Lest We Forget...

This Memorial Day Sunday message was preached 27 May 2012 from the historic pulpit of the Fort Snelling Memorial Chapel as "Lest We Forget Freedom's Cost" ... based on St. John 8:32-36. This sermon, along with over 500+ other titles, is available on DVDs.

Memorial Day is a time for remembering as a Nation. For over two centuries this Nation's sons and daughters have --

- fought and fallen ... in faraway forests and deserts
- soared and descended ... over lands and seas
- sailed and sunk ... in the depth of the oceans.

Why? ... for freedom's cause.

Their blood has stained the dry deserts of North Africa; soaked the beaches of Normandy; and saturated the sands of Iwo Jima. Their bodies have fallen among the hedge rows of Europe; on the jagged hills of China; and in the frozen wastelands of North Korea. Today, they still fall in near and faraway places ... for the same great cause. There's scarcely a land, ocean, or a sea on this planet that has not been hallowed by the supreme sacrifice of our nation's heroes ... as they have answered freedom's call.

Who are these patriots? ... these unassuming and non-pretentious heroes that we should remember as we give thanks for our liberty today? They were mostly just simple folk -- Citizen-Soldiers (some were called). They rallied to freedom's flag from the farms, villages, and towns of our nation's heartland. They came from the boroughs and suburbs of our great cities. These ordinary people came from all across our great land. They were not professional warriors or skilled combatants. But they were inspired by the clarion call of liberty; and moved by the sublime cause of defending their country, their homeland -- the land of their birth.

Who are these persons who willingly laid down their lives at a time of their country's greatest peril? They were those who became familiar with the strident sound of the bugle ... rising to Reveille, retiring to the sound of Retreat at the setting of the sun, and rendering honors to the soulful sound of Taps reverently played at for a fallen comrade-at-arms. These are they who marched into battle and heard the awful whine of a ricocheting bullet; the rattling roar of a machine gun; and the threatening thunder of a mortar shell ... along with the heart-rending cry of a fallen comrade.

Who were these who suffered the pangs of loneliness and pining of homesickness as they faced the hunger, thirst, relentless heat, torrential rains, and bitter cold of the field of battle? These are those brave souls who trudged onward ... until the day they fell mortally wounded. These are they who grew old in youth; burning out the candle of life in minutes; sacrificing their future tranquil years.

Who are these fellow citizens that lie buried beneath 639,455 white crosses around the world? ... and the thousands of others buried at sea. Who rest in places like Arlington, Pearl Harbor, Philippines, Flanders Fields, and a thousand hillside cemeteries all over America? ... and in the waters of the Atlantic and Pacific oceans. These are soldiers, sailors, marines, airmen, and coast guardsmen -- the 1% of this free country who believed that freedom for our children must be preserved ... whatever the cost.

On this day when we remember our veterans, let us give thanks (too) for the families who have given their sons and daughters; their fathers and mothers; their brothers and sisters ... to the call of duty. And while we are remembering: Let us never forget

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President's Corner

Are you ready to vote for the next president of the United States of America? It's easy to push down the lever in the voting booth then it is to select the candidates whose values reflect the Biblical worldview on the issues of our day. All the candidates make their promises if elected ... from making America great again to downsizing the federal government to improving the job market to free education to destroying ISIS ... and so on and so on.

After watching the debates and the one-on-one interviews with each of the candidates, you may still have concerns or questions. You may think, “What’s in it for me?” or “Can this person stand up to foreign powers?” or could he become a dictator?. These are valid questions and concerns.

But remember this: Whoever is elected president has the potential to bring back the Judeo- Christian values on which this nation was founded. To that end let's hope and pray that the candidate elected president will review the Constitution and the Ten Commandments to guide them on their way. They should also ask the Lord for guidance.

As Christians and American citizens, we need to study the candidate's values then vote for the one you think can run the country based upon the Biblical values we all share.

As you formulate the candidate you will support with your vote, you may want to check with Jesus and ask Him to give you guidance for whom to cast your vote. I don’t think He would lead you astray and He could help you make a Godly choice.

