

FIFTY-FIRST ANNUAL MEETING

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Board of Directors

Executive Officers

Tony Stocker, *President*
 Steve Zorn, *Vice President*
 Sharon Emde, *Secretary*
 Brad Nelson, *Treasurer*

Members at Large

Patricia Boyd-Peerson
 Iain Hodge
 Pat Hoy
 Cindy Pugh
 Matt Stokes

Advisory Ex-Officio Members

Tom Newman, Greg Sheldon

Immediate Past President

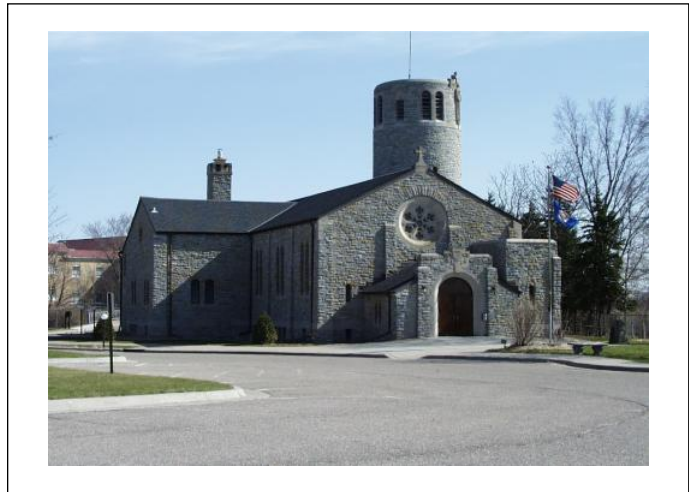
Iain Hodge

Staff

Rev. Dr. Ken Beale, *Sr. Chaplain*
 Marly Wallman, *Minister of Music*
 Bev Johnson, *Administrative Assistant*
 Carol Nygaard, *Accounting Specialist*
 Ruth Fardig, *Min. of Music Emeritus*

“WHERE THE VETERAN IS REMEMBERED”

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. Each Sunday at 11:00 a.m. a non-denominational Christian worship service is sponsored by the *Fort Snelling Memorial Chapel Foundation* and is not subsidized by the state.



A G E N D A

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|---------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. Call to Order | Tony Stocker |
| 2. Opening Prayer | Ken Beale |
| 3. Minutes of Feb '17 Annual Mtg. | Sharon Emde |
| 4. Introduction of Board of Directors | |
| 5. Chaplain's Report | Ken Beale |
| 6. Nominations Report | Johnnie Johnson |
| 7. Elections | |
| 8. Standing Committee Reports | |
| Finance | Brad Nelson |
| • Treasurer's Report | |
| • Benevolence | |
| • Investments | |
| Worship | Tony Stocker |
| Fellowship | Carol Nygaard |
| Personnel | Pat Hoy |
| Publicity | Steve Zorn |
| Safety | Patricia Boyd-Peerson |
| Membership | Iain Hodge |
| 9. Election Results | |
| 10. Adjournment * | |

* NOTE: There will be a brief meeting of the *Board of Directors* immediately following the Annual Meeting to elect 2018 officers and appoint ex-officio members.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Presidents

Alfred Boberg
1967-1974

Russell Richardson
1974-1977

Earl Boyer
1977-1978

Burdean Fremming
1978-1983

Mel Wiessum
1983-1984

James Carroll
1984-1986

Earle Wethe
1986-1988

Richard MacAllister
1988-1992

Robert Ingham
1992-1994

Osmund Nygaard
1994-1998

Elisabeth Emerson
1998-2001

Ted Nemzek
2001-2004

Betty Lemley
2004-2005

Patricia Swanson
2005-2007

Bob Peterson
2007-2009

Bob Bernloehr
2009-2010

Bob Peterson
2010-2012

Johnnie Johnson
2012-2014

Iain Hodge
2014-2017

Tony Stocker
2017-present

The Importance of Volunteers at the Chapel

We all love worshiping God at our Chapel; and as an outgrowth of our faith and love of God, we serve God. Frequently, that manifests in service to the Chapel and its' congregation. Volunteers regularly perform tasks that are seen during the worship service and fellowship time; but also those unseen tasks such as prayer chain, making prayer shawls, arranging for flowers, making and setting up refreshments, reaching out to our cherished homebound — through visits, phone calls, cards and letters, etc. Our volunteers serve our Chapel family in a myriad of ways to the Glory of God.

As you may know, Volunteer Month is coming soon. The month of April is when we ask everyone to consider volunteering to participate in any of the ministries that are needed to keep our Chapel a unique and friendly place to worship and fellowship.

You may or may not have noticed that many of the same people seem to volunteer every year. I, personally, find volunteering very satisfying. It seems to bring us closer to God and will give you a feeling of self-satisfaction when you do participate ... rather than just watching others perform tasks done each and every week.

I, therefore, am asking you to consider volunteering. You will soon be notified of activities that are done each Sunday and frequently during the week. Please prayerfully consider how you can serve God through service at the Chapel.

If you would like to find out more about the volunteer tasks that are performed or would like a list to review, please let me know.

Remember, the chaplain and staff are special; but volunteering at the Chapel makes you a great part of this congregation and team — All for the Glory of God.

Tony Stocker
Chapel Foundation President

CHAPLAIN'S REPORT

Wow! What a Year of Celebration!

I wish to dedicate my annual report to the outstanding work of our Ad Hoc 50th Anniversary Committee ... chaired by Sharon Emde, and its members, including: Paul Krech, Brad & Robin Nelson, Dan Ojeda, Heidi Reichow, Janan Sharpe, Forrest & Nina Slater, Joleen Stadskev, and Tony Stocker.

As a result of 'Chapel Legacy' dollars (totaling \$4,585.32) from our Endowment Fund (approved July 18, 2016) the following was achieved throughout the year of 2016-17):

- ◆ Our Foundation's Incorporation dated December 13, 1966, which included the Foundation's First Board of Directors and Charter Members, was printed on parchment and included as a bulletin insert on Sunday, December 11, 2016.
- ◆ A beautiful 50th anniversary parament, made by Nina Slater, adorned the pulpit throughout the year.
- ◆ A Commemorative Ornament was given to each household attending our Annual Christmas Luncheon (Sunday, December 11, 2016) and each household attending our 2016 Christmas Eve Candlelight Service. The ornament was also presented to each married couple, throughout the wedding month of June 2017, who were married at the Chapel.
- ◆ Extensive historic articles appeared throughout this anniversary year in *The Snelling Spirit* bi-monthly newsletter featuring re-prints of articles published a decade ago by Newell Chester.
- ◆ Laminated bookmarks (with gold tassel) bearing our *Statement of Faith* was placed in 2016 Financial Statement mailed to 1,000+ contributors and enclosed in all Welcome Kits during 2017.
- ◆ A Minnesota House of Representatives Resolution declared February 12, 2017 to be observed as 'Fort Snelling Memorial Chapel Foundation Day' in the State of MN ... "as an exemplary congregation that balances devotion to God and duty to country." It was read aloud on our Founder's Day (Sunday, February 12, 2017). Many thanks are expressed to Foundation member Rep. Cindy Pugh for 'walking it' through the governmental process.
- ◆ On Founder's Day (February 12, 2017), a bulletin from the Chapel's February 12, 1967 worship service was printed on parchment and included as a bulletin insert.
- ◆ A bronze plaque designating the Chapel as a national historic site was unveiled on Founder's Day (Sunday, February 12, 2017) and now hangs in the foyer of the historic Chapel.
- ◆ A 50th Anniversary Commemorative Coin was struck and presented throughout the year to our Chapel volunteers who make ministry happen.
- ◆ 50th Anniversary gold seals were placed on Welcome Kits and assorted other items.
- ◆ Marly Wallman's uncle (WW2 veteran Dwight Wilson) did a watercolor painting of the Chapel (as a gift to Marly) for which Marly gave permission to reproduce. The 50th Anniversary Committee approved offering a print to any donor of \$100 or more to the Endowment Fund. Enough prints have been sold to pay for the cost of production, and now all proceeds are being adding to the Endowment Fund.

I just could not let these noteworthy efforts to help us celebrate our 50th Anniversary go by without due recognition for a job "well done."

Rev. Dr. Kenneth L. Beale, Jr.
Senior Chaplain

Chaplains

Dr. Clifford Angsar Nelson
Founder & Chaplain
1967-1987

Dr. Robert Pearson
Chaplain
1987-1989

Rev. Howard Sortland
Chaplain
1991-1994

Rev. Milo Gronseth
Senior Chaplain
1995-2000

Dr. Kenneth L. Beale, Jr.
Associate Chaplain
1999-2000

Dr. Kenneth L. Beale, Jr.
Senior Chaplain
2000-present

Rev. Michael H. Wallman
Associate Chaplain
2011-2017

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Prayer Chains

Lydia Skarsten, *Coordinator*
Arlene Amyotte
Kay Aswegan
Kathy Bischoff
Leslie Henschel
Rae Kellgren
John Larkin
Bonnie Rasmussen
Nina Slater
Joleen Stadskev
Annie Westlund
Betsy Williams

Children's Messages

Ken Beale, *Coordinator*
Robin Nelson
Heidi Reichow
Ashley Ruter
Marly Wallman
Mike Wallman
Terese Weitzel
Diane Westby

Worship Leaders

Ken Beale, *Coordinator*
Mel Henschel
Johnnie Johnson
Brad Nelson
Tony Stocker
Steve Zorn
Mike Wallman
Buddy Winn

MINUTES OF THE 50TH ANNUAL MTG

**Fort Snelling Memorial Chapel Foundation
50th Annual Meeting
Sunday, 12 February 2017 (1:00 p.m.)
Fort Snelling Memorial Chapel - Sanctuary**

Call to Order

President Iain Hodge called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm. The Annual Report was distributed to all individuals present. The Annual Report was also distributed Sunday, February 5, 2017 for review prior to the Annual Meeting. The 2016 Annual Report will be kept on file.

Senior Chaplain Ken Beale offered an opening prayer, thanking the Lord for seeing the congregation through 50 years of services at the Chapel.

Iain welcomed all in attendance to the 50th Annual Meeting of the Chapel Foundation. Iain asked for the Board members and Ex-Officio members to stand and be recognized. Iain thanked everyone for their hard work and support throughout the past year.

The count of members present was taken, with 46-members being in attendance.

Iain referred those present to the minutes of the 2016 Annual Meeting on page 4 and 5 of the Annual Report. A motion was made by Johnnie Johnson to accept the minutes as written; Cindy Pugh seconded. The motion carried.

Chaplain's Report

Senior Chaplain Ken Beale referred us to his report on page 3 of the Annual Report. Chaplain Ken remarked, today marks our 'year of jubilee.' "We are called to party because of the glory, goodness, and grace of God. Our 50th anniversary is not a celebration of what we've accomplished, but on how much we have been blessed by God." Matt Stokes made a motion to accept the Chaplain's Report; James Brunsgaard seconded. The motion carried.

Nominating Committee Report

Steve Zorn, Chair of the Nominating Committee, thanked his committee, comprised of Dorothea Johns, Robin Nelson, President Iain Hodge, Ex Officio and Chaplain Ken, Ex Officio; for bringing forward members to the new Board. Steve referred to the Nominating Committee's report on page 13. The Nominating Committee reported the departures of, one Board Member Sherry Skarsten, who has reached her limit of two consecutive 3-year terms; and Endowment Fund Trustee Member Ted Nemzek, who has fulfilled his 1-year term. Steve thanked them for their service and their dedication to the Chapel.

Johnnie Johnson (because Steve Zorn recused himself) presented the Nominating Committee's proposed nomination of the following three members to the Board of Directors:

1. Iain Hodge has accepted the nomination to start 2nd full 3-year term
2. Tony Stocker has accepted the nomination to start 2nd full 3-year term
3. Steve Zorn has accepted the nomination to start 1st full 3-year term

Johnnie opened the elections and nominations were solicited from the floor. Johnnie asked three times for nominations as required; and having not heard any, nominations were closed. A motion was made Pat Hoy, and seconded by James Brunsgaard to accept the slate of candidates for the Board positions as recommended by the Nominating Committee. Discussion: Paul Krech said that he was an Ex-Officio for the past 2-years and although at times: he felt that he still wanted to run for a Board seat; but has decided not to seek the nomination at this time; and wanted the members to know his decision. The motion carried.

Steve Zorn presented the Nominating Committee's recommendation of Johnnie Johnson to a 3-year term to serve as a Trustee on the Endowment Fund Committee. Steve Zorn opened the election and nominations were solicited from the floor. Steve asked three times for nominations as required; and having not heard any, nominations were closed. A motion was made Carol Nygaard to accept Johnnie as Trustee to the Endowment Fund Committee; Karen Nelson seconded. The motion carried.

The Nominations Committee presented their recommendations to the Board for their slate of officers and

Ex-Officio non-voting members. They will be voted on at the Board of Directors meeting following the Annual meeting Sunday, February 12, 2017:

Ex-Officio Non-Voting Members to the Board of Directors (elected by the Board):

Sharon Emde, Tom Newman, and Greg Shelton all have agreed to serve a 1-year appointment

2017 Slate of Officers:

Pres. – Iain Hodge ♦ V. Pres. – Tony Stocker ♦ Treas. – Brad Nelson ♦ Sec. – Sharon Coyne

Committee Reports

Iain referred to the standing committee's reports and asked us to note the names on each committee list. He thanked the many volunteers for their devotion to FSMCF and for always lending a helping hand.

Finance Committee: Brad Nelson referred to the Treasurer's Report (page 6), the Benevolence Report (page 7), and the Investment Report (page 8) of the Annual Report. Brad stated that the Foundation is solvent and has a Balanced Budget. A motion was made by Johnnie Johnson and seconded by Tony Stocker, to accept the Treasurer's Report as written. Discussion: none. The motion carried.

Worship Committee: Tony Stocker referred to the Worship Committee Report on page 9 of the Annual Report for a complete list of the many functions and volunteers that are needed each Sunday for the worship services. He is looking forward to another good year and appreciates that the Chapel is so blessed to have so many talented and giving members on the Worship Committee. A motion was made by Pat Hoy and seconded by James Brunsgaard to accept the Worship Committee report as written. Discussion: none. The motion carried.

Fellowship Committee: Carol Nygaard referred to the Fellowship Committee report on page 10 of the Annual Report. She appreciates the fun committee that she has and their dedicated hard work. A motion was made by Johnnie Johnson to accept the Fellowship report as written, Brad Nelson seconded. Discussion: none. The motion carried.

Personnel Committee: Pat Hoy referred to the Personnel Committee report on page 10-11 of the Annual Report. He wanted to thank everyone who stepped up to help during Chaplain Ken's illness. He asked that any issues regarding Personnel should be addressed the Personnel Committee. A motion was made by Matt Stokes and seconded by Cindy Pugh to accept the Personnel Committee report as written. Discussion: none. The motion carried.

Publicity Committee: Matt Stokes referred to the Publicity Committee report on page 12 of the Annual Report. He thanked his committee and would like everyone to go on Facebook and like the Chapel's Facebook page. He also reminded us to use Livestream when you can't make it to the Chapel. A motion was made by Pat Hoy, and seconded by James Brunsgaard to accept the Publicity Report as written. Discussion: none. The motion carried.

Safety Committee: Patricia Peerson referred to the Safety Committee report on page 12 of the Annual Report. It has been a busy and challenging year getting this new committee up and running. She asked that any thought or suggestions be directed to Patricia. A motion was made by Cindy Pugh and seconded by Kathy Bischoff to accept the Safety Committee report as written. Discussion: none. The motion carried.

Membership Committee: Sharon Coyne referred to the Membership Committee report on page 13 of the Annual Report. Sharon stated how important this committee is, and that all members of the church need to be proactive in acknowledging newcomers. A motion was made by Paul Krech and seconded by Terese Weitzel to accept the Membership Committee report as written. Discussion: Mae Dobbs said she always checks the red 'Friendship Pad' for the name of the person sitting next to her to greet them. Michael Hilden said that the military base was a great place to recruit new members. Bill Coyne suggested everyone carry the FSMC card with them to hand out to prospective new members. Chaplain Ken asked that any members with suggestions come to the Membership Committee meeting. The motion carried.

Adjournment

Chaplain Ken thanked the many volunteers and emphasized their importance to the Chapel. As part of the ongoing 50th Anniversary Celebration he stated that all volunteers will be given a 50th Anniversary commemorative coin, and not to forget volunteer month throughout April.

Iain called for a motion to adjourn. It was moved and seconded. The motion carried.

Chaplain Mike Wallman closed with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Sharon Coyne, *Board Secretary*

TREASURER'S REPORT

	2017 Budget	2017 Actual	2018 Budget
Income			
Plate Offerings	192,000.00	198,569.86	192,000.00
Christmas Offering	15,000.00	8,502.00	15,000.00
Easter Offering	7,000.00	6,062.00	7,000.00
Thanksgiving Offering	6,000.00	7,802.00	6,000.00
Chapel Call	1,500.00	355.00	1,500.00
Christmas Luncheon	2,500.00	2,054.00	2,700.00
Easter Brunch/Fellowship Goodwill/Ice Cream Social	1,025.00	1,035.02	625.00
Flowers	2,600.00	3,720.00	2,700.00
Food Share	0.00	205.00	0.00
Historic Preservation Fund	5,000.00	2,047.00	3,000.00
Memorials	6,000.00	9,116.44	9,400.00
Misc Contributions	0.00	1,808.40	0.00
New Market Revenue	4,000.00	2,845.00	1,500.00
Picnic Income	1,500.00	1,579.00	1,500.00
Pins/Notecards/Tape	700.00	170.00	300.00
Publication Sponsorship	6,500.00	80.00	0.00
Social Events	500.00	0.00	500.00
Care Package Postage	0.00	3,305.00	1,200.00
WF Endowment Fund	0.00	10,968.68	0.00
WF Endowment checking donations	0.00	5,945.00	0.00
Interest Income/dividends cap gains	<u>8,000.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>8,000.00</u>
Total Income	\$ 259,825.00	\$ 266,169.40	\$ 252,925.00
Expenses			
Salaries	110,944.00	110,997.20	106,901.00
Salary Bonus (5)	0.00	663.27	0.00
Benefits	200.00	0.00	0.00
Payroll Taxes	3,050.00	3,634.77	3,704.00
Personnel Training Pastoral Search	3,600.00	0.00	3,600.00
Insurance (liability bonding)	2,500.00	1,246.50	2,500.00
Benevolence & Gifts	19,200.00	19,375.00	19,200.00
Historic Pres/Memorials/Restricted Memorials	0.00	8,926.84	1,400.00
Accounting/Contract Services	1,025.00	603.00	725.00
Audit/Review	5,000.00	7,363.90	5,500.00
Music/Music Purchase	11,900.00	11,320.00	11,900.00
Guest Organists	450.00	450.00	600.00
Guest Speakers	450.00	450.00	1,200.00
Tape/CD Supplies	100.00	24.99	100.00
Bus Rental	800.00	880.00	800.00
Chapel Supplies/Children's Ministry	3,700.00	2,783.87	3,300.00
Flower Expense	2,600.00	2,875.25	2,700.00
Hospitality	500.00	521.50	500.00
Christmas Luncheon Expense	2,600.00	2,046.00	2,800.00
Annual Picnic	1,900.00	1,839.56	1,900.00
Easter Brunch/Ice Cream Social/Memorial Day	650.00	491.72	250.00
Outreach Materials/Crafty Ladies/Caring Hearts	700.00	240.33	450.00
Care Package Postage	0.00	1,932.85	1,200.00
Food Share	0.00	205.00	0.00
Advertising	300.00	65.00	300.00
Newsletter	15,900.00	13,371.03	9,200.00
E-Commerce	8,010.00	8,264.34	7,860.00
Market Development Prod.	1,500.00	758.86	1,250.00
Office Rent (Admin & Chaplain) Conference Rm Rent	9,600.00	9,600.00	9,600.00
Chapel Rent	13,500.00	10,800.00	13,500.00
Repairs Audio/Video Systems Audio Equip Tape Supplies	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00
Repairs/Maintenance Keyboards/Carillon	500.00	0.00	500.00
Office Storage	780.00	815.00	1,200.00
Depreciation	2,500.00	0.00	2,500.00
Uncategorized/Bank fees/Ret checks/Pay Pal	615.00	3,983.05	625.00
Affiliate Memberships	150.00	150.00	150.00
WF Endowment Expense	0.00	12,926.53	0.00
Printing	15,000.00	12,027.27	15,000.00
Office Supplies	4,000.00	2,920.85	4,000.00
CE Class & Children's Ministry/Baptism	650.00	23.38	650.00
Subscriptions	1,700.00	1,208.12	2,000.00
Telephone/Internet (Office & Chaplain)	1,500.00	1,763.33	1,500.00
Postage/Courier	2,000.00	2,240.32	2,000.00
Mileage Expense - Staff	5,500.00	4,786.13	5,200.00
Chaplain's Discretionary	500.00	0.00	500.00
Social Events	500.00	0.00	500.00
Membership Printing/Postage/New Member Materials	850.00	0.00	600.00
Membership Photo Directory	400.00	594.68	0.00
Safety Committee Equipment/Training/First Aid Kits	<u>1,100.00</u>	<u>813.96</u>	<u>1,100.00</u>
Total Expenses	\$ 259,924.00	\$ 265,983.40	\$ 251,965.00
Net Surplus/(Deficit)	(99.00)	186.00	960.00

NOTE: A review of the financial books of the *Fort Snelling Memorial Chapel Foundation* will be conducted by Bauman Associates CPA in accordance with Statements on Standards for Accounting Review Services issued by the *American Institute of Certified Public Accountants*.

BENEVOLENCE REPORT

In 2017 the Finance Committee, along with several Chapel members, recommended to and received approval from the Board of Directors for twenty-seven (27) separate grants to the organizations listed below with the sums totaling \$19,375.

To each member of the Finance Committee and to each member of the Fort Snelling Memorial Chapel Foundation who offered their prayers, thoughtful ideas, support and encouragement, and recommendations, a very heartfelt and most grateful *thank you*. This duty assignment is a delight to perform because of you.

The Finance Committee meets prior to the scheduled meetings of the Board of Directors to review all applications and finalize their recommendations. All Foundation members are invited and are welcome to participate in the review of grant requests presented throughout the year.

Billy Graham Hurricane Relief	1,900.00
Broken Heart Ministries	500.00
Caring and Sharing Hands	500.00
Chaplain Alliance for Religious Liberty	500.00
Christian Literature Distributors International	500.00
Crossroads Chapel	2,000.00
CRU Military	500.00
Fishing For Life (npc)	500.00
Gideon's International	500.00
Gold Star Family Weekend	500.00
Joseph's Coat Inc	500.00
MetroHope Recovery Healing House (npc)	500.00
MetroHope Recovery New Hope Center (npc)	500.00
Metro Women's Center	500.00
Midwest Challenge	500.00
MN Officers Christian Fellowship	500.00
New Life Family Services (npc)	2,000.00
News Service (npc)	500.00
Our Daily Bread Ministries	500.00
Salvation Army	500.00
Samaritan's Purse – Hurricane Relief	1,900.00
Samaritan's Purse – Operation Christmas Child	1,575.00
Twin City Honor Flight	500.00
Union Gospel Mission (npc)	500.00
Veterans On The Lake	<u>500.00</u>
Total Funds Distributed	\$ 19,375.00 *

Brad Nelson, *Chair*
 Sharon Coyne
 Richard Geis
 Johnnie Johnson
 Ted Nemzek
 Tom Newman
 Carol Nygaard
 Ken Beale, *Ex Officio*
 Tony Stocker, *Ex Officio*

* A team of ten participated in the New Life Family Services WALK FOR LIFE at Lake Nokomis (10 Jun) raising **\$2,075.00** in fulfilled pledges for this pro-life organization. They were the #2 Top Church Team!

Respectfully submitted,
 Brad Nelson, *Chairperson*

INVESTMENT REPORT

This Chapel Foundation investment report illustrates, and reinforces, the investment goals as previously directed by the Chapel Foundation Board of Directors:

1. Maximum safety of investment
2. Moderate year to year growth
3. Socially responsible Investments based upon Judeo-Christian Ethics

Summary (Note: dollars rounded for ease of reading and to facilitate interpretation)

Brad Nelson, *Chair*
 Sharon Coyne
 Richard Geis
 Johnnie Johnson
 Ted Nemzek
 Tom Newman
 Carol Nygaard
 Ken Beale, *Ex Officio*
 Tony Stocker, *Ex Officio*

a. On Demand Account	\$ 3,201.68
b. Memorial Checking Account	\$ 44,757.56
c. Historic Preservation Account	\$ 29,994.60
d. Wells Fargo Advisors Account	\$ 253,252.11
e. FSMCF Endowment Fund	\$ 641,639.13
f. WF Endowment Checking Acct	\$ 3,987.15
g. Fixed Assets	\$ 22,611.46
h. Sunset Real Estate	\$ 15,960.00 (cemetery spaces)
i. War Memorial	\$ 15,635.36
Total	\$ 1,028,137.37 (December 31, 2017)
Total	\$ 934,176.10 (December 31, 2016)

Total does not include possible appreciation of the Sunset Real Estate.
 No funds have ever been disbursed from the Wells Fargo Advisor Account.
 All Wells Fargo Account dividends and other earnings are auto-reinvested in the accts.
 Wells Fargo supplies the Chapel Foundation with a monthly printed report. This report is available to Chapel Foundation members upon request.

Respectfully submitted,
 Brad Nelson *Chairperson*

RANGE OF GIVING

2017 Range of Giving	Total Households	Member Households
-0-	1,700	26
\$1-24	112	8
25-49	110	12
50-74	73	7
75-99	19	6
100-124	66	9
125-149	12	6
150-199	15	4
200-299	31	6
300-399	17	9
400-499	11	4
500-599	16	9
600-749	9	9
750-849	5	4
850-999	3	1
1,000-1,499	22	15
1,500-1,999	10	8
2,000-2,999	14	11
3,000-3,999	7	5
4,000-4,999	4	4
5,000-5,999	5	5
6,000-7,999	1	1
8,000-9,999	3	3
	2,265	172

* **172** Foundation member households

The Snelling Spirit is sent to approximately **2,200** households.

WORSHIP REPORT

Foundation's Regular Special Services and Events in 2017: Sanctity of Life Sunday, Four Chaplain's Remembrance Sunday, FSMCF Founder's Day - 50th Anniversary, Installation of Officers, Imposition of Ashes, Palm Sunday, Good Friday, Easter Sunday, Volunteer Recruitment Sundays, FoodShare Sunday, Mother's Day, Memorial Day Sunday, June Wedding Celebrations, Flag Day Sunday, Father's Day, Independence Day Sunday, Labor Day Sunday, 9/11 Remembrance Sunday, POW/MIA Remembrance Sunday, Worldwide Communion Sunday, New Membership Sunday, All Saints Day Sunday, Veterans Day Sunday, National Bible Sunday, Thanksgiving Sunday, Pearl Harbor Sunday, and Christmas Eve Candlelight

Sacraments: There were 5 baptisms and 7 holy communion services held.

Music Ministry: Marlys Wallman has done an outstanding job as our Minister of Music. She continued to bring in great and diverse groups of performers over this past year, and has managed to keep expenses for special music below budget—just an outstanding job.

Sermon Series: Chaplain Ken presented two mini-series sermons: "The Rest of the Story" and select messages of his late father— Rev. Kenneth L. Beale, Sr.

Sub-Committee Reports:

Altar Guild. The Altar Guild is responsible for setting up for baptisms, communion (Sharon Coyne, Winnie Kope, Judy Labon, and Barb Stocker) and preparing the altar for seasons of the church.

Nursery and Classroom. There was a concerted effort by many people in performing the children's sermons, setting up the classroom and nursery, as well as teaching the children during the sermon. Special mention for their leadership goes to Leslie Henschel and Barb Stocker for their dedication to the children's church, and to Barb Stocker for ensuring the nursery items are clean and sanitary. There are so many others that help in this ministry and we want to thank them as well.

Audio Visual. Pat Hoy is chairing this effort assisted by John Kruse, John Hodge and Greg Sheldon. The Fellowship Hall has a big screen for congregants to watch the worship service and the Nursery has a flat screen TV— allows parents to care for their children and still be a part of the worship service.

Children's Busy Bags. Sharon Coyne and Barb Stocker continued to monitor the busy bags, and ensured they were clean and supplied on a regular basis.

Welcome Kits. Nina Slater prepared the Welcome Kits for distribution at worship.

Flag Line. Don & Jo Gustafson are leading the group of volunteers posted at Chapel entrance each week. Patricia Boyd-Peerson has introduced occasional "honored guests" into the line-up.

Flowers. Mel & Leslie Henschel provide the leadership for the weekly altar flowers. They pick up the flowers each Sunday and deliver them to the Chapel. Bev Johnson coordinated the ordering of the Christmas poinsettias and Easter lilies with the help of Joanne Flann, Dorothea Johns, Judy Labon, Barb Stocker, and Marly Wallman — decorating the chancel area with 70-red/pink/white poinsettias and 93-lilies/tulips.

Decorating for Advent/Christmas. The sanctuary was beautifully decorated for Christmas by Ken Beale, Bev & Johnnie Johnson, Carol Nygaard, and Barb & Tony Stocker.

RideShare. Len Ericson and Dick Volkert continued to provide transportation to/from the Chapel and adjacent parking lots.

The Chapel is blessed to have so many talented and giving members on this committee and many others who support the committee.

Respectfully submitted,
Tony Stocker, *Chairperson*

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Mary Amlaw
Kermit Bischoff
Tim Bray
Bill Coyne
Sharon Coyne
Len Ericson
David 'Doc' Feller
Joanne Flann
Don Gustafson
Jo Gustafson
Gene Henrickson
Becky Henrickson
Leslie Henschel
Mel Henschel
Iain Hodge
John Hodge
Becky Hoschouer
Pat Hoy
Dorothea Johns
Jim Johns
Bev Johnson
Johnnie Johnson
Winnie Kope
Paul Krech
John Kruse
Judy Labon
Earl Lee
Dick Mickelson
Brad Nelson
Robin Nelson
Blackie Nowland
Ted Nemzek
Carol Nygaard
Don Peerson
Nancy Powell
Cindy Pugh
Richard Quiring
Alora Reichow
Heidi Reichow
Greg Sheldon
Lydia Skarsten
Sherry Skarsten
Forrest Slater
Nina Slater
Barb Stocker
Dick Volkert
Marly Wallman
Mike Wallman
Terese Weitzel
Diane Westby
Buddy Winn
Steve Zorn
Ken Beale, *Ex Officio*
Tony Stocker, *Ex Officio*

FELLOWSHIP REPORT

Carol Nygaard, *Chair*
 Dawn Anderson
 Kathy Bischoff
 Kermit Bischoff
 Janet Brautigam
 Gea Brown
 Sharon Coyne
 Mae Dobbs-Dyste
 Judy Dolin
 Harry Gall
 Jan Gall
 Richard Geis
 Jo Gustafson
 Mille Hartleben
 Jenna Hatleberg
 Leslie Henschel
 Mel Henschel
 Iain Hodge
 Karen Hodge
 Arline Jakeman
 Dorothea Johns
 Bev Johnson
 Bev Knick
 Bridget Kope
 Winnie Kope
 Judy Labon
 Lorene Lee
 Karen Nelson
 Maddie Seeman
 Greg Sheldon
 Lydia Skarsten
 Sherry Skarsten
 Forrest Slater
 Nina Slater
 Joleen Stadsklev
 Barb Stocker
 Tom Tjornholm
 Marly Wallman
 Mike Wallman
 Rebecca Webster
 Terese Weitzel
 Diane Westby
 Ken Beale, *Ex Officio*
 Tony Stocker, *Ex Officio*

Pat Hoy, *Chair*
 Bill Coyne
 Sherry Skarsten
 Joleen Stadsklev
 Ken Beale, *Ex Officio*
 Tony Stocker, *Ex Officio*

Fellowship Committee hosted the following events in 2017:

March - MN Food Share March 12th - 250 lbs. of food; \$205.00 in check or cash donations - John Butler was curbside and the items were delivered by Mike Wallman.
April - Easter Brunch April 16th - 111 attended. **May** - Mother's Day May 14th - Men served during fellowship hour which is an annual tradition. Memorial Day Sunday May 24th - Refreshments of water and cookies were served outside following the service; Janet Brautigam provided poppies, which were handed out by Lydia and Sherry Skarsten, Harry & Jan Gall and Arline Jakeman. **July/August** - Ice Cream Social July 2nd - over 100 attendees enjoyed ice cream sundaes, topped with chocolate and caramel. Picnic July 23th - chaired by Karen Hodge; assisted the day of the picnic by Lydia and Sherry Skarsten; 113 members and guests attended the picnic; Affordable Catering provided the delicious food again this year; two tubs and additional items were collected for New Life Family Services at the picnic and delivered by Mike Wallman. Kitchen Angels were on vacation Sundays 23 July - 27 August. **October/November** - ICLD Collection October 1st - 5 bags of books and 2 tubs of literature were collected curbside at the Chapel a total of 520 lbs.; Richard Gies made the delivery. Craft and Bake Sale October 8th - the Crafty Ladies held a sale that resulted in \$760.00 that will help with shipping costs in mailing the items to the troops abroad. Operation Christmas Shoeboxes - co-chaired by Sharon Coyne and Barb Stocker, assisted by Judy Labon; a total of 182 boxes were turned in and delivered by Tony Stocker on November 13th. **December** - Christmas Luncheon December 10th - co-chaired by Bev Johnson and Barb Stocker, with assistance by Lydia and Sherry Skarsten and Judy Labon; held at the Embassy Suites with 79 members and guests in attendance; food and service were great; Diane Westby led the sing-a-long accompanied by Marly Wallman on her accordion; good time was had by all!

Sub groups -

Caring Hearts - led by Janet Brautigam

Crafty Ladies - led by Bev Johnson

Wall and Showcase Maintenance - led by Joleen Stadsklev

Fellowship Time (kitchen angels, table servers & serving/literature tables) - led by Carol Nygaard

Many thanks to the Fellowship Committee members for their participation at meetings and these events. Thanks to all the Foundation members who volunteer each Sunday and with these events.

Respectfully submitted,
 Carol Nygaard, *Chairperson*

PERSONNEL REPORT

2017 had some twists and turns for the Personnel Committee...

First, the resignation Mike Wallman from his duties as Associate Chaplain at the Fort Snelling Memorial Chapel Foundation. The Board of Directors and the congregation really appreciate and wants to say "thank you" for all the wonderful things he has done for the Foundation for the past 6-years. We wish him all the best for the future.

Second, was the surprising, but welcomed, decision of Senior Chaplain Ken Beale to withdraw his plans for retirement in October 2018. I made this announcement to the congregation on December 17th at the worship service ... which was received with applauding enthusiasm. At the Board meeting to follow, I moved for a roll call vote to support Ken's continuation ... which received a 7-1 vote in support. Chaplain Ken still has a lot more work to do with and for the Chapel Foundation. We look forward to working with him on making the Chapel a sustaining place of worship for the future. As a result of this decision, the Ad Hoc Search Committee has been disbanded. I'd

CARING HEARTS

The Caring Hearts Committee held its annual meeting on Saturday, October 14, 2017 at the Fort Snelling Chapel Foundation conference room. In attendance were eight (8) of the 26 members.

We reviewed the names of the homebound recipients, their histories and present conditions. Each is referred to as a 'Cherished Homebound.' A few of them have overcome their problems and have returned to their normal lives. Eight (8) Cherished Homebound passed away during the year. Persons needing cheer are often added as the year goes by. There is a great need for spiritual help to and from Foundation members.

This year we contacted 2,424 homebound persons through phone calls, cards and letters, packages sent to deployed, attending funerals, hospital and home visits, rides to the Chapel, care center visits, sending Sunday bulletins to those who cannot attend church, sitting with families during surgery on a loved one, Sunday morning tracking of members' health, and delivering 18 Christmas bags with visits to the homebound. Each year the contacts are all documented.

We encouraged members of the congregation to send Christmas greetings to the homebound, of which there are about 28 currently. The names are presented to the members during our fellowship time, and about 480 were distributed. Assuming that each person did respond by sending his/her six (6) or more cards, that added 480 more contacts for the year ... bringing us to 2,904 contacts. Each of our writers pays for his/her postage, as a donation.

An appeal in the Sunday bulletin for unused cards (any variety) brought in donations of 1,183 cards, and they are still coming in weekly. We use all that we receive. Two (2) new contacts have been arranged through Chaplain Beale with chaplains in Iraq and Afghanistan. Birthday, blank, and 'thinking of you' cards were sent so that the deployed could have cards to send home for the special occasions of friends and family. They received 347 cards and get free postage. 460 Christmas cards were signed by committee members to be delivered to Chapel visitors during the holiday season, and 430 were distributed to committee members for their use. Thank you for your ongoing donations.

Special handmade cards, 91 handwritten Christmas letters to unidentified deployed and 41 Easter cards were sent. This totals to 3,036 contacts this year, plus the many other activities.

Caring Hearts have inspired many other Foundation members to join in the card and letter greetings, but their numbers are not recorded.

Our Caring Hearts members are very concerned about the health and well-being of the recipients. They continue to eagerly give of themselves through spiritual comfort, enthusiasm, time and money. It is always a pleasure to lead this group.

Janet Brautigam, *Coordinator*

Janet Brautigam, *Chair*
 Dawn Anderson
 Karen Ayers
 Kathy Bischoff
 Ginger Carter
 Joan Eng
 Millie Hartleben
 Kathy Henrickson
 Karen Hodge
 Bev Johnson
 Bev Knick
 Virginia Krech
 Judy Labon
 Gena Martinson
 Robin Nelson
 Patricia Peerson
 Maddy Seeman
 Janan Sharpe
 Lydia Skarsten
 Forrest Slater
 Nina Slater
 Barb Stocker
 Terese Weitzel
 Eva Zorn
 Steve Zorn
 Ken Beale, *Ex Officio*

PERSONNEL REPORT (CONTINUED)

like to take this opportunity to thank both Bill Coyne and Tom Newman for their leadership to this committee.

And last, but not least are the current employed staff of the Chapel: Marly Wallman, Minister of Music; Bev Johnson, Administrative Assistant; and Carol Nygaard, Accounting Specialist; and Ken Beale, Senior Chaplain. The Fort Snelling Memorial Chapel Foundation is blessed to have this wonderful staff. I cannot put into words what a wonderful job they do. If you have a moment, please thank them for a job well done.

Respectfully submitted,
 Pat Hoy, *Chairperson*

PUBLICITY REPORT

The committee continues to focus on the goal of sharing our message both within and beyond the walls of the Chapel. Below are highlights of the work done in 2017:

The committee regularly reviews the “outreach” accomplished through Facebook and the Chapel’s internet site. The number of “likes” on Facebook and “hits” on the website continue to grow.

Livestream is also accessed through the website. Access to this live video broadcast, as well as archived services from previous weeks, are important tools in sharing the message with non-members as well as members unable to be at the Chapel.

The committee is working on distributing recorded services to local public access television stations for broadcast.

Upgrade of the Chapel website commenced when funds from the Endowment Fund were approved. The site has not been upgraded in over 15-years. A group has been meeting with our website manager with the goal of implementing a new site in early 2018.

The weekly Chapel Chatter is distributed via email every Wednesday to members and any others who wish to receive it.

The Snelling Spirit newsletter is published bi-monthly. The mailing list was recently reviewed and updated.

Finally, the annual Memorial Day event for the Chapel was a success with many visitors joining us on the Chapel grounds, receiving information about our services and participating in a tour of the Chapel.

The Publicity Committee is always interested in exploring new ways of reaching people about the Chapel. Please contact a committee member with suggestions.

Respectfully submitted,
Steve Zorn, *Chairperson*

SAFETY REPORT

We continue to have a great relationship with our first responders at the Airport Fire Dept and the Hennepin County Sheriff’s Dept. Most Sundays there is a deputy that parks outside the Chapel and comes when we need extra patrols.

We had some great trainings in subjects concerning safety. We had our annual fire drill and tornado drill. In both drills the Chapel members exited the Chapel in less than 4-minutes. Chapel member, Matt Stokes, gave us a great hands-on fire extinguisher training in the parking lot of the Chapel. We had a great 2-hour training in Trauma taught by the course coordinator of HMC where we learned to control severe bleeding and shock. A Hennepin County Sheriff’s deputy gave us a 2-hour training on disruptive people and watching for suspicious individuals. We were also pleased to have Beau Doboszinski do training on how and what to do in emergency situations. He also added a session on how to deflect a knife attack. In 2018, we will once again offer a CPR/First-Aid course for all those interested or need recertification.

We continue to have a monthly shooting night for those on our security team, other veterans and family members. Weather permitting, we go to an outdoor range.

We are always open to new suggestions or ideas. If you have contacts that could provide training, please feel free to refer their information to us. We try to offer all training free to our members, but sometimes there is a nominal fee. We are also looking to add new members to our team and are always looking for new Chapel members who might be interested.

Respectfully submitted,
Patricia Boyd Peerson, *Chairperson*

Steve Zorn, *Chair*
Len Ericson
John Hodge
Pat Hoy
Bev Johnson
Ken Johnson
Paul Krech
John Kruse
Judy Labon
Janan Sharpe
Greg Sheldon
Terese Weitzel
Ken Beale, *Ex Officio*
Tony Stocker, *Ex Officio*

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Marilyn Botten
Pat Botten
Tim Bray
Gea Brown
Justin Champ
Bill Coyne
Sharon Coyne
Len Ericson
David ‘Doc’ Feller
Johnnie Johnson
Paul Krech
Virginia Krech
John Kruse
Judy Labon
Tom Newman
Don Peerson
Barb Stocker
Tony Stocker
Matt Stokes
Terese Weitzel
Joseph Yenkosky
Ken Beale, *Ex Officio*
Tony Stocker, *Ex Officio*

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

2017 Key Accomplishments:

On June 17th, the Board of Directors approved the recommendations to remove those members who have been inactive since June 2015 (12 households/16 members) from our membership rolls. Inactive is defined as not having attended the Chapel, or contributed monetary gifts or volunteered their services. As is always the case, the Chapel Foundation 'cherished homebound' are never included in this list because of their physical constraints.

We had a total of 14 new households join the FSMCF membership during 2017. This represents a total of 21 new individual members. A New Member Orientation Class was held on September 27th, with eight (8) new members in attendance. October 22nd, was New Member Sunday. During our worship service on that day we "publicly" welcomed our new members into the Chapel Foundation. They were recognized with lapel flowers and a cake was served during our fellowship time that day.

We would like to share that Marla McLeland has taken over the job of sending cards to our new visitors - a job that had been done by the late Quentin De Nio for many years. Our thanks to Marla for taking on this very important task.

We have reached out to a number of visitors indicating they are interested in finding a new church on the prayer request/visitor cards. Some have since become members.

The committee is exploring the idea of having some of our laity members provide nurturing functions to some of our cherished homebound and other members not able to attend the Chapel due to illness or physical constraints. Examples of these would be home visits and home communion, phone calls and cards.

Respectively submitted,
Iain Hodge, *Chairperson*

Iain Hodge, *Chair*
Karen Hodge
Paul Krech
Judy Labon
Marla McLeland
Janan Sharpe
Forrest Slater
Nina Slater
Ken Beale, *Ex Officio*
Tony Stocker, *Ex Officio*

NOMINATIONS REPORT

Board Member Departure:

- Sharon Emde** - completed balance of Sharon Coyne's term
- Patricia Boyd-Peerson** - completed her first 3-year term
- Brad Nelson** - reached his limit of two consecutive 3-year terms
- Matt Stokes** - completed his first 3-year term

Trustee Member Departure:

- Barb Stocker** - completed her 2-year term

Proposed Ballot for 51st Annual Meeting:

Four Voting Members to the *Board of Directors* (elected by the congregation):

1. **Tim Bray** - has accepted the nomination to start 1st full 3-year term
2. **Richard Geis** - has accepted the nomination to start 1st full 3-year term
3. **Mel Henschel** - has accepted the nomination to start 1st full 3-year term
4. **Tom Newman** - has accepted the nomination to start 1st full 3-year term

One Trustee to the *Endowment Fund Committee* (elected by the congregation)

1. **Tim Bray** has accepted the nomination to a 3-year term

Recommendations to the *Board of Directors* Meeting:

Ex-Officio Non-Voting Members to the *Board of Directors* (elected by *Board*):

1. **Mary Amlaw** - has agreed to serve a 1-year appointment
2. **Gea Brown** - has agreed to serve a 1-year appointment
3. **Bob Maginnis** - has agreed to serve a 1-year appointment

2017 Slate of Officers:

President – **Tony Stocker** Vice President – **Steve Zorn**
Treasurer – **TBD** Secretary – **TBD**

Respectfully submitted,
Johnnie Johnson, *Chairperson*

Johnnie Johnson, *Chair*
Barb Stocker
Steve Zorn
Ken Beale, *Ex Officio*
Tony Stocker, *Ex Officio*

GROWTH REPORT

The following calculations have been made by taking the total 12-months of worship attendance figures and dividing it by the number of services (including: Sundays, Good Friday, and Christmas Eve):

(Jan – Dec '00) Total attendance = 11,042 divided by 55 worship services = 201 average attendance

(Jan – Dec '01) Total attendance = 11,673 divided by 54 worship services = 216 average attendance*

*Sunday (25 Feb) in the calculation ... had only 55 worshippers ... due to terrible snow/wind/cold.

(Jan – Dec '02) Total attendance = 11,408 divided by 56 worship services = 204 average attendance

(Jan – Dec '03) Total attendance = 11,173 divided by 56 worship services = 200 average attendance

(Jan – Dec '04) Total attendance = 11,967 divided by 56 worship services = 214 average attendance

(Jan – Dec '05) Total attendance = 10,655 divided by 56 worship services = 190 average attendance

(Jan – Dec '06) Total attendance = 11,429 divided by 57 worship services = 201 average attendance

(Jan – Dec '07) Total attendance = 10,640 divided by 55 worship services = 193 average attendance

*Sunday (25 Feb) was cancelled ... and is not in the calculation.

*Sundays (18, 25 Feb, 4, 11, 18 and 25 Mar) were Bible studies in the Fellowship Hall ... due to sanctuary renovation.

(Jan – Dec '08) Total attendance = 10,061 divided by 55 worship services = 183 average attendance

*Sunday (21 Dec) was cancelled ... and is not in the calculation.

(Jan – Dec '09) Total attendance = 9,793 divided by 56 worship services = 175 average attendance

(Jan – Dec '10) Total attendance = 9,403 divided by 54 worship services = 174 average attendance

*Sundays (21 Nov & 12 Dec) were cancelled ... and are not in the calculation.

(Jan – Dec '11) Total attendance = 9,187 divided by 55 worship services = 167 average attendance

(Jan – Dec '12) Total attendance = 9,234 divided by 55 worship services = 168 average attendance

(Jan – Dec '13) Total attendance = 8,469 divided by 54 worship services = 157 average attendance

*Sundays (6, 13, 20, and 27 Jan) were at the Ft. Snelling Officers Club ... due to sanctuary renovation.

*Sunday (10 Feb) in the calculation ... had only 56 worshippers ... due to terrible snow/wind/cold.

(Jan – Dec '14) Total attendance = 8,576 divided by 53 worship services = 162 average attendance

(Jan – Dec '15) Total attendance = 9,321 divided by 54 worship services = 173 average attendance

(Jan – Dec '16) Total attendance = 8,976 divided by 53 worship services = 169 average attendance

*Sundays (10 Jan & 18 Dec) are in the calculation ... had only 90 and 73 worshippers respectively ... due to terrible snow/wind/cold.

(Jan – Dec '17) Total attendance = 8,802 divided by 55 worship services = 160 average attendance

*Sundays (11 Jun & 31 Dec) are in the calculation ... had only 98 and 88 worshippers respectively ... due to weather storm/cold.

The Chapel has seen an **.05% decrease in** (average) **total attendance** from year 2016 to 2017.

The Chapel has seen an **20.3% decrease in** (raw numbers) **attendance** from year 2000 to 2017.

With regard to weekly plate offerings:

(Jan – Dec '00) Total offerings = \$90,073.03 divided by 55 worship services = \$1,637.69 per offering

(Jan – Dec '01) Total offerings = \$112,344.91 divided by 54 worship services = \$2,080.46 per offering

(Jan – Dec '02) Total offerings = \$119,105.53 divided by 56 worship services = \$2,126.88 per offering

(Jan – Dec '03) Total offerings = \$140,557.01 divided by 56 worship services = \$2,509.95 per offering

(Jan – Dec '04) Total offerings = \$150,821.33 divided by 56 worship services = \$2,693.24 per offering

(Jan – Dec '05) Total offerings = \$157,966.84 divided by 56 worship services = \$2,820.84 per offering

(Jan – Dec '06) Total offerings = \$166,725.46 divided by 57 worship services = \$2,925.01 per offering

(Jan – Dec '07) Total offerings = \$162,411.45 divided by 55 worship services = \$2,952.94 per offering

(Jan – Dec '08) Total offerings = \$166,178.48 divided by 55 worship services = \$3,021.43 per offering

(Jan – Dec '09) Total offerings = \$178,357.33 divided by 56 worship services = \$3,184.95 per offering

(Jan – Dec '10) Total offerings = \$175,289.82 divided by 54 worship services = \$3,246.11 per offering

(Jan – Dec '11) Total offerings = \$178,678.00 divided by 55 worship services = \$3,248.69 per offering

(Jan – Dec '12) Total offerings = \$194,639.89 divided by 55 worship services = \$3,538.91 per offering

(Jan – Dec '13) Total offerings = \$188,167.00 divided by 54 worship services = \$3,484.57 per offering

(Jan – Dec '14) Total offerings = \$178,127.86 divided by 53 worship services = \$3,360.90 per offering

(Jan – Dec '15) Total offerings = \$178,320.01 divided by 54 worship services = \$3,302.22 per offering

(Jan – Dec '16) Total offerings = \$181,716.46 divided by 53 worship services = \$3,428.61 per offering

(Jan – Dec '17) Total offerings = \$177,877.86 divided by 51 worship services = \$3,487.86 per offering

The Chapel has seen an **.02% increase in** (average) **offerings** from the year 2016 to 2017.

The Chapel has seen an **97.5 growth in** (raw numbers) **offerings** from the year 2000 to 2017.

VISITORS REPORT

The following report is calculated from the information provided on our weekly visitor cards. These categories are listed on the back of our pew cards. They are in response to the question — “**Why did you attend today?**” Visitors are encouraged to check all that apply.

Here are the raw numbers for January - December 2017:

Baptism = 6	Special Music = 3	Visiting Area = 13
Special Events = 16	Cable TV = 0	Invited = 30
Wedding = 3	Looking for a Church = 9	Website = 0
Newspaper Ad = 0	Social Media = 0	Sermon Topic = 1
Wedding Anniversary = 4	Looking for Wedding/Funeral location = 1	

Other 16 = (incl: curious, wedding planning, patriotic celebration, visiting relative, military reserve weekend, invited by member, speaking topic, just visiting, flag holder, etc.)

These responses are from **82** total cards of visitors (recording **105** individuals in attendance).

WEBSITE REPORT

This summary is from 01 Jan to 21 Dec 2017 –

Number of Hits = **178,828** (up from 111,218 in 2013)

Time Frame of Visits = 11% between 00:01 a.m. – 7:00 a.m.; 58% between 7:01 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.; 31% between 5:01 p.m. and midnight

Days of the Week = higher on Sundays; otherwise spread fairly even throughout the week

Countries Visiting Order = US, Ukraine, Great Britain, Russian Federation, Romania, China, Israel, Canada, Germany, India, Netherlands, Poland, France, South Korea, Hong Kong, Brazil, Philippines, Czech Republic, Italy, Japan, Australia, Malaysia, Pakistan, Indonesia, Turkey

DEPARTED SAINTS OF THE CHURCH

We remember the lives of those who have shared with us in the fellowship of the *Foundation*, but during the year of 2017 have gone on to be in the *Church Triumphant*. We give thanks for these children of God who now share the glorious company of Christ, our Savior ... and all the saints who have gone before us.

Violette Lundberg – 04 January 2017

Carl Johnson – 25 January 2017

Jim Carroll – 28 March 2017

Roger Jewett – 17 June 2017

Edith Minor – 04 July 2017

Reuben Mack – 06 July 2017

Lawrence Leervig – 18 January 2017

Ida Mae Johnson – 17 February 2017

Miles Johnson – 28 March 2017

Lloyd Erickson – 23 June 2017

Mary Lou Oss – 05 July 2017

Quentin De Nio – 04 October 2017

Prayer

O God of both the living and the dead, we praise Your holy name for all Your servants who have faithfully lived and died. We thank You for the sacred ties that bind us to those unseen who encompass us as a cloud of witnesses. We pray that, encouraged by their example and strengthened by their fellowship, we may be diligent followers and that nothing will be able to separate us from Your love in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

FOUNDATION'S STATEMENT OF FAITH

I. Biblical Authority

We believe the historic Bible, both Old and New Testaments, to be God's truth revealed to man; these Divinely inspired words comprise God's unchangeable and everlasting authority in all matters of Christian faith and morality.

II. Our God

We believe in one God, Creator of all that is, eternally existing in Three Persons, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

III. Human Life

We believe God created human life, male and female, in His image. By deliberate choice man disobeyed God and fell into sin. By the grace of God redemption is possible through faith in Jesus Christ.

IV. The Person and Work of Jesus Christ

We believe that Jesus Christ is true God and true man; He was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He died on the Cross a blood sacrifice for our sins according to the Scriptures. He arose bodily from the dead, ascended into Heaven, where at the right hand of God, He is now our High Priest and Advocate.

V. The Person and Work of the Holy Spirit

We believe the Holy Spirit is truly God, whose purpose is to glorify the Lord Jesus Christ, and during this age to convict humanity of sin, to regenerate the believing sinner, to indwell, comfort, guide, instruct, and empower the believer for godly living and service.

VI. The Biblical Doctrine of Salvation

We believe that the shed blood of Jesus Christ and His resurrection provide the only ground for salvation for those who believe, and only such as receive Jesus Christ are born again and thus become children of God.

VII. The People of God, the Church

The Church is the living manifestation of Jesus Christ in the world. She is comprised solely of those who through faith in Christ's death on the Cross for our sins and His resurrection from the dead are born again and reconciled with God. Jesus calls His Church together to bear witness of Himself and to make disciples who follow Him, learning of Him and loving as He loved.

VIII. The End Times

We believe that God will fulfill human history according to His plan. At the end, Christ will return; He will call His faithful to Himself and establish His rule over Creation forever; all the living and the dead will be raised to face God's perfect justice. We believe that this blessed hope has a vital bearing on how the Christian lives.

— Adopted 8 December 2013



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Chapel

with your

prayers,

presence,

gifts,

and service.

FOUNDATION'S PURPOSE

“To promote and encourage public interest, appreciation, and understanding of the Fort Snelling Memorial Chapel in historic Fort Snelling State Park, Minnesota as a spiritual center of religious, historical, and patriotic activities.”

“To maintain a program of Christian worship of a non-denominational character in connection with the Chapel by means of preaching and teaching the Word of God; to administer the Sacraments; to engage a Chaplain as its Pastor; to engage other personnel as needed or desired and to maintain such activities as are customary to any religious body.”

“To solicit and receive contributions and donations of money and property for the furthering of the aforementioned purpose.”

— The Foundation's Charter
Established 1967