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God's Global Goal

On 2 Oct 2011, I preached this Worldwide Holy Communion Sunday message based on St. Matthew 28:16-20. This sermon, along with over 350 other titles, are available to order on DVDs.

Somebody out there has a plan for your life; somebody has a plan for the world you live in. Time and again I see evidence that there are those who believe that with enough planning, enough energy, and enough work, they will get you into their orbit. They have a plan for your life and for your world.

Some of these folks are the merchants who bombard the airwaves with advertisements. Haven't you heard it, on behalf of a tire manufacturer? – "Sooner or later, you'll own Generals." This manufacturer seems to have rationalized a global plan to gobble up all the tire business.

Others are the ones with projections of the future; the ones who have calculated that by the year 2020 the Social Security fund will be bankrupt; the folks who will tell you that in a few short years there will be no o-zone layer, no whales, and no gasoline. I don't know whether any of those things are true; but I do know that we are surrounded by people who have plans for our lives and for our world.

Even worse, there are those with grand ideas; grand plans to sell you and me and the whole world their ideas. Every now and then, some person comes along and announces an intention to conquer the world. It seems pretty frightening – this kind of person with a plan. Do you remember Hitler and his thousand-year-Reich? He had a plan for permanent world domination. Or the intention of Imperial Japan to spread its empire across the Pacific? Or Communist Nikita Khrushchev banging his shoe on the table at the United Nations and shouting, "We will bury you?" There is nothing more frightening than people with plans for you and me, and for our world; ideas that are designed to take us over. We don't relish the thought of being taken over.

On this Worldwide Communion Sunday, we as Americans have good reasons to fear people who have big plans and visions, for our lives and for our world. And so, given all of this, what do you say to the command of Jesus to *"Go and make disciples of all nations"*? If we believe in personal freedom; if we foster the "live and let live" philosophy, then what do we do with Jesus' insistence – "*Go and make disciples of all nations*"? Is it really worth it to disciple everybody? Is it worth the cost, the effort, and the frustration to work at sharing the Christian faith with all persons everywhere? If you cannot stomach the Communists' saying that they are out to dominate the world, what's the difference when Christianity says that it wants to give every person in the world a chance to hear the Gospel?

This is a fundamental part of the Christian message. This is a fundamental aspect of the mission of Christians and of the Christian Church. So I want to make a preliminary statement about it, and then I want to break down Jesus' word, "*Make disciples of all nations.*"

I want you to notice that the essential reason why we as Christians are about the business of discipling all nations is simply that **Christ commanded it**. Is it worth it to disciple everybody? The Lord **Christ commanded it**, and that in-and-of-itself ought to demand our attention and our obedience.

Notice how the Great Commission is introduced by Jesus. The scene comes at the very end of the story of Jesus' life and ministry. By the time we get to

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President's Corner

Another summer with all kinds of activities has come to a close. We saw another great celebration of Independence Day with a very successful Ice Cream Social and another great Annual Picnic. With the blessing of the Lord, we had great weather for both and the fellowship was fantastic.

As we come into September and October, we will recognize a few very special dates again this year.

The first date we will remember 9-11 (Sun., 9 Sep). September 11, 2001 will be a date that will forever be ingrained in or hearts and minds as the most cowardly act of terrorism in our nation's history. We will once again recognize all the victims and their families on this tragic date in our history. As a remembrance to all those that perished in the attack, those that lost their lives trying to save others, and for the families of all these victims, our prayers are with you this year and all years to come.

The second date we will remember (Sun., 15 Sep) POW/MIA is September 20th. As we remember this day, our thoughts and prayers go out to all those families whose military member has not returned home. Please join me in the continuation of prayers for the families and the groups that hunt for our MIA/POW's until we have all of our missing service members at home on U.S. soil, where they belong.

