We Hold These Truths ...

Recently, I asked myself, "What would Washington, Jefferson, Adams, and others think of this country some 233 years since the writing of the Declaration of Independence and the ensuing American Revolution? Would they like what they see? Would they even recognize this nation? Would they still want to sacrifice their sacred honor? They believed in a novel idea that has affected human history — self-governance, democracy. They had this idea that they could rule themselves quite well. No longer was there a need for a king or a queen; no longer was there a need for a system of royalty to say what was what, no need for knights in shining armor (or any kind of armor), nor Lords and other royalty.

But, do you know that there are two other documents that we need to acknowledge ... and which some historians believed laid the groundwork for what became our nation's Declaration of Independence? The first one occurred in 1620 when a ship called the Mayflower came to what we now call Plymouth Rock. Those on board were seeking to worship God without the interference of the State ... specifically the King of England. They were called dissenters because they disagreed when it came to the practice of their faith and what was expected of them ... as to both practice and belief.

To the surprise of many today, America began not as a political experiment, but as a religious sanctuary. The Pilgrims were motivated by a deep piety, a strong desire, and a profound faith to worship God without government interference; and their arrival on the shores of Massachusetts was a declaration of religious independence. This religious independence and fervor spread throughout the eastern seaboard of this nation and it created a smorgasbord of faith ... that is a hallmark of this country today.

The second declaration of independence was the First Great Awakening. Now, you ask, "What was the First Great Awakening?" Christine Heyrman in an essay for history teachers entitled, The First Great Awakening, writes, "What historians call 'the first Great Awakening' can best be described as a revitalization of religious piety that swept through the American colonies between the 1730s and the 1770s." In other words, it was a revival of deep significance in which people declared their declaration of independence from formalism. She goes on to say in another essay, Religion and The American Revolution, "the members of the revolutionary generation had faced, as individuals, important choices about their fundamental religious beliefs and loyalties, and that experience may have prepared them to make equally crucial and basic decisions about their political beliefs and loyalties ... In short, this was a generation of people who had, during their youth, been schooled in the importance of self-determination and even rebellion against the existing hierarchies of deference and privilege."

You see, the Mayflower voyage and the First Great Awakening were moral and spiritual, not political, movements that affected our founding fathers' views and values; and influenced their political decisions.

The point of this brief history lesson is two-fold:
1. Religion or faith is a centerpiece of our national history that continues to the present.
2. Freedom to choose that faith is a fundamental issue to this day.

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President's Corner

As President of the Fort Snelling Memorial Chapel Foundation, I would like to wish everyone a very healthy and prosperous 2010. Speaking for the entire Foundation leadership team, we are looking forward to the challenges and projects that continue to make our beloved Chapel a very special place.

I would like to dedicate this month’s article to the many forms of ministry the Foundation offers and its impact on me during my illness and recovery. As many of you know I have been recovering from an illness that caused me to miss work and be an inactive member of the Chapel for the past 6 months.

On Monday, 24 July, I went to work like any other day thinking about what needed to be done that day. Shortly after arriving at work, I knew something was not right. Against my better judgment I drove myself to the hospital; and minutes after arriving I suffered a minor stroke.

The stroke was actually the result of a disease called Thrombotic Thrombocytopenic Purpura (TTP). This rare blood condition is characterized by the formation of small clots within the circulation, which results in the consumption of platelets; and thus a low platelet count. This rare disease affects 3 people per million, per year.

From the time I was admitted to the hospital the support I received from the Foundation was immediate and overwhelming.

I will never forget the first few days in the hospital, the medical staff was not sure what I was suffering from; and I was getting pressure from friends at work and relatives to transfer to Rochester. That’s when I received a visit from Chaplain Ken; at the end of our visit he led us in prayer asking God to grant the medical staff the knowledge to diagnose what ailed me so the treatment could begin. The very next morning my attending doctor came into my room and stated we have diagnosed your illness as TTP; you will begin treatment immediately. Needless to say, I had complete confidence in the medical staff from that point on.

That same day Becky Van Meter and Kay Schoen visited me in the hospital and brought me a prayer shawl from the Foundation. This prayer shawl was and is still used on a daily basis. When I was going through the Plasma transfusions and Chemo-therapy treatments this shawl was very comforting to me physically, mentally and spiritually. The majority of the other people in the treatment center would request blankets that were warmed in blanket warmers. The blankets would stay warm for about 20 minutes and they would request another blanket. My Prayer shawl always kept me warm for the 5-6 hours my treatment would take.

