

At the Last Supper, Jesus passed around bread, which He told His disciples, was His body. He then passed around the cup of wine, telling His disciples it was His blood. This was Jesus' way of explaining to them that He would soon die. He also told His friends, they should love one another — the mandate or command from which the term MAUNDY is derived.

It was on that night that Jesus was betrayed by Judas, who identified Jesus to the soldiers working for opposing religious authorities (the high priests). Judas betrayed Jesus in return for money. Those authorities then passed Jesus over to the Roman soldiers who were to eventually crucify Him.

Following His crucifixion Christ was placed in a tomb and on the 3rd day He arose from the dead. His resurrection from the dead is celebrated on Easter Sunday.

The sacrament of eating bread and drinking wine in remembrance of Jesus' life is still practiced today in Christian Churches. At the Fort Snelling, Memorial Chapel, we take communion to remind us of the sacrifice Jesus made ... and with a prayer, ask Jesus to forgive us of our sins.

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17 December (1:00 p.m.)

If you would like a copy of the 2016 Annual Report, please secure one in the Fellowship Hall or call the Foundation Office at (952) 888-1525 and leave your name/mailing address that we may send you a copy of this impressive report.

On the Sundays of April we will have a "recruiting station" in the Fellowship Hall ... where you can sign-up for a host of volunteer positions. Your participation is critical to our success! An extensive list of volunteer positions will be provided for you to indicate those places you wish to render service ... one of the expectations of membership in the Foundation.

Persons will be on hand to answer your questions regarding the various opportunities to uphold the Chapel Foundation ... with your service.
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(Barabbas) set free instead of Jesus.

What happened? Why the change of heart?

The historical tension was between the Romans and the revolt of the people. Jerusalem (usually occupied by some 50,000 people), now roughly has 150,000 people ... because of the gathering of pilgrims to celebrate the Passover. The Roman authorities "buck-up" their army presence within and around the city of Jerusalem ... to keep people under control. Surely there are people thinking that this Jesus was coming to conquer this suppressive Roman occupation.

Actually, in this crowd are a variety of people:

- There were followers – who would say, "Hail Jesus."
- There were critics – who would ask or think, "Who does this Jesus think He is?"
- There were the curious – who would wonder, "What is all the noise about?"
- There was a core of believers – who were willing to die for Jesus.

This morning, I want you to know that there is every one of those people present here (today), and in every congregation. Some of you need to move from critic to being committed. Still others of you need to move from curious to being the core of believers. You may be standing on the side of the road, but by the end of this message, you will have to do something with Jesus.

As soon as most learned that Jesus was not going to do what they expected ... that of leading a revolt against the Roman occupation ... they changed their allegiances. As soon as Jesus did not meet their expectation, they went from words of praise – "Hosanna" – to words of condemnation – "Crucify Him." The people wanted Jesus to be their king, but they did not understand what kind of king Jesus would be. They expected their Messiah to be a great political and military leader who would free them from the tyranny of the Roman Empire. They did not understand that the kingdom of God is not of this world; that it is a spiritual kingdom that is growing in the hearts of people who put their faith and trust in Jesus Christ.

You have to understand that conspiracy for Jesus had been mounting for about three years:

- Religious people hated Him.
- Romans did not trust Him.
- The very people He was going to die for did not understand His purpose and plan.

Palm Sunday is a celebration of Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem:

- Jesus rode on a colt, rather than a war horse.
- Jesus was not coming to destroy, but to love.
- Luke's Gospel tells us – "He set His face toward Jerusalem." (Luke 19:51) That is to say – Jesus was determined to finish the task God had for Him to accomplish.

Let me be clear: For those of you who think "the people" drove and forced Jesus to the Cross – He resolutely went to the Cross to redeem humankind:

- They wanted a king – Jesus wants to be a Savior.
- They wanted outside change – Jesus wants to change hearts.
- They wanted power to be transferred to the people – Jesus wants praise to be given to God the Father.
- They saw Roman occupation as the problem – Jesus said "they" were the problem.

Listen my friends: No prophet can be a savior. Prophets can only denounce sin, and encourage salvation. They can be a forerunner to the promised Messiah, but they cannot atone for sin. They cannot reconcile people to God. Only Jesus can do that!

Certainly, on this Palm Sunday the city of Jerusalem was moved; but they were not saved.

