

REFRESHING TIMES

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Mission Statement

To provide a place of refuge, peace, restoration and hope, dedicated to help people establish intimacy with Jesus Christ and those they love.

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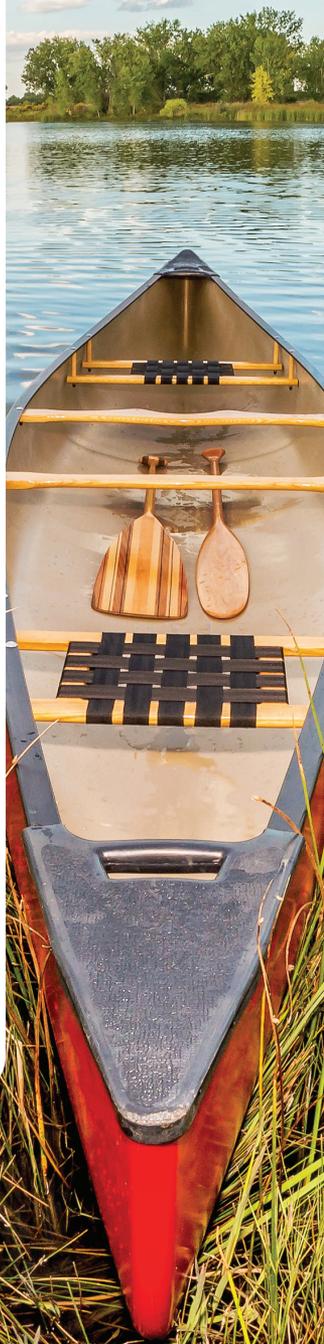
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NEW WEBSITE THE LONG AWAITED LAUNCH!

by Randy Klawitter

We have lift-off!!!! We are so excited to “show and tell”. After starting our search almost 2 years ago for just the right person to help us rebuild our website from the ground up, we have done it and have accomplished a “hugest” task. www.wildernessfellowship.com now has a whole new look.

A huge thanks to Bob Warrick of Galactic Web Design for his patient and methodical persistence to create a website for us that first of all honors and glorifies our Lord Jesus Christ. I told Bob when I first talked to him on the phone that my number one goal was to point to the Glory of God and he jumped right on board with that. He has consistently displayed a oneness of heart with us in that goal. His creativity and expertise have given us more than I thought possible.

We now show every facility in big clear pictures, we have stories and testimonies of guests, and the overall vision of TWFM is clearly proclaimed in the words on each page. There is clarity in our Suggested Minimum Donation (SMD) page. All of our policies and requirements have been clearly restated and presented. He has provided many different ways to get “the right” directions to our entrance on County Rd M (Google Maps still needs help). If you follow our directions to the letter you will arrive at our entrance and office easily. We have scenery that declares the glorious creative power of God. There is easy contact info and email info. The multifunctional scope of TWFM is displayed in pictures covering Prayer Cabins, Group/Family Cabins, Campsites, Fellowship Center – Johnson Hall and Founders and Couple’s Room options in the Founders – clearly explained and navigable throughout the 40+ pages of the site. I can’t find words to tell how excited we are to finally be able to ... *(continued on page 2)*

“I will take my children into the wilderness and there I will speak tenderly to them. I will restore their fruitfulness and turn their valley of trouble into a door of hope.” *Hosea 2:14-15a*



(cont. from page 1) ...show you all of Bob's hard work to display God's work here. To show you pictures of each of the facilities so you know what you are coming to. To show you video of the drive in so you know beforehand that it is a long drive to the office. To show you animals and baby calves. To show you the new Prayer Cabin shower house and bathroom facility which was just finished. To show you the fancy Prayer Cabin outhouses. You can now view our events calendar where we show you what events are planned. We then allow you to sign up for them right online. You can now donate online and even order Prayer Cabin Gift Certificates online. We offer a totally new way for us to let you know about volunteer opportunities and you can even check off things you would like to help us do and email it with contact info right to us. We introduce you to the staff and Board and tell a bit about us so you know us better...and much more.

