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LAKE LUCERNE GOSPEL CHAPEL

Don Dewing, Pastor

Hard to believe that it is already March! Don continues to teach from the gospel of Mark on Sunday mornings. In the Wednesday Bible Study, we are in the book of Ecclesiastes. Solomon's conclusion, ***"Fear God and keep his commandments"*** - Ecc. 12:13 NASB It has been good to see several new families coming to church. Pray for these seekers. We are praying that others would join our fellowship. The Men's Group continues to meet every Friday morning. The Ladies Group meets the second Tuesday evening at the Shelter cafeteria.

The church is raising funds to replace the carpet and possibly add another 50 chairs for the sanctuary.

We are preparing for the Easter season. We will be looking to the CROSS and Jesus' sacrifice. Pray for those who will be coming just for that Sunday. He Is Risen.

Thanks to sons Micah and Benjamin for filling the pulpit while Don was away speaking!!

Continue to pray for this community. We are excited as we see God working in our midst.

WABA NUN-NUNG GOSPEL CHAPEL

Richard Jensen, Pastor

We thank God for the blessings and challenges of the last three months. Through November, December and January we have seen God answer prayer and move in hearts. In church our series on the incarnation began at the end of November, continued through December, culminating with the birth of Christ, and then continued as we studied the coming of the wise men and the plot of Herod.

The wisdom, grace and sovereignty of God's plan was persistently evident. We have now resumed our study in Exodus, with its many lessons of faith, and illustrations of the work of Christ in our salvation. In junior church Cheryl brought the Christmas story to the children in many creative ways. In January she resumed teaching various key Scriptures, having the children learn the truth and memorize the Scripture through various activities. In the Ladies Bible Study, Cheryl finished the study of the names of God in January, and currently they are studying various Scriptures about the love of God.

The mission pantry is as busy as always, with fifteen to twenty families a week coming when I'm there. We thank all of you who have sent items for our church pantry. In December we helped five families, in January three, and this month two. The people who come appreciate the warm clothing and blankets. Currently after church on Sunday afternoons I am doing a Bible study on the promise of God with one of our church members. During the week from time to time, several people call for prayer and counseling. We have seen many answers to prayer as God has healed bodies, and healed broken hearts. The need here is great as always. We covet your prayers.

In His Service,

Pastor Richard Jensen Psalms 101:3



SUNNYSIDE COMMUNITY CHURCH

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Greetings in Christ's Name!

As the season of Winter slowly ends, we look forward to the new growth of life here in the north woods. I love Spring! It's a constant reminder that life always has a chance to return if given the right ingredients.

We are still in the process of finishing our new house. The drywall is being put up on the walls, with the taping and mudding to come next. With only 2-3 days a week for us to work on it, we can't go as fast as we'd like. The Lord has been right there with us at every step; giving us the energy and endurance to keep going, sending us friends and family to help, and sending us additional business when more supplies have been needed. May 20th is our deadline to have the house finished and ready to move in. With God's continued help, we can do it!

As a church, we are going through 1 Corinthians. This book is full of practical living of God's teachings, yet some are hard for us because of our society to accept. There are times that we need to really examine *why* we believe what we do and to line up our life with what God has to say in His Word. It has been good to be stretched in ways that will help our faith and relationship with God to grow. We have read through to the 13th chapter and there is so much about love we have yet to grasp and understand!

Thank you for praying for us and for our community! We are a small group at Sunnyside Community Church, but we are being constantly knitted together into the body of Christ, holding each other up in prayer and encouraging one another in the daily life of living for Jesus Christ. Each one of you are a part of this body as well and each one of us are just as precious and needed as the other. The body of Christ is a beautiful entity!

In Christ's name,
Adam and Jennifer Dewing

“Love is patient, love is kind and is not jealous; love does not brag and is not arrogant, does not act unbecomingly; it does not seek its own, is not provoked, does not take into account a wrong suffered, does not rejoice in unrighteousness, but rejoices with the truth.”
I Corinthians 13:4-6 NASB

DON DEWING NEWS

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January brought cold, snow and the everyday tasks that come each month. Don and I travel about an hour away to pick up about 5,000 pounds of food each month from Feeding America. It helps to fill our Food Pantry shelves with food to give out to about 170 families each month.

In January, I Teleka, started teaching piano lessons again with 6 students. I had a long break after surgery Sept 30. It was good to get back into that weekly routine. I am feeling well.