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It is a misconception that pastors cannot address political issues from the pulpit. It is a pastor's moral responsibility and 1st Amendment right to free speech.

America's Founding Fathers saw religion as a necessary component to a healthy, moral society; and didn't prohibit political talk from the pulpit. Such sermons were common at our nation's founding, and popular among pastors and churches on varying sides of the political spectrum.

Pastors are supposed to equip the saints in works of service ... and that includes representing their faith and morality in the voting booth. Contrary to popular belief, pastors can participate in politics in their individual capacity as U.S. citizens. Pastors can participate on political campaigns, hold office on political campaigns, and even endorse a candidate in their individual capacity.

With this understanding, Chaplain Beale is preaching a sermon series - "Voting Your Values." Each week he's examining a political issue and presenting the Biblical worldview of that issue. Follow the Chapel Foundation's newsletter calendars, weekly bulletins, website or Facebook page for details of issues being addressed.

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If you would like a copy of the 2015 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.
Again, "Freedom is never free." It always costs someone something. And that cost makes freedom all the more precious. It should prompt us to consider the price that has been paid to purchase and preserve it; and then ask ourselves if we are willing to stand up and be counted in the fight to preserve and expand freedom's borders in our generation.

We, as Christians, who are called (today) to fight or contend for the faith that was once delivered to the saints should never forget that this precious faith was first purchased at the Cross of Calvary. There, God gave His only begotten Son and that Son gave Himself as a sacrifice for our sins. At the Cross, we find the eternal freedom only afforded those who have forgiveness of sin; and are called to be the eternal sons and daughters of God.

We who live in a nation blessed by a Christian history and heritage have much for which we should thank God. We have a faith that is powerful and unique to our Judeo-Christian culture; a culture that is the foundation upon which our free and democratic institutions are based. As we see that foundation being inundated, eroded and washed away by the great flood-tides of promiscuity, permissiveness and perversion ... threatening to overwhelm us ... it is vital that we understand the importance of returning to and contending for the faith our forefathers purchased for us.

II. THE FREEDOM TO FEARLESSLY TELL FORTH THE FACTS OF THE GOSPEL
In our day of so many false teachings, it is such a great blessing to have the freedom to proclaim the facts of the real Gospel. It is obvious that the simple Gospel of Truth is not preached in every place where the name of Christ is spoken today. In some places, purporting to be places of Christian worship, the simple Gospel message of salvation "through Jesus Christ alone" is rarely heard ... much less preached in the boldness of the Spirit of God. It's puzzling and perplexing that places purposing to honor and worship Christ would not presently proclaim His powerful Gospel. Why is the Gospel not preached? Perhaps there is a fear of scorn and ridicule. Some preachers may fear being fired by their congregation if the truth about sin is spoken; or charged with "hate speech" by those who do not embrace the authority of God's Word. There might be many reasons for the dulling of the sharp Sword of the Spirit; the cooling of evangelistic fervor; and the loss of basic boldness in the proclaimed Word. This obvious neglect only emphasizes the importance and urgency we should attach to using our precious freedom to preach the powerful and factual Gospel of Jesus Christ.

We should praise God for those who have sacrificed to make possible the positive preaching of His pure and powerful Gospel. The facts of this Gospel are simple. Paul made this amply clear to the Church at Corinth when he said: "Now, brothers and sisters, I want to remind you of the Gospel I preached to you, which you received and on which you have taken your stand. By this Gospel you are saved, if you hold firmly to the Word I preached to you. Otherwise, you have believed in vain. For what I
received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that He was buried, that He was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures...” (I Cor. 15:1-4) This Gospel is by far the most well documented fact and validated fact of ancient history. Jesus died on a cruel Roman cross outside Jerusalem about 33 AD. He rose again three days later and was seen of hundreds on a number of well documented occasions.

This good news is a fact, not a fable.

