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Not What I Expected

This message was preached 23 Dec 2012 from the historic pulpit of the Fort Snelling Memorial Chapel as "Not What I Expected" ... based on St. Luke 2:1-20. This sermon, along with over 450+ other titles, is available on DVDs.

As a kid, did you ever want something for Christmas (so badly) that if you got it, you swore you'd never ask for anything again? And when you got what you wanted, after a while you felt this is not what I expected from this.

- As a teenager, you heard so much about the senior prom and what it's going to be like. You spent those high school years waiting; securing all the money for that night; and you go ... and after it's all over you recognize, this is not what I expected.
- As an adult, you couldn't wait to get that new car, or that home, or even to get married. You get what you went after; but ... on the other side of the getting ... you realize this is not what I expected.
- Have you ever invested years of your life into another person with your time, energy, and resources? You could have been enjoying yourself, but instead you poured your means into this other person, and you've watched them make one dumb decision after another. You look at where they are today, and you say, this is not what I expected.

Life is full of situations that sometimes don't turn out in the way we had hoped. We may choose a college major or a particular job – only to find out, this is not what I expected. We may choose a marriage partner or decide to have a child – only to find out, this is not what I expected. We may choose to buy a house in a certain neighborhood or to buy a particular kind of a car – only to find out, this is not what I expected.

Well, the same can be said of the Christmas event. It is all about God showing-up in the midst of the unexpected.

Mary was a teenage virgin impregnated by the Holy Spirit; poor; uneducated; and from a little town (so small) that didn't even appear on the map. She gives birth to the Savior in a holding place for animals (a stable) ... where she placed her newborn son in a food-trough (a manger).

For Israel ... who had been looking and praying for a Savior for more than 7-centuries ... the unexpected showed-up in unexpected circumstances. Not only was the birth of the Savior not what they expected, this Babe of Bethlehem grew-up to be unlike the type of Savior they expected.

You see, Isaiah prophesized that God was going to send a Savior into the world, and that there would be light despite the darkness. He said, *"Nevertheless, there will be no more gloom for those who were in distress. In the past He humbled the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the future He will honor Galilee of the nations, by the Way of the Sea, beyond the Jordan— The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of deep darkness a light has dawned."* (Isaiah 9:1-2)

Now understand: Isaiah was living in uncertain times. The Northern Kingdom of Israel had been humbled to their knees by the invasion of the growing superpower (Assyria), while Egypt (to the south) was still trying to hold onto Israel and threatening to attack. And Judah was stuck right in the middle. In the midst of all of this, their government was waffling about whom to place their allegiance in; there were wars and

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President's Corner

If you look in our *Administrative Manual* under PURPOSE STATEMENT and GUIDING PRINCIPLES you will be reminded of our pledge to, promote and encourage public interest, appreciation and understanding of the Fort Snelling Memorial Chapel in Fort Snelling Park, Minnesota, as a spiritual center for religious, historical and patriotic activities. It goes on to say in our Guiding Principles that we should above all glorify God and treat all members respectfully.

Another major part of the Fort Snelling Memorial Chapel Foundation is to remember the Veteran. Veterans Day is an official U.S. Federal holiday observed annually on November the 11th. Our Veterans that we meet each week at the Chapel, remind us of the sacrifices they made to keep this country safe from the evils of the world and to help keep the United States of America free.

We as members of the Chapel pay a lot of attention to Veterans Day. For many of the Veterans that attend the Chapel each week, it is a highlight, not only spiritually hearing the Word of God from our Chaplains but the chance to be with their comrades in a place where, the Veterans are remembered and appreciated.

We should never forget the sacrifices our Veterans made fighting against evil which in turn, allowed us the freedom we and our loved ones have today.

Iain Hodge
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Christian Education Classes

Every Sunday from **September through May**, our congregation conducts an **Intergenerational Christian Education Class** from **9:45 to 10:30 AM**, in the Fellowship Hall. This year we are tackling the issues of values and ethics in a presentation entitled ***"Christian Ethics, Doing THE Right Thing."***

We have an exceptional DVD series produced by the *Charles Colson Institute for Christian World View*. We are also adding the insights of Francis Schaffer, Carl F.H. Henry, Brannon Howse, and many others, and are having great discussions each Sunday.

