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NEW HOPE



SHELTER & TRANSITIONAL HOUSING



LAKE LUCERNE GOSPEL CHAPEL

Don Dewing, Pastor

Summer came in hot and stayed hot for weeks. We are grateful for those elders, who were asked during the planning stage of rebuilding the church, that said, “yes we want air conditioning in the church!!”.

Church Softball was again fun to be a part of and to watch. We have such a good time together. Don met with a small group from Honey Rock Camp at the church. They have come for several years learning about ministering cross-culturally. Thanks for those young people who are seeking to share the gospel with others. Don has had several funerals at church and at the funeral home. Be in prayer for those families mourning.

Our Sunday Church services have been changed from 11am to 10am. On Sundays Don has been preaching through the book of II Timothy. Bible study has started again on Wednesday at 6pm. We are studying I Peter. Everyone is welcome to join us.

Pray for the community, so many struggle with drugs and alcohol. We know that God is able to deliver! Thanks so much for your prayers for this Potawatomi Community.



WABA NUN-NUNG GOSPEL CHAPEL

Richard Jensen, Pastor

God has been faithful as always during the past 3 months. Our study each Sunday morning in Exodus is teaching us valuable lessons on separation, dedication, and worship. We had 12 children for junior church one Sunday, fortunately, many of them are still coming to church. Our church had VBS at the end of June and 18 children came and many of them are also still coming to church each Sunday. June 17th was a time for us to celebrate God’s gift of being fathers and grandfathers as we enjoyed a meal together before worship. Our church picnic was at the end of July and many came who were unbelievers, including many children. The message for that Sunday was from Matthew 22:1-14 and was evangelistic in its thrust. The pantry at the mission has been busy as ever with 15-20 people coming in weekly. The church pantry has also been busy with 11 families coming in June, 13 in July, 7 families in August, and 5 in September. We are grateful to minister to them, especially when some come not only for food, but for spiritual counsel.



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SUNNYSIDE COMMUNITY CHURCH

Adam Dewing,
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Hello everyone!

The temperatures are dropping and the leaves are changing to their gorgeous hues of fall. The busyness of the summer continues to slow down, we get back into the routine of school, and we turn our attention to the things that need to get done before the snow flies. I love this time of year!

Our son Samuel, who turned 5 in August, has recently had an ultrasound of his bladder and showed that his bladder is holding enough pressure to retain urine. Praise the Lord! We are in the process of potty training him, which is something we never thought we would be able to do. While he can't control his bladder 100%, it is enough to give him the confidence he needs to wear underwear. Our next step is to determine whether the sphincter muscle in his rectum is working as well. If it is, then it's possible to reverse his colostomy.

We had some surprising news from the Forest County Potawatomi Tribe in regards to our church here in Carter. The Executive Council was petitioned for a new church building (the bathrooms are in the basement without a way for someone who has trouble walking to get to them, making the church not up to code, along with other issues with the building) and it was approved! The budget has been set, plans for the building are being processed, and the plan is to break ground in the spring. The petition was a complete surprise to us and we are very grateful that the Lord is going before us, opening up these doors!

We are currently reading through James each Sunday and it has been a very profitable time of growth and learning. We still have a supper after the service each Sunday and this allows us to talk about how our days and weeks are going, giving us the opportunity to deepen the relationships we are wanting with each person at our church. Thank you to all of you who keep us in your prayers! I know there are times when it doesn't seem that a prayer is really doing much, but they are! Our Lord hears each and every one of them, giving us the ability to keep doing what we are doing here.

In Christ's name, Adam and Jennifer Dewing



DON DEWING NEWS

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The pantry garden yielded quite an abundance of vegetables, 825 pounds so far! The pantry visits at Wasmogeshik Food Pantry, August 2017 to July 2018, (MIM's fiscal year) totaled 2,043 families representing 4,881 people! Last month, August, we had 188 families come to receive food. The Lord is providing for the need to keep the shelves stocked.

We celebrated 44 years of marriage on August 3. The Lord continues to encourage us to trust Him and our family to Him. We look forward to what the Lord has in store for us this coming year.

The summer seemed to fly by with work/ministry groups, camp, weddings, funerals, visits from friends and times of refreshing. We met lots of people and were able to work with some new families. Thank You!!!