I received several compliments on my prayer shawl; other patients receiving treatment would often stop by and ask me about it. On several occasions it was passed around the

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In the Declaration of Independence, we read these words "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness."

We hold these truths ... 

In two different situations that took place within a few hours of one another, Jesus speaks of Truth. John records both situations. The first takes place during the Last Supper with the disciples where in response to a question by a troubled Thomas he says in chapter 14 and verse 6, "I am the way, the truth, and the life." The second take place in a conversation between Jesus and Pilate during the trial of Jesus in John 18:37-38 where we read, "Pilate replied, 'You are a king then?' 'You say that I am a king, and you are right,' Jesus said. 'I was born for that purpose. And I came to bring truth to the world. All who love the truth recognize that what I say is true. 'What is truth?' Pilate asked."

Pilate's question echoes in our day. We live in a time where absolute truth is denied and each is left to decide on his or her own what is true. This relativism has created a climate in which a consensus on any given issue is very unlikely. And the tension between those who hold no absolute standards and those who do ... grows ever stronger as the years go by - which makes governing this country a challenge. It also makes professing and living out the Christian faith difficult as well.

There are absolute truths ... whether or not we choose to live by them. And they are moral/spiritual in nature, not political ... although there are political implications to them.

What truths, what values, do we hold, should we hold, as followers of Jesus Christ? I want to suggest 6 that are based on the Bible and which can and must make a difference in our individual lives as well as our congregational life as we live for God in our community.

I. Affirmation

The first value we must live by is affirmation ... because we need to affirm all people - because everyone is created in God's image and we are all redeemable by His grace. In Romans 12:15 Paul speaks of the ability to emphasize (one important way to affirm others) with people in various situations. He said, "When others are happy, be happy with them. If they are sad, share their sorrow."

We all need to be affirmed; we need to know that we count; we need to tell others, even when we disagree with them or have trouble getting along with them ... that they matter.

As followers of Jesus Christ and as members of this His Church, we need to affirm everyone who is a part of our lives - because all of us are created in God's image and redeemable by His grace. We matter to God! And we need to communicate this truth by affirming, by valuing, by encouraging everyone that is a part of our daily lives. On a scale of 1 to 5 (with 1 being not well at all and 5 being well), where do you place your level of affirming others?

II. Acceptance

The second value we must live and proclaim is acceptance ... because, as Paul writes in Romans 15:7, Christ has accepted.

The story is told of the cowboy who had just come off the dusty trail ... who went to church for the first time in his life and related his adventure to a friend. "I rode up on my horse and tied it up by a tree in the corral." The friend said, "You don't mean 'corral'; you mean 'parking lot.' "I don't know, maybe that is what the called it," the cowboy said. "Then I went in through the main gate." "You don't mean the main gate; you mean the front door of the church."

"Well, anyway, a couple of fellows took me down the long chute." "You don't mean the long chute; you mean the center aisle."

"I guess that is what they call it. Then they put me in one of those little box stalls!" "You don't mean a box stall; you mean a pew!"

"Oh yes! Now I remember!" said the cowboy. "That's what that lady said when I sat down beside her!" - Pew!

That's truer than we care to admit? Acceptance of others is very difficult at times. But, think of God's acceptance of us. He is holy; we are not. He is righteous; we aren't. He is love. We make feeble attempts to love. But, in His love and mercy He accepts us and makes us new creatures as we accept and receive His forgiveness! Again, on that scale of 1 to 5, how well do you do at accepting others?

III. Appreciate

The third value, the third truth that we hold, is that we appreciate people ... because God has gifted and equipped every one for a mission and ministry.

In I Corinthians 12:27 we read a wonderful statement of affirmation, acceptance, and

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Special Patriotic/ Veterans Events . . .

Sun, 30 May 10 — Memorial Day Remembrance — honoring the memory of those armed forces service members who gave the ultimate sacrifice.

Sun, 4 July 10 — Independence Day — celebrating the 234th birthday of our nation ... culminating in an ice cream social.


