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LAKE LUCERNE GOSPEL CHAPEL

Don Dewing, Pastor

We enjoyed a great Easter breakfast with about 45 in attendance. Our worship service was a reminder of all that Jesus did for us on the cross. Praise the Lord for HIS gift and for those who came to worship with us. April brought more snow and wind. We needed the moisture and the youth enjoy sledding. The ladies have been meeting each Friday at the Shelter dining room for

Bible study, sharing and prayer. The men continue to meet for prayer and support each Friday morning in downtown Crandon. Our Wednesday Bible study finished the series on prophecies of Jesus. Thanks to all who brought supper each week. Don is now preaching through Ephesians in the Sunday morning services at 11am.

Don and Teleka went to hear Stephanie Fast speak in Marinette, WI on April 20. The church bought three copies of her book, She Is Mine, so everyone could read her story, "A War Orphan's Incredible Journey of Survival". We pray that our church can have her one day come and share with this community the love of Jesus through her eyes and experiences. Left for dead, the Creator had other plans for Stephanie's life. Teleka has known Stephanie Merwin Fast since 1966.

Continue to pray for this community as we share Jesus this summer through various ministries.

WABA NUN-NUNG GOSPEL CHAPEL

Richard Jensen, Pastor

The past three months have brought great blessing and challenge. First let's look at the blessings. During March and April in our study of Matthew we had the privilege of delving into the final events leading up to the crucifixion. As we looked at the Last Supper, time in the garden, and the trials before Annas, Caiaphas, Pilate and Herod, it was illuminating to see the lessons that came from all the characters in the narrative as the drama played out. We saw the wickedness of the religious leaders, and the crowds who rejected Christ when He did not meet their expectations. We saw the presumption and weakness of the disciples when they did not heed Christ's admonitions to get spiritually prepared and consequently deserted and denied our Lord. We saw the majesty, dignity, purity and love of Christ as He moved steadfastly toward the cross, completing the plan of redemption in every detail, as reflected by the many prophecies He fulfilled. We also enjoyed celebrating the Passover meal together as a church, helping us understand how the Passover Lamb was a type of the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world and experiencing what it was like for the disciples as Christ ended the old covenant and inaugurated the new. He ended Passover and commenced the celebration of the Lord's Supper. Then we rejoiced in the glorious resurrection of Christ, as recorded in the Gospel of Luke. Now we have resumed our study in Matthew. This month we will study the crucifixion, the miracles at the time of the crucifixion, the burial and resurrection of Christ. God has brought blessing in Cheryl's Bible Study. In March and April the ladies studied some of I Corinthians 13 and John 14:7. This month they are studying Mark 1:35 and Ephesians 6:18. In Junior Church Cheryl prepared the children for Resurrection Sunday in March, taught them using prayer stations in April, and in May taught object lessons about salvation. The Mission pantry is as busy as always, with 15 to 20 families coming through each time I work there. Our church pantry hosted twelve families in March, seven in April and eight in May.



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SUNNYSIDE COMMUNITY CHURCH

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Hello to all of our friends!

The sun is shining with a glorious light these days! The blue sky and green grass just shimmers with new life and the promise of re-growth. We have seasons in our life where the growth is minuscule as best, and the outlook is very dim and discouraging. Then the season changes and we have this beautiful explosion of new growth, where the colors of our life are in bold contrast to the drabness of the winter. When the rain comes down to give nourishment to the new growth, it can be strong and powerful, washing away the top layer to seep down into the roots. God's light is like that. It needs to wash away some of the top layer before it can get down into the roots of our spirit, shining His light where growth needs to happen. This washing can be painful, but it is a much needed washing.

We had a beautiful Easter. One never knows if there will be snow on the ground or not. Fortunately, this year we had the grass, even if it wasn't green yet. Many people came to the service who don't usually come. It was a pleasure to see their faces! We had a delicious Easter morning breakfast before service, where we enjoyed good conversations with each other. Afterward, the children all enjoyed running in the warm sunshine finding the eggs that were hidden. What a joy it was to hear their laughter!

Attendance each week continues to be low, but we are not focusing on the numbers. We are focusing on the relationships that we make with each individual in our community and churches. For we live here too, right along side. It can be discouraging at times, but we try and remind ourselves that He has us here for a reason and that reason is, He loves the people. How can they hear if no one will talk? How can they learn if no one will teach? We are ambassadors for Christ, showing to others how to have true life.

Thank you for your prayers! Only our Father in heaven knows the words that are spoken in His ear on our behalf. He is the One who gives us strength and your prayers give us the encouragement! Please continue to pray that we can live our lives the way He wants us to. Even if we never see the growth, we pray that seeds are planted. Please pray that the people who are being touched by God's light will grow and not be discouraged in such an environment.

In Christ name,
Adam & Jennifer Dewing

DON DEWING NEWS

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On March 26, son Adam and Jennifer welcomed their 6th son, Elisha Abell Dewing. He also joins 3 sisters. Elisha is doing well, growing and thriving. We are blessed to live within 1 ½ miles of all our 14 grandchildren.