Don continues to get injections in his eye every 6 weeks. His eye is getting better with less fluid in the retina each month. I, Teleka, broke the ulna and the radius bones in my left arm at the wrist. On September 6, I had surgery to realign the radius which included adding a plate and eight screws. I am right handed so that helped! The Lord is healing the bones but I will not be playing the piano at church for a while. Thanks to Micah and Benjamin for taking over the music segment at church.

We are seeking the Lord to show us other areas that need to be addressed here among the Native peoples. We now have church services, Bible Studies and counseling at church. The homeless shelter has served quite a need in the eight years it has been open. The food pantry also has touched thousands of people in the nine years that it has been open. Pray with us.

Thank you for committing to pray for us. Migwetch!!

Don and
Teleka
Dewing



JENSEN NEWS

Richard and Cheryl
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Dear Friends,

This will be a short update on my part. My surgery on my right foot in April went well and now I am heading toward the finish line. I have bought new shoes and am relearning to walk. As soon as possible I will be having the same surgery on my left foot and will have the same recovery time. It was wonderful to be able to “walk into church” in August with a walker. Fellowship is so important. I long to get back to my ministries, but now I must heal, pray and dig into God’s Word each day. Please pray for us as Rick has extra duties caring for me and for those who are filling in for me at church.

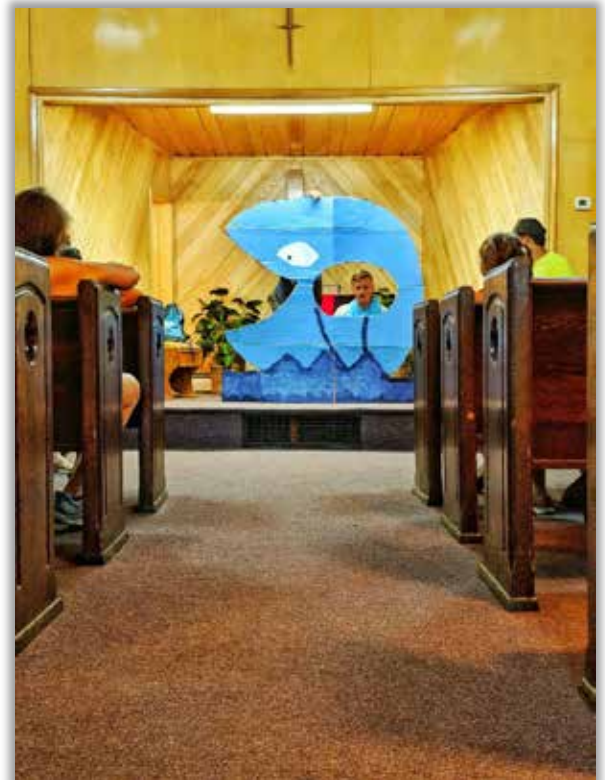
Love in Christ, Cheryl



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Cheryl is recovering slowly but steadily from foot surgery. She is able to walk short distances with a walker now. She is also receiving physical therapy. She still has some pain but it is gradually getting better. She will be having the same surgery on the left foot on October 25th. We also have several church members with serious health issues, including cancer. Thank you for your faithfulness to God and to us.

In His Service, Pastor Richard Jensen



*God is not human, that he should lie,
not a human being, that he should
change his mind.*

*Does he speak and then not act?
Does he promise and not fulfill?*

Numbers 23: 19



YOUTH MINISTRIES

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Family News

Hello Again from the Dewing household! It's fall, the kids are back in school, and it's slowly getting colder outside. Aside from a few 80 degree days in the last week or two, we are reaching down to the 30's at night.

Hope (who graduated this spring) is enrolled at the University of Wisconsin in Green Bay. She is majoring in elementary education. Her classes are going well so far and she's tutoring in a local school and she's even applied for work already!

Mason is starting middle school this year, 6th grade. He has joined band and cross country. He is learning how to play the saxophone. He is doing quite well in cross country as well.

JessiLee is in 4th grade this year and so far she is enjoying herself. She, Ashley, and a bunch of girls formed an elementary cheer team and have been practicing quite a bit, so my head has been full of cheers alllll week.

Ashley and I have been busy with all the things that the kids are involved in. It seems some days we run nonstop. Ashley has been back at work this school year driving school bus for a local company. She continues to drive one of the routes on the reservation that allows for daily communication with some of the kids we work with. I have also been busy with a lot of things trying to get stuff ready for winter around the house and the mission.

We send our thanks and hugs to all of those who continue to keep our family in your prayers. We like to thank all of you for the continued support of our ministry as well.

