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WILDERNESS PRAYER CENTER



Friends,

This past year has brought changes to all of us. For many the adjustments have been extreme. All of us can say we have never been this way before. It's so important for us to be intentional in leaning into the heart of God to know what He may be saying for each of us personally as well as corporately.

Regarding the future of WILDERNESS PRAYER CENTER... I have felt a change coming for a time. Even before COVID-19 there were questions in my spirit concerning our continued schedule of weekly prayer meetings and monthly Friday night meetings.

A good friend has counseled me in the past that it's important to recognize (what God is releasing grace for, as well as what He may not be). We don't want to find ourselves continuing on in something that is requiring change and not being able to recognize what that change is to look like.

I have felt like there has possibly been a lifting of the call or commissioning serving as Director of the Wilderness Prayer Center. 'Vision' for me, had seemingly dried up. It had become an effort vs an anticipation. That was not always the case. The past couple years there has been a restlessness in my spirit regarding my role as Director for this center.

The reality was that if I stepped down, who would step in? Not being aware of anyone I continued to serve. COVID, of course, put everything on pause for an extended time. As we're coming out of this lockdown time there is now opportunity for fresh vision and renewed purpose to emerge.

Robin Gudal has presented her interest in stepping into a leadership position here. She and Greg took a couple hours and walked through the building, listening and waiting on God for inspiration and potential vision. As a result of that time and prayerfully weighing her involvement she felt a stirring to pursue an active role in further developing the ministry at WPC. She has seen potential expansion of usage for the building while maintaining the opportunity for larger group gatherings on occasion. We would anticipate nights of worship to be held and possibly night's of prayer and fellowship and maybe a guest speaker at times. As I listened to both Robin and Greg share I felt an excitement for what they were saying. It seemed good to me.

Whenever change happens there is an adjustment period that is part of that change. I will say that to "release" this role seems right to me but that doesn't mean it is

without a certain amount of pain. Vicky and I walked through the Prayer Center recently and I was remembering some of the **deep encounters** so many folks have had...myself included. I could name many guests that have come and poured into this region in worship, teaching, prophecy, encouragement. We have **forever friends** that we would most likely not have met if not for the Prayer Center Ministry. I want to extend my sincere **"Thank You"** to the many who have served, given of time and resources, come to minister and worship with us. **You are true jewels in the Kingdom!**

I do want to especially **thank** the Wilderness Prayer Center Support and Advisory Team. I treasure each of you in my heart! There are no words to express how much **you are valued and appreciated**. You've served so willingly, prayed and supported in any way you could. Most of you have driven great distances to attend meetings and help out with activities we've held. Your serving has not gone unnoticed.

Thank you to Youth For Christ for allowing me to serve as Director. It has been wonderful to see God move as He has. Together we can all anticipate and expect an advancing Kingdom in the days and years ahead. God Bless you all!

God Bless—

Tim Nelson

Director of Wilderness Prayer Center



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Greetings,

The last few years my personal journey could be summarized with the term *"lean in"*.

Lean in: faith .

Lean in : family.

Lean in: friends.

You'd think in your mid 50's the simple practice of *'leaning in'* would not have to be re-learned. However, I am re-learning.

How does this parallel with the Wilderness Prayer Center?

When Greg and I walked through WPC, as Tim mentioned; Greg asked me what I thought. My initial thought was; a place to *'lean in'*. After visiting with Tim, we believe this is God-ordained. New and or re-direction.

'Lean-in' created spaces:

- ◇ Three lodging rooms for up to six people—guest groups, church groups, retreats and or refresh and renewal time.
- ◇ Private Pastoral | Ministry staff room with bed and small table with an outlook to the beautiful Rice Lake.
- ◇ (dream) Handicapped bathroom on main level with shower.
- ◇ Fresh space and place to go for rest | sabbatical and personal retreat.
- ◇ Small group gathering space.
- ◇ Bible study areas; both table areas and couch space to gather. Right Now Media and internet access.
- ◇ Refreshed Vintage kitchen—usage for groups to prepare their meals, cooking space for small groups, yummy baked items to serve to guests.
- ◇ 'Wild Roots' Keurig Coffee Café area.
- ◇ Sanctuary area for speakers, worship and potentially small group spaces.

- ◇ Outdoor lawn space to rest and relax whilst enjoying the view of Rice Lake. With (dream) a large gazebo space.
- ◇ (dream) Tri-spaced double person swinging bench area.
- ◇ (dream) Quieter patio space.
- ◇ Office space—concierge for guests.
- ◇ Created space for arts, reading, writing, and *'leaning into'* our relationship with Jesus space.

Mark 6: 31, NLT Then Jesus said, *"Let's go off by ourselves to a quiet place and rest awhile."*

I am excited to start creating some of these spaces. All in the hope and prayer that creating such space will "be a drawing unto Him". I envision the church being busy, used often; a refuge for the weary, the discouraged, and those desiring to come closer, deeper into relationship with Christ.

