St. Patrick: The Rest of the Story

This message was preached on 11 June 2017 from the historic pulpit of the Fort Snelling Memorial Chapel as "The Rest of the Story: St. Patrick" ... based on Psalm 18:1-6. This sermon was one-of-nine in a sermon series -- "The Rest of the Story." It, along with over 500+ other titles, is available on CDs and DVDs.

We live in a day-and-age of the anti-hero. Too often, the so-called good guys are the bad guys and vice versa. Athletic and Hollywood celebrities are often held up as champions, until we learn more about them -- until we hear "the rest of the story."

If you want to see a true hero, then let's look at a real St. Patrick ... who has a day dedicated in his honor. Unfortunately, many people only observe this holiday (March 17) by drinking themselves silly ... which is totally contrary to the spirit of the man whose Christian faith and action transformed Ireland. In fact, Patrick shows what God can do through someone who is committed fully to Him.

Thomas Cahill, author of the book entitled "How the Irish Saved Civilization: the Untold Story of Ireland's Heroic Role from the Fall of Rome to the Rise of Medieval Europe," notes that Patrick (and the Irish) came at the moment of a cultural cliffhanger and played a key role in how to save civilization.

In the 5th century, barbarians overran the Roman Empire ... which was the repository of much of civilization ... until it finally collapsed. Meanwhile, through the missionary work of Patrick (387-461) the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ was brought to Ireland; and numerous men became monks as a result ... who meticulously copied manuscripts of the Bible and many of the writings of antiquity.

Cahill writes: "For, as the Roman Empire fell, as all through Europe matted, unwashed barbarians descended on the Roman cities -- looting artifacts and burning books -- the Irish, who were just learning to read and write, took up the great labor of copying all of the Western literature ... everything they could lay their hands on."

Cahill notes: "These scribes then served as conduits through which the Greco-Roman and Judeo-Christian cultures are transmitted to the tribes of Europe ... newly settled amid the rubble and ruined vineyards of the civilization they had overwhelmed."

Cahill concludes: "Without this service of the scribes, everything that happened subsequently would have been unthinkable. Without the mission of the Irish monk's, who single-handedly re-founded European civilization throughout the continent in the bays and valleys of their exile, the world that came after then would have been an entirely different one -- a world without books. And our own world would never have come to be."

The man at the center of all this was St. Patrick.

Mary of the details of his life we learn through a document he wrote late in his life entitled, "Confession." This was not a book of confessions of his sins, but rather a statement of his beliefs. It is autobiographical in nature. Patrick (to the surprise of many) was not Irish, but rather grew up in England as a nominal Christian. He said in "Confession," — "I did not know the true God."

At the age of 16, prowling Irish pirates laid waste his city and captured slaves, including Patrick. Later he would write of this: "As a youth, nay, almost as a boy not able to speak, I was taken captive, before I knew what to pursue and what to avoid."

Patrick went on to say, "I was taken into captivity to Ireland with many thousands of people -- and deservedly so, because we turned away from God, and did not keep His commandments."

For 6-years, Patrick worked as a

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President’s Corner

Last year I wrote an article for the Snelling Spirit about faith, good works and our need for volunteers in our Chapel. Since our Chapel is so dependent on volunteers, I thought I would again write about the importance of lending a hand at the Chapel.

The deep faith of our parishioners manifests itself in good works for the Chapel. One doesn’t necessarily have to head a committee or be visibly helping. There are so many that come to mind that lend a hand. I notice Ginger distributing friendship pads, Arlene preparing the tables in the fellowship hall, Harry, Jan and Lydia pouring coffee, Jose bringing coffee and pastries prior to our Christian Education class and so on.

There are those bringing the homebound to the Chapel. There are two prayer chains that make phone calls communicating necessary prayers for those needing our prayers for healing. I could go on and on for those tireless workers whose faith brings good works inuring to the benefit of our Chapel.