Again, referring to Luke 19, it says that Jesus approached the city of Jerusalem and He wept. The religious people told Jesus to rebuke His disciples ... to have them keep quiet. Jesus says – if they keep quiet, the rocks will cry out! He goes on to say that the day is coming when all this will be destroyed – because you don’t get it. "They will not leave one stone on another, because you did not recognize the time of God’s coming to you." (Luke 19:44)

You see: God came to the Jews in the person of Jesus Christ as the promised Messiah; but they failed to recognize Him and rejected Him. They had eyes, but did not see. They had ears, but did not hear. They missed the message that God had given them.

How about you? You must make up your own mind as to "who" and "what" Jesus is to you.

Today, we find ourselves just like the people of Jerusalem; we find ourselves in the presence of Jesus. I wonder what He will find when He looks into your eyes?

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Does Jesus find people more concerned about everything from taxes to job security; about health and prosperity, or lack of it; so busy that they are missing the important thing of knowing Christ in a personal relationship?

You see my friends: The road of Jerusalem was a road of submission for Jews and it is the same for us! It is of obedience to Christ Jesus.

Jesus says of Himself — “I am the way, the truth, and the life.” (John 14:6) The way of Jesus (the road of the Cross) is tough; but He promises that He will be there for us ... every step of the way. He said on another occasion — “If any of you want to be My followers, you must turn from your selfish ways, take up your cross and follow Me.” (Luke 9:23) In other words He says — My way, not your selfish ways. Jesus said the Son of Man must suffer terrible things and be rejected by the elders. That clearly happened then, and it is happening now! And it will happen until Jesus returns. But until then, you have a choice to make — not to be like the others who rejected Him.

The cheering on the road stopped ... because Jesus knew their hearts; He knew their desires; and their mouths echoed what was in their hearts.

Not any different than us. We experience heartache and the cheering stops. Our prayer shifts and it becomes Lord, deliver me, help me ... instead of “Lord, mold me, and use me.” We desire to have God change circumstances instead of asking God to change us. We, too, lose sight of God and His purpose. We want to praised Him for what He can do, instead of Who He is!

The heart of Palm Sunday is the road Jesus took to Calvary for each of us. And just as Jesus made a triumphant entry into Jerusalem, now He is desiring to enter into your heart and life.

If you have never made a commitment to Christ; if you have never asked Jesus to come into your heart and abide; if you’ve never surrendered to His lordship over your life-decisions; then don’t leave here (today) without doing that.

Looking unto Jesus — the author and finisher of your faith — who for the joy that was set before Him endured the Cross and (now) is seated at the right hand of God.

Let me ask you: Is He the author and finisher of your faith? If not, would you like to enter into this eternal relationship with Jesus ... as your Savior and Lord? If so, let’s pray.

Our gracious and ever-loving Father in Heaven: We sinners come into Your divine presence through Your only begotten Son (Jesus) — currently seated at Your right hand ... but coming (again) to judge us all. For those of us assured of our salvation ... having been to the Cross and there acknowledged the shed blood of Christ for our redemption ... we thank You for the unmerited sacrifice of Jesus for our wrongdoings. May You continue the work of Your Spirit within us to sanctify us for Your holy purposes. And for those who foolishly think that they can receive eternal life through their good works or through any other means than through Jesus — who is the only way, truth and life — move within their hearts and minds to recognize their hopeless estate. By faith, may they (this day) confess their sins, accept what Christ Jesus did in paying the price of their sins, and ask You to take up residence within their lives. From this moment (forward) may they be among those followers on the road to the Cross saying, “Hail King Jesus!” ... and willing to die to self (for Him). In Jesus’ name. Amen.

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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.

— Matt Stokes
Publicity Committee Chair
The Survival of a Chapel—Part 2

This historic article is a reprint of one written a decade ago by our own Newell Chester for The Snelling Spirit newsletter.

Within 7-years of the re-opening of the Fort Snelling Memorial Chapel in February 1967, there would be two more challenges to the continuation of the Chapel. These two challenges would be internal rather than external, that is: within the Minnesota state government.