Sun, 19 Sept 10 — POW/MIA Remembrance — remembering those who are prisoners of war and those missing in action.

Sun, 7 Nov 10 — Veterans Day Remembrance — recognizing U.S. veterans of all branches of the armed forces.

Sun, 5 Dec 10 — 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.

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 red). Cost = $13 each.

Plants making-up our 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 21 March. Donors may take their plants only following the 11:00 a.m. worship service. The plants that remain will be delivered to the Veterans Home for their enjoyment.

Contact Karen Ayers at (612) 727-3817 or see her in the Fellowship Hall. (Orders can be made beginning Sunday 8 March.)

Palm Sunday -- Distribution of Palms

28 March is Palm/ Passion Sunday. At 11:00 a.m. each worshiper will receive palms to commemorate Christ’s triumphant entry into Jerusalem.

Good Friday -- Holy Communion

On Friday, 2 April, we will have our Good Friday worship service at 2:00 p.m. The special music will be soloist Bonnie Hammel.

At this worship service the invitation to commune at the Lord’s Table will be extended ... which is open to all who believe in the Lord Jesus Christ.

Each worshiper will receive a special keepsake. You won’t want to miss this special service.

Easter Brunch

Plan to attend our Easter Brunch (9 – 10:30 a.m.) in the Fellowship Hall between the two Easter Sunday worship services on 4 April. Please sign up between 14 and 28 March in Fellowship Hall for this freewill donation brunch.

Easter Services

On Sunday 4 April, worship services will be held at 8:00 and 11:00 a.m.

The special music will include: the Tetzlaff Brass Ensemble, and soloist Tim Dahl.
appreciation: “Now all of you together are Christ’s body, and each one of you is a separate and necessary part of it.” This is an important statement from Paul ... and really from the Lord ... because it is to a group of people who had trouble affirming, accepting, and hence appreciating one another. Why? They were jealous of one another’s abilities and gifts. They were proud of their personal association with Paul or Apollos ... but forgot that they (Paul and Apollos) were servants of God. They were enamored with spiritual experiences, but forgot who was the source of all true spiritual experience. And so, appreciation for one another was practically non-existent.

When we make a personal commitment to Christ ... as we ask and accept His forgiveness of our sins ... we are immediately given a place of service in a local church. We are given tools, spiritual gifts, to accomplish that mission! I applaud those of you who are stepping out to learn how God has gifted and called you and then are willing to serve! By the way: Have you said “Thank you” to those who serve? Do you appreciate their efforts? On that scale of 1 to 5, how is your appreciating these days?

IV. Expressing Love

The fourth truth we must hold and practice is the value of expressing love to people ... because of God’s great and good love for us as we read in I John 4:19 – “We love each other as a result of his loving us first.”

In this fourth chapter, John makes it clear that God is love and that we demonstrate our commitment to God by expressing our love for one another. Paul likewise reminded the Corinthians that love is better than any spiritual gift or ability ... because without love our words, our service, and our faith would be useless.

Someone has written, “Courage is fear that has been conquered by love.” And as I read that statement I think of the lady sitting next to the cowboy. She had some fear in her. It came out as snobbery, but it was because she feared him. And she feared him because she made some judgments about him based on his appearance. If she were to ask, “How can I express love to this person?” what would you tell her? From 1 to 5, how well are you expressing God’s love to others?

V. Available

The fifth value, the fifth truth that we must hold fast to is that we are available to people ... because God has made His salvation available to us. And Jesus made that clear to us in a very strategic way when He made Himself available to children as we read in Matthew 19:14 – “Let the children come to me. Don’t stop them! For the Kingdom of Heaven belongs to such as these.”

A recent survey estimated that 65% of those born before 1946, commonly referred to as boomers, indicated a born-again experience compared to only 35% of the rest of this age group. For those born between 1946 and 1964, called boomers, the opposite is true. Only 35% claim a “born-again” experience and 65% don’t. For those born from 1964 to around 1984 or so, called busters only 10% claim a Christian experience. 90% do not! And for those yet younger, called bridgers, only 4% claim to be saved. 96% do not.

What do those statistics tell you? They tell me that we have four generations to reach for Christ in our midst in this community. How well are we doing?

