

FIFTIETH ANNUAL MEETING

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Board of Directors

Executive Officers

Iain Hodge, *President*
 Tony Stocker, *Vice President*
 Sharon Coyne, *Secretary*
 Brad Nelson, *Treasurer*

Members at Large

Patricia Boyd-Peerson
 Pat Hoy
 Cindy Pugh
 Sherry Skarsten
 Matt Stokes

Advisory Ex-Officio Members

Paul Krech, Dick Mickelson

Immediate Past President

Johnnie Johnson

Staff

Rev. Dr. Ken Beale, *Sr. Chaplain*
 Rev. Mike Wallman, *Assoc. 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 | Iain Hodge |
| 2. Opening Prayer | Ken Beale |
| 3. Minutes of Feb '16 Annual Mtg. | Sharon Coyne |
| 4. Introduction of Board of Directors | |
| 5. Chaplain's Report | Ken Beale |
| 6. Nominations Report | Steve Zorn |
| 7. Elections | |
| 8. Standing Committee Reports | |
| Finance | Brad Nelson |
| • Treasurer's Report | |
| • Benevolence | |
| • Investments | |
| Worship | Tony Stocker |
| Fellowship | Carol Nygaard |
| Personnel | Pat Hoy |
| Publicity | Matt Stokes |
| Safety | Patricia Boyd-Peerson |
| Membership | Sharon Coyne |
| 9. Election Results | |
| 10. Adjournment * | |

* NOTE: There will be a brief meeting of the *Board of Directors* immediately following the Annual Meeting to elect 2017 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-present

The Importance of Volunteers at the Chapel.

When most of us arrive at the Chapel on any given Sunday, we find things running rather smoothly. In fact, you can walk in 5-minutes before the service starts and participate in a great service. You probably will be welcomed at the entrance with a good morning and a friendly smile. Tony Stocker, our Head Usher and Chairman of our *Worship Committee*, is responsible for managing the ushers for their Sunday duties. With committed volunteers, it always works well. There are bulletins to be handed out, a welcome to be extended (particularly to new visitors), and the seating of worshipers to make sure they are comfortable and remain with those to whom they attended. My experience has been that all the volunteers make all who gather feel welcome every Sunday.

There are many other volunteers at the Chapel that give their time and effort ... week after week ... making sure all the work needing to be done, gets done with a smile.

As you may know, Volunteer Month is coming soon. The month of April is when we ask all our parishioners 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 the same people seem to volunteer every year. I (personally) found that volunteering is very satisfying. It seems to bring you closer to God and gives you self-satisfaction when you do participate ... rather than just watching others perform the tasks that need to be done each and every week.

I, therefore, ask you to consider volunteering. There is a list of activities that are done each Sunday and some times during the week; but again, we need additional parishioners helping as volunteers.

If you would like to find out more about the various duties or would like a list to review, please let me know.

Remember: While we are blessed with a hard-working staff, we need volunteers ... because volunteering at the Chapel makes you a great part of this congregation and team.

Iain Hodge
Chapel Foundation President

CHAPLAIN'S REPORT

A Year of Jubilee

Admittedly, the Word of God isn't all happy stories; it is brutally honest in showing how sinful we can be and the havoc our sin brings to the world. Yet, the Bible is also full of joyful stories; it calls us to know the joy of the Lord. Jesus said that He came to give us life in its fullness and abundance. He teaches about the Father in heaven who rejoices when one person repents and turns to the way of life [Jesus referred to Himself as "life" - John 14:6]. He takes children into His arms, puts them on His knee and says that we must become like them to enter the kingdom of heaven. He tells pithy stories that had their original hearers laughing and scratching their heads at the same time.

One chapter of the Bible, Leviticus 25, is devoted to the 'year of jubilee.' The year comes after seven sabbath years; hence every fiftieth year was a year of jubilee. Most dictionaries would use words like celebration and anniversary. The word 'jubilee' comes from the Hebrew word for ram's horn. Rams' horns were used in Israel to call people to worship and to celebrate. The whole chapter goes into some detail. Here are some of the practices to be used during that special year: the land rests – no sowing or reaping; there are to be family reunions; the people are to obey God's commandments; no one is to take advantage of anyone else; the poor are to be helped and never made slaves; slaves are to be released; no one is to charge interest on money or land. The picture is a year of social justice, extravagant mercy, and jubilant celebration.

One verse (Leviticus 25:10) is carved into the Liberty Bell – "*Proclaim LIBERTY throughout all the Land unto all the Inhabitants thereof.*" Our nation has believed that since its founding, yet it didn't practice it very well in the institution of slavery. We finally listened to our founding words and legally ended slavery in 1863 when President Abraham Lincoln (whose birthday we celebrate this day) pronounced the emancipation of slaves; but not without a bloody civil war to do it.

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 of God. This is to be for us a year of celebrating the faithfulness of God.