First, by 1976 the Minnesota Historical Society (MHS) was rebuilding what today is referred to as "historic" Fort Snelling around the only part of the fort that dated back to its original use: the Round Tower. The master plan of MHS was to clear away most of the military buildings around the fort and restore the area to the way it was from 1819 to 1846. Their architectural firm also recommended that the 47-year old Chapel be moved because it did not fit into the "19th century site." Apparently they were not aware of the fact that when the Chapel was built the design was based on the design of the only original part of the fort, the Round Tower.

Well, the cost to move the building and build it elsewhere was estimated at $80,000. (in 1974 dollars). Again, the chaplain, Dr. Clifford Ansgar Nelson, came to the rescue. Although impressed with the overall plan, he questioned, "Where will it go; have you thought about that? It's a solid limestone building. Who'll sustain the large expense to move it? Whatever you do, don't take this building and move it." In October of 1976 at a public hearing Nelson stated that the moving of the Chapel, would be, "a disaster of great magnitude and an affront to the people of Minnesota." Fortunately, the decision was not that of MHS, but of the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR), which had acquired the property in 1963 in a turn back of the property from the federal to the state government.

Finally, the issue was resolved and the Chapel was allowed to stay. Ironically, the only person that spoke in favor of moving the Chapel was Owen Gleason, a lawyer for the Minnesota Civil Liberties Union (MCLU). He was making a last ditch effort to

PHOTO: Chapel tower taken October 21, 2015 by photographer Peter Stratmoen. https://www.flickr.com/photos/84857817@N00/albums/72157660162089412

renew the controversy that had been brought up 2-years earlier by the MCLU that the Chapel was on state land and it was being used for religious services. This had been the earlier threatening issue to the future of holding a religious service at the Chapel.

Although the congregation was paying the DNR rent and the Chapel had been built in 1928 with private funds, the MCLU under Dr. Mathew Stark was concerned about the issue of separation of church and state. The disagreement between the Fort Snelling Memorial Chapel Foundation (FSMCF) actually

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Getting to Know You ... In Remembrance — Bruce Anderson

Bruce Anderson was born on 9/14/1939 in northeast Minneapolis to Verona and Clark Anderson - the second of two children born to this couple. His father was a mechanic for Northwest Airlines and his mother stayed at home to care for Bruce and his older sister, Sharon. The family relocated to Richfield when Bruce was in the 4th grade and it was in this community that he grew up and attended school. The Anderson home was a religious home that included weekly church attendance along with baptism and confirmation in the Lutheran tradition. Verona and Clark taught their children the importance of faith and to "respect their elders" and be "good people."

Bruce was an inquisitive child and had many interests including chemistry, gemology and rocks. The Anderson family took several family vacations while Bruce was growing up including a trip to Arizona when he was in high school. During this trip, Bruce discovered a tarantula while hiking. He asked his parents if he could bring the tarantula back to Minnesota and they agreed. Upon his return, Bruce put the tarantula into an aquarium and secured it with a proper lid, which he removed each day while feeding it. One day while cleaning the aquarium, Bruce was called into another room and forgot to secure the lid to the aquarium. Upon his return, he discovered that the tarantula was no longer in the aquarium. Despite an intensive search, he was not successful in locating the tarantula. Sometime later, Bruce was lying in bed one night when he noticed a bunch of "black specs" all over the ceiling. Upon closer inspection, Bruce discovered that the tarantula had given birth to lots of little tarantulas that were clinging to the ceiling!

Bruce graduated from Richfield High School in 1958 and enrolled in the University of Minnesota where he majored in Pharmacy and minored in Geology. After college, he enrolled in the Air National Guard and was sent to Savannah, Georgia for training. He was commissioned as a Captain and served from 1964-1970 in the 934th Airlift Wing stationed at the Minneapolis-St Paul Joint Air Reserve Station. It was during his time in the Air National Guard that Bruce met many wonderful men who became life-long friends.

Well about this same time, some good friends of Bruce decided it was time to fix him up with a young lady named Dawn Grandlund. Dawn was a flight attendant for Northwest Airlines and a good friend of another young lady - Hallie who was dating a friend of Bruce. However, Dawn was not keen on the idea of a "blind date" so the friend had to be extra creative in her approach to the situation. Early one Saturday morning, Dawn received a telephone call from Hallie asking Dawn to come over and help paint her house. Dawn protested that it was a bit early and she would need time to shower and do her hair but her friend insisted that Dawn drop everything and come garbed to paint the house. Since Dawn owed this friend a favor she decided to help her out and arrived promptly at 8 a.m. to paint.