- It is an irrefutable fact that He died because all have sinned and come short of the glory of God. (Rom. 3:23)
- It is a fact that He paid the penalty of our sin: giving Himself as a complete sacrifice. (I Peter 3:18)
- It is a fact that the purpose of His sacrifice was to enable us to stand before God: clothed in the Son’s righteousness. (2 Cor. 5:21)
- The cross is a fact.
- The empty tomb is a fact.
- His resurrection is a fact.
- Forgiveness of sin is a fact.
- Eternal life is a fact.

Therefore, we can freely preach a powerful Gospel that brings a perfectly completed salvation. It is a fact that it is finished!

Thank God for those who have purchased and maintained the freedom to fearlessly tell forth the facts of the Gospel in our day.

III. THE FREEDOM TO FACE OUR FEARS

There is no doubt we live in threatening times; the threat of cruel barbaric terrorism pervades the atmosphere at home and abroad. Hardly a day passes without hearing news of another unimaginable atrocity perpetrated upon innocent women and children. It seems there is no depth of depravity among those who are the adversaries of freedom and democracy in Judeo-Christian societies.

The extreme terrorists make it clear they hate the Western civilization; they tell us in no uncertain terms – we do not deserve to live on the same planet with them. They say (ultimately) we must convert to their fanatical version of a religion ... or die at the point of a sword. Our choice is the option of dying on our feet or living on our knees in submission to an extreme and perverted form of the religion of Islam. They make no secret of their ultimate goal: An Islamic world-rule that will conquer all mankind and place them under the harsh dictates of Shariah Law. They seem to seek to impose a barbaric, uncivilized code ... that would make the culture of the Taliban look like mere child’s play.

Is there any hope? Have our heroic men and women (who have fought for freedom’s cause in all the wars of this nation), died in vain? Are our brave men and women who are giving their limbs and lives in Afghanistan, Iraq and other locations of conflict, sacrificing in vain? I do not think so. Surely, God will answer the prayers of those who will stand for righteousness in the land (and in the world) and grant the continuing freedom we need to live and serve Him. Surely we are still privileged to pray for such a victory in our time. Surely we can use the weapons of spiritual warfare He has given us to face our fears of the forces arrayed against us and forge ahead into a future of real freedom in Christ Jesus!

In Christ, we can always be optimistic about the future. We can be sure the sun will rise tomorrow and the future will come ... if Jesus does not come in the meantime. Tomorrow may bring its own share of troubles, trials and tribulation; but it will bring along with those – the overruling providence of our great God. The words of our Savior assure us of this, “... in the world you will have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world.” (John 16:33) Our Savior is saying the obvious – if you will just stop and consider it. Each day has enough burdens and blessings of its own.

God only gives us grace and strength to live one day at a time. That’s all we really need. Tomorrow’s problems and challenges can be dealt with by His grace ... if and when tomorrow comes. Prudent planning and provision for tomorrow is wise; but undue worry about tomorrow is foolish and futile, and fails to face the future with faith ... that the God of today is also the God of tomorrow. The scriptures tell us that Jesus is the same yesterday, today and tomorrow ... and that God’s mercies are new each morning.

When we are overly fretful and fearful about tomorrow, we often rob ourselves of the peace, joy and victory God would give us today. This is not God’s will and way for us. Our outlook about the future should be reflected in the words of the Psalmist, “This [is] the day [which] the LORD has made; we will rejoice and be glad in it.” (Psalm 118:24)

Is there a real and lasting solution for the fears of tomorrow? Jesus

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does not leave us guessing about this. He clearly calls us to commit ourselves to a course of action that will effectively counter this tendency. Just what should we do? We should refocus our lives by placing Him first in all things – Seeking first His Kingdom and righteous ways. (Matt. 6:33) I understand His word choice indicates “first” – in order or at the very top of the list. His priorities as outlined in His Word should become ours. His attitudes and mind-set should also become ours. (Phil. 2:5) His spiritual affections should replace the earthly affections that so easily seduce us. (Col. 3:2) Our mind and attitudes should be so renewed that we are transformed rather than conformed. (Rom. 12:2) After all, if we are accepted in the beloved, joint-heirs with Christ and are already seated in heavenly places with Him, what have we to fear?

With all this in mind, let us once again thank God for those who have fought and died to give us...