Right after Jesus was baptized (a 'year of jubilee'), He was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by Satan. And right from the wilderness He returns to Nazareth. He enters His childhood synagogue. Someone hands Him the scroll. He reads the prophetic words about the Messiah. He reads them confidently and clearly. They sound like jubilee words: "*The Spirit of the Lord is on Me, because He has anointed Me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent Me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor.*" He hands the scroll back and sits down. Every eye is fastened on Him. You could hear a pin drop. Will someone break the silence? Yes. He will. Calmly He says the most staggering words: "*Today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing.*" What are people to make of such a statement? "*Isn't this Joseph's son?*" they asked. Some were amazed at His nerve. Does He think He's the Messiah? Yes, He does. Is He?

On that answer hangs your faith. Do you believe that Jesus is the Messiah? He declares the year of the Lord's favor. He is not only the Messiah — He is our jubilee!

Faithfully Serving God and Country,
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-present

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Prayer Chains

Lydia Skarsten, *Coordinator*
Arlene Amyotte
Kay Aswegan
Kathy Bischoff
Leslie Henschel
Rae Kellgren
John Larkin
Bob Peterson
Bonnie Rasmussen
Nancy Seubert
Nina Slater
Joleen Stadsklev
Betsy Williams

Children's Messages

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

Worship Leaders

Mike Wallman, *Coordinator*
Mel Henschel
Johnnie Johnson
Brad Nelson
Tony Stocker
Steve Zorn

MINUTES OF THE 49TH ANNUAL MTG

**Fort Snelling Memorial Chapel Foundation
49th Annual Meeting
Sunday, 14 February 2016 (1:00 p.m.)
Fort Snelling Memorial Chapel - Sanctuary**

Call to Order

Vice President Ed Schmidt 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 7, 2016 for review prior to the Annual Meeting. The 2015 Annual Report will be kept on file.

Senior Chaplain Ken Beale offered an opening prayer, thanking the good Lord for all the great volunteers that do good works for the Chapel congregation.

Ed welcomed all in attendance to the 49th Annual Meeting of the Chapel Foundation. Ed asked for the Board members and Ex-Officio members to stand and be recognized. Ed thanked everyone for their hard work and support throughout the past year.

The count of members present was taken, with 47-members being in attendance.

Ed referred those present to the minutes of the 2015 Annual Meeting on page 4 and 5 of the Annual Report. A motion was made by Johnnie Johnson to accept the minutes as written, Forrest Slater seconded. The motion carried.

Chaplain's Report

Senior Chaplain Ken Beale referred to his report on page 3 of the Annual Report. Ken paid verbal tribute to his fantastic staff and expressed his appreciation of being surrounded by such a committed, knowledgeable staff. "Mike Wallman, our Associate Chaplain, is such a kindred spirit, I could not have done it without him." Marlys Wallman, our Minister of Music, blesses us each week with beautiful music, new artists and notably under budget. Bev Johnson (Administrative Assistant) and Carol Nygaard (Accounting Specialist) "both of whom have not skipped a beat," while Ken has been working from Arizona. He highly thanked them for their excellent work, good stewardship; and for Carol's oversight of our balanced budget.

Nominating Committee Report

Johnnie Johnson, Chair of the Nominating Committee, thanked his committee, comprised of Lydia Skarsten, Barb Stocker, President Iain Hodge, Ex Officio and Chaplain Ken, Ex Officio, for bringing forward members to the new Board. Johnnie referred to the Nominating Committee's report on page 13. The Nominating Committee reported four members departing the Board:

- Ed Schmidt is leaving the Board because his second 3-year term is completed.
- Don Cochrane has resigned subject to relocation to Texas.
- Richard Geis has declined nomination for his second 3-year term.
- Judy Labon has declined nomination for her first 3-year term.

The Nominating Committee presented the following two members for nomination to the Board of Directors, to be in accordance with the FSMC new By-Laws going from a 12-member Board to a 9-member Board:

- Connie Payette has accepted the nomination for her second 3-year term.
- Pat Hoy has accepted the nomination for his first 3-year term.

Johnnie Johnson 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 by Ed Schmidt and seconded by Eva Zorn to accept the slate of two candidates for the Board positions as recommended by the Nominating Committee. Discussion: none The motion carried.

Johnnie Johnson recommended the names of Paul Krech, Cindy Pugh and Dick Mickelson, as 1-year Ex Officio members of the Board of Directors to be voted on by the Board.

In accordance with our newly adopted By-Laws, three Foundation members will serve as Trustees of the Endowment Fund Committee with staggering 3-year terms. Johnnie presented the Nominating Committee's recommendations for those positions as:

- Ted Nemzek (1-year term)
- Barb Stocker (2-year term)
- Bill Coyne (3-year term)

A motion was made by Brad Nelson to accept the Nominating Committee's three recommendations for Trustees to the Endowment Fund, Patricia Boyd seconded. Discussion: none The motion carried.

Committee Reports

Ed Schmidt 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 FSMC and for always lending a helping hand to get the good works done for the Lord and His Church.

Finance Committee: Brad Nelson referred to the Treasurer's Report on page 6 of the Annual Report. A motion was made by Paul Krech and seconded by Terese Weitzel, to accept the Treasurer's Report as written. Discussion: none The motion carried.

Benevolence Committee: Richard Geis referred to the Benevolence Committee's written report on page 7 of the Annual Report, for the complete list of organizations that received benevolent gifts from the Foundation in 2015. He reminded us that we all have an interest in where the benevolent gifts are distributed. Chuck Andrews questioned why we are not giving more than \$500 per year to Loaves and Fishes, saying "the \$500 would not even feed the 500-600 people they serve meals to each night." Richard thanked him and will look into possibly giving them more. There are so many organizations and churches that also give to them. Chaplain Ken suggested that Sunday 6 March (in our participation in MN FoodShare) that all the food donated should be designated to Loaves and Fishes. This could be decided at the Board of Directors meeting following the Annual Meeting. A motion was made by Johnnie Johnson and seconded by Patricia Boyd to accept the Benevolence Committee report as written. The motion carried.

Investment Committee: Chaplain Ken in Ted Nemzek's absence, referred to the Investment Report on page 8. He added the report is an accurate summary of the Foundation's portfolio over the last year. Chaplain Ken asked members to find out where they fall on the range of giving and please take the challenge to go up to the next range of giving. A motion was made by Forrest Slater and seconded by Johnnie Johnson to accept the Investment Report as written. Discussion: Chuck Andrews thinks that having \$939,000 in investments is shameful and we should be giving this money away for Bibles. Chaplain Ken assured him that the Benevolence Committee does give the Gideon's International (\$1,500 in 2015 for Bibles). He also wanted everyone to be aware that the majority of monies in investments are in the Endowment Fund (designated dollars). The accrued interest of this fund will be used for the continuation of the ministry of FSMC into perpetuity. If anything ever happened to the Chapel facility and we had to move, we would have the funds to do so and added that most churches actually have property of even greater value that they could liquidate. So, having these funds available is in the best interest of the members of the Foundation and in good faith – keeping us fiscally responsible for the future needs of FSMC ... if the need were to arise. Quentin De Nio added that other churches could take loans out using their buildings as collateral, if they were to run into financial need. The motion carried.

Worship Committee: Tony Stocker referred to page 9 of the Annual Report for a complete list of 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 Johnnie Johnson and Sharon Coyne seconded to accept the Worship Committee report as written. Discussion: none The motion carried.

Fellowship Committee: In the absence of Connie Payette, Ed referred to the Fellowship Report on page 10 of the Annual Report. A motion was made by Patricia Boyd to accept the Fellowship Report as written, Marlys Wallman seconded. Discussion: none The motion carried.

Publicity Committee: In the absence of Matt Stokes, Chaplain Ken referred to the Publicity Report on page 12 of the Annual Report. A motion was made by Judy Labon, and seconded by Nina Slater to accept the Publicity Report as written. Discussion: none The motion carried.

Personnel Committee: Pat Hoy referred to the Personnel Committee report on page 11 of the Annual Report. A motion was made by Paul Krech and seconded by Sherry Skarsten to accept the Personnel Committee report as written. Discussion: none The motion carried.

Membership Committee: Judy Labon referred to the Membership Committee report on page 13 of the Annual Report. A motion was made by Cindy Pugh and seconded by Johnnie Johnson to accept the Membership Committee report as written. Discussion: none The motion carried.

Safety Committee: Chaplain Ken announced that the Board of Directors deemed the Ad Hoc Safety Committee to be a Standing Committee of FSMC. In accordance with the By-Laws of FSMC, it is the members of the Foundation that vote this in as a Standing Committee. A motion was made by Don Smith and seconded by Paul Krech to have the Safety Committee as a Standing Committee of FSMC. Discussion: none The motion carried.

Adjournment

Ed Schmidt 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

	2016 Budget	2016 Actual	2017 Budget
Income			
Plate Offerings	\$181,000.00	\$202,177.46	\$192,000.00
Christmas Offering	\$15,000.00	\$14,271.13	\$15,000.00
Easter Offering	\$7,000.00	\$5,943.00	\$7,000.00
Thanksgiving Offering	\$6,000.00	\$7,770.50	\$6,000.00
Chapel Call	\$1,500.00	\$1,932.00	\$1,500.00
Christmas Luncheon	\$2,500.00	\$2,354.00	\$2,500.00
Easter Brunch/Fellowship Goodwill/Ice Cream Social	\$1,025.00	\$973.31	\$1,025.00
Altar Flowers	\$3,032.00	\$3,445.00	\$2,600.00
Food Share	\$0.00	\$705.00	
Historic Preservation Fund	\$5,000.00	\$12,795.00	\$5,000.00
Memorials	\$8,500.00	\$13,898.68	\$6,000.00
Misc Contributions		\$75.00	
New Market Revenue	\$4,000.00	\$1,345.00	\$4,000.00
Picnic Income	\$1,500.00	\$1,558.00	\$1,500.00
Pins/Notecards/CDs/DVDs	\$700.00	\$112.00	\$700.00
Publication Sponsorship	\$6,500.00	\$0.00	\$6,500.00
Children's Ministry		\$20.00	
Social Events	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$500.00
Caring Hearts Income		\$200.00	
Safety Committee Income		\$50.00	
Int Income/dividends cap gains	\$8,000.00	\$749.07	\$8,000.00
Total Income	\$251,757.00	\$270,374.15	\$259,825.00
Expenses			
Salaries (5)	\$110,500.00	\$112,232.75	\$110,944.00
Salary Bonus (5)		\$2,250.00	\$0.00
Benefits	\$3,320.00	\$3,320.00	\$200.00
Payroll Taxes	\$3,000.00	\$3,270.38	\$3,050.00
Personnel Training/Pastoral Search	\$500.00	\$98.27	\$3,600.00
Insurance (liability bonding)	\$2,500.00	\$2,228.00	\$2,500.00
Benevolence & Gifts	\$18,100.00	\$19,250.00	\$19,200.00
Historic Pres/Memorials/Restricted Memorials		\$18,370.35	
Accounting/Contract Services	\$1,025.00	\$973.00	\$1,025.00
Audit/Review	\$4,500.00	\$3,021.00	\$5,000.00
Music/Music Purchase	\$12,000.00	\$10,595.00	\$11,900.00
Guest Organists	\$450.00	\$300.00	\$450.00
Guest Speakers	\$300.00	\$150.00	\$450.00
CD/DVD supplies	\$50.00	\$83.18	\$100.00
Bus Rental	\$950.00	\$1,029.52	\$800.00
Chapel Supplies/Children's Ministry	\$3,010.00	\$3,939.42	\$3,700.00
Flower Expense	\$3,032.00	\$3,210.50	\$2,600.00
Hospitality	\$750.00	\$440.72	\$500.00
Christmas Luncheon Expense	\$2,600.00	\$2,601.28	\$2,600.00
Annual Picnic	\$1,750.00	\$1,823.00	\$1,900.00
Easter Brunch/Ice Cream Social/Memorial Day	\$650.00	\$382.75	\$650.00
Outreach Materials/Crafty Ladies/Caring Hearts	\$500.00	\$425.46	\$700.00
Food Share		\$705.00	
Advertising	\$300.00	\$58.37	\$300.00
Newsletter	\$15,900.00	\$17,016.40	\$15,900.00
E-Commerce	\$7,950.00	\$6,473.91	\$8,010.00
Market Development Prod	\$1,500.00	\$2,032.49	\$1,500.00
Office Rent (Admin & Chaplain) Conf Rm Rent	\$9,600.00	\$9,600.00	\$9,600.00
Chapel Rent	\$10,800.00	\$10,800.00	\$13,500.00
Repairs Audio/Video Systems Audio Equip CD/DVD Supplies	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00
Repairs/Maintenance Keyboards/Carillon	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$500.00
Office Storage	\$780.00	\$780.00	\$780.00
Depreciation	\$2,500.00	\$0.00	\$2,500.00
Uncategorized/Bank fees/Ret checks/PayPal	\$665.00	\$394.77	\$615.00
Affiliate Memberships	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$150.00
Printing	\$14,000.00	\$13,367.01	\$15,000.00
Office Supplies	\$3,800.00	\$4,435.16	\$4,000.00
CE Class & Children's Ministry/Baptism		\$128.78	\$650.00
Subscriptions	\$1,000.00	\$1,643.15	\$1,700.00
Telephone/Internet (Office & Chaplain)	\$1,550.00	\$1,767.23	\$1,500.00
Postage/Courier	\$2,000.00	\$1,843.86	\$2,000.00
Mileage Exp - Office Staff, Assoc Chaplain & Sr Chaplain	\$5,500.00	\$5,936.22	\$5,500.00
Chaplain's New Programming			
Chaplain's Discretionary	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$500.00
Social Events	\$500.00	\$52.00	\$500.00
Membership Printing/Postage/New Member Materials	\$1,150.00	\$244.99	\$850.00
Membership Photo Directory	\$100.00	\$73.48	\$400.00
Safety Committee Equipment			\$425.00
Safety Committee Training	\$300.00	\$275.00	\$500.00
Safety Committee First Aid Kits	\$175.00	\$178.36	\$175.00
Total Expenses	\$251,707.00	\$267,950.76	\$259,924.00
Net surplus/(deficit)	\$50.00	\$2,423.39	(\$99.00)

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 2016 the Finance Committee, along with several Chapel members, recommended to and received approval from the Board of Directors for thirty (30) separate grants to the organizations listed below with the sums totaling \$19,250.

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.

ACT! For America	500.00
Base Camp Hope	500.00
Broken Heart Ministries	500.00
Chaplain Alliance for Religious Liberty	500.00
Child Evangelism Fellowship	500.00
Christian Literature Distributors International	500.00
Crossroads Chapel	2,000.00
Fishing For Life (npc)	500.00
Gideon's International	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	1000.00
New Life Family Services (npc)	2,000.00
News Service (npc)	500.00
Officers Christian Fellowship - Valor Retreat	1,000.00
Operation High Ground	500.00
Our Daily Bread Ministries	500.00
Pets Loyal 2 Vets	500.00
Quilts of Valor	500.00
Salvation Army	500.00
Samaritan's Purse	1750.00
Sharing and Caring Hands	500.00
Twin City Honor Flight	500.00
Union Gospel Mission (npc)	500.00
Veteran's On The Lake	500.00
Total Funds Distributed	\$19,250.00*

Brad Nelson, *Chair*
 Sharon Coyne
 Judy Dolin
 Richard Geis
 Pat Hoy
 Johnnie Johnson
 Robin Nelson
 Ted Nemzek
 Carol Nygaard
 Connie Payette
 Ken Beale, *Ex Officio*
 Iain Hodge, *Ex Officio*

* A team of ten participated in the New Life Family Services WALK FOR LIFE at Lake Nokomis (25 Jun) raising **\$3,300.00** in fulfilled pledges for this pro-life organization. They were the #1 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 *Board of Directors*. These goals are:

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)

a. Wells Fargo Advisors Account	\$227,777.00
b. Memorial Checking Account	43,346.00
c. Certificates of Deposit	0.00 (closed at maturity in 2016)
d. Historic Preservation Account	29,169.00 (funds from above CDs)
e. On Demand Account	5,869.00
f. Sunset Real Estate	15,960.00 (cemetery spaces)
g. FSMCF Endowment Fund	577,604.00
h. Fixed Assets	15,445.00
i. War Memorial	19,005.00
Total	\$944,176.00 (December 31, 2016)
Total	\$931,758.00 (December 31, 2015)

This total does not include possible appreciation of the Sunset Real Estate.

No funds have ever been disbursed from the Wells Fargo Account.

All Wells Fargo Account dividends and other earnings are auto-reinvested in the acct.

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*

Brad Nelson, *Chair*
Sharon Coyne
Judy Dolin
Richard Geis
Pat Hoy
Johnnie Johnson
Robin Nelson
Ted Nemzek
Carol Nygaard
Connie Payette
Ken Beale, *Ex Officio*
Iain Hodge, *Ex Officio*

RANGE OF GIVING

2016 Range of Giving	Total Households	Member Households
-0-	2159	52
\$1-24	137	5
25-49	90	8
50-74	58	6
75-99	22	2
100-124	52	11
125-149	19	6
150-199	16	3
200-299	30	11
300-399	10	5
400-499	12	7
500-599	14	8
600-749	11	10
750-849	5	4
850-999	8	8
1,000-1,499	16	10
1,500-1,999	12	9
2,000-2,999	11	8
3,000-3,999	5	4
4,000-4,999	4	4
5,000-5,999	4	4
6,000-7,999	3	3
8,000-9,999	4	3
10,000-11,999	1	1
	2,703	192

* **192** *Foundation* member households

The Snelling Spirit is sent to approximately **2,700** households.

WORSHIP REPORT

Foundation's Regular Special Services and Events in 2016: Sanctity of Life Sunday, Four Chaplain's Remembrance Sunday, FSMCF Founder's Day, Installation of Officers, Imposition of Ashes, Palm Sunday, Good Friday, Easter Sunday, Volunteer Recruitment Sundays, Food Share Sunday, Mother's Day, Memorial Day Sunday, Flag Day Sunday ... including presentation of Quilts of Valor to Korean War Vets, 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 7 communion services held, 10 child baptisms and 6 adult believer's baptisms by immersion administered

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 prepared us for the general election with his sermon series - "Voting Your Values" - which has been made into a 14-message set of CDs.

Sub-Committee Reports:

Altar Guild. The Altar Guild is responsible for setting up for baptisms, communion (Sharon Coyne and Judy Labon) 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 messages, 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 (and previously by Travis Beard). The Fellowship Hall now has a big screen for congregants to watch the worship service. John Johnson, the son of Chapel member Johnnie Johnson, donated much time to the wiring and setting up of this fine viewing attraction. The nursery now has a flat screen TV, which was donated by Paul & Virginia Krech. This allows parents to care for their children and still be a part of the worship service. Many thanks to all for helping to greatly improve our AV capabilities.

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 Peerson continued to lead this group of volunteers posted at Chapel entrance each week. Patricia Boyd-Peerson has introduced occasional "honored guests" into the line-up.

Flowers. Karen Ayers continued to provide the leadership for the weekly altar flowers. She also beautifully decorated the sanctuary for the various seasons. Dorothea Johns coordinated the ordering/placement of 78 Easter plants with assistance from Karen Ayers and Judy Labon. Bev Johnson coordinated the ordering of the Christmas poinsettias this year and with the help of Dorothea Johns, Judy Labon and Barb Stocker decorated the chancel area with 61 red/pink/white poinsettias.

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 our *Worship Committee*.

Respectfully submitted,
Tony Stocker, *Chairperson*

Tony Stocker, *Chair*
Mary Amlaw
Karen Ayers
Kermit Bischoff
Patricia Boyd-Peerson
Tim Bray
Don Cochran
Bill Coyne
Sharon Coyne
Len Ericson
David 'Doc' Feller
Gene Henrickson
Leslie Henschel
Mel Henschel
Dorothea Johns
Jim Johns
Bev Johnson
Johnnie Johnson
Paul Krech
Judy Labon
Earl Lee
Robin Nelson
Blackie Nowland
Ted Nemzek
Dick Mickelson
Don Peerson
Nancy Powell
Cindy Pugh
Heidi Reichow
Sherry Skarsten
Forrest Slater
Nina Slater
Don Smith
Barb Stocker
Dick Volkert
Marly Wallman
Mike Wallman
Terese Weitzel
Ken Beale, *Ex Officio*
Iain Hodge, *Ex Officio*

FELLOWSHIP REPORT

Fellowship Committee hosted the following events in 2016:

March - 6th: MN Food Share - 250 lbs of food, \$705.00 in checks/cash donations, delivered by Richard Geis. 7th: Easter Brunch - 91 attended, biscuits & gravy were a big hit! **May** - 8th: Mother's Day - Men served during fellowship hour which is an annual tradition. 29th: Memorial Day Sunday - Refreshments of water and cookies were served outside following the service. Janet Brautigam provided poppies.

July/August - 3rd: Ice Cream Social - 153 attended and enjoyed bowls of ice cream, strawberries and blueberries. 24th: Annual Picnic - Attended by 110 members and guests, chaired by Karen Hodge, assisted the day of the picnic by Lydia and Sherry Skarsten. Affordable Catering provided the delicious food again this year. Marly Wallman and Tom Tjornholm provided the music enjoyed by all. More than three tubs of items were collected for New Life at the picnic and delivered by Chaplain Mike.

Sundays July 28th - 24 August: Kitchen Angels were on vacation. **October** - 2nd: ICLD Collection - 15 bags of books and 3 tubs of Christian literature were collected curbside at the Chapel, delivered by Richard Gies. **November** - 13th: Operation Christmas Shoeboxes gathered 226 boxes delivered by Tony Stocker. This was co-chaired by Sharon Coyne and Barb Stocker with assistance by Judy Labon.

December - 11th: Annual Christmas Luncheon - chaired by Bev Johnson and Barb Stocker with assistance by Lydia and Sherry Skarsten and Judy Labon. It was held at the Embassy Suites with 93 members and guests in attendance. The food and service were great! Diane Westby led the sing-a-long accompanied by Marly Wallman on her accordian. A 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 Stadskev

Fellowship Hour (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. The committee members wish to thank Connie Payette for the leadership of this committee prior to her move to TX.

Respectfully submitted,
Carol Nygaard, *Chairperson*

PERSONNEL REPORT

2016 was a very trying time. Both Chaplains Beale and Wallman announced their plans to retire. With that in mind an *Ad Hoc Search Committee* was formed and charged with finding a replacement for Chaplain Beale. With the help of Chaplains Beale and Wallman, the *Search Committee*, chaired by Bill Coyne, began documenting information about the Chapel, the Chaplain position, an application form, etc. They also conducted focus group meetings with members of the Chapel to identify those qualifications which they feel are important for the candidates to possess.

During August, Chaplain Beale had two heart attacks followed by a cerebral hemorrhage. When that happened, we thought we were going to have to expedite our search to find a new Chaplain. We were not prepared to jump into that arena. Finding a new Chaplain is a detailed process that requires a lot of planning, time, and discussion. The *Personnel Committee* is relying heavily on the guidance and expertise of Chaplain Beale as we work through the selection process.

Throughout Ken's recovery, Associate Chaplain Mike Wallman did an outstanding job keeping the Chapel running as normal. Assisting Chaplain Wallman in his efforts were our wonderful Chapel staff, which included Bev Johnson (Administrative Assistant), Carol Nygaard (Accounting Specialist), Marlys Wallman (Minister of Music) and the *Executive*

Carol Nygaard, *Chair*
Dawn Anderson
Joan Beard
Travis Beard
Kathy Bischoff
Kermit Bischoff
Janet Brautigam
Sharon Coyne
Mae Dobbs-Dyste
Judy Dolin
Harry Gall
Jan Gall
Richard Geis
Jenna Hatleberg
Mel Henschel
Karen Hodge
Arline Jakeman
Dorothea Johns
Bev Johnson
Rae Kellgren
Judy Labon
Karen Nelson
Connie Payette
Greg Shelton
Lydia Skarsten
Sherry Skarsten
Forrest Slater
Nina Slater
Joleen Stadskev
Barb Stocker
Tony Stocker
Tom Tjornholm
Marly Wallman
Mike Wallman
Rebecca Webster
Terese Weitzel
Diane Westby
Ken Beale, *Ex Officio*
Iain Hodge, *Ex Officio*

Pat Hoy, *Chair*
Bill Coyne
Sherry Skarsten
Joleen Stadskev
Ken Beale, *Ex Officio*
Iain Hodge, *Ex Officio*

CARING HEARTS

The *Caring Hearts Committee* held its annual meeting on Saturday, October 1, 2016 at the *Fort Snelling Memorial Chapel Foundation* conference room. Twelve of the 24 members were in attendance.

We reviewed the names of the homebound recipients, their histories and present conditions. Each is referred to as a 'Cherished Member.' A few of them have overcome their problems and have returned to their normal lives. Seven 'Cherished Members' 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 2,761 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 17 Christmas bags with visits to the homebound. Each year the contacts are all documented.

From October 1, 2015 to October 1, 2016 the Prayer Shawl ministry presented 17 shawls — each lovingly crafted and prayed over stitch-by-stitch and then blessed at a Sunday morning service. The shawls were given to *Chapel Foundation* members who were in need of spiritual warmth because of surgery, illness, or being homebound. Testimonies of comfort and renewed health were received from those now wrapped in the shawls.

The small Christmas tree in the Fellowship Hall during November/December that held the names and addresses of our homebound provided *Foundation* members the opportunity to send Christmas greetings to our extended Chapel family. 550 names were distributed and assuming that each person did respond by sending Christmas greetings in one form or another, that means an additional 550 contacts were made totaling 2,068. Each of our writers pay for his/her cards and postage as a donation.

An appeal in the Sunday bulletin for unused cards (any variety) brought in donations of 1,108 everyday cards, which I distributed in packs for use by our *Caring Hearts*. They do appreciate receiving them. Our *Caring Hearts* year ends October 1, so the 535 Christmas 2015 signed cards are included here.

Totaling all activities this last year, the number of contacts were 3,880. We 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 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*
 Karen Ayers
 Kathy Bischoff
 Ginger Carter
 Quentin DeNio
 Joan Eng
 Kathy Henrickson
 Karen Hodge
 Bev Johnson
 Rae Kellgren
 Winnie Kope
 Virginia Krech
 Robin Nelson
 Alora Reichow
 Heidi Reichow
 Maddy Seeman
 Janan Sharpe
 Forrest Slater
 Nina Slater
 Barb Stocker
 Mike Wallman
 Therese Weitzel
 Ken Beale, *Ex Officio*
 Iain Hodge, *Ex Officio*

PERSONNEL REPORT (CONTINUED)

Committee. I am very pleased to report that the daily Chapel functions did not miss a beat. We are so fortunate to have this wonderful staff. I am also very proud of the *Personnel Committee*. We had to make some hard decisions with the guidance of the *Board of Directors* and *Executive Committee*. We are all very happy that Ken has recovered, is back to work, and available to guide us in our search for his replacement. Bill and the *Search Committee* are doing great work on this very important task.

Annual staff evaluations were conducted by Chaplain Ken ... while Ken's evaluation was conducted by the *Executive Committee*. They were all impeccable and were easily endorsed and signed off by myself, as *Personnel Chair*.

Respectfully submitted,
 Pat Hoy, *Chairperson*

PUBLICITY REPORT

The *Publicity Committee* continues to progress towards our goal of assuring our message is shared beyond the walls of the Chapel. These accomplishments include:

Ongoing social media participation growth is being accomplished by utilizing popular Venues —



Livestream has been further enhanced with notices going out and archived services posted. The live viewing of the *Chapel Foundation's* weekly worship services have grown considerably — with double digit regular worshippers per Sunday.

The capability to access a weekly bulletin and tithe offerings (via PayPal) is further facilitated on our website [www.fortsnellingmcf.org]. Refer to the stats reported on page 15 of this Annual Report.



Weekly Facebook postings are experiencing hundreds of views with 'Likes' exceeding 633. Comments are all favorable; and has a public site rating of 4.8 (5.0 star rating).



The Memorial Day open house had 440 visitors. Activities included: guided tours of the Chapel; printed handouts to visitors; and a narrated PowerPoint tour of the Chapel.

New this year is our mid-week e-mail news called '*Chapel Chatter*' ... providing recipients with what you need to know about the upcoming events at the Chapel through Constant Contact.

Respectfully yours,
Matt Stokes, *Chairperson*

Matt Stokes, *Chair*
Travis Beard
Len Ericson
John Hodge
Pat Hoy
Paul Krech
John Kruse
Judy Labon
Dick Mickelson
Ted Nemzek
Janan Sharpe
Greg Sheldon
Mike Wallman
Ken Beale, *Ex Officio*
Iain Hodge, *Ex Officio*

SAFETY REPORT

This has been a busy year for the *Safety Committee*. We conducted a fire drill, severe weather drill and a threat drill at the Chapel. A new AED machine was given to the Chapel by the Airport Fire Dept Station #1. We are very thankful to them for doing this for us. They have also offered to come and give us a brush up course on the use of the AED. We utilized our conference room to offer a Kray Maga women's self-defense class. The class was very well received and we will be offering another class in 2017. Bill and Joyce Hoppe, members of the *Safety Committee*, offered a Permit to Carry class, which was also conducted at the Chapel office. Additionally, during one of our *Safety Committee* meetings, Gary Essig from Protection Specialists International, also the head of Security at Living Word Church, presented a class on how to handle protesters and use handcuffs. We really enjoyed Gary's sharing of his knowledge with us and plan to have another class with Gary in 2017.

The *Safety Committee* has built a great relationship with both of our first responders at Fire Station #1 and the Hennepin County Sheriff's Dept, who often give us extra patrols on Sundays and special events at the Chapel.

