

MIDWEST INDIAN MISSION, INC.

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LAKE LUCERNE GOSPEL CHAPEL

Don Dewing, Pastor



Our Easter week celebration began with a Good Friday service. We were moved to tears as we actually nailed our pieces of paper, upon which we wrote our burdens, on the wooden cross Don had erected at the front of the church. Easter morning began with a great breakfast followed by the Resurrection Service. It was good to have many join us for morning worship.

We are thankful everyday for the Lords' care giving in this community. Our winter's fuel bill totaled \$6,048 !!! It is PAID in FULL as are all the other bills in this past harsh winter. God is Faithful.

Thanks to Benjamin and Ashley Dewing and Ed Rogers who filled in with the music portion of church as Teleka Dewing was out due to her surgery and recovery. Much appreciated!

Summer events begin with our Stonelake Church Softball team playing starting July 2. Vacation Bible School will be held July 21-15 lead by a ministry group from Alabama. Junior Camp for youth 8-12 will be July 14-18 led by a ministry group from Virginia as well as others driving in from other states to join us. Thanks to the Mission's interns for their help around the grounds here at church.

The ladies have started a Bible study every Tuesday at 5:45. The men meet every Friday at 7:45am. Continue to pray for this Potawatomi Community. Migwetch!

WABA NUN-NUNG GOSPEL CHAPEL

Richard Jensen, Pastor

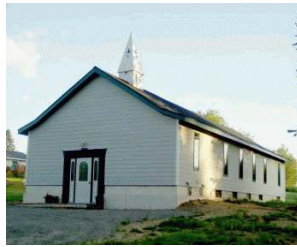
Dear Friends,

"Let all bitterness, wrath, anger, clamor, and evil speaking be put away from you, with all malice. And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God in Christ forgave you." (Ephesians 4:31-32) This is the important precept we are currently studying on Sunday mornings. We are finishing Matthew 18 and moving into 19. The last teaching Jesus gives in 18 is on forgiveness and how crucial it is for the life of the local church. The recent months have brought unexpected opportunities and challenges. Our Easter breakfast and service was well attended. Junior church has been busy for Cheryl. We thank you for your prayers, for Cheryl is now well enough to continue the ministries God has given her and the infection is gone. The Native children are coming every week, and God is giving Cheryl a variety of creative ways to teach them spiritual truth. In the ladies Bible study they are studying forgiveness just as we are in church on Sunday morning. They are currently memorizing the Scripture I quoted at the beginning of this letter. Later this month Cheryl will be taking the ladies in her study to see the film, "God is not Dead." The monthly church pantry continues to draw in people from the community. We have new people come every month. In March we served fourteen families. In April, eleven came through the pantry. Each pantry night we also serve a meal. The meal in April was a greater draw than the pantry, with twenty-five people coming to sit down, eat and socialize. In May eight families went through the pantry and about fifteen people sat down to enjoy the meal. We greatly appreciate your prayers since we need God's grace and strength every day. In His Service, Pastor Richard Jensen



SUNNYSIDE COMMUNITY CHURCH

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Hello, in the name of Jesus!

That long, cold Winter has finally left us and in its place are the lovely warm days of Summer! There were predictions galling around that Spring was going to jump right over us and it did just that. We had around 3 weeks of Spring-like weather and that was about it! Now the days are longer, the air is warm and humid, and the mosquito's are out in full force. We've become resolved to the fact that we will all smell like a can of Off for the duration of the Summer! Life is so often like that, isn't it? In order to live, we need to take the good along with the bad.

We had a good amount of people come for our Easter service this year. We had a lovely Easter breakfast before our service, with even better fellowship with each other. The story of Christ's sacrifice never gets old, regardless of how often you hear it. There was a chance of having green grass for the holiday, but it was not to be. The snow made its presence know and so the children's egg hunt was held inside.

We all held our breath as the snow began to melt, to see if the sump pump that was installed last Summer would actually work. It did! The basement stayed dry the entire time, with just a little moisture around the base of the sump pump (which is a normal occurrence). Praise the Lord for that! Our church has had water in the basement every Spring almost since the time it was built, so this is a wonderful thing. Many thanks to Todd Samplaski who laid new linoleum in the foyer, up the stairs to the sanctuary, and downstairs to the fellowship hall (basement). It looks so much better!!

Things have been going fairly steady at church. At the beginning of May, we changed the time of our Sunday service to 5 pm, with a pot luck meal to follow. We had a wonderful attendance for the first 2 Sundays, but little by little, the amount of people coming has gotten smaller. However, a few new faces are constantly coming and for them, we are very grateful. It's a nice time after the service to sit and talk about how things are going in their lives. Some of them haven't been coming to church consistently for a number of years, and we are so excited that the Lord is touching their hearts to seek Him!