The third date is Sun., September 29th, Gold Star Mother's (Family) Day. As with POW/MIA Day, this day also has special meaning to members of our congregation and families everywhere. This will be the Chapel's 2nd year in recognizing Gold Star Mother's Day. My thoughts and prayers are with all mothers and family members who have lost a son or daughter in time of war. My thanks to the American Gold Star Mothers for the help and support you have been providing to others for almost a century.

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Past services are archived there for later viewing as well. The service is free to the viewer and there is no requirement to open an account.

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the end of Matthew's account, Jesus has gone to the cross to suffer and bleed and die; He has been raised from the dead; and He has appeared … more than once, to His followers. Now He is about ready to leave; He is preparing to turn over the redemptive task which He started. What do you hear Him say: "It would be nice if you would win some other people to this way of thinking? "If you feel like it, and if it's not inconvenient, and if you can work it in between your social events, how about telling somebody else what it's like to be a Christian?" No, that's not what you hear. He says, *"All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples …"*

I want you to understand this morning that disciple-making is the first priority for Christians and for the Church … simply because **Christ commanded it**. We do not seek to make new Christians just because we want to get richer. We do not go after new believers just because ambitious ministers want bigger churches. We do not seek to share the good news of Christ with every person (whether they be Muslim or Jew, pagan or Hindu, secular humanist or just the everyday decent guy on the street); we do not share the good news because we are prejudiced or imperialist or ambitious or any such thing. We share the good news because **Christ has commanded it**, and all authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Him. That ought to be enough. We don't need any other motivation. We scarcely need any other reason. Christ, in whom all authority now resides, has said, *"Go … make disciples."* And like little children who may not always understand their parents' instructions, but who know only that when Mom says "jump" they should jump; we Christians ought to fulfill the Great Commission for no other reason than this: the authoritative **Christ has commanded it.**

Is it worth the cost, the effort, the frustration to disciple everybody? The command of Christ says – Yes! But you'll want to look at the command itself more closely. I think I can help you to see how important, how crucial it is to obey the Great Commission; however grandiose it may seem.

As I've outlined in your bulletin, I want to talk about making – (1) disciples; (2) making disciples of all; and (3) making disciples of all nations.

I. Make Disciples

Jesus says, "**Make disciples**." Make followers; make learners; make growing people; make people who will make a difference in the world; make people who know the faith, who can carry out the faith, who can use the faith. Make disciples.

The issue I'm raising is that there is too much superficial religion going around. Superficial religion is not the same thing as discipleship. We're good at making superficial believers, but that's not what Christ commanded. He told us to make disciples. He didn't tell us to make statistics. It's not good enough just to get our names on the church rolls and be baptized. It's not good enough to come to worship as long as it's entertaining. It's not even good enough to pitch in a few dollars along the way. We are to make disciples.

I am appalled, as any sane person would be, by the crime and violence in our nation. All around us blood is flowing, with random shootings taking human lives as if they were worth no more than the ants I step on when one gets on my kitchen floor. This nation, our cities, are consumed with violence. But the puzzling thing is that this nation and these Twin Cities are also swarming with churches and with Christians. These cities are swarming with churches and with Christians at the same time that it is swarming with crime. What am I to conclude? That the Christian faith is ineffective? No! I conclude that we are not making disciples. We're having worship services, but we're not making disciples. We're taking in members, but we're not making disciples. We're having exciting times praising the Lord, but we're not making disciples.

But I tell you, if we make disciples, we will change the world. If we work at making authentic, growing Christians, we will make an impact. It was disciples, not superficial Christians, who won our national independence. It was disciples, committed believers, not just surface folks, who ended the slave market. It was disciples, not just church members having a good time thinking they had their one-way ticket to heaven, who fought the battle for civil rights.

Is it worth it to disciple everybody? Is it worth the cost, the effort, and the frustration? The condition of the world, lost and hopelessly bound in sin, says – Yes! Yes, it is worth it to make disciples.

II. Make Disciples of All

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Next, I want you to notice that Jesus' command is that we go and **make disciples of all**. All people, all persons, not just some, but all people have the right to hear the gospel.

