

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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New Disc Golf course
at The Wilderness!

See Page 3 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

MEET BETSY MILLER



Betsy Miller

For the past year or so we have recognized greater growth going on here at The Wilderness and this means more and more phone calls for reservations and information, which is great news. Marilyn has done a great job as event coordinator from home in Becker, MN, but office time has been a little more difficult due to the fact that she and Mark live 2 hours away. So, the need to find

someone closer to The Wilderness has been on our radar for some time now. If you look through this newsletter you will see an article about new reservation and database programs that we have been working to put into place for over a year and a half now, so it did not make any sense to hire someone and have them learn the old system just in time to abandon that and have to learn a whole new system. So we decided to wait until we were closer to a launch date for the new systems before hiring someone new. Well, right about when we were getting more serious about hiring Betsy, something called Covid-19 also hit. So again, this was put on hold. Now that we are open again and the phones are ringing off the hook and we are much closer with the two software programs, we want to introduce you to Betsy Miller. She and her husband are local, which is very good for our present need. Betsy has been a guest to our prayer cabins numerous times, and has attended events, including Wilderness Worship Nights, Experience the River, and more. Betsy loves Jesus, loves The Wilderness, and is going to be a great addition to the staff here. We look forward to you meeting her. Please pray for her as there is much for her to learn about The Wilderness from an internal office operations perspective. We are all excited to learn, work, and minister together here at TWFM.

NEW RESERVATION AND DATABASE SYSTEMS

It is a massive job to make this kind of change. I mean really huge! Taking 49 years of database and deciding what to transfer and what not to and hoping that we get it all correct, etc, is perhaps akin to eating an elephant! With over 8000 names in our current database and over 250 current reservations on the books, it is a daunting task. That said, we are forever grateful for our previous systems developed over the last 25 years by friend Tommy Gill. What a blessing he has been and what an incredible job he did. There is nothing out there like what Tommy developed for us! This is why trying to upgrade is so difficult. The Wilderness is unique! There is very little demand for the systems we need to match our uniqueness, so we have had to try to "marry" two software programs in an attempt to accomplish all of what Tommy did with one custom program. So... enter Bob Warrick. Bob is the man that God gave us to develop our website. Once that was up and running, he shifted gears to helping us research, find and implement software programs necessary to meet the unique and growing needs of TWFM. Please keep this arduous project in your prayers. We hope to get this up and running in the next month or so.

CONFERENCE ROOM

During the Covid-19 lockdown we decided to plunge into a project that has been on our minds for a few years now. We have never had a work room for office stuff, a conference room for meeting with guests who want to learn more of TWFM, etc. So we pushed out into the west cold storage area



and have made a wonderful space that will be used to meet many different office, meeting, and ministry needs. It will be fun to show you this completed addition. We are entering the home stretch. Again, huge thanks to some very generous gifts that have allowed us to do this project. Thank you so much.



ETHAN GETS HIS OWN OFFICE



Ethan has long needed his own space to wear his many, many talented hats. Worship leader, technician, website manager, newsletter design, desk top publishing for signs or any brochures needed for TWFM, and on and on. He has needed a place to set up a keyboard and work out worship sets, play guitar, and even do video productions for TWFM or editing of TWFM video presentations. So now he will have his own space to work. This will also free up some counter/desk space for other office staff. This will be a huge help and better use of space. Ethan is pretty excited about having his own office as well. We thank God for His provision for all of this.

LAST E.T.R.

God has powerfully used our "Experience the River" day conferences over the last 2 years. Fantastic speakers and great ministry has taken place. People have been built up and encouraged in the gifts of the Spirit, the power of healing, learning to hear God's voice, and more, all followed by Wilderness Worship Nights which have been streamed all over the world. Even though these have been powerful events, we feel that it again is time to change it up a bit, so this September will be our last ETR. We will be ending with Brian Fenimore, the same speaker who started it all off on our first ETR two years ago. We'd love to have you join us for the final September ETR. Mark your calendars and then mark your 2021 calendars for the big "New Thing" conference coming in 2021!

NEW THING 2021

We are excited to begin planning the "Big New Thing" conference for July 16-18, 2021. The current plan is to bring in 3-4 of our most popular ETR speakers for a full weekend of teaching, camping, worship, and growth, encompassing a full weekend from Friday thru Sunday. Potentially, it will include smaller break-out sessions with these or other leaders. Please keep tuned in to our website and Facebook announcements to be sure not to miss this great weekend. The "Big New Thing" conference will be big in your life!

MARRIAGE RETREATS

Something else that we are very excited about here at

TWFM in 2020 are the two Marriage Retreats that are scheduled to take place. It has long been my desire to do what we could to encourage and strengthen marriages. I would have to say that the number one prayer request coming to us on the guest checkout envelopes is “pray for my marriage”. The enemy’s attack on marriages is all out war with the intent to destroy that which God has designed to be an earthly object lesson to all of us of His heart and desire and love for us, His bride. Satan hates anything that God has designed and is out to destroy everything about God’s perfect design and intent. We see it everywhere we look, as marriages are falling apart and God’s design for the family is under fire and attack everywhere. So, we scheduled our first marriage retreat for May 1-3 only to have the Covid-19 lockdown derail that weekend. So now we are rescheduling to July 24-26. Though we will not be able to have the same speakers as were scheduled for May, we will be having the same speakers for our July 24-26 and Oct 1-3 Marriage Retreats. We will keep trying to be a help to this important gift of marriage. Keep an eye on our website for updates on these events.