- THE FREEDOM TO FACE OUR FEARS.
- THE FREEDOM TO FEARLESSLY TELL FORTH THE FACTS OF THE GOSPEL, AND
- THE FREEDOM TO FIGHT FOR OUR FAITH.

May we pray.

O God of eternity: We remember before You (this day) the many men and women of our Armed Forces who gave the “last full measure of devotion” ... by laying down their lives that freedom and justice could live. As we pay tribute to them ... symbolized by the display of flags and the laying of wreaths and the placing of flowers in their memory ... remind us that even more important then how long we live is how well we live. And for the countless others who lie in unmarked graves all over this world, we recall with heartfelt gratitude their sacrifices and offer them anew on the altar of liberty. Grant, O Lord, that their deaths not be in vain, and that liberty and peace continue in America through our efforts. Give us an abiding sense of the heritage our veterans have bestowed, and the grace of Your presence in our service members in uniform this day. Bless and save this land that we love so much ... and for which any of us would die, if necessary. Help us as a nation to deposit our trust not merely in military might or economic securities or in the achievements of the human mind; but in righteousness ... which (alone) exults the nation and by which (alone), peace can come. May it be that the words “In God We Trust” is not just a motto inscribed upon our currency, but a rule of life emblazoned upon our hearts. Amen.

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Just click on that link and you will be able to watch live or revisit previous services from the archive. Offerings can be achieved by clicking on the more link at the top of the page bringing you to a link Donate to Chapel Foundation.

Remember: We love to have you in-person at our services, but in the event that is not possible please join us in our ever changing and improving web presence.

You may also ‘Like’ the Fort Snelling Memorial Chapel Foundation on Facebook to view news of upcoming events.

— Matt Stokes
Publicity Committee Chair

Chapel Open House - A Sure Sign of Spring

Discussions regarding this year’s Memorial Day Open House are a sure sign of the arrival of spring. May 30, 2016 between the hours of 11:00 AM and 5:00 PM the Fort Snelling Memorial Chapel Foundation will be hosting an Open House at the Chapel. This annual event has brought many first time visitors to view, tour and be inspired by this beautiful house of prayer. The first Chaplain Frank Rideout stated:

“Primarily the Chapel will be a house of worship, but it will be much more — it is a unique and distinctive Minnesota memorial, a splendid monument to the patriotism, the moral earnestness and the convictions of the people of this state. It will be a perpetual reminder of their appreciation of those who made the supreme sacrifice in all our great wars. It will provide a shrine where the friends of those who have died for America may come, as on a holy pilgrimage, and offer up their thanks to Almighty God for the precious gift of friends who have been so fondly loved, and are now lost awhile.”

That message personifies the true meaning of Memorial Day with the Fort Snelling Memorial Chapel a wonderful place to honor those who gave their full measure.

— Matt Stokes, Publicity Committee Chair
Mother’s Day

**Motherhood** (a poem from 212 Victory Poems by Clifford Lewis)

“If I could write with diamond pen,  
Use ink of flowing gold,  
The love I have for my mother dear  
Could then not half be told.

Her sympathy has been my stay,  
Her love my guiding light,  
Her gentle hand hath soothed my ills;  
She's ever guided right.

A precious friend has mother been,  
Stood by me all the way,  
No sacrifice has been too great;  
Such love one can't repay.

So wonderful has mother been,  
So gentle, kind and good,  
That I have learned to reverence  
That sweet word, ‘Motherhood.’”

Join us Sun 8 May (11 a.m.) as we celebrate our Mothers.

— Tony Stocker, Worship Committee Chair

**Flag Day - 14 Jun**

Flag Day is considered a patriotic holiday, in the U.S. and is particularly celebrated by the Armed Forces and those veterans who have served abroad. Flag Day is celebrated on June 14th each year. While Flag Day is meant to commemorate the adoption of the American Flag, it isn’t actually a National Holiday. The adoption of Flag Day was undertaken by President Woodrow Wilson, in 1916; but it was not until 1949 that Congress enacted legislation supporting his decision. The holiday is celebrated around the country with parades and memorial services for those who have died in defense of the U.S. Flag. Pennsylvania is the only state in the Union to officially observe Flag Day. Much of the celebration of Flag Day in PA is centered around the former home of Betsy Ross (Philadelphia), the flag’s creator.