We are basing our study on First Corinthians 15:58 where the Apostle Paul encourages believers to be unmovable in the face of any and all of life's challenges. We are processing the Biblical material on ethics in a manner which clarifies what is happening in our culture with a view to mapping out a Biblical, Christian response to living for Christ in our present world situation. Our prayer for this series is found in Psalm 63, where the Psalmist faces the lies and destructive power of those opposed to God with a yearning for and a dependence on the Lord God. This is a great series for young and old, and there is room for all who seek to grow in Christ and understand the times.

— Chaplain Mike Wallman

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If you would like a copy of the **2014 Annual Report**, please secure one in the Fellowship Hall or call the *Foundation Office* at (952) 888-1525 and leave your name/mailing address that we may send you a copy of this impressive report.

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rumors of wars; there were terrorist attacks; and families were going without proper nourishment. Isaiah stood in this uncertain time and proclaimed God will show up. Looking right into the darkness and the tough times, Isaiah said "Nevertheless ... God will show up."

There might be times of darkness, gloom, and distress in your life ... but nevertheless, there will come a time when God will show up. It's not a question of if, but when.

What Isaiah is saying is that despite dark days, despite dark nights, despite uncertainty – God shows up, nevertheless. In the midst of the darkness, the light of the Messiah will shine through.

The point is this: Christmas is our promise that there will always be light past your darkness. In the very worst of times, God has always shown up. So when the dark clouds roll into your life, and you can't see how things are going to improve, remember this: In the midst of that darkness, nevertheless, the God we serve will show up in the midst of the unexpected.

But it's not just during times of crisis and uncertainty; God also shows up on ordinary days in unexpected ways. The shepherds (in our text) were having (I suspect) a normal day when suddenly (unexpectedly), *"An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shown around them, and they were terrified."* (Luke 2:9) There on the side of a mountain and in the midst of the shepherd's terror, God showed up ... delivering the Good News of a Savior born in Bethlehem; and the first Christmas gift (a GPS system) which was a star that led them to front row seating to the greatest event the world has ever seen!

God shows up in unexpected ways. The Bible tells us that God's ways are not our ways and sometimes in the midst of our darkness, God will show up in unexpected ways. But even though that is the case, when it is all said and done, God will always deliver something beyond what you and I can imagine – the unexpected. In the midst of our uncertainty, there is where God's creative potential is fully realized. God shows up in unexpected ways, but delivers better things than we can imagine ... if we just hold on long enough.

I don't know what your uncertainty looks like or what your darkness is. But I do know that because of Christmas, we have a Savior; and at the end of the day, nevertheless, God will show up. No matter how long you've been waiting, never give up because God is going to show up!

A brand new pastor and his wife were assigned to their first church in Brooklyn (New York), and were to reopen it. They arrived in early October excited about their opportunities. When they saw the church, it was run down and needed a lot of work. They set a goal to have everything done in time to have their first service on Christmas Eve. They worked hard – repairing pews, plastering walls, and painting. On December 18, they were ahead of schedule and just about finished. However, on December 19, a terrible driving rainstorm hit the area and lasted for 2-days. After the rain stopped, the pastor went over to the church. His heart sank when he saw that the roof had leaked, causing a large area of plaster ... about 20-feet by 8-feet ... to fall off the front wall of the sanctuary (just behind the pulpit). He cleaned up the mess on the floor and decided to postpone the Christmas Eve service. But on the way home, he noticed that a local business was having a garage sale for charity ... so he stopped in. One of the items was a beautiful, handmade, ivory colored, crocheted tablecloth with exquisite work – fine colors and a Cross embroidered right in the center. It was just the right size to cover up the hole in the front wall. So he bought it and headed back to church. By that time, it had started to snow. An older woman running from the opposite direction was trying to catch the bus, but she missed it. The pastor invited her to wait in the warm church for the next bus ... which would arrive 45-minutes later. She sat in a pew and paid no attention to the pastor while he got a ladder and hung the tablecloth as a wall tapestry. The pastor could hardly believe how beautiful it looked ... and it covered up the entire problem area (perfectly). Then he noticed the woman walking down the center aisle. Her face was white as a ghost. "Pastor," she asked, "where did you get that tablecloth?" The pastor explained. The woman asked him to check the lower right corner to see if the initials EBG were crocheted into it. They were. These were the initials of the woman, and she had made this tablecloth 35-years earlier, in Austria. The woman explained that before the war she and her husband were living in Austria. When the Nazis came, she was forced to leave. Her husband was going to follow her the next week; but he was captured, sent to prison, and she never saw her husband or her