TIMOTHY CABIN NEW ROOF

Another project that was accomplished while the cabins were empty was a much needed roofing job on the Timothy Cabin. Built in the mid-1990's, it was time for new shingles. Again, it is the continued provision of the Lord through our faithful supporters following the prompting of God that we were able to do this project. There is a never-ending list of projects that need to be done here. Honestly, I never, ever go to bed at night and just can't think of anything else that we need to do! Ha! Always a long list of things needing funds. Sometimes big funds!! So please keep praying! We rejoice in His provision.

OPENED UP MAY 15

After 8 weeks of lock down and shut down due to Wisconsin

Government mandates, we opened again on May 15th to a full house of guests. Yes, there were some new restrictions that we set, but like I have always said, “*Jesus is not social distancing!*” Our guests are saying He is showing up big time as they come to The Wilderness and set aside intimate time with Him. One recent guest said, “*It is such a blessing to have a place to get away with God. Every single time I come, I can hear God's heartbeat as I nestle close to Him.*” We are so glad to be serving God’s people again here at The Wilderness. Please keep us in prayer for Protection, Provision, and Wisdom as we move forward. Thank you so much for your prayers and support during these last months.

RECEIPTING OPTION

Did you know that it now costs 55 cents just for the postage to send a receipt letter? In an effort to save money, we are trying to transition to an email receipt for those guests and supporters who have email. We will still be able to send out “snail mail” receipts to those who don’t do email, but if you could indicate on your donation envelope if you are willing to receive the receipt for your Tax-Deductible gifts via email, it would be just like giving an extra 55 cents for the ministry. Thank you!

-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.

DISC GOLF COMES TO TWFM!

We are so excited to now be able to offer a great 6-hole disc golf course for our guests to play. A few years ago, a friend of The Wilderness made a substantial gift toward developing or purchasing some type of fun activity that could involve all ages, be done year-round, and involve individuals, couples and/or families. After much thought and a God-given contact, we met up with Cale Leiviska, a professional disc golf competitor and course designer/installer. Cale came out to TWFM and got so excited about the beauty of these grounds and was ecstatic about developing a fun course here. It was installed May 14th and has seen much use since. But there's more! Cale, (and TWFM) would like to add 3 more holes to make it a 9-hole course. So, we put out the idea for “Hole Sponsors” to businesses and individuals and the first businessman I mentioned it to said “Yes, count me in for 1 sponsorship”!

A sponsorship is \$400 and we will then put your business name, if you desire, on the basket you sponsor so that as people play, they can see your contact info. So we were looking for 2 more sponsors and then we will put in the next 3 holes. Just this week as I was writing this, we received the funding for the next 2 baskets needed to complete the 9-hole course! There is room for a full 18-hole course, and that possibility exists, if there is enough interest and funding. If you'd like to see this happen and want to help improve or expand the course, let us know. Meanwhile, you can find Cale Leiviska on YouTube, if you want to see who he is and how good he is at this hopefully-soon-to-be Olympic Sport. Cale and his wife, Victoria donated some discs for our guests to use while here. Discs can be checked out at the office. People are loving this new addition to TWFM!



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



Marriage Matters

because great marriages don't just happen

WITH RICK & LAURIE GANIERE

July 24th-26th , 2020



Rick & Laurie

Rick and Laurie Ganiere have been married for 50 years and speak for marriage classes and seminars in the church and community. They have also worked with couples, one on one, and helped them find a path to a better future. This seminar IS NOT just for marriages that are troubled. What you invest in grows.

- If your marriage is good, come and continue to invest.
- If your marriage is ok, invest in it to make it stronger.
- If your marriage is struggling, come and see that you are not alone.
- Seriously, ALL couples go through struggles.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO REGISTER FOR THIS CONFERENCE PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE, OR YOU CAN REGISTER ON OUR WEBSITE!