— Tony Stocker, Worship Committee Chair

Father’s Day

Father’s Day actually began when a daughter of a Civil War veteran wanted to pay tribute to her father. Her mother died during the birth of the family’s sixth child. Her father raised all six-children by himself. His daughter realizing, how selfless his sacrifices were to the family, asked the family minister if they could pay tribute to fathers. She suggested the date of 5 June - her father’s birthday. It was actually on 19 June that the service was held ... as there was not time to prepare for the 5th. This was in 1909.

In 1924, US President Calvin Coolidge made it a national event to “establish more intimate relations between fathers and their children and to impress upon the fathers the full measure of their obligations.”

In 1966, President Lyndon Johnson signed a presidential proclamation declaring the 3rd Sunday of June as Father’s Day.

Never underestimate your influence upon your children. Happy Father’s Day! Consider celebrating this special day of recognition with us on 19 June 2016 at 11:00 a.m. at the Chapel.

— Tony Stocker, Worship Committee Chair

**Pentecost**

Definition: Festival of the Christian Church occurring on the seventh Sunday after Easter. This Sunday celebrates the descent of the Holy Spirit upon Jesus’ disciples. (Note: “Pente” means five and “cost” means ten times. This refers to the fact that there were 40-days between Easter and the Ascension of the Lord and then 10-days between the Ascension and Pentecost, totaling 50-days.

Join us on Sun 15 May (11 am)

— Tony Stocker, Worship Committee Chair

**Memorial Day**

Originally called Decoration Day, Memorial Day is a day of remembrance for those who have died in service to our country. It was first observed on May 31, 1868, to commemorate the sacrifices of Civil War soldiers. By the late 1800s, many more cities and communities had begun to observe Memorial Day, and after World War I, it became an occasion for honoring those who died in all America’s wars.

In 1971, Congress declared Memorial Day a national holiday to be celebrated on the last Monday of May.

Memorial Day is celebrated at Arlington National Cemetery each year with a ceremony in which a small American flag is placed on each grave. Traditionally, the President or Vice President lay a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldiers. About 3,000 people attend the ceremony annually.

Plan to attend the Foundation’s annual Memorial Day Sunday Remembrance on 29 May at 11:00 a.m.

— Tony Stocker, Worship Committee Chair

**Armed Forces Day**

Many Americans celebrate Armed Forces Day, annually on the third Saturday of May. It is a day to pay tribute to men and women who serve in the U.S. Armed Forces.

On Aug 31, 1949, Louis Johnson, who was the U.S. Secretary of Defense, announced the creation of an Armed Forces Day to replace separate Army, Navy, and Air Force Days. The event stemmed from the armed forces’ unification under one department – the Department of Defense.
Special Patriotic/Veterans Events...

Sun, 29 May 16 — Memorial Day Remembrance — honoring the memory of those armed forces service members who gave the ultimate sacrifice.

Sun, 3 July 16 — Independence Day — celebrating the 240th birthday of our nation ... culminating in an ice cream social.


Sun, 18 Sept 16 — POW/MIA Remembrance — remembering those who are prisoners of war and those missing in action.

Sun, 6 Nov 16 — Veterans Day Remembrance — recognizing U.S. veterans of all branches of the armed forces.

Sun, 4 Dec 16 — 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.

General Plate Offering Envelopes

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

A Word From the Classroom

"Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits." (Psalm 103:2)

God has been so good to us at the Chapel! The children's ministry is growing and growing. In fact, one Sunday we had 8-kids in the Children's Church program. What a blessing for the adults leading the lesson! Can you believe I am praying for us to outgrow the 1-table and 8-chairs that we have?

In my last article in The Smelling Spirit I was begging adult members to sign up to teach and/or assist with Children's Church. Well, we now have 9-members on staff. Praise the Lord! What a joy those kids, and teachers, are.

