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LAKE LUCERNE GOSPEL CHAPEL

Don Dewing, Pastor



We want to thank our congregation for the support and prayers as Don and I, Teleka, traveled to visit Don's mother, Martha Dewing, Dec. 30-January 5. We also want to thank those who filled the pulpit, lead singing, gave monetary gifts and prayed for us, as all 21 of us here in Wisconsin traveled to Pennsylvania to celebrate mom's passing to Glory on January 23. We are so thankful for the support we received. It was a blessing and an encouragement.

Events: --- We are looking forward to Easter services beginning with a Good Friday service here at the church at 1pm. On Easter morning there will be a breakfast at 9:30, morning worship at 11pm followed by an egg hunt. We rejoice in His resurrection. ---We are happy to announce that we will again have Vacation Bible School this July thanks to a ministry group that will be leading the children that week. ---We also look forward to the summer months in which there are activities for the children and youth via camps and trips.

Thanks to those who came and helped with the Indian Taco Sale at the church. Praise the Lord for providing the funds for the youth group summer travels.

Be in prayer for the families of three young men who lost their lives this past month. We pray for God's comfort and care.

WABA NUN-NUNG GOSPEL CHAPEL

Richard Jensen, Pastor



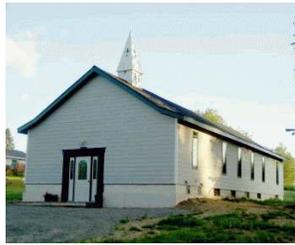
Some of you may know the Praise and Worship song, "The Lion and the Lamb." As we minister here and study the Word of God we see both these aspects of Christ's person. This month on Sunday mornings we are in Matthew 26. We see Christ clearly as the Lamb as He moves toward the cross to be a sacrifice for sin, and He will reveal Himself as the Lion of the Tribe of Judah when He returns (Rev. 5:5). However even in the narrative of Matthew we see both aspects of Christ. We see the weakness of men in the disciples' desertion and Peter's denials. We see the wickedness of men in Judas' treachery and the trial before the Sanhedrin, but even in the midst of what seems like a time of weakness and disgrace for Christ, He shines through as a Lion. In the Garden of Gethsemane, He overcomes the temptation to avoid the cross, and moves resolutely to complete the Father's plan of redemption. When he sees the contingent coming to take Him into custody, He does not wait, He boldly goes to meet them. When He stands before the Sanhedrin, He calmly and firmly states that He is the Son of God and He will return in glory (Mark 14:62). The wickedness of His enemies and the weakness of the disciples only magnifies the eminence of Christ. In contrast to the evil of His captors we see His righteousness, purity and holiness. In contrast to the disciples' impotence, we see His power and courage. In contrast to their unfaithfulness, we see His steadfast faithfulness in the face of death. In contrast to their dishonor we see His dignity and glory. Even in his account of the events leading to the crucifixion, Matthew finds a way to emphasize the majesty of Christ. We see His majesty and His redemption as He works in the lives of people here in Mole Lake, steadily drawing some to Himself, and helping them grow in their faith.

In the ladies Tuesday morning study, Cheryl is leading them in a study of I Corinthians 13:1-3. God is

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SUNNYSIDE COMMUNITY CHURCH

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Hello everyone from the north woods!

The middle of March has only just begun and we have Spring outside. Watching the snow melt before April is a joyous thing indeed! Winter wasn't as cold or as long as last year's, so that made enduring the weather much easier. We are expecting our 9th child at the end of March/beginning of April (our 6th boy!) and having the arrival of his birth has helped to pass the time. Since we home school and own/run a catering business, that has also kept us busy. Having many things to do sure makes the time go by quickly!

We are still meeting as a church in the evening and having a meal afterwards. Although attendance is not regular and fluctuates greatly, it has been a blessing to have this meal, for it gives us all a chance to really talk with one another and learn about what's going on in each of our lives.

There have been many deaths in our community in the last few months, with many of the people being in their 40's and 50's. It is difficult to watch the family members grieve and mourn without hope, knowing where the only source of comfort comes from. We are there to point those around us to the only Light that matters, with our words and with our lives.

We continue to ask for prayer for those hurting families and for the others in our community who are under the bondage of alcohol and drug use. It is so prevalent here! Yet we know He is stronger than any addiction or sin.