However, upon arrival, Dawn noticed a man whom she had met one previous time painting one side of the house. He introduced himself as Bruce Anderson. The inside of the house was already painted so Dawn teamed up with Bruce to finish the outside of the house. She noted that Bruce was initially "very quiet" but became more talkative over time, at which point the "ice broke." The couple had their first double-date in the spring of 1976 with the same friends who had "set them up." Their courtship continued for another two years and included many long conversations over the telephone ... as Dawn was away much of the time due to her career as a flight attendant. It was during these telephone conversations that the couple became well acquainted with one another. They learned that they had many things in common including their Christian faith and love for country (Bruce having served in the Air National Guard and Dawn's older brother having served two tours in Vietnam while in the U.S. Navy). Their friendship grew over time and the couple was married on 5/28/1978 in Evanston, Illinois at the Unitarian Church built by Frank Lloyd Wright.

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Special Patriotic/Veterans Events . . .

Sun, 28 May 17 — Memorial Day Remembrance — honoring the memory of those armed forces service members who gave the ultimate sacrifice.

Sun, 2 July 17 — Independence Day — celebrating the 241st birthday of our nation ... culminating in an ice cream social.

Sun, 10 Sept 17 — 9/11 Remembrance — remembering the terrorist attack of 2001.

Sun, 17 Sept 17 — POW/MIA Remembrance — remembering those who are prisoners of war and those missing in action.

Sun, 5 Nov 17 — Veterans Day Remembrance — recognizing U.S. veterans of all branches of the armed forces.

Sun, 3 Dec 17 — 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.

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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Bruce and Dawn settled down in the suburb of Eagan where they purchased a home some 35 years ago. This home, situated on a pond and nature area, became a refuge for them from their busy careers. The Andersons celebrated 38 years of marriage this past May, and Dawn noted that Bruce was always "very easy-going" and a "solid partner" throughout their marriage. She added, "He would never forget to leave me a welcome note upon my return from an international flight - usually with a little heart and his initials inside." Bruce retired in 2010 after 46 years in the field of pharmacy, while Dawn retired after nearly 40 years as a flight attendant. Upon their retirement, the couple traveled to 10 states and several countries including China, Korea and Japan.

About four years ago, Bruce and Dawn decided to look for a new church home. They had been attending a large suburban church in Burnsville, but were looking for something "more meaningful." Dawn was familiar with the Chapel so suggested that they attend a worship service over Memorial Day weekend. The Andersons found that the chaplains "preached from the Bible" and were "concise and easy to understand." They also enjoyed the special music and the patriotic emphasis at the Chapel. Following church, a friendly lady introduced the couple to several other members in fellowship hall who engaged them in conversation. Well, they talked about it on the way home and decided to make the Chapel their new church home.

Bruce had a strong faith in Jesus Christ and was active in several Christian organizations including Promise Keepers. He attended a Bible study with several men from Promise Keepers that initially met at a local church but continued for the last four years in the Anderson home. Bruce also took the time to memorize scripture and write down his favorite Bible verses. He loved to quote scripture, especially the following verse: "Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding; In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths." (Prov. 3:5-6)

Several years ago, Bruce began to experience some physical problems and shortly thereafter was diagnosed with Parkinson's disease. More recently, he lost his mobility and required a wheelchair to move about. He passed away on 9/18/16 due to complications following an infection and is survived by his wife Dawn, older sister Sharon and other relatives. We take this opportunity to celebrate Bruce's life with the confidence that a believer's death

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started in July 1972 over the signage outside of the Chapel that made listing references to clergy that might perform services at the Chapel.

The thinking of Dr. Stark and the MCLU was that the Chapel should be open to anyone on a first-come-first-served basis and not allowed to be used by one organization for religious services on a continual Sunday morning. For the next 2-years correspondence would go back and forth between the FSMCF and the MCLU concerning the Sunday worship services being held at the Chapel.

However, the MCLU thought of the situation as a legal issue, and did not realize the impact that the general public would have on the controversy. Dr. Nelson was not alone in his defense of the continuing religious services that had been going on over the past 7-years. The FSMCF obtained help from Harold J. Anderson, a Minneapolis attorney. Then there was Rolf T. Nelson, a Robbinsdale, MN attorney and a MN State Senator ... that just happened to be Dr. Nelson’s son. All of a sudden the playing field would be level.

