

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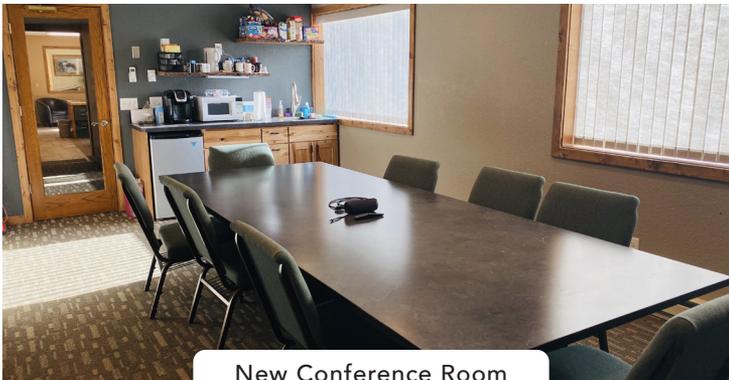
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“I will take my children into the wilderness and there I will speak tenderly to them. I will restore their fruitfulness and turn their valley of trouble into a door of hope.”

Hosea 2:14-15a

NEW CONFERENCE ROOM COMPLETED AND GREAT ASSET!

“What a great addition this space is!” was a comment from a guest who wanted to see the new conference room. We couldn’t agree more. We now have a place to not only have staff meetings and eat lunch, but also meet with people who schedule tours of TWFM and then want to sit and visit about possibilities or their dreams as well. It is wonderful, and we believe that the Lord has even more uses for this space. We are excited about that. It was even recently used to film an episode of “What happens when God shows up?” (These are excellently done short stories of God’s move across the world in revival. Scripted and shared by Diane Brask, founder and Executive Director of Global Seed Planters. Filmed and produced by our own Ethan Deal, Associate Dir. of TWFM. We’d encourage you to check them out at her FB page.)



New Conference Room

WELCOME ETHAN, CHRISTA & EMMA KLAWITTER. BUT ALSO A PRAYER REQUEST.

Although I know that it is important to always consider what is best for the ministry first, it has been a desire of my heart to one day have all of our 4 children working with us here at The Wilderness. Recently this dream moved one step closer to a reality as our son Ethan (not the same as our son-in-law Ethan), his wife Christa, and their daughter Emma moved into the main house and are currently serving part time here in the area of maintenance as well as being on call close to the office to meet the unexpected needs of guests when the office is closed and no one is nearby. This, for the first time, brings all 4 of our children to the staff team here at The Wilderness. I often feel that it takes at least 3 years to train in a new person with us (and that’s mainly outdoor-type work; Cheryl is in charge of internal office-type training and needs), but with Ethan previously having worked here with us, this is a huge head start and benefit to TWFM. Please don’t get me wrong, I can’t say enough in praise of Cheryl, Betsy and Marilyn and their role on the team as well. With the growing busyness of the ministry this will be a great help and benefit to the ministry on outdoor-type things, in much the same way that recently hiring Betsy to help with internal office needs, filled a huge need also. Ethan K is gifted in wood working, mechanics, upkeep, welding, maintenance and “thinking out



of the box,” which is often needed. It is a joy to have them back with us in ministry. Some of you may remember that he and Christa were with us when they first got married back in 2014. The power of a family legacy is rare these days and we are so excited to see how God further uses our family and staff to be a blessing to all who come. But...along with the growth of the ministry, comes a need for more full time staff and for God’s divine provision of finances to meet the needs of paying the staff. Please join us in asking God for that special provision to be provided prior to 2021 and beyond. We would pray that there would be all the provision of finances to add Ethan K in a full time capacity soon. Amen! Thank you!

THE NORTHWOODS CONFERENCE

We are making a change in our approach to Spiritual Growth Conferences. In the past we have done monthly “Prepare Series”. Then we shifted to a Day Conference about every other month, hosting 5 of these a year and called them “Experience the River”(ETR). In a desire to be more efficient and touch/impact a greater number of people, we are planning one 3-day weekend conference. It will start Friday, July 16, and go through Sunday morning, July 18. Currently the plan is to bring in some favorite speakers from the ETR conferences. We are actually making arrangements to hold this conference off site to make it easier for meal breaks at local food establishments and seating space for 500 or more! TWFM facilities are open to campers and guests who want to attend the conference and stay at TWFM. The preliminary schedule is to have four keynote speakers spread out throughout the weekend with break-out sessions interspersed as well, all interwoven with worship times led by Wilderness Worship. Times, place, speakers and sessions are still to be determined, but reserve your prayer cabins or group cabins or camping facilities now as we anticipate they will fill up quickly.