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home again. The pastor wanted to give her the tablecloth, but she told him to keep it for the church. The pastor insisted on driving her home, which was the least he could do. She lived on the other side of Staten Island ... and was only in Brooklyn for the day (for a housecleaning job). On Christmas Eve, the church was almost full. The music and the spirit were great. At the end of the service, the pastor and his wife greeted everyone at the door and many said that they would return. One older man from the neighborhood continued to sit in one of the pews and stare. The pastor wondered why he wasn't leaving. The man asked him where he got the tablecloth on the front wall. The pastor explained, and then the man said it was identical to one that his wife had made years ago when they lived in Austria ... before the war, and wondered how there could be two tablecloths so much alike. He told the pastor when the Nazis came he forced his wife to flee for her safety and he was supposed to follow her, but was arrested and put in a prison. He never saw his wife or his home again. The pastor then asked if he would allow him to take the man for a little ride. They drove to Staten Island, to the same house where the pastor had taken the woman three days earlier. He helped the man climb the three flights of stairs to the woman's apartment, knocked on the door and that day, he saw the greatest Christmas reunion he could ever imagine ... as this husband and wife embraced each other for the first time in 35-years.

God shows up in the unexpected. Have you ever been there?

This Christmas, if life appears to be full of uncertainties for you; nevertheless, God will show up in ways better than you could ever imagined. Wait on God, because in those unimaginable times and in unexpected conditions, nevertheless, God will show up. And when He does, God always brings new life.

On that first Christmas, God showed up in an unexpected and scandalous way. He didn't show up in a mansion, but in a manger. He didn't show up to high society, but to lowly shepherds. He didn't show up to Jewish religious leaders, but to foreign wise men. It was an unexpected and scandalous birth. And in the despair and uncertain conditions of our lives, in God's hands it leads to scandalous love, unexpected from the God of possibilities.

That's what Christmas is all about – It is all about God showing-up in the midst of the unexpected.

I don't know how your Christmas has been or what the circumstances of your life are right now, but don't ever forget that "Nevertheless ... God will show up."

May God bless you as He shows up in unexpected ways today, through the holiday, and in the coming New Year.

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Getting to Know You...

There is a ginger haired lady who comes to Fort Snelling Chapel faithfully every Sunday and sits in a pew near the back of the church. Her name is **Janet Brautigam** and she has been attending the Chapel with her husband Bob since 2001. Janet heard about the Chapel through her parents - Marie and Lloyd Meyer. The Meyers were members of the Chapel during the 1970's and told Janet and her husband about their positive experience and the Bible-based messages. Janet and Bob decided to try it out one cold December Sunday in 2001. They were babysitting four of their grandchildren that Sunday but Janet decided it was "now or never." They arrived with all four grandchildren in tow and sat near the front of the church. Janet and Bob were impressed with the Biblical message and after talking it over decided the Chapel would be their new church home. The couple has attended faithfully ever since that time.

Janet is a Minneapolis native and one of two daughters born to Marie and Lloyd Meyer. The family made their home in South Minneapolis where Janet was raised and attended school. Lloyd worked as an independent Traffic Manager for railroad freight and later for the Interstate Commerce Commission. Marie was a homemaker and mother who excelled as a seamstress. She made draperies and slip covers along with a variety of crafts. Janet was raised in a Christian home and stated, "my dad had strong beliefs" and "was a committed Christian" though he did not flaunt his faith. Rather,

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A Word From the Classroom

"Jesus grew in wisdom and stature and favor with God and man."

It's hard to imagine, but the Children's Service ministry has reached the 1st year mark in September. At the beginning we had about half of the weeks without any children. Now, praise the Lord, it is rare to have no kids attending. One week we even had seven inquisitive children in the program! You may not think seven is a high number, but in our older congregation it is huge to see so many little ones.

Volunteers have been scarce as no one wants to miss the sermon! Those with a computer, however, can see the entire worship service on Livestream. Even if you are present in the sanctuary, reviewing the service is great! Give volunteering a chance as you will receive a blessing in doing so. There are a couple "regulars" who make this program possible and the kids just love them!

