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The Day That Changed Today's World

This message was preached 7 Sept 2014 from the historic pulpit of the Fort Snelling Memorial Chapel ... based on St. John 15:18-16:4. This sermon, along with over 500+ other titles, is available on DVDs.

A year after 9/11/01, Jerry Falwell was tricked by a CBS-TV producer into making a remark against Mohammed. The hour-long interview focused on Israel and Christians; but then the producer asked a question (as an aside), and Falwell answered it as an aside ... little realizing it would be broadcast. Jerry Falwell made the unfortunate remark that the prophet of Islam was a man of violence. Halfway around the world, this remark caused Muslims and Hindus to riot in India, leaving five dead. For making such a remark, a 'fatwa' (an Islamic 'holy' death warrant) was declared against Falwell, who quickly apologized. But note the irony here: Major portions of the Muslim community threatened to treat Falwell with violence for daring to say their religion was violent. They're saying in effect, "We're not violent ... take that back or we'll kill you."

Pat Robertson and Franklin Graham are other evangelicals who have offended Muslims by

speaking the truth about Mohammed and the Koran. They, too, have 'fatwas' against them. [I'll, no doubt, be added to the list after this message.]

Soon after 9/11/01, we were told repeatedly that Osama bin Laden and al-Qaeda have hijacked the religion of Islam ... just as the terrorists hijacked the planes they flew into buildings. But I'm afraid that's not accurate. Islam has been violent for the bulk of its 14-century long existence. From the very beginning, Islam gained much of its territory by 'wielding the sword.' When you read history, you learn that by about A.D. 1000, half of what had been Christendom had been conquered by Islam. [HALF] All of the churches to which Christ sent letters in the Book of Revelation are in territories now dominated by the Muslims. Much of the New Testament was written in, and to, places now in Muslim hands, including: Galatians, Ephesians, and Colossians. Why, the place where Christians were first called 'Christians' (Antioch) is now under complete Muslim control.

We've heard it many times: Christians being forever condemned for the Crusades. How often do we hear that

charge brought up ... even though they officially ended some 700-years ago? Of course, aspects of the Crusades are totally inexcusable ... from a Christian perspective. But when someone brings up the Crusades, you should ask – Which Crusades? You mean the Crusades when the Muslims conquered the Holy Land (the first time) in the 600s ... or do you mean when the Christians finally decided to go there and take it back close to the year 1100 ... nearly 500-years later?

Also debatable is the oft-heard phrase that describes Islam as "a religion of peace." This is pure nonsense. An honest examination shows that the teaching of 'jihad' [which is the declaration of 'holy war'] is embedded within Islam itself.

So, here we have a clash of civilizations. This is not 'hate speech.' I am not a hater of Muslims ... although some might be inclined to say I am.

Listen: America's doors are open to people of all faiths ... or of no faith ... to live here and practice their religion unmolested. But that's not despite our Christian heritage – it is an outgrowth of it. The fact is: There are over 2,100 mosques that dot the landscape of America. Yet in Saudi Arabia,

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Fort Snelling Memorial Chapel Foundation

President's Corner

Labor Day in the United States is a public holiday celebrated on the first Monday in September. It honors the American labor movement and the contributions that workers have made to the strength, prosperity, and well-being of the country. Beginning in the late 19th century as the trade union and labor movements grew; trade unionists proposed that a day be set aside to celebrate labor.

It is appropriate to recognize labor across all the different facets of industry. Without the American labor movement, the US would not be a leader in manufacturing. However, in return our labor force must live up to or exceed the same standards their forefathers set to maintain the well-being of our country. Like any job, focusing on meeting or exceeding expectations of the consumers' needs means, the US labor force must be driven by

their inner pride to perform their job to the best of their ability. All this helps to keep the US ahead of our competition.

Many people today purchase goods from other countries. They probably do not even realize it. This is not good for our Country or our labor force. Is it time for our US manufacturers to support our own labor force by giving them the tools that will help them to manufacture products that will, once again compete with overseas competition? You would think so. With extra effort from labor and strong support from manufacturers, we can deliver products that will make the labor movement proud. Thank you to the American labor movement. Labor Day is a well-deserved celebration.

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the main home of Islam, there is not one legal Christian church. [NOT ONE.]