Please check us out at www.wildernessfellowship.com. This has been a huge, huge project, but having crossed the finish line we are stronger than ever and excited about this new tool to glorify God. If you like what you see, please let us know. We even plan to put in a feedback button to make it easy for you to let us know what you think and how we may be able to improve. Until that is functional, please email us and let us know any feedback.

If you want to contact Bob, our web designer, you can contact him at bob@galacticwebdesign.com. I hope he gets some new clients from this. Bob loves the Lord Jesus and has been an incredible man to work with on this project. I know he has worked hundreds and perhaps even thousands of hours on this. Let him know how his work has blessed you. There may even be a few things that we develop and add after the launch, so visit us from time to time and see what's new. Tell your friends and enjoy!



PREPARE SERIES JULY REPORT

by Randy Klawitter

For Prepare Series in July, we invited Terry and Barbi

Franklin to come from Nashville, TN, and lead the day on the signs of revival and preparing our hearts for revival. Leading us in worship, prayer, and praise, and sharing what God is doing all around the world, they encouraged us to commit more to prayer. Prayer changes things. Prayer changes the world. They shared how there is a ground swell happening all across America and the world, leading up to a great explosion of power in the spirit realm and that prayer movements all over the nation are sensing that something huge is coming. Terry and Barbi have traveled now to 38 countries and have led marriage seminars and presented in over 7,000 churches. Their message is solid and anchored on God's Holy Word, the Bible. We sent out over 300 letters to pastors, personally inviting them to come and be encouraged in a special pastoral/ministry leader focus for Friday evening. Then on Saturday, the Franklins shared for over 5 hours and we prayed and worshiped. Saturday evening we had newspaper coverage of a community-wide invitation to a concert with Terry and Barbi. All in all, we spent over 10 hours in worship and prayer that weekend. We believe that The Wilderness Fellowship has a role to play in these days in preparing for revival and a renewal in the church. God is on the move! We want to walk in step with Him.



- Randy

Randy Klawitter is married to Renee, and they have four children, two grandchildren, a son-in-law, daughter-in-law and a dog. Randy is the Executive Director of TWF and is the son of TWF Founders Dick and Lois Klawitter. Randy has been involved in virtually every TWF project since its beginning and wears multiple hats as builder, greeter, mechanic, work crew leader, maple syrup maker, equipment operator, etc, and fills in wherever needed. If you have questions or comments, email Randy at randy@wildernessfellowship.com.

AMAZINGRACE 2016

by Christa Klawitter

Memorial Day Weekend at The Wilderness Fellowship Ministries was an adventurous weekend filled with fun activities and lots of family time for all campers. This year, The Wilderness kicked off their first AmazinGrace! AmazinGrace was an amazing success! Focused on family fun activities inspired by Wilderness history and how teams can fulfill God's calling as one team, they raced across Wilderness property, collecting clues and fulfilling tasks along the way!

Starting out with "TWINGO," teams of two were required to make a "Bingo" while they twisted together around their bingo board. Once a team completed Twingo, they raced off to their next location that led them to a clue. The morning part of the race continued as teams "Mowed the Lawn" or "Whipped the Weeds" at the amphitheater. Collecting clues along the way, teams arrived at Rice Lake for a canoe ride at the "Rice Lake Relay!" Right before lunch, teams competed in a water balloon toss to determine their afternoon send-out time. In the afternoon, teams raced off to the "Sugar Shack Track" to learn the process of making Maple Syrup. Many clues were collected and many miles were walked, but all teams ended at their final task to ... (cont. on page 3)



TWINGO COMPETITION

(cont. from page 2)...compete in a crossword puzzle! In order to complete this puzzle, team members needed to remember facts about The Wilderness Fellowship Ministries history that they had collected during the race.

This puzzle was the final clue to their final destination! They were handed their clues from the day that they had collected, this created a Grid for the crossword puzzle, spelling out their final destination location.