We also covet your prayers for those of us on staff with the Mission and us ministering in the communities. We pray that we will continue to be "the light of the word" and "to be salt" to those around us. Our prayer is that ones will see Christ in and through us and desire to have what we have until it burns within their souls. That is what we are here for, to love as Christ loved, not to be silent about the truth and to care about souls.

In Christ's name,

Adam & Jennifer Dewing

DON DEWING NEWS

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There was about two feet of snow on March 23, 1975, the day we moved to Crandon.

Tomorrow would be Palm Sunday. We had everything that we owned in our blue 1972 Pinto. My, Teleka, parent's Harvey and Jessie Davids, rented a little U-Haul trailer in which was Dad's old grey metal desk and office chair, and a rollaway bed from the 1950's. We were glad that we didn't have to sleep on the floor. We had only been married seven months and this was our first abode as a couple.

We had met Avery and Birdie Wetzig, then Directors of the Midwest Indian Mission, at a mission's conference in Muskegon, MI, in October 1974, a few months earlier. We were training with Child Evangelism Fellowship at that time. They were looking for a young couple to work with the children and the youth. We talked with them after the service and they showed us slides of the work in Wisconsin. Over Thanksgiving week 1974, we drove to Wisconsin and met with the mission board. I can still hear Chuck Ackley, Chippewa, ask "So, why do you want to work with Indians?" I sat there stunned, not knowing what to say! After some great conversations, we were accepted by the Midwest Indian Mission board. We then began the task of raising our needed financial support. The Lord worked in a great way, in that we arrived in Crandon, just four months later!

So much has happened since that Saturday in 1975. Our three sons, Micah, Adam and Benjamin, were born here and now our grandchildren as well. Our sons also work alongside us!! We have worked with some great people on staff and have learned so much from those with whom we minister. The Lord **Blessed** and **Blessed** again. **Praise The Lord.**

We ask you to pray with us as we begin year number 41! We know that our work here is not done. We are both slowing down and yet we continue to plod on.

The effective prayer of a righteous man can accomplish much. James 5:16b

40 Years

JENSEN NEWS

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Dear Friends,

Greetings from the northwoods, where melting snow gives way to ...hidden Christmas decorations.

October until the end of February saw a big change in our family, when my mother came to live with us. I was slowed down with feet issues and found a new reliance on God. February to the present, mom needed to move into the nursing home just down the street from us. With her getting great care, I am able to do all my ministries once again.

Junior Church is going well. My kids come eager to see what I am up to for class. We have a monthly virtue, verse and hymn.

Ladies Bible Study continues to challenge me as I study and we review our verses. I have noticed the room we use is quieter during our class time, hoping some are listening.

We have gone back to a meal at our church pantry. We are having more people come, eat and visit now that it is warmer. Everyone loves the give away table.

Thank you for your care for us. Every card and box is greatly appreciated.

For the Family,
Cheryl Jensen

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continually building their faith. Our church pantry this month was on March 11th. With the warmer weather more people are coming out. This month we had twelve families come to sit down for a meal and receive help from our church pantry. The pantry at the mission is averaging about 15 families every Wednesday when I am there. We also request your prayers for several individuals. One of our church members is suffering with congestive heart failure and COPD. We ask your prayer for him. Also pray for our Mission Director, Don Dewing. He is suffering with sarcoidosis, a lung disease. I also ask your prayers for my mother in law. Her health has degenerated to the point where we cannot care for her in our home any more. She has a variety of health issues going on, so they are making her as comfortable as possible as we pray for her condition to improve. Thank your for your faithfulness to the Lord and to us.

In His Service,
Pastor Richard Jensen Romans 15:13





YOUTH MINISTRIES

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Youth News

Spring is only days away and the snow is almost gone. Spring is a time when we start to fundraise for our youth ministry events. This past week, our youth group worked hard at our first fundraiser, Indian Tacos! There were many people that took part in making this be a success for our youth and we are very thankful.

We have many things planned throughout this spring and summer...around 7 weeks of ministry! So far we have Vacation Bible School, Day Camp, a week long overnight camp, wilderness camps, a youth trip to Missouri, and so much more planned. Our trip that we are taking to Missouri is a Native youth conference called Warrior Leadership Summit and this will potentially be one of the largest groups we have ever taken. The youth are thrilled to be taking this trip and look forward to the experience.

