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SHELTER & TRANSITIONAL HOUSING



LAKE LUCERNE GOSPEL CHAPEL

Don Dewing, Pastor

21st. His topic was Grief, Loss and Trauma. He also spoke at the Waba Nun-Nung Gospel Chapel in Mole Lake and at Sunnyside Community Church in Carter in the next days.

We plan to gather for Good Friday services on April 19 and Easter Breakfast on April 21. Make plans to join us.

Don continues his Sunday morning studies in Daniel. new service time is 10am. At the 6pm Wednesday Bible study Don has been teaching through I and II Peter. All are welcome to join.

We are looking forward to ministries this summer of Vacation Bible School and Summer Youth Camp. Check with Benjamin or Ashley Dewing for updated times and dates.

Thanks you for your prayers for this community.

WABA NUN-NUNG GOSPEL CHAPEL

Richard Jensen, Pastor

Dear Friends,

God has been good to us and the other believers in our community through the good times and the hard times. During December we finished our Christmas series, showing how the birth of John the Baptist and the incarnation of Christ came together in perfect harmony to fulfill prophecy and accomplish God's redemptive plan. After Christmas we resumed our study in I Corinthians. We saw how the wisdom and strength of God seems like foolishness and weakness to the world, but consistently triumphs over the world and brings God's purpose to pass, both in the lives of His people, and in human history. On the third Sunday in February we began our resurrection series, studying the passion of Christ from the book of Mark beginning at the last supper. In junior church our teacher, Nancy, spent the month of December teaching the children about the various characters in the Christmas story. In January she began teaching a variety of Bible stories to the children. We have five to seven children come to junior church each week and they are mostly young children so they do not know any of the Bible stories. So far one of them has professed faith in Christ.



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SUNNYSIDE COMMUNITY CHURCH

Adam Dewing,
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Hello to all in our Saviors name!

It is the beginning of March already and we are still quite frozen up here. The snow is still deep in places, yet the season of winter is slowly ending and we all can look forward to the new growth of life here in the northwoods. Sap will be running in the trees soon (if not this week!) and there are bits of earth peeking through the ice where the snow has been plowed. This winter was an interesting one, where we got the majority of our snow within 30 days!

Our family is doing well. Our eldest graduates from high school this year (we home school), which is something I (Jennifer) don't think I'm ready for! Our 2nd eldest takes her driving test this week and the list goes on and on about the many different ways our children are becoming adults. It makes me a bit sad to know the time is moving so quickly, yet I'm also excited to see what the Lord has planned for each one of them. Adam had surgery on his ankle January 25 and he is slowly healing from it. His ankle was fused together, causing him much pain and the inability to walk correctly, so the surgeon cut away the fused parts, then screwed everything back together, leaving 12 different pieces of hardware in his foot. He currently still can't put any weight on it and he's been making good use of a little knee scooter to get around. We were told that it takes a good 6 months for complete recovery and Adam is going to need every bit of that time!

We are in the planning stage with the Forest County Potawatomi about a new building for our church here in Carter. While our current church serves us well, it's an older building that is used for various funerals and community events. It is also small and the basement has no handicap access to it, which is where the kitchen and bathrooms are. Therefore, the tribe has said they will build us a new church that is bigger, is completely up to code, and it will be a good addition to the community. We are grateful for their generosity!

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



DON DEWING NEWS

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The winter has been different this year. Lots of snow, cold and then warmer again. The sap has not started running yet which is already later than last year. Getting to the trees through deep snow will be another obstacle. So now we are looking for spring green and thinking about the next season of ministry.

January 19-27 brought Parry Stelter and family here ministering from Alberta, Canada. The mission also sponsored a sled party here on our sledding hill. We traveled March 9-10 to Parkersburg, Iowa for a missions' conference. It was good to see those we had known for years and meet new prayer warriors.

On March 23, we will have completed 44 years with Midwest Indian Mission. We look back and so many people have passed on since we have been here. Our job is to present Jesus. We pray that lives were turned to Him. We are grateful that the Lord has sustained us here and continues to supply our needs. I Thessalonians 5:24 NASB "Faithful is He that calls you, and He also will bring it to pass." As we begin year 45 we are looking forward to seeing what the Lord has in store for us. Pray with us.

The food pantry has been growing and we have an additional food source in which we are thankful. We are still in need of more volunteers to help. We served 160 families in January and 165 in February.

Thanks for your continued prayers and support. Migwetch.

Don and Teleka Dewing



Parry Stelter – Word of Hope Ministries

JENSEN NEWS

Richard and Cheryl
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Dear Friends,

Greetings from my woman cave, at least that is how it has felt healing up from foot number two this winter.

Cabin fever? Yes. It has been a help to roll around church to restock the pantry and visit with our community. This time finds me studying, praying and eating Rick's good food. I would like to go back to teaching Junior Church in April, so I am busy working on lessons. We are on Facebook. Look us up and "Like" us at Waba Nun Nung Gospel Chapel. This has been a challenge for me to keep up.