Finally, to make a point the MCLU decided to rent the Chapel on Mother’s Day (May 12, 1974) from 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m., which was the time that the FSMCF normally held their services. They were granted a special use permit by the Minnesota Conservation Department, Division of Parks to hold a public forum. The program had 7-speakers on: women’s rights, separation of church and state, gay rights, abortion, the right to dissent, obscenity, mental commitment and prisoner’s rights. The FSMCF was allowed to hold a service from 7:30 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.

This tactic by the MCLU only added emotional fuel to the issue, and made the issue a public issue.

The dispute then spilled over into the MN legislature in March of 1974. At first the Senate decided they would end Chapel services and turn the building over to the MHS. However, Mr. Russell Fridley, the director of MHS said in no uncertain terms, in an article in the Minneapolis Star Tribune of February 15, 1974, that the MHS Board would not accept the Chapel and operate it as a place of worship. Thus, the Senate then turned the problem back over to the DNR to settle.

The DNR drew up new rules in August 1974 that essentially put in writing how the Minnesota Department of Administration would operate the Chapel under their new ruling. In an article in the Minneapolis Star Tribune of September 14, 1974 Dr. Clifford Ansgar Nelson was quoted as saying that the new rules would not change the program the Fort Snelling Memorial Chapel Foundation was operating under. At the same time the rules did spell out how the Chapel was available to anyone for weddings, receptions, rehearsals, church services, baptisms, meetings and community programs. In retrospect, this move made the issue less emotional and all parties accepted the new rules.

Hence, this conflict was able to be settled back in 1976 over the Chapel usage and the building was not moved as suggested in 1974. It operates today as a memorial to the Minnesotans who have served and are serving in our military.

The weekly use of the building means that the building is well maintained. In 2004, the 1929 Kimball pipe organ went through an expensive restoration ($90K); and in 2007, air conditioning ($100K) was added to the building. Both projects were paid for by the Fort Snelling Memorial Chapel Foundation.

— Newell Chester

50th Anniversary of Chapel Volunteers

Throughout this year of celebration, we will be recognizing the many volunteers who make ministry happen at the Chapel with this minted coin. The commemorative coin was designed by Chaplain Ken and purchased as a Chapel Legacy expense of the Endowment Fund.
Jesus said, 
"I was hungry and you gave Me food ..."
(St. Matthew 25:35)

Please secure any of these items and deposit them on **Sun, 12 Mar 2017** at the front curb of the Fort Snelling Veterans Memorial Chapel:

**Canned/Jar Food Items**: tuna, canned fish/meats, chili, beef stew, canned pasta products, *Enfamil* formula, fruits, juices, tomato sauces/paste, spaghetti sauces, peanut butter, jelly, cooking oil

**Boxed/Packaged Items**: cereals (hot & cold), powered milk, tuna/hamburger helper, macaroni, rice, pasta products, crackers, instant potatoes, pancake mix

**Hygiene Items**: toilet tissue, tooth paste/brushes, bar soap, paper towels, feminine products, facial tissues, shampoo, deodorant, shavers, shaving cream

**Baby Items**: disposable diapers (all sizes), formula (especially *Enfamil* with iron), baby wipes, baby powder, jar baby foods

Food shelves have access to discounted food that you don’t. Cash donations feed more families. You can make your checks payable to “F.S.M.C.F.” In turn, the *Foundation* will forward your contribution.

* Minnesota FoodShare is an interfaith collaboration, fighting hunger through community action.

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**Holy Week at the Chapel**

**Place an Easter Plant in the Chancel**

A special tradition at the Chapel is to adorn the altar area with beautiful plants on Easter Sunday. This tradition is made even more precious by the dedications which are made for each of the plants. It’s a beautiful way to honor or remember your loved ones at this sacred and holy time of year.

You can select lilies and tulips (pink, purple, and yellow) The cost is **$13.00 each**.

Plants making up the Easter Garden will be noted in the bulletin in memory of ... in honor of ... or to the glory of God. **Orders must be received by Sunday, 2 April**. Donors may take their plant after the worship service. The plants that remain will be delivered to the MN Veterans Home for their enjoyment.

