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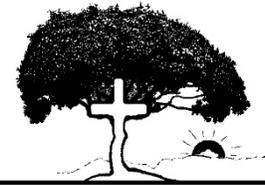
## CHIPPEWATOMI NEWS

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NEW HOPE



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## LAKE LUCERNE GOSPEL CHAPEL

Don Dewing, Pastor

For women looking to grow in faith, our church, Lake Lucerne Gospel Chapel, 5132 Jaeger Rd, Crandon, is hosting **Going Beyond** a Simulcast with **Priscilla Shirer**. April 25, 2020. 8am-3pm. The cost is \$25 which includes lunch. Contact Ashley Dewing for more information 715-

902-0283 or [ashley.dewing@yahoo.com](mailto:ashley.dewing@yahoo.com). We are so excited to be a part of this event. We have over 50 ladies already signed up!

We were unable to hold services for over a week in February. The furnace went out and the repair company was having a hard time finding parts. Of course it was one of the coldest weeks we have had this winter! We are grateful that we now have heat!

Don continues to preach from Romans on Sunday morning worship. Bible Study is looking at Jesus' travels the last 30 days of his life. Come and join us Wednesdays at 6pm. Be in prayer for this community as we reach out telling all about Jesus. Pray for the simulcast.

## WABA NUN-NUNG GOSPEL CHAPEL

Richard Jensen, Pastor

Dear Friends,

It has been a full three months since we last wrote. It seems like a year's living has been squeezed into three months. In December we finished our character studies on the various individuals in the Christmas drama. Immediately after Christmas we resumed our study in I Corinthians. We covered the final verses of chapter 12 and the first few verses on chapter 13, including Paul's well known portrait of love painted for us in verses 4-7. It took three weeks of sermons just to cover those four verses. Now in February we have begun our Resurrection series, this year taking the events leading up to the resurrection of Christ from John's perspective.

In Junior Church Cheryl was doing parallel character studies of the various people in the Christmas story during the months of December and January. Now in February she is leading the children in a study of God's love.

The mission pantry has been busy with from 8 to 17 people coming each week throughout the last three months. Our church pantry has a mixture of busy and light during the same period, with fifteen families coming in December, thirteen coming in January and only four in February.



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# SUNNYSIDE COMMUNITY CHURCH

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Greetings in Christ's name!

As the season of winter slowly ends, we look forward to the new growth of life here in the north woods. The temperatures are currently staying in the mid 30's and 40's, causing the sap to run in the Sugar Maple trees and the snow to slowly melt away. I love spring! It's a constant reminder that life always has a chance to return, if given the right ingredients.

Our family has recently grown by one, with the addition of our 8th son Gideon Robert, who was born February 21, 2020, making us a family of 13! Due to various medical situations, it was a planned C-section and I (Jennifer) am healing nicely. I'm still taking things slow and not rushing back into "work". Keeping up with a household of so many people is not an easy feat and can easily make one feel pressured to not fall behind in the needed day-to-day happenings. Thankfully, my older children have blessed me time and time again, with their willingness to help and step in when I'm not able to do so. I am truly thankful! Everyone is so willing to hold Gideon and give him all the snuggles!

We ask that you keep Adam in prayer once again, as he has his 4th surgery on his foot scheduled for March 27th. We are hopeful that this is the final surgery and he will be able to walk again without the aid of an air boot (which he has been forced to wear for the last 3 years since his fall, which caused all this trouble in the first place!).

We are currently working through the gospel of John at church, learning verse by verse the beautiful teachings of Christ and the simple yet powerful way that John has retold the life that He lived. Whether we are a small group of believers or a part of a large congregation, we are all 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. Living for Him is not easy, especially in the culture and society that surrounds us today. The simple yet powerful act of prayer can uphold and carry any of us through whatever it is that has been brought into our lives. Thank you for praying for us and for our community!

In Christ's name,  
Adam and Jennifer Dewing



## DON DEWING NEWS

Don and Teleka Dewing  
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Spring is on its way  
with tapping trees and

the smell of sap boiling!