There's no comparing 'religious freedom' in America with what happens in other non-western countries. I'm reminded of something the Orthodox rabbi, Daniel Lapin, said to the late Dr. D. James Kennedy in a television special – "What If Jesus Had Never Been Born?" Although Rabbi Lapin is Jewish and does not believe Jesus was the Christ, he nevertheless had a healthy respect for Jesus and for the positive contributions of Christianity in history. Here is what he said:

"The easiest way to answer whether life on planet earth is better because Jesus walked Jerusalem or not ... is very simple. And that is: Just watch the way people vote with their feet; watch where the net flow of immigration is in the world today. Is it from Christian countries to non-Christian countries ... or the other way around? It is so obvious."

Millions upon millions of people around the world would love to live in America. But frankly, you don't see people standing in line at embassies seeking admission into Pakistan or Afghanistan or Saudi Arabia. Do you?

Muslims immigrate to America, and many become citizens. [3rd largest faith group; 0.8% of population = 2.6-million] But no one has the right in these United States to declare that I must convert to his religion or be killed. And yet our media seems to see little difference between the approach of Islam and that of evangelical Christianity.

The prophet Isaiah interestingly wrote of "*the day of the great*

slaughter, when the towers fall...." (Isaiah 30:25) Obviously, he wasn't foreseeing 9/11 in modern America (per se). But when the tragic attack took place, many found that Scripture quite striking.

Before 9/11/01, who could've imagined such an event? Except for the hijackers themselves, none of us had the faintest inkling of the catastrophic events that would transpire. Indeed, how true the Scripture is when it reminds us that we know not "*what a day may bring forth.*" (Proverbs 27:1)

In the wake of 9/11, we joined with millions of others across the nation, in spite of our differences – Americans all – to share the grief and mourn the loss experienced by more than 3,000 families who have had loved ones killed by these Islamic extremists. We must not forget: Some of those killed were Muslims.

But how could such things happen in America? We were not at war ... at least most of us didn't believe we were at war. Most Americans either forgot or were unaware that several years earlier, in August of 1996, Osama bin Laden declared war on the United States. And so, unbeknownst to most of us, we have been at war for some time ... and we are experiencing some of the horrors that war always brings.

One of the truly shocking things that came to light a month or two after 9/11/01, was when our troops captured a videotape in Afghanistan showing Osama bin Laden laughing and rejoicing at the destruction he had ordered. [How demonic.] Yet some portions of our news media equate religious fundamentalists

(of any type) with Islamic fundamentalists. So, Jerry Falwell, Pat Robertson and Franklin Graham are no different than Osama bin Laden. They are two sides of the same coin – religious fundamentalism. Tragically, this type of nonsense is widely believed by many in our culture today.

The war Osama bin Laden declared against America saw different attacks through the last half (decade) of the 20th century. In 1998, two of our embassies in East Africa were bombed; and again, the evidence pointed to Osama bin Laden – the man who inherited a fortune and used it to carry out his own twisted ideas of justice and righteousness. What kind of man would mastermind such a gruesome, unprovoked attack as 9/11? Of course, he is descended from Ishmael, who, we are told in Scripture, would "*be a wild man; his hand will be against everyone, and everyone's hand against him, and he will live in hostility toward all.*" (Genesis 16:12)

It is interesting that bin Laden may have wanted to give the idea that the whole Islamic or Arab world is against America; but there were people in the World Trade Center from 50 other nations. The point is: This one person succeeded in turning almost the entire civilized world against him.

Now, let me make it clear that though bin Laden was a radical follower of Islam, his views are not held by all Muslims. I am sure there are many Muslims in America who grieved what happened on 9/11, and would not think of doing such a thing. There have also been Christians in past times who have killed people ...

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such a abortionists. But there's a difference: When Christians have done this, they have done it in violation and opposition to the teachings of Jesus ... not in obedience to Him. That is not the case in Islam.

Now some Muslims are quick to point out that the main meaning of 'jihad' is to struggle with one's self. This would be similar to the Christian idea of dying to one's self or denying the flesh. That definition of 'jihad' may well apply to hundreds of millions of Muslims ... maybe even the majority. Meanwhile, there are legions of fanatical Muslims who define 'jihad' as 'holy war' ... and frankly, that appears to be the plain teaching of the Koran.