In no small part are your offerings which have been on the increase this past year. There are so many that keep our Chapel congregation such a wonderful testament to God and our Country.

While I commend all our volunteers who are doing so much, I ask you to search your heart and ask if there is anything big or small to spell some of those who are slowing down and/or have volunteered for so many years.

Remember, members who are in ‘good standing’ have promised to uphold the Chapel Foundation with their prayers, presence, gifts and service.

April is volunteer month at the Chapel. Let’s all come together to volunteer in any way we can to bring our congregation closer to God.

In the Event of Bad Weather

If on a Sunday morning it is significantly snowing ... or is 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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To experience deliverance the way David did begins with a shift of perspective. We must take our eyes off of the difficulties we face and place them on God who is our security, protection and power to deliver us. That’s certainly what St. Patrick did.

I pray that you experience this deliverance (today) because of your relationship with God, as you discover that He is everything you need.

The question is: How do you typically respond to God in difficult times? Better yet: How can you respond more like David when you face trials and difficulties?

After 6-years of captivity, Patrick escaped his difficult time in Ireland; only to go back through the strength of God. After some theological training, Patrick eventually returned to Ireland where he spent the rest of his life (about 30-years) as a missionary. Patrick may well have baptized some 120,000 souls. There are scholars who say Patrick was the most successful missionary since the apostle Paul.

Patrick wrote this: “Daily, I expect murder, fraud or captivity … but I fear none of these things because of the promises of heaven. I cast myself into the hands of Almighty God who rules everywhere.”

There is a rather well-known prayer attributed to Patrick that was certainly inspired by him. This beautiful statement of faith is called “St. Patrick’s Breastplate.” It reads (in part):

I arise today, through God’s strength to pilot me, God’s might to uphold me, God’s wisdom to guide me, God’s eye to look before me, God’s ear to hear me, God’s word to speak for me, God’s hand to guard me, God’s shield to protect me, God’s host to save me

From snares of devils, From temptation of vices, From everyone who shall wish me ill, afar and near.

It concludes:

Christ with me, Christ before me, Christ behind me, Christ in me, Christ beneath me, Christ above me, Christ on my right, Christ on my left, Christ when I lie down, Christ when I sit down, Christ when I arise, Christ in the heart of every man who thinks of me, Christ in the mouth of everyone who speaks of me, Christ in every eye that sees me, Christ in every ear that hears me.

Well in light of all of this, let us remember the next time you see someone get drunk on St. Patty’s Day, they really dishonor the memory of the great hero of faith and of the ages.

Let us pray.

Almighty God, who in Your providence chose Your servant Patrick to minister among the Irish people; to bring those who were wandering in darkness and error to the true light and knowledge of You: Grant us so to walk in that light, that we may come at last to the light of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit — One God — now and ever. Amen.

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The remaining Chaplain’s articles for 2020 in this “Rest of the Story” series include:

MayJun – “Pvt Ryan”
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Raymond Berg

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— Your Publicity Committee

Join us in hearing testimony from ‘one of our own’ — Raymond Berg. Raymond is founder and President of OMEGA Wealth Management Group located in Minnetonka, MN. He is very happily married to his wife of 41 years—Suzanne. They reside in Minnetrista (Minn-ah-Trista), MN.

Raymond is a singer, composer and guitarist. He started playing guitar at age 16 (drove his Dad ‘crazy’).

In May 2004 his group the ‘Underbeats’ was inducted into the Minnesota ‘Rock Music Hall of Fame.’ In November 2017 his group (the Underbeats) was inducted into the Minnesota ‘Music Hall of Fame.’ His group shared the stage with: Everly Brothers, Jan and
Dean, Dave Clark Five and Sonny & Cher.

He is also an actor and model. In January of 2012 he was a contestant in the International Model & Talent Agency competition in LA, CA. He received 4th runner up for ‘Male Actor of the Year’ and 1st runner up for music performance. Invite your family and friends!