There it is again – this insistence on a global plan; all people, all nations. Why all? Why not just enough to keep the church going? Why not just deal with the problems we have here and now? Why can't we just be happy with the folks we have?

Our Lord told a parable about a lost coin. He said that the Kingdom of God is like a woman who lost one coin, one tiny penny, out of all her resources, and she swept the house until she found it ... because every coin was important to her. And then He reinforced it by telling another parable about the shepherd who has ninety-nine sheep, safely in the fold, but there is one out there lost and lonely; and the shepherd goes to find that one lost sheep. Just one, but he goes to find that one. Why? Because every one of his sheep is important. You cannot tell the Good Shepherd that ninety-nine is enough. His goal is to reach them all.

We are commanded to go and make disciples of all because every human soul is of infinite value. We don't want to lose anyone. To live and to die without Christ is to die without hope. I'm going to say it more strongly, knowing that some of you will find it uncomfortable. To live and to die without Christ is to face the tragedy of hell.

I know we don't talk about hell very much. I know we don't like the idea of a merciful God punishing the disobedient. I know we are uncomfortable with a God who exercises judgment. But there it is. It is a part of the economy of God. It is a reality. And the reason we must make disciples of all is that it is a tragedy, an unnecessary tragedy, if even one person is lost.

My friends, the reason we are to go and disciple all is that Christ died for all. We're going to remember His death at the Lord's Table today. It was not some symbolic suffering; it was not the sad story of some sort of human misunderstanding. It was the sacrificial death of the Son of God for the sins of all humanity, and the issue here is eternity. The issue here is *how* and *where* every person will spend eternity.

We go and make disciples of all not because we want a bigger church; not because we want to be nice and successful. Had we five thousand, ten thousand, a hundred thousand members, we would not dare be satisfied as long as there was somebody somewhere who had not yet been reached. For there is no other name under heaven given among men whereby we may be saved ... but the name of Jesus.

Is it worth it, then, to go and disciple everybody? Is it worth the cost, the effort, and the frustration? The death of our Christ says – Yes! Yes, it is worth it to make disciples of all.

III. Make Disciples of All Nations

Finally, I want you to discover with me that the Great Commission cannot be fulfilled until we have determined that we will **make disciples of all nations**. We make disciples; we make disciples of all; and we make disciples of all nations ... all people. Whatever their background, their race, their style, their class, whatever it is, we are to make disciples of all nations.

Now I know that's not easy. That is a tall order. And you wonder, is it really worth it? Is it worth it to go halfway around the world to establish churches and teach the Bible, when those folks already have their own faith? Is it worth it to penetrate every nation on earth? Is it worth it when we have so many problems here at home? Is it worth it for people to go to the tough places, where they will spend years and years with hardly any converts at all? Is it worth it for us to spend the money and, I pray God, send our sons and daughters to remote, uncomfortable, primitive places, just to preach Christ? Closer to home, is it worth it for us to struggle at reaching across racial barriers and class lines and social strata? Do we really have to reach all nations, all people? Couldn't we just be satisfied with nice, middle-class, university educated folks? Couldn't we just keep our church comfortable for us? Do we really have to reach all kinds of people?

Oh, but I tell you, there is One who has broken down the middle wall of partition, making peace by the blood of the cross. There is One who will be (someday) declared by all, King of Kings and Lord of Lords. There is One whose name is Alpha and Omega – the beginning and the end – and He shall reign forever and ever. There is One who – when He is lifted up – will draw all nations unto Himself.

Is it worth it to disciple everybody? Is it worth the countless

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cost, the millions of dollars it will take? Is it worth the effort for young men and women to give their lives for this magnificent obsession? Is it worth the frustration, is it worth it to go through life knowing that you can never reach them all; you can never teach them all they need to know, you can never complete the Great Commission?

