Every Saint Has a Past and
Every Sinner a Future

This message was preached on All Saints’ Sunday 1 November 2015 from the historic pulpit of the Fort Snelling Memorial Chapel as “Every Saint Has a Past and Every Sinner a Future” … based on St. Luke 5:27-32. This sermon, along with over 500+ other titles, is available on DVDs.

The Biblical account of Levi (whose other name was Matthew) was about a man who contracted with the Roman government to collect taxes from his fellow Jews; pocketed the gain for himself; was excluded from any form of community life; restricted to social life with peers within his profession; often shunned and hated by countrymen, neighbors, and even relatives. Levi’s transformation occurred when he met Jesus, the Christ. He later became an apostle and wrote a gospel account of the New Testament. When Levi excitedly gathered his colleagues for a feast with Jesus, the Pharisees and the teachers of the Law were offended and outraged by Jesus’ association with Levi (and others like him) and posed this question to the Jesus’ disciples, “Why do you eat and drink with tax collectors and sinners?” (Luke 5:30) This exchange prompts several questions:

- Will man’s past doom him to his future?
- Is repentance and change possible?
- Is salvation a momentary experience or an abiding decision?

Let’s seek to answer these questions from our scripture text … here in Luke 5.

I. THE COMING OF JESUS MAKES CONVERSION POSSIBLE (v. 27)

On the heels of Jesus calling Simon, James and John (Luke 5:1-11), He saw Levi the tax collector sitting by himself; stopped by his booth; and said two words to him: “Follow Me.” (v. 27) In all the gospel records, Levi’s calling is mentioned. Jesus spoke two forceful words: “Follow Me.”

What was amazing about Jesus’ call to Levi was that the Synoptic Gospels (Matthew, Mark, and Luke) all recorded Jesus’ two brief words to Levi in the gospel accounts – in the same way and with equal passion. And while Peter (John 21:19) and Philip (John 1:43) were given this same directive to “follow” – their response was captured only in John’s gospel account. Nothing was apparently special about their conversion; they were ordinary people; with normal jobs; receiving like treatment. Significantly, the gospels recorded, covered, and highlighted Jesus’ exclusive claim upon the most tainted member of the apostolic band – Levi the tax-collector. It was a rare, intentional, and meaningful recording. The news of Jesus’ reception of any other apostle or citizen’s conversion did not quite grab the headlines like the sinner Levi.

Now I hasten to add: Jesus looked at Levi (Luke 5:27) the same way He looked at John and Andrew (John 1:38); and the 5,000 He fed on a mountainside in Galilee (John 6:5); and the adulterous woman the scribes and Pharisees incited the crowd to stone (John 8:10). Jesus did not consider Levi any different from others who needed salvation, forgiveness, or hope. Levi was wretched, misguided, and desperate; he was demonized and reviled; an unloving, unlovable and unloved man. Jesus spotted him, sought him, and saved him. Previously, Levi sat by himself, kept to himself, and lived for himself. So Levi appreciated the visit … that would lead to the opportunity and the challenge to start all over again.

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President’s Corner

I attended the deployment ceremony of the 34th Infantry Division, The Red Bulls, on September 20, 2018. Our Associate Chaplain, Buddy Winn, deployed with the Red Bulls as their Chaplain. They are serving our country headquartered in Kuwait.

Veteran’s Day is Sunday November 11, 2018 - the Centennial of Armistice Day. This is a time to honor and thank those who are serving or have served in our military. Veteran’s Day is especially meaningful this year since the Red Bulls are locally based out of Rosemont and of course our cherished Associate Chaplain is the Command Chaplain.

In the 34th ID “Spiritual Fitness Devotional” Buddy Winn asks the troops - “How can you continue to prepare spiritually?” “You can prepare your hearts through this checklist: daily prayer, reading of God’s Word, quiet time in meditation, and fellowship with people of faith. The unknown becomes less of a threat when you’re spiritually confident and filled with hope.”

This “spiritual preparedness” - “calling on the Lord” has brought confidence and hope to our military personnel since our country’s founding. Our country’s Christian heritage is strong and I believe is intertwined with the national Veteran’s Day celebration. I am proud to be a member of our Chapel - “Where the Veteran is Remembered.” It is especially meaningful when we celebrate Veteran’s Day.