We will be teaching through June 19th on Bible stories such as the prodigal son and Jesus saying "Let the children come onto Me." With our new format, we are covering fewer Bible stories and reviewing them more often. Also, the 4th Sunday of each month is a service project. We are also putting a strong emphasis each week on memorizing Scripture which is so very important! It says in Psalm 119:11, "Thy word have I hid in my heart that I might not sin against Thee."

Beginning June 26th and continuing through August, we will be on vacation. This will be a time of refreshing and also planning for the new year. On Sunday, September 11th, we will be back in the classroom singing, learning new stories and completing more projects. May God bless each of you with a good summer and I will see you in September.

— Leslie Henschel
Children's Ministry Coordinator

Quilts of Valor — Sunday, 17 July 2016

As many of you may recall, on Flag Day (14 Jun 2015), the Chapel Foundation honored our WWII veteran members in good standing by arranging with the Quilts of Valor Foundation to present each veteran with their own personalized Quilt of Valor.

The mission of the Quilts of Valor Foundation is to cover service members and veterans touched by war with comforting and healing quilts. Each quilt is hand-made with its own unique pattern.

This year we will be honoring each of our Chapel Korean War veteran members in good standing with a Quilt of Valor. The presentation of the quilts will be held during our 11:00 a.m. worship service on Sun, 17 Jul 2016. Members of the Quilts of Valor Foundation will be at the Chapel again this year to make the presentations.

If you are a Chapel Foundation member in good standing who served in the Korean War or you have any questions regarding this year's Quilts of Valor presentation, please contact Bev Johnson (Administrative Assistant) at the FSMCF Office on 612-888-1525. If you have any questions regarding the Quilts of Valor organization, you can visit their website at www.qovf.org.
Getting to Know You...

Joleen Stadsklev visited the historic Fort Snelling one Sunday afternoon and stumbled across the Fort Snelling Chapel while walking back to her car. She noticed a sign listing the time for Sunday worship so made a mental note to return to the Chapel some Sunday morning for church. Shortly thereafter, she attended Chapel for the first time and was pleasantly surprised by the “quality of the message” and the “Bible-based sermons.” She appreciated that the chaplains “talked about things as they were” regardless of whether it was “politically correct or not.” Joleen also enjoyed the “traditional service” and “great hymns of the faith in contrast to the “shallow” contemporary music found in so many churches today. That was over 3-years ago and Joleen has been coming faithfully to the Chapel since that time.

Joleen was the 3rd of 5-children born to Joe and Kathleen in Hudson, WI. Kathleen passed away when Joleen was 8-years old and her father remarried and moved the family to Spring Valley, WI. Spring Valley is a small farming community located in west-central Wisconsin about 1-hour east of the Twin Cities. Joleen grew up in this community and attended school grades 6-12. Joleen was raised in a religious home and was baptized, received first communion and confirmed in the Catholic Church. She remembers “praying a lot” as a child and expressing her thoughts and feelings in her daily prayers. Joleen was interested in learning about her faith and read about the lives of the saints. As a result, she developed a deep appreciation for the persecution and suffering that was endured by believers in Christ throughout the history of the church.

Following changes made by the 2nd Vatican Council, a “seed was planted” that caused Joleen (still a child) to question the “man-made rules and rituals” of the church. She had read the Epistles and Gospels in the Catholic “missal” and “knew” that what she was reading was “truth.” However, Joleen was looking for something more and decided to visit different churches. She located a church that preached the Word of God and offered Bible-based messages that she found compelling and understandable. Later, Joleen felt convicted to read the Bible cover-to-cover and was surprised to learn how well the Old and New Testaments complemented each other and the consistency of the message. One verse in particular made an impact on Joleen:

“For I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.” (Jeremiah 29:11)

Joleen took hold of this verse and the fact that God walks with us on a daily basis providing hope through His very own Son, Jesus Christ. God was preparing Joleen for a new beginning with Him at the center. Joleen has seen God’s hand at work in her life and many answers to prayer over the years since committing her life to Christ Jesus.

