

REFRESHING TIMES

"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

THIN ICE, KUBOTA AND PRAISE!
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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.



THIN ICE, KUBOTA AND PRAISE

Sounds like a movie, huh? Well this was not, but it surely was a few moments of excitement for us guys. While plowing the ice skating rink pond, the Kubota broke through the ice with Ethan K inside. Panic, but we praise God that nobody was hurt and that it happened where the water was only about 4' deep, instead of the typical 8' depth of the rest of the pond, and that the plow on the front held up the front end of the machine. Nonetheless, once we were able to winch it out and get it back to the heated shop, the entire engine and hydraulic system and fuel tanks etc, had to be drained, filters changed, and engine injectors pulled and cleaned. But praise God with us that it fired right up on the first try and continues to run great. Good job guys and let's not do that again!



NEEDS/WISHLIST

Speaking of this, although the one we have appears to be fine, we have been talking for some time now, of getting another Kubota or similar enclosed cab, side by side unit. Or another Geo Tracker 4x4, possibly a 4-door version. If any of you happen to run across one or have one in great shape to sell or donate, please let us know.

PRAYER CABIN #8 FUNDED DESIGNS IN PROGRESS

We are so excited to announce that prayer cabin #8 is funded! Praise the Lord!! We are in the design process as well as choosing its placement on the map. We are hoping to get started on this soon and perhaps even have it done yet this year. Please pray for all the steps of this process and quick completion. Also pray for God's favor with pricing of materials. Apparently due to Covid issues, prices of building materials are way up.

WHAT IF GOD PROVIDED AND MIRACULOUSLY #9 WAS FUNDED TOO?

Well, if what happened with us last year amid Covid stuff going on continues, we will need it! I mean it. We saw a record year and there seems to be no sign of stopping anytime soon. So, if you have been wanting to fund a cabin, here's your chance. If you are a pray-er, then get out the kneepads and join us in calling out to the Lord for His provision for #9. It would be amazing to see 2 built this year. God can do it! We are going to work on #9's plans now so we are ready when it happens.

DEVELOPMENT FUND FOR NEW PRAYER CABIN VILLAGE ESTABLISHED.

The Board has recognized that raising money for roads, wells, shower house, and the like is usually a harder sell and more

difficult. So after some discussion and prayer, The Wilderness Board has set aside \$10,000 as a jump start toward a goal of \$85,000 for infrastructure for the next Prayer Cabin Village. Gifts can be designated to this account and the plan is to begin to develop the site plan this coming summer so that we will be ready when we need to move into the expansion phase for our next prayer cabin village. We will start with establishing and graveling the roads and parking spaces, then we'll lay out the cabin sites. Once this is set, we will focus on getting the well drilled, septic and shower house done, and electric power and propane routes in, thus preparing the way for up to 10 more prayer cabins to be built. Exciting days here. We invite you to join us through prayer, gifts, planned giving through wills, annuities, beneficiary listings, and so on. I truly believe that if we already had all 20 built right now, we would still be looking to the next PC village as well. In other words, the need is huge! And we praise God that He has allowed us to be a part of meeting that need.

WILDERNESS WORSHIP NIGHTS JOIN THE LIVE STREAM!

We'd love to have you join us in person or via live stream. Mark your calendars for the 3rd Saturday of each month, except August as we are planning 'Worship in the Park' again at Crooked Lake Park in Siren, WI.

FELLOWSHIP CENTER EXTERIOR REPAIR VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

The exterior of the Fellowship Center is badly in need of being blasted, re-caulked, repaired and refinished. This is a very important but time-consuming and expensive project. If anyone desires to volunteer to help with this massive but critical project, please contact me at randy@wildernessfellowship.com.

MARRIAGE RETREATS TWFM FACILITIES FILLING UP FAST!

We have two more "Ultimate Marriage Retreats" scheduled for 2021! Cabins for those are filling up, so if you are interested in attending and wanted a prayer cabin to stay onsite, please call now and get that reserved. Once the facilities that we have here are full, you will have to either stay at a local hotel or commute back to your home for sleeping. We are so excited to be offering these retreats as we see the enemy's attacks on marriage all around us. See the ad on page 4 for more details.



January Marriage Retreat

-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.

NORTHWOODS CONFERENCE

Set Free!

JULY 16-18, 2021

SPONSORED BY THE WILDERNESS FELLOWSHIP. HOSTED BY ADVENTURE CHURCH.

From time immortal, seated deep in the heart of every person is the desire to be free; to walk in victory over their past, their addictions, their anger and unforgiveness. The meaning of the Greek word that the Church uses for 'salvation' includes freedom! God's desire is that His people be free. Yet so many who desire to follow Jesus are still searching for that life of freedom.

If this is you, or if you desire greater joy and freedom in your walk with Jesus, you won't want to miss this. At the Northwoods Conference we bring to the stage internationally known speakers to give you tools to walk in the joy and freedom that Jesus intends for you. Come be encouraged and equipped. Friday evening through Sunday morning, Paul Anderson, Brian Fenimore, Dave Heinrich and Todd Marshall will be unpacking the Truth for us, as well as conducting breakout sessions. This conference is for everyone, no matter where you are in your spiritual walk; from the novice to the seasoned veteran, we all need our armor honed.

This is one weekend conference you don't want to miss.

We believe Holy Spirit will manifest many powerful breakthroughs!