Love in Christ, Cheryl Jensen

Grace and peace be yours in abundance through the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord. His divine power has given us everything we need for a godly life through our knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness. Through these he has given us his very great and precious promises, so that through them you may participate in the divine nature, having escaped the corruption in the world caused by evil desires.

For this very reason, make every effort to add to your faith goodness; and to goodness, knowledge; and to knowledge, self-control; and to self-control, perseverance; and to perseverance, godliness; and to godliness, mutual affection; and to mutual affection, love. For if you possess these qualities in increasing measure, they will keep you from being ineffective and unproductive in your knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

2 Peter 1:2-8

Waba Nun-Nung News continued from page 1

The Mission pantry has been busy, with about twenty families coming each week. We moved the time of our church pantry to Saturday afternoon so it will be available to more people in the community. We helped twelve families in December, seven in January, and eighteen in February. Our church pantry purchases its food from Feeding America and they recently cancelled our membership because we are a smaller pantry. We have reapplied but there is no guarantee we will be able to continue to buy our food from that source. We ask for your prayer that we could either renew our membership, or find another source to buy inexpensive quality food. We want to be good stewards of the resources that God has entrusted to us.

The last week in January Parry and Angie Stelter visited from Word of Hope Ministries in Canada to give a workshop on grief, loss, and trauma. They gave the workshop on the evening of January 24th and Parry preached in our morning service on Sunday the 27th. Six members of the community came out for the workshop, and several came to join our congregation to hear him on Sunday.

Cheryl is recovering slowly from foot surgery. She gets around with a walker now and has physical therapy every week. She still has some nerve pain in her feet, but she is learning ways to treat it. She hopes to return to teaching in April.

Prayer requests: Hunger in the community for the gospel. Wisdom, strength and health to ministry in the church and community. For B. who has congestive heart failure, kidney failure and cancer. For B. as he waits on results of medical tests. For V. and M. as they grieve the loss of their son. That God will provide a source of food for the church pantry. For continuous sensitivity to God's Spirit, to know where to go, and to say the right words, at the right time in the right way. Thank you for the packages of things on our give away table, pray for our kids to keep coming to church, the pull is strong to follow the tradition Native religion. We could make use of men and women's gloves and sweaters and Bibles for our kids to read, Easy to Read Version around 12.

In His Service,
Pastor Richard Jensen



YOUTH MINISTRIES

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Family News

Spring is just days away and the record amounts of snow we have received over the winter is melting fast. The winter sports are starting to come to a close and we are on to the tail end of the school year. So let me fill you in on all the things that we have been up to.

Benjamin has been working on the mission grounds, plowing, and working on the cafeteria so it is ready for our summer missionary events. He also was the Middle School Wrestling coach this year which was a great opportunity to work with the youth. I'm still driving bus on one of the native reservations where I have connections with the kids daily. I'm also teaming up with the school to present the "Kind Campaign" assembly for 3rd-8th graders. This assembly is geared towards girls and bringing awareness to the effects and long lasting issues brought on by girl-against-girl bullying.

Hope is just finishing up her freshman year at UW Green Bay. She is currently taking her spring break in Panama City Beach, Florida on a mission's trip with Campus Crusade for Christ (CRU). There they will be helping with hurricane clean up as well as looking for other ways to serve in that area. We are happy she is getting this opportunity to serve in a new way.

Mason is in 6th grade and is proving to be able to juggle forensics, band, drama, and wrestling while still being on the honor roll. He just finished up his folkstyle wrestling season by taking 3rd in State Regionals. This is the 3rd year in a row he has missed out on wrestling at state by one place. Either way, his efforts have not gone unnoticed. We are proud of his dedication and hard work.

JessiLee is in 4th grade. She has been really enjoying being a part of drama and is taking on a role in the school's spring program. She loves to be on stage and shining bright. It's very fitting that her Indian name is "Nin-Gos" which means Star in the Potawatomi language. She also just participated in the school talent show where she was a solo, "Your Hands" by JJ Heller. We are proud that she was using this time to share a Christian song with her peers.

For those of you that don't know, our family has been doing native foster care for almost two years. That keeps us VERY busy and things are always changing. We are thankful that the Lord is continuing to use us as a way to help, love, pray, support, and take care of little ones until their parents are strong and stable. Our family is

working together every day to pour into these kids as much as we can while we have them.

Thank you for your continued support and prayers for our family and ministry. Please keep these things in your prayers: Hope as she is in the early stages of adulthood, Mason and JessiLee to protect their hearts with the changes in our home, Benjamin and I as we serve the Lord in the mission field as well as in the communities, our foster children and the Native communities we work with.

God Bless, Benjamin and Ashley and family

Youth News

Hello again!!