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If you would like a copy of the 2017 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.

— Your Board of Directors

We Have Exciting News to Share!

As you may recall, Chaplain Ken made a commitment to the Fort Snelling Memorial Chapel Foundation when he decided not to retire in October 2018. As a commitment to Chaplain Ken, the Board of Directors, at their September 8th meeting, unanimously approved a 5-year employment contract for Ken ... in keeping with our ByLaws which state that the chaplain serves "at will" of the Board. This means as long as Chaplain Ken is in good standing – and has the desire to serve as Senior Chaplain – he will be leading our congregation for another five years.

The Board felt 5-years was the right amount of time to move the FSMCF forward. Our goal is to create a stable environment allowing for consistent ministry for years to come. We believe this stability will help us grow the FSMCF ... thus allowing us to pass this Godly fellowship on for generations to come.

We are excited about the future of FSMCF. If you have any thoughts about how to help us grow in spiritual maturity, enhance the fellowship or financial steadiness, please contact the FSMCF office.

Working together, we can accomplish great things to the honor and glory of God.

— Your Board of Directors
Levi reminds me of John Newton and the long journey he took before his transformation took place. Today we know Newton as one of the greatest English hymn-writers in history, whose song “Amazing Grace” was dubbed America’s favorite hymn and who’s story is often told. Newton earned his livelihood the most detestable way. Although Newton himself was made a slave when he was a young man for deserting ship, he (too) entered the industry; captured unsuspecting natives; and transported ships of them for commerce along the African Coast. In 1748, when his ship ran into a violent storm that threatened to sink the ship, Newton cried for mercy; begged for forgiveness; and got a reprieve when the storm passed. Newton kept his word; made up for lost time; and quit his post. Later, Newton studied for the ministry; became a pastor when he was 39-years old; and actively campaigned against slavery. He single-handedly wrote hundreds of hymns. In his old age, when reading was beyond him, Newton said, “Though I am not what I ought to be, nor what I wish to be, nor yet what I hope to be, I can truly say I am not what I once was: a slave to sin and Satan. I can heartily join with the apostle and acknowledge that by the grace of God I am what I am!” In his death Newton’s tombstone read, “John Newton, Clerk, once an infidel and libertine, a servant of slaves in Africa, was, by the rich mercy of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, preserved, restored, pardoned, and appointed to preach the faith he had long labored to destroy.”

Jesus is willing, able and present to rescue, deliver, and transform sinners like you and I. To the

II. THE COMPANY OF JESUS MAKES CHANGE NATURAL (vs. 28-29)
The narrative now turned to Levi, and what he did naturally to show his sincerity, rebirth, and transformation. According to verse 28, Levi made up his mind, determined in his heart, and resolved in his being to leave everything behind to follow Jesus. Getting out of his chair and stepping out of his office were drastic steps to take. Levi left a controversial job, a confusing lifestyle, but a stable income. He would never find a more secure and lucrative job. In today’s world, it means leaving guaranteed stock options, corporate perks, and a comfortable nest egg … and letting Jesus be the boss, director, and person in charge of your life. Levi slammed the door, turned the key, and closed the chapter on his old job or lifestyle.

Levi’s concern for his old job was replaced by concern for his old friends. He took out his savings, paid for a huge party, and invited all his friends – many of them former colleagues who now not only had an opportunity to listen to Levi and other converts’ testimony, but also to meet Jesus.

CE Class Study

AMERICAN HERITAGE SERIES
With Historian David Barton

Discover the forgotten and astonishing story of our nation’s founding in this video series being presented each Sunday (10:00-10:30 a.m.) in the Fellowship Hall.

For centuries, we were taught a providential view of American history that presented our godly heroes and the moral foundation upon which our nation was built. However, in recent years, a new version of history has assailed the fiber of our nation, censoring the core values of our past – until today! From separation of church and state to the civil rights movement, from the heroism of our founding fathers to the building of our nation’s monuments, this series will inspire every American to reclaim the godly, true story of our nation. Experience the untold story of our nation’s history in the American Heritage Series.