God Bless, Benjamin and Ashley and family



Youth News

It's finally fall and time for another season of youth group! We are looking forward to another year of hanging out with the youth and all the things that God has in store for us during this time! Activities will kick off in a couple of weeks and we hope to have a good group of kids this school year.

Our summer was great. We had some good events that took place. We got to spend some good times with the youth throughout the summer. We have a good group of kids that we look forward to getting more involved with this winter.



Our summer went by fast, and we had some great teams that came and helped out this summer. I would like to thank all the teams that came out this summer to help out. We couldn't possibly do what we do without the help and support from your groups and churches. It's an absolute blessing to partner with you all and we look forward to future plans!

Our VBS, summer camps, and youth events all went great this summer, a lot of good relationships were made and continued. We have had some great teams return for multiple years which helps tremendously! The gospel was shared multiple times and lived out throughout the teams that were around. We also ask for prayer for all the youth who were ministered to and prayed with throughout the summer, and that we can continue on with those kids to help them grow closer to Christ!

Many thanks to all those who support our ministry through prayer and financial support! Please remember our family and the youth in your prayer time as we step into this upcoming school year and also for the preparations for next summer's ministry opportunities.

Benjamin Dewing
Midwest Indian Mission Inc.
Youth Ministry



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 the next year...or more!!! Please designate your gift as a camp scholarship! Thanks in advance!!



Pouring the Slab for the Cafeteria Addition



Raising the Roof



Getting Ready for Summer Camp



Sheetrock and Insulation



Stairs to the Upper Bunkroom





NEW HOPE SHELTER & TRANSITIONAL HOUSING

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Philippians 4:6-7 Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done. 7 Then you will experience God's peace, which exceeds anything we can understand. His peace will guard your hearts and minds as you live in Christ Jesus.

As summer fades to fall you would think things might begin to slow down but they seem to get busier by the day. We're finishing up some summer projects and making to-do lists to prepare for our fall activities. While it's nice to be busy, the next three months will be a little hectic, preparing for the holidays and winter.

There are some exciting and challenging things on the horizon that will dominate our attention for the immediate future. Our first opportunity comes in the form of some potential changes in our Transitional Housing program. We've been presented the option to purchase a 2-story building to expand that program. It's too early to know many of the details but we trust that, "...if God is for us, who can be against us?". We don't know if it will happen or exactly where the money will come from 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.

The second challenge we are praying about this fall is Emergency Shelter funding. We currently have enough funds to cover the next 2-3 months of operations but that is it. We go through this cycle every year, trusting that the Lord provides for the ministry He desires. We do our part to be good stewards and trust Him to provide the chance. Our prayer is that we willingly serve His purpose and that we trust and obey. 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 money will come from to pay the bills but we trust that He will provide.

Michelle and I enjoyed several camping trips with the family this summer. What a blessing to be able to enjoy the fellowship of friends and family in the beauty that our Creator has provided. Michelle's chicks have grown into chickens and are laying more eggs than we can safely eat. Jonah is enjoying playing varsity football again this year in-between trips to our local lakes to terrorize the resident duck, geese, and fish populations. When he isn't doing that he is hunting grouse, turkeys, and whitetail deer. The alternating sounds of duck, goose and turkey calls in the backyard is something that is hard to describe but we love it. He is a junior this year and, thankfully, is now able to drive himself to most of those activities. Chase is still working at his job as a CNC machinist and has been enjoying the 4 day, 10 hour schedule that he is currently on.

We've just completed our 8th 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 1 single man and 3 single women in emergency shelter, and 2 single men in transitional housing. We are serving a total of 6 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 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. We pray that He will prepare the hearts of our residents to be open to the Word of God.

Kathy, Eugene, Tina 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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*“Those who trust in the Lord are steady as Mount Zion, unmoved by any circumstance.
Just as the mountains surround and protect Jerusalem, so the Lord surrounds and protects his people.
Psalms 125:1-2*

PRAISES

Pantry Support
Shelter Supplies Donated
The freedom to share the Gospel
Summer Youth Opportunities
Cafeteria Addition Donations

MISSION NEEDS

2019 Homeless Shelter Funding
Transitional Housing Funding
Funding to Finish the Cafeteria
Small Bulldozer



PRAYER

Emergency Shelter Operations
Healing of Teleka's arm
Addiction on the reservation
New believers thru summer ministries
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