In late May, we took a ten day vacation to a Dewing family reunion in Pennsylvania. Our sons and their families also traveled to the reunion. It was great to see about 160 relatives gathered in one place, some we had not seen in years. We were also able to get some rest and rejuvenation. Thanks Andy and Sally!!

Summer ministries begin this month with the youth. Benjamin and Ashley Dewing will be busy sharing Jesus as they enjoy wilderness camping. Don is amidst a small building project of an additional storage area in the gym building. This should help with all the items that are donated to the Mission.

Don is doing better with the Sarcoidosis. This third medicine seems to be helping. We are grateful. Continue to pray with us for Don's illness.

The pantry garden is coming along well. People sure enjoy the fresh produce. In May, 186 families received food from the food pantry. We continue to seek additional resources for food. We are so grateful for those who support this ministry each month. Praise the Lord.

The Lord continues to bless us through this ministry. We ask you to pray for us as we seek His direction and continue serving the Lord through serving HIS people.

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



**Elisha Abell Dewing
2 months**

JENSEN NEWS

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Dear Friends,

Greetings from a green and growing North woods where spring has sprung and the squirrels are about to take over.

Spring brings Easter celebrations to mind. Richard prepared a Passover meal as close to the one Jesus may have eaten, not like the modern meal of today. He gave me the menu and I was equally excited and terrified!

The preparing of my heart for Easter and the meal made the Passion week reflective and enjoyable. We have celebrated the resurrection in many ways over our years here, but this past one touched my heart the most.

I also put up prayer stations throughout the church for everyone to stop and reflect on where they were in their Spiritual walk with God.

I am kept busy with Ladies Bible Study. It is amazing how many verses we have learned. No sweeter sound than to hear Native Americans reciting God's Word. I ask you to pray for more ladies to come and join us. Junior church will go on, as long as I have kids to teach. Some weeks no one shows up, but I am always ready.

Pantry and the monthly meal is always an exciting time to see who comes, we listen and ask questions.

I thank you all for your care and concern for us. Your prayers and cards do us good, and is good medicine.

For the Family,
Cheryl Jensen



Six New Picnic Tables on grounds

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During the church pantry, God has granted many opportunities to talk and pray with community members. We also had the opportunity of visiting one of our supporting churches. On April 19th we enjoyed sharing the ministry with the members of White Creek Congregational Church. We were greatly encouraged by their interest in the ministry and love for the Lord. We pray that we were a blessing to them as they were a blessing to us.

The last three months have also brought challenges. One of the families in our church lost an extended family member to cancer. A community member was also taken by this disease. The funeral meal was at our church. There have also been other health challenges. Church members and their close family have suffered with congestive heart failure, COPD, cancer, broken bones and Lou Gehrig's disease. The macular hole in my right eye has opened again, so I will be going to see a specialist in June to see if more surgery is necessary, or will help. Cheryl has also had ongoing problems with her feet. The challenges have been difficult, but they serve the purpose of driving us closer to the Lord and enriching our prayer lives. They cause us to humbly depend on the Lord each day. Thank you for the blessing of your prayer, support and words of encouragement and exhortation.

In His Service,
Pastor Richard Jensen
James 2:26



Our refrigerator unit now cooling



YOUTH MINISTRIES

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Family News

Hello again!

Its that time of year again. School is out, the weather is warm-ish. So camping and VBS and summer camp is upon us! Right now we are gearing up for a camping trip with a few kids and getting ready to possibly head to Missouri for a camp there. A cousin of mine from NY is coming in to help us out for a couple of weeks. After that we will have Vacation Bible School going on with a group from Illinois at one of our churches. Right after that we have our summer camp. We have a group returning to help with camp ,from Evansville, IN. Summer camp is always my favorite time of the summer. Following summer camp we have a day camp that will also take place with the help of some teens from HoneyRock, a local camp. Summer is always a busy time for us around here. We try to be involved with the youth as much as we can all summer.

Please keep us in prayer over the summer but most importantly keep the youth in prayer as we take opportunities to share the love of Christ and spend time caring for them. As always we couldn't do as much as we do without the help of churches and individuals that come and help. We are very grateful to all of those who help in person and in prayer. We are also always looking for others to come and help. So if you feel the call to come and partner with us in ministry please contact us and find out how you can help.

Take care for now and God Bless!
Benjamin and Ashley Dewing
Youth Ministry

Youth News

The sun is shining, the temperatures are slowly rising, and the kids are out of school! That means summer ministry will be in full swing before we know it! We will be having an eventful summer with wilderness camps, a youth trip to Missouri, Vacation Bible School, overnight camps, day camps and everything else in between. The month of July alone will be back to back weeks of action

packed ministry.

We have groups and individuals traveling from Indiana, Illinois, and New York. Not too far from here, there is a Christian camp that will be sending a group our way also. These groups and individuals will be coming to assist us in planting seeds and growing a strong bond with the native youth in the community for years to come. We are very grateful for their willingness to participate in our ministry.