FINANCIAL UPDATE

For nearly 49 years now, God has continually provided for this ministry. The Lord led Dick Klawitter and the Board of Directors to establish Deut. 16:17 as the financial standard for TWFM regarding how we would operate. This is the Lord's ministry and we are committed to His provision for His ministry here. Sometimes we find that the walk of faith that the Lord has led us on, is so foreign to people. The world wants to push us to debt and presuming on the future with finances, yet for this ministry we have committed to walk and live and operate within our means to the greatest degree possible. Obviously, we have commitments to electric bills, phone bills, salaries, taxes, insurances, etc, that are weekly or monthly, yet for even those bills as well as larger project bills, we are committed to walk debt-free. So..... as Covid-19 ramped up and concern grew over just what it was going to mean for us and every other business on the planet, our governor issued a "Stay at home" mandate which helped shut down ministry here for 8 weeks. We made changes and adjustments, reset some operating policies, and reopened on May 15th to a full schedule of guests. On May 21st, I asked Cheryl to pull a financial report comparing Jan 1 to May 21, 2019, to that same period of time for 2020. The results were that we were \$9463.29 behind where we were for that exact period of time 1 year ago. But the big story is this... That all changed in 1 day with 1 gift! Again, God did what He does best—Miracles! In spite of being shut down with no guests coming in, so no facility donations, and being down \$9463, the very next day, 1 check that didn't even have a name on it came in and we were instantly \$70 ahead of that very day exactly 1 year ago! Can you shout with us "PRAISE THE LORD!" So... it is always a phenomenal walk of faith here at TWFM, but with your prayers and support and this special gift, God did yet another miracle. A huge thanks to that special donor who gave this gift, not even knowing the need! Bless you! Hallelujah! God be praised!

GUEST FEEDBACK

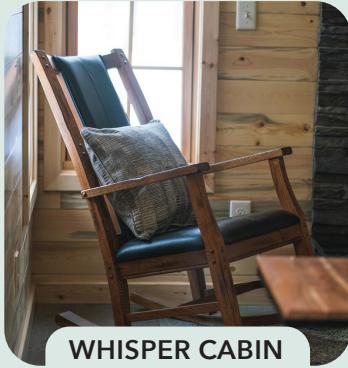
"Once again, you have prepared such an amazing earthly place for visitors to seek God and listen to His whispers! Thank you!" - SR

"Thank you for the peace and quiet that you provide so we can get away and enter into God's presence without everyday-life distractions...this weekend allowed me to draw closer to Him." - DL

"The Lord provided physical rest and spiritual restoration. Through His word, He has reminded me who He is (and who I am not). He has used this quiet wilderness to restore my soul and remind me that He is sufficient." - AS

"I thank the Lord for this peaceful time with my family. It was great to see and hear God's beauty and strengthen our closeness as a family. Thank you, Jesus!" - T&MV

"We had a wonderful time! Thank you for a peaceful place to stay and reconnect as we celebrated our 10-year anniversary!" - D&SH



WHISPER CABIN

"Thank you so much for providing a place set apart for God's children to rest, worship and grow." - JC

"I no sooner started down the driveway when the presence of the Lord filled my car." - BV

EMAIL UPDATES AVAILABLE **SIGN UP TODAY!**

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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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URGENT NEED: QUALIFIED CPA

The Wilderness has outgrown the services that have so wonderfully been provided by our most recent CPA, Rochelle Brede, of Avion Accounting in Siren. She has become a great friend to both the ministry and the staff, as well as a trusted consultant. We are in search of someone to fill this role immediately. Primary responsibilities include the filing of annual tax returns (starting with 2019!), and financial reviews and audits when necessary. If you are a qualified CPA who has experience doing tax returns and financial reviews for non-profits, or know of someone who is, we want to hear from you as soon as possible. Please pray with us to fill this need.



WE HAVE A NEW NUMBER!

UPDATE YOUR CONTACT INFO FOR TWFM:

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Memorials

GIVEN BY

Dale & Arleth Anderson

Steve & Naomi Staruch

Jacquelyn Todd

Paul & Cheri Staswick

Todd & Cheryl Riggs

Dick & Louise Klawitter

IN MEMORY OF

Tom Gunderson;

Myrtle & Clarence Johnson

Tim Olson

Mr & Mrs James Paulsrud;

Eugene Paulsrud;

Judy Christianson;

Eunice Wang; Cody Holte

Lois Klawitter; Marvin Westrom

Lila Mohr; Leona Stark

Lois Klawitter; Mary Westrom;

Richard H. Holte;

Carol Peterson;

Grace Miller;

Donald Scott Miller

Paige Bullis

Honorariums

GIVEN BY

Arlene Desombre

Steve and Beth Goblirsch

IN HONOR OF

Pastors Kim, Bart, and Lisa at

Inver Hills Church

Minneapolis Police/First

Responders

UPCOMING EVENTS

JULY 24 - 26 – MARRIAGE MATTERS WITH RICK & LAURIE GANIERE

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3RD ANNUAL WORSHIP IN THE PARK – AUGUST 15TH, 2020 – 7:00PM

Join us at Crooked Lake Park in Siren, WI for a night of worship by the lake! We also have the pavillion reserved for the evening, so feel free to show up early and bring a picnic supper! We look forward to seeing you there!

SEPTEMBER 19TH, 2020 – EXPERIENCE THE RIVER – BRIAN FENIMORE – 12:30PM

It is God's nature to heal. Most people don't know how to walk with him in this vital ministry. Brian will teach the basics to advance your understanding of the healing ministry that is available today. Learn how to yield to and grow in the anointing as you magnify and lift up Jesus as The Healer. The ministry of healing is not reserved for a select few. God's miraculous healing is part of the Good News – and every believer can become a conduit for his healing power. To register for this event call 715-488-8564 or visit www.wildernessfellowship.com/events. Registration deadline is September 4th, 2020.

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

An hour and a half of worshiping 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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