This message was preached 23 Nov 2014 from the historic pulpit of the Fort Snelling Memorial Chapel as "Just Be Thankful" ... based upon 1 Timothy 4:1-5. This sermon, along with over 500+ other titles, is available on DVDs.

For Americans, Thanksgiving typically involves sitting down and eating a large meal with friends and family. The root of this tradition is grounded in the very first Thanksgiving meal eaten by the Pilgrims. You'll recall, the Pilgrims sailed for 9-weeks on the open seas, and the 102-Puritans arrived in America on November 9, 1620. That first winter was very difficult, and they weren't prepared for the hardships they had to endure. It was difficult for them to care for the sick, because the sick actually outnumbered those who were healthy. During the Pilgrim's difficult time, the Native Americans stepped in and provided them with food to eat.

A leader of the colony, named Edward Winslow, commented on the first Thanksgiving writing this: "Many of the Indians [were] coming amongst us, and among the rest their greatest King Massasoit, with some 90-men, whom for 3-days we entertained and feasted, and they went out and killed 5-deer, which they brought to the plantation and bestowed on our governor, and upon the captain and others."

Three years after landing in the 'New World' (in 1623), after having gathered the harvest, the governor of the Plymouth Colony, William Bradford, proclaimed: "All ye Pilgrims with your wives and little ones, do gather at the Meeting House, on the hill ... there to listen to the pastor, and render thanksgiving to the Almighty God for all His blessings." Bradford had not forgotten God's provision during that first hard winter; nor had he forgotten the Lord's provision at harvest time and in each and every day.

Thanksgiving is about being thankful for God's continual, never-ending provision in our lives. This year when we sit down to eat our Thanksgiving dinner we must realize that the food on our table is a great blessing, and it represents only a small portion of the abundance that God has bestowed on us here in America. We must realize that just as God provided the food on our table, He has provided every good thing we have in our lives! The Bible says, "Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and comes down from the Father of lights." (James 1:17)

Well, looking at our scripture text (1 Timothy 4:1-5), there are at least two truths revealed:

I. There Are Unthankful People in the Last Days
"Now the spirit expressly says that in latter times some will depart from the faith, giving heed to deceiving spirits and doctrines of demons, speaking lies in hypocrisy, having their own conscience seared with a hot iron, forbidding to marry, and commanding to abstain from foods which God created to be received with thanksgiving by those who believe and know the truth." (1 Timothy 4:1-3)

Paul spoke to Timothy of "latter times" - meaning the last days. Jesus said we can't know the day or hour of His return (Matthew 24:36); but we can know the season by the things we observe (Matthew 24:32-33).

Paul shared with Timothy about some of the things that signify the season before the end:
**People will depart from their faith in Christ,** believing instead the doctrine of demons (v. 1).
There are a lot of people (today) who'll worship other gods before they'll ever submit to the lordship of Jesus Christ!

**People will also speak lies in hypocrisy** (v. 2). Have you

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President's Corner

November 12th is National Bible Sunday. It is actually International Day of the Bible. Bible loving people will proclaim their thankfulness for the Bible. We are experiencing so many attacks from the enemy on peace loving Christians worldwide. We desperately need to lean on the truth as expressed in the Bible. On this day we celebrate the greatness and blessings of God's Word, Psalm 27 comes to mind. Verse 6 reads, "And now my head shall be lifted up above my enemies all around me; therefore I will offer sacrifices of joy in His tabernacle. I will sing, yes, I will sing praise to the Lord."

This year we celebrate Christmas Sunday and Christmas Eve on December 24th. We are so fortunate to be able to freely celebrate Christ's birth at the Chapel among the Lord's faithful.

Thank you Lord for giving us the freedom to worship Jesus who died for our sins.

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noticed how hard it is to trust anyone these days? Perhaps you have wondered why that is? Simply said: It's because we are hard-pressed to find honesty and integrity anywhere!

We also read that **people will forbid to marry** (v. 3). How many people today forgo marriage in order to pursue a career; or perhaps, decide to live with a partner outside of holy wedlock? We're indeed living in the last days!