We are excited to see what God has planned for the youth this summer. We ask for prayer to soften the hearts of the native youth and the groups in their preparation and travel to Northern Wisconsin. Prayer for the Midwest Indian Mission staff and our family is always helpful as we plan, organize and wait for God's hand to direct our plans.

If you feel led to sponsor a child for our overnight summer camp or support any of our other youth events, please do so by filling out the form on the newsletter. We cannot thank you enough for the donations and support for our youth. You may not be able to join us during the summer events, but you are still taking part by supporting us with prayer and assisting a child with sponsorship.

Thank you,
Benjamin and Ashley Dewing
Youth Ministry



Hope's 15th Birthday

JessiLee Graduating from
Kindergarten







NEW HOPE SHELTER AND TRANSITIONAL HOUSING

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Summer is here and with it comes a flurry of activity. Some years we have several weeks worth of work groups, while other years only a couple. This year we have several work projects and they seem to all be happening on the same week. We are enjoying the good weather and the opportunity for Little League games in the ball field here at the shelter. My honeybees are alive and thriving, pollinating everything in sight. June is a time for swarms so I expect to split the hive before half of my bees seek alternate quarters. Maybe this year I will be able to harvest some honey to give away!

My wife Michelle and I have been busy getting ready for all the summer activities. We are hoping to go camping several times again this summer. We are blessed to live in a place where we can enjoy both the water and the woods, camping and kayaking, fishing and hiking. Michelle has been busy working in her garden, planting mostly flowers this year with the addition of a few strawberry plants. Our growing season is so short here, and rabbits and deer so plentiful, her vegetable garden has been more frustrating than fruitful. Our oldest son Chase will be 17 this summer and has a full work schedule. He just completed his junior year in high school and is working full time at a local machine shop for the summer. He is planning on doing work study this upcoming school year and looking to take some college courses in CNC machining. He loves welding, cutting and working with metal in general. Our youngest son Jonah will be 13 this summer and absolutely lives for fishing and hunting. He just finished the season shooting trap on the school's trap team, and now is in his last year of Little League. He is going into 8th grade this fall and looking forward to football and wrestling.

We are busy as usual here at the shelter. It seems like we are always running to one place or another, if it's not the grocery store it's the doctor, or a job interview, or to pick up a donation of food or clothing. We typically put on 15,000 miles a year just running errands. Thankfully we have dependable vehicles and reliable staff who work together to meet the needs of our residents. We have four single male residents and one single female staying with us right now. We have had several single men check in and out in the last few months, some moving into apartments/houses of their own, while others are not able to comply with our rules of absolute sobriety. We have two single male participants in our Transitional Housing Program and they are doing well. We are serving a total of 7 households, occupying all 4 of our apartments. We do have empty beds, but they are getting scarce. Overall things are going smoothly here at the shelter, our program participation numbers are consistent year-over-year. We still have our Friday morning men's group and Friday afternoon ladies group and church services on Sunday, but we suspend our Tuesday morning and Wednesday night Bible studies during the summer due to work groups and scheduling conflicts. Some of our residents are interested in the discussions and message while too many are not. All we can do is provide the opportunity.

The last 10 months have been both challenging and faith building. This year so far we have provided 1,456 nights of shelter, serving 29 total residents including 19 single men, 3 single women and 2 families comprising 7 people. We have received approximately 100 calls from people looking for shelter. We have been very busy with only an occasional lull in activity just long enough to regroup and do it all over again.

Please keep in prayer our staff, especially our case manager Gene, who is going in for triple bypass heart surgery later this week. He has had several heart attacks this spring and spent several days in the hospital on numerous occasions. Please keep him in your prayers as he undergoes surgery and the long recovery process throughout June and July. Kathy, Russ and I will be filling in as case management while he recovers. We are also happy to welcome a new intern to the shelter! Shayna comes to us through the Workforce Investment Act. She is working here at the shelter learning job skills and training to better equip her as she pursues her career goals. Right now she is helping out by baking bread every day for the food pantry, helping keep the pantry stocked, and working in the office answering phones and taking messages.

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

Jeremiah 17:5-8 This is what the Lord says: "Cursed are those who put their trust in mere humans, who rely on human strength and turn their hearts away from the Lord. They are like stunted shrubs in the desert, with no hope for the future. They will live in the barren wilderness, in an uninhabited salty land. "But blessed are those who trust in the Lord and have made the Lord their hope and confidence. They are like trees planted along a riverbank, with roots that reach deep into the water. Such trees are not bothered by the heat or worried by long months of drought. Their leaves stay green, and they never stop producing fruit." (NLT)

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 Garden
Refrigeration Unit Working
New Storage area in Gym
6 new picnic tables



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 1/2 x 11 copier paper - # 10 Envelopes
Gas Cards: Mobil-Citgo-Shell-Marathon
Financial Support

MISSION NEEDS

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2016 Funding for Homeless Shelter

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Shelter staff-volunteers -residents
Benjamin Dewing family 2015-2016 support
Don Dewing- health concerns
Summer ministry/Camp and Work Groups
Gene Clay - bypass surgery

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