Our youth group is still meeting on a weekly basis with an average of about 15 per week. Things will start to slow down the closer to summer it gets. When that starts to happen, our other youth events will kick in. We see that the youth are eager to hear the Word and we are doing our best to guide them while they grow their faith in the Lord.

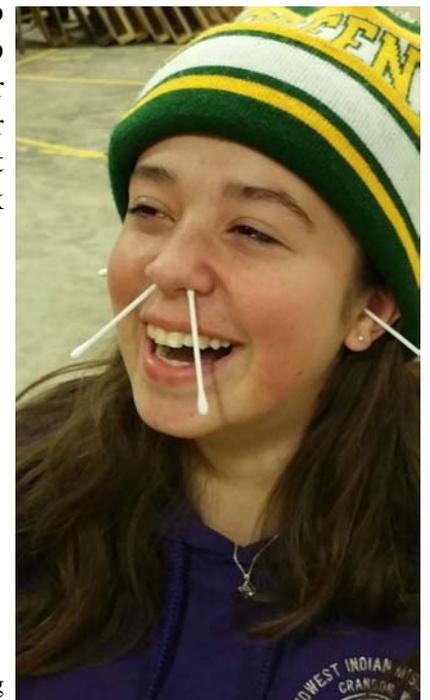
Please continue to pray for our youth. There are so many things that continue to knock these kids down, but we know that we have a God that is stronger than any other! By lifting them up in prayer, we can work together to show them the Light! Also, please pray for our summer events and all who will be coming to help as well as the seeds that will be planted during this time!

If you would like to help a child attend: summer camp, our trip to Warrior Leadership Summit (WLS) or any other summer event please fill out the form on the back of the newsletter.

Thank you and God Bless,

Benjamin and Ashley Dewing

Midwest Indian Mission, Inc.
Youth Ministry



Family News

We have tapped our maple trees and the sap is running good! It's always a great time of the year when you can cook and eat fresh maple syrup. Our kids are always happy to help when we collect from the sap buckets. With our children growing an interest in the process, I see this as a possible family tradition!

After we finished with our last deep freeze, we were able to get out and cut some firewood to keep us warm for the rest of the winter. We also got a head start on our wood supply for next winter. Summers get so crazy we have to utilize any time we can beforehand to make sure we can stay warm the following winter.

Our children have been doing great in school. JessiLee (Kindergarten) has been learning how to read and learning how to solve basic math problems. Mason (2nd grade) is a book worm and is helping others in his classroom. Hope (9th grade) is a dedicated student! She is currently taking Spanish and very anxious to get her temporary driving license in the fall.

Benjamin and I have been very busy helping around the shelter, mission, church, with our youth, as well as other places in the community. With winter coming to an end, there is a lot of cleanup and organizing that has to be done.

We are pleased to say this year marks our 8th year serving the Lord and we are so excited to see what God will do for this community in the years to come. It's amazing to see how God has worked through us to reach the youth here! With your prayers and financial help, we are able to do the things God has planned for us. For that we thank you! In the past 8 years, we have been trying to raise the full support we need to pay for our bills and provide for our family. We have only been able to raise about 75% of our monthly support needed but we are very thankful! Praise the Lord!

We would like to thank everyone for the continued prayers and financial help. It is very much appreciated! If you feel lead to support our family, or our youth events in anyway, you can do so by filling out the form on the back of the newsletter.

Migwetch!

Hope Dewing



Youth Group Fun





NEW HOPE SHELTER AND TRANSITIONAL HOUSING

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Spring has sprung! It feels a little premature to make that declaration but the calendar says it's time, the snow is melting, and sap is running and that's good enough for me. We have had several days of warmer weather in the 50's with the last few days cooling off a bit to highs in the 30's. One of my colonies of honeybees survived the winter, while the other never built enough stores throughout the summer to sustain them. The colony that survived seems strong enough to make a productive summer of pollinating our shelter/pantry garden and gathering nectar. It feels a little cold and grey outside today but I know it won't be long before we will smell the apple blossoms, taste the Juneberries, and hear the sounds of Little League in the ball field.