Bev Johnson will be taking orders beginning 12 March in the Fellowship Hall.

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**Palm Sunday — Distribution of Palms**

9 April is Palm/Passion Sunday. At 11:00 a.m. each worshiper will receive palms to commemorate Christ’s triumphant entry into Jerusalem. Chaplain Ken will present a timely sermon entitled, *“A Day of Cheers & Tears”* … based on St. Luke 19:28-48. The special music will be **Tamara Henschel and Paul Krech**.

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**Good Friday — Holy Communion**

On Friday 14 April, we will have our **Good Friday** worship service at 2:00 p.m. Chaplain Ken will bring a message entitled, *“Two Criminals-Crosses-Choices”* … based on St. Luke 23:32-43. The special music will be **Steve & Eva Zorn**. At this worship service the invitation to commune at the Lord’s Table is open to all who believe in the Lord Jesus for their salvation.

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**Easter Brunch**

Plan to attend our **Easter Brunch** (9:30 –10:30 a.m.) in the Fellowship Hall prior to the Easter Sunday worship service on **16 April** (11:00 a.m.).

Please sign up any Sunday between 26 March-9 April in Fellowship Hall for this farewell donation brunch. Questions? Speak with Carol Nygaard during fellowship time.

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**Easter Service**

On Sunday 16 April, our worship service will be held at 11:00 a.m.

The special music will be the **Richfield Symphonic Brass** and **Diane Westby**. Chaplain Ken will bring a message entitled, *“The Resurrection: A Lie or The Truth?”* … based on Acts 26:1-29.
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brings him or her immediately into Christ's presence as stated by the apostle Paul:

"We are confident, yes, well pleased rather to be absent from the body and to be present with the Lord.

Therefore, we make it our aim, whether present or absent, to be well pleasing to Him.

For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive the things done in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad."

(2 Corinthians 5:8-10)

The Chapel family extends their deepest sympathy to Dawn Anderson on the passing of her beloved husband Bruce Anderson.

— Submitted by Eva Zorn

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**Safety in Food ...**

In my last article on the cold and flu season I alluded to food safety concerns for upcoming issues. As a means of credibility I have a Dietary Managers Certification from the University of North Dakota and I am (was) certified to teach the Federal HACCP program to foodservice employees. HACCP is Hazzard Analysis at Critical Control Points, in short what food bugs make us ill and how do we ensure the food we are eating is safe.

If you're like me and grew up in the 50's we only had about seven food bugs at the time that would make you ill if they contaminated your food. Today there are over 2,000 different kinds of salmonella alone. We have also reached the stage of a superbug. A superbug is one in that there are no antibiotics that can effectively kill the pathogens. The current superbug is a strain of E.coli (Escherichia coli).

So, what changed? We began to feed the world. This resulted in mass production of food products. Antibiotics were introduced into animal husbandry to keep livestock healthy in more and more unhealthy environments brought on by mass production. The antibiotics in the animals and animal products forced pathogens to adapt and they started becoming resistant. Eventually new strains began to develop. Campylobacter jejuni is a relatively new food pathogen and is a very common source of foodborne illness. In one study C Jejuni was found on 98% of chickens in a wide sampling of grocery stores. This is why we cook our food to kill the bacteria that is on the outside of the food. It is important to note that rinsing food will remove 98% of the bacterial contamination on the surface of foods. If we have a food product that is contaminated, and almost all food is, like a cantaloupe when we cut it with a knife we drag the surface bacteria into the meat of the fruit.

There are two types of bacterium that affect food; spoilages and pathogens, both of which seek the nutrients in food stuff. Spoilages cause food to spoil. When this happens, foods develop molds and other visible signs of spoilage. When food becomes spoiled you can see it, smell it and taste it. Food pathogens are invisible, there is no indication they are present. Both of these agents cause decay by secreting enzymes which break down the nutrients in food so that their cells can absorb the nutrients. Processing food always contains a certain amount of risk as we grind or blend the product, which brings the surface bacteria into the food stuff.