Don and I visited two supporting churches this quarter. We are grateful to our faithful supporters who have been working right along with us, providing support for years. On March 23, we celebrated the conclusion of **42** years with Midwest Indian Mission, Inc. We arrived here in Crandon March 23, 1975. Everything that we owned fit into our little blue Ford Pinto. Hardly seems possible!! Philippians 1:6 “For I am confident of this very thing, that He who began a good work in you will perfect it until the day of Christ Jesus.” The Lord has provided our needs for many years. We are grateful.

We had a barrage of break downs in the second week of February. Our vehicles all broke down in the same week. Don was towed twice and he suggested I not drive my car until it had working brakes again!!! The garage where we take our vehicles, felt bad for us! Our refrigerator also quit that same week. All we could do is thank the Lord we were all ok. The vehicles are all back on the road and our food is much colder than it has been with a new refrigerator! Then last week the kitchen stove started throwing sparks, Don suggested I not use it!!! We are so grateful for several people who called, sent financial help and paid for several of the expenses in whole! Praise the Lord for supplying our needs.



Grandson Samuel still has lots of obstacles to overcome, but at 3, he just enjoys walking on his own, playing and helping. Thanks for your prayers.

JENSEN NEWS

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Cheryl's Thoughts:

I send my greetings to you as winter continues. Sometimes a ministry is canceled due to snow storms or freezing rain. My goal is zero accidents.

Each Sunday I wait patiently for my gifts to walk into the building at church. E. has been out of sorts the last two weeks. He comes and listens sometimes and sits by himself. H. loves to make things and is getting better in her reading. V. is my oldest at 14. He wants to come to church, but not adult church. Challenged by trying to teach a class 6-14 years I found myself begging God for help. No comfort zone here. V. has been coming for the past three weeks and participating. These kids wake up, dress and head to church by foot or bike. Rick takes them home after church. I invite their dad to come when there is a feast. Then there is S. He can only come when his grandma has someone to watch his grandpa, as he recovers from a stroke. Pray for my kids to have a hunger for hearing God's Word.

Tuesday brings Ladies Bible Study. I keep praying for one more lady to join us. We have been studying God's Names, promises and Psalms using Bible verse coloring books from CBD. We study the passage, memorize the verse then review each section. I bring copies and leave them on the table. Pray for these papers to be taken home. It is my goal to get God's Word into the homes of the Annishinabi (the people). Each holiday I like to bring small things to share, candy or decorations.

The second Wednesday night is pantry at church. I bring snacks to encourage people to sit and visit after their shopping is done. I'm very thankful for the money provided for buying food. Sometimes Feeding America doesn't have food for us to buy, so we go to the dollar store and Aldi. Everyone loves the give away tables. We love the boxes you have sent us. Pray for our people to want the Bread of Life, Jesus, for themselves.

We celebrated Christmas observing Advent and Christmas Eve service. It is different having it land on a Sunday. Looking forward to Easter.

We are having extensive plumbing done on the

Mission house. Pray that we will have the funds to complete the jobs. Thankful for the Mission men doing most of the work. We thought of buying a house, but only if we could find one in Mole Lake to be closer to church and our people. God has not opened that door.

Family news: We await the return of Josiah. What a long year. Will probably cry when I hear his voice stateside. Addisyn is in Kindergarten, Caleb in 4-K and Wyatt walking or running. I call him the Flash. Stephen and Jenna are fixing up their first home, and working. Hannah and Daniel are busy with their churches and working. Daniel loves to help out at the animal shelter in Crandon. I am afraid he will leave a beagle on my doorstep.

I am thankful for your care for us. Each card, phone call, box and visit mean so much to us. We are also looking for a church to come and put on a VBS for us in Mole Lake. How would God like you to spend a week this summer?

Love in Christ,
Cheryl Jensen



Josiah Jensen



YOUTH MINISTRIES

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Family News

Spring is here and the snow is melting fast! This time of the year Benjamin has already tapped trees and started boiling sap to make maple syrup. This year he has 70 trees tapped in our front yard. The week ahead looks to be great weather for the sap to flow great! This means pancakes with fresh syrup will come soon. In

January Benjamin and I were able to finally get our bathroom remodeled which was worse than we had anticipated. There was rot and water damage right through the subfloor and we had to completely gut the whole room! We are thankful that there isn't a risk of mold and falling through the floor any more. Thank you to those that helped to fund the repairs! After our remodel, Benjamin and Don worked together to gut the drywall out of a few rooms in another Mission home as well as fix and repair one of the bathrooms in that home. I recently started updating the kitchen that we use for all of our summer ministry events with stain and paint. In the Mission gymnasium, Benjamin has been helping with getting donated clothes and items organized, weighed, stored and prepared for the next shipment. A couple years ago there was an update in the gym for a lower storage and the upper youth loft. At that time the basketball court lines were removed. Benjamin measured and painted new court lines last week. In February, Benjamin and I traveled to Michigan to a Mission's conference at a supporting church. We were able to share our ministry and make connections with individuals that have worked with us in past years with our summer events. I have been holding a weekly WholyFit (Gentle Body Power) devotional exercise class. I have been using this as an opportunity to help others with growth in their faith as well as a fundraiser for our Women's Group and different missions. As most of you know, I have Crohn's disease and over the past year I have struggled with this including many unknowns, new side effects, and medication changes. Because of this, sometimes things are put on hold or the things I can or can't do have been affected. Your prayers would be greatly appreciated.

