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NEW HOPE



SHELTER & TRANSITIONAL HOUSING



LAKE LUCERNE GOSPEL CHAPEL

Don Dewing, Pastor

Don has been teaching through the book of Mark on Sunday mornings. He has covered the first 10 chapters. Now that Don is traveling for Midwest Indian Mission, Inc., sons Micah and Benjamin are filling the pulpit. We thank both of them for their service.

This summer Benjamin and Ashley started Children's Church during the sermon time. It has been an encouragement to see the children come and spend time in the Word at their level. Weekly Bible studies will resume in September. Check with Micah for exact dates and times.

The Ladies Group is deciding what they will study this Fall. There are so many good group Bible Studies out there. This past Spring, we certainly enjoyed the Pricilla Shirer DVD study and workbook "The Amour of God".

We are grateful for the Mission's wheelchair van which has enabled two ladies to attend church. Be in prayer for them. We have seen some of our elderly take sick this past spring. Others are battling depression, loneliness, and standing up for Jesus among those who do not believe. There are also new believers who struggle with addictions. Satan is at work. Be in prayer for those in our community who are trusting in Jesus.

Migwetch, (thanks) for your prayers for this Potawatomi Community. The Lord is Faithful!

WABA NUN-NUNG GOSPEL CHAPEL

Richard Jensen, Pastor

Dear Friends in Christ,

We rejoice in God's faithfulness and yours. In the past three months we have seen God work in tragedy and in celebration. As our study in Exodus has progressed, have now come to the section regarding the tabernacle. Each week we will be studying one of the tabernacle furnishings, and how it relates to New Testament worship. God has worked in tragedy in the past three months. I have officiated two funerals, both for the same family. Because of a previous friendship formed through the pantry they came to us when they needed help. It was a privilege to help them and to be able to present the gospel at each funeral. We also see God working in the celebrations of life. There will be a wedding at our church this month. This is exciting, because the groom is a man I've been discipling for several years, and it is exciting to see him and his bride come to this stage in life and be able to share in their celebration and joy. Thank you for your prayers for our mission director and for our friend T. both of whom are recovering well from their surgeries.

Our time at the Native American leadership conference in July was helpful and refreshing. We gained insight from native leaders on how to reach tribal people with the gospel, and help them grow in their faith and bear up under the rejection of their people.

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SUNNYSIDE COMMUNITY CHURCH

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Greetings to all in the name of Christ!

Autumn is just beginning to be upon us here in the north woods yet again. The leaves, with their heavy hues of orange, red, yellow, and brown, with a smattering of dark purple, are such a beauty to behold. The artistic ability of our Lord is truly amazing! We are told, and believe, that all creation speaks of His name and this fact is no more apparent than when the change of season comes!

The summer came, with all its activities, in quite the whirlwind and left just the same! I (Jennifer) was the cook for MIM's summer youth camp. Even though it is a tiring week, I always enjoy seeing the children from our communities! This past year, we have concentrated on the building of our new home and as of June 9, we have been living in it. It has been such a blessing to build it with our own hands, working alongside our children and teaching them invaluable skills that they can be used for years to come. Our house is situated on 7.5 acres, about 5 minutes out of town and it's been so nice for the children to go outside without having to worry if they are playing in the road or making lots of noise. The Lord truly has blessed us!

September 23 marks the 2 year anniversary of Samuel's accident. He has made amazing strides towards recovery! He is walking and running so much better thanks to a shoe lift added to the sole of his shoes and he's a normal 4 year old. The shoe lift is doing what we hoped it would do, which is remove most of the scoliosis from his spine and make his pelvis more level. Samuel will be having a muscle test done in his rectum area to see if the sphincter muscle nerve has begun to heal or not. At this point, he has no control over his bladder, causing the urine to go from his kidneys straight out of his body. Thankfully, he is a 4 year old who still thinks it's cool to wear Iron Man pull-ups, but if the sphincter nerves don't heal, then we'll have to look at other options. Thank you to all of you who have prayed for him! They are working!!