This writer asked Joleen about any recommendations she may have for visitors or new members to the Chapel. Without hesitation she stated, “Make a commitment to come to the Chapel each and every Sunday.” At times that may involve a long drive or bad weather, but it is “worth the effort.” Joleen added that it is important to “get involved and do something at the church.” To that end, Joleen volunteers on the Personnel Committee, and helps out during fellowship time in various capacities.

In her free time, Joleen enjoys spending time with her 5-adult children – Scott (Meghan), Ross (Sara-Michelle), Maren (Jim), Kelsy, and Brett (Lyndsey) and her 5-grandchildren, with another due in May. She appreciates the “patriotic focus” and “outreach to Vets” at the Chapel as two of her sons served in the military. Ross intended to have a career in the Army, but was seriously wounded by an IED in Iraq in 2006. He was awarded the Bronze Star and medically retired as a Captain in 2009. LTJG Brett Stadsklev is currently on active duty with the Navy as a helicopter pilot stationed in Norfolk, Virginia.

It seems appropriate to close this article with a verse from one of Joleen’s favorite hymns:

“Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart, naught be all else to me, save that Thou art; Thou my best thought by day or by night, waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

This song expresses assurance and hope in God’s protection both day and night. We are safe in the arms of God as He watches over us and nothing will divert or deter Him. Thank you Joleen for your presence and service at Fort Snelling Chapel!

Submitted by Eva Zorn
From the Flag-Line

The Flag Line was honored to have two special guests over the winter. In Dec 2015, SSGT Scott Adams came and stood in the Flag Line with Santa, (Chapel friend, Red Bartholomew). Sgt Adams, suffered severe burns in an IED explosion in Iraq. He spent several months at the Fort Sam Houston’s burn unit in TX. He will still need several surgeries in the near future. Scott brought his grandson and lovely wife, Susie, with him. They have returned several times since and joined us for the Valentine’s Day dinner on Sun 14 Feb. This American hero works with other groups to help our veterans.

Air Force TSGT Johnny Holliday was our guest on Sun 14 Feb, with his wife, Denise. Johnny is active duty Air Force and served 2-tours of duty deployed. He also is an accomplished jazz musician and plays trumpet and saxophone. He played gospel and a Valentine love song during our Christian Ed hour and shared his testimony. During the service he played the rendition of our National Anthem that he is asked to play at several sporting events with the Vikings, Timberwolves etc. He plays for the Air Force all over the country. Johnny and his wife will be going with 8-people from the Chapel to Washington DC over the Memorial Day weekend. He will have the honor of playing for the wedding of the Saluting Marine and his fundraiser/reception. The Saluting Marine was our Flag Line guest in Aug 2015. Again this year, we are excited to go to Washington DC for Memorial Day weekend to attend Rolling Thunder, the evening parade, and especially walking the rows of our fallen heroes at Arlington. Once again, we are anticipating who God will allow us to meet. HE always has the best surprises for us at Arlington. Last year we got to meet a Donut Dolly from the Vietnam War. She stayed with us for a couple hours at the grave of Army Ranger, Ben Kopp, from Rosemount, MN. No one got her name, but just last week, Ben’s mother, Jill Stephenson, heard from her. Her name is Dibbie Clark from Falls Church, VA. We will be trying to arrange for her to come to MN and visit us at the Chapel.

Angie. Angie was the mother of two active duty sons, one in the Army, one in the Marines. She loved the Chapel and had just attended our Good Friday service on the Friday before she passed away. She had filled out a card wanting to become a member. She was a true patriot and will be missed.

We have asked some special people to be our guest on the Flag Line for the upcoming months and will be announcing their names and dates as they accept our invitation. We are working on getting many of our Medal of Honor recipients to be guests in the Flag Line and at the Chapel on Sun 9 Oct. The Twin Cities will be hosting the national Medal of Honor Convention that weekend and we are hoping many will attend the Chapel before they leave.

As always, anyone who wants to join us in the Flag Line before the service and greet people as they arrive is welcome. We also help the disabled elderly with escorts and valet services to help them get into the Chapel safely. The Flag Line begins about 10:15 am.

— Don & Patricia Peerson
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