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— Your Finance Committee
Seasons of the Faith— Lent

The season of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday and continues for forty days (not counting Sundays) and concludes on Holy Saturday — the day before Easter Sunday. Originally, Lent was a period of study and prayer on the part of catecumens in preparation for their baptism at the Easter Vigil service. The time period pays tribute to the forty days Jesus spent fasting in the wilderness and was tempted by Satan.

Today, Christians throughout the world use Lent as a time to prepare for the coming of Easter through introspection, self-examination and repentance. Here at the Chapel, we begin our celebration of Lent on Ash Wednesday — with the imposition of ashes on the forehead as a sign of humility and repentance before God in recognition of our sinful state. In addition, many Christians practice fasting or "give something up" (certain foods, television, social media, etc.) as a sign of contrition before God. The last week of Lent is referred to as Holy Week and consists of Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday and culminates with Easter Sunday. Palm Sunday commemorates Jesus triumphal entry into Jerusalem while Maundy Thursday memorializes the Last Supper Jesus shared with His disciples. On Good Friday, Christians remember the crucifixion and death of our Lord at Calvary followed by Holy Saturday — or Easter Eve which we recall as a day Jesus lay in the tomb prior to His resurrection on Easter Sunday. Holy Saturday is the last day of Holy Week and ends the season of Lent.

As the season of Lent unfolds, let us focus on the person of Jesus and the hope and certainty of our salvation made alive through the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ!

— Submitted by Eva Zorn

April — Volunteer Month

In 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 the success of our ministry!

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 Chapel Foundation.

Persons will be on hand to answer your questions regarding the various opportunities to uphold the Chapel Foundation ... with your service.

— Your Executive Committee

The Church is full of willing people—
Some are willing to work,
and others are willing to let them.

For heaven's sake—
What on earth are you doing?
Book Review

This book takes the reader on a tour behind the scenes of the 3rd U.S. Infantry Regiment—commonly referred to as The Old Guard, whose mission is to honor our country’s fallen heroes with a dignified and distinctive military burial. In addition to burial, the regiment is the Army’s official escort for the President of the United States and conducts military ceremonies at the White House, the Pentagon and other national memorials. The unit also maintains an around-the-clock vigil at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier located in Arlington National Cemetery. But what is probably not known to most people, The Old Guard, is the Army’s oldest active duty-infantry unit dating back to 1784. It was initially known as the First American Regiment and created by Congress following the dissolution of the Continental Army after the British defeat in the Battle of Yorktown. This cadre of professional soldiers (as distinct from volunteers) went on to serve in the Northwest Territory, and in most every major military campaign including The War of 1812, the Mexican War, the Civil War, Spanish-American War, WWII and WWII. A further distinction reserved for The Old Guard is that it is permitted to fix bayonets while on parade commemorating a successful bayonet charge during the Mexican War. More recently, The Old Guard stepped up to provide security following 9/11 including search and recovery operations in and around the Pentagon.

Tom Cotton was a platoon leader with The Old Guard between combat tours in Iraq and Afghanistan. He participated in numerous burials at Arlington Cemetery in 2007 during the Iraq War Surge, and also performed funerals for veterans of WWII, Korea and Vietnam. This book was made possible by the support and cooperation of the soldiers of The Old Guard who embody the ideals of honor and sacrifice central to their regiment. Included in the book are photos from Arlington National Cemetery, a survey of battles fought by the regiment and a discourse on the values and traditions that shape the unit. Persons with an interest in American military history will find Sacred Duty to be a poignant, informative and worthwhile read.

Submitted by Eva Zorn

Sacred Duty: A Soldier’s Tour at Arlington National Cemetery
by Tom Cotton

U.S. Senator Tom Cotton
Arkansas - Republican
The words of this hymn were penned by Isaac Watts (1674-1748) and first published in *Hymns and Spiritual Songs* in 1707. Watts was a prolific hymn-writer and authored many well-known hymns including: *Joy to the World, Our God, Our Help in Ages Past, Alas and Did My Savior Bleed, and I Sing the Mighty Power of God* to name a few.

