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CHIPPEWATOMI NEWS

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LAKE LUCERNE GOSPEL CHAPEL

Don Dewing, Pastor



Our community has been hit hard by many deaths. Don has held several of the funerals. So many young people passing away into eternity. Some knew Jesus, some did not. Be in prayer for those who have lost loves one.

Sunday morning worship has led us deeper into the life of Jesus. Our Bible studies have been great with an overview of the Bible, looking at one book each Wednesday night. The men's group meet each Friday morning for prayer in Crandon. We will be having a Passover Seder meal one Wednesday soon. Everything in this meal/service points to Jesus! We are looking forward to the Easter season which usually brings additional folks out to services. Be in prayer with us.

Our fuel costs have been crazy here, hitting a high of \$5.00/gallon for LP in January. The church has pulled together and given generously so that we have been able to keep up with the costs of heating this church. Costs last week were down to \$3.59/gallon.

Plans for the summer include a Vacation Bible School in July and Junior Camp for youth 8-12. The youth enjoy time together on Sunday evenings as Benjamin and Ashley lead them. We have seen new faces in church. Praise the Lord. Continue to pray for this Potawatomi Community. Migwetch!

WABA NUN-NUNG GOSPEL CHAPEL

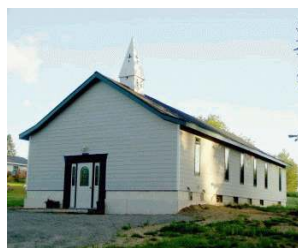
Richard Jensen, Pastor



The last three months have certainly been challenging, but God is always at work. December was a busy month. A Walgreens truck delivered free items to the Mission to be distributed in the community. After we sorted them at the Mission, the products were distributed to the different communities where we minister. We distributed the items for Mole Lake from our church fellowship hall on Sunday, December 8th from 12 to 4 PM. Forty-four families came out and received help. On Sunday mornings we focused on the Christmas story in December and then resumed our study in Matthew at the beginning of January. The church food pantry and community meal reached 11 families in December and 8 in January. Our church food pantry in February was open on the 12th. Sixteen families came to partake of a meal with us and get food from the pantry. The new children are still coming on Sunday mornings and Cheryl continues to challenge them with the gospel and new lessons from the Scripture. In Cheryl's Bible study, the ladies are currently studying and memorizing Scriptures on discernment. In mid December I noticed distortion in the vision of my right eye. I went to the eye doctor who told me I had a hole in the retina of the right eye. He referred me to a specialist. The specialist operated on my eye on January 14th, after which I had to keep my head pointed down for several weeks to maximize the chance that the corrective surgery would be successful. A church member and Don Dewing, the head of our Mission, filled the pulpit during the weeks I could not raise my head up to preach. During the one week Cheryl had to be gone because of my surgery, one of our church members, Nancy, taught the children. As I return to the pulpit to teach Matthew many of the lessons will be on faith and patience, two lessons God is making very real and vital through my current physical challenges. In His Service, Pastor Richard Jensen

SUNNYSIDE COMMUNITY CHURCH

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Hello all from the north woods!

It is the beginning of March already and we are still quite frozen up here. The temps have been below zero for far too many days, and it has been over 100 days since we have felt anything above 38 degrees. While we have had more snow this year, it's the arctic temperatures that is making this winter so hard and long. Even the "die hard" winter lovers among us, are longing for Spring and warmer days!

Things have been steady at church, with familiar faces attending on Sundays. Only a few regularly attend, but we rejoice that they faithfully come and encourage the others when we see them. We are currently studying what it means to have a covetous heart, how the world around us feeds those desires, and how the power of our Lord can break those bonds. It has been a wonderful study and very eye opening to see just how prevalent this problem is in our society and every day lives.

We have begun our monthly Sing-spirations again. We tend to have more in attendance at these meetings than on a regular Sunday morning, but that is okay. It is a welcomed time to see each other, to encourage one another, and to pray for the personal requests each one makes. When we are done singing, we gather downstairs and eat a variety of wonderful foods that we all have brought to share.