Some people say that all religions are alike. Don't believe it. Just do a little research on religions, and you can see how incorrect this is. For example, consider this a great contrast: In the Hadith (which is a record of Mohammed's life and sayings) ... second in authority to the Koran ... Mohammed was once asked, "What is the best deed?" He replied, "To believe in Allah and his apostle" (Mohammed was supposedly his apostle). The questioner then asked, "What is the next [in goodness]?" He replied, "To participate in jihad [religious fighting] in Allah's cause." That was their second most important command.

Now compare this to Christianity. Christ was asked what is the greatest commandment. He answered, "*You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.*" This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it: '*You shall love your neighbor as yourself.*'" (Matthew

22:37-39)

If one cannot see a radical difference between those two statements, he is utterly blind. Yet our 'politically correct' media has chosen to generally give favorable press to Islam ... whatever they do ... and to condemn Christianity ... for virtually everything they do.

Concerning Jews and Christians, Mohammed said, "Any Jew or Christian who heard about me and did not believe in me and what was revealed to me of that holy Koran and my traditions, his ultimate destination is the [hell] fire." And says further that, "Allah has cursed the Jews and the Christians because they took the graves of their prophets as places for worship."

Friends, there is an infinite gulf between these teachings of Mohammed and the teachings of Jesus Christ that "*you shall love your neighbor as yourself.*" Jesus even said, "*Love your enemies.*" (Matthew 5:44) – not that Christians have always fulfilled this ... by any means. But that's the ideal given us by our Master. The teachings of Christ contrast (greatly) with those of Mohammed ... the prophet of Islam.

I don't know about you, but I have never personally done anything against Muslims. The fact is: I have prayed for them; I have sought to share the Good News of the Gospel with them; but I have never tried to hurt them in any way. But they believe that we [Americans] are the great Satan; that we are evil; and that we need to be destroyed. They have the teachings of their prophet Mohammed to encourage them to do just that.

Lest we forget: September 11, 2001, was the largest foreign attack on American soil that has ever been seen in our nation's history. It was a cowardly attack by people who saw no reason for living, but were willing to give their lives for the vain hope that they might gain admission into paradise and the attention of some 72-virgins – All for naught. The hijackers thought they would wake up in paradise by dying for Allah (and taking others with them). Instead, they woke up in an eternal inferno ... just as bad as the ones they caused in New York and Washington D.C.

Let me be clear: Islam is not a peaceful religion. As Samuel Huntington of Harvard University said, "Islam has bloody borders." Study it for yourself: Whenever a country is taken over by Muslim extremists, immediately hostilities begin along its borders as the next country is taken over; until finally, they have been completely dominated by them. And in any one of these countries, there will be no liberty, no freedom, no rights for women, and always present is the goal to Talibanize the rest of the world. And the great impediments to that ages-long scheme are Christianity, Judaism, and America ... which they see as their great enemies. Look at what Muslim dominated countries such as Egypt, Syria, and Iraq have been doing to the Christians of these countries.

The difference between Christianity and Islam is enormous. Mohammed said that people were to give their sons for Allah. The Bible says that God gave His Son for you and me. You cannot get more different than that.

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Oh my friends, we face a great challenge. In the last 50-years, with the tremendous increase in oil wealth (and dependence upon it), Islam is on the move.

The 'Greatest Generation' faced both Nazism and the Japanese threat. America, though unprepared for those, showed itself able to stand up and meet the test. Today's generation is now being tested with yet another great adversary. Thus far, our Armed Forces have done incredible things. But the question remains: Do the American people have the stomach for a long, drawn-out engagement?

Again, let me make it very clear that not every Muslim holds to extremist views. However, these views are in the Koran; and millions are daily being indoctrinated in these teachings when they are just boys and young adults ... apparently, just some miles from us ... here in the Twin Cities. In this fanatical strain of Muslims there is practically no end to the recruits they are raising up in their schools. That means that we must have the backbone and the courage for a long engagement. Are Americans cowards? Are we frightened?

Listen: If you are Christian, you know that you have eternal life; you know that the Son of God came and gave Himself for you. Jesus said, "Put away your sword." Mohammed said, "Draw out your sword." This is not to deny the numerous passages of scripture that clearly express your right to try to avoid being harmed by a violent attacker. [I've written extensively about this in my 'right to bear arms' *Clarion Call*.] But nevertheless, we are to win the non-believer with the Good

News of eternal life; with the truth that God loves them, even our enemies; and that we are to love our enemies. We must present to our enemies that the Son of God died, even for mass murderers; that He is willing to forgive them and cleanse them; and indeed, take them to paradise. This reward of paradise is not earned by shedding other men's blood; but by the Son of God shedding His own blood for us.