The tune for the hymn was adapted from a Gregorian Chant and arranged by Lowell Mason — a leading figure of American church music in 1824. The hymn is said to be based on Galatians 6:14—

"May I never boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ through which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world."

As we approach Good Friday, Watts invites us to look at the cross to witness the punishment laid upon Jesus Christ for our sin. It was on this very cross that the "Prince of glory died" and offered believers a "love so amazing" that we cannot but respond with our "soul, life and all."

May we remember to boast not in "the vain things that charm" but rather "in the death of Christ my God!"

— Submitted by Eva Zorn

*When I survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of glory died, my richest gain I count but loss and pour contempt on all my pride.*

*Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast, save in the death of Christ, my God: All the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to His blood.*

*See, from His head, His hands, His feet, sorrow and love flow mingled down: Did e'er such love and sorrow meet, or thorns compose so rich a crown? Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were a present far too small; love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.*

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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, 8 Mar 2020 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

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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.

— Your Fellowship Committee

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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, 29 March. 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 8 March in the Fellowship Hall.

— Your Worship Committee

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**Palm Sunday — Distribution of Palms**

5 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, "Players of the Parade" ... based on St. Luke 19:28-40.
The special music will be the Wickman Duo.

— Your Worship Committee

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**Good Friday — Holy Communion**

On Friday 10 April, we will have our Good Friday worship service at 2:00 p.m. Chaplain Ken will bring a message entitled, "The Left & Right View of the Cross" ... based on St. Luke 23:33-43.
The special music will be Steve 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.

— Your Worship Committee

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**Easter Service**

On Sunday 12 April, our worship service will be held at 11:00 a.m.

The special music will be the Dakota Brass Ensemble. Chaplain Ken will bring a message entitled, "The Resurrection: A Living Hope" ... based on St. Luke 24:13-35

— Your Worship Committee
Spotlight on a Veteran — Jim Brunsgaard

For some families, serving America passes from generation to generation and this could not be more evident than with the Brunsgaard clan. As the old saying goes, "like father, like son" or in this case, "like grandfather and father, like grandson and son."

For three consecutive generations, the Brunsgaard family has defended their country by serving in the U.S. Navy. James Brunsgaard Sr, served initially in the Danish Merchant Marines prior to his immigration to the United States in 1913. He subsequently served in the U.S. Coast Guard during WWI earning his U.S. citizenship and went on to serve as a Chief Warrant Officer in the U.S. Navy during W.W.II. James Brunsgaard Jr, enlisted in the U.S. Navy in 1943 when he was 17 years old and served as a flight engineer on a Lockheed- Ventura PV-1 (twin engine patrol bomber) used for anti-submarine search and attack. As a result of his responsibilities, Jr learned not only the mechanics of the airplane and all the systems of the aircraft, but how to fly as he would substitute in cases where the pilots were disabled. He served his country honorably and was discharged from the Navy in 1946, at the rank of Petty Officer 2nd Class. Given this family history, it was only natural that Jim Brunsgaard (III), would have an interest in joining the Navy.

Jim graduated from Winona State College in 1980 and several years later decided to take the test to qualify as a Navy officer. Despite two attempts, he failed to pass the test so after mulling over his options enlisted in the Navy in April of 1983. He was sent to boot camp at Naval Station Great Lakes for eight weeks, with additional training at Naval Station Millington, Tennessee where he qualified as an aviation electrician. Brunsgaard received his first set of orders in December, 1983 to Naval Air Station Pax River (Maryland) where he worked as an AIMD (Aviation Intermediate Maintenance Department) and was selected to be part of a Compass Rose Team calibrating navigation systems for aircraft. Jim remained in this position for two years and then returned to Minnesota on HARP duty (hometown area recruiting program) for two weeks and a brief visit to his folks prior to his return to Pax River to complete his 3 year term of service.

