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LAKE LUCERNE GOSPEL CHAPEL

Don Dewing, Pastor



Thanks to all the groups who were here this summer!! What a joy it was to have our own VBS again this year. We found that a evening VBS works so much better. We had 42 children out for the week, Praise the Lord. The fellowship hall looks good with a new coat of paint and a newly replaced a door. Thanks to those who worked. The Church softball team had a great time playing together wish the season was longer.

Our church picnic took place in September this year. It was a sunny day and we had a great time of relaxing at the nearby lake. Always good to share food together.

Bible Study has resumed for the school year. Our first Wednesday night there were 20 of us gathered for supper and study in the book of James. It is such a great time of fellowship and encouragement. Don continues to preach through I John on Sunday mornings.

Pray for our community as spiritual warfare continues to be a constant prayer concern. Satan sure does not want anyone to come to the Lord or grow in the Lord! Thanks!

WABA NUN-NUNG GOSPEL CHAPEL

Richard Jensen, Pastor

Dear Friends,

The summer has been a busy and blessed time, but now it is slowing down some. In June we attended our son Daniel's graduation in Nashville, Tennessee. Our Sunday mornings have been filled with worship, studying God's Word and ministering to children. In our Sunday morning study in Matthew, we have been learning aspects of salvation, Christ's many predictions of His death and resurrection and spiritual greatness. This month we are in Matthew 21 studying The Kingship of Christ, the qualities of true worship and the fruits of genuine spiritual life. We have had several visitors on Sunday morning because God has been blessing the faithful work of some church members. One member routinely invites people from work to come to worship and hear the gospel. Another suggested we place an ad in one of the weekly local publications. A lady called in response to the ad, who lived not too far from the church, asking if someone could give her a ride. She came to our church for the first time this month and was thrilled to be able to worship and study God's word with other believers again. We ask your prayers for her. She fell down in her house this past week and will be in a nursing home for at least a couple of weeks. Her name is Joyce. We also ask your prayers for one of our members who is a logger. He was seriously injured in the woods.

Cheryl still teaches the children in Junior Church whenever they come, which is fairly regularly. They can often be very challenging and I am amazed at her patience and firmness with them.

In Cheryl's weekly Bible study with the ladies they are still studying and memorizing Scripture from Irwin Lutzer's book. Most recently they studied and memorized scripture from first and second Corinthians, Romans and Ephesians. They are currently studying and memorizing Revelation 21:1-3. The young lady that Cheryl has been discipling is growing in her faith.



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SUNNYSIDE COMMUNITY CHURCH

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Hello friends!



This summer came and went in a flash! We were kept busy with day to day life and everything else that is often thrown at us. Our summer weather wasn't very "Summery", which found some of us wearing sweaters in July! The cool weather has now turned into cooler weather and the leaves are starting to change. I love this time of year! It always makes me want to curl up with a nice hot cup of tea and a cozy quilt.

As we go into the fall season, it has been decided to continue with our service time at 5 pm, with a pot luck meal following. Attendance had dropped off for a bit there, but people are now consistently coming and hearing the Word. We are currently working our way through the book of Matthew, studying the basics of Jesus' teachings. It has been a very good study, with things being taught and brought into light that are easy to overlook. It has yet to be decided if we will have a Bible study this year. Last year, there wasn't any interest and we are hoping that there will be some this year.

Several of the marriages within our church family have really been faced with hard times within the last month or so. We know that these problems won't and can't be fixed without Christ and we diligently pray that they allow Christ to work in their hearts.

This season is traditionally a difficult one for many people in our community, from the lack of sunlight to the anniversary of a loved ones death. Please continue to pray with us that the Lord Jesus shines through us as we interact with those who need His light in our community. It can be easy to go about our own lives and forget that so many people around us are hurting and suffering, whether they live in our community or yours. As Christians, we are ambassadors of Christ. This is an important fact that each and every one of us need to keep foremost in our minds. Those who don't Christ watch those of us who do, and they need to see that there is a difference in our lives, that He, and only He can fill that void that is within them.