The populations of food pathogens will double every 7-20 minutes, depending on the cleanliness of the product and the cooking, storage environment. Once a pathogen has grown to five generations there are enough agents present to cause a foodborne illness. Refrigeration does not stop the growth of food pathogens; it just significantly reduces their growth rate. A pathogen that doubles every twenty minutes at room temperature will double in about eight hours under refrigeration. That is why we are told not to hold food more than three days in the refrigerator. Optimal temperatures for bacterial growth are between 40° F and 140° F.

Currently 48 million Americans suffer from foodborne illness every year, 250,000 are hospitalized and 10,000 die from foodborne illness. What everybody refers to as a 24-hour bug is usually a foodborne illness, and the flu is always accompanied by respiratory distress.

— Tom Newman
From the Flag-Line

It was such an honor to have five survivors of the Battle of the Chosin Reservoir at the Chapel on Sunday, December 4th, the same day the Chapel remembered Pearl Harbor.

The battle of the Chosin, was a decisive battle of the Korean War fought for 17-days in freezing weather from November 27 to December 13, 1950. Our Army and Marines, badly outnumbered by the Chinese, were able to keep the Chinese from achieving their goal. Many of our armed forces were killed and wounded. Our heartfelt thanks to Harry Burke, one of Chosin Few, for calling the others and getting them to the Chapel for our service. The Chosin Few in the Twin Cities area meet once a month and as the years go by, they are slowly diminishing in number. We've decided we will continue to invite these veterans to our annual Pearl Harbor Remembrance worship service. Such an honor to have these heroes as Flag Line guests.

Every Sunday on the back of the bulletin, you will see the names of 1LT Clint Lorance, 82nd Airborne and SGT Derrick Miller. Do you know the story of these two soldiers? They are incarcerated at Fort Leavenworth for disobeying the Rules of Engagement (ROE) to save their men. Clint was sentenced to 20-years in prison for his actions and Derrick was sentenced to life. In addition to these two men, there are more imprisoned at Fort Leavenworth for doing the same thing - violating the ROE that do not allow our soldiers to fire upon individuals unless they first receive hostile fire. Many of our troops have been killed because of these ROE.

The Bible tells us to visit those in prison, and we can “visit” these two by sending them good wishes and cards (no packages). Don and I have often sent a few dollars so they can buy what they want in the store. If you send money, it must be in the form of a US postal money order with their name and number written on it. Both men always write back and thank you for thinking of them.

Christian Education Classes

Every Sunday morning (9:45-10:30 a.m.) from September to May, our congregation hosts an Intergenerational Christian Education Class in the Fellowship Hall of the Chapel.

We are currently engaged in a study of the Bible entitled, “Know Your Bible, Know Your God” (KYBKYG). In this study series, we are focusing on how the Bible came into being and how it came to us in English. We are studying facts about the Bible and the many challenges the Bible has faced in its history. Our purpose is to clarify the context of the Bible so its Light can shine upon us and do the good work that God intends, Isaiah 55:6-11. Our study will help us connect the dots between what the Bible reveals and what is happening in our lives and in our world today. We are also taking an honest look at what some call contradictions in the Bible.

If ever you felt deficient in Bible knowledge and understanding, or have felt uncomfortable in the face of criticism, you will want to attend these classes. All are welcome.

— Chaplain Mike Wallman

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In closing, we plan to have some great Flag Line guests this year. We will be honoring our First Responders one Sunday at Chapel and inviting them to join us during our Fellowship Hour.

— Patricia & Don Peerson
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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Installation of Officers  
9:45 a.m. Christian Education Class  
11:00 a.m. Holy Communion  
Imposition of Ashes  
Sermon: "I Can't Help It!"  
Music: Cameroon Choir | **2nd Sunday in Lent**  
MN FoodShare Collection  
9:45 a.m. Christian Education Class  
11:00 a.m. Worship Service  
Sermon: "Our Heavenly Citizenship"  
Music: Litchfield Area Male Chorus | **3rd Sunday in Lent**  
9:45 a.m. Christian Education Class  
11:00 a.m. Worship Service  
Sermon: "The Path of True Peace"  
Music: Chaddock Trio, Vocal & Guitar | **4th Sunday in Lent**  
9:45 a.m. Christian Education Class  
11:00 a.m. Worship Service  
Sermon: "The Path of True Wellness"  
Music: Congregational Singpiration  
Diane Westby, Song Leader | **1st Day of Spring** | **World Day of Prayer** | **Daylight Saving Time begins** |
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