In verse 3, we read that in these days **people will command “to abstain from foods which God created to be received with thanksgiving by those who believe and know the truth.”** Does the term “vegetarian” ring a bell? How many people in war-torn Somalia do you think are vegetarians by choice? If you brought in a planeload of pigs and cattle, no one would complain! Listen: People in America can be vegetarian or establish whatever diet they so desire, because of the abundance of food we have in our country. If you have abundance, then it's easy to be picky! The point is: Paul said that in the last days people will command “to abstain from certain foods.” (v. 3) Verse 3 tells us that all food is to be **“received with thanksgiving by those who believe and know the truth.”** Believe what, and know what truth? Paul was referring to those who believe in Jesus as Lord and Savior - the One who makes all things new. Jesus can take our unclean and sinful life and turn it into a new creation (2 Corinthians 5:17); and He can take unclean and unpurified food and make it safe to eat (Acts 10:14). The truth that Paul referred to was the knowledge of Christ's redeeming and cleansing power. Jesus said, “You shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.” (John 8:32) Therefore, by the liberating knowledge of the redemption we have in Christ, a person can be free from the concern of impurity (spiritually speaking); and as Paul shows us (culinarily-speaking).

In Acts chapter 10, we read where Peter was hungry, and he had a dream in which a sheet was lowered down from heaven containing “all kinds of four-footed animals of the earth, wild beasts, creeping things, and birds of the air.” (Acts 10:12) The Jewish people had laws against eating certain kinds of animals. The Lord told Peter to eat, and he replied, “Not so, Lord! for I have never eaten anything common or unclean.” (v. 14) The Lord then told him, “What God has cleansed you must not call common.” (v. 15) God wasn't just referring to food, but to the fact that He would take unclean Gentiles, purify them, and use them for His kingdom purposes! The Lord can purify anyone and anything! We need to accept His purifying grace, and be thankful for His desire to cleanse not just food, but also people!

Let's consider again how people in the last days will abstain from foods. Some people will choose to become vegetarian or go on certain diets for health reasons ... which is understandable. But keep in mind that many of the health-related problems we have concerning the foods we eat have to do with the fact that we don't know how to handle abundance. We're just poor stewards. We have so much food that we overeat; and we eat way too much of the bad stuff ... all because we can! We have too much variety to choose from, and an overabundance of provision! No food that God has created is bad or unhealthy if we learn how to balance our diet and stop the excess and abuse.

I'm not here to teach you about eating right, but to say that we are richly blessed with an abundance of food and resources in this country, and we need to be thankful and gratefully receive all that God has given us; and we need to learn how to use it wisely. We're also blessed by knowing Jesus Christ, the One who purifies us from our sins and provides the bread of His precious body that was broken on our behalf. In the last days we'll see a lot of unthankful people, who'll neither be thankful for God's provision of food nor thankful for His salvation. Therefore, let's not become one of them! Rather, let's be like those referenced in verses 4-5 of our text.

**II. We Must Be Thankful for All of God's Gifts**

Paul said, “For everything creature of God is good, and nothing is to be refused if it is received with thanksgiving; for the earth is the Lord's, and all its fullness.” (1 Timothy 4:4-5)

In 1 Corinthians 10:25-26, Paul said, “Eat whatever is sold in the meat market, asking no questions for conscience sake; for the earth is the Lord's, and all its fullness.” Everything on earth is the Lord's, Paul said, and we read in Genesis how in the beginning God created everything good (Genesis 1:10,12). Everything that God created is good. This includes plants, animals ... and at one time, before “the fall” ... even people. Human beings were originally created as good, but we're now impure and unrighteous (Romans 3:10), because we
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chose to separate ourselves from God and rebel against Him, which is called sin.

God can make us clean (again) if we choose to submit to Him and confess His Son Jesus as Lord and Savior. Isaiah said, "Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall be as wool." (Isaiah 1:18)

If you want to be identified as one of God’s good creatures, or as His righteous creation, and become as one who is not refused – as one who is not rejected by the Lord – then you must believe in and confess Jesus as the One who died for your sins to grant you the forgiveness of sin and eternal life. "If you declare with your mouth, ‘Jesus is Lord,’ and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved." (Romans 10:9-10)

The Lord loves us so much that He always provides for our needs. First of all, He provides us with salvation from sin; and secondly, He provides for our daily needs. Jesus said, "Do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. But seek first His Kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well." (Matthew 6:31-33). God gives us so much that people take His provision for granted.

You've no doubt heard the expression, "Beggars can't be choosy." We're so choosy and picky simply because God has spared us from being beggars! The Lord has spared most people in the United States from lacking food and provision, and it's about time that we start thanking Him and receiving all His provision with thanksgiving!