We have so many hurts and struggles within our community: alcohol abuse, drug usage, suicides,... I know these problems are not particular to our area, but within the Native community, these situations are more pronounced and more prevalent. There are several factors that lead to this, but it is our purpose here, as ambassadors of Christ, to show the way we can be set free from the bonds of sin and addiction. It is a tough struggle when you are battling forces that don't want to let go of the people they hold. All too often, it appears as if the people themselves don't want to hear the way to freedom. However difficult the struggle, however hard the resistance, we won't be silent. We will continue doing what the Lord has called us to do, without shame, without apology, but with the Love of our Savior shining through us.

"Live in such a way that those who know you, but don't know God, will come to know God because they know you."

In Christ's name,
Adam and Jennifer Dewing

DON DEWING NEWS

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The winter is hanging on and the beauty of the snow is not being appreciated by many! Soon we will be tapping trees and planting seeds indoors preparing for the garden.

Our days are filled with Bible studies, Food Pantry rotation, ordering, picking up and sorting food for the pantry. Teleka takes a turn baking bread on Wednesday for the food pantry. Our staff is making about 30-32 loaves a week which is put into the food pantry. It has been a nice addition. Thanks to the folks from Cornerstone Ev. Presbyterian Church, Brighton, MI for the many bread makers they donated and the money that was sent to buy the ingredients.

Don has had quite a few funerals this winter and is preparing for several weddings to take place in the next month. There is also counseling, fixing the plow truck, plowing snow, building repairs and working in the wood shop. Thursday afternoons, Don holds services at the Forest County Jail.

This spring we will be preparing the ground at the New Hope Garden. We are anxious to see how the apple trees did through the winter. We will also be planting a few cherry trees in memory of Teleka's father, Harvey Davids. Micah's honey bees help our garden.

Don and Benjamin finished building the machine shed thanks to a most generous financial gift. It is good to see our equipment out of the blowing snow.

March 23 makes our completion of 39 years with Midwest Indian Mission. Who would have thought that we would still be in this beautiful area serving the Lord. We hope to take some time this summer for rest and rejuvenation and the celebration of 40 years of marriage on August 3rd. God is good and has blessed us with three sons who are serving the Lord along with their wives. Most precious is our 13 grandchildren. Keep them in prayer too as they serve alongside their parents.

Adam Dewing, Samuel
6 1/2 months



JENSEN NEWS

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Cheryl's thoughts;

Busy in so many ways, yet remembering to put worship of our Father before service for Him. I have been studying the book of Ruth and now Ecclesiastes. Reading God's Word each day and writing things down in a study journal is a great way to keep records of His teachings and prayers for our ministry.

Let me show what is going on here in Mole Lake. We were given many donations so a big give away was truly in order. Rich took the ATV and went door to door to pass out flyers. I now have ski pants and can help him next time. Our candlelight service was well attended and my battery powered candles worked well. January brought cold early and it was hard some days to leave the house. Ladies Bible study is doing well. I've been praying for one more lady to join us. We are memorizing Bible verses from Erwin Lutzer's book "Life Changing Bible Verses You Should Know."

I told Rich to start calling me "little red hen" because I have joined the rest of the staff in baking bread for the pantries. My goal is to bake 21 loaves for Mole Lake and a few for our pantry at the Mission. We had a good turnout for Pantry night in February, as well as additional items to give away. Thank you for your gifts and prayers.

For the Family,

Cheryl Jensen



Machine Shed Now Completed



10,000 of Micah's 40,000 Bees



Mobile Pantry in March





YOUTH MINISTRIES

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Family News

Hello again! Well it is still winter up here with three feet of snow on the ground. It's 1 degree above 0 right now. But God is still good even in the midst of the coldest winter this area has ever endured. It has been a cold winter and we are ready for some warm sunny summer days.

Everything is going well with the family. The kids are steadily growing and progressing in school. The wife and I are busy with work and home life. Hope, 13, who is getting ever closer by the day toward high school, is doing great in school again this year. She has been keeping a 3.5 GPA or higher all year. She is doing well in band and getting ready for solo and ensemble. Mason, who is now 7, is also doing well in school. He has been participating in youth wrestling again this year and loves it. First grade has been fun for him and he seems to be very smart for his age. JessiLee is now 5. She has been in 4k this year and just loves to be up at the "big school" a few days a week. She took a few gymnastics classes this winter and definitely enjoys tumbling around the mats. Ashley and I have been busy ourselves this winter with work and keeping the house warm. We burn firewood...thankfully we only had to use our propane backup every once in a while, so splitting and stacking and hauling wood has been keeping us busy. Ashley continues to drive school bus during the week. She has been there for about 7 years now. All in all it has been a good...cold...but good winter. Soon we



will be collecting sap to make maple syrup and watching the snow melt. Keep our family in your prayers. Ashley recently lost her grandfather so please remember her and her family also. We thank you for the continued support both prayerfully and financially. God Bless.