The race was close! But there was a winner! The Rhoads family came in first place, followed by the Harms and the Hamiltons. Prizes were awarded and all the families left with a closer team unity, as well as a deeper understanding of God’s love, grace and calling on our lives. One team commented that they so appreciated the encouragement to persevere – to push forward to complete the race to the best of their ability – even if they were not going to be first to cross the finish line, they were going to push forward to finish.



1ST PLACE - TEAM RHOADS

God, too, desires all His children to push on and com-

plete the race of life. We may not be first, we may not be perfect, but God loves us where we are. He desires us to push and race towards Him, and to understand His calling on our lives. God truly was present this Memorial Weekend, and we are looking forward to next year’s AmazinGrace! A new theme and a new lesson to be learned. New activities and clues! We hope that you, too, will join us NEXT YEAR for AmazinGrace 2017!

DONATIONS

ONLINE GIVING

Thank you to those who have already been using this feature. One-time or automatic monthly recurring gifts can be set up. Click on the *Give Online* link on our Home page.

MATCHING CONTRIBUTIONS

Check with your Human Resources office at your work place to find out if they will match gifts you make to non-profit organizations such as TWFM.

THRIVENT CHOICE

The Wilderness is now a participating organization in Thrivent Choice, a charitable grant program that allows eligible members of Thrivent Financial to recommend where Thrivent distributes part of its charitable outreach grant funds each year. If you have Choice Dollars available to direct, please consider directing to The Wilderness Fellowship. To learn more, visit Thrivent.com/thriventchoice.

Did you know? PART III

By Dick Klawitter, Founder of TWFM



I bet you guessed right! After losing their home and their belongings and the summer kitchen, the Brask family lived in the granary for 2 years (what a shocking, upsetting loss of their home and summer kitchen)!!

I wanted to see if I could find any indication as to where the summer kitchen and house were located. After walking a short distance from the pump house, I came to a large, deep, rock foundation, that I assumed was the root cellar, above which the summer kitchen once stood. I then walked through the brush and weeds and suddenly came upon a flat cement area and footings that was the foundation of the old homestead house. On the west and south sides of this old foundation were a large bed of day lilies and a large lilac bush. (This bush and lily bed can be seen in the homestead photo in the last newsletter and are still alive today. Have you seen them when you’ve been at The Wilderness?)

After we looked over the old farmstead area, we decided to walk down the old rocky trail to get a closer look at the beauty of Rice Lake and its surrounding shoreline. When we got to the bottom of the steep hill, and were starting along the trail below, we soon came to a spot where water was coming out of the hillside and running across the trail into the beautiful marsh area before it got to the open lake waters. Then we noticed an old, mostly rotted, wood box alongside of the trail that had clear water in it. (Is it possible that this was an old spring water collection box, which was used to supply water or a “spring water refrigerator/cooler” for the homestead?) At this point, because of the muddy trail and having already walked down a steep hill, we were very glad that we were walking and hadn’t driven down, before knowing what was ahead of us on this old trail.

We continued walking and enjoying the wild, undeveloped area, and in just a few minutes we were in full view of the open waters of Rice Lake. The trail continued southward but soon we found ourselves along the east side of a “high ridge” that was now blocking our view of the lake. Once we passed the high ridge, we found ourselves able to walk right to the edge of the lake. We were in awe as we beheld the beautiful western sky and a shoreline abounding in wild rice. To our right, we noticed a small trail going up to the top of that high ridge which had previously hidden the view of the lake from us. We made our way to the top of the ridge. What a spectacular view over Rice Lake we had, and we thought, “Wow! What a beautiful place to set up a campsite!” Do you know what Farmer Brask had named this “high ridge”??

To be continued...

TWFM SOCIAL MEDIA



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*Make sure to look for our logo to know you've found our official FaceBook page!

SYRUP FOR SALE



If you are interested in some great maple syrup please give us a call or stop by and visit. We still have syrup left from last season.