With all of the distractions in life, it can be easy to be pulled away. Our families needs, the situation at one's place of work, our personal difficulties,... they are all a part of a person's life. We can't live in a bubble where we remain untouched from the pull and sway of life. Nor

does the Lord want us to have such an existence, and yet, He clearly tells us *"And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God."* Romans 12:2 How does a person keep renewing their mind? Just like that can of Off, we need to keep ourselves doused in the Word of God. That is the only way we can survive, to keep all of those pesky "mosquitoes" from distracting us in our lives and draining us of our much needed food.

As we enjoy these warm days, which bring many different, wonderful outdoor activities, I urge you to remember where your source of life comes from. Don't neglect the Word.

In Jesus Christ name, Adam & Jennifer Dewing

DON DEWING NEWS

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We know that summer is here since the mosquitoes seemed to have arrived in swarms!! Where are those Dragonflies when you need them? They eat the mosquitoes!!! We need more here.

I, Teleka, had major surgery on April 28th. Recovery has been slow but steady. Thanks to Don for cooking and taking care of me as well as his other duties!! I have returned to church and am playing the piano. Other duties will have to wait a few more weeks.

It was good to have visitors here. Ken and Bonnie Wold and daughter Robyn were here in May from Bemidji, Minnesota and Scott and Tammy Hemenway and children were here last week from Rockford, Illinois. It was great to catch up and hear how things are in their part of the nation.

We are excited to be participating in Straw Bale gardening this year with the local health department. Our pantry garden will hopefully bear lots of vegetables for the food pantry. The apple trees made it through the winter. We will be purchasing a few sweet cherry trees in memory of Teleka's father, Harvey Davids. They will be planted alongside the apple trees.

We are grateful to Micah and Benjamin Dewing who have been working at raising money towards a different plow truck. So far they have sold non working vehicles and scrap metal totaling about \$3,500!! Thanks Lord.

Be in prayer: Summer groups, Camp, interns, Mission finances and our family. **MIGWETCH**

JENSEN NEWS

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Cheryl's Family News
Josiah, Krystle,

Addisyn and Caleb are moving to work in a church in Thief River Falls, MN, a bit farther from us, but we are happy God has called them to the youth ministry.

Stephen and Jenna are busy working. Stephen is looking to get into car school.

Hannah is home from college and working. I'm looking forward to lots of girl time with her.

Daniel finished high school in March. Graduation will be in June. ACE does graduation up right with a large celebration in TN. He has been accepted into car school not far from here. He is pretty car wise already.

Your prayers and cards mean a lot to us, thanks for your care.

Prayer requests: The children will keep coming to church and that their parents will join them. The church will grow spiritually and in numbers. Pray for the same growth for the Ladies Bible study. Opportunities to witness and that we make the most of them. Grace and strength to overcome physical weakness. For Cheryl having problems with her knee. For Richard who had cataract surgery at the end of May.

For the Lord,
Cheryl Jensen



WASMOGI SHEK CAMP

This year's camp will take place July 14-18. We are excited to once again have Pastor Peter Chang with us. Pastor Chang is now serving The Sae Han Presbyterian Church in Virginia. Campers still talk about the great Korean food they have eaten in years past. A few other counselors from years past will also be joining us for that week of camp!

Camp is for children ages 8-12 with a cost of \$45 per camper for the week. This includes your meals and all activities. We are accepting scholarships for campers again this year. Please mark your gift on the Designation Slip. Thanks.



Pantry Stocked



Fund Raiser for summer events:
Kettle Korn



YOUTH MINISTRIES

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Family News

Hello again!

Well it must be officially summer. We have not had temps below zero in more than a month! I think it is finally here to stay. Now if we can only get rid of the mosquitos.... anyhow, the warm weather has arrived. The last days of school are upon us and camping is on the horizon. We are looking forward to a busy summer.

The kids are all excited about school being over. Hope, who has just turned 14, is headed into High School next year. She has finished up the year being on Honor Roll all four quarters. Mason, 7, is finishing up his 1st grade year and is doing well. He has been on good behavior in class for the last two months. He is pretty excited about moving on to the 2nd grade. He is enjoying baseball season right now. JessiLee, 5, is finishing up 4K this week. She has been doing great this year. She just had her end of year play. They played out the story of the Three Little Pigs. They huffed and puffed and squealed their hairy chins off. Ashley is almost done with bus driving for the year also. It always works out so well with that schedule so we can both get ready for the summer ministry program. I have been busy with a lot of things getting ready for summer, cleaning and readying the buildings for summer use.