We are soon to be ending our study of Revelation and it has been so eye opening to read what John prophesied so long ago being so relevant today. The signs of the times indeed! It's a constant reminder that now is not the time for silence, but to speak the truth in love and boldness, for it is the heart occupied by the Spirit that is our goal and intent. Even through the struggles, we have been very blessed to be a part of this little church and to work where the Lord wants us. We had an Indian Taco sale the weekend of Labor Day and the Lord blessed that

time, with many donations towards the fuel bill for this winter.

Seasons come and seasons go, but the Lord's faithfulness never does! This is a promise that we stand on; for without it, we have nothing. It is very difficult to preach, and live the gospel to a people who don't want to hear or see it. To watch the lives being ruined and ravaged by sin, knowing the cure but feeling helpless when the cure is rejected. Without the power of the blood of Christ, there is no hope. Please continue to pray for the many hurting people and families in our community who have been damaged by the use and abuse of these addictions.

Thank you to all who beseech the Father on our account! It is through your prayers that we are sustained. It is comforting to know we do not stand alone. In Christ's name, Adam and Jennifer Dewing



DON DEWING NEWS

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Greetings from Northern Wisconsin. I am not sure where the summer went. School is back in session, gardens are producing their last vegetables and we have had frost! We have also had a few days with our furnace running. Love this sweatshirt time!

The pantry garden received a garden grant which has helped us out this year. As per the grant we have been weighing all of our produce when it is picked. It is surprising to see how many pounds we have picked and given away. Others have also brought in their excess produce to share with us. It has been a blessing. Our shelves are well stocked. We have been serving about 160 families a month.

Don and I attended the Native Christian Leadership Conference July 20-22, sponsored by CHIEF. It was great to reconnect with Huron Claus and Craig and Ladonna Smith. There were lots of ministry booths to look at and see resources out there that we were not familiar with. We were able to bring home a variety of materials, books, DVD's and information to assist us in the work here. We were also able to spend some time with several friends that live in Bemidji.

Don is traveling to update the work of the Mission. At this writing, he is booked in twelve churches. Three in Ohio, three in Pennsylvania, three in New York, two in Virginia and one in Michigan. Pray for him as he travels. Son Benjamin will be joining him later in September. On the job training!

We ask prayer for us as we continue to minister here. We both have health concerns and both of us are feeling the aging of the body!

Migwetch, (thanks) for your prayers and support.

JENSEN NEWS

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Dear Friends,

We will bid goodbye to summer, in a few weeks. It was a full and warm season for us. Rick cutting the grass, found it to be mostly toadstools and moss, due to all the rain.

Ministry slows in the summer, but we keep going waiting for the leaves to go back to their colors and fall.

My ladies Bible studies have slowed, but will pick up in autumn. We are studying John and the promises of God.

Junior church continues with our study of Bible heroes. I have been challenging my class to memorize our lesson verses. I have a new child who comes with her grandpa, since her parents are both in jail. She was my gift this week.

Pantry attendance is picking up. It is a lively two hours. Rick plays hymns in the background. We love to share food, but mostly sharing the Bread of Life.

July was my favorite month. It was filled with grandchildren and being outdoors. We were also able to attend a Christian Native American Ministry conference in MN. We met some wonderful people who came from AZ all the way to FL and AK. I felt silly telling people we drove from WI, after seeing the license tags in the parking lot. It was a great source of encouragement for us, since we don't fit in other conferences.

Prayer Requests: Kids to come to church, our family-health, walk with God and hunger for God in Mole Lake. Recovery from surgery for our friend T. For the salvation of the family who lost two family members recently. Relief for Cheryl from her ongoing ankle pain. For more ways and opportunities to reach the community and for their spiritual hunger for the truth. Gloves and socks for men and women, boys and girls, things for adults to put out on our give away table, regular Legos-my kids talk while they are busy.

Thank you for your care for us and the people we are bringing to Christ.

Love in Christ,

Cheryl Jensen

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In our men's Bible study we have moved from the Old Testament to the New Testament in our studies of the promises of God. In Cheryl's Bible study for the ladies they are studying John's gospel, one chapter each week. Both the mission and church pantries are busy. At the church pantry we helped 5 families in June, 12 in July and 9 in August. In junior church Cheryl has faithfully been teaching the children when they come. Though the ones who come weekly are gone for the summer to visit their mother, others come from time to time. God has also given us strength and health each day to do the work.

In His Service,
Pastor Richard Jensen
Proverbs 25:11-12

Prayer requests: Growth, in the church, and both the men's and women's Bible studies. Wisdom, knowledge, understanding, and strength to make the most of opportunities and know how to minister to each individual person. Ongoing health issues.



Like apples of gold in settings of silver
is a ruling rightly given.

Like an earring of gold or an ornament of
fine gold is the rebuke of a wise judge to
a listening ear. (NIV)

Proverbs 25: 11-12



YOUTH MINISTRIES

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Family News

The weather is getting chilly and fall is coming soon. School has started and the kids are currently in their second week of school. This year we have a Senior! It's crazy to think of how fast the time has flown by. Hope is looking into attending the University of Green Bay next year where she will study elementary education. She is excited about all of the things her final High School year will entail including playing Varsity Volleyball.

As for the other children, Mason is at the top of elementary in 5th grade and JessiLee is in 3rd grade. Since our last letter we have had a child placed with us who is also in 3rd grade! We are very excited about this and we know that the Lord has had a hand in it all. With the year starting all the kids have met new teachers, seen new hallways and are once again back on a structured schedule. Other fall sports will soon start but until then we will be focusing on the adjustment of new things and schedules.

As for Benjamin and I, we have been busy getting things in order for the kids to have a smooth transition for school. We have also been busy with children's church, helping where we can with things around the mission, in addition to all the many things that we need to accomplish and do being new foster parents. Not including being hard worker-bees, cutting, splitting, and stacking our firewood to heat our home this fall, winter, and spring.

Starting this Sunday Benjamin will be traveling with Don at different churches. He will be gone for 45 days which will be another adjustment that we as a family will be working on. We know that the Lord will give us strength, comfort and He will fill the void that will be in our home with Benjamin being gone. We did not get involved in ministry because it was going to be easy, we felt the pull from God to reach others no matter how trying that would be. It will be difficult being home with 4 children, it will be tough for the kids to be away from their dad, and it will be hard for Benjamin to be gone from us all. However, we trust that this is what the Lord put on our hearts and this is one of those things that we do for ministry that is not easy but we know that through Him we will get through this challenging time.

We would like to thank you for all your continued support, prayers, and teamwork throughout the summer months. We ask that you please pray for our children as they start this new school year; for our family with the changes that have been made as well as the challenges

ahead while Benjamin is travelling; for Don and Benjamin as they speak at churches and events; for our foster child as we pour into him; our ministry; this native community; and our financial support.

Migwetch!

Benjamin, Ashley and family



Youth News

Hello again!

Summer is officially over. The kids are back in school. Things are quiet from the noise that summer brings. And all of a sudden we are already in the planning stages of next year's summer ministry once again.

This past summer went well. We had a few less events than usual but it still seemed just as busy. Many thanks to our groups that partnered with us this past summer. It's always a blessing to have great partners in ministry. God is good, all the time.

We started off the summer with what was supposed to be a camping trip but with unseasonably wet weather we had to stay at our camp facility. The week went well. After that we had a Vacation Bible School at our church on the Potawatomi reservation. We had a great turnout for the week and also had a great week of work projects being done around the mission. We have had the pleasure of partnering with this group for a few years now and they are ever helpful with our ministry. In July we held our annual overnight summer camp. With about 45 campers this year and a fantastic group that's been coming up for quite a few years now to help out, the week was a success. Our kitchen staff worked hard to provide three meals a day for around 80 people, campers, and staff. During the camp week we also had some great help from a Wheaton College affiliated camp in our area. They've helped out with the ministry off and on for years.

As the summer draws to a close, and the school year starts up, we now shift our gears a little toward our weekly youth groups. We will be getting off to a late start this year as I (Benjamin) will be out of town for some time with my Dad (Don), speaking at several different churches this fall. Please be in prayer with us in the preparation for youth group and the continuation of our Children's Church every Sunday and also for our travels this fall.