MARRIAGE RETREATS PAST AND FUTURE

We are so pleased with the feedback from our two marriage conferences in 2020. What a blessing to be a part of impacting generations through providing marriage-strengthening materials and speakers. We feel so strongly about this that we have scheduled 3 marriage conferences in 2021. The hope is to have the same speakers for all 3 so that you can either come and hear it again, or feel confident to recommend it to friends or family you know are in need of this encouragement because it will be a repeat of what you were blessed by. So get these dates down. January 29-31, April 23-25, and October 1-3. All the prayer cabins have been set aside for couples attending the marriage conferences but must be reserved by you in advance. Get on it, they will go fast. We look forward to seeing you there. See the article on page 4 for more details!!

NEED FOR MORE PRAYER CABINS

If you take a look at our Prayer Cabin availability calendars on our website, you will see that it is getting nearly impossible to get in unless you book many weeks in advance. We praise God for the record numbers of guests who have been blessed by coming here, but we need to build cabin #8. In the middle of October, within about 1 week, I had 3 people approach me asking what it costs to fund a prayer cabin. Excitement in me began to build, but no firm commitments or timeframe yet. Now would be a great time to get #8 underway. Please pray for us as we consider the placement of #8 and the plan. It’s hard to come up with much variety with a limit of 400 square feet. Our last prayer cabin was started and

completed in about 10 months. When we get started we could really use some more trades people to build it. Contractors, electricians, roofers, etc. I believe God is calling each of us to do our part using our gifts and skills to complete His Kingdom work. It's a team effort for His glory alone!

NEED FOR WISDOM AND PLANNING FOR NEXT PRAYER CABIN VILLAGE

I once heard or read the statement, "Anyone can steer a ship, but it takes a leader to chart a course." I feel that this is true, yet as much as I would like to hope I can do this, it is an area I actually feel in most cases I don't do well at all. Perhaps too many day-to-day things call for attention and I feel too overwhelmed to think of some great future endeavor. Charting a course is a very difficult job. One needs to first know where they should be going (where God is leading). Secondly, how to get there, what it will cost, etc. Charting seems to conjure up in my mind reading the stars and planets like the early ocean-going ship captains had to do. It's reading the signs and knowing where you are now and where you need to be at some point and what the time frame is. So, when it comes to those seemingly few things I feel very confident about, one stands out strong to me. That is the need to begin "charting the course" for our next Prayer Cabin Village. When the first Prayer Cabin was built in 1990-91, it was an experiment. In

fact, I literally had people, say, "Why in the world would you build a prayer cabin?" Yet, here we are 7 prayer cabins later, and so busy we can hardly stay on top of it and some days the phone is ringing off the hook for reservations. The day is soon upon us when we will need to decide where to put in the infrastructure for another Prayer Cabin Village, which will include a well, septic, shower house, access roads, and each Prayer Cabin location. Some would say I need a master plan. I can surely see that, but also recognize that what I really need is "The Master's Plan" to chart the course, cast the vision, and He will provide the full funding for it when the time comes. Would you begin to seriously pray with me about this?

-Randy



Randy Klawitter is married to Renee, and they have four children, four grandchildren, two sons-in-law, 2 daughters-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 XVIII

By Dick Klawitter, Founder of TWFM

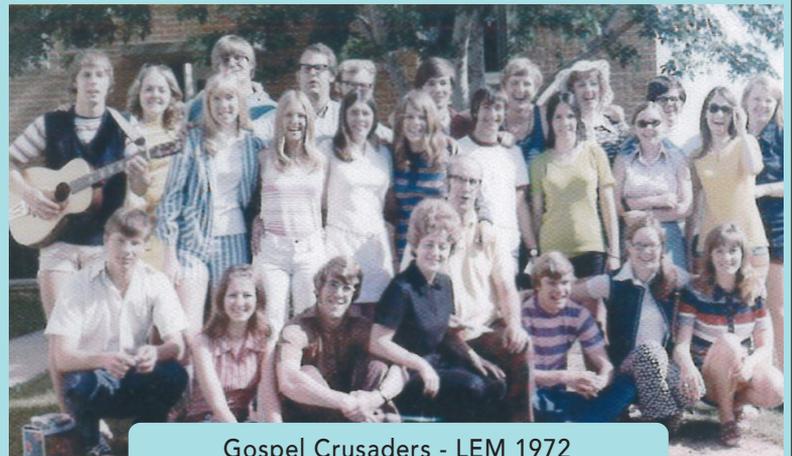


I forgot to tell you that when we moved from Seattle to Wisconsin, we saw the cabin, by Rice Lake, that was not there when we had first started coming to the Old Brask farm property. It was built in the early 60's by Pastor Tom Gundersen and people from Calvary Covenant Church, of Alpha, WI. Pastor Tom had family retreats and youth Bible camp there using army surplus tents and bunk beds. Pastor Tom didn't call it a cabin. He called it a "shack". It's now the Lakeside Cabin with a beautiful sunset view over Rice Lake.