Blessings in
Christ's name,

Adam and
Jennifer
Dewing



DON DEWING NEWS

Don and Teleka Dewing
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Greetings. Fall has arrived and with it we have seen several nights of frost. The Straw Bale garden did great! Lots of tomatoes. We are still harvesting veggies for the food pantry.

Don and I celebrated 40 years of marriage on August 3rd. Our children had a surprise anniversary party. The kids gave us a anniversary trip so we went to Munising, Michigan on Lake Superior for a few days. It was beautiful!

The food pantry is growing faster than we can keep up. So many new families are in need of daily food. Teleka has been buying staples at a few local stores to keep the pantry shelves stocked in-between truck loads from Feeding America. We are still looking for a nearby cannery in which we can purchase shelf stable vegetables.

It is hard to believe that Dad, Harvey Davids, has been gone a year as of Sept. 16. Don's Dad, Robert Dewing, has been gone 2 years as of Sept. 17!

Don and I will be traveling to Buffalo Center, Iowa on Sept. 28 and to Union Congregational Church, North Aurora, Illinois on Oct. 5 to speak. It will be good to reconnect with friends again.

Bible Study has started again at Lake Lucerne. It is great to be together again. We look forward to studying and learning together. Pray for us as we invite others in to study God's Word.

We are excited about two new programs the MIM has joined to raise finances for the Mission. The first program is "**Closets to Cash**" highlighted on Page 7. The second program is through **amazon.com** called, **amazonsmile**. When making purchases online choose Midwest Indian Mission, Inc. as your charity to support. Amazon will donate .5% of your total purchase to our ministry!! For you who are reading this online, the link is: <http://smile.amazon.com/ch/23-7042266>

Thanks so much to all those who were here this summer ministering alongside us. You are God's gift to us. Migwetch!!!!

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JENSEN NEWS

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Dear Friends,

Good bye,
Summer, hello Autumn!
What a busy and somewhat
cool and wet one for us.

Let me share with you what God has been doing in our ministry. Ladies Bible Study is mind and heart challenging. Each week we memorize a verse and review all verses learned.

Pantry at the mission is busy. I'm open to sharing the Gospel as well as food. Pantry at church is always a treat. I start by planning a meal. It is best to connect with our people over food. Rick restocks each month and takes care of the paper work. We had help making bread, our friend B J from Faith Community Church gave of her vacation to make 20 loaves.

I'm always thankful for the boxes you all send. Those things go on my give-away table. As the seasons change, we could use men's and ladie's socks, scarves, gloves and sweaters. Thank you so much.

Junior Church finds us studying the Lord's Prayer. My kids come off and on, so I am always ready with a lesson and snacks. VBS was wonderful this year. We are so thankful for those who come and give a week of their time for us. What are you doing for a vacation next year? Want a blessing, or just a sunburn?

Family News

Josiah and Krystle are now living in Thief River Falls, MN. They are working in youth ministry full-time. Pray for them. Addisyn and Caleb are adjusting well. We had the kids this summer and love to spoil them. **Stephen** is working and going to school to fix cars. **Jenna** is working and will be helping hubby study. **Hannah** is now working full-time near home. **Daniel** is starting school to fix cars along with big brother Stephen.

My years of home school teaching has come to an end. No regrets, just good memories. Now I am able to use my free time for more study and pray for more ladies to come to Bible Study.

This September, we will be celebrating 29 years of wedded bliss! (Still waiting for the in health and richer part!) What a blessing to work with this man. In celebration I would ask any gifts go toward our pantry.

We are so thankful for each one of you. Your cards and boxes, mean a lot.

Pray that our people become hungry for God and we continue our passion for Him.

For the Family, Cheryl

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The church pantry has been busy some months and quiet on others. In June only three families came for help, but in July 14 families came to get food from the pantry and enjoy a meal, in August 13 families came and in September 17 families came. As they ate Cheryl and I were able to talk to some of them about salvation and invite them to church. The pantry at the mission has also been busy, with anywhere from 27 to 34 families coming through in two hours.