During His earthly ministry, Jesus Christ did not set up shop in one area of Israel and let the people come to Him. He went to them. And when He gave instructions to the disciples it was not “sit and wait” (except in one key instance in the book of Acts) it was “go and make,” and “follow me.” “Leave your nets, leave your tax booth, and follow me!”

How available are we to those who are searching for God? Are we prepared to “go and make” disciples? Are we willing to meet with people in the lunchrooms, homes, and restaurants of our community ... to help them come to Christ? From 1 to 5, how do you rank your availability to God and others for active ministry and service?

VI. Accountable

Finally, the sixth truth we must hold to is that of being accountable as stewards of our time, talent, treasures, and temple to God and one another.

One day, as Paul reminds us in Romans 14:12, we will all give “a personal account to God” of our lives. Now, we often think of that accounting in terms of acceptance or rejection of God’s salvation for us. But, Paul is writing to people who have already accepted that salvation. He is saying to them, as we read both sides of verse 12, “stop judging one another ... live in such a manner that you won’t be an obstacle to one another.”

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treatment room so people could see it. It was a great opportunity for me to talk about the Foundation and how supportive its members were to me. I use my shawl daily, not only when I was going through the treatments but also at home in the evening when I am watching TV or reading.

I do have a challenge for all the people out there who have received a prayer shawl from the Foundation. The intent of these Shawls is to be utilized on a regular basis and not put away in a closet. I am very proud to say mine has its share of coffee and miscellaneous stains on it from its many hours of use. If you have a shawl, I challenge you to use it whether it's watching TV in the evening or reading a book. These shawls are very powerful to the healing and warming of your body and soul.

I would also like to mention the impact all the get well cards I received from the Foundation members had on me. All the cards I have received are stored in a three ring binder in such a manner that I can read both sides of the card. These letters and get well cards have been very uplifting and inspirational to me. I have brought them with me to read during my treatments and have them in my night stand where I read them on a regular basis. Don't ever think I read them once and put them away in some drawer never to be read again. Receiving these cards and letters were a very powerful ministry of healing, and inspiration to me.

On Tuesday, 6 October, a mass prayer was organized on my behalf to pray for my recovery. The very next day Wednesday, 7

October, I received my 33rd Plasma transfusion; I had been receiving transfusions on a regular basis and by now had received well over 500 units of blood. As it turned out, the plasma and blood I was given that Wednesday, a day after the mass prayer, was the last transfusion I would need. The blood from that transfusion is the same blood still circulating within my body today.

On numerous occasions I received comments from the medical staff that I had such a positive attitude, and, was a breath of fresh air compared to a lot of the people they treat. That positive attitude is directly attributed to the Foundation's ministry of prayer, cards, letters, visits, and prayers.

I would like to close with heart felt thanks to everyone who supported me through their thoughts and prayers. What a blessing the Foundation has support programs in place such as "Caring Hearts," the "Knit One-Pray Two," the Prayer Chains, Mass Prayers, and the dedicated people who make them what they are. These are all wonderful forms of ministry and were largely responsible for my physical and mental healing. I thank all of you so much. It is something I will never forget.

Respectfully Serving Him,
Bob Bernloehr
President
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A Special Year To Celebrate!
This year is extra special ...
For this place where veterans come ...
To worship as a family ...
And pray to God as one.

The weeks, the months, and years ...
Have quickly come and gone ...
And now this Chapel celebrates ...
Eighty years of prayer and song.

But there's still a lot to add ...
To make this all complete ...
Because for many years ...
Not a soul sat in a seat!

Until a group took over ...
Now forty years ago ...
God's house saw little use ...
Or faces to console!

But the "Foundation" changed all that ...
And restored it all again ...
And started weekly services ...
Which filled the seats within.

The task was surely difficult ...
But when it all was done ...
Those who had a part in it ...
Could see why veterans come!

By Bob Beskar, Vietnam War Veteran

This poem was written for, and dedicated to, all the people who belong to, or have supported the Fort Snelling Memorial Chapel Foundation on the occasion of the Foundation's 40th Anniversary in 2007.
Accountability is not about me passing judgment on you. Accountability is me being responsible for my actions and attitudes to you ... because they affect you. It is a form of self-discipline. To be accountable is to be responsible for one's own choices. And what are we accountable for? We are accountable for our time, our money, our abilities, and our bodies. We are accountable for every area of our life. On a scale of 1 to 5, how well accountable are you to God and one another?