WILDERNESS MAPLE SYRUP CAN BE PURCHASED AT THESE LOCATIONS:

NORTH HEIGHTS LUTHERAN BOOK STORE IN ARDEN HILLS, MN

WURDEMANN CHIROPRACTIC IN NORTH BRANCH, MN

ABELER CHIROPRACTIC OF ANDOVER, MN

SYREN GENERAL STORE IN SIREN, WI.

GRANTSBURG MO JOE COFFEE SHOP IN GRANTSBURG, WI

JIM WRIGHT IN ST. PAUL, MN

May still have some syrup: 651-633-5910

PERSONALIZED GIFT CERTIFICATES

Suggestions:

Pastors, Friends, Family, Wedding Gift, Anniversaries



Gift Certificates may be ordered and purchased online or by mail. Please follow instructions on our website.

www.wildernessfellowship.com

DON FLADLAND MEMORIAL BENCH

Handmade bench in memory of Don Fladland

In Memory of Don Fladland



"They who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like Eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk but not faint."

~ ISAIAH 40:31



This beautiful log bench was handmade by Don and Vi Fladland's son-in-law and shipped to The Wilderness Fellowship from Washington State. Don Fladland was one of the first men that Dick Klawitter talked to about the ministry of The Wilderness Fellowship before it even began. Don later served as Chairman of the Board of Directors for many years. Don's leadership, prayer and commitment to this new ministry helped lay a firm foundation for the ministry, which has now stood the test of nearly 44 years. Don has now gone home, but his legacy and investment in this ministry is being experienced by hundreds of people each year.

"The Pearl"

NOW AVAILABLE FOR FAMILIES AND YOUTH GROUPS!

To those of you who joined us in 2015 for Memorial Day Weekend, we want to say thank you. You were the "test" group for what is now a permanently installed game of discovery and test, called "The Pearl". After the families that were with us successfully navigated the clues and grounds, we decided that this could be permanently set up so that groups or families could use it as a Bible study and team challenge for a weekend retreat. We were surprised and blessed by a company in Minneapolis (Pillar Signs and Graphics) that made and donated all the UV resistant printed signs for the course. If you are interested in doing "The Pearl" let us know ahead of time and we will print off the number of packets that you need to participate. Hopefully this will deepen your faith and appreciation of the need to "search for treasure in God's Word".

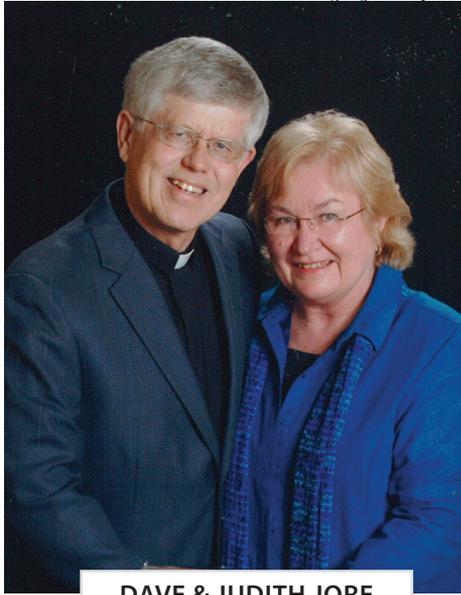
MEET THE BOARD:

Dave Jore

I am a Lutheran pastor, having served most of my ministry on the staff of the Lay Ministry Training Center (LMTC) in St. Paul. During the past few years I have been an interim pastor in various Lutheran churches. I am married to Judith and we have 4 children and 6 grandchildren. Two of our children, Jon and Elizabeth, have been summer volunteers at The Wilderness.

Throughout the past nearly 40 years Judith and I have enjoyed participating in various aspects of The Wilderness such as: bringing youth groups for summer work weeks, having fall retreats for the students and staff of LMTC, and being refreshed by spending time at the prayer cabins. It is a privilege for me to serve on The Wilderness Board, having done so now for several years.