My friends: Most importantly (at this moment) is this – If you are here (today) or within the sound of my voice ... and don't have a personal relationship with Christ Jesus – who bore your sins upon the Cross of Calvary and made possible your salvation through faith in His grace to redeem you – and would like the gift of eternal life ... then confess to God that you are a sinner and wish to turn from your sins; acknowledge that Jesus died for your sins and that you trust Him as your Savior; surrender to His Lordship; and invite Him to come into your life and abide.

Let us pray: Our Heavenly Father: We thank You that we are not appointed to wrath and that we have nothing to fear ... because You are with us. We lift up the matter of Islamic terrorism, both at home and abroad; and pray in Jesus' name that Your great ability to save, protect and deliver would come to light in the Body of Christ and in the world. We pray that the plots of these extremists will be revealed; their wicked intentions be thwarted; and that Godly actions will avert all danger. May Your Spirit convict and convert these evil doers ... that the Prince of Peace might rule in the hearts of all Your creation. Amen.

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— Matt Stokes
Publicity Committee Chair

General Plate Offering Envelopes

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A Word From the Classroom

“Open Thou mine eyes, that I may behold wondrous things out of Thy law.” (Psalm 119:18)

Well, our summer of rest and planning is over, and now it's time for Children's Church to begin anew. We have ideas overflowing with most of them coming from the wonderment of the childhood days of the teachers.

We remember the awe of Sunday School learning about creation and its majesty in just six days! This was accomplished by God Almighty just speaking the beginning of our world into being. Talk about the power of words!! Actually it wasn't so much the words, but rather WHO spoke them! This is what the kids will learn in September.

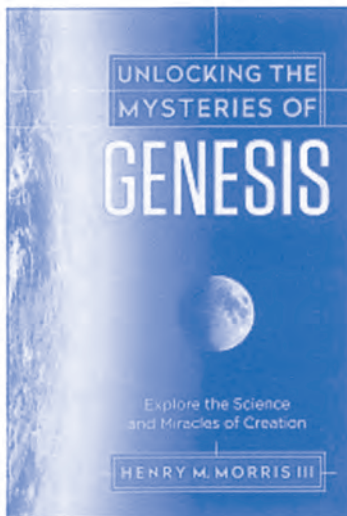
Following that is October and the exodus of God's people from Egypt. Miracles always capture the attention of kids ... of all ages. God instructed Moses to speak to Pharaoh and Moses said he couldn't do it. Oh how often we, too, are foolish and argue with God Himself! Plagues are in this

account of history and oh how interesting that is to the kids! And God saved His people out of the hands of the Egyptians and He continues to save and protect us today!

Continuing from this past year, the kids will recite the Pledge of Allegiance to The American Flag each Sunday as well as The Pledge of Allegiance to The Christian Flag. We will encourage the children to pray out loud, as the teachers do, and instead of a “memory verse” we will be learning by heart, the books of the Bible. There will also be multiple crafts to do and songs to learn. In other words, a great time will be had by all. Join us for fun and learning any Sunday. We have a few extra chairs and you may get hooked and wish to teach or assist with teaching. Who knows?

— Leslie Henschel
Children's Ministry Coordinator

Christian Education Classes Resume



Our CE time (9:45-10:30 a.m. ea Sunday) for the Fall term - Sep 11-Dec 18 - will present “**Unlocking the Mysteries of Genesis.**” This is a twelve (12) episode series bringing state of the art DVD productions coupled with faith building discussion. Our material is produced by the *Creation Research Institute* which is on the front line of building believers' confidence in the Word of God and challenging the pseudo-science of evolution. Everyone is encouraged to take advantage of this study of the bedrock reality of Creation as its truth impacts every area of our lives.

— Chaplain Mike Wallman

Parish Medical Safety Team Tips

Going to the State Fair? Wear sensible walking shoes, apply the sunblock, wear a hat that allows you to stay cool and stay well hydrated - water is the beverage of choice for hydration. Rest frequently if you are not a regular walker or unaccustomed to exercise.