America: This is your heritage!
in person and hear the gospel for themselves. Levi was not a fanatic who sold his house, hid in seclusion, or disappeared from family, friends, and society. In fact, he desired nothing more than to include them in his witness circle, invite them to ask questions, and introduce them to the Savior. He offered his house as a gospel center to make the occasion as informal and as pleasant as possible for the non-believing crowd. There was nothing more precious, joyous, and meaningful to Levi than the turnaround and salvation of his former coworkers.

The new Levi was no longer feverishly chasing after riches, but calmly following behind Jesus. He had discovered a new purpose, a new attitude, and a new priority in life. He was done with the past, optimistic of the future, and currently under new management.

Let me ask you: Are you afraid of making a commitment to Jesus? ... desertion by friends? ... leaving or losing your all? You are never alone, poor or powerless if you have Jesus. For our sakes, Jesus, though He was rich, became poor so that through His poverty we might become rich (2 Corinthians 8:9).

III. THE COMMENDATION OF JESUS MAKES CRITICISM BEARABLE (vs. 30-32)

What Jesus said in the final 3-verses of text boiled down to three questions:

- Who needed a doctor? (v 31 - "It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick")
- Who did Jesus call? (v 32a - "I have not come to call the righteous ...")
- And what was required? (32b - "... sinners to repentance")

Who needs a doctor? You don't have to be religious, but you've got to recognize what your condition is; who can help you; and why you need help.

Who is Jesus calling today? Not those who have the answers, but those who are looking for answers.

What is required? Salvation is available to all who are willing to turn from sin and turn to God.

Levi had the right approach. Jesus commended and defended him. Like his master, Levi was not bothered by what others thought, what they noticed, and what they said of those who came. Sinners needed the gospel, the opportunity was present, and Jesus had come to save sinners. Levi's friends were eager and willing to hear the account of Levi's conversion; were longing for the opportunity to meet and hear Jesus for themselves; and see what can be done for them, with them, and about them. Jesus did not condone the tax-collectors' lifestyle - but He welcomed their presence. He did not forbid, prevent or criticize their attendance or coming - but extended to them the same patience, love, and forgiveness Levi received.

Once, Charlie Brown was upset at his dirty little friend Pig-pen's presence at the same party with him. Charlie Brown saw Pig-pen heading to the house and exclaimed, "Good grief! He didn't even change clothes! I can't believe it!" He proceeded to lecture Pig-pen, "You're not going to Violet's birthday party looking like that??!!" Pig-pen looked at himself and asked, "So what's wrong??" Charlie Brown threw his hands in the air and said, "So what's wrong?! You're a mess, that's what's wrong!!" They won't even let you in the house, Pig-pen! They'll bar you at the door!" Pig-pen said, "Oh, I don't think so..." Charlie Brown raised his voice: "Of course, they will! You won't be welcome at all! Your appearance will be insulting!"

Before Charlie Brown could finish his words, the door swung open, and Violet invited them in: "Well! Pig-pen! Come in! Come on in! How nice to see you! How nice of you to come!" Pig-pen brought out a gift and presented it to Violet with both his hands. Violet gushed, "Oh, thank you! You shouldn't have!" As Violet left him, Pig-pen turned around, closed his eyes, thumbed his nose at Charlie Brown, and declared, "The present was clean!"

I hope you have gathered from this text (and others) that Jesus didn't quite agree, comply or live up to people's expectations. In the presence of the Pharisees and the teachers of the Law, Jesus embraced Levi the tax collector, defended his methods, and vindicated his actions. Jesus had come for sinner's repentance. He Himself would often suffer criticism, misunderstandings and rejection till His death for being in the company of lost sinners. The Pharisees did not understand why Jesus would associate with tax-collectors and sinners. Jesus had no reservations. He did not come to call the sinners to eat, drink, or be merry. He had come to call them to repentance, to return to and reconcile with God.

It's been said ... as my sermon title states - "Every saint has a past and every sinner a future." Jesus came for those who are less than perfect; those who are far from perfect; and those who are anything but perfect. God made Jesus who had no sin to be sin
Celebrate the Season!