As I said at the outset of this message, almost 234 years ago, a group of men were meeting in trying circumstances. A war was about to commence. Armies were forming for battle. They believed in certain truths ... that ultimately would form one of human history's greatest nations. They were willing to sacrifice their very lives for making these truths a reality in a new experiment called democracy.

- What if George Washington would have telephoned from the battlefield and said, "I can't do this anymore. I am out gunned, out manned, and out trained. I am going back to Mount Vernon and farm. Get a new general!"
- What if James Madison had said, "This will never work; we can't do it. I don't have time for all this Declaration of Independence work. I'm calling Dolly and telling her "Let's start the snack cake business you've been wanting to start!"
- What if Thomas Jefferson had said, "I am getting writer's cramp. Can't you guys do anything to help me out? I'm going back to Monticello!"

What kind of freedom would we have?

These six truths I have shared today have eternal consequences. To make them a reality requires our sacrifices. We are engaged in a more radical revolution than was taking place in 1776. We are engaged in a revolution of the human heart and soul ... that is made possible only by the tremendous sacrifice of God's Son.

I challenge you, my friends, to recommit yourselves to the revolutionary ministry of reconciliation that comes as we go and share and help make responsible and joyful followers of Jesus Christ ... because the truth that Jesus Christ spoke of, and made possible. It is truly the only truth that sets you free!

Serving God and Country,
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This article is a sermon preached by Chaplain Ken on 17 Feb 08 from the pulpit of the Fort Snelling Memorial Chapel. A DVD of this message is available to order ... along with almost two-hundred other messages available for purchase.

### The Season of Lent

Lent is the forty-day period before Easter. It begins on Ash Wednesday; representing the day Jesus entered into the wilderness.

When we count the forty days of Lent, we skip Sundays, because Sundays commemorate the Resurrection. Lent begins February 17th and ends on April 3rd, the day before Easter.

We should use the time of Lent for personal soul-searching, prayer and repentance.

On March 28th we will observe the entrance of Jesus into Jerusalem; this is what we call Palm Sunday.

Good Friday, we reflect the arrest, trial crucifixion, death, and burial of Jesus. Services will be held on Friday April 2nd at 2:00 pm. Holy Communion will be served.

Rejoice and worship with us together as a family of God as we celebrate Easter, the Resurrection of Jesus Christ our Savior on April 4th, services will be held at 8:am and 11:am.

— Kay Schoen
Worship Committee Chair
The U in JesUs

Before U were thought of or time had begun,
   God stuck U in the name of His Son ...  
   And each time U pray, you'll see it's true,
   You can't spell out JesUs and not include U.
You're a pretty big part of His wonderful name,
   For U, He was born; that's why He came.
   And His great love for U is the reason He died.
   It even takes U to spell crucified.
   Isn't it thrilling and splendidly grand
   He rose from the dead, with U in His plan?
   The stones split away, the gold trumpet blew,
   And this word resurrection is spelled with a U.
When JesUs left earth at His Upward ascension,
   He felt there was one thing He just had to mention.
   "Go into the world and tell them it's true
   That I love them all - Just like I love U."
   So many great people are spelled with a U,
   Don't they have a right to know JesUs too?
   It all depends now on what U will do;
   He'd like them to know,
   But it all starts with U.

— Author Unknown

Volunteer Month

Throughout the month 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.

Minnesota FoodShare ...

Jesus said, “I was hungry and you gave me food ...” (Matthew 25:35)

Please secure any of these items and deposit them on Sunday, 21 March 2010 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), 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. You can learn more about it at [www.gmcc.org/foodshare].
Benevolent Giving …

Pauline Trost, a wife of a naval officer, came onto the grounds of the Bethesda Naval Medical Center in the mid-1970s for a clinic visit when she witnessed a helicopter land at the medical center heliport. A sailor, his wife and two children came down the steps with their luggage. She wondered where they would stay. Living in the D.C. area, she knew that hotels and motels in the Bethesda area are expensive and likely beyond the means of couples such as this one; these thoughts remained on her mind for years.