I say – Yes! It is worth it. A thousand times – Yes! For I have only to remember the empty tomb; I have only to see the risen Christ, who will be, someday, Lord of all, and He says – Yes! Yes, it is worth it to disciple all nations, all people.

Listen, again, to our text this Worldwide Communion Sunday: *"All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."*

Somebody out there does have a plan for your life and for your world. That somebody is the Risen Christ. We gather at His Table to begin responding to His command.

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Special Patriotic/ Veterans Events . . .

Sun, 8 Sept 13 — *9/11 Remembrance* — remembering the terrorist attack of 2001.

Sun, 15 Sept 13 — *POW/MIA Remembrance* — remembering those who are prisoners of war and those missing in action.

Sun, 29 Sept 13 — *Gold Star Mother's Day* — honoring those parents who have offered up their sons and daughters on the altar of liberty.

Sun, 10 Nov 13 — *Veterans Day Remembrance* — recognizing U.S. veterans of all branches of the armed forces.

Sun, 8 Dec 13 — *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.

Gold Star Day — Sun, 29 Sept

The Gold Star pins associated with the Gold Star Mothers are awarded by the Defense Department often through your casualty officer. You need not be the mother of the deceased, but an immediate next of kin to receive the pin. The God Star Lapel pin was established by Congress in 1947.

Did you know there are 2 different pins? The pin you are awarded depends on the circumstances of your loved one's death.

The following relatives are entitled to one or the other pins: widow, widower, mother, father, stepmother/father, mother/father through adoption, foster mother/ father, son, daughter, stepson/ daughter, son/daughter by adoption, brother, sister or a half brother or sister.

The Gold Star Lapel Pin is awarded only if the deceased was killed during conflicts. If not in conflict, but killed while training, you would receive the Next of Kin Lapel Pin. On the back of a DD Form 3 it will list the conflicts eligible.

Please plan to join us Sunday 29 September to honor all of the Gold Star recipients and their soldier's gift of service to our great country.

— Kay Tennison,
Worship Committee Chair

Getting to Know You...

How often do those who are quiet spirits pass by our notice undetected? **Barb** and **Tony Stocker** are two such spirits whose incredible strength and kind-hearted compassion is quite plain to see once you meet them.

Tony was born on June 24th 1945 and Barb appeared on the scene on September 29th of 1951. Both grew up in a time when "freedom was really free" in the suburbs of Minneapolis. Barb would pay 50 cents to watch baseball for the day at the local stadium and would roam on back home by dinner with no worries about her whereabouts. There was absolute freedom for Tony as well who hunted, skied and would play baseball with the neighborhood boys. He was allowed to be out all day as long as he was home by five. Neither of them can imagine a more peaceful or better time to grow up.

In 1963, Tony went to the University of Minnesota. Before he graduated he volunteered for the draft and was stationed in Schweinfurt, Germany with the Army. After two years, he returned home, and resumed classes. He graduated with a degree in Economics in 1970 and began his a career as a claims adjustor.

Meanwhile, Barb was working for an independent insurance claims agency. Always with a desire for a horse, Barb purchased a pinto right out of high school and learned to ride on him. Later she purchased a quarter horse named Choco who she would drive forty five minutes to see four to five times every week.

Barb and Tony met in 1972 when working across the hall from each other. Tony, ever the motorcycle man, took Barb on his motorcycle out to see her horse. On the way back home, much to his dismay, Tony ran out of gas. They ended up hitch hiking the rest of the way back and while this may have seemed an unfortunate ending to a first date, a second was required to go and retrieve the motorcycle!

Just six months after they first began dating, Tony proposed. He says that he knew in his heart that he had found the right girl and that he isn't "a patient guy." He didn't see any reason to mess around or waste any time when he knew what he wanted. Barb denied his proposals twice, but I guess that you could say that the third time is the charm because wedding bells tolled on December 1st of 1973.