During 2017, Paul and Virginia Krech will continue doing blood pressure checks and those dates will be announced. Additionally, we will once again be offering CPR/First Aid classes to anyone who is interested in taking them. We have some new money to use for upcoming training and will look forward to offering some interesting classes both for safety and security. We will wait until Spring for another tornado and fire drill.

As a new committee, we are always looking for ways to improve and we welcome your thoughts and suggestions.

Respectfully submitted,
Patricia Boyd Peerson, *Chairperson*

Patricia Boyd-Peerson, *Chair*
Marilyn Botten
Pat Botten
Justin Champ
Bill Coyne
Sharon Coyne
Len Ericson
Doc Feller
Gene Henrickson
Leslie Henschel
Mel Henschel
Bill Hoppe
Joyce Hoppe
Johnnie Johnson
Paul Krech
Virginia Krech
John Kruse
Judy Labon
Brad Nelson
Robin Nelson
Tom Newman
Blackie Nowland
Don Peerson
Barb Stocker
Tony Stocker
Mike Wallman
Terese Weitzel
Ken Beale, *Ex Officio*
Iain Hodge, *Ex Officio*

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

2016 Key Accomplishments:

- New Member Orientation Class was held September 22nd with 6 new members participating.
- The 'Membership Sunday' was on October 16th with 11 new members welcomed into the Chapel Foundation. Recognition with lapel flowers and cake were well received.
- Quentin DeNio continues to do a fabulous job of sending cards out to new visitors. Direct contacts are being made to visitors indicating they are interested in finding a new church on the prayer request/visitor cards.
- The process to reconcile and remove members that are no longer active in the Chapel Foundation continued in 2016. This resulted in the ultimate removal of 59 persons from the membership list, equaling 37 households that had not attended the Chapel nor contributed monetarily or rendered volunteer service since July 1, 2014. The Chapel Foundation 'cherished homebound' were not included.

Respectively submitted,
Sharon Coyne, *Chairperson*

Sharon Coyne, *Chair*
Bill Coyne
Quentin DeNio
Paul Krech
Judy Labon
Dick Mickelson
Janan Sharpe
Joleen Stadsklev
Forrest Slater
Nina Slater
Mike Wallman
Ken Beale, *Ex Officio*
Iain Hodge, *Ex Officio*

NOMINATIONS REPORT

Board Member Departure:

Sherry Skarsten who has reached her limit of two consecutive 3-year terms

Trustee Member Departure:

Ted Nemzek who has fulfilled his 1-year term

Proposed Ballot for 50th Annual Meeting:

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

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

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

1. **Johnnie Johnson** 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. **Tom Newman** has agreed to serve a 1-year appointment
2. **Greg Sheldon** has agreed to serve a 1-year appointment
3. **Sharon Emde** has agreed to serve a 1-year appointment

2017 Slate of Officers:

President – **Iain Hodge**
Vice President – **Tony Stocker**
Treasurer – **Brad Nelson**
Secretary – **Sharon Coyne**

Respectfully submitted,
Steve Zorn, *Chairperson*

Steve Zorn, *Chair*
Dorothea Johns
Robin Nelson
Ken Beale, *Ex Officio*
Iain Hodge, *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.

The Chapel has seen an **.02% decrease in** (average) **total attendance** from year 2015 to 2016.

The Chapel has seen an **18.7% decrease in** (raw numbers) **attendance** from year 2000 to 2016.

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

The Chapel has seen an **.04% increase in** (average) **offerings** from the year 2015 to 2016.

The Chapel has seen an **102% growth in** (raw numbers) **offerings** from the year 2000 to 2016.

VISITORS REPORT

The following report is calculated by **Quentin DeNio** ... who sends our weekly visitors a card and keeps track of their indicated reasons for attending the Chapel. 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 2016:

Baptism = 6	Special Music = 4	Visiting Area = 24
Special Events = 8	Cable TV = 1	Invited = 2
Wedding = 3	Looking for a Church = 1	Website = 1
Newspaper Ad = 0	Wedding Anniversary = 7	

Other 17 = (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 **74** total cards of visitors (recording **146** individuals in attendance).

WEBSITE REPORT

This summary is from 01 Jan to 31 Dec 2016 —

Number of Hits = **228,627** (up from 111,128 in 2013)

Time Frame of Visits = 11% between 00:01 a.m. - 7:00 a.m.; 60% between 7:01 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.;
29% between 5:01 p.m. and midnight

Days of the Week = higher on Wednesdays and Thursdays; otherwise, spread fairly even throughout the week

Countries Visiting Order = US, Ukraine, China, Russian Federation, Romania, Germany, Brazil, Israel, Great Britain, Canada, Poland, France, India, Hong Kong, Japan, Netherlands, Philippines, Italy, Sweden, Moldova, Vietnam, Spain, Austria, Luxembourg

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 2016 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.

Raymond ‘Bud’ Seeman – 17 March 2016

Robert ‘Bob’ Brautigam – 31 May 2016

Philip ‘Phil’ Kope – 8 October 2016

Drexel Van Every – 6 April 2016

Bruce Anderson – 18 September 2016

Josephine ‘Jo’ Teare – 9 October 2016

Tim Scully – 19 October 2016

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



**Membership
promise to ...**

Uphold the

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