Benjamin and Ashley Dewing - Hope, Mason, JessiLee

Youth News

It's that time again. Gearing up for the busy summer ministry program. We have a lot of good things planned already for this summer. Youth groups have been going well this winter. We have had 7-13 kids each week. We have been studying different heroes in the Bible this winter and how Jesus, our ultimate hero, stood up and saved us all. We have not been able to get together any ski trips this winter. It has just been too cold. Our average temp was 5 degrees this winter and that makes for some pretty cold outdoor activities. We had a pancake breakfast earlier this winter and raised a few hundred dollars to add to the youth ministries fund. We plan on having a few more fundraising efforts before the summer starts.

Praise God!! We received two newer 15 passenger vans from the Potawatomi tribe this winter. They will replace our old, partially worn out vans for youth group and hauling kids during the summer. It was a much needed and much appreciated donation.

As it stands right now we have a fairly busy summer schedule started. We have booked three Vacation Bible Schools, one at each of our churches. We have a couple weeks in June set aside for some youth camping and canoeing trips. We are still looking for some help for our week long overnight summer camp during July. It also looks like we will have a couple of work project crews coming as well. As usual, we plan our yearly trip down to WLS (Warrior Leadership Summit) in Missouri for our older teens. If your church or group would like to come help out during the summer ministry, we would love to have you. Currently we need some help for summer camp. Feel free to contact me for more info. bdewing26@gmail.com or 715-889-0400. God is always good and always faithful and we are ever thankful for what He has done and will continue to do with our lives and His ministry. We feel very blessed to do this ministry for Him.

Be in prayer for the youth in our communities. Pray for us as we keep following God's direction, pray for the ministry as a whole, that we will always maintain our focus on God's will. Thank you and God Bless.
Benjamin and Ashley Dewing





NEW HOPE SHELTER AND TRANSITIONAL HOUSING

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Philippians 4:4-7 *Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice!* ⁵ *Let your gentle spirit be known to all men. The Lord is near.* ⁶ *Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.* ⁷ *And the peace of God, which surpasses all comprehension, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. (NASB)*

If the weatherman is to be believed, this has been one of the coldest winters on record here in northern Wisconsin. Above average snowfall, combined with below average temperatures, has pushed the frost 6 feet or more into the ground, freezing pipes and sending propane prices skyrocketing. My two sons, Chase (15) and Jonah (11), have enjoyed the several days of canceled school although it has been too cold to get out and enjoy the time off, snuggling up to watch movies all day instead. They may find it less appealing when they realize that they will be required to make up those “snow days”, stretching school into late July (possibly a slight exaggeration). They have been very active in both sports and school activities. They both just finished wrestling season, ending a streak of sports activity that began with football in August, switched to wrestling in November, and is just now ending in time to have a month off before baseball season starts. Chase is enjoying being a sophomore and learning to drive, and as such is anxiously awaiting a summer birthday and a driver’s license. Jonah is very active in choir, band, and forensics enjoying his first year in Middle School. Michelle and I are planning our summer activities and looking forward to some family time camping and spending time forcing our children to have fun, whether they like it or not.

This winter has been a wonderful time of study and fellowship for me with the addition of a Friday morning Men’s Group to compliment our regular Wednesday night Bible Study at church. We average 8-10 men on Friday mornings, each of us taking turns to present a topic and scriptures for discussion. We’ve talked about what it means to be a Christian man, how to deal with anger, finding peace, and we are currently working through a study on prayer. Quite often our shelter residents are in attendance, which is encouraging. We can only sow the seeds and pray that the ground is soft enough to allow growth.