We read (here in our text) that the food God gives us is consecrated by the Word of God and prayer.” (v. 5). Consecrated means, “made holy, sanctified and purified.” Listen: If you're concerned that your food is unhealthy, realize that it's purified by the Word and prayer. What is the Word? The "word" (here) is referring to the "promise" that what He's provided is safe and good. We also read here of prayer. When we pray for the food we receive, thanking the Lord in faith for His provision and believing in our heart that it's safe to eat, He purifies it and uses it for our nourishment. What God has created is good. The way it becomes unhealthy is when people ruin it through sin; whether it be overeating, or manipulating God's creation.

My friends: When you sit down with your friends and family for Thanksgiving dinner, remember to be thankful for God's provision; and be sure to trust His promise that what He has provided is good. Also, keep in mind how blessed we are in this country to have such abundance, and don't take God's provision for granted. Especially remember to be thankful for the provision of the forgiveness of sin and eternal life found in God's Son, Jesus Christ!

The Lord not only purifies food and makes it safe to eat ... and something for which we can thank Him ... but He purifies...

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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 19 Nov - 3 Dec. Plants may be taken following the 4:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Candlelight Service.

— 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 Eve

On Sun, Dec 24th we will have a worship service at 4:00 p.m. Join in the singing of the carols … accompanied by our Minister of Music — Marlys Wallman — 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

Christmas Cookies Needed

The Kitchen Angels are requesting cookie donations for Sundays Dec 3 & 17 for our fellowship hour. Sign-up on the board just outside the Chapel kitchen. Thank you.

— Fellowship Committee

Carol Nygaard
Coordinator

Annual Christmas Luncheon

Sun, Dec 10th at 1:00 p.m. — Join your Chapel friends and their guests at our Annual Christmas Luncheon. It will be held at Embassy Suites — Airport located at 7901 34th Avenue South in Bloomington, MN. Tickets are $26 each for adults and $18 each for children 10-years-of-age and younger. This year you will have your choice of either Bone-in Pork Chop w/maple bacon glaze or Champagne Chicken pan seared chicken breast w/roasted grapes & leeks in a light cream sauce. The children's menu will be chicken strips and French fries. Tickets will go on sale after worship in the Chapel Fellowship Hall starting Nov 5th thru Dec 3rd. Tickets MUST be purchased in advance. No tickets will be sold at the door or purchased after Dec 3rd. — Fellowship Committee
The Missing Cannons

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

One of the amazing things I have learned since I started writing about the history of the Fort Snelling Chapel is the number of people that have approached me with new information about the Chapel that may or may not have been written about in the past.

For example, I recently received an e-mail from Chaplain Beale that he received from a reader of "The Snelling Spirit." After reading the article, "The End of an Era—The Start of a Struggle" our reader stated that the article was "prompting me to send this advisory about something of which you may not be aware. I can tell you this: The Chapel owns a pair of bronze Civil War cannon barrels worth between $10,000 and $50,000 each." To his knowledge the cannons had been "stored in such an obscure place in the archives of the old building of the Minnesota Historical Society" that he had never seen them. [The reader is speaking of the time when the Society operated out of the building that now houses the MN Supreme Court and had to store property wherever space could be found in a warehouse facility.] Since moving to their new building several years ago the MN Historical Society now has adequate space to properly store items.

As an aside, our reader states that some years ago he spoke to the loading dock manager in the old historical society building and was told that when the bronze cannon barrels were brought in, one of them got its muzzle bumped a bit and out fell a cannon ball. With it was a full powder charge as well!

Historically, we are lucky that the cannons survived to be saved, since early in World War II the cannons at Fort Snelling were scraped for the metal. Our reader mentioned that Mr. Ozzie Klavestad, owner of the Stagecoach Inn near Shakopee, MN offered to privately purchase an amount of bronze equal to the weight of the cannons if the government authorities would not melt them down. Mr. Klavestad would purchase the cannons for the cost of the bronze metal and then donate the cannons back to Fort Snelling at the end of the war. However, the government authorities were not interested.

The probable reason that the Chapel cannons were not melted down by the government was that they were donated to the Chapel, and the Chapel had been built by non-governmental funds. As the pictures show in this article, they were not kept out of sight. They
Special Patriotic/Veterans Events...

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

Sun, 3 Dec 17 — Pearl Harbor Remembrance — recognizing survivors ... with the tolling of the ship bell for those who have passed away since last year.

Mark your calendar with these dates ... and join us at 11:00 a.m.

In the Event of Bad Weather

If on a Sunday morning it is significantly snowing ... or tremendously cold ... or the winds are resulting in drifting conditions, please call our Foundation office at 952/888-1525 for an announcement of worship cancellation. In this way we will attempt to inform you of Chapel closings.

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.

(Continued ... from page six) were mounted on each side of the main entrance double doors. Their placement goes back to shortly after the building was built in the late 1920’s as a memorial to honor the service-men that had died in World War I. The cannons were apparently removed about 1965 by the MN Historical Society to preserve them. Little did they know that as time went by that the cannon tubes would become more valuable as historical items. Recently, the value has increased even more as the value of the bronze metal has shot up in price. Hence, being stored at the MN Historical Society over the years has been of great benefit in protecting the objects.

A cannon consists of basically two parts: the tube that fires the projectile and the carriage that holds the tube. The carriage consists of a wood or metal mounting for the tube. Then the tube is mounted on the carriage axle supported by a wheel on each end so that the gun can be transported.

Each of the Chapel’s cannon barrels has a trunnion on each side of the barrel about half way up the side of the tube. It is a short round knob (3.67 inches in diameter) that holds the tube onto the gun carriage. Opposite the muzzle on the other end of the tube is a knob that is called a “bore,” and is attached to the base of the tube.

One cannon tube is a 12-pound bronze field artillery howitzer, built in 1846 by the N.P. Ames Company of Springfield, MA. It has a tapering cylinder that can fire a 12-pound ball. The reinforcement between the trunnions is stamped, “U.S.” The face of the muzzle of the barrel is stamped “J.W.R.” on one side and “28” on the opposite. Since it was built in 1846 it was probably meant to be used in the U.S. Mexican War of 1846-48.

The second cannon tube is also a 12-pound bronze field artillery howitzer, but built in 1851 by the Ames Company of Chicopee, MA. Since a howitzer is meant to be used to fire projectiles at a high trajectory, with short range and at a medium speed (velocity) it would have been an Army artillery weapon. The barrel is of short length, and in this case 148.5 centimeters. The breech diameter is 27 centimeters.

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Photo:
Placement of the two howitzer tubes (cannons) on each side of the Fort Snelling Memorial Chapel during WW2. The U.S. Army personnel leaving the Chapel are Japanese-Americans of the Military Intelligence Service Language School. (photo courtesy of U.S. Signal Corps, Mr. Stone S. Ishimaru and Tee Com Productions, Los Angeles, CA)
Another interesting aside is that the Ames Manufacturing Company was a cannon foundry at Chicopee (Springfield) MA operated by Nathan Peabody Ames and his brother, James Tyler Ames. The firm was organized in 1834. Between 1836 and Nathan’s death in 1847 weapons were marked “N.P. Ames, Founder, Springfield, Mass.” After this date, when the younger brother became president, marks were Ames Co. Founders, Chicopee, Mass.” Their special material was bronze. Hence, both bronze cannon tubes were built at the same foundry; just 5-years apart. Both are identical and weigh 800-pounds each.

Well there you are. The bronze howitzer tubes that once guarded the entrance to the Chapel have been located and are in fine condition. The next question might be as to how they can be best displayed; either at the Chapel or by the MN Historical Society. [Perhaps with the approaching year of 2020 – Fort Snelling’s Bicentennial – this would be the perfect time to have a carriage made for each tube, and the historic objects be placed for display in the best way possible. Certainly, this would be an improvement over the current storage in the lower basement of the MN Historical Society in St. Paul.] After all, these historic pieces were meant to honor the sacrifices men and women have made, and are still making today, to preserve our form of government. They were given to the Chapel to be seen and remind us of the importance of the service of our veterans. What better place than the Chapel – “Where the Veteran is Remembered.”

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Veterans Day

Veterans Day is a celebration to honor America’s veterans for their patriotism, love of country, and willingness to serve and sacrifice for the common good.

Many veterans attend our Chapel. A group of these veterans from our Chapel are also members of the Memorial Rifle Squad at Fort Snelling National Cemetery. They steadfastly perform their duties in spite of the weather conditions in order to honor their fellow veterans. Many of the Chapel veterans also volunteer their time and talents to the Chapel.

It is an honor and privilege to know these true heroes. May God continue to bless and protect them.

Please join us in worship at 11:00 a.m. on Sun, Nov 5, 2017 as we celebrate Veterans Day Sunday, a day to honor all veterans.

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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 3, 2017 (11:00 a.m.). The Chord Ayres Male Chorus will provide special music honoring their bravery and sacrifice.

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Tony Stocker, Chair
Worship Committee

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Operation Christmas Child

Again, we have an opportunity for cheerful giving when we collect and fill shoeboxes to be sent to children around the world through Samaritan’s Purse ... delivering/sharing the gifts and the life-changing Good News of Jesus Christ. Shoeboxes need to be returned to the Chapel NLT 12 Nov. Reminder: No toothpaste or candy.

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Sharon Coyne & Barb Stocker
Coordinators

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Newell L. Chester
Getting to Know You ... in Memoriam

Edith Elaine Minor was born on December 17th, 1922 to Emil and Ida Repke in Silver Creek, Minnesota (west of Monticello). She followed older brother Raymond and was delivered at home by Aunt Lena on a cold winter's day. Edith was two months premature at the time of her birth and a very tiny baby. The family baptized Edith quickly as they were not sure she would survive but ironically she lived to be 94-years old! Edith's childhood involved many moves as her father sought work to support his young family. It was a difficult time for families as work was scarce and Edith's father made every effort to locate employment wherever he could find it - primarily in farming and coal mining. As a result, the family relocated numerous times and Edith counted ten moves prior to the 11th grade. Edith also was a hard-working young lady who found work helping out the neighbors with household chores. The Repke family was religious and raised their children in the Lutheran faith and attended church regularly. Edith came to know Jesus Christ as her Savior and maintained a strong faith throughout her lifetime.

Edith met Don Minor when they were both 16-years old and students at Monticello High School. One summer day, Edith and her cousin Fern were out for a walk in the countryside when three boys came by in their homemade jalopy - a Model T that consisted only of a "frame and running gear!" The boys came to a sudden halt when they saw the two young ladies and two of the boys made small talk while the other boy Don Minor recalled that he "couldn't keep his eyes off of the attractive girl with rosy cheeks" - named Edith. Soon, the boys took off in their jalopy while Edith and cousin Fern continued their walk. Some time later, Don was formally introduced to Edith at high school by another cousin - Elaine. Don wanted to ask Edith out for a date but she let him know that her father would not let her date any young man with whom he was not well acquainted. Well, these two teenagers had a dilemma but young love finds a way around such obstacles! As it happened, Edith's father left town for a couple of days and her mother gave permission for Don and Edith to go to the movies. Their first date took place on Halloween of 1939 and Don admitted that "it was love at first sight!" The couple soon adopted "You Are My Sunshine" as "their song" and Don made a point of playing this tune on his harmonica to Edith while out on dates. They dated for three more years and were married on September 16th, 1942 in a small ceremony that involved family and a few close friends.

However, their "honeymoon" was short-lived as six weeks later Don enlisted in the U.S. Navy and left for San Francisco to begin training as a mechanic on a naval destroyer. Some time later, his ship departed for the South Pacific where he fought to liberate Guam from the Japanese. Don was honorably discharged from the U.S. Navy on 11/29/1945 as a First Class Petty Officer and returned to Minnesota. The couple purchased land in Golden Valley and built a home where they resided for the next 69-years! Along the way, they welcomed three children into the family: Jerry, Thomas and Jayne. The Minors were long-term members of a Lutheran church but were looking for "something different" so decided to visit Fort Snelling Chapel one Sunday morning in 1985 - during the tenure of Rev. Dr. Nelson. Don recounted that he and Edith enjoyed the "traditional hymns and worship" and "felt that we were home - where we were meant to be." Without any hesitation the couple made Fort Snelling Chapel their new church home and have attended faithfully for the past 32-years. Don and Edith volunteered in a number of capacities throughout the years including serving as greeters and

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Don remembers Edith as a "devoted mother and wife and a terrific cook!" He also recalls that Edith was a "kind and generous Christian lady" who would make every effort to help out "someone less fortunate." This assistance took many forms including driving people to medical appointments, to the store for groceries and bringing warm home cooked meals to a variety of people in need.

Dear friends, death for Christians is not the end of life but rather a new beginning. Rather than something to be feared, it is a transition to a fuller life. Jesus tells us in John 14:1-4: "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God, trust also in me. In my Father's house are many rooms, if it were not so, I would have told you. I am going there to prepare a place for you and if I go and prepare a place for you I will come back and take you to be with Me that you also may be where I am."

As surely as Christ went to heaven, so He will return from His Father's presence and take His followers to the place He prepared for them. This was the hope of New Testament believers and it is the hope for all Christians today. It seems appropriate to close this tribute with a stanza from Edith's favorite hymn —

"In The Garden"

I come to the garden alone
While the dew is still on the roses
And the voice I hear, falling on my ear
The Son of God discloses

And He walks with me
And He talks with me
And He tells me I am His own
And the joy we share as we tarry there
None other has ever known.

Edith Minor rests securely in the arms of her Savior in her heavenly home. She is survived by her loving husband of 74-years - Don, three adult children, five grandchildren, 11 great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren.

The Fort Snelling Memorial Chapel Foundation extends their deepest sympathy to Don Minor and family upon the death of his beloved wife Edith. May Christ continue to console and strengthen you during this time of bereavement.

— Submitted by Eva Zorn
God's Yellow Pages

WHAT TO DO WHEN YOU ARE...

AFRAID
Psalm 34:4
Matthew 10:28
2 Timothy 1:7
Hebrews 13:5,6

FEARFUL OF A FAILING FAITH
Psalm 42:5
Hebrews 11

ANXIOUS
Psalm 46
Matthew 6:19-34
Philippians 4:6
1 Peter 5:6,7

FEELING OVERCOME
Psalm 6
Romans 8:31-39
1 John 1:4-9

LEAVING HOME
Psalm 121
Matthew 10:16-20

LONELY
Psalm 23
Hebrews 13:5,6

NEEDING A NEW DIRECTION
Romans 12

NEEDING GUIDANCE
Psalm 32:8
Proverbs 3:5,6

NEEDING PROTECTION
Psalm 18:1-3
Psalm 27:1-6
Psalm 34:7
Psalm 91
Philippians 4:19

DEFEATED
Romans 8:31-39
Ephesians 6:10-20

TROUBLE, IN
Psalm 16 & 31
John 14:1-4
Hebrews 7:25

DEPRESSED
Psalm 34

WEARY
Psalm 90
Matthew 11:28-30
1 Corinthians 15:58
Galatians 6:9,10

BEREAVED
Matthew 5:4
2 Corinthians 1:3,4

THANKFUL
Psalm 100
1 Thessalonians 5:18
Hebrews 13:15

1 John 1:4-9

THREATENED BY DISASTER
Psalm 91
Psalm 118:5,6
Luke 8:22-25

TRAVELING
Psalm 121

DISCOURAGED
Psalm 23
Psalm 42:6-11

TRAVELING
Psalm 121

2 Corinthians 4:8-18
Philippians 4:4-7

WEARY
Psalm 90
Matthew 11:28-30
1 Corinthians 15:58
Galatians 6:9,10

DOUBTING
Matthew 8:26
Hebrews 11

SICK-IN-PAIN
Psalm 38
Matthew 26:39
Romans 5:3-5

WORRIED
Matthew 6:19-34

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1 Peter 4:13-18

FACING CRISIS
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A Word From the Classroom

"I was glad when they said unto me,
‘Let us go into the house of the Lord’" (Psalm 122:1)

There has been such joy in the Children’s Ministry lately. Just three years ago we had two ... count them ... two children attending Children’s Church at the Chapel. Recently we have been blessed with ten children on Sunday mornings!

On September 10th, we had our 1st Annual Fun Fest with games, prizes, and a host of laughter! [see photos] Then on September 17th we began teaching from the book of Exodus about the ten plagues which God Himself brought upon pharaoh and the Egyptians. Can you name all ten plagues? I bet the kids can. Then we expanded to teach the Ten Commandments and how they still apply today. After all, public schools no longer teach or display these ever important rules for life. The despicable Freedom From Religion Foundation has seen to that ... and NO the U.S. Constitution does NOT prohibit the display and teaching of these truths!

Oops, I got off track. Guess how long Moses lived? Eighty years? One hundred years? After serving God until the age of 120, Moses left this earth to join his ancestors and Joshua took over. WOW! What shoes (or shall I say sandals?) to fill!

In November and December, the children will be taught about God’s chosen people following Joshua into the Promised Land. It certainly was not an easy journey but God told Joshua to tell the people, “Be strong! Be courageous! ... For the Lord, your God, will be with you; He will neither fail you nor forsake you.” (Deuteronomy 31:8). We will also explain to the kids that doing what God says is not always easy; but it IS the right thing to do and God will be with them. This will open up an opportunity for discussing God’s plan for us. I believe He has a plan for each of us as stated in Jeremiah 29:11. Look it up. Or Google it. You’ll be glad you did.

That’s all for today. See you in church. And bring a child with you!

Respectfully,
Leslie Henschel,
Coord. Children’s Ministry
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 had a small window of time available in August for a motorcycle trip, first to Lake Winnebago, WI, to visit a buddy from 67-68 Vietnam. Then on to the Door Peninsula of Lake Michigan, named for the Death's Door Strait between the peninsula and Washington Island. I stopped at the Sturgeon Bay Maritime Museum to catch the solar eclipse, cloudy as it was. A group of folks had gathered to watch but since no one had safety eyewear, I pulled out my welder's goggles and we all shared a good viewing of this rare astronomical event. The viewing window would come and go, but we were able to view all stages of this neck-bending event.

Funny how out of all the vast space in the universe, three unique objects arrive in exactly the precise locations for viewing a geometric lineup of the sun and moon from the earth. The sun is 400 times larger than the moon, but by some mysterious accident, I presume, the sun is also 400 times farther away from Earth, giving us on Earth, the illusion that these two objects, when lined up, are the same size. From a secularist's point of view, this is all a matter of "dumb luck." I, however, see the work of a creator/designer who is infinitely brilliant! I love the expression that is used by Kent Hovind, one of the first brave souls who began to shake up the world of the evolutionists, beginning in the 70's. In the words of Mr. Hovind, "Nothing ever occurred to God." Let that one simmer in your mind for a while...

Let's take a look at an event described in the Bible referring to an astronomical event that took place during the crucifixion of our Creator and Savior, Jesus Christ.

* The Bible claims that during Jesus' crucifixion, "the sun stopped shining." Darkness was upon the earth from 12 noon to 3 pm. Some people claim that the darkness was supernatual, only a solar eclipse. Let's examine this idea:
  - First, we know Passover was being celebrated at this time, and the date for Passover is based on the moon cycle (that's why the date for Easter varies so much). Passover takes place on a full moon. A solar eclipse could not have taken place during a full moon; the moon would have been in the wrong position. For a solar eclipse to occur, it needs to be a new moon.
  - Second, the text says darkness came upon the land from the sixth hour until the ninth hour. No solar eclipse could have lasted that long.
  - Third, the text says darkness was over the "whole" earth. A solar eclipse would have been a very local event. Just as liberal theologians destroy the credibility of Genesis by ignoring that the most common word in Genesis 6-9 is the word "all" (i.e. flood waters covered "all" the hills under the heavens), they are willing to deny the text in an effort to explain away the supernatural.
  - Fourth, this event caused the centurion to proclaim, "Truly this was the Son of God." (Matthew 27:54) People had seen many solar eclipses. Although they may have been fearful, seeing one during the crucifixion of a man on a cross would hardly cause a Roman soldier to proclaim that that dead man was God on Earth (i.e., the Messiah - the "Son of God").

Those who want to assign natural events to every miracle of the Bible need to ignore the clear, straightforward statements of the text in order to do so. This does far more damage than good because it allows the Bible to mean ANYTHING they want it to mean. If the Bible can mean anything, the Bible means nothing.

"And it was about the sixth hour, and there was a darkness over all the earth until the ninth hour." (Luke 23:44).

— Submitted by: John Kruse
Food Safety

Knowing the Limits

The initial design of food recipes was to combine different foods and ingredients to achieve a certain flavor profile and to ensure the ingredients and or handling would provide food safe for human consumption. Typically the process is referred to as recipe engineering and is designed to retard microbiological growth in the foods we eat. A good example to illustrate this point is butter. Butter, being a dairy product, is susceptible to the growth of food pathogens. In order to inhibit the growth of any pathogens in butter the butter recipe calls for the addition of 12% salt content. That is why butter can sit on the counter, at room temperature, almost indefinitely and won’t support any food bacteria or pathogens. Salt is one of the ingredients that inhibit the growth of bacteria and food pathogens. The other inhibitors are sugar, acids, (pH control), time, temperature, and moisture content.