During November & December we will focus on the life of Jesus. Kids know something about His birth and a little about His death and resurrection. But we will fill in between those two events with things like Christ's childhood and travels with His disciples. The children will learn what the house was like where Christ lived as a child with His siblings. Yes, He had siblings! And the kids will sample foods similar to that Jesus had during His years on earth. Jesus had schooling and also close friends during His life here.

This program is for kids in grades Kindergarten through grade 5 ... even though many 4-year-olds want to be included. You can't blame them. It's a super time for energetic young ones! Soon, these 4-year-olds will be big enough, though. For the little ones, 4-and-under there are "Busy Bags" available.

Check out the delightfully decorated classroom and you will be amazed! Volunteer and you will be richly blessed!

— Leslie Henschel
Children's Ministry Coordinator

livestream

If you are under the weather or out of town, you can still attend worship services at this web address http://new.livestream.com/accounts/3709164. A link to this address can be found on the Chapel website www.fortsnellingmcf.org where you can download a **pdf** of the weekly worship bulletin and scripture insert. Just click on that link and you will be able to watch live or revisit previous services from the archive. Offerings can be achieved by clicking on the more link at the top of the page bringing you to a link Donate to Chapel Foundation.

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

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

— Matt Stokes
Publicity Committee Chair

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her father had a penchant for writing about spiritual matters and completed essays on a wide variety of spiritual topics some of which were published. Janet's mother Marie was "always in church on Sundays" and donated homemade crafts to the many church bazaars she attended over the years. Her parents quietly lived out their faith on a daily basis in front of their two daughters and the community.

Janet attended Roosevelt High School in South Minneapolis and it was there at the age of 15 that she became acquainted with an "older" boy named Bob Brautigam. Bob was 19 at the time and came to know of Janet through mutual friends. At first, Janet's parents were alarmed at the age difference and had "reservations" about the two of them dating one another. However, Bob gradually won them over and after 3 1/2 years of dating the two were married at Lake Nokomis Lutheran Church. Bob enlisted in the Army in 1945 where he attended officer's training, carried a double load of classes, and served his country for 2 1/2 years. He went on to the University of Minnesota where he graduated after two more years of study with a degree in Mechanical Engineering. Janet was a student at the University of Minnesota at the time of their marriage and went on to graduate two years later with a B.S. in

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Special Patriotic/ Veterans Events . . .

Sun, 8 Nov 15 — *Veterans Day Remembrance* — recognizing U.S. veterans of all branches of the armed forces.

Sun, 6 Dec 15 — *Pearl Harbor Remembrance* — recognizing survivors … with the tolling of the ship bell for those who have passed away since last year.

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

Veterans Day

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

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

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

Please join us in worship at 11:00 a.m. on **Sun, Nov 8, 2015** as we celebrate Veterans Day Sunday; a day to honor all veterans.

— Tony Stocker, *Chair*
Worship Committee

Pearl Harbor Sunday

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

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

Please join us in our **Pearl Harbor Remembrance Service** on **Sun, Dec 6, 2015** (11:00 a.m.). The Chord Ayres Male Chorus will provide special music honoring their bravery and sacrifice. Please take this opportunity to meet and thanks those survivors who are still with us and faithfully attend this service.

— Tony Stocker, *Chair*
Worship Committee

All Saints Sunday

The Chapel Foundation will remember those members of our congregation who have been transformed from this church to the Church Triumphant. We will celebrate their lives on **Sun, Nov 1, 2015**.

— Tony Stocker, *Chair*
Worship Committee

In the Event of Inclement Weather

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

General Plate Offering Envelops

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

Celebrate the Season !

Christmas Garden of Poinsettias

A tradition at the Chapel is to adorn the altar area with beautiful poinsettia plants at our Christmas Eve Candlelight Service (4:00 p.m.). The Chapel is made alive with color. You can participate by purchasing a *red*, *pink* or *white* plant(s) — **$15** each. This tradition is made even more precious by the dedications which are made for each of the plants. It's a beautiful way to honor or remember your loved ones at this sacred and holy time of year. Plants will be on sale in the Fellowship Hall starting 15 Nov - 6 Dec. Plants may be taken following the 4:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Candlelight Service.

Christmas Caroling at VA

Once again, the chapel congregation will be singing Christmas carols ... making melody through the halls of the MN Veteran's Home on **Sun, Dec 20th** (2:00 p.m.). Those interested in participating should gather at 1:30 p.m. at the Chapel Fellowship Hall. Following our caroling, the group will be going out to eat together.