On March 23 we will have completed 45 years with Midwest Indian Mission, we arrived in 1975. We look forward to this new year to see what God has planned for us!

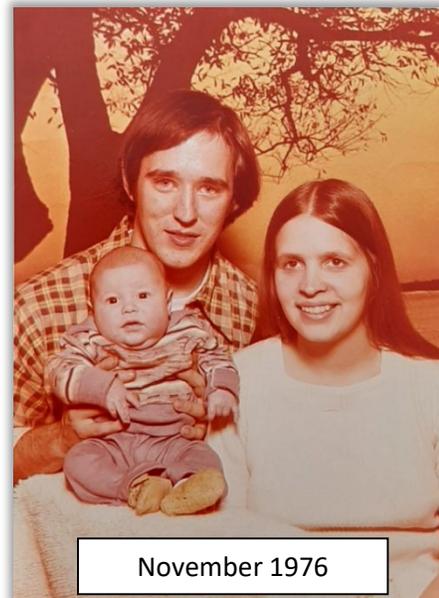
Don finished his forty radiation treatments for cancer on Feb. 20. He will have blood work done soon and then meet with the doctor to access his progress. He is feeling better little by little. He says he works for 2 minutes and rests for 5! We are so grateful for all of your prayers. So many of you have sent cards of encouragement and gifts of gas cards and money for expenses. We are blessed by you.

Pantry giving has been low these last three months so we have been ordering less food. We are so thankful for what we have to give out to those in need. Continue to pray for this ministry.

We welcomed our 16th grandchild. Gideon Robert was born on February 21! He was 6 lbs. 8 oz., 19" long. Proud parents are Adam and Jennifer Dewing. Gideon is God's gift to our family.

Continue to pray for Don for strength and healing. Pray for both of us as we continue to minister to those around us. Please add the food pantry finances to your prayers. He owns the cattle on a thousand hills!

Thank you for all your prayers and support



November 1976

## JENSEN NEWS

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Dear Friends,

Here we are in our winter wonderland! The north woods are a winter tourist area and our economy thrives on the ice and snow, just as we thrive on fellowship with you, by letter, phone or social media.

These past months were busy: teaching my kids, who are learning their monthly verses, studying, and greeting people in our pantries.

We have enjoyed Christmas through Advent and our Christmas Eve service. We have much to be thankful for and much work to do. Thank you for your care for us. Our giveaway table is kept full thanks to you who sent packages.

Love in Christ,  
Cheryl Jensen



## *Waba Nun-Nung News continued from page 1*

In January we lost two church members to cancer. Both are at home with the Lord but we miss their friendship and their service in the church. God is causing their faithful lives to bear spiritual fruit even after they have gone home. Since their home going, some of their relatives have now started attending church. We also lost a member of the community of Mole Lake in February, and the family requested the funeral be held at our church, it was an opportunity to minister to them and for them to hear the gospel. Thank you for standing behind us financially and alongside us in prayer.

In His Service,  
Pastor Richard Jensen

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I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God so that you may know that you have eternal life.

I John 5:13

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*I have frequently heard people say "Follow your heart." Let me suggest something radically different: Lead your heart. Lead it with your thinking and your attitude. Let your thinking be shaped and your attitude be determined by the Word of God. (Jer. 17:9; Prov. 4:23). That is the best way to make a wise decision and to find abiding joy.*

**- Pastor Richard Jensen**



## YOUTH MINISTRIES

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### Family News

Hello! It has started to get warmer here but the snow is coming down hard today. It's so beautiful but we're ready to open the windows, be outside, and most importantly see the sun.

Our family has had a busy start to the year but we're thankful. Hope has been staying busy at college, working, and all that entails. She has been a steady leader for Campus Crusade for Christ as well as helping on the worship team. She is enjoying that very much and is looking forward to what the Lord has planned for her.

Mason has finally gotten back on the wrestling mat after his surgery! The healing process took longer than expected but he is making up for lost time. He is also working hard at fundraising to pay for a wrestling camp he will be attending this summer. He is in forensics and recently received a state qualifying score but he will have to wait until he is in high school to compete at that level.

JessiLee has been staying busy helping babysit her cousin, doing any art project she can get her hands on, and helping out with projects at the Church. She has recently started singing the National Anthem at school events and I see this being something she will continue to do for some time. She enjoys singing very much.

Benjamin has been busy with various projects at the mission and driving to pick up food for our food pantry. He attended a men's conference back in February and has recently been invited to join a pastor's breakfast every month. This winter he has spent a ton of time in the plow truck removing all the snow from mission properties and staff housing. For several weeks he has been working on getting the gym ready for summer ministry, booking groups, and planning events. There was a truck that came to pick up donated clothes and cardboard that had been collected, bailed, and stored all winter which he was able to help with as well.

I have been busy helping with worship Sunday mornings as well as work on much needed cleaning in different places in the church such as

closets, classroom, and currently an overhaul on the kitchen. I have also been asked to coordinate our church to be a host site for an online Live Simulcast, *Going Beyond* with Priscilla Shirer. The planning, organizing, and training for that is going well. We have over 50 women signed up to attend at this point and more women plan to sign up between now and April.

We're thankful that we are able to serve and do what we can to help the mission and community. We look forward to see how God's plans unfold in the months to come leading up to the summer as well as watching hearts soften through various summer plans for the native communities here.

Thank you for your continued prayers, financial support, and willingness to come along side us in our mission. Please continue to hold our families close to your hearts in prayer, as well as the communities here who have lost loved ones over the past several months.

Your brother and sister in Christ,  
Benjamin, Ashley and Family



### Youth News

Hello again!

It's beginning to feel like spring time in Wisconsin! We've been buried in snow for the last 4 months but we are starting to see the light at the end of the tunnel.

This month I had the pleasure of speaking at a youth retreat for one of our supporting churches. It's always a pleasure to work with our supporting churches even outside the summer months.

We have been getting a steady stream of groups interested in serving with us this summer. Planning for the upcoming summer ministry is always a fun time. It's great to see things coming together and watching God work in multiple ways through multiple people. We plan on doing 2 or 3 vacation bible schools and our overnight summer camp. We also have scheduled several work projects and hopefully some other outreach type events.

Things have slowed down considerably for our weekly youth group during the school year. It has been very difficult to get kids interested in coming out. We've tried changing the times around in hopes to get more kids involved but have yet to have much success. We understand these things work in God's time and not ours. We are still diligent in prayer for the communities and doors to open when needed. We appreciate your continued prayers for us and what God is doing through the mission.

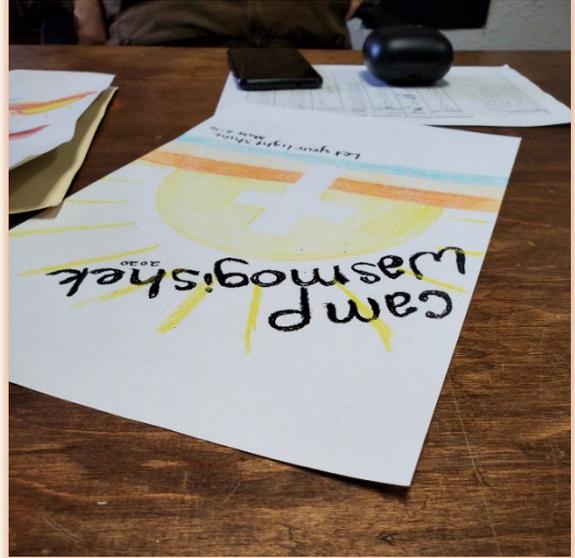
We are always looking for church groups and individuals who feel led by God to come serve with us during the summer months. We have a few weeks open yet but they seem to be filling up quickly. Feel free to contact our organization for any info on getting involved with our ministry. We are also looking for a specific work project to be done on one of our churches. If your group has a desire to set up a week long work trip we would love to hear from you!

We greatly appreciate your support for us and this ministry for all these years!

In September we began our 13th year of ministry and we look forward to all the things God has in store for the future!