You will notice in the grocery store that whole chickens or chicken parts will be labeled with contains 3%, or 7% or 21%, or 23% marination. This is not a marinate, it is what they call the salt or sodium content. A high percentage is usually indicative of a facility that has a challenge with high levels of contamination.

By utilizing knowledge concerning multiplication requirements for microorganisms, conditions to prevent multiplication can be created. Bacteria and food pathogens need six conditions in order to multiply. They need a source of nutrients, an acidic environment above a pH of 4.6, (1 being acidic 7 is neutral and 14 being alkaline), a temperature between 41 degrees and 140 degrees, 4 hours of time, moisture, and the sixth depends on the organism some grow with oxygen and some are anaerobic and grow without oxygen.

Pathogenic bacteria require water to multiply. Foods with high water activity such as raw meat, fruits, and vegetables provide necessary amounts of free water for the growth of bacteria, yeasts and molds. Water activity can be lowered to the point where molds, yeasts and bacteria cannot grow. This is accomplished by drying, or by the addition of salt, sugar, or other chemicals that bind the water. The water thus becomes unavailable for the multiplication of microorganisms. If enough water is bound, the food is considered shelf stable at room temperatures.

We will have to consider this part 1, part 2 next time.

— Tom Newman

From the Flag-Line

September — for the Flag Line at the Chapel — is always very poignant with us remembering the horrible day, September 11th, 2001. Sixteen years have passed and we still remember like it was yesterday. Almost 3,000 of our citizens lost between the hijacked planes, and the Twin Towers and thousands of lives and limbs lost from those who joined the U.S. Armed Forces after 9/11 to seek retaliation for what was done by the Islamic extremists to our country.

The Fort Snelling Chapel, once again, had the family of Flight 93 hero, Thomas Burnett, Jr. present at our 9/11 remembrance service on September 10th. Thomas Burnett, Jr. one of the heroes on the plane where the passengers decided to take on the hijackers and sacrificed their lives to save many on the ground. This citizen soldier called his wife, Deena, three times and told her they were going to do “something.” They banded together and kept the plane from hitting the intended target, the Capitol of the United States. What an honor to host Thomas Sr., and wife, Beverly Burnett — parents of such a great man of strength and courage. His gravesite at Fort Snelling National Cemetery adorned with the 9/11 flag which the stripes are made up of all the names of those who perished that day. Tom Jr.’s siblings were also in attendance with their children.

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The following Sunday, September 17th, another hero of 9/11 was present, Beau Doboszenski. Beau recounted his years of being a Sentinel at the Tomb of the Unknowns during our Christian Education hour. What a fascinating presentation of how disciplined the training is to become one of the few Sentinels. He was a member of the 3rd Infantry ‘Old Guard’ — the unit that built the Fort Snelling Chapel.

He became a tour guide at the Pentagon and was present when the hijacked plane flew into that building. Beau was already a trained EMT and firefighter before joining the Army.

The Flag Line has provided all of us to meet and hear the stories of many heroes from many wars and the chance to honor their courage and sacrifice. We are planning to have many more heroes grace the front of the Chapel.

We are always open to suggestions for Flag Line guests so be sure to contact us if you have any. Soon we will have Billy Bray as our Flag Line guest, a remarkable hero that we met not too long ago. Wait until you hear his story!

— Don and Patricia Peerson

After the plane hit, Beau, along with many other military members rushed to the fiery scene and were able to save many lives. I remember reading his story about that day and how cell phones were of no use, but the most important things they all wish they had at the time, was a good pair of gloves and comfortable shoes. We might want to heed that wish and keep those things in our emergency kits.

Vice President Joe Biden also mentioned Beau in one of his speeches ... giving him a great tribute.

Beau is now the chief instructor at Range Systems in New Hope, formerly, Sealed Mindset. He does all kinds of self-defense training. If you go to Sealed Mindset on Facebook you can watch Beau’s videos. He is available to train groups on many self defense subjects and we are excited that he will be doing two trainings for us at the Chapel.

According to the Army Times, Beau was one of the Army’s seven greatest heroes on 9/11.
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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.

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