Well the statement "join the Navy, see the world" is no joke as shortly thereafter, Jim received orders to go to Naval Air Station Sigonella (Italy), where he served as a CDI (Collateral Duty Inspector) working on T39 Saber liner Jets and C-2A Greyhounds (cargo aircraft). He was promoted to Petty Officer 2nd Class while at Sigonella, and served in this capacity for approximately three years. Upon his return to the states in 1989, Jim attended "C school" where he learned advanced avionics and electronics. Once his orders were completed, Jim was sent to San Diego for additional training on aircraft instruments.

The Navy must of had a sense of humor for Jim went from San Diego to Naval Air Station Keflavik, Iceland for his next term of service. At that time, the combined air/ naval base was tasked with securing sea and air routes in the North Atlantic Ocean. During his four years on

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the island (1993-1997), Jim ran the Aviation Instrument Shop and qualified as an Aviation Electricians branch supervisor where he managed "instrument, battery and electrical shops" and was promoted to Petty Officer 1st Class. Well the statement "join the Navy, see the world" was no joke for Jim's next set of orders brought him from chilly Iceland to warm and sunny Nevada where he was assigned to manage the instrument and battery shops at Naval Air Station Fallon.

On his last tour, Jim received orders for duty in the Persian Gulf as part of "Operation Southern Watch." This operation was initiated in 1992, and designed to ensure Iraqi compliance with a United States Security Council Resolution 688. He was assigned to Hawkeye Squadron VAW 126 in Norfolk, Virginia which deployed from the USS Harry S. Truman aircraft carrier on November 28, 2000—its maiden deployment. While on board, he worked as a supervisor of an AE shop and DCPO (damage control petty officer). The ship saw action in the Persian Gulf, where they took out the missile batteries of Saddam Hussein and earned the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal. One of the highlights of this deployment was a visit to the ship by former President H.W. Bush while cruising in the Mediterranean Sea.

After six months of sea duty, Jim returned to Naval Air Station Norfolk, and became part of "Operation Noble Eagle"—a military defense mission following the September 11 attacks. This was followed by "Operation Enduring Freedom" which was launched on October 7, 2001 by President George W. Bush as part of the Global War on Terrorism. He began his second and last deployment aboard the

-- Submitted by Eva Zorn

Sun, 24 May 20 — Memorial Day Remembrance — honoring the memory of those armed forces service members who gave the ultimate sacrifice.

Sun, 5 July 20 — Independence Day — celebrating the 244th birthday of our nation ... culminating in an ice cream social.


Sun, 13 Sept 20 — U.S. Constitution Sunday — remembering our founding document.

Sun, 20 Sept 20 — POW/MIA Remembrance — remembering those who are prisoners of war and those missing in action.

Sun, 27 Sept 20 — Gold Star Day — recognizing the families of those service members who paid the ultimate price on the altar of liberty.

Sun, 8 Nov 20 — Veterans Day Remembrance — recognizing U.S. veterans of all branches of the armed forces.

Sun, 6 Dec 20 — 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.

— Your Worship Committee
"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)

"Six days you shall labor..."

Our month is based on the moon, our year with the sun, but what about the week? The seven day week is based on God's creation week. Atheist dictator Stalin tried to erase God from the Soviet Union by instituting a 10 day week. People would work nine days and then rest the tenth day. It was not successful because people's bodies could not stand the strain of working nine days with only the tenth day of rest. Others have also tried to eradicate the seven day week, but to no avail. The pattern of a seven day week is a reminder of God's creating everything in six days and resting on the seventh day.