Kindly,

Robin Gudal | Director of Wilderness Prayer Center

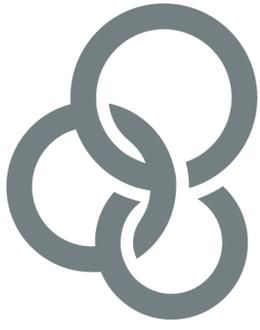
Greg & I want to take this time and space to

THANK Tim for

all he has done to see Wilderness Prayer Center be where it is today. He has led so well! He has given so much! He has taken such good care of the building and has honored Christ in all his actions.

Robin & Greg Gudal—Executive Director of South Central MN YFC





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Some 'new things' :

- * We will be moving from a (paid) website to a **Facebook** (free) presence. Thank you to Steve Nelson for the many years of underwriting and maintaining an informative website.
- * We are asking if you have a Thrivent account to please consider:



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Thrivent Choice is a charitable grant program that allows eligible members to recommend where Thrivent Financial distributes part of its charitable outreach grant funds each year. If you have **CHOICE DOLLARS** to designate to a non-profit, South Central MN Youth For Christ qualifies.– **Wilderness Prayer Center** . If you have questions, you can call Thrivent Financial at 1-800-847-4836 and say "**Choice Dollars.**"

ACTION TEAMS: Each Thrivent policy holder may qualify to apply for one or more \$250.00 **Action Team** project each year. If you would like to know how these can help YFC, please contact Greg at 507-373-1015.

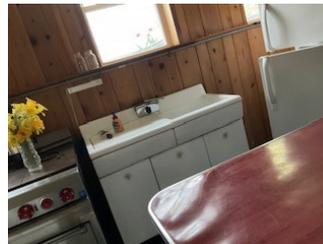
- * Seeking **VOLUNTEERS** to help paint, 'elbow grease' cleaning, landscaping, those gifted with



Note damage on the building.



Basement bathroom in desperate need of more space and updating.



Love this 'vintage' kitchen!

Isaiah 32:17-18, NIV

The fruit of that righteousness will be peace; its effect will be quietness and confidence forever.

My people will live in peaceful dwelling places, in secure homes, in undisturbed places of rest.

maintenance and carpentry skills.

- * **Prayer Warriors.** Would you be willing to become a weekly prayer warrior (from home)? Would you be willing to 'come and pray' on sight?
- * See also our 'needs' list on the next page.
- * Please consider giving **MEMORIALS** to WPC.
- * **THANK you** for your commitment to prayer!



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We hope to add a ground patio area.



Love this 'vintage' kitchen!



Plan to lay new flooring, update a bit and create Bible Study, small group and gathering spaces.



Change into a shower and bathroom on main floor.

REACH KIDS
CHANGE LIVES
DEVELOP LEADERS

YFC MISSION STATEMENT

YFC reaches young people everywhere, working together with the local church and other like-minded partners to raise up lifelong followers of Jesus who lead by their godliness in lifestyle, devotion to the Word of God and prayer, passion for sharing the love of Christ, and commitment to social involvement.

BIGGER ITEMS:

- ◇ Siding on Church
- ◇ Handicap main floor bathroom unit
- ◇ Internet through building
- ◇ New flooring in basement
- ◇ New lighting in basement
- ◇ Updated basement restrooms
- ◇ Landscaping and Gazebo
- ◇ Bose Sound System to flow through the building
- ◇ Gas in-line heater
- ◇ Septic System (\$20,000)

Wishes List

- ◇ Cricut owner willing to make several vinyl signs.
- ◇ "Prayer" mugs—mugs that have the word; prayer on it.
- ◇ Time and talents of individuals who are willing to donate time.
- ◇ Underwrite new or (very) gently used washer | dryer, double oven, stainless steel side by side refrigerator, stainless style microwave.
- ◇ Commercial vacuum unit x 2.
- ◇ Round table and chairs and or bristo sets.



Future garden prayer area.



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New doors ordered!
Much rot to the current.

Facebook presence:

W Wilderness Prayer Center

Please note this is a NEW | UPDATED Facebook presence with a



We plan to keep history in place.

Would you join us in 'raising' funds for the Wilderness Prayer Center up-dates

MATCHING FUNDS

We have been blessed to receive matching funds in the amount of

\$65,000

for Wilderness Prayer Center

We would like to match these funds with gifts *over and above* normal giving. Please mark in the memo of your check amount towards match.

PRAISE BE !!

As of June 1st

we are at

\$28,165.00 in

matching funds!



Hallway that will be an 'art gallery' of paintings gifted through the years.



A room for sleeping four will be finished.



We covet your prayers and your financial support . We continue to pursue sharing Jesus with the young people of this and outreaching communities. We know He makes a difference; for eternity!