CONFERENCE SPEAKERS



PAUL ANDERSON



BRIAN FENIMORE



DAVE HEINRICH



TODD MARSHALL

Call now to register at 715-488-8564, or register online at www.wildernessfellowship.com/events. Details will be posted on our website events calendar as they become available.

Did you know? PART XIX

By Dick Klawitter, Founder of TWFM



For those of you who have been following my "Did you know" articles, you may remember that in my last article, I ended up by praying, "Dear Lord, help me know how long you want me to wear 'two hats': Lutheran Evangelistic Movement (LEM) and TWFM". You see, work had begun on the property in 1972 just after the articles of incorporation were in place, and while I was still working for LEM. Some of the things that were done in those beginning years were tearing down the old Grantsburg school house for lumber/materials, planting over 8,000 Norway pine trees, fence repair, building and grading the road, working on Lakeside Cabin and beach area, and even pursuing additional property for purchase, to expand the ministry grounds. Little did I realize when I prayed that prayer in November of 1974, that the group of men who formed an ad hoc committee to help give initial leadership and counsel regarding TWFM, were preparing a letter of call for me to become the Executive Director. I accepted this call and so, with this letter in hand, I informed LEM that my last day with them would be March 15, 1975.

The decision to leave LEM was a difficult one, but I knew I was leaving it in good hands. Shirley, who had been one of my Glendale youth group girls, was my secretary and would be staying on. Also, Bruce Stumbo, who had traveled with LEM Gospel Crusaders, would take my place and give leadership to future ministry there. I also helped for awhile with some responsibilities in putting together the summer teams, Camp Ambassadors, Living Dimension, Clear Light, and the Crusaders. I also helped with the teams' itineraries, vehicles and 2-week training camp in Thompson, Iowa. I gradually phased out of the role with LEM and moved on to the new call of God at The Wilderness with great excitement in my heart.

What's next? Tune in next time!

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

PLATINUM HEALTH SOLUTIONS IN ROSEVILLE MN



THE ULTIMATE *Marriage Conference*

WITH JON & AMY CLAUSSEN
APRIL 23-25 AND OCTOBER 1-3



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 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.

MEET THE THREE BASKETEERS!

These 3 guys came together and worked for 7 hours and filled 35 baskets of wood. Huge effort. Huge Blessing! Huge Thanks! Amazing Gift! Almost every week, as we walk through winter, another basket gets emptied and could be refilled if anyone wanted to come lend a hand with that. 1 basket takes about 25 minutes to fill when working alone. About 15 minutes when 3 people work together. Either way, it's a huge blessing to have this help. So... let us know if you are interested and we can point you in the right direction and get you started. The warm days of spring are great days to get out and get them all filled up again!



THE 3 BASKETEERS! L TO R: SCOTT, JACOB & ANDY

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 HAVE A NEW NUMBER!

UPDATE YOUR CONTACT INFO FOR TWFM:

715-488-8564

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".

PERSONALIZED GIFT CERTIFICATES



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

www.wildernessfellowship.com

GUEST FEEDBACK

"We had a lovely time here. We were happily surprised by your facilities. The cabin was cozy and comfortable and well supplied. The heated and lighted outhouse was the best outhouse we have ever used. Our time here was refreshing both in our relationship and our time with God. We plan to be back!" – **B&MA**

"Thank you for providing such a Spirit filled place to spend time with our creator." – **RE**

"I went into the forest to let my mind be still. I left all anxiety behind. I had time to pray, think, cry and smile. Thank you for giving me a place to reach out and find my soul again. God bless you." – **SA**

"Thank you all for a lovely visit! The Lord worked mightily in our ministry time! We are so grateful for your generous hearts, sweet hospitality, and diligent prayers, which was so evident during our stay. Besides providing a spiritually safe environment here, the authentic care from all the staff was so appreciated. Thank you again! Your ministry is vital to the body of Christ!" – **J&LB**



WHISPER CABIN

"Such a beautiful, amazing, special place! Thank you for allowing me to come and enjoy the peace and presence of God away from all the hustle of daily life." – **MB**

Memorials

GIVEN BY

Richard & Louise Klawitter

Wally & Sharon Ouse

Bob & Patty Patch

Verona Hoff

Martha Nwaobia

Mark & Marilyn Barrett

Sherril Carlson

Janet Peterson

Laurice Ronholdt

IN MEMORY OF

Lois Klawitter;

Clarence & Myrtle Johnson

John Baxter

Karl Hoff

Karl Hoff

Bradley Anderson;

Humphrey Nwaobia

Ed & Edna Vadnais

The Grey Family

Carol Peterson

Ben & Laurretta Trapp

Honorariums

GIVEN BY

Paul & Cheri Staswick

Dale & Arleth Anderson

Louise & Richard Klawitter

IN HONOR OF

Dick and Louise Klawitter

Betty & Gordy Olson;

Dick & Louise Klawitter;

Randy & Renee Klawitter

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UPCOMING EVENTS

EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE – APRIL 4 – 6:30 AM

Join us at the Sunrise Area for our Easter morning service, and then enjoy a delicious breakfast with us at the Fellowship Center afterwards!

APRIL 23 - 24 – ULTIMATE MARRIAGE CONFERENCE WITH JON & AMY CLAUSSEN

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MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND – MAY 28 - 30

Details to Come. Keep watch on our website and Facebook!

JULY 16 - 18 – NORTHWOODS CONFERENCE: SET FREE!

See conference details on page 3. Register now at www.wildernessfellowship.com/events or by calling us at 715-488-8564. This is one weekend conference you don't want to miss!

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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