

REFRESHING TIMES

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Mission Statement

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

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The new and improved Windy Hill Farmhouse!
See page 2 for details

"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

FARMHOUSE UPDATE AND GRAND OPENING

Wow! Wow! Wow! Is what you'll say when you see the "new" Windy Hill Farmhouse. It is wonderful to see what has happened there. The entire upper roof was removed and rebuilt, new dormers added so now there is extra light and ventilation both front and back. We also added new yard lights, new lighting in the main kitchen area, new exhaust fans to cool the building in the summer, new stove exhaust fan, new wood stove in new location for heating the building, new doors, new paint (thanks, Mark), new appliances,



FARMHOUSE REBUILD

new counter and cabinets, new heat transfer vents for heating the upstairs rooms, new tamarack pine flooring on the main level, new carpet upper level, etc. It looks amazing. You will love it! Check out the pic's. Be watching the website for the Grand Opening date. We are so thankful for the provision of the Lord for this. It could have been a total loss, but is wasn't, and we are blessed. Much the same, but much different as well. Very nice!

OUR NEW AND GROWING MEDIA PAGE/LIBRARY

We are excited to start offering to our Wilderness family the Prepare Series and Special Events videos. Yup, that is right. Some money was given to start to cover the video equipment needed in order to record the seminars and events that take place here at The Wilderness, so that others can also be blessed by the offering of that event. Please go to our website wildernessfellowship.com and at the bottom of the list under the heading "Our Ministries", you will find "Media". Click on it and you will see what is offered there. Currently we have 2 audio listings and 5 video listings. Please check them out and share them with others. We are still in need of help to meet the expenses of the video recording system and we also would like to be able to purchase one more camera, but the cost of that one camera and capture card is \$3800. If you'd like to pray for the Lord's provision of this need, we would be so thankful. We believe the Lord will use this for His glory and we rejoice in this exciting new expansion.

WILDERNESS WORSHIP NIGHTS

Another new offering at The Wilderness we are calling "Wilderness Worship Nights"! I had hoped for years that we could start a worship night here at TWFM. Ethan Deal, our Associate Director, was the Worship and Media pastor at Turning Point Church in Dallas, TX before they moved to join us on staff here at the end of May. We are thrilled to put him to work in these areas of his gifting and offer to the community an evening of



OCTOBER WORSHIP NIGHT

worship every 3rd Saturday of the month at 7:00pm. We just worship the Lord Jesus in song and praise for about 1 to 1 ½ hours as the Spirit leads. The first Wilderness Worship Night was in September and afterward no one wanted to leave. The blessing of worshipping together and sharing in fellowship has caused many to say, "We can't wait till the next one!" Come join us the third Saturday night of each month!

PC #6 GROUNDBREAKING



We are excited to also be starting prayer cabin #6. It is being built in memory of Lois Klawitter using the Lois Klawitter Memorial Fund. Many have been touched profoundly by Lois and have shared memorial gifts with The Wilderness in her name. It is exciting to launch the next prayer cabin in her memory. We are calling it the

"Mercy" cabin as this gift freely flowed from Lois. Rejoice with us. Could #7 be funded yet this year as well? We think so. But we are waiting on the Lord for His provision.

NEEDS LIST

Prayer

Wisdom, Provision, Protection, God's favor for building and ministry opportunities, growth, God's glory to be first and foremost at TWFM.

Pray with us for:

- Video Equipment- Camera and capture card for computer - **\$3800**
- Keyboard needed – Casio PX5S- for worship nights. - **\$1000**
- Continued general fund support
- Covering still needed to provide protection for firewood processing and storage of said perishable firewood, equipment, hay, etc. - **\$60,000**
- Forklift still needed to manage things in the Maintenance Center and "The Covering" when the Lord provides that. Propane powered with pneumatic tires, 3 stage mast and 4000lb or greater capacity.

COULD PRAYER CABIN #7 BE CLOSE ?

About 3 months ago I felt like the Lord told me that there was going to be "2" prayer cabins this year. Then later, while at a friend's house, Renee and I were talking with a dear friend about how the Lord is using the Prayer Cabins and that we are excited for #6 to be built and she looked

straight at me and said "I just heard the Lord say 'two'". My jaw dropped open because I had not said a word about that. This was encouraging, yet, for me a step of faith to believe. Please pray for the Lord's will in all of this and that we may walk in faith and obedience to His leading. Thank you so very much.

- **Randy**



Randy Klawitter is married to Renee, and they have four children, three grandchildren, a son-in-law, daughter-in-law and a dog. Randy is the Executive Director of TWFM 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.

HAS YOUR ADDRESS CHANGED?

Please let us know with a phone call or an email! When your address changes and the newsletter gets mailed to your old address it costs The Wilderness money to have the post office give us the new address (as they forward it on to you), OR to have a piece returned with no forwarding address. It would be a huge help to us to have your change of address as soon as possible, to avoid the postage fees. If you no longer wish to be on our mailing list please let us know and we'll take you off. Thanks!

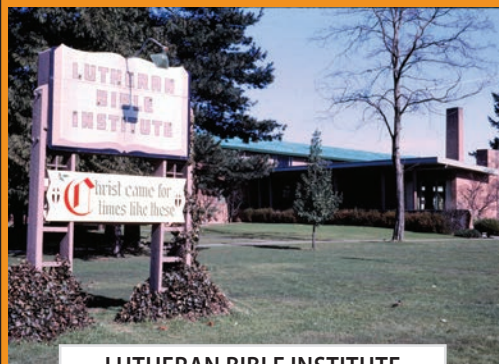


Did you know? PART VIII

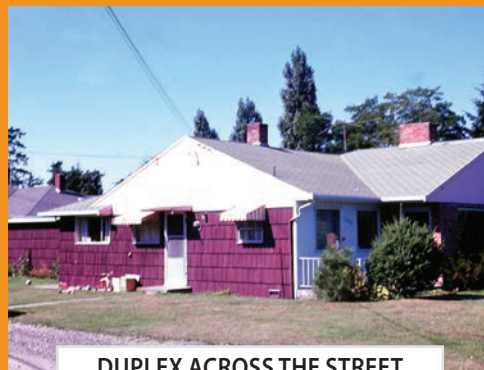
By Dick Klawitter, Founder of TWFM



Those of you who read the last "Did you know?" and saw the pictures of our post office camper/moving van, the Fiat in tow behind with the canoe on top, and the picture titles "selling the ponies", realized that they were calves, and not ponies. (Good eye, ha!) The reason that was captioned that way was because, believe it or not, I delivered two ponies to their new home in the back seat area of that 1959 Fiat Multipla. It was so indelibly printed in my mind that I must have just seen that pic but thought of that. Anyway, you should have seen the looks on the peoples faces when they drove up beside me at the stop light!!! (Yes, I made sure the ponies were looking out the windshield---no diapers necessary!)



LUTHERAN BIBLE INSTITUTE



DUPLEX ACROSS THE STREET

Now, in regard to our trip to Seattle, it was a safe, fun experience for us with the beauty of God's creation constantly reminding us of the greatness of our Creator God! As we followed our map through the mountains into Seattle, we soon found ourselves at the intersection of 130th and Greenwood North where God gave us a double blessing! On one side of the street was the sign for "The Lutheran Bible Institute" and on the other side of the street was the sign in front of a duplex that read "For Rent". Can you guess where we lived my first year of Bible School? God's plan and provision and faithfulness stirs my spirit again as I share this with you!

GOD'S PROVISION

Not long ago I experienced God's provision. I found myself marveling even as it was happening, that God was providing exactly what – or more accurately, who – I needed at the very moment I needed it, even before I asked.

It was a Tuesday afternoon and I was at work at The Wilderness Fellowship office. A majority of the staff at The Wilderness are related to each other, so when the Klawitter family decides to have a family outing, it leaves few of us behind. That was the case on this quiet afternoon. The extended Klawitter family were enjoying time together at the Minnesota State Fair. I was the only staff member on site at The Wilderness, and no guests were due to arrive that afternoon.

However, there was one guest, Mike, staying at a Prayer Cabin. Mid-afternoon Mike stopped by the office and said, "Did you know the 2 horses are out on the road?" I had no idea that the 2 horses that reside at The Wilderness were out. I told Mike that I was the only one here, and that I had no idea what to do to round them up! He immediately offered to help.

We first went out to find the place in the fence that had been breached. That didn't take long. We found a couple of pieces of wire and a couple of insulators laying on the ground, where the horses had broken through the electric fence, not far from the maintenance building. Mike said he could fix the fence, if he had a pair of pliers. I ran to the maintenance building and found a pair for him. He said, "This reminds me of my farm-hand days". Turns out, years ago he used to work on farms doing odd jobs, and had some experience fixing fences and handling animals! (Coincidence? I think not!)

Just as he got to work on the fence, my friend Cindy, who owns horses, pulled up. She lives nearby. I could hardly believe it. I told her I sure was glad to see her, because we needed help. She right away started to round up the horses. She got them to go in the direction of the opening in the fence. I was standing out of the way - too much out of the way - the horses went past me and past the opening in the fence and took a turn around the back of the building, disappearing into the woods.

We decided that we'd just have to wait until the horses came back on their own, but thankfully we didn't have to wait long. Within minutes they came back out of the woods and were happily feasting on long grass alongside the road that runs through the property, but nowhere near where we wanted them. Mike and I put some grain in a bucket, and Mike used that to lure them and lead them back to the pasture. One horse went all the way willingly, the other stood stubbornly outside the fence line, not wanting to go through the "gate". By now the cows were heading our way, wanting to get in on the grain treat! So now it became a challenge for one of us to keep the gate open for the horse, but closed to the cows. It took 3 of us, Cindy guiding/pushing/coaxing the horse in the right direction, me standing in a place to block an alternate escape route for the horse, and Mike controlling the opening of the fence, to get the horse into the pasture.

God brought Mike and Cindy to help get those horses rounded up and the fence fixed. I certainly could not have done it alone, and 2 of us would have had a hard time. It took 3 of us (especially the 2 with experience with pliers, fences, and horses)! God is good. I was left with a very tangible reminder of how God provides what we need, even before we know we need it!



-Cheryl

MAPLE SYRUP



WILDERNESS MAPLE SYRUP CAN ALSO BE PURCHASED
AT THESE LOCATIONS:

WURDEMANN CHIROPRACTIC IN NORTH BRANCH, MN

SYREN GENERAL STORE IN SIREN, WI.

THE PEARL

Memorial Day Weekend, 2015, was the first time we did "The Pearl". It was such a success with the groups and families that were here with us, that we decided to make it permanent. Now "The Pearl" is available for all to come and enjoy as a Bible study or team challenge for a day or weekend retreat. You can enjoy it in the wintertime as well as the summertime. 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".

RAISE FUNDS FOR TWFM WHEN YOU SHOP ON AMAZON

The Wilderness Fellowship is now a member of the AmazonSmile program, which earns us a small percentage on the purchases you already make with no additional cost to you. Use the following link to make The Wilderness Fellowship your charity of choice when shopping on Amazon: <http://smile.amazon.com/ch/51-0175560> Or, search for and select **Wilderness Fellowship Inc** as your charity of choice on the Amazon page. (NOTE: Be sure Inc is part of the name; there is a different charity by the name of Wilderness Fellowship listed in AmazonSmile.)

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GUEST FEEDBACK

"This weekend was so restful and refreshing. As a mom of 4 young kids, extended periods of quiet and solitude are difficult to find. Time and space to think, to pray, to listen, to walk slowly through the woods with my camera...this is a rare gift." – **MF**

"Thank you TWFM for all that you provide for the Body of Christ – this place is a treasure! This is my 3rd annual retreat here and I can't wait to come back – it is one of the highlights of my year. The rest and refreshment that God gives here are so valuable and necessary!" – **DR**

"Thank you so much for your ministry. We have had a tough year as a family and really appreciate being able to have a break from the stress." – **R&CA**

"I first came here as a college student with a thirsting soul but empty bank account. I wasn't able to even afford the full amount but I said one day I'd be back and want to give more when I can. I can now, so I'm fulfilling my original commitment. Bless this place!"

– **AK**



Besel Cabin Photo
by Ethan Deal

"Another rich and fruitful week of prayer and planning for ministry. Thank you for this opportunity. It is a highlight of the year and has far-ranging influence. TWFM blesses our ministry significantly in this way." – **DL**

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Suggestions:

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Memorials

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IN MEMORY OF

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DONATIONS

ONLINE GIVING

Thank you to those who have already been using this feature. One-time or monthly recurring donations can be set up through our website. Click on *Ways to Support Us* under the *Connect with Us* menu on our home page.

MATCHING CONTRIBUTIONS

Check with your Human Resource 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.

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Go to: www.wildernessfellowship.com/stay-informed
enter your name and email and
click "keep me informed".

UPCOMING EVENTS

DECEMBER 16, 2018 - CHRISTMAS WORSHIP NIGHT - 7:00PM

Join us for a special Wilderness Worship Night as we celebrate the birth of Christ!

JANUARY 20, 2018 AND FEBRUARY 17, 2018 - 10:00AM TO 4:00PM PREPARE SERIES – (2-PART SERIES) LOVING YOUR KIDS ON PURPOSE DVD SERIES

It takes time, attention and wisdom to become students of who our kids are. The best way to prepare our children to handle the multitude of options they will have as children of the King of kings is to invest in developing a heart-to-heart connection. This connection replaces the disrespect factory and introduces the honor factory. Please register online at www.wildernessfellowship.com/events

FEBRUARY 18, 2018 – TWFM ANNUAL MEETING – 3:00PM

Come join us in Johnson Hall for a recap of God's faithfulness to The Wilderness in 2017. Dessert will be served following the meeting.

MARCH 17, 2017 – PREPARE SERIES - BRIAN FENIMORE - 10:00AM - 4:00PM

Is the topic of Spiritual Gifts confusing? During this seminar we will be taking biblical examples and a biblical approach on the gifts of the Holy Spirit. Then Brian will help us learn how to function in the gifts of the Spirit. Please register on our website: www.wildernessfellowship.com/events

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