Signs of a heat related illness (heat exhaustion and heat stroke):

- Confusion
- Dark colored urine (sign of dehydration)
- Dizziness
- Fainting
- Fatigue
- Headache
- Muscle and / or stomach cramping
- Nausea, vomiting, diarrhea
- Excessive sweating
- Pale skin

Living in urban areas may increase risk of heat-related illness during prolonged heat waves, especially when the air is stagnant or of poor quality. Asphalt and concrete store more heat during the day and release it more slowly at night causing higher night time temperatures.

Other factors that increase heat related illness are:

- Those under 4 and over 65 are more vulnerable because they have slower abilities to adjust body temperature.
- Certain health conditions such as heart, lung, kidney, being over or underweight. Also any condition causing fever, even sunburn.
- Certain medications like blood pressure pills, water pills, sedatives and tranquilizers.

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From the Flag-Line

Memorial Day weekend has come and gone. I know the Chapel had a wonderful remembrance to honor the fallen. Once again, we spent the weekend in Washington DC with several other members of the Chapel. We always attend the beginning of Rolling Thunder and stand at the corner of 23rd and Constitution Ave and watch as the police escort begins the 4-hour parade of motorcycles from all over the world to honor our POWs and Mia, our military and veterans.

This year we had the pleasure of watching the Saluting

Marine, Tim Chambers, marry his fiancé, Lorraine Heist, at that corner



before the start of Rolling Thunder. Tim and Lorraine decided to turn their wedding reception into a fundraiser for veterans who need dental care. Thanks to the generosity of AmVets Post #1 in Mendota, where many of our Chapel members belong and Chaplain Ken is the Commander, MN was represented at the wedding reception with our own MN Table. Don and I, the Coyne's, Gold Star mother from MN, Jill Stephenson and her friend. Dan Robinson, Gold Star dad from Michigan were also at our table. We were also able to bring sax and trumpet jazz musician,



Johnny Holliday and his wife, Denise. Johnny is an active duty Tech Sgt. in the

Air Force. He played music both at the corner where Tim and Lorraine were married and at the wedding reception. There were hundreds of people standing at that corner and when Johnny played God Bless America and our National Anthem, everyone stood and you could hear a pin drop. It was quite moving. He also played requests of the Gold Star parents in the bar of our wonderful hotel, the Crystal City Embassy Suites. Many were moved to tears as he played Amazing Grace. The people

came out of their rooms to applaud and listen. Johnny got down on his knees as he played to one of their little boys.

We spent many hours at Arlington Section 60 visiting our fallen and talking to their families. Once again this year, we met Monica, the widow of a Viet Nam veteran who has the greatest love story to tell of her and her late husband. We encouraged her to find a church where she lives and find some people who would befriend her. I got to meet the sister of one of the Extortion 17 Navy Seals and talk with her. Her dad and I are Facebook friends. John Douangdara was killed on August 6th, 2011 along with 22 other Navy SEALs and their dog, Bart. John was his handler. His sister is in the Navy, too. In addition, Dan Robinson, father of Heath, who was also killed in that chopper crash was with us. What an honor to meet these families of the fallen.

So many wonderful memories and meetings - the Providential ones never cease to amaze us. This year we met a cab driver named "Fish." This wonderful Ethiopian man who "just happened" to be outside our hotel door when we were trying to find a ride for all eight (8) of us to go to the 8th and I Evening Parade. There he was, in his beautiful van. He became our very own driver for the weekend. He took us everywhere together. He will be our driver next year too. He gave us his card and he promised to be there. He was so kind and thoughtful. We hugged him good-bye and paid him way more than what he asked, as he was worth every

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Special Patriotic/Veterans Events ...



Sun, 11 Sept 16 — 9/11

Remembrance — remembering the terrorist attack of 2001.

Sun, 18 Sept 16 — POW/MIA

Remembrance — remembering those who are prisoners of war and those missing in action.

Sun, 6 Nov 16 — Veterans Day

Remembrance — recognizing U.S. veterans of all branches of the armed forces.

Sun, 4 Dec 16 — 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.

Getting to Know You...

There is a young lady who sits near the front of the sanctuary with her parents every Sunday morning. She is faithful in her attendance and her name is **Rebecca Henrickson**. Rebecca is the oldest of three children born to Kathy and Gene Henrickson. But we need to go back in time to get a little more background to this story...