We have three single male residents staying with us right now. We had a family of three check out last week and another single man check out this week, some moving into apartments/houses of their own, while others not able to comply with our rules of absolute sobriety. The last two months we have seen a significant increase in calls from people looking for shelter. Spring is a transition time here where the harsh winter weather has abated but the summer work opportunities have not yet become available. We have one male participant in our Transitional Housing Program and he is doing well. Overall things are going smoothly here at the shelter. We have a Bible study on Tuesday morning's here in the shelter office/library, a Wednesday night church Bible study, Friday morning men's group, Friday afternoon ladies group, and church services on Sunday, so there are many opportunities for our residents to hear the good news. Some of our residents are interested in the discussion and message while too many are not. All we can do is provide the opportunity.

The last 6 months have been both challenging and faith building. Going into December we had less than 2 months funding available to continue this ministry and were facing the very real possibility of major change here at the shelter. We were a little worried. **God was not.** Within the next three months we received over 24,000 dollars in small private donations, corporate donations, and community grants that seemingly came out of nowhere. A few days ago we received notice of a grant award from one of our annual grant program applications that will help sustain us through the end of the year. My prayer at that time was, and continues to be, that I have the courage to follow God's plan for me with or without knowing what that plan looks like, ALWAYS trusting that God's timing is perfect.

Lamentations 3:22-26 *It is of the Lord's mercies that we are not consumed, because his compassions fail not. They are new every morning: great is thy faithfulness. The Lord is my portion, saith my soul; therefore will I hope in him. The Lord is good unto them that wait for him, to the soul that seeketh him. It is good that a man should both hope and quietly wait for the salvation of the Lord. (KJV)* These words, written more than 2,500 years ago by the prophet Jeremiah, put to music as recently as the 1920's, were the inspiration for my Grandmother's favorite song. I can still hear her humming that tune as she busied about the kitchen, flour on her apron, licking icing from her fingers as she frosted a cake for someone's wedding. I hear those words echo through time as I remember her singing that famous song in church with her distinctly beautiful voice, that once heard, is never forgotten. She passed away this January but leaves a legacy of children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren raised to recognize God's everlasting faithfulness. Never rich, she gave freely with everything she had; singing in the choir, teaching Sunday School, cooking for neighbors, sewing, crocheting, quilting, spreading the gospel to everyone around her, sometimes even using words. Her trust was in God's perfect timing for her life, her peace was in His faithfulness, and her willingness to do whatever she found in front of her was an inspiration to everyone she touched. She will be missed incredibly but I am so thankful for her influence in my life.

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 used this verse in the last newsletter and you'll forgive me for using it again. It encouraged me then, and it reassures me now, that we serve a living, everlasting, merciful God. It helps me understand that sometimes we will "soar on wings like eagles", other times we will "run and not grow weary", but even if all we can do today is walk, we will "walk and not be faint", and that no matter what, "those that hope in the Lord will renew their strength".

Thank you for your continued prayers. It is through your persevering faith in God's ministry here that we are able to keep doing His work in our community. We are so thankful for your donations of time spent in prayer on our behalf, the gifts of day-to-day supplies, and your generosity of financial support that keeps us moving forward in HIS perfect timing.

In His Service,
Micah Dewing -Shelter Director

Romans 15:13 *May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. (NIV)*

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
Mole Lake Ladies Bible Study
Pantry/Shelter Donations-Potawatomi Tribe
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Don and Teleka Dewing - 40 years with MIM
300 Families for Mobile Pantry give away



SHELTER NEEDS AND WANTS

Top Needs

9 Volt Batteries
Spray Cleaner with Bleach
Toilet Bowl Cleaner
Paper towels
Liquid Laundry Detergent
Dish Soap

Mouthwash, razors, shaving cream
men's deodorant
garbage bags: 55 gallon size
dryer sheets, Downy
new socks for adult men and women
Men's work Gloves: L & XL
Diapers any size
8 ½ x11 copier paper - # 10 Envelopes
Gas Cards: Mobil-Citgo-Shell-Marathon
Financial Support

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2016 Funding for Homeless Shelter

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Shelter staff-volunteers -residents
New Hope Shelter - Funding
Those incarcerated
Winter Fuel Costs
Benjamin Dewing family 2015 support
Bible Studies in the communities
Don Dewing- health concerns
Summer ministry and Work Groups
Summer Camps
Those who have lost loved ones

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