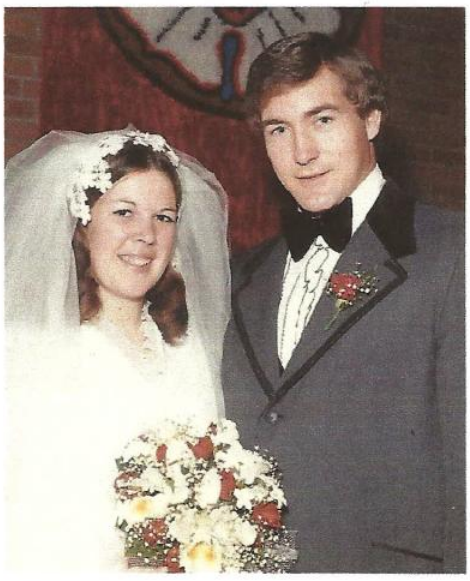

Photo:
Tony and Barb Stocker are married on December 1, 1973.

Photo:
Tony and Barb biking in 1974.

Declaratively, Tony states that he was always a conservative and in 1986, he was determined to own and build his own business. Soon after it began, Barb joined Tony in the agency and they have been working together ever since. With sacrifice and dedication, the Stockers made it through the tight times of a commission based sales career. That was twenty-seven years ago and Barb can reflect on the concerns of taking such a risk when the family was so young. Together they raised their three children. They would take many family road trips loading the van up to go to Barb's parents' house — a house so small that their daughter Jenna slept in a closet!

The years passed and the kids grew up. Jenna joined the military and their sons, Dan and Jim, each pursued their own paths in California; but both ended up owning their own insurance agency. Eventually, they decided to merge all three of the family's agencies into one.

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For some time, Barb and Tony moved down to Arizona to open an office. They met many helpful and kind people who watched out for each other like the neighbors during the period of their childhood did. When speaking of their time in Arizona, both had a twinkle in their eye. They recall that there were plenty of cowboys in Arizona and then Tony candidly remarked that they are truly "just cowboys at heart". However, their daughter-in law was diagnosed with breast cancer and when it escalated to stage four, the family decided to move back to Minnesota. Thankfully, Jillian is in remission.

My mom and I were neighbors to the Stockers for close to thirteen years without ever knowing them. We would see them walk by with their dogs and would wave as they drove by but never realized that just up the cul-de-sac were others with a love of God and of America. One day, Barb was walking by with the dog and she stopped to talk with my mom. At the time, we had just started attending the Chapel and my mom was excited to share information about it to a like-minded neighbor. Barb and Tony attended shortly after and have been coming since that point.

These days Barb and Tony spend much time with their family, working on each other's houses and enjoying their time together. They are big dog lovers and usually have between two and four dogs around the house. Besides Tony's hunting dog, all of the dogs are rescues and they have found that "they are the most giving and loving dogs."

Tony loves fly fishing, golf, and duck/goose hunting and plays tennis every week. He is a consummate handyman, having been known to have transmission jobs, home projects and painting on his "honey-do list." Together, Barb and Tony take motorcycle trips regularly and trap shoot weekly.

Today, almost the whole family- Barb, Tony, Jim, Dan, and Doug (Barb's brother) - work together every day at their insurance company. They were gracious enough to let me come in two times a week this past year to intern ... so I can personally testify as to what a strong family they have. *Dairy Queen* is picked up once a week for the office and Ella, Dan's daughter and Barb and Tony's only grandchild as of yet, runs around the office and keeps them on their toes.

It is truly a wonder and somewhat of an anomaly in today's culture to see a family so close. I am reminded by Barb to find joy in all of the small things in life and to appreciate the value in friends and family. From Tony, who rejected the supposition of the collegiate world that everything is in shades of grey, I am reminded that things really are black and white and that you must stay in the Word if you are to find any fulfillment or purpose in life.

Photo: Barb and Tony Stocker (2013).

The quiet strength of Barb and Tony serve to provide the same stability and strength to our Chapel family as they have done over the years for their own family.