Our church had its VBS the last week in July. A mission group from Santuck Baptist Church in Alabama came to help out. The theme of the VBS was agency 3D, Discover the truth, Decide, and Defend it. We worked hard to get the word out. We started the week with only 6 children, but by the end of the week we had 25. Several children made decisions for Christ. God graciously answered our prayers. The mission also had its camp for children ages 8-12 in July and it was a great success. More than 50 campers attended.

Prayer Requests; Joyce and the other church member who was injured, for their quick recovery. For us as we seek to follow up the children from VBS. For open doors, hearts and minds in the community. For daily strength and health. For the Native children who come to church most weeks to trust in Christ and follow Him, and the same for their parents, who usually don't come.

Thank you for being a blessing to us so we can be a blessing to others.

In His Service.

Pastor Richard Jensen



Santuck Baptist Church Group

THANKS -THANKS -THANKS

Thanks to the Forest County Potawatomi
Tribe for their gift of van loads of food for
our food pantry! What a nice surprise!!! We
are so grateful!!



YOUTH MINISTRIES

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Family News

Brrr..... Although it's September, it sure feels like late October! We have already turned on our heat and the low the other night was in the high 20's. With that said, we are still very thankful to be serving here!

Now that school is back in full swing, we are starting to get the hang of being back on a semi-normal schedule. Hope (14) is now a freshman in High School and has joined the volleyball team. She is enjoying this year so far and is often thinking of her future. Mason (7) is in 2nd grade this year and is excited to be learning new math problems as well as learning new vocabulary words. JessiLee (5) is now going to school 5 days a week, kindergarten! She likes school very much and is eager to learn.

It has been a strange adjustment having all three of the kids in school 5 days a week now, but we are staying busy. I'm driving school bus again for the school district here in town and helping out where I can. Benjamin has filled the pulpit a few times in one of the Mission's three churches off and on. He has also married a handful of couples as well. Benjamin has also been staying busy with different work projects and winter preparation for the Mission grounds as well as splitting wood. We are very thankful that we have had help splitting and stacking wood to heat our home this winter. Many thanks to those who have helped!! We are currently in the middle of remodeling our kitchen, too! We had horrible plumbing issues that led to water damage to a good size of our kitchen. We are expecting to be done by the end of September.

We would like to thank you all for your support, whether it's by praying for us on all levels, sending a group, sending scholarships for camps or supporting our family financially, whatever it is, thank you! Our hearts are here and we believe this is God's continued plan. Without your support and believing in what we do, we would not be able to fulfil God's will for us and this community.

In His name, Benjamin and Ashley Dewing 715-889-0400

Youth News

Now that school has started and summer has come and gone, our weekly youth group will be starting again. Sunday nights seem to draw a larger crowd than Thursday nights like it once was. Very soon, Sunday School will be starting up again and we are always excited to see new and familiar faces. It's always fun to see new kids in Sunday School that had been a part of our summer youth events! Praise the Lord!!!

The summer was so jam packed with so many God sightings and exciting events! We started the summer with a

4 day wilderness camp with a group of 10. During this week we had the help of two interns from Pennsylvania to assist us during the trip. We stayed at a state park located on a river not too far from Crandon. We went on a canoeing adventure and we were all challenged not only physically and emotionally but spiritually as well. Praise God for that team building and bonding we shared during that time.

We had a group come from Indiana to teach Vacation Bible School at the Sunnyside Community Church in Carter, WI in the evening. During the day they were willing to help set up our summer camp. We were very excited about the kids that attended throughout the week of VBS. We had roughly 20 kids listening, learning and growing hungry for the Word. What a blessing!

The following week was our week long overnight summer camp where we fed roughly 100 people and had around 55 youth. It was an exciting week with so much learning and entertainment that was shared with the kids. The group that came to help with camp was from Virginia and Maryland. While they were here they shared with us one of their traditional Korean meals, and it was delicious!

After camp, we had another Vacation Bible School group come to help from Alabama. Their team, during the day, worked hard serving by being hands on in places where we needed extra assistance. The things they did were anything from large projects like, repositioning the roof on the main facility building and painting, to small jobs such as cleaning and organizing. Then every night we would split up and serve at the Waba-Nun-Nung Gospel Chapel in Mole Lake as well as the Lake Lucerne Gospel Chapel in Stone Lake. We are thrilled to have had 28 for the week in Mole Lake and 42 for the week in Stone Lake! One of the nights they were here, there was a side by side accident with some of our youth group kids. After the accident, one of the kids that was badly hurt, had asked us to bring the group to come to visit him after he returned home from the hospital. We took a small group to sit and pray with him and he was thankful!