We also find God reminding us of this pattern in Exodus 20:8-10, "Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy. Six days you shall labor and do all your work, but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD your God, on it you shall not do any work... For in six days the LORD made the heavens and the Earth, the sea and all that is in them, but He rested on the seventh day." Here we see the pattern for a week repeated again; work six days and rest the seventh day.

The God of all creation could have created everything in a split second, but He did not. This all powerful God knew what we needed; He knew what our bodies could handle. From the very beginning of time, He set the pattern for a seven day week—for our benefit.

"Then He said unto them 'The sabbath was made for man, not man for the sabbath.' " (Mark 2:27)

Myles Willard is a former high school science teacher, an award winning nature photographer, and an avid bird watcher. Being a systematic observer of nature, Myles noticed that during the fall of each year a large number and variety of warblers stopping to rest in a cedar tree outside of his Michigan kitchen window. He decided to document both the variety and number of warblers migrating south. For the next 18 years, Willard compiled an impressive documentation of over 1,500 individual warbler sightings from over 20 different species.

It was upon graphing the results of these sightings that Myles made a shocking observation. He expected to see a typical bell-shaped distribution of bird sightings with the peak happening somewhere in mid-September (depending on the particular species). When he aligned the various distributions, so that the peak of the migration for each individual bird species corresponded, Willard discovered a bell-shaped distribution with statistically significant dips at a 7-day period. Instead of a smooth bell curve, his data showed a bell distribution with drops (like missing teeth in a saw) every 7 days. Apparently birds have a built-in instinct to work hard on their migration for six days and then hold up for a one day of rest out of seven!

There is no naturalistic explanation for this very significant Biblical cycle. But, a rest period every seventh day makes perfect sense if God did indeed create everything in six literal days and institute a day of rest on the seventh day. It seems quite plausible that we should find some remnant of this cycle in the natural pattern of some of the creatures which God made. It would seem that Myles Willard; science teacher, nature photographer, and bird watcher; has found and documented such a pattern.

"Does the hawk fly by your wisdom and spread its wings toward the south?" (Job 39:26)

— Submitted by: John Kruse

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Chaplain: Rev. Dr. Kenneth L. Beale, Jr. — 612/747-1059  
Chaplain: Rev. Philip 'Buddy' A. Winn, Jr. — 612/227-7825  
Organist: Dr. Desiderius 'Desi' Klemayo — 763/639-3326  
Accounting Specialist: Carol Nygaard — 952/888-1525  
Administrative Assistant: Bev Johnson — 952/888-1525  
Musical Guest Coordinator: Eva Zorn — zorn@usfamily.net (e-mail preferred)  

5 **Palm/Passion Sunday**  
Distribution of Palms  
10:00 a.m. Christian Education  
11:00 a.m. Worship Service  
Sermon: "Players of the Parade"  
Music: Wickman Duo, Vocal/Piano |
| 6 | 7 | 8 2nd Anniversary of Chaplain Winn as Assoc Chaplain | 9 **Holy Thursday**  
2:00 p.m. Holy Communion  
Sermon: "The Left & Right View of the Cross"  
Music: Steve Zorn |
| 10 Good Fri | 11 **Chaplain Ken's** |
| 12 **Easter/Resurrection Sunday**  
11:00 a.m. Worship Service  
Sermon: "The Resurrection: A Living Hope"  
Music: Dakota Brass Ensemble | 13 | 14 | 15 **Tax Day**  
16 | 17 | 18 9:00 a.m. Crafty Ladies Mtg. |
| 19 **2nd Sunday of Easter**  
10:00 a.m. Christian Education  
11:00 a.m. Worship Service  
Sermon: "The Word of Committal"  
Music: Chad Shultis, Vocal | 20 | 21 | 22 **Admin Prof Day**  
23 | 24 | 25 **Personal Day** |
| 26 **3rd Sunday of Easter**  
10:00 a.m. Christian Education  
11:00 a.m. Worship Service  
Sermon: "Trials & Temptations"  
Music: Tamara Henschel, Flute | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 |