Gene Henrickson was serving on the *USS McKean* as part of the Naval 7th Fleet. The 7th Fleet was headquartered in Long Beach, California but on sea trials in San Francisco during the summer of 1965. A young woman named Kathy had recently moved to California to be closer to her brother and found employment at State Mortgage Company. At that time, San Francisco Mayor Shelley decided to sponsor a "welcome" for the servicemen of the 7th Fleet and invited single women working in the area to a reception and dance so Kathy decided to attend the event with several girlfriends.

It was at this dance that Gene walked in, saw Kathy and asked her if she wanted to dance. Was it love at first sight? Well, not exactly but each person made a positive impression on the other and it turned out that they had both come from small towns in Minnesota! After several months of dating, Gene asked Kathy to marry him and she said "yes." However, the plans for the wedding were a bit dicey as Gene had to "jump ship" in order to marry Kathy. He eventually made it to shore by hiding in a dumpster and then met up with Kathy and the pair headed to Reno where they were married on September 25th. The honeymoon was short-lived

as Gene had to return to Long Beach to re-join his shipmates at which point Kathy relocated to Missouri to be closer to her sister and brother-in-law.

Sometime later, Kathy and Gene discovered that Kathy was pregnant with their first child. Rebecca Henrickson was born on October 30th, 1966 and Gene was able to get a short leave from the Navy to join his wife and daughter in Missouri. Becky was a premature baby and weighed just two pounds 12 ounces at her birth. She was placed in an incubator in the newborn care unit and remained at the hospital.

*"For You created my inmost being;
You knit me together in
my mother's womb.
I praise You because I am fearfully
and wonderfully made;
Your works are wonderful,
I know that full well."
Psalm 139:13-14*

At first, it just seemed that Rebecca was a very small baby. However, the doctor told Kathy that "something was not quite right with Rebecca's eyes" but would not elaborate or give Kathy any more information about her daughter's condition. Kathy visited Rebecca every day at the hospital but noticed that she was struggling. Kathy came to find out that Rebecca had contracted pneumonia and the doctor was not treating the pneumonia as he did not feel Becky should continue to live due to the fact that she was born with Down's Syndrome. It was at this time that Kathy's brother-in-law became involved and insisted that Becky be moved to the University of

Missouri hospital for continued care and treatment. This was a life-saving decision as Rebecca recovered from the pneumonia, gained weight and was released back into the care of her parents at the age of three months.



Kathy and Rebecca returned to Slayton, MN to reside with relatives while Gene continued his stint in the Navy. Becky grew and thrived in the

care of her extended family. At that time, Kathy's sister told her, "Rebecca is the best thing that ever happened to this family!" Gene was discharged from the Navy and the family relocated to the Twin Cities where Rebecca was followed by two more siblings: Heidi and Charles.

Rebecca was mainstreamed in school through the 3rd grade and then transferred to a special education program at Dakota County Vo Tech where she focused on independent living skills. While growing up, Rebecca developed a love for sports (Vikings and Twins) and participated on a regular basis in the Special Olympics. Two highlights of school included being elected homecoming queen in 1987 and graduating with her diploma in 1988.



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While still in high school, Rebecca and her parents were invited to an open house for a new group home in Burnsville. This group home was designed to house young adults with cognitive and physical disabilities and provide training for independent living. The open house was a positive experience for Rebecca and she decided that she wanted to move into the group home. This was a difficult decision for the family but Becky was determined to make the move. Becky has resided at "Living Well" group home for more than 30 years and thoroughly enjoys the staff and her housemates. Rebecca retired after working for twenty years at Blue Cross but continues to take classes and participate in programs at "Life Works." She has an active life that includes art classes, mall walking, field trips and attending church on Saturday afternoons at Hosanna Lutheran in Burnsville and Fort Snelling Chapel Sunday mornings.

The Henricksons discovered Fort Snelling Chapel twelve (12) years ago when they were looking for a new church. Previously, Kathy



and Gene had attended a small Lutheran church but it closed due to declining membership. Consequently, Kathy

began to visit churches in the area and found Fort Snelling Chapel one Sunday morning. She enjoyed her first visit so invited her husband Gene to attend the following Sunday. Gene enjoyed the patriotic emphasis and knew several Veterans at the Chapel. They

became members a short time later and have transported Rebecca to church faithfully every Sunday morning since that time.

This writer asked Rebecca what she likes most about the chapel to which she replied, "Chaplain Beale and Wallman." Her mother added, "Rebecca enjoys the wonderful treats in Fellowship Hall and hymns with the word 'Hallelujah!'"