Christmas Garden of Poinsettias
A tradition at the Chapel is to adorn the altar area with beautiful poinsettia plants at our Christmas Eve Candlelight Service (4:00 p.m.). The Chapel is made alive with color. You can participate by purchasing a red, pink or white plant(s) — $15 each. 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. Plants will be on sale in the Fellowship Hall starting 11 Nov - 2 Dec. Plants may be taken following the 4:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Candlelight Service.

— Worship Committee

Christmas Eve
On Mon, Dec 24th we will have a worship service at 4:00 p.m. Join in the singing of the carols ... accompanied by our Organist — Dr. Desi Klempay — on the historic Kimball pipe organ ... in the beauty of candlelight and of a garden of poinsettias. The special music will be the “Regency Trio” and “Touching Hearts” ... featuring instrumental and vocal. A shuttle bus will be available.

— Worship Committee

Advent
Soon we will be entering into the Season of Advent, which in Latin means “The Coming.” The Advent Wreath is a circle which symbolizes the eternity of God. The lighting of the first candle represents Expectation. The second candle represents Hope. The third represents Purity. The fourth represents Love. The Christ Candle lit on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day reminds us that Jesus is the “Light of the World.” In this busy time of preparation and anticipation, remember it is better to give than to receive. Once you receive the gift of Jesus, you will want to give the gift of Jesus to others. He is the never ending gift.

— Worship Committee

Christmas Cookies Needed
The Kitchen Angels are requesting cookie donations for Sundays Dec 2, 16, and 23 for our fellowship hour. Sign-up on the board just outside the Chapel kitchen. Thank you.

— Carol Nygaard
Fellowship Hour Coord.

Annual Christmas Luncheon
Mark your calendars for the Annual Christmas Luncheon on Sun, Dec 9th (1:00 p.m.) at the Embassy Suites — Airport located at 7901 34th Avenue S. in Bloomington. Tickets are $26 for adults and $18 for children 10 and under. The menu will be your choice of Pork Chop w/ maple glaze or Lemon Chicken. Tickets will go on sale in the Fellowship Hall after the worship service from Nov 4th thru Dec 2nd. Tickets MUST be purchased in advance. No tickets will be sold at the door. It's a great opportunity to fellowship together as we celebrate our Saviors birth.

— Mel Henschel
Fellowship Committee
Operation Christmas Child

Operation Christmas Child is a part of the Samaritan’s Purse, an evangelical Christian International relief organization headed by Franklin Graham. Since 1993 more than 100M boys and girls in over 130 countries have experienced God’s love through the power of simple shoebox gifts.

Again this November we have an opportunity for cheerful giving when we collect and deliver stacks of lovingly filled shoeboxes to be sent to needy children around the world through Samaritan’s Purse which works with local churches and ministry partners around the world to deliver the gifts and share the life changing Good News of Jesus Christ.

At the request of Samaritan’s Purse, we will be providing their boxes for distribution. We will not be using the plastic boxes. This enables Samaritan’s Purse to better pack the gifts for shipping overseas.

When filling your shoeboxes, think “Boy or Girl” in one of three age brackets: 2-4; 5-9; or 10-14. Some ideas of items to include in the shoebox: stuffed animal, doll, hand puppet, small cars, plastic animals, ball, jump rope, yo-yo, harmonica, tote bag, pencils, erasers, sharpener, crayons, markers, colored pencils, drawing paper, notebook, scissors, glue stick, coloring book, stickers, solar calculator, small flashlight and batteries, headbands, bracelets, comb, brush, toothbrush (no toothpaste due to customs requirements), soap, washcloth, small plastic cup. No liquids, candy, or gum!!

This is a nice opportunity to give kids a wonderful surprise during the Christmas season.

Please see Barb Stocker or Sharon Coyne if you would like to make a donation toward the purchase of items to fill the shoeboxes or if you have any questions. Boxes will be available Oct 14, 21, and 28 and need to be filled and returned to the Chapel no later than November 4.

— Mel Henschel
Fellowship Committee

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. Thank you.