So many youth were reached this summer and we have had many new faces. Although there is an ongoing struggle with culture and the truth, this shows that the Lord IS working strongly in the hearts of the community here. Please pray for the youth here and the overwhelming struggles they face on a daily basis. We all know of the battle that occurs after the kids go home. Please pray that their Armor is worn and they know that they don't have to fight alone. ***"So don't worry, because I am with you. Don't be afraid, because I am your God. I will make you strong and will help you; I will support you with my right hand that saves you. Isaiah 41:10" (NCV)***

The groups God has brought here the past few months have been great and their help and service have been a blessing! Without groups like the ones that came this summer, we would not be able to host as many events like the ones that have taken place this year. Praise God for the doors that he has opened and continues to open. We look forward to the year to come and we are excited to see what God has planned.



Isaiah and Pastor Peter Chang



Missionaries Dee and Rick Perik and Teleka



Picking Corn in Buffalo Center, Iowa



*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 and Shelter Donations-Potawatomi Tribe!
Summer ministry and work groups Wasmogishek
Camp
Those who accepted Jesus this summer
Pantry Garden



SHELTER NEEDS AND WANTS

Mouthwash, razors/shaving cream
men's deodorant
garbage bags: 55 gallon size
cleaning supplies - floor, toilet and sink laundry
detergent, dryer sheets, Downy
new socks for adult men and women
batteries - 9 volt, C, D, Diapers any size
8 1/2 x 11 copier paper - # 10 Envelopes
men's work/winter gloves- Large & XL
Gas Cards: Mobil-Citgo-Shell-Marathon Financial
Support

MISSION NEEDS

Plow Truck Pay Off - \$2,925
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2015 Funding for Homeless Shelter

PRAYER

Shelter staff-volunteers -residents
New Hope Shelter - 2015 Funding
Those incarcerated-Jail Ministry
Winter Fuel Costs
Benjamin Dewing family 2015 support
Bible Studies in the communities
Those who heard the gospel this summer

MISSION JOINS Closets to Cash



Our organization is raising funds through a unique program, **Closets To Cash**, a textile recycling organization. We are collecting donations of old and used clothing and household textile items. We get a paid a fund-raising fee for every pound we collect!

Accepted items: clothing of all types and sizes, socks, shoes of any kind, belts, purses, handbags, bath/kitchen towels, robes, blankets, bed sheets, stuffed animals, soft toys. Anything that is ripped or stained is accepted, even one shoe!

About 90% of donations are distributed to second hand stores and shipped to developing countries. The remaining waste is converted into wiping rags for industrial, plant and cleaning markets.

All proceeds will be given to fund **New Hope Shelter and Transitional Housing!!**



NEW HOPE SHELTER AND TRANSITIONAL HOUSING

Micah Dewing, Shelter Director

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As the summer comes to an end, so does our fiscal year here and four years are in the books since we opened the doors of New Hope Shelter & Transitional Housing. Our fourth year has been a challenging and busy time with several high needs residents. It has been an exciting and stressful year filled with both challenges and rewards. We are again looking back at what we've done and looking at ways we can improve what we do over the next few years. We are thinking and praying about those who have stayed with us this last year and encouraged by the opportunity to minister to new residents in the upcoming year. We are tying up a lot of loose ends and summer construction projects around here getting ready for winter. The garden has been full and productive and the pantry busier than ever. Things are hectic but productive. Fall is historically our busiest time here at the shelter. We currently have 5 people staying with us; 4 single men and a single woman, with a family of 4 scheduled to check-in tomorrow. We recently had a family check out of one of our transitional housing apartments into a place of their own.