In Mark 6:31 we read these words of invitation from Jesus, "Now come along to some quiet place by yourselves, and rest for a little while." (Phillip's Translation) The Lord has provided a wonderful "quiet place" at The Wilderness for God's people to be refreshed, physically, emotionally, and spiritually. I have experienced this refreshment many times, and as a Board member invite you to also "come...and rest for a little while" at The Wilderness.



DAVE & JUDITH JORE

A NEED/DESIRE WITH POTENTIAL

by Randy Klawitter

Since starting the Prepare Series we have often said, "It sure would be nice to be able to record these sessions and put them on our website for others to see." If you would be interested in praying about how we could make the Prepare Series or other events available like this and/or would like to help us find and purchase or perhaps even donate equipment for this, let us know. We would also need operators for this, but if the Lord provides the equipment He can provide the techs to help.

Memorials

GIVEN BY	IN MEMORY OF
Dick & Louise Klawitter	Lois Klawitter; Marvin Westrom; Linda Pederson; Reinhart Besel; Harry Lawrence Johnson
Vi Fladland-Pugh Grace Holte	Don Fladland Wayne Holte
Margie Hathaway Kevin Roetzer	Jim Hathaway Luella Roetzer
Kurt & Andrea Nelson Delmar & Lois Bolen	Robert Nelson Robert Nelson
Mark & Marilyn Barrett	Ardess Barrett
Marianne Van Oort and Clared Knoell	Jennifer Ann Pankow
Patricia Jevning Sharon Besel	Reinhardt Jevning Reinhart Besel
Steve & Beth Goblirsch	Sig Sennes, godmother

GUEST FEEDBACK

"Thank you so much for this incredible place to come and meet with God so intimately – away from all of life's distractions! The new cabin was wonderful as well. I'll definitely be back!" – *JH*

"Thank you for having us and sharing this space with us! God is present here." – *C&CB*

"This has been a very productive and healing time for me. God and I worked through a lot. Thank you!" – *EB*

"This place is amazing. Thank you for offering this gift." – *ES*

"Thank you for your servants' hearts. Clearly you desire to do everything with excellence onto the Lord. You have made and maintained an environment that brought me (and countless others) to a place of God's serenity. My time with the Lord has been so restorative and I am leaving with a clearer understanding of His desire for my life." – *TC*

"Thank you. The Bible on the table was opened to Psalm 107 and it was right on as I have been in a really dark place and turned my back on God. He really met me here and spoke to my heart. Thank you for your ministry and making these cabins affordable, welcoming and a wonderful place to meet with Jesus." – *MH*



Bo Cabin photo by Lauretta Jacobsma

Honorariums

GIVEN BY	IN HONOR OF
Steve & Beth Goblirsch	Don Sennes, godfather
Steve & Beth Goblirsch	Out of gratefulness to the Klawitter family
Harry Hestness	Beth, Steve and Andrew Goblirsch
Kenneth & Karen Landro	Fred & Dorothy Dahlberg

UPCOMING EVENTS

SEPTEMBER 2-5, 2016 – LABOR DAY WEEKEND
Open Camping

SEPTEMBER 17, 2016 – PREPARE SERIES – JOHN AND COURTNEY REDELSHEIMER

Take a journey with us as we explore Jesus' heart for His Bride, the Church, in the Biblical Feasts of Leviticus 23. The Feasts were His rehearsals for His coming the first time, and they are meant to prepare His Bride as she waits for His coming again. Call or email to register.

OCTOBER 15, 2016 – PREPARE SERIES – BRIAN FENIMORE – HEALING

Most Christians feel intimidated with the healing ministry. In this Prepare Series we will deal with how the Lord uses us to heal spiritually, physically and emotionally. Call or email to register.

NOVEMBER 19, 2016 – PREPARE SERIES – CRITTERS & COMPANY – GREG AND DIANE OLSON

Greg and Diane Olson with Critters & Company bring an entourage of critters to enhance a workshop on "Reaching Those in Our Back Yard". Call or email to register.

UPDATES TO ALL TWFM EVENTS WILL BE POSTED ON THE EVENTS CALENDAR
ON OUR WEBSITE; SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT NOTICE.

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