— Submitted by: Megan Michaelis

Got Christian Literature?

On **6 Oct** (*Worldwide Communion Sunday*) we will have our **annual collection of non-denominational Christian literature** to be delivered to the *International Christian Literature Distributors, Inc.* (ICLD) in Mpls ... who will, in turn, read, sort, package and ship these Bible based materials to primarily Third World countries. People around the world are hungry for Christian literature, but in many nations it is either not available or too costly for people to purchase. *ICLD* meets this need by shipping over 1,600 pounds of material per week to over 50 countries. Acceptable materials are: Bibles, *Decision* magazines, *Daily Bread*, *Upper Room*, Bible study books, non-denominational hymnals and tapes of Sunday services. U.S. Postal regulations require materials to be free of advertising. A collection point will be at the front entrance to the Chapel.

Benevolent Giving ...

Mr. Colin Akehurst is the Outreach Director at **Healing House** and our guide while visiting this North Minneapolis, long-term residence and ministry that serves to restore women who have made a decision to regain a foothold from the crumbling structure of chemical addiction through the truth and grace of Jesus Christ – to get addiction out of the way and reclaim hope, long forgotten, through Him.

This is undertaken with prayer for a renewal of the relationship of children to mothers and mothers to children, a unique program in our area, keeping moms and children together along a new path of growth, protective tenderness and promise. Mothers may bring up to four children, newborn to age 10, space permitting, for a period of from 12 to 18 months.

Ms. Dawn Roghair, the Family Program Director, a lady of gentle capacity and devotion, led us through an inviting on-site chapel, resident rooms, dining and food prep areas, each attractively and warmly decorated. She introduced Kelly, a mother of two children, ages 5 and 3, who came to Healing House in March of this year. Kelly is one of 20 current residents, a shy mother who visited with us briefly and related her story of finding Healing House and the importance to her and her children of the guidance and structure presented.

"One of the most common ways potential residents hear about Healing House is through word of mouth. Valerie heard about Healing House from a former resident at a meeting in Fergus Falls Minnesota. She did not want to have to leave her son, Michael while she attended recovery programs.

"She and her husband Cory had been homeless in Georgia until they moved in with her parents in northern Minnesota in an effort to escape the unhealthy lifestyle. While living in Georgia, Cory, an Iraq war veteran, would watch Michael as Valerie would panhandle to make enough to support their opiate habit. According to Valerie, she and Cory would shoot up to six pills each per day, and each one cost $10 -12 each.

"After being interviewed, the Intake Coordinator accepted Valerie and said, "She has a desire to work on herself so that her marriage and parenting are better."

Valerie was accepted at Healing House, and Cory into a similar recovery program, and both have Christian marriage counseling together! Since entering in November, both Valerie and Cory have worked hard to heal from their past hurts. They have grown in their relationship with God and each other and become better parents to Michael.

It is the desire of Healing House staff and residents that more mothers and fathers, wives and husbands, will come through this program so that we can fulfill our vocation to help restore families and break the cycle of addiction."

Prayers for Healing House family, residents and staff, are needed most. The stillness of un-admitted pain is ended here with new growth over the wound of addition and aloneness. The women of Healing House have chosen Jesus Christ, His blessing and promise, over a path of illusion.

Our *Chapel Foundation* benevolence helps support Healing House.

— Submitted by Richard Geis,
Benevolence Committee Chair

This congregation tithes (10%) from its plate offerings. If you know of an organization/ministry ... that is in keeping with our purpose ... please feel free to secure an application to submit for financial support in 2013. Simply call the *Foundation* Office at 651/286-7296 ... and provide a name and mailing address.

Worldwide Holy Communion Sunday — 6 Oct

We are blessed that we may come freely to the Lord's Table. Many people throughout the world are persecuted for being Christians and being dedicated to following Christ's command *to "do this in remembrance of Me."*

For Christians everywhere communion is what keeps our Christian faith linked together even though we may be different denominations. Christ paid the ultimate price for your sins and mine. Through communion we are reminded that our sins are forgiven and we are promised life ever-after. It is a time for humbleness and a time of acknowledgement and reconciliation that we must forgive and extend our Christians love to everyone around us.