Hope (16) has been very busy with all of the things she is involved in! She just finished up the H.S. wrestling season where she was the manager taking stats, pictures, washing gear and mats. She just recently had a part in the school drama production and also participated in Solo Ensemble for band. Just this past weekend she was chosen to go to State for forensics. We couldn't be more excited for her and all she has accomplished! Even with all these things she still has a job at our local grocery store. Mason (10) just finished a strong year of youth wrestling. This past weekend he wrestled at a regional qualifier. Out of an 8 man bracket, Mason took 3rd. He was one win away from going to state. We couldn't be more proud of his hard work and his great

sportsmanship. Mason also was able to be in his first elementary drama where he played Belle's father in Beauty and the Beast. Now he is getting ready for the next sport, Little League. JessiLee (8) is currently in "Saturday Morning Ballers" which is a Saturday morning camp that works with youth on all the fundamentals of basketball. This is the first time that she has expressed an interest in basketball and she is excited. She has signed up for a 3 on 3 tournament in April. We are happy to see her excitement about something she enjoys every much.

We would like to thank you for your prayers, support, and willingness to work alongside of us. We look forward to the months ahead of us with our ministries, youth connections and summer events. Please continue to pray for our ministry, the Native community, our family and monthly support. Benjamin, Ashley, Hope, Mason and JessiLee

Youth News

Hello again!

Well it's official now. Spring is here! There's still a little snow on the ground but the calendar says it spring, so it must be.

We'll if spring is here then that means summer ministry planning is well on its way. And it is. This is the time where we start to gear up for all the ministry events that we have planned for the upcoming summer. We still have some open dates to fill so if you're interested in bringing your church group up feel free to call or email.

So far we have a few Vacation Bible Schools planned and our yearly summer camp booked off. We are excited that three of our summer groups are return groups from last year! It's always a blessing to have long running partnerships with churches. They tend to really get a feel for the ministry and how to be more effective, not to mention it makes it easier on us as a host site to have people familiar with our facility. The kids love to come back and see people they have built relationships with in the past years.

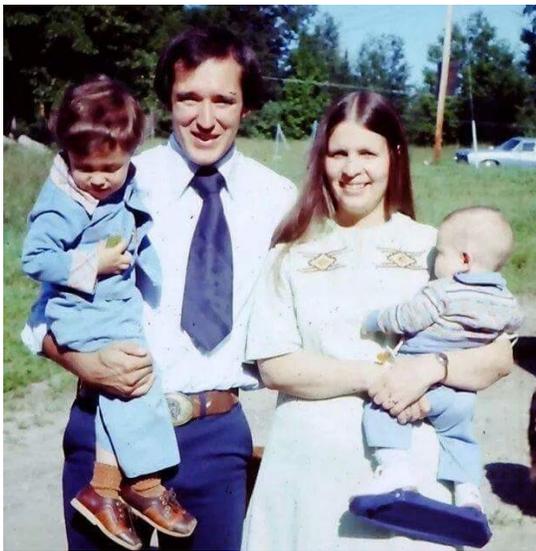
Our youth group season has been a bit trying this school year. It has been very hit and miss when kids are available. Some interest has fallen off it seems this winter, but we are ever trusting in the Lord's plan and what he has in store.

We have recently decided to start a Children's Church in Stone Lake on Sunday mornings instead of a more traditional Sunday School. Please be in prayer with us as we take time to plan it all out and prepare appropriately.

It seems every season in life and ministry has its ups and downs. Keeping our head on track during all of those times is often a struggle, but we also know we serve a wonderful and powerful God who has a plan for all of this. So we stay faithful in knowing this.

We thank all of you for your prayers and financial aid as well as the friendships we have made with all of those who have worked along side of us throughout the years. God Bless.

