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NEW HOPE



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LAKE LUCERNE GOSPEL CHAPEL

Don Dewing, Pastor

For the first time since we have been here, March 1975, we did not gather for Easter Breakfast or Easter Services. We never thought it would be so long before we could worship together again. Church opened up again on May 31 for those who were comfortable coming. We

continue to social distance on Sundays. It has been good to see people again! Don continues to preach through the book of Romans on Sunday mornings.

The planned women's Simulcast scheduled for April 25 with Priscilla Shirer was postponed. Our weekly in person Bible study was also cancelled.

The two furnaces that went out in February were repaired but need to be replaced. Finding parts was difficult. The estimate that we received to replace them is \$14,000. We will begin raising funds to replace them.

Continue to be in prayer with us as we reach out into the community sharing the good news that Jesus is the answer.

WABA NUN-NUNG GOSPEL CHAPEL

Richard Jensen, Pastor

Dear Friends,

The last three months have been times of change and adaptation for all of us. During March and the first part of April we studied the passion and resurrection of Christ from the Apostle John's perspective. When the pandemic hit in late March, we could no longer meet for Sunday services. At that time, we adapted as all churches have and started ministering using the internet. We stayed in touch with the church and community members through the phone and internet. We called each week to check on them and take any prayer requests. The weekly sermons are recorded as videos and posted on the church face book page.

We finished our study in John on Easter Sunday and resumed our study in I Corinthians. In the last weeks we have finished Paul's instruction on love and the spiritual gifts. We will begin to dig into the beautiful chapter Paul has written on the resurrection, chapter 15.

In junior church Cheryl was teaching the children about Christ being our sin bearer and bringing the message home through biblical teaching, memory verses and object lessons. That teaching ceased when the pandemic forced us to stop meeting for Sunday services. Cheryl still stays in touch as best she can with the children. We are now open for worship as of Sunday May 17th. The pandemic has not closed the pantries in the state so both our mission and church pantries remain open.



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SUNNYSIDE COMMUNITY CHURCH

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Hello from the Northwoods!

The world sure seems to have been tipped upside down and shaken, hasn't it? Yet the snow has slowly melted, the grass has turned green, the trees have leafed out, the robins have returned, and the days are certainly warmer than they were. Time goes on and the Earth still rotates around the sun, just as it has since the beginning of time. Those things set in motion by God during His creation aren't upset by the happenings of our lives. There is a sense of peace in that, though. God is in control, even when our world seems to be in chaos, right is said to be wrong and wrong is excepted as right, when nothings seems to be as it once was and people all over the globe are in turmoil. God still reins.

As almost everyone everywhere, we weren't able to meet as a church family from mid-March until mid-May. It was very strange to celebrate Easter at home, as I'm sure it was for you as well. Yet it isn't the building where we meet that's important, it's the remembrance of what our Savior did for all of mankind, for ever more, that's important. In this time of upheaval, we can show our neighbors and the people around us what it looks like to put the peace of God into practice. We have the ability to be grounded in this time of uncertainty, to not be thrown about with fear.

The Gospel is the good news and our world needs that good news now more than ever! Be the light that this world needs. You are a missionary right where you are to your family, to your neighbors, to your coworkers. Together, we can show this troubled, sin laden world of ours how the love and forgiveness from God can transform a person's life.

In Christs name, Adam & Jennifer Dewing



DON DEWING NEWS

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How odd it has been to be aware of all the guidelines and mandates during this pandemic and yet continue to minister to others. The Food Pantry was deemed essential so we continue to serve the community through the distribution of food. We are now prepacking 95% of what we give out. There is more prep work but we are keeping up. Some elders have not been coming out to the pantry and then we have seen new people coming to receive food. We appreciate the extra financial gifts coming in to buy food. Thanks!! Feeding America, our main resource, has limited what we can request. The demand for emergency food has been high and they have been busy providing food for pantries.

Our family is doing well as we all work through the closures; churches, college, public school, sports teams, Little League, Jonah's High School graduation and more. We have a "new normal", whatever that is! So much change.

Don and I, Teleka, continue with most of our weekly tasks. There is still much work that we both do at home that has not changed. Don is also preaching every Sunday via live stream.

Be in prayer for our family and the ministries in which we serve. Thank you so much for the financial gifts that have come in for our family. Pray for our health and strength. Megwitch, thank you.

Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen. Matthew 28:19-20 KJV

And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect.

Romans 12:2 NASB

JENSEN NEWS

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Dear Friends,

So many on social media proclaim, "We are in the last days!". Perhaps, as believers we need to just proclaim Christ and Him crucified, and risen. My thoughts have been on Psalm 139 and in Galatians. May I encourage you to have a hunger for God and His Word.

These are strange times. Never have I heard the word quarantine used so much. When our church was closed, the work still went on, and we continue to rebuild, by making contacts inviting people to come back and worship with us. People are spaced out, we have masks to hand out and use hand sanitizer and wipes. I taught one child last week. This week we will have a birthday party for kids having birthdays in May. If no one comes, then we will deliver treats to their home.