***Psalms 118:24** This is the day that the Lord hath made; we will rejoice and be glad in it.*

Every day is a blessing from God and we feel very blessed to be doing what we do. Thank you all for your prayers and support for the past several years. Please keep our family, our youth, and the planning for the next year of summer ministry in your prayers as we enter into the winter months.

Thanks and God bless!

Benjamin and Ashley Dewing, Midwest Indian Mission





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Genesis 8:21-22 ... "Never again will I curse the ground because of humans, even though every inclination of the human heart is evil from childhood. And never again will I destroy all living creatures, as I have done. "As long as the earth endures, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night will never cease." (NIV)

According to God's appointed time, summer has come to an end. Fall is here, and the progress of change and growth is evident in the season. That is true not only for the promised cycle of weather but also for the seasons of change in our lives. Like the weather, sometimes the seasonal changes in life are subtle, sometimes they are drastic. No matter the change, Paul reminds us in his letter to the church in Philippi "*Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done.*" *Philippians 4:6 (NLT)*. We are thanking God for His hand in this summer's ministries, praying about the lives He has touched, and talking to God about what we need for this season.

As summer youth activities wind down the shelters' activities usually spool up. Every fall we see our call volume increase as people become concerned about the impending winter. It's harder to camp in a tent, sleep in a camper, or sleep in your car once the weather gets cooler. Family members are more likely to ask that relative that has been sleeping on the couch to leave before they feel obligated to keep them all winter. We pray that He will prepare the hearts of our residents this fall to be open to the Word of God.

One of the things I appreciate the most about the fall is the routine. Summer is a little chaotic with late suppers, bonfires, and trying to cram every last project into the few weeks of warm weather we have here in northern Wisconsin. School seems to define a definite schedule to both the days and weeks, dictating meals, bed times, and prioritizing necessary chores before snow flies.

Michelle and I are busy getting the house ready for cooler weather. We are installing a small wood stove to help with supplemental/emergency heat, expanding the chicken coop, and reorganizing closets to make room for winter boots and jackets. Michelle is back to work full-time after our accident this spring. Both her left leg bones are still broken but they are healing, albeit slowly. I am preparing to both fill the pulpit and lead Bible study for the next 7-8 weeks while Dad and Benjamin are off gallivanting about the countryside. Keep our congregation in prayer!

Our youngest son, Jonah, is busy juggling football, school, and his job at a local sporting goods/hunting/fishing store. He is practicing with his bow most nights in preparation for archery season opening in a few days. He is a sophomore this year and enjoying Geometry and Spanish II. He hurt his left leg in practice so he is taking it easy for a bit while that heals up.

Chase is busy at his new job, keeping 2-3 CNC machines busy cranking out parts. He has been there for 3-4 months now and has full health insurance and benefits! Lately he's been spending his weekends working on his truck, getting ready for deer season, or hanging out with his girlfriend Brooke. Brooke graduated valedictorian of her class this spring and has started college this fall, pursuing a career in nursing.

Michelle's women's Bible study group is starting up again this fall. 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. Our regular Wednesday night Bible Study is getting ready to pick back up also, and we continue our men's group every Friday morning.

Things here at the shelter are getting busier by the day. We have had 9 residents come and go within the last month or so. We currently have 1 single man in emergency shelter, and 1 single man in transitional housing. God's timing is always perfect, when things get busier in one area they usually slowdown in another area.

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 2 households, occupying 2 of our 4 apartments. Right now we have empty beds but I don't expect them to stay that way for long, we get calls every day. Overall things are going smoothly here at the shelter. 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.

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

Praise the Lord! Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good! His faithful love endures forever. Who can list the glorious miracles of the Lord? Who can ever praise him enough? Psalm 106 1-2 (NLT)

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*Because of the Lord's great love, we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail.
They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.
Lamentations 3:22-23*

PRAISES

Adam and Jennifer Dewing House Progress
Samuel Dewing Progress
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PRAYER

Shelter Staff – Volunteers – Residents
Don and Benjamin Traveling
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