Plan to partake in communion on 6 October at 11:00 a.m. — open to all those who believe in Christ.

— Kay Tennison,
Worship Committee Chair

Intergenerational Christian Ed Classes

(8 September 2013 — 18 May 2014)

Before worship every Sunday, we have classes for everyone interested in growing in their faith, their understanding, and their experience with respects to our Christian heritage.

This coming academic year, we will take the path of short courses. Many have provided a critique of our class work in the past and have suggested a variety of truly inspirational and profitable ideas. And so we will shorten our time spent on a topic to six weeks at the most, and even have a few two or three week classes just to round things out.

Our first course will be a study of Christian martyrs called ***The Trial and Testimony of the Early Church***. This is basically a video series produced by the *Christian History Institute*. This acclaimed series is presented as a documentary with events being re-enacted by a truly committed acting troupe in period settings and costumes using dialogue from the actual writings and experiences of the Early Church leaders and martyrs.

Class titles for the six week period are:

8 Sep — **Foundation** What we know of the historic Christ and His Apostles?

15 Sep — **Spread** How did these early believers get their message to the world?

22 Sep — **Accusation** Why did the great Roman Empire turn against believers?

29 Sep — **Persecution** It surprises many to learn of the true nature of Roman persecution.

6 Oct — **Testimony** Heroic figures emerge providing leadership and example.

13 Oct — **Transition** Was Emperor Constantine a blessing or a curse?

Worksheets are provided that when completed during the class will provide every believer a ready reference into the tremendous heritage that is ours in Christ. See you all, beginning at 9:45 a.m. Oh, yes ... Input from the class suggested we start earlier.

— Rev. Michael Wallman, *Associate Chaplain*

POW/MIA Remembrance — Sun, 15 Sept

I cannot imagine never knowing what happened to a loved one. Are they still alive? Did they suffer greatly? Does anyone else care? Why haven't they been found? The only thing I am sure is that I will see them in Heaven. Thank you Lord for giving me the peace that you are with them; please hold them in your loving arms.

Will we ever have peace? What is peace? I am sure it means many different things throughout the world. That is probably why we will never have peace on this earth as everyone's definition of peace is different.

Real peace is found only in Christ. We thank you, Lord, for giving us the peace of Your presence now and for all eternity.

The *Fort Snelling Memorial Chapel Foundation* will never forget those who are POW/MIA. Each Sunday at Fort Snelling Chapel they are lifted up to the Lord in prayer ... as we light a candle in an unoccupied pew designated for POW/MIAs and have posted the POW/MIA flag beside the altar. Join us in prayer and recognition of those who are POW/MIAs on Sunday, 15 September at 11:00 a.m.

— Kay Tennison,
Worship Committee Chair

All Saints Remembrance — Sun, 27 Oct

While talking with my teenage grandsons, I mentioned Elvis and they asked — "*Who's that*"?

Eventually, we are all forgotten in history. However, by the time the world forgets us we are with those loved ones in Heaven.

It is no mystery why Jesus is not forgotten; He arose and broke the chains of death. How could you ever forget something as great as that?

What a peace to know that we will join our loved ones in Heaven one day! Only what is done for Christ will last.

Join us on All Saints Remembrance (Sun, 27 Oct) when we do remember all those dear Saints that we will see in Heaven one day!