Easter and Mother's Day were quiet days at home. We delivered 22 gift bags to church family and our kids on Good Friday. Easter greeted us with 14 inches of snow! We delivered gifts to our church moms for Mother's Day.

In Christ,

Cheryl



MOLE LAKE
VBS 2012

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We have modified how we distribute food to maintain distance requirements but our people are still being assisted. The mission pantry has steady traffic of 5 to 10 families each week. In March our church pantry served 17 families, 8 in April and 8 in May. On the twelfth of this month the stay at home order was lifted. Thank you for your faithful prayer and support.

In His Service,
Pastor Richard Jensen

But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ, who, by the power that enables him to bring everything under his control, will transform our lowly bodies so that they will be like his glorious body.

Philippians 3:20-21 NIV

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.

The heart is deceitful above all things and beyond cure. Who can understand it? Jeremiah 17:9

Let your thinking be shaped and your attitude be determined by the Word of God. That is the best way to make a wise decision and to find abiding joy.

Above all else, guard your heart, for everything you do flows from it. Proverbs 4:23

- Pastor Richard Jensen



YOUTH MINISTRIES

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Family News

Summer is here and the weather is finally starting to come around.

With summer ministry and life being flipped upside-down, we have been trying to make the best of things. During the lock down we worked with the kids to complete their homework and keep us all busy with things around the house.

Hope had plans to stay in Green Bay for the summer but she had to move out of her dorm, like most college students. She finished her sophomore year with High Honors. She recently took a job at a local day care. She is looking forward to being back to school and “adulthood” again. We know that this wasn’t her plan to be home right now but for us it’s been a huge blessing. It has also been a joy to have her help with Sunday Worship!

Mason just finished the 7th grade and every day I see him growing into a nice young man. He recently started a lawn mowing business and has 7-8 lawns that he mows and maintains weekly in our community. He is saving for a truck but he has a couple summers to save. Most sports have been on hold or cancelled but the local traveling baseball team is still planning to attend two different tournaments this summer which makes him very excited.

JessiLee is now done with Elementary and is moving on to Middle School. It’s a strange feeling to have our baby be making this change. She is almost as tall as me and makes sure I’m reminded often. She cracks me up. Just like most of Mason’s sports, JessiLee’s sports have been cancelled. She is enjoying her little bit of “freedom” now that she is at this age when we will let her go downtown and ride her bike with friends. She is looking forward to school in the fall.

Benjamin has been busy with things at the mission, as well as things here at the house. We have been spending most Saturdays and now Tuesdays selling Kettle Korn to fundraise for the Mission Playground. This Saturday our church is hosting a viewing of Priscilla Shirer’s Going Beyond Simulcast. We have been busy with the cleaning,

planning, and making preparations for that for some time now. On Sundays, Benjamin is continuing running the sound booth for church and the girls and I have been helping to lead worship by ukulele and the accompaniment of Teleka on the piano. This summer, our family has decided to enjoy our time together and spend a couple weeks camping. We’re thankful for the chance to do that.

We would like to thank all of you for your prayers and support for our ministry, community, and our family. There is so much unknown for tomorrow but we trust in the Lord and His great plan. Blessings,

Benjamin, Ashley and Family

Youth News

What a strange time we are living in! But it is a good thing we serve a great and mighty God who is still in control!

Well, there hasn’t been much going on lately. We planned on having a busy summer, but it turns out it will be quite the opposite unfortunately. All of our summer events had to be cancelled this year. It just wasn’t in the best interest of anyone to continue as planned. Some states still had strict orders and weren’t able to travel. Some didn’t feel safe traveling and we didn’t feel it would be prudent to continue as planned with the current circumstances. It wasn’t an easy decision for us but again...God is in control and we prayerfully considered all the options. So I’ll slowly but surely chip away at a few projects this summer and we’ll probably enjoy a few camping trips as a family. We’ll hope things get back to a regular schedule soon. Feel free to contact us for planning for next summer as well! In the meantime, please continue to keep our ministry in your prayers. We appreciate your continued support. There is still plenty to do around the mission keeping things up and helping with the other ministries that are going on. It’s a strange season we’re all in but we trust in God to keep us focused on what He has placed in front of us! God Bless and continue to pray for one another!

Benjamin and Ashley Dewing
Youth ministry





A DOUBLE HANDFULL OF CANTEEN GOODNESS



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If I speak in the tongues of men or of angels, but do not have love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give all I possess to the poor and give over my body to hardship that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing. 1 Cor. 13:1-3

It's easier to love someone we agree with. It's easier to show love to someone we like or understand. It's easier to show love to someone we have a connection to, like an old family friend, co-worker, relative, or community member. It's easier to show love to people we disagree with if there is a relationship. We make allowances for differences of opinion when it's someone we love. When I hear the phrase "love is blind" I think of teenage infatuation, ignoring glaring flaws of incompatibility, but maybe we need to love a little more blindly. Love first, without qualification, without someone deserving it first, without someone having to earn it. Love does not mean "I agