

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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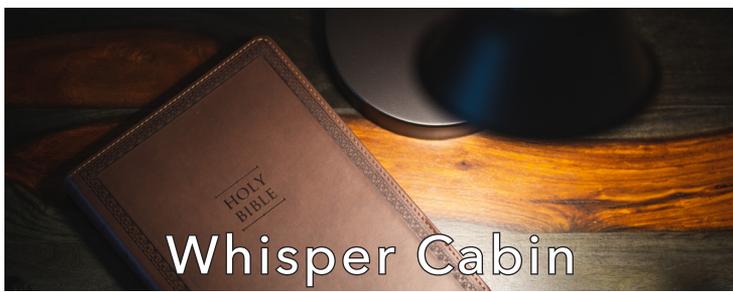
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"I will take my children into the wilderness and there I will speak tenderly to them. I will restore their fruitfulness and turn their valley of trouble into a door of hope."

Hosea 2:14-15a



Whisper Cabin

The Whisper Cabin is now open, fully functional and ready for your reservations. In fact, in the first 4 days of being open, over 30 reservations were booked. We invite you to our website to view pictures and information on this new cabin. We are very excited. The Lord



had told me and confirmed it through a dear friend that there would be 2 prayer cabins that He wanted to open in 2019. How encouraging it was to open The Mercy prayer cabin in

Feb of 2019, and on Dec 30, 2019 to receive the final inspection approval for occupancy for The Whisper. Wow! God is so good and we are now praying for His provision of funds for prayer cabin #8. Would you join us in prayer for that? We have about \$4000 left over to put toward the next prayer



Whisper Cabin Hearth

cabin. That means that a gift of \$50,000 toward the next prayer cabin would just about do it! Pray!

2020 Outlook

We are so excited to see what God is going to do in 2020. We are busy looking ahead to events that we will be leading. Please plan to join us as much as you can in 2020. We have Wilderness Worship every month, Experience the River in February, April, June, September, and possibly November, Marriage Conferences in May and October, Memorial Day Family campout Weekend, Wilderness Worship in the park in August, and open camping July 4th weekend and Labor Day weekend. Plan to join us and grow in Jesus. Reserve your campsites or facilities soon, then invite your friends to join you and pack it out!

Syruping 2020

This year again we will be leasing out our lines to Morley's Maple Syrup. John and his crew are dear friends

and supporters of this ministry and want to help in this area of expertise. We still have syrup to sell here, so swing into the office and buy some Wilderness Maple Syrup before it's gone.

Experience The River



Experience The River

Experience the River day conferences have been powerful and upbuilding. We have February, April, and June events so far on the schedule. You can also find out more information at www.wildernessfellowship.com/events We would love to

have you join us at these great times of teaching and worship!

Worship Nights



Wilderness Worship Nights have now been going on since fall of 2017 and over 1500 worshipers have joined us on site and thousands more on Facebook livestream. This is a time of worship for all who want to

be lost in the presence of Jesus, as together we lift up His name in praise and worship. You can find us on Facebook livestream every 3rd Saturday of the month, at 7pm. Come and worship with us!

Good Trailer Purchased!

We were able to find a trailer to buy. If you remember from our last newsletter, we had a need for an enclosed trailer to haul Wilderness Worship sound equipment and gear to various places, when our worship team is invited to lead worship; not to mention being able to pick up donated items which need the protection from rain or snow. We found one locally, only 14 miles away. Yeah!! It lived its life in Florida, so no rust and decay, and has new lights and new tires. Looks nice. Praise God with us for His provision. It was \$1600 and should serve us well for many years.



Staff

As we see continual growth of The Wilderness Fellowship Ministries, the need for extra staff and finances for payroll become more evident. Would you please pray for God's leading in these two areas? We would so appreciate your standing with us as we try to faithfully and wisely walk out God's direction for this.

Easter Sunrise Service

April 12th we will again meet out on the hill overlooking Spirit Lake to celebrate the Resurrection

of our Lord Jesus Christ! This longstanding tradition is a precious time of reflection, celebration and Christian fellowship followed by a great breakfast boasting fabulous egg dish and homemade cinnamon rolls, coffee, juice and fellowship at the Fellowship Center. Please put this on your calendar.

Whisper Dedication

We are tentatively planning an open house and dedication of the newest of the Prayer Cabins—The Whisper Cabin – on Sunday, May 24th. Come and join us and hear the story of God’s power to provide the funding for this beautiful cabin. Availability can be viewed on our website for that cabin, but reservations must be made by calling the office.

Facebook

Would you help your friends and family learn about The Wilderness Fellowship Ministries? You can “like” us on Facebook and even give reviews there of your stay. Share us with others you know who would be blessed to learn of the Prayer Cabin ministry or other events here. We need your help.

\$5000 Gift Toward Gravel!

PRAISE THE LORD!

A friend of the ministry called and talked to me about a donation she had made. During the phone conversation she asked, “What are the needs you are facing?” I

mentioned a few things that would clearly be perceived by most as more “spiritual” in nature. Then she brought up the former newsletters’ mentions of gravel for the roads. I told her we were making progress, but more is needed, but that giving money toward “dirt” to most doesn’t seem very spiritual. Then she made reference to the fact that if people can’t get in due to poor roads, or deep mud ruts, etc., then it becomes a spiritual matter—“So, let’s put the money toward gravel.” I praise God for her support, insight, and ability to see how everything we do here is connected to the God-given mission of “providing a place of Refuge, Peace, Restoration and Hope, dedicated to help people establish intimacy with Jesus Christ and those they love”, be it cutting firewood, graveling roads, snowplowing, etc. Thank you, Dear Friend!

(Update: we still have a ways to go toward the estimated \$40,000 to do all the roads, but we are now over ½ way there!)

-Randy



Randy Klawitter is married to Renee, and they have four children, four 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.

Did you know?

PART XVII

By Dick Klawitter, Founder of TWFM



If you have been following my “Did You Know”? stories, you may remember that we were leaving Seattle to become the Director of the Lutheran Evangelistic Movement Youth Ministries, in Minneapolis, MN. We didn’t know where our family of 6 and our Siberian Husky would live, but God had laid our need on the hearts of Clarence and Myrtle Johnson, my wife, Lois’s parents. They invited us to live with them in their big family farm house until God provided another place for us. Before long, God provided another big farm house about 2 miles from Dad & Mom Johnson. It was a blessing to us and them being so close. God also used the farm to prepare us for our unforeseen future.

On my desk my first day at LEM, was a note of welcome from the LEM Director, Rev. WE Klawitter, my father, and my first assignment: contact Mr. Bill Gothard and offer him any help he may need to bring the Basic Youth Conflicts Seminar to the Twin Cities. Bill’s life and ministry had a powerful impact on my life and tens of thousands of people! I give thanks and praise to the Lord for the 20+ years of being able to assist Bill in the Seminars, going back to 1968 in Seattle, a powerful, Holy Spirit anointed ministry!

My time of Ministry with the LEM included working with the following: The Gospel Crusaders, Living Dimension Singers, Clear Light Singers, Camp Ambassadors, drama & music Directors Samuel and Gallia MacKinney and my secretary Shirley (VanHorne) Farris, who kept it all going. Being the Bible Teacher for 3 weeks of Bible Camp with about 200 youth each week, planning for the Mid-Winter Youth Days, with speakers Don Fladland, Tom Skinner, Leighton Ford, I was humbly honored and blessed to introduce Corrie Ten Boom where hundreds streamed forward when the invitation was given to commit their life to Jesus!

My wife Lois and I would visit Bible Schools, colleges and churches to interview and audition young adults who were interested in Gospel Team Ministry. We then planned the Team Training - When? Where? Housing? Meals? Equipment? Vehicles? With the help and prayer support of their families, the LEM staff, and their ministry to each other, we sent them on their way — Blessed to be a blessing!

All of this our Lord Jesus used to continue preparing Lois and myself to move into the visions that He placed in my spirit in the 1950s...

Wilderness MAPLE SYRUP

O TASTE AND SEE THAT THE LORD IS GOOD. PSALM 34:8

WILDERNESS MAPLE SYRUP CAN BE PURCHASED AT
THE WILDERNESS AND AT THESE LOCATIONS:

REVIVE CHIROPRACTIC IN NORTH BRANCH, MN

SYREN GENERAL STORE IN SIREN, WI

PLATINUM HEALTH SOLUTIONS IN ROSEVILLE MN



THE ULTIMATE *Marriage Conference*

WITH JON & AMY CLAUSSEN

MAY 1ST - 3RD, 2020



Jon & Amy

The Ultimate Marriage Conference is a call to hope, greatness, and destiny for every marriage. We begin with the Father's original culture, and from his starting point, we drop a plumb line to help you build the ultimate marriage. It's time to learn what heaven's idea about marriage truly is - because it's way bigger than you think!

We are excited to have Jon and Amy Claussen from GoFam Ministries with us for the May marriage retreat. Prayer Cabins at The Wilderness have been made available for those attending The Ultimate Marriage Conference. Make your reservations now as we expect our lodging to fill up quickly. You can also search online for Motels/Hotels, Bed and Breakfasts, and Airbnbs in nearby Grantsburg, Siren or Frederic. Call the Wilderness office at 715-488-8564 to find out more details and to register. Or you can register online at: www.wildernessfellowship.com/events.

MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND 2020 **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**

The writer of Hebrews compares our journey in the Christian life to running a race. With that analogy in mind we are excited to once again offer the AmazinGrace, one of many events on Memorial Day weekend this year. As in life, this year's AmazinGrace will have fun and new challenges your team may not have previously experienced. The weekend kicks off with a Friday evening bonfire of roasting marshmallows for s'mores. Saturday will be spent solving the tasks of the AmazinGrace and, weather permitting, a movie on the lawn to close the day. Sunday morning, we will be gathering at the Fellowship Center for a time of worship and sharing. You can express your talent Sunday evening as we resurrect our talent and variety show. The race is designed for all ages. All team members must register prior to undertaking the challenges. Come see how your team will fair with the fun tests of our AmazinGrace and amazingly fun weekend. You may even walk away with a prize.

We are in need of volunteers to help us run this event! If you are interested in being considered or contacted about this, we would love to hear from you. You can email us at programs@wildernessfellowship.com and Marilyn will be in touch with you. None of these events that have happened or will happen at TWFM happen without volunteers helping. Literally thousands of volunteers have been involved here over the last 48 years!! Let us know if you are interested in being involved to some degree.

GUEST FEEDBACK

"Thank you! It was a wonderful and healing experience."
- JK

"I don't even have words to express my gratitude to Wilderness Fellowship. I was at the end of myself when I came here, and I spent the entire time soaked in His word and in other books about our loving Father. I came thirsty and I drank deeply and I am leaving hydrated." - LM

"This is a special place so clearly anchored on God's life. Many blessings and thank you!" - LP

"Thanks! We had a great time together this weekend. Lots of fruit to strengthen our father/son relationship."
- JW

"Once again my time here did not disappoint! I consider this to be sacred ground where I can come to connect with the Lord...my one regret is that it wasn't for longer!"
- DR



Klawitter Cabin

"We always leave this place so blessed and filled and rested. Thank you for your kindness, prayers, and hospitality. Can't wait to come back!" - CH

"Thank you for providing a place to unplug from the world and connect with loved ones!" - RZ

DONATIONS

ONLINE GIVING

One-time or monthly recurring donations can be given on 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

Thrivent Financial members: this is a charitable grant program that allows you to recommend where Thrivent distributes part of its charitable funds. You must designate the charity of choice each quarter. Please consider directing to The Wilderness Fellowship.

Visit www.thrivent.com/thriventchoice.

AMAZON SMILE

The Wilderness Fellowship can earn a small percentage on your purchases, if you select us as the charity of choice when shopping on Amazon: <http://smile.amazon.com/ch/51-0175560>.



WE'VE GOT A NEW NUMBER!

UPDATE YOUR CONTACT INFO FOR TWFM:

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EMAIL UPDATES AVAILABLE SIGN UP TODAY!

It's easy to sign up!

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

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Gift Certificates can be purchased online or by mail. Please follow instructions on our website.

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Memorials

GIVEN BY

Dale & Arleth Anderson
Bob & Patty Patch
Verona Hoff
Paul & Cheri Staswick
Todd & Cheryl Riggs
Dennis & Patricia Lokke
Dick & Louise Klawitter

IN MEMORY OF

Jerome Anderson
Karl Hoff
Karl Hoff
Lois Klawitter; Marvin Westrom
Bill Lawler; Laurie Timm
Debbie Kyllö
Delight McKeag; Tom Richards;
Norma Lahners; Marlys Olson

Honorariums

GIVEN BY

Joann Boushek
Paul & Cheri Staswick
Mildred Besel
Dick & Louise Klawitter

IN HONOR OF

Rick & Sheila Boushek
Dick & Louise Klawitter
Besel Family
Bill Gothard;
John & Mary Hartzel

UPCOMING EVENTS

APRIL 12TH, 2020 – EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE – 6:15AM

Join us for Easter Sunrise Service at the Sunrise Worship Area and enjoy a delicious breakfast with us afterwards at the Fellowship Center.

APRIL 18TH, 2020 – EXPERIENCE THE RIVER – TODD MARSHALL – 12:30PM

“Worship is Life” is a call to the Church to maximize her potential in growing God’s kingdom. While there is nothing new under the sun (Ecclesiastes 1:9) this message uses the language of worship to challenge and encourage the Church to rise up and love God and love people like never before; worship equals relationship! To register for this event call 715-488-8564 or visit www.wildernessfellowship.com/events. Registration deadline is April 10th, 2020.

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WILDERNESS WORSHIP NIGHTS – 3RD SATURDAY OF EVERY MONTH – 7:00PM

An hour and a half of worshipping the Lord in song! No agenda, no preaching, just worship. If you’re unable to attend in person you can join us on our FaceBook livestream.

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

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