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NEW HOPE



SHELTER & TRANSITIONAL HOUSING



LAKE LUCERNE GOSPEL CHAPEL

Don Dewing, Pastor

Our Christmas Eve service brought over 100 people from the community. Thanks to all who gave of their time preparing for this service.

The Wednesday Bible study has been going through the book and video Simplify Experience: Unclutter Your Soul, by Bill Hybels. Our next study will focus on the working of the Holy Spirit in the believers.

The church will be having a Seder Passover Meal. There are so many pictures pointing to Jesus in this Passover service. We appreciate every participant and those who are cooking the traditional foods for the dinner.

Thanks to sons Micah and Benjamin who led the music worship and filled the pulpit for Don while traveling.

We are looking forward to having Vacation Bible School this summer. Be in prayer for those planning this week.

Thanks so much for your prayer for this Potawatomi Community.

WABA NUN-NUNG GOSPEL CHAPEL

Richard Jensen, Pastor

Dear Friends,

The last three months have been busy with blessings and challenges. In December and January we had a time of transition for Sunday service. We finished our series on the incarnation of Christ on Sunday the 24th. By mid-January we started our series from Luke on the Passion of Christ beginning with the Last supper. This series will culminate on resurrection Sunday. Illness continues to plague members of our congregation. We ask your prayers on their behalf, some have pneumonia, and others are waiting on results from medical tests. We also need your prayers for our continued health and strength to minister.

Our men's Bible study is resuming in February. Our study will be a series on indigenous faith. We will be using study materials by Pastor Stephen Craig Smith, the head of Native Rescue Ministries, and a member of the White Earth band of the Ojibwe. In the ladies Bible study Cheryl has finished the study on the names of God and they are now studying the promises of God. In the Junior church ministry Cheryl lead the children in a study of each of the characters of the Nativity. During February she will teach them about God's love. The children have been memorizing Scripture from each of the lessons. It is gratifying to hear the children hiding God's word in their hearts.



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SUNNYSIDE COMMUNITY CHURCH

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Greetings to all in our Saviors name!

Winter seems to be leveling off now. The snow is deep in some places, the temperatures still dip into the single digits, and there is gratitude that this winter hasn't been as long or as hard as we've had in previous years. Yet we are all glad for the signs of Spring we occasionally see!

Our lives can be like the seasons, can't they? We all go through times of drought, sickness of the soul, never feeling the Son shine in our life. We wonder when life will return and how long must this season last! But then the warm breath of God blows across our hearts, awakening the life that we have yearned for. I suppose that if the paths of life didn't pass through the rough seasons, the times where the potential of the most growth is, we wouldn't look for and appreciate the calm seasons.

Things have been steady at church, with familiar faces on Sunday's. Only a few regularly attend, but we rejoice that they faithfully come and encourage the others when we see them. We are systematically going through the Bible and learning how Jesus fulfills all the requirements for the perfect sacrifice, fulfilling the law of Moses perfectly, and how He can be our high priest. It's been a wonderful study to see how perfectly God's plan has come together.

We have recently been blessed by the Pemma family with a donation of \$4,700 for the needs of the church! We are very grateful!

We have so many hurts and struggles within our community. January was a hard month for our church, for we buried two brothers within 2 weeks of each other. One was alcohol related, while the other has yet to be determined. Their deaths were sudden and unexpected. Please pray for the Shepard family as the grief is still new and so raw!

I know these problems are not particular to our area, but within the Native community, these situations are more pronounced and more prevalent. There are several factors that lead to this, but it is our purpose here, as ambassadors of Christ, to show the way we can be set free from the bonds of sin and

addiction. It is a tough struggle when you are battling forces that don't want to let go of the people they hold. All too often, it appears as if the people themselves don't want to hear the way to freedom. However difficult the struggle, however hard the resistance, we won't be silent. We will continue doing what the Lord has called us to do, without shame, without apology, but with the Love of our Savior shining through us.

In Christ's name,
Adam & Jennifer Dewing



DON DEWING NEWS

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We are enjoying some warmer weather this March. The sap has started to run which is a positive sign that Spring is just about here.