It seems appropriate to close with several stanzas of the Navy Hymn:

*Eternal Father, strong to save,
Whose arm hath bound the restless
wave,*

*Who biddest the mighty ocean deep
Its own appointed limits keep;
Oh, hear us when we cry to Thee,
For those in peril on the sea!*

*O Christ! Whose voice the waters
heard
And hushed their raging at Thy
Word,*

*Who walked on the foaming deep,
And calm amidst its rage didst
sleep;*

*Oh, hear us when we cry to Thee,
For those in peril on the sea!*

Thank you Kathy and Gene for your faithful attendance and assistance in transporting Becky to church and special thanks to Rebecca for blessing us with your presence!

Submitted by Eva Zorn

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.

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 filling of shoeboxes, or if you have any questions. Shoeboxes need to be filled and returned to the Chapel no later than November 15th.

POW/MIA Remembrance — 18 Sep

The U.S. National POW/MIA Recognition Day is observed across the nation on the 3rd Friday of September each year. Many Americans take the time to remember those who were prisoners-of-war (POW) and those who are missing-in-action (MIA), as well, as their families.

The Fort Snelling Memorial Chapel Foundation will never forget those who are POW/MIAs. Each Sunday



at the 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.

We light a candle as the light of hope, which lives in our hearts to illuminate their way home to the open arms of a grateful nation. May God forever watch over them and protect them and their families.

Join us in prayer and recognition of those who are POW/MIAs at 11:00 a.m. on Sun, 18 Sep.

— Tony Stocker
Worship Committee Chair

Worldwide Communion Sun — 2 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 Christian love to everyone around us.

Plan to partake in communion on 2 Oct at 11:00 a.m., which is open to all those who believe in Christ.

— Tony Stocker
Worship Committee Chair

Prayer Shawl Ministry News

After some discussion over the summer, we have decided to expand the Prayer Shawl Ministry to include not only members who can knit, crochet, and quilt Prayer Shawls, but anyone who would like to get together on a monthly basis to share their crafting talents with the other members of the group. With the expansion of our group, it was also decided that we would change the name of the group to the FSMCF Crafty Ladies.



The first official meeting of the FSMCF Crafty Ladies will take place on Sat, Sep 17, 2016 from 9-11 a.m. at the FSMCF office. If you don't feel you have a specific talent or craft, please feel free to join us for the wonderful fellowship. We look forward to seeing you in September.

— Bev Johnson

Got Christian Literature?

On 2 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, non-denominational hymnals, Bible study books, and tapes of Sunday services. U.S. Postal regulations require materials to be free of advertising. A collection point will be at the front of the entrance to the Chapel.

— Connie Payette
Fellowship Committee Chair

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penny. The wonderful restaurants we go to only add to the weekend.

I must not end this story without the most profound man we met and spent time with. He is the Marine who made news across the United States by riding his two wheel Harley 6,000 miles to honor our military and veterans. He received escorts in every State along the way by the Legion and Marine Riders and the Patriot Guard. He was interviewed in every state on radio and TV. When I found out about Dr. Bruce Heilman, I contacted his daughter and asked if he would be free to join us at the Minnesota Table at Tim's wedding reception.

We are so thankful Dr. Bruce accepted our invitation. We had the humble honor of sitting with a hero who survived Iwo Jima and a plane crash. You might wonder what is so special about Dr. Bruce, well, he just turned 90 years old on July 16th and the trip to Rolling Thunder on his Harley



was a birthday gift to himself. We all decided we must bring Dr. Bruce to Minnesota so everyone at the Chapel can have the same honor of meeting him as we did. He is also still the Chancellor of the University of Richmond, VA. Dr. Bruce will be coming to MN the weekend of September 23-25. We will be filling up his schedule so many veterans can meet him and he will be our Flag Line guest on September 25th.

We are scheduling some wonderful people for upcoming Sundays to be in our Flag Line. In honor of our fallen police officers we have purchased a police flag in their honor and will have it out every Sunday.

If you would like to stand on the Flag Line, just show up by 10:30 a.m. We have plenty of flags to hold.

