

the garden report May 16, 2011 Kevin & Amy Edlefson Fond du Lac, WI

Here We Go Again!

Spring is fully here (though we have swung from the 80s to the 50s in recent days!) and we are getting busier as we head into another season of outreach in our community. Our Good Friday and Easter services went really well (see pictures on our Facebook page), though we had hoped for more response from the 1400 door hangers we put up in our neighborhood – seeds that might bear fruit later. The *Our Father's World* seminar went well, but also saw lower numbers than we'd anticipated, with very little response from other churches or local environmental groups (in part due to a last minute schedule conflict from the speaker forcing us to move it forward a week). And last Saturday was the first Farmer's Market, which we will be managing on behalf of the Association of Commerce – cold and windy, and not many vendors or patrons yet this early in the season. In all of these things, we see our role as continuing to be faithful to the mission God has given us and trusting in Him for the harvest in its time.

Also last week saw the arrival of our summer intern, Andy, who will be here with us all summer. He jumped in and helped with the Farmer's Market and Sunday morning, while looking for a place to live for the summer as he hopes to help us make more connections in the community. In a couple weeks, our seminary intern, Rick, will be arrive with his family for an intense 5 weeks with us.

Your Support Needed

I'm tired after a long couple weeks of church events and family activity (including coaching Owen's soccer team at the last minute). Our small church is as active or more active in the community than church's many times our size and I and our small group of volunteers are feeling the weight of all that activity. And it's just started! June will see more activity at the Farmer's Market, a city-wide worship event, Walleye Weekend, two interns in town, a Habitat build day and other opportunities, including my Doctor of Ministry class and Amy's continued schooling. And in the midst of all the activity, we also have people in crisis points in marriages and needing jobs.

We need your prayer support to press forward and be faithful. We need God to give us strength and to produce fruit that we cannot strategize or plan and to establish His church – adding to our numbers people who are being saved and joining us in the mission. Please continue to pray!

For the display of His splendor!

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Praises

- powerful times of worship on **Good Friday and Easter.**
- **growing name recognition** and perception as a valuable partner in the community.
- **summer interns** to provide energy and support.

Prayer Points:

- **transformed lives and numeric growth.**
- **more partners in ministry** and **renewed strength and encouragement** for our core volunteers.
- **for marriages in crisis and families in transition.**
- **our summer interns** – for growth in their walk with God and calling to ministry, for housing and relationships
- **for our family** during a very busy season and transition into summer.