Help us spread the joy of Christmas in song with those veterans who risked their lives so that we might have such freedom to express our faith.

— Your Fellowship Committee

Christmas Eve

On **Thu, Dec 24th** we will have a worship service at **4:00 p.m.** Join in the singing of the carols ... accompanied by our Minister of Music — Marlys Wallman — on the historic *Kimball* pipe organ ... in the beauty of candlelight and of a garden of poinsettias. The special music will be the "Regency Trio" and "Touching Hearts" ... featuring instrumental and vocal. A shuttle bus will be available.

Christmas Cookies Needed

The *Kitchen Angels* are requesting cookie donations for Sundays Nov 29, Dec 6 & 20 for our fellowship hour. Sign-up on the board just outside the Chapel kitchen. Thank you.

— Carol Nygaard

Annual Christmas Luncheon

Be sure to mark your calendar – **Sun, Dec 13th** at **1:00 p.m.** – to join your Chapel friends and their guests at our *Annual Christmas Luncheon*. It will be held at **Embassy Suites – Airport** located at 7901 34th Avenue South in Bloomington, MN. Tickets are **$22** each for adults and **$18** each for children 10-years-of-age and younger. This year you will have your choice of either Pork Loin w/apple chutney or Champagne Chicken. The children's menu will be chicken strips and French fries. Tickets will go on sale after worship in the Chapel Fellowship Hall starting Nov 15th thru Dec 6th.

— Your Fellowship Committee

Advent

Soon we will be entering into the Season of Advent, which in Latin means "The Coming." The Advent Wreath is a circle which symbolizes the eternity of God. The lighting of the first candle represents *Expectation*. The second candle represents *Hope*. The third represents *Purity*. The fourth represents *Love*. The Christ Candle lit on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day reminds us that *Jesus is the "Light of the World."*

In this busy time of preparation and anticipation, remember it is better to give than to receive. Once you receive the gift of Jesus, you will want to give the gift of Jesus to others. He is the never ending gift.

— Your Worship Committee

Operation Christmas Child

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

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

Plastic boxes are again provided by the Chapel Foundation.

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

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

Please see Sharon Coyne or Barb Stocker if you would like to make a donation toward the purchase of content for the shoe boxes, or if you have any questions. **Our goal is at least 200-shoeboxes**. Shoeboxes need to be filled and returned to the Chapel no later than **Sun, Nov 15th**.

— Barb & Shari

Benevolent Giving ...

ACT! for America is our nation's largest non-profit, non-partisan, grassroots organization devoted to promoting national security and defeating terrorism by raising awareness and educating *We The People* about the grave dangers Islamic ideology poses to our Judeo-Christian heritage and cherished freedoms.

Our Minneapolis Chapter of ACT! for America was established approximately 3-years ago.

Educational awareness has been enhanced with special expert speakers from throughout our country, invited to the Twin Cities to inform on these issues.

The Islamic State (I.S.) is a Sunni Salafist jihadist group of global reach. While its base of operations is in eastern Syria and western and northern Iraq, it has supporters and fighters from North America, Europe, Russia, Africa, Asia, the Pacific Rim and Australia. In its self-proclaimed status as a caliphate, it claims

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Home Economics. Bob and Janet made Bloomington their home and along the way came three children - Wade, Joran and Todd who are all married with children of their own - ten grandchildren and one great-grandchild on the way!

Like most people, Janet has experienced her shares of ups and downs. Her beloved husband Bob was diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease some years ago and recently moved into a memory care unit at a local nursing home where she visits him faithfully every day. Janet is adapting to living on her own but stated "The Lord always looks out for me" and "answers my prayers" - though not always in the way one would expect. She recounted a story involving the sale of some real estate owned by the couple. The properties had been on the market for over a year with limited response from interested buyers. Janet was feeling despondent about this fact as she really did not have the time or energy to put into the properties and wanted the sales finalized as soon as possible. She turned to the Lord and asked for "help" with the sale of the two properties as this issue had been weighing on her mind for some time. In the morning, she received a call that the condo had sold and later that afternoon received another call that she had received a bid on her other property. After some negotiation, the bids were accepted and the sales for both properties were finalized!

This writer asked Janet what advice she would give to new members at Fort Snelling Chapel.