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BECOME A TEAM WPC MEMBER

A three year monthly faith commitment of PLEASE MARK

___ \$25.00 ___ \$100.00 ___ \$500.00 Other \$ _____

A three year annual faith commitment of PLEASE MARK

___ \$1,000 ___ \$10,000 ___ \$25,000 Other \$ _____

I would like to contribute in other ways PLEASE MARK

Amount: _____ Frequency: _____ Length of time: _____
\$ _____ ___ Annually # _____ years OR
___ Monthly # _____ months
___ One-time only

PLEASE MARK

◇ ___ Check enclosed. Payable to **Wilderness Prayer Center**

◇ ___ I gave on-line.

PLEASE be sure to give us your contact info.

◇ ___ Please contact me about an automatic, recurring gift.

◇ ___ Please contact me about a gift of stock, property or an estate gift.

◇ ___ Please contact me about Wilderness Prayer Center staff sharing at my place of employment, club or Church.

◇ ___ I would love to visit WPC for a tour, please contact me.

◇ ___ I have thoughts to share, please contact me.

◇ ___ My company will match my gift.
Company name : _____.

◇ ___ Please sign me up for the weekly Prayer Request, email me at: _____@_____._____.

Please attach a mailing label here with your info. OR

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email: _____@_____._____.

Phone (cell preferred) : # _____ - _____ - _____



A room for sleeping four will be finished.



Room above the Sanctuary will be updated and be a reading, writing, painting, and arts style Ministry space.



WAYS TO GIVE

1. Scan here:



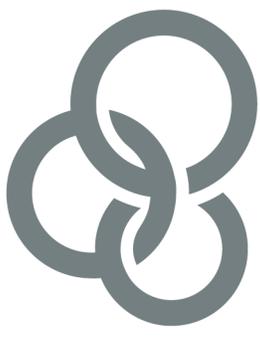
2. Go to **scmyfc.org/give**

Enter info. & click "give now".

3. Drop off OR mail in (envelope enclosed).

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Albert Lea, MN 56007

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Youth For Christ Five Essentials for Fruitful and Sustainable Ministry Sites:

Widespread Prayer

We deliberately engage lots of Christians to intercede on behalf of the ministry site.

Loving Relationships

We consistently pursue lost kids & engage them in life-long relationships with Jesus.

Faithful Bible Teaching

We accurately handle Biblical truth, regularly coaching kids to apply it in their lives.

Collaborative Community Strategy

We intentionally work together with local churches, agencies and other partners to provide sustainable youth and family ministry.

Adults Who Empower

We strategically develop leaders to reach young people from every people group.



WPC MISSION STATEMENT

Wilderness Prayer Center exists to raise up lifelong followers of Jesus by creating a transformational environment for young people through authentic relationships, shared experiences, applying the Word of God, and times of worship and prayer.



IN MEMORY

Sandy Giese

Greg & Robin Gudal



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Room that likely will be changed to sleeping quarters.

Isaiah 28:12, NIV

He said,
 "This is the **resting place**, let the weary rest";
 and, "This is the **place of repose**"



Hallway that will be an 'art gallery' of paintings gifted through the years.



WAYS TO FUND THE MISSION OF WILDERNESS PRAYER CENTER

Your faithful support is vital to the Ministry of Wilderness Prayer Center. In addition to regular giving, there are several unique options available. Below is a list of ways that others have helped and may be a good fit for you. It is because of your prayers and support that we have been able to reach young people in the South Central Minnesota area.



BECOME A TEAM WPC MEMBER

Team WPC Members make a 3-year commitment to monthly pledges (i.e. \$25, \$100, \$500, ect) or annual pledges (i.e. \$1,000, \$10,000 or \$25,000, ect). Pledges can be made on-line at scmyfc.org or by mail. Checks should be pay to the order of: **Wilderness Prayer Center**, and mailed to **SCMYFC, 116 West Clark Street, Albert Lea, MN 56007**



REAL ESTATE DONATION

The value of real estate can often greatly increase the size of your estate. A real estate donation entitles you to a significant current tax deduction and can reduce the value of your estate, which can save or eliminate estate taxes. It can also provide a lifelong monthly income.



DONATION OF STOCKS & MUTUAL FUNDS

Donating appreciated stocks or mutual funds can be a great benefit to both the donor and WPC. As a donor of an appreciated stock or mutual fund, you are able to avoid paying capital gains tax on the appreciation of the asset. Also, as the donor of that security, you get to deduct the full fair market value of the security at the time of the gift, if you have held the security for longer than 12 months.



WILLS & TRUST BEQUESTS

A bequest through a will or trust is the most popular form of planned giving. By remembering WPC in a will or trust, you are looking past your own lifetime to further the work of the kingdom through the Youth For Christ Endowment Fund. These gifts ensure that WPC will always be ready to reach out to young people.



CHARITABLE GIFT ANNUITIES

You make an irrevocable gift, generally using cash, maturing CD's, or securities in exchange for lifetime guaranteed payments, the amount of which is based on the value of your gift and the age(s) of the payment recipients. In addition, the donor receives an immediate income tax deduction, and a portion of each payment is income tax free!