**Marjorie Moseley, N.
Chelmsford, MA with
Hope, Mason and
JessiLee**



Our family had the pleasure of taking some time off in April and going on a family/business trip. We got to get out and meet with a couple of supporting churches and spend some time with family. We went out east to MA, NY, and PA. The kids had fun visiting with family and touring New York City. Ashley and I survived 3,000 miles in the car with the kids.

In all things God is good in taking care of us every day.

"And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose." Rom 8:28

Thank you to all who continually support us through prayer and financial support.

God Bless,

Benjamin and Ashley Dewing

Hope

Mason

JessiLee

YOUTH NEWS

Well summer is upon us, and so is the busyness of summer ministry!

We are gearing up for yet another summer of fun. Not nearly as much as years past, but still plenty. Youth groups have come to a close for the year. We are still raising a few more dollars towards summer costs but things are looking good.

We will start off the summer in a week or so with a four day camping trip. We will take a small group out for a few nights camping and canoeing nearby. After that we have a few Vacation Bible Schools planned, one in each of our churches. We are partnered up with a couple of churches for these. One from Indiana, and one from Alabama. We are looking forward to working with some new faces this summer. We also have our yearly Summer Camp this July. We will be working with a church from Virginia.

As always if you would like to help a child attend camp, the scholarship is \$45 per child. Please be in prayer for the youth this summer that seeds will be planted, lives will be changed and that God will be glorified!

Thank you and God Bless,
Benjamin and Ashley Dewing
Midwest Indian Mission
Youth Ministry



Sorting Food received for Pantry



Moving food to the pantry



Garden and Straw Bale planting



Interns Kent and Karina working in the pantry and garden





NEW HOPE SHELTER AND TRANSITIONAL HOUSING

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Psalms 119:124-125 Deal with your servant according to your love and teach me your decrees. I am your servant; give me discernment that I may understand your statutes. (NIV)

Spring has nearly turned to summer, the woods are alive and bursting with life from every corner. The wildflowers and bees, apple blossoms and frogs, warming lakes and swelling streams are a blessing to behold. The mosquitoes and woodticks are less welcome. Coming out of one of the longest hardest winters on record gives me an appreciation for the time and place for all things and thankfulness for everything in its season. The facility here is alive with activity, planting gardens, Little League and T-Ball, summer interns, visiting supporters and work projects, preparing for the summer's ministry. Benjamin and I have been enjoying making trips to the junkyard hauling scrap metal and selling old junk vehicles, working towards saving for a plow truck to keep the many driveways and mission staff homes and facilities cleared of snow. It is an exciting and productive time.

My wife, Michelle, is looking forward to some time off from work to play in her garden and enjoy the family time together outside. Chase (15) and Jonah (11) are excited about school being over for the year, camping trips, and catching fish, in between lawn mowing and summer jobs. All of us are excited about the season and its possibilities. Michelle, Chase, and Jonah all have birthdays this summer. Chase will also get his driver's license this summer, he is excited for the freedom that brings, Michelle and I are excited not to bring him to work at the local grocery store at 6 am on Saturday mornings.

This spring into summer has continued to be a wonderful time of study and fellowship for me with the addition of a Friday morning Men's Group to compliment our regular weekly Bible Study. 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, prayer, and are currently working through spiritual gifts and perseverance. 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 our busiest time here at the shelter, preparing for and working through a busy spring and summer. We currently have 8 people staying with us; 1 family in Transitional Housing, 3 single men, and a single (pregnant) mother with two children. This year so far has been consistently busy, with slightly above average shelter nights provided through the first 10 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 almost 4 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, and I think it's important enough to mention here again, after lots of prayer and debate, we have **AGAIN** 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 continue to receive 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** ¹¹⁴You are my refuge and my shield; I have put my hope in your word. ¹¹⁵Away from me, you evildoers, that I may keep the commands of my God! ¹¹⁶Sustain 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



SHELTER & TRANSITIONAL HOUSING

*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
Two summer interns- Kent and Karina
Mole Lake Junior Church
Pantry and Shelter Donations
Plow Truck!!!!
Stonelake Church Fuel Paid in Full
Summer Ministries



PRAYER

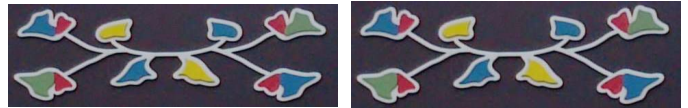
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Summer Ministries-VBS- Camp-Work Groups

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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
Financial Support



MISSION NEEDS

Plow Truck - Pay Off: \$3,000

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