Over the last few years we are seeing an average develop of serving 35-40 residents per year here at the shelter. We have just entered into our 5th year as an Emergency Shelter program. This year we provided 1,791 nights of shelter, just under last years' 1,848 nights of shelter. ALL TIME we've provided 6,886 nights of shelter. This year we served 33 total residents including 20 single men, 2 single women and 5 families comprising 11 people. ALL TIME we have served 142 people total, 68 single men, 20 single women and 19 families (54 people). This year we have received approximately 118 calls from people looking for shelter, just a few more than last years' 101 (12/13), and the previous years' 105 (11/12). We consistently receive an average of 8-10 calls per month. We continue to average about 5 residents per night. We have had up to 11 people here at a time this year. We have helped people transitioning from jail, substance abuse rehabilitation centers, hospitals, and probation/parole providing a stable supervised place from which they could find employment and seek housing. We have expanded and maintained a great working relationship with the other service providers in our community to help families find the assistance and resources they need to move forward with stabilizing their lives. This year we have logged over 15,000 miles helping transport residents to doctor appointments, court dates, or even just to the grocery store.

We are so thankful to be able to continue our Case Management program another year with Gene doing an excellent job. This splits the workload and helps our residents get the attention to detail that they need. We are also blessed to welcome Russ as a volunteer resident intern for this year. He is available 24/7, living on the premises, to help address the after-hours needs of the residents. He and Gene collaborate to help organize facility maintenance and grounds keeping duties among the residents. I am excited to have someone on staff here after-hours, it is something that has been on my heart for some time. We've continued our Transitional Housing program, signing another year-long lease for 2, 1 bedroom apartments here in town. We have had 8 households representing 12 people in this program and it has been an incredible compliment to our existing 90 day shelter plan, providing our residents that do well in our Emergency Shelter Program the added flexibility of additional time to stabilize their lives. We also utilize these apartments as overflow or for special needs situations when residence in the main shelter isn't possible. They have hardly been empty since we began in Jan 2012. As always, God's timing is perfect. Kathy is still the rock holding down our office operations, handling most of the daily shelter needs, maintaining the food pantry database, handling donations, and phone calls, volunteering an incredible 30-40 hours per week for the last 4 years! We wouldn't know what to do without her and are blessed to have her here with us. Margaret takes over for Kathy three days a week in the afternoons and shares in Friday's food pantry volunteer rotation. All of our staff and volunteers do a wonderful job accepting and sorting donations, answering the phones, transporting residents to appointments, and volunteering their time in the food pantry to help keep the shelter running smoothly, I absolutely could not do it without them.

We have again decided not to participate this year in the HUD funded, state run, Emergency Solutions Grant program. We are strongly considering whether or not to apply for the similar State Shelter Subsidy Grant program this fall. We are continuing to feel a strong conflict of interest between the state/federal run grant programs and our shelter mission statement. Most of the issue is that HUD is requiring that we limit the people we serve based on guidelines and requirements that were designed and suited towards an urban population. We find ourselves faced with the situation of denying service to applicants, based on HUD's definition of homelessness, despite having available beds. If we accept even a dollar from that program, we have to adhere to all their guidelines and stipulations on how we spend EVERY dollar we receive, no matter the funding source. We cannot serve more people with these programs, we can serve less people with more paperwork. A sincere **Thank You** to those of you who have designated gifts to make up this shortfall.

We are **EXCITED** to begin a clothing collection/recycling drive where we are accepting any and all donations of clothes no matter the condition. We will box these donations up and when we have stock-piled a sufficient amount we call a shipper and are paid between .07 and .10 per pound for everything we collect. I am excited about this drive as another funding source for the shelter.

Please join with us in praise and prayer about this upcoming years funding. We continue to apply for other state and local grants and trust the Lord to provide for the ministry HE desires. Please keep in prayer our staff, community service volunteers, and our residents as we are presented with the opportunity to help share the Gospel and meet the needs of the families in our area.

THANK YOU to all who have donated time or supplies this past year, no donation is too large or too small. We couldn't do what we do here without YOUR help. If there is a specific area that you feel led to make a donation towards, whether that's cleaning supplies, work clothes for the residents, transportation costs, or food, let me know and we'll make sure it gets used for that purpose. We are truly blessed to be doing HIS work with your help.

In His Service, Micah Dewing -Shelter Director

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