Benjamin and Ashley Dewing
Midwest Indian Mission -Youth Ministry



Don and Teleka Dewing: 1979
Micah and Adam





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Psalm 105:1-5 Give praise to the Lord, proclaim his name; make known among the nations what he has done. Sing to him, sing praise to him; tell of all his wonderful acts. Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice. Look to the Lord and his strength; seek his face always. (NIV)

Spring is not generally my favorite season but I can appreciate it for its time, except the mud. I'm having a hard time appreciating the mud. I do appreciate the warmth and change from winter, while waiting not-so patiently for the blessing of the summer sun. More importantly I can marvel at the perfectly balanced orchestra of life and season God has given to both the saved and the unsaved alike. God is good.

Our youngest son, Jonah, is a freshman this year. He still appreciates the mud. Practice just started for his two favorite sports; baseball and trap shooting. He is impatiently waiting for the ice to clear from the lakes so he can go fishing. He is also getting excited for the spring turkey season. He loves spending time outside, shooting his bow, and hanging out with his brother. His Spanish teacher has made Spanish class his favorite high school subject, although I wish he was a little more excited about algebra. He is in both high school band and choir and is excelling at both. He recently performed 4 pieces for his regional solo and ensemble competition, 3 of which he scored perfect marks on and is going to the state solo and ensemble competition!

Chase is loving college and getting straight A's. He enjoys working with metal and is totally in his element learning what it takes to be a machinist. He continues to work about 20 hours a week while going to school full time. Michelle and I don't usually see him until he gets home from class at 10 at night. He spends his weekends fishing, shooting in an archery league, or going to the movies with his girlfriend Brooke. He saved up his money to buy a woods truck this fall. He also still appreciates the mud. He found one with enough miles on it to fit into his very limited budget. I think it's blue underneath the rust and mud, and the exhaust is just loud enough to hear him pull in the driveway without bothering the neighbors.

Michelle continues to spoil her chickens and they overwintered well. The 7 hens we have average 5-6 eggs a day. I can only assume they are rotating their days off. The chickens are enjoying that the snow is mostly gone, revealing a bounteous supply of gravel (and mud) to hunt and peck at to their little hearts content. One of my colonies of honey bees overwintered well while the others quit the farm, or more accurately, bought it. Michelle's women's Bible study group is going well. It has been a blessing for the ladies in the community for fellowship and spiritual food. I continue to lead the singing/worship portion of Church services on Sunday. Benjamin and I fill in for dad when he is required elsewhere. Our regular Wednesday night Bible study is going well and we continue our men's group every Friday morning.

Things here at the shelter are busy. We have 3 single men and 3 single women in emergency shelter, and 2 single men in transitional housing. In August we hired a part-time case manager to help out with our caseload. Her name is Ilirijana and she is currently in Africa (Uganda) on a mission trip. Kathy and Russ continue to do an incredible job handling most of the everyday needs of the residents. It is such a blessing to have brothers and sisters in Christ that work very well together to split the workload so no one of us is overwhelmed. We continue to do a lot of transportation for our residents. Thankfully this year both heating fuel and transportation fuel prices have been reasonable. We are serving a total of 8 households, occupying all of our 4 apartments. We do have a couple of empty beds for singles so we don't have to turn people away, but we get calls almost every day. Overall things are going smoothly here at the shelter; our program participation numbers are consistent through these last 6 years. We encourage our residents to join us in Church, Bible studies, and fellowship groups but they are not required to attend. Some of our residents are interested in the discussions and message while too many are not. All we can do is provide the opportunity.

In the last 6 years we have served more than 220 residents providing almost 11,000 shelter nights. Annually we receive approximately 120 calls from people looking for shelter. We continue to average about 5 residents per night. We continue to help people transitioning from jail, rehab, and probation/parole providing a stable supervised place from which they could find employment and seek housing. Please keep in prayer our staff as we struggle to reach out to our residents. We are praying for opportunities to minister to not only their physical needs but also their spiritual needs. Please continue to pray for our residents as they struggle to grasp hold of stability and sobriety. Please keep in prayer our staff/volunteers and their families.

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 plan.

In His Service, Micah Dewing, Shelter Director

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

PRAISES

Josiah Jensen is stateside
Volunteers at the Shelter and Pantry
Supplies donated to Shelter and Pantry
Mission financial needs met this month
Benjamin and Ashley - new supporters
New families in church



PRAYER

Shelter staff-volunteers -residents
Local Bible Studies
Benjamin Dewing family 2017 support
Staff Health Concerns
Youth for Softened Hearts
Ashley Dewing-Crohn's Disease

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Toilet Bowl Cleaner
Liquid Laundry Detergent
Dish Soap, All Purpose Cleaner
Mouthwash, shaving cream
garbage bags: 55 gallon size
Diapers any size, Ibuprofen
8 ½ x11 copier paper - # 10 Envelopes
Gas Cards: Mobil-Krist-Shell-Marathon
Financial Support

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