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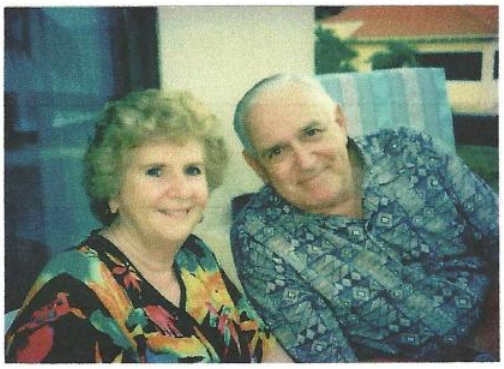
She responded that the most important thing is to "get involved" with some ministry in the church. It does not matter what you do but rather make an effort to reach out to other people and find a niche where your talents may be used. To that end, Janet has taken charge of "Caring Hearts" - a group of committed volunteers that visit the homebound, maintain contact and spiritual support for those persons who are members or friends of the Chapel. Just this past year, "Caring Hearts" volunteers contacted over 1,233-persons through phone calls, cards and letters along with packages sent to deployed members of the military. They also



send bulletins to those persons who cannot attend church and make visits to the homebound and Chapel members who are hospitalized. A special activity of this group involves the delivery of Christmas gift bags to the homebound members of the Chapel. Janet added that the "committee only meets once per year in October and there is always room for more volunteers!"

Janet's favorite hymn is "Precious Lord, take my hand" and the singing of this hymn never fails to bring tears to her eyes. The Lord has led Janet throughout her life and whenever she feels "weak or tired" she hums a verse from this hymn and feels "renewed."

Precious Lord, take my hand,
Lead me on, let me stand,
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn;
Through the storm, through the night,
Lead me on to the light:
Take my hand, precious Lord,
Lead me home.

Thank you Janet for your faithful service to Fort Snelling Chapel!

Submitted by Eva Zorn

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religious authority over all Muslims across the world and aspires to bring all of the Muslim-inhabited regions of the world under its political control, beginning with Iraq, Syria and other territory in the Levant region, which includes Jordan, Israel, Lebanon, Cyprus, and part of southern Turkey. But it also has specifically claimed that it seeks to reconquer parts of Europe, including all of Spain and Portugal, parts of France, Italy and Austria, and all of the Balkans and Greece.

I.S. has been designated as a terrorist organization by the United States, the United Kingdom, Australia, Canada, Indonesia and Saudi Arabia, and has been described by the United Nations and Western and Middle Eastern media as a terrorist group. The United Nations has accused the Islamic State of committing "mass atrocities" and war crimes, and Amnesty International has accused it of ethnic cleansing against minorities in northern Iraq.

Brigitte Gabriel is the Founder and President of *Act! for America*. Ms. Gabriel is one of the leading national security experts in the world — providing information and analysis on the rise of Islamic terrorism. Ms. Gabriel lectures nationally and internationally about national security and current affairs. Her expertise is sought after by world and business leaders. Ms. Gabriel has addressed the United Nations, the Australian Prime Minister, members of the British Parliament/House of Commons, members of the United States Congress, the Pentagon, the Joint Forces Staff College, the U.S. Special Operations Command, the U.S. Asymmetric Warfare group, the FBI, and many others. In addition, Ms. Gabriel is a regular guest analyst on Fox News Channel, CNN, MSNBC, and various radio stations daily across America. She serves on the board of advisers of the Intelligence Summit.

ACT! for America encourages all people to speak to their realm of influence – relatives, friends, neighbors, and community, spiritual and government leaders relative to the grave dangers Islamic ideology poses to our Judeo-Christian heritage and to participate in the civic and spiritual responsibilities that we have inherited with the founding of our great American Republic. Article 4, Section 4 of the U.S. Constitution *guarantees* a republican form (not the party, the representative form) of government throughout our land. Islamic ideology is not consistent with this ideal, our Constitution. It is a political system denying its members, especially women, individual freedoms, using physical threat and force (beheading and sexual slavery) to further its ideology and submission.

— Submitted by Richard Geis,
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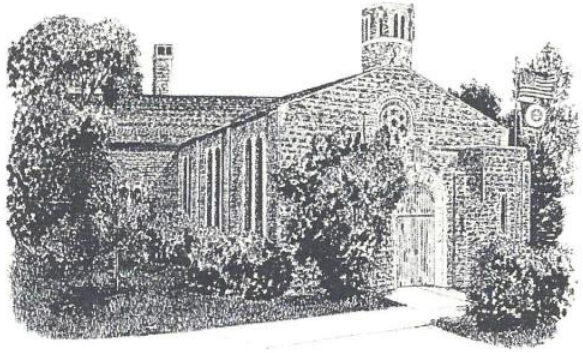

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1 ***23rd Sunday after Pentecost*** ***All Saints Day*** 9:45 a.m. Christian Education Class 11:00 a.m. **Worship Service** Sermon: *"Every Saint Has a Past & Every Sinner a Future"* Music: Chapel Choir & Trio	2	3 ***Election Day***	4 6:30 p.m. **Publicity Committee Mtg.**	5 6:30 p.m. **Membership Comm Mtg.**	6 Chaplain Ken's Personal Day	7
8 ***24th Sunday after Pentecost*** ***Veterans Day Sunday*** 9:45 a.m. Christian Education Class 11:00 a.m. **Worship Service** Sermon: *"Freedom Is Far From Free"* Music: Augsburg Centennial Singers	9	10	11 ***Veterans Day***	12	13	14 9:00 a.m. **Board of Directors Mtg.**
15 ***25th Sunday after Pentecost*** ***National Bible Sunday*** 9:45 a.m. Christian Education Class 11:00 a.m. **Worship Service** Sermon: *"God's Guide for Dummies"* Music: Tonia Hughes, *Vocalist*	16	17	18	19	20	21 9:00 a.m. **Prayer Shawl Mtg.**
22 ***Last Sunday after Pentecost*** ***Thanksgiving Sunday*** 9:45 a.m. Christian Education Class 11:00 a.m. **Worship Service** Sermon: *"Thanksgiving by the Senses"* Music: American Swedish Institute	23	24	25	26 ***Thanksgiving Day***	27	28
29 ***1st Sunday of Advent*** 9:45 a.m. Christian Education Class 11:00 a.m. **Holy Communion** Sermon: *"The Supernatural Just Isn't Natural"* Music: Dick Hensold, *Bagpipes*	30	**Fort Snelling Memorial Chapel Foundation Staff** **Chaplain: Rev. Dr. Kenneth L. Beale, Jr. — Phone: 612/747-1059 — E-mail: KenBeale56A@msn.com** **Assoc Chaplain: Rev. Michael Wallman — Phone: 612/214-4600 — E-mail: michaelwallman@msn.com** **Minister of Music: Marlys Wallman — Phone: 651/702-1031 — E-mail: michaelwallman@msn.com** **Administrative Assist: Bev Johnson — Phone: 952/888-1525 — E-mail: info@fortsnellingmcf.org** **Accounting Specialist: Carol Nygaard — Phone: 952/888-1525 — E-mail: info@fortsnellingmcf.org**			

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6 ***2nd Sunday of Advent*** ***Pearl Harbor Remembrance*** 9:45 a.m. Christian Education Class 11:00 a.m. **Worship Service** Sermon: *"Divided by War—United by Christ"* Music: Chord Ayres Male Chorus	7 Chaplain Mike's Personal Day	8	9	10	11	12
13 ***3rd Sunday of Advent*** 9:45 a.m. Christian Education Class 11:00 a.m. **Worship Service** Sermon: *"The Mission of the Manger"* Music: Land of Lakes Choir Boys 1:00 p.m. Christmas Luncheon	14	15	16	17	18	19
20 ***4th Sunday of Advent*** 9:45 a.m. Christian Education Class 11:00 a.m. **Worship Service** Sermon: *"What If There Was No Christmas?"* Music: Singleton Street Band 1:00 p.m. Board of Directors mtg	21 ◄ 2:00 p.m. **Christmas Caroling @ MN Vets Home**	22 ***1st Day of Winter***	23	24 ***Christmas Eve*** 4:00 p.m. **Christmas Candlelight Service** Sermon: *"The Christmas Guest"* Music: Touching Hearts & Regency Trio	25 ***Christmas Day***	26
27 ***1st Sunday after Christmas*** 11:00 a.m. **Holy Communion** Sermon: *"Rejoice the Lord is King"* Music: Nancy Guertin, *Soloist*	28	29	30	31 ***New Year's Eve***		