Benjamin and Ashley Dewing  
Midwest Indian Mission  
Youth Ministry

## DESIGNING CAMP T-SHIRTS



## FIXING THE GYM ROOF



## BENJAMIN DRIVING THE FOOD TRUCK



## CLOTHING RECYCLING



## NEW HOPE SHELTER & TRANSITIONAL HOUSING

Micah Dewing, Shelter Director

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*So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.*

**Ephesians 4:11-13**

Actively working toward maturity every day, spending time productively, discipling one another, serving each other (even when it's inconvenient), tithing time as well as money; these are the things God is putting on my heart to work on this year. Coasting is easy, it's the path of least resistance. It's easier to listen to someone else lead, preach, pray, read, counsel, instruct, etc., but at some point we are only hindering our own growth and maturity when we let someone else do the work of faith building while we sit back and are entertained. There are certainly days when I lose focus or am overwhelmed to the point where it seems difficult just to feed and dress myself effectively, but that's when I need to be reminded that "...our struggle is not against flesh and blood, ...but against the spiritual forces of evil... Therefore put on the full armor of God". There is a time to be spoon fed the simple milk of scripture, and a time to hunt for the meat of the Word. There is a time to rest in the peace of His provision, and a time to go to war spiritually against my sinful selfish nature that wants to coast.

Winter here has been snowy yet mild temperature wise. Normally I might go skiing or sledding, fishing or snowshoeing but I haven't done any of those things this winter. The weather has been warmish (for us) but my ambition has gone south for the winter apparently. We did do a little local traveling, spent some time visiting with friends and enjoyed having a fire in the woodstove most days. It's been a nice quiet winter for me.

Michelle celebrated 20 years at her job at the end of February. She is in a position that challenges her in positive ways and she gets to help people which is very fulfilling. Her chickens have spent most of the winter freeloading, laying only 2-3 eggs a day. I suggested the stew pot but she has names for all of them and apparently there is a rule against eating chickens with names. Our youngest son, Jonah (17), continues to work part-time while he counts the days left in his senior year of high school. He is excited for baseball season and is looking forward to trap shooting as soon as the snow melts from the trap range. I think he plans on participating in every hunting season available to him this year, and loving every minute of it. Our oldest son Chase (21) is busy with work. He recently purchased his first home, closing on it Oct. 1<sup>st</sup>. He is also busy planning his fall 2020 wedding with his fiancé Brooke. This year is shaping up to be eventful with Jonah graduating high school, Chase and Brooke getting married, and Jonah going into the workforce this summer/fall. Please keep the changing dynamic of our family in prayer!

While we continue to raise funds for our Emergency Shelter program we are still sorting out the details of our Transitional Housing remodeling project. We know that it will be a long term project and that in the end it will likely be different than we expect right now. As always we are praying that God guides and directs this project and we trust His hand in all things. Please be in prayer with us that we continue to walk in His will and obedience to His plan.

We are half way through our 10<sup>th</sup> year of Emergency Shelter operations! Things here at the shelter are going well. As of this afternoon we currently have 2 single men, and one family of 3 in emergency shelter. We are serving a total of 3 households representing 5 people, occupying 2 of our 4 apartments. The 3<sup>rd</sup> apartment is occupied by our intern Russ who recently had gallbladder surgery. 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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*But grow in the grace and knowledge of  
our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. (NIV)*

**II Peter 3:18**

**PRAISES**

Mole Lake Pantry Support  
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**MISSION NEEDS**

Wasmogishek Food Pantry Funding  
2020 Homeless Shelter Funding  
2020 Transitional Housing Funding  
Small Bulldozer  
Playground Funding

**Feeding America is sponsoring a  
Mobile Food Pantry  
at 601 N. Summit, gym  
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**PRAYER**

Emergency Shelter Operations  
Addiction on the reservation  
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**Community CARE**

The mission has joined the **Community Care** program from **AmeriGas**. For each gallon you buy from **AmeriGas** they will donate \$.02. This will be given in support of New Hope Shelter. When you receive your bill, send in the **Community/School Days** receipt included with your bill to us here at P.O. Box 187, Crandon, WI 54520. We will collect them and send them on to **AmeriGas**. We can receive up to \$2,000 each year!!

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