— Kay Tennison,
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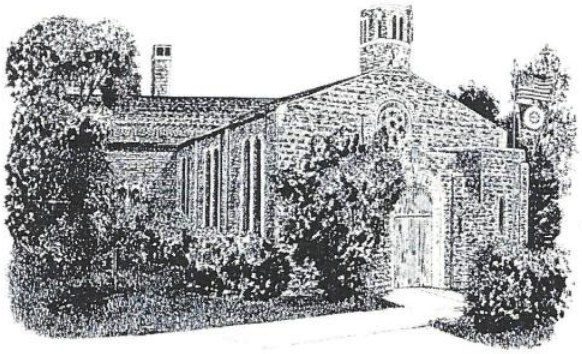
This is a non-denominational Christian church founded in 1967. We invite you to join us for worship each Sunday at 11:00 a.m. at this historic Chapel.

The Fort Snelling Veterans Memorial Chapel is a unique Minnesota memorial — a splendid monument to the patriotism, the moral earnestness and the convictions of the people of this state — a shrine to commemorate those who have died for their country. Weekly Sunday worship is sponsored by the Fort Snelling Memorial Chapel Foundation and is not subsidized by the state.



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 ***15th Sunday after Pentecost*** ***Labor Day Sunday*** 11:00 a.m. **Holy Communion** Sermon: *"The Proper Attitude to Commune"* Music: Singleton Street Band	2 ***Labor Day***	3	4	5	6	7
8 ***16th Sunday after Pentecost*** ***9/11 Remembrance Sunday*** 9:45 a.m. Christian Education Class 11:00 a.m. **Worship Service** Sermon: *"Signs of the Times"* Music: Miriam Bawden, *Soloist*	9	10	11 ***Patriot Day***	12	13	14 9:00 a.m. **Board of Directors Mtg. @** Officers Club
15 ***17th Sunday after Pentecost*** ***POW/MIA Sunday*** 9:45 a.m. Christian Education Class 11:00 a.m. **Worship Service** Sermon: *"GODISNOWHERE"* Music: Eagan's Men's Chorus	16	17	18	19	20 ***POW/MIA Day***	21
22 ***18th Sunday after Pentecost*** 9:45 a.m. Christian Education Class 11:00 a.m. **Worship Service** Sermon: *"The Cost of Following Jesus"* Music: Concordia Academy Choir	23 ◄ ***1st Day of Autumn***	24	25 6:30 p.m. **Publicity Committee Mtg.** @ Officers Club	26 6:30 p.m. **Fellowship Comm Mtg.** @ Officers Club	27	28
29 ***19th Sunday after Pentecost*** ***Gold Star Sunday*** 9:45 a.m. Christian Education Class 11:00 a.m. **Worship Service** Sermon: *"By Dying, We Live"* Music: Wickman Duo	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: 651/702-1031 — E-mail: michaelwallman@msn.com** **Minister of Music: Craig Tennison — Phone: 651/481-1416 — E-mail: craigtennison@usfamily.net** **Office Manager: Leila Campbell — Phone: 651/286-7296 — E-mail: info@fortsnellingmcf.org**				

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6 ***20th Sunday after Pentecost*** ***Worldwide Communion Sunday*** 9:45 a.m. Christian Education Class 11:00 a.m. **Holy Communion** Sermon: *"Where Many Are One"* Music: Rod & Connie Lindberg	7	8	9	10	11	12
13 ***21st Sunday after Pentecost*** 9:45 a.m. Christian Education Class 11:00 a.m. **Worship Service** Sermon: *"The Blessings of a Worthy Example"* Music: Mary's & Martha's	14 ***Columbus Day***	15	16	17	18	19
20 ***22nd Sunday after Pentecost*** 9:45 a.m. Christian Education Class 11:00 a.m. **Worship Service** Sermon: *"The Blessings of a Comforting Faith"* Music: Sent Forth	21	22	23	24	25	26
27 ***23rd Sunday after Pentecost*** ***All Saints Sunday*** 9:45 a.m. Christian Education Class 11:00 a.m. **Worship Service** Sermon: *"Death of the Saints: Not Tragic, But Triumphant"* Music: Chapel Singers	28	29 6:30 p.m. **Executive Comm Mtg.** @ Officers Club	30	31		