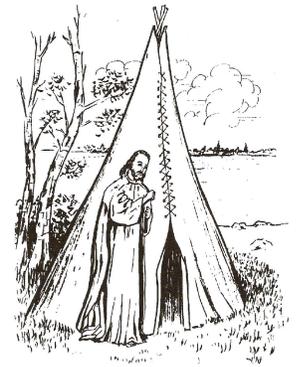




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“For unto you is born this day in the city of David, a Savior, which is Christ the Lord. Luke 2:11

What a privilege it is to be working for the Lord here in Northern Wisconsin. Our family including our 13 grandchildren, send Christmas greetings to you. We so appreciate your countless prayers on our behalf. We know that there is no other way for us to be here but by God’s design and support. Thanks so much for the gifts that you have sent our way this year. The Lord has blessed us with a roof over our heads, heat in the winter and cool in the summer, food in our kitchen, family close by and His prayer warriors standing alongside.

We are blessed to have our three sons, wives and families working alongside us. A direct prayer to the Lord 40 years ago!!! They have filled in for us, taken over in some areas and are with us at every turn.

May the Lord Bless you in this coming year with His will and His plan. May we all share Jesus with those around us. May we show God’s love to those we meet. Let us be Jesus in shoes. Migwetch!!



Ft. Row: Mason, JessiLee, Nathaniel, Damaris, Caleb, Malachi Dewing
Second Row: Benjamin, Teleka, Don, Micah, Adam holding Samuel, Isaac Dewing
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JENSEN NEWS

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Dear Friends,

Christmas greetings to all of you. We are striving to keep Christ at the center of our Christmas festivities. The first Sunday in December we will enjoy a meal together as a church family and then decorate the church building for Christmas. We will continue our study in Matthew on Sunday mornings until the 21st when we will pause once again to ponder the significance of the incarnation of Christ. Like Mary (Luke 2:19) we want to ponder the magnitude of the event and in quiet meditation gain a deeper sense of awe and wonder at the miracle of the incarnation and the wisdom of God's plan of redemption. It will also be a month to enjoy singing Christmas carols, especially at our Christmas Eve service.

At Cheryl's Bible study they are studying and memorizing John 1:1-3 and 14:6. Our pantry will be open on Wednesday December 10th. In Junior Church, Cheryl is stressing the true significance of Christmas to the children when they come. We look forward to spending time with family and expressing thanks to God for His many blessings, especially the blessing of His Son. We pray that your Christmas and ours will be a time of worship and celebration.

In His Service,
Richard and Cheryl Jensen

Adam and Jennifer Dewing

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Hello from the Adam Dewing family!

It's amazing how fast time is flying, seeing that we are mere weeks away from Christmas and the New Year. I suppose the old age saying "time flies when you're having fun" is true, it's also true when you're busy with life!

We are a home schooling family, with our eldest 6 children being our students and the younger 2 playing nearby. We currently have children in 8th, 6th, 5th, 3rd, 2nd, and kindergarten, so that certainly keeps me (Jennifer) busy! I also do a lot of sewing and quilting (for fun and for sale) in my spare time (ha!). The Lord has kept business coming (we own and run Dewings' Catering & Confections), even through the "slow" months of winter, so Adam's schedule fills up without us even trying. We have the contract with our county for the Meals on Wheels program, which is every Monday – Thursday, with only federal holidays off, so that doesn't give him much time off. However, the week of Christmas, it has been worked out that, the meals sites are closed, which gives him a whole week off. He is certainly looking forward to the rest!



We are expecting our 9th child, due at the end of March/early April. This will be our 6th boy, giving us a range of children from 14 to newborn (once this child is born, anyway). Yes, we are a full house, but the Lord is ever faithful in providing us with what we need, and sometimes with what we want, too. Everyone is looking forward to and is excited about this new baby. Life is such a precious gift from our Lord!

Thank you all for your prayers and your support of us here in the northwoods of Wisconsin. Without you behind us, all of us here with the Mission, our work would be even more difficult. You make a difference!! Merry Christmas! Adam and Jennifer Dewing



Micah and Michelle Dewing

Micah Dewing, Shelter Director
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This time of year is always interesting and fun, although I never know just what to expect. Some years have been very busy with activities, donations, food, and gifts several days a week while other years we have had very little going on. Some years the shelter is full to overflowing with children and families, while other years are very quiet with just a couple of single residents besides the staff. I'm not sure how busy Christmas is going to be this year. We have a few residents checking out before the holidays, some moving into

apartments/houses of their own, some just reaching the end of their 90 days without much fruit for their efforts. In the end we have to trust that God's timing is always perfect and that our reaction to that timing is opportunity for us to grow, lean on HIS understanding, and learn to accept change. Change is a part of growth and that is sometimes painful because we have an idea of what we think is going to happen but it doesn't always turn out the way we expect. It helps remind us that only God knows and His plan is perfect.

We are facing the very real possibility of major change here at the shelter. We have seen our savings account drop dangerously low over the last few months until now we are within about 2 months of being completely out of funds to continue this ministry. We have talked about what programs we need to cut back first, Transitional Housing, Case Management, staff positions, and in the end we are trusting that we are in God's hands. This new year may bring about some big changes. My prayer has been, and continues to be, that I have the courage to follow God's plan for me without knowing what that plan looks like, however and wherever that ministry takes me. If it is in this Emergency Homeless Shelter ministry, then praise God, I trust Him to provide the means to continue in it. If it is in another area of ministry, then praise God, I trust that He will open that door and lead me in that direction. **Isaiah 40:28-31** *Do you not know? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He will not grow tired or weary, and his understanding no one can fathom. He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak. Even youths grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall; but those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint. (NIV)*

I hope your Christmas is wonderful! We are blessed to be able to spend it with friends and family. We have so much to be thankful for, first and foremost the blessing of a living God through whom we can find hope and peace. In His Service, Micah Dewing -Shelter Director

NEW HOPE



SHELTER & TRANSITIONAL HOUSING

Paul's prayer to the Ephesians:

Ephesians 3:14-20 *For this reason I kneel before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth derives its name. I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God. Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever! Amen. (NIV)*

Benjamin and Ashley Dewing

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This is a time of year where we take time out to celebrate the birth of our Lord. We take time to spend with family, to give our children examples of grace. This grace is a gift that we might not even deserve, but in love give anyway. This represents that One Gift that we all can receive, that none of us deserve. Our Creator sees fit to give this to us anyhow. The gift of a life with Christ, an eternal life filled with the presence of our Father. Take time this Christmas to celebrate the birth, remembering what He did for us.



From our family to yours, we extend our holiday well wishes, love and thanksgiving to yours. Merry Christmas, and may God Bless you in the new year.

Benjamin and Ashley Dewing Hope, Mason, JessiLee

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