It's springtime here! And that means prep-time for summer. We have a lot of projects to finish up around the mission and much planning to be done for summer events. It's been a slow winter for youth events but very busy on the home front. Our children's church has also been going good this winter. We also attended a missions' conference at one of our supporting churches last month. It was great to be able to connect with people and share about the ministry.

Things are gearing up for this summer. It looks to be pretty busy with 5 events planned so far. We are looking at having a few weeks of vacation bible school in addition to our annual summer camp, and possibly a couple outreach events in the communities. Along with the ministry events we have planned, there will be work projects getting done around the mission too. It's always a blessing to have extra hands to help with our church and facility repairs and projects.

We are still raising money for our summer camp! We always try to keep the cost of camp low to give everyone a chance to come if they desire but that means we need many camp sponsorships as well!! Please designate your gift "**Camp Sponsorship**" to ensure it goes to the right place. We still have not reached our fundraising goal for this summer!!

All in all, God is always good! Our needs are always met and there are always people to serve! Please join us in prayer regarding our upcoming summer events and the planning and the forming of teams that are coming. Also, be in prayer for the youth that we will be in contact with this summer and beyond. Our thanks goes out to all of you who support us both prayerfully and financially and by physically coming and helping with ministry!! We are grateful!

God Bless!!

Benjamin Dewing
Midwest Indian Mission Inc.
Youth Ministry

As winter warms into spring the projects are beginning to stack up



LAYING TILE IN THE CAFETERIA



BALING CLOTHES AND CARDBOARD



PANELING THE WALLS OF THE BUNKROOM





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*The faithful love of the Lord never ends! His mercies never cease. Great is his faithfulness; his mercies begin afresh each morning. **Lamentations 3:22-23***

The chill of winter is melting into memory while the promise of warmth blooms on the horizon, new every morning. While I don't necessarily love every season, I love the distinctness of each season and the transforming renewal of each in their turn. With every end comes a new beginning and I am reminded of God's perfect plan, a time for everything and everything in HIS time.

God is putting some exciting and challenging projects in front of us this summer that will dominate our attention for the immediate future. Last fall we purchased a 2-story building to expand both our Emergency Shelter and Transitional Housing programs. We are praying that God sorts out the many details of this project and we trust His hand in all things. As Paul describes in Colossians "... *He holds all creation together.*", so we're trusting Him with this project as well. We don't know exactly when or how it will happen but we will step out in faith and obedience and ask the questions that we trust the Lord to answer. Please be in prayer with us that we continue to walk in His will and obedience to His plan.

God is faithful to provide. Last fall we only had enough funds to cover 2-3 months of operations but that was it. We were sustained and carried through, one month at a time. He is still drawing us close to Him as we are just getting by month-to-month. We do our part to be good stewards and trust Him to provide the chance. Our prayer is that we continue to willingly serve His purpose in obedience and trust that He provides for the ministry that He desires. Every time we go through this it helps strengthen and fortify our faith and purpose. Please be in prayer with us about it. We don't know where the funds will come from to pay the bills but we trust that He does!

Michelle, Jonah, and I are making plans for the summer to take a few camping trips. Our youngest son, Jonah, is working 2 part-time jobs and is excited about baseball season coming up. He is in his junior year of high school. We are all excited to announce that our oldest son Chase got engaged and he and his fiancé Brooke are planning a fall 2020 wedding!

We're halfway through our 9th year of Emergency Shelter operations. Things here at the shelter are going well. We have folks checking in and out just about every week and as of this afternoon we currently have 2 single men and 3 single women in emergency shelter; and 2 single adults in transitional housing. We are serving a total of 7 households, occupying all 4 of our apartments. We have a couple of recently emptied beds but we have had several calls from folks so I expect them to fill up soon. Overall things at the shelter are going as smoothly as we could expect. 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. We pray that He will prepare the hearts of our residents to be open to the Word of God.

Kathy, Eugene, 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.

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

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*“The end of the world is coming soon. Therefore, be earnest and disciplined in your prayers. Most important of all, continue to show deep love for each other, for love covers a multitude of sins. Cheerfully share your home with those who need a meal or a place to stay.
1 Peter 4:7-9*

PRAISES

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Shelter Supplies Donated
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Youth Opportunities
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Fellowship of the Church
Seasons of Change

PRAYER

Emergency Shelter Operations
Addiction on the reservation
Shelter Staff – Volunteers – Residents
Sunday School Classes
Youth Group Summer Events
Ministry Teams
Our Children

MISSION NEEDS

2019 Homeless Shelter Funding
Transitional Housing Funding
Small Bulldozer



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Please consider joining in with us on our camp fundraiser!! Our goal is \$4,000. Last time we greatly exceeded our goal and managed to have funds for two years! God is awesome!! We are back at it again raising funds for this year...or more!!! Please designate your gift as a camp scholarship! Thanks in advance!!



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