Trost states, “When my husband became the Chief of Naval Operations in 1986, I thought this might be a good time to pursue my dream of providing affordable temporary housing for families of those facing a medical crisis at Bethesda.” She spoke with Mrs. Iris Reiman, then president of the Washington area Naval Officers Wives Club, and asked her if she would explore how members felt about taking on such a project. She brought up the subject at next meeting and reported agreement on planning the concept. The members of the club originally thought about finding an unused or underused building on the medical center grounds which could be converted into a place for people to stay on a temporary basis.

In early 1990, Trost’s husband received a call from a friend, Zachary Fisher, who had provided generous assistance to families of service personnel beset by tragedy. Zachary indicated that he was prepared to expand his support and asked my husband for thoughts on projects he might undertake which would benefit personnel of all military services. Among other ideas, his husband mentioned the dream of providing temporary housing to military families. Zachary was taken by the concept and he said, “I’m a builder. I have my own architect. We can do this.” In 1990, Mr. and Mrs. Fisher began the Fisher House™ program, 501(c)3 dedicating more than $20 million to the construction of comfortable homes for families of hospitalized military personnel. Today, forty-three Fisher Houses now operate at 17 military bases and at 13 Department of Veterans Affairs medical centers throughout the nation. More than 183,000 days of lodging are provided by Fisher Houses every year, saving families an estimated $5 million annually. Since the program’s inception, more than 50,000 families have stayed in Fisher Houses. One Fisher House is located on the grounds of the Minneapolis VA Hospital.

I made arrangements to visit the Fisher House and met with manager, Marge Oslund who has been an employee of the VA Hospital for 30 years as a Patient Advocate. Marge gave me a tour of the Fisher House. I was really impressed how well it was built. It has a big kitchen, dining area, TV room, library, beautiful fireplace, place, computer area and 10 rooms for the guests. It really does feel like home away from home; which is the Fisher House motto. Marge stated, “The stay and all the services at the Fisher House are at no charge to the families and it is open to all veteran families whose love one is being treated at the VA hospital. The average stay can be for three days or up to a year. This reduces the stress of the financial burden when away from home for a long period of time.”

Donations come from many organizations such as the VFW, American Legion and from the Fisher House Foundation for major upkeep of the building. The Fort Snelling Memorial Chapel Foundation (FSMCF) has supported the Fisher House since 2004 through annual benevolence gifts. All funds are donated; there is no cost to the VA.

Spring 2010, the Fisher House Foundation will break ground to add on another 30 rooms to the existing Fisher House. The Fisher House has two paid staff (the manager and the housekeeper) and 4 volunteers. What a great organization!

It is amazing how a civilian so many years ago, who never served in the military, wanted to say thank you to veterans for all they have done for our country could plant the seed for this wonderful program. Zack and Elizabeth Fisher are American heroes. They both have since passed away; their nephew, Ken Fisher now runs the organization.

I would like to thank Marge and the volunteers for all they do to make the families of our veterans feel like they are at home. If you would like to donate you can write to the Fisher House, Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center, One Veterans Dr, Minneapolis, MN 55417 or call 612-725-2157 www.fisherhouse.org

— Pat Hoy, Chair
Benevolence Committee

This congregation tithes (10%) from its plate offerings. If you know of an organization/ministry ... that is in keeping with our purpose ... please feel free to secure an application to submit for financial support in 2010. Simply call the Foundation Office at 612/670-7868 ... and provide a name and mailing address.
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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11:00 a.m. Worship Service  
Sermon: "The Requirement of Discipleship"  
Music: Don Bakke, Vocalist | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 |
| 14  | 4th Sunday in Lent  
10:00 a.m. Adult Education Class  
11:00 a.m. Worship Service  
Sermon: "The Cost of Discipleship"  
Music: Classical Sounds Trio | 15 | 16 | 17 | St. Patrick's Day | 18 | 19 | 20 |
| 21  | 5th Sunday in Lent  
10:00 a.m. Adult Education Class  
11:00 a.m. Worship Service  
Sermon: "Casual Christianity or Decisive Discipleship?"  
Music: Kerkovon School Choir | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 |
| 28  | Palm/Passion Sunday  
Distribution of Palms  
10:00 a.m. Adult Education Class  
11:00 a.m. Worship Service  
Sermon: "Tears Before Triumph"  
Music: Land of Lakes Boys Choir | 29 | 30 | 31 | | | |

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