Memories linger on as I reflect back on the many people and ways that God used to lead, guide, provide, protect, and correct during our years with the Lutheran Evangelistic Movement Youth Ministries. And now yet another "moving experience" for the Klawitter family when we were able to move into the former Peterson farm house located on what is now The Wilderness Fellowship property. Yes, I still drove 83 miles to my LEM office in downtown Minneapolis each day. Sometimes I would stay overnight with Dad and Mom in St. Louis Park, MN. Precious memories! Yes, I guess you could say I was wearing "two hats," giving leadership to LEM as national youth director there, and developing The Wilderness Fellowship Ministries. "Dear Lord, help me know how long you want me to wear 'two hats.' I need your guidance. Amen!"



Dick and his dad



Gospel Crusaders - LEM 1972

How or what did He use to guide me? Stay tuned!

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:

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SYREN GENERAL STORE IN SIREN, WI

PLATINUM HEALTH SOLUTIONS IN ROSEVILLE MN



THE ULTIMATE *Marriage Conference*

WITH JON & AMY CLAUSSEN

JANUARY 29-31, APRIL 23-25, AND OCTOBER 1-3



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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 2021 marriage retreats. 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.

YEAR END GIVING CONSIDERATIONS

Below are growth needs requiring significant prayer for significant funds. We believe our God is more than sufficient and is able to meet these needs above and beyond our wildest imaginations. So we invite your prayers and partnership.

1. General support to continue
 - Salaries
 - General operations
 - Programs like the Marriage Retreats and July Conference
2. Prayer Cabin #8, #9, #10 (To meet demand. We are seeing record numbers of guests).
3. The Covering—A large covered, half enclosed pole structure for storing firewood baskets and other perishable items and equipment.
4. An additional Kubota side by side or similar unit. Very useful machine.
5. Two parcels of land that we have been praying would come available for over 40 years. If either of these properties comes available, we need to see the miracle of God's supernatural provision ready.

FIREWOOD

We have a lot of split firewood that needs to be stacked into baskets.

HELP!!

(please!)



GUEST FEEDBACK

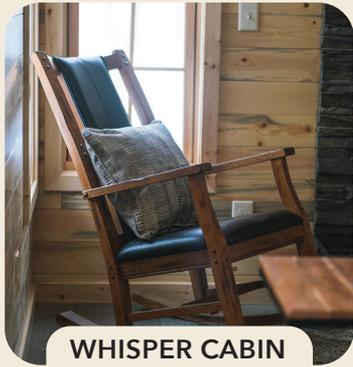
"I am almost speechless; it feels like it would take me a lifetime to fill you in about how God has been chasing me and I Him and how this cabin was a room where I felt we finally collided. Jesus' presence in this room is real, making this cabin Holy Grounds. I came here not questioning God being real, but questioning if he was mad at me, if he had overlooked me. I came here tired and hurt. The Lord spoke to me in such a tender way giving me the answer I have been crying out for." - **KS**

"Gracias, gracias, gracias, gracias." - **UB**

"I had a wonderful time. The quiet, the lake, the peace all around gave me breathing space to grieve, process, play and wait on the Lord." - **SG**

"This place has been a safe haven for me to encounter God and let Him work in me." - **CL**

"My heart has been so blessed. This is a place where God met me and touched my soul in ways He hasn't touched in years. My soul is at such peace and rest." - **SD**



WHISPER CABIN

"We enjoyed our experience and felt the peace and God's presence. It was a much needed time of connecting with God and each other." - **J&JS**

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.

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Lois Klawitter; Patricia Lokke;
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Marvin Collier*

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UPCOMING EVENTS

JANUARY 29 - 31 – ULTIMATE MARRIAGE CONFERENCE WITH JON & AMY CLAUSSEN

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ANNUAL MEETING – FEBRUARY 21ST – 3:00PM

A time of looking back at what God has done over the last year here at The Wilderness. We invite you to come and be a part! There will also be delicious desserts! You don't want to miss this!

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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