Don and I traveled to Gratiot, WI on February 3-4 to share the work of the Mission. We also attended a Missions Open House in Brighton, MI on February 16-18. It is always good to see friends and supporters of the work. We appreciate the folks that shared their homes with us! Migwetch (thanks).

We are excited to have a second monthly pick up site in Rhinelander for food delivery through Feeding America. We have been so busy and are giving away about 3,500 pounds of food every month. The addition of the new site will help us meet the needs of the community here. In February we ordered over 6,100 pounds of food. God is good!

Both of the reservations we serve have experienced many deaths in these past few months. Don was able to share at several of the funerals. Please be in prayer for those families that are hurting.

March 23 marks the completion of our 43rd year serving with Midwest Indian Mission. Be in prayer for us as we begin year number 44. May we both continue to walk the road in which Jesus has called us.

Migwetch, (thanks) for your prayers and support.

I Thessalonians 5:25 - Faithful is He who calls you, and He also will bring it to pass.

JENSEN NEWS

Richard and Cheryl
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Dear Friends,

Junior church is going well. December and January we spent learning about everyone who is in the Christmas story. In February they are learning about God's love for them. We ended 2017 and began 2018 the same way, sickness. I'm glad to be back on the mend. I must have lots of chicken broth and jello when I'm at death's door. (ha ha).

I ask your prayers for us as we continue to serve in a cold area, both weather and spiritually. I could also use some visual songs, particularly hymns, for junior church.

Love in Christ,
Cheryl Jensen



Mole Lake News continued from page 1

Both the Mission and church pantries have been busy. More people have been coming to both, and we have ordered extra supplies. Apparently winter heating bills are taking their toll. We have averaged 20 families at the mission pantry each week, and a dozen came to the church pantry last month. Our church pantry this month was on the 14th and nine families came for help. Thank you for your ongoing prayers for the ministry.

Prayer requests: Illness among members of the congregation. Continued strength and health for us. Openness and opportunities to bring the gospel into the community. Church growth, and spiritual fruit that remains. We will be visiting Plymouth church of Oshkosh in April to bring the message and share the ministry. We ask your prayers that we could effectively share our burden for the salvation of Native Americans and the unique needs of the ministry.

In His Service,

Pastor Richard Jensen
Rev. 21:1-3

Then I saw "a new heaven and a new earth," for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea. I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Look! God's dwelling place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. (NIV)

Revelation 21:1-3



YOUTH MINISTRIES

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Family News

The snow is starting to melt and Benjamin has tapped our maple trees to collect sap. Sapping is something Benjamin loves to do and he has done it every year for the past 9 years. When he is not sapping he has been busy working on the Mission grounds, repairing, fixing, building, plowing and preaching when needed.

I'm still driving bus, running around with all our kids, helping where I can, teaching Children's Church with Benjamin, and I filled in during a Bible Study one evening.

Hope is soon going to be 18 and graduating which is a very strange feeling. She has a lot of heart and is working on scholarships, classes, school activities, as well as working at the local grocery store. Just in the last week she had a performance in a clarinet choir with 5 other girls and received a star first to go onto State. She also took part in a Spoonerism forensics performance with two other girls and received a score high enough to send them to State for that too. We are very proud of Hope and all the effort she puts into the things she is passionate about.

Mason is slowly closing in on the end of the wrestling season. He has been powering through and working hard at all the many tournaments he has attended. This next weekend he will be going to a State qualifier which will determine whether he will be heading to State for youth wrestling.

JessiLee just participated for the first time in a school talent show where she sang with a friend. She was very brave to be able to do that. She is always singing and performing whenever she can so it came very natural to her.

All the kids are doing great in school, church and home. We are proud of how hard they are working to make good choices, stay true to themselves, and always show the love of Jesus in all they do.

We are excited for a Summer filled with Ministry and all the Lord has in store.

We would like to thank you for all your support for our family and ministry by sending groups, prayers, and financial support.
Benjamin, Ashley and family



Youth News

It's almost spring, well, not in northern Wisconsin, but in many other places it is! At least the calendar says it's close, and our calendar is steadily filling up with events for this summer, which is great! We have quite a few teams coming back again this year for VBS, summer camp and evening rally events. We are trying to plan some camping trips as well.

