



# WISCONSIN RAPIDS SUNRISE SCRIPT

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## Today's Program

Chad Dove – Update on the “Dove’s Nest”

**Zoom Link:** <https://zoom.us/j/95892847101?pwd=UXV5SDZnc1pqN1V0OVA5MktHQkxJdz09>

Meeting ID: 958 9284 7101 Passcode: 852039

**Now meeting (normally) In-Person Meeting at the Elks Lodge 430 Jackson**

Week	Rotarian/Program
Apr 14	Bill Lindroth
Apr 21	TBD
Apr 28	Jeff Kuhn – “STEM Scouts”
May 5	Caleb McGregor
May 12	Rick Merdan

### Rotary News

- Attendance was 18 including youth Rotar Brandon Swensen
- Rotary scholarships are due April 5<sup>th</sup>.



### Jessie and Lindsey Urban – “Be Still” Clergy Retreat Center

Sitting in a pew in 2014 listening to a burned-out pastor going on a sabbatical they researched the toll and burnout of pastors. Though Jessie had a great, well-paying career, family, great house. But God came on Jessie’s heart and told him that he wanted his time, not his tithe. They reevaluated their lives and decided to make a change. They started a non-profit in 2015 and developed some family land into a retreat center for clergy. In a recent survey, 75% of pastors said they were highly stressed, 40% were experiencing significant conflicts, and 18% “fried to a crisp”!

When Jesus was in his ministry, he didn’t burn out because he took time out in solitude to pray and commune with the Father. Similarly, clergy need a Sabbath, time to recharge/recoup. Clergy and their leadership staff can come to the retreat center at no cost for respite. There are five units on the property as well as a common area in a converted barn. The center serves 1,200 people a year which is at capacity. They have had people from 25 of the 50 states and as far away as Texas, a minister that had not had a vacation in 20 years came because the center was free.

Seeking to expand with their mission of a world without clergy burnout, the approach to purchase more land and build would have been a challenge. Instead, a friend that has vacation homes that rents them out via VRBO and/or AirBnB gave them the idea of developing a system that would allow property owners to donate a stay in their property for clergy. This new IT venture is called “BeStillbnb”. They are half-way to funding the design and is currently signing up potential hosts.



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