This is historically a quiet time here at the shelter, giving us a chance to catch up and take a deep breath in preparation for a busy spring and summer, full of honeybees, Little League games, and work in the garden. We currently have 3 people staying with us, 1 family in Transitional Housing and 1 single man. We had another single man check out earlier this week. This year so far has been consistently busy, with above average shelter nights provided through the first 7 months. We consistently receive an average of 8-10 calls per month. Our case manager, Gene, is doing an excellent job and is very busy keeping the residents organized and productive. He has been a great addition to our staff. Kathy is still the rock holding down our office operations, handling most of the daily shelter needs, maintaining the food pantry database, handling donations, and phone calls, volunteering a blessing of 30-40 hours per week for the last 3 years! We wouldn’t know what to do without her and are blessed to have her here with us. Margaret takes over for Kathy three days a week in the afternoons and, along with Gene, shares in Friday’s food pantry volunteer rotation. All of our staff does a wonderful job accepting and sorting donations, answering the phones, transporting residents to appointments, baking bread for the food pantry, and volunteering their time in the pantry, helping keep our facility running smoothly, I absolutely could not do it without them.

As I’ve mentioned in previous newsletters, after lots of prayer and debate, we have elected NOT to participate in this year’s Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG) program. It was a difficult decision and it will cost the shelter over \$9,000 in funding this year, but we didn’t agree with the direction that HUD (the federal funding source behind the ESG program) was taking our shelter program. Most of the issue was that HUD is requiring that we limit the people we serve based on guidelines and requirements that were designed and suited towards an urban population. It forced us into a scenario where we would have had to deny access to the Emergency Shelter program, for certain people, despite our having empty beds. If we accept even a dollar from that program, we have to adhere to all their guidelines and stipulations on how we spend EVERY dollar we receive, no matter the funding source. We continue to apply for other state and local grants and trust the Lord to provide for the ministry HE desires. UPDATE: We have received several donations to help us with this shortfall and are blessed and humbled by the outpouring of support we continually receive to continue HIS work. Our combined state and federal grant award totals for this year are \$3,200, which represents approximately 5% of our combined Emergency Shelter and Transitional Housing program budgets. Every month that passes further confirms my suspicion that we have only a short time before we will no longer receive any program funding from the state. Between budget cuts and micro-management policies that conflict with our mission statement, I am seeing a time fast approaching where we will be independent of, and morally opposed to, any government involvement. **Psalms 119:114-116** ¹¹⁴ *You are my refuge and my shield; I have put my hope in your word.* ¹¹⁵ *Away from me, you evildoers, that I may keep the commands of my God!* ¹¹⁶ *Sustain me, my God, according to your promise, and I will live; do not let my hopes be dashed.*

THANK YOU to all who have donated time or supplies this past year, no donation is too large or too small. We couldn’t do what we do here without YOUR help. If there is a specific area that you feel led to make a donation towards, whether that’s cleaning supplies, work clothes for the residents, transportation costs, or food, let me know and we’ll make sure it gets used for that purpose. We are truly blessed to be doing HIS work with your help. Thank you for your continued prayer and support!

In His Service, Micah Dewing Shelter Director

NEW HOPE



*And my God shall supply all your needs according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus.
Philippians 4:19*

PRAISES

Bible Studies, spiritual growth
Youth Group-Girl's Group
Mole Lake Junior Church
Pantry and Shelter Donations
Machine Shed completion PAID IN FULL
Two Vans donated by the Potawatomi Tribe!!
Bread Baked each week for Pantry



PRAYER

Those who have lost loved ones
Shelter Staff-volunteers -residents
New Hope Shelter - 2014 Funding
Those incarcerated-Jail Ministry
Staff Families
Benjamin Dewing family 2014 support
Healing for Richard Jensen's eye
Staff Health
Gym roof leaks

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SHELTER NEEDS AND WANTS

Mouthwash, razors/shaving cream, deodorant
garbage bags: 55 gallon size
cleaning supplies - floor, toilet and sink
laundry detergent, dryer sheets, Downy,
new socks for adult men and women
batteries - 9 volt, C, D
8 ½ x11 copier paper - # 10 Envelopes
Diapers-any size
Gas Cards: Mobil-Citgo-Shell-Marathon



MISSION NEEDS

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3 pt hitch P.T.O. Mower
2014 Funding for Homeless Shelter

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