This summer looks like it's going to be a busy one, which is exciting! This winter has been rather slow for us. We started doing foster care for one of the tribes this past summer and dealing with the family changes that comes with that and adjusting accordingly has been challenging. Having a slower winter and school year for us during this season has been nice.

Keeping up with building projects around the mission and gearing up for summer work projects and planning youth events keeps us plenty busy.

Please be in prayer for our summer events as they get into the final planning stages, for the readiness of the teams that are coming, for us, and definitely for the youth of the community.

Many thanks for all the prayers and support that we receive throughout the year.

God Bless, Benjamin and Ashley Dewing

FROM THE DIRECTOR

Don Dewing

This winter the furnace in the cafeteria has broken causing damage to the building. The furnace is located in the ceiling. The cost of replacing the furnace and making the repairs to the building will cost \$10,000. Part of the repairs needed to the building is to add a proper furnace and mechanical room. This will require adding a few feet to the building and will add to the cost of the repairs. The cost of adding to the building will be an additional \$10,000. This work will need to be done this summer before next winter.



Thank you for considering this project



Stocking the food pantry



NEW HOPE SHELTER & TRANSITIONAL HOUSING

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Matthew 25:40 “The King will reply, ‘Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.’ (NIV)

There are times in life where we are blessed to find ourselves on the helping end, being able to help meet both the physical and spiritual needs of those around us. It’s also important to remember the times when we were on the receiving end, being the ‘least of these’ that needed food, water, warmth, companionship, and comfort when times got tough. We need each other, both to get out of our own rut of selfishness and serve each other, and to rely on each other for the comfort, fellowship, and unity of purpose that scripture urges us to keep. *“Therefore in your concord and harmonious love, Jesus Christ is sung.” –Ignatius of Antioch*

January and February are our slowest months here at the shelter. We were able to use that time to unclog frozen sewer lines in our cafeteria building, replace the countertops and sinks in both the men’s and women’s bathrooms here in the shelter, and install a baler to bale the cardboard the pantry generates and bale the clothing that we recycle as a fundraiser for the shelter. March has brought us 8 new residents in the first two weeks and we are busy juggling schedules to keep everyone headed in a productive direction. We are very busy at the moment and every day is a new adventure of opportunity!

As winter winds down the shelters’ activities usually spool up. Spring activities begin to dominate our attention while we prepare for summer. Our call volume goes up as people begin to look for the seasonal work that warmer weather brings. We are bringing many of our residents to church and Bible study with us and our staff and volunteers here at the shelter work together to make that possible. We pray that He will prepare the hearts of our residents to be open to the Word of God.



Michelle and I are enjoying the longer days and anxiously making plans for the summers activities. She is hoping to get a few more chickens and I am preparing for the upcoming beekeeping season.

Our youngest son, Jonah, received his temporary driving permit so I have been running the roads with him while he learns to drive. He is looking forward to the high school baseball season and getting his driver’s license this summer. He is still working at a local sporting goods/hunting/fishing store and is excited about opening day of fishing season.

Chase moved into an apartment of his own last fall and is enjoying his job at a local machine shop. He keeps 2-3 CNC machines busy cranking out parts. He has been there for 10 months now and has full health insurance and benefits!

Things here at the shelter are getting busier by the day. We just had two men check out last week and we currently have 2 single men and 4 single women 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. We are serving a total of 7 households, occupying all 4 of our apartments. Right now we have 2 empty beds but I don’t expect them to stay that way for long, we get calls every day. Overall things are going as smoothly here at the shelter as we could possibly 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.

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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Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts. (NIV)
Colossians 3:16

PRAISES

Pantry Support
Shelter Supplies Donated
2018 Shelter Funding
The freedom to share the Gospel
Summer youth opportunities
Bathroom Remodeling
Melting Snow!



MISSION NEEDS

2018-2019 Homeless Shelter Funding
Small Bulldozer

PRAYER

Shelter Staff – Volunteers – Residents
Building Repairs
Summer Ministries
Sunday School Classes
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Pantry/Shelter Funding

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