Submitted by
Don & Patricia Peerson

Many Thanks

The Key Spouses & Supporters of the 934th Airlift Wing would



like to sincerely thank the good members of the Fort Snelling Memorial Chapel Foundation for their incredibly



generous contributions to our gift basket raffle. Your donations of finished baskets

and monetary donations to purchase others led to **7-beautiful baskets** being



on display! Every basket received a large number of raffle tickets and the "competition" led to some thrilled winners. The Key

Spouses & Supporters raised hundreds of dollars during the family day weekend and your support made that possible. This money will be used to aid the airmen/their families right here in the Twin Cities. Thank you again for your support.

— Ashley Ruter

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HOW TO PREVENT HEAT-RELATED ILLNESS

- ⇒ Wear light colored, loose-fitting clothing. If outside wear a cool, wide-brimmed hat
- ⇒ Wear sunscreen 30 or more SPF
- ⇒ Drink extra fluids (water, juice or vegetable drinks). Use electrolyte-rich drinks during periods of prolonged extreme heat and humidity. Older adults have a decreased thirst drive and have a tendency to drink less than normal. Also if you have a heart or lung condition check with your health care provider before increasing fluids dramatically!
- ⇒ Avoid caffeine and alcohol - these tend to cause you to lose more fluids (dehydrate).
- ⇒ Decrease activity and stay cool in air conditioning. Fans only blow hot air around!

TREATMENT FOR HEAT-RELATED ILLNESS

If you are not better after 15 min or treatment, call 911! Heat exhaustion can lead to serious heat stroke requiring rapid treatment by medical personnel! Can be life-threatening!

1. Remove unnecessary clothing
2. Cool bath or shower, sponge bath, iced towels
3. Drink plenty of cool, not iced fluids avoid coffee or alcoholic beverages
4. Rest in cool environment

Be safe!

Submitted by Joan Beard

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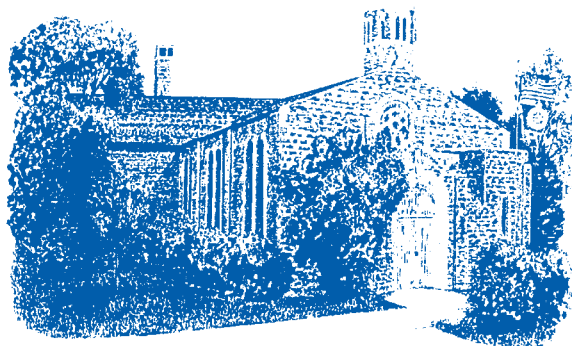
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<p>4 16th Sunday after Pentecost Labor Day Sunday 11:00 a.m. Worship Service Sermon: "Liking Your Labor" Music: Singleton Street Band</p>	<p>5 Labor Day C h a p i a n</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7 6:30 p.m. Finance Comm Mtg.</p>	<p>8</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10 9:00 a.m. Board of Directors Mtg.</p>
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30 24th Sunday after Pentecost All Saints Sunday 9:45 a.m. Christian Education Class 11:00 a.m. Worship Service Sermon: "The Saints of the Church" Music: Chapel Choir & Trio	31 C h a p e l I a l i n M i k e 's P e r s o n a l	4 C h a p l a i n K e n 's B - d a y	5	6	7 M a r l y C W a l l m a n 's B - d a y	1
2 20th Sunday after Pentecost 9:45 a.m. Christian Education Class 11:00 a.m. Holy Communion Sermon: "God's Worldwide Fast Food Feast" Music: Luke Spehar, Vocalist	3	4	5	6	7	8
9 21st Sunday after Pentecost 9:45 a.m. Christian Education Class 11:00 a.m. Worship Service Sermon: "God's Concerns May Surprise You!" Music: Faith First Men's Chorus	10 Columbus Day	11	12	13	14	15 9:00 a.m. Prayer Shawl Mtg.
16 22nd Sunday after Pentecost Membership Sunday 9:45 a.m. Christian Education Class 11:00 a.m. Worship Service Sermon: "Why Join a Church?" Music: Chaddock Trio	17	18 6:30 p.m. Worship Comm Mtg.	19	20 6:30 p.m. Fellow- ship Comm Mtg.	21	22
23 23rd Sunday after Pentecost 9:45 a.m. Christian Education Class 11:00 a.m. Worship Service Sermon: "Casting the Deciding Vote" Music: Allen & Matt Carlson, Vocal & Instrumental	24 D a y	25 6:30 p.m. Publicity Committee Mtg.	26	27 6:30 p.m. Member- ship Comm Mtg.	28	29 D a y