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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Creation Corner

“For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes, His eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly seen, being understood through what has been made, so that they are without excuse.”
(Romans 1:20)

I recently returned from a trip to the Canadian Rockies of western Alberta with a side trip to Waterton and Glacier Parks. I had been looking forward to taking the trip with my daughter, Anita, to revisit the Rockies after seeing them for the first time when en route to the Yukon and Alaska on an adventure trip back in the late 80's. I had particularly remembered the mountains with the "Zig-zag Folds" or "Chevron Folds" as they are sometimes referred to, of Jasper National Park (but are also found throughout the world). I had kept an eye out for these mountain formations, but never did see the same formations that I was looking for ... until we were almost back to Calgary, where I nabbed a quick photo of some folded mountains off in the distance. Not exactly the same geological formations I had remembered, but yet a pretty good representation of Chevron Folds — showing what can happen when the “sprinting” plates of the earth’s crust are pushed westward from the mid-oceanic rift 2 — and the front end of the plates suddenly strikes an immovable obstacle: the result was the catastrophic folding of the mountains like the pleats of an accordion! Another way to picture this is to imagine what a crash-test car might resemble after impacting a concrete wall at 50 mph. Below is an article describing how the only way these folds can occur, without fracturing, is that they were laid down in horizontal layers of flood sediments, and then subsequently forced into these thrusts and zig-zag patterns while the sediments were still soft and possibly still quite damp — and then, later, hardened into rock.

1 A strong evidence for the rapid formation of the geology of our planet is the widespread existence of folded sediment throughout the mountain chains of the world. Three-fourths of the surface of the Earth is made up of sedimentary rocks. Sedimentary rocks are made up of individual particles or sediments compressed and hardened to form rocks such as shale, limestone, slate, mudstone, coal, and sandstone. Sedimentary rocks are generally formed underwater. Surprisingly, even the highest mountains on Earth, jutting an incredible 29,000 feet above sea level, are covered with sedimentary rocks.

Geologists find these sedimentary layers throughout the mountain ranges of the world. Surprisingly, many of the mountain's places. Unbroken, bent sediment layers could only happen if the mountains were pushed up rapidly while the sediment layers were still soft and pliable. Heated rock can be bent but the structure of the rock changes and these bent sediments show no sign of this kind of structural change.

The Bible explains the evidence best. The worldwide flood left thousands of feet of unconsolidated and re-arranged sediment across the surface of the planet. During the Flood, there would have been rapid continental movements causing the mountains to be uplifted. The recently laid down flood sediments would have been soft and pliable when the uplift took place. This would have resulted in the folded and bent sedimentary rocks within the mountain chains. Thus finding folded and bent sedimentary rock layers is not only to be expected but predicted by this Biblical model because the rock layers could have been soft and pliable when the uplift took place.

“The mountains rose; the valleys sank down to the place which You established for them.”
(Psalm 104:8)

— Submitted by: John Kruse

2 Many creationists believe that the thousands of miles long mid-oceanic rift or ridge, is the cleft in the earth where the fountains of the great deep broke open to initiate the great deluge: “In the six hundredth year of Noah’s life, in the second month, the seventeenth day of the month, the same day were all the fountains of the great deep broken up, and the windows of heaven were opened.” (Genesis 7:11)
A Word From the Classroom

“Behold, children are a heritage from the LORD.”
(Psalm 127:3)

What do these things have in common? Face painting, slime, a piñata, bean bag toss, T-shirt decorating, prizes not won but awarded, twelve happy children, and eight dedicated adults? No idea? Then you should have been at the Chapel on 9 Sep 2018 to witness the 2nd Annual Fun Fest for the Children’s Ministry. It was the kick-off for a new year of learning and fun for kids 4 thru 6th grade.

Now look up your answers and see how many are correct! If you are attending the Chapel, and I hope you are, ask the kids during fellowship time what they learned “today” in Children’s Church.

— Leslie Henschel,
Children’s Church Coordinator

Social Media

If you are under the weather or out of town, you can still attend worship services at this site http://new.livestream.com/accounts/3709164. A link to this address can be found on the Chapel website www.fortsnellingmcf.org where you can download a pdf of the weekly worship bulletin and scripture insert. 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 via Livestream.

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

If you have an e-mail address and are not currently receiving the mid-week ‘Chapel Chatter’ … providing you with what you need to know about the coming Sunday at the Chapel, please send an e-mail to the Chapel Foundation [info@fortsnellingmcf.org] and request to be added to this Constant Contact distro list.

— Your Publicity Committee
Great Hymns of the Faith

One of the most popular hymns sung in church today is “What a Friend We Have in Jesus” — written by Joseph Scriven and set to music by Charles Converse. Though beloved as a hymn, few people today know the story behind this wonderful song of praise composed in 1855. Joseph Scriven, (1819-1896) was born in Dublin, Ireland where he graduated from Trinity College. In 1845, Joseph was engaged to be married to a lady whom he had known and loved for a very long time. The wedding date had been set and the arrangements made but tragically, his fiancé drowned accidentally one day prior to the wedding. Joseph was grief-stricken at the news and slipped into a deep depression. Shortly thereafter, in an effort to begin a new life, he left his homeland and emigrated to Canada. While in Canada, he began working as a teacher and fell in love anew with a young woman - Eliza Roche. But once again, his dreams were dashed when Eliza became ill and died prior to the wedding. As a result of these tragic experiences, Joseph came to recognize his dependence on Christ and to that end wrote his wonderful poem about Jesus as the comforter and burden-bearer for sinners. Around the same time that Eliza died, Scriven received word from Ireland that his mother was ill. He could not go to be with her, so composed a letter of comfort and included one of his poems — which later became known as “What a Friend We have in Jesus.”

In this beautiful hymn, we learn that Jesus is the answer to all sorrow and that it is in this place of suffering that our Lord meets us, comforts us and leads us into the light of his salvation and truth.

He is truly our Lord and Savior and our closest friend to whom we confide and offer our prayers recognizing that “His grace is sufficient for us.”

What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer!

Can we find a friend so faithful who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness; take it to the Lord in prayer!

As believers, we have assurance that Jesus loves us, has a plan for us and will never forsake us!

— Submitted by Eva Zorn

What A Friend We Have In Jesus
Words: Joseph M. Scriven, 1855.
Sermon Series on CDs — “God’s Divine Sanctifying of Man’s Defying Statuary”

History is clear: Empires that forget their founding ultimately collapse. At its core, the freedom and prosperity we enjoy in America are the consequences of individuals whose self-conscious acknowledgment of God, and their willingness to order and administer our constitutional republic consistent with the laws of nature and nature’s God.

Our heritage of faith and freedom is largely forgotten today or so distorted as to be unrecognizable. Add to this, the recent defying of statuary to many of these Godly people.

This sermon series closely examines their deeds and words; their character as was said of them during their lifetimes; and their personal love for Jesus Christ — is available in this CD set. The cost is $10.00/set if you pick up your set(s) or $13.00/set if you would like it mailed to you or someone.

Let us join in proclaiming the truth ... for all to hear ... before it’s too late!

Sermon Series on CDs — “Voting Your Values”

Still available is Chaplain Ken’s sermon series from 2016. Given the current political climate and coming midterm elections, it is important for Christians to understand the Biblical Truth of these issues.

Purchase this packaged set of 14 messages (with printed outlines) for $20 in the Chapel Fellowship Hall or mailed to you or someone else (for an additional $5).

Call the Chapel Foundation office (952/888-1525) to secure your set of CDs ... we have just 11 CD sets left ... so get yours before they are gone.

CDs of our Organist —

Dr. Desi Klempay performing on the Wooddale Church pipe organ - are available for purchase ($10 ea.) any Sunday in the Fellowship Hall of the Chapel.
ALZHEIMER

I'd like to write a little bit about Alzheimer's. This is kind of a self-awareness for yourself, friends or family members. If you notice any of these early signs it is best to seek medical help as soon as possible. A lot of people are concerned when they start to forget things, remember short- and long-term memory decrease in effectiveness as we age, this does not necessarily mean the onset of Alzheimer.

1. However, there are certain types of memory loss that can be an early warning. Such as not remembering important life events. The birth of a granddaughters, or asking the same question repeatedly, or telling the same story over and over. If you notice this kind of memory challenges its helpful to have them take notes or make to-do lists. Begin the process of convincing a friend or family member it's time for a checkup.

2. Early onset is often characterized by being disoriented as to time or places. A person may not be sure where they are or how they got there.

3. If you notice challenges with simple tasks, they may forget to water their plants, or worse turn off the stove or range, or unplug the iron.

4. Problem solving can quickly become an issue, managing a budget, paying bills on time, poor judgement about spending, following directions and managing daily frustrations.

5. One characteristic of Alzheimer's that makes driving a vehicle particularly hazardous is difficulty with depth perception, and seeing contrasts, which makes one easily become disoriented. These symptoms can be recognized if a person is having challenges seeing or understanding a picture or photograph.

6. Problems with speech, vocabulary, and fragmented sentence formation. Also, mismatching common expressions or inappropriately applying them to a situation.

7. We all at times misplace things but an indicator of dementia or early onset is when a person gets angry at misplacing items or at not being able to locate the item.

8. Also, be aware of mood swings, anxiety, depression, even a little paranoia as people seem to be making assessments of one's behavior.

9. As a person begins to go through onset they may become socially withdrawn their self-awareness notices a change in the cognitive style and their behavior and they want to hide that from family and friends. This social isolation can lead to depression.

It's important to be aware of these indicators. Once Alzheimer begins it progresses rapidly. It's very important to seek medical help immediately. Many people because of not wanting to hurt someone's feelings, or because of not wanting to upset anyone will put off the initial medical visit. It is also important to remember that Alzheimer's is not personal. It's difficult when someone does not remember you, is often anxious or angry because of what they know is happening to them.

Initially Alzheimer's is very personal for the one suffering the onset and there can be dramatic changes in one's personality. When you begin to notice some of the symptoms, intervene, help with the bills, or transportation, stop by for a visit or convincing someone to see a Doctor. Love and support are the most important things you can offer.

— Tom Newman

Pearl Harbor Sunday

We remember a time of great evil in our world when World War II broke out. We remember those who stood their ground against great evil. Those who fought at home and on the battlefronts to insure that evil would not win.

We, at the Ft Snelling Memorial Chapel, will continue to honor and remember those brave individuals who fought against this great evil and whose bravery has allowed freedom and hope to prevail.

Please join us in our Pearl Harbor Remembrance Service on Sun, Dec 2, 2018 (11:00 a.m.). The Chord Ayres Male Chorus will provide special music honoring their bravery and sacrifice, and a Governor's Proclamation will be read.

— Tony Stocker
Worship Committee
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: "Fall on Your Face"  
Guest: CH (COL-Ret) Howie Krienke  
Music: The Wickman Duo, Vocal & Instrumental |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2   | 3   | 4   | 5   | 6   | 7   | 8   |
| 1st Sunday of Advent  
Pearl Harbor Remembrance  
10:00 a.m. Christian Education Class  
11:00 a.m. Worship Service  
Sermon: Joseph - "I'm Dreaming, Right?"  
Music: Chord Ayres | 1:00 p.m. Annual Christmas Luncheon |  |  |  |  |  |
| 9   | 10  | 11  | 12  | 13  | 14  | 15  |
| 2nd Sunday of Advent  
10:00 a.m. Christian Education Class  
11:00 a.m. Worship Service  
Sermon: Mary - "How Can This Be?"  
Music: Tamara Henschel, Flutist |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 16  | 17  | 18  | 19  | 20  | 21  | 22  |
| 3rd Sunday of Advent  
10:00 a.m. Christian Education Class  
11:00 a.m. Worship Service  
Sermon: "Don't Miss the Baby"  
Music: Allen/Matt Carlson |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 23  | 24  | 25  | 26  | 27  | 28  | 29  |
| 4th Sunday of Advent  
10:00 a.m. Christian Education Class  
11:00 a.m. Worship Service  
Sermon: "When Customs Choke Christmas Celebrations"  
Music: Congregational Hymn Sing | 4:00 p.m. Worship  
Candlelight Service  
Sermon: "The Christmas Guest"  
Music: Regency Trio & Touching Hearts |  |  |  |  |  |
| 24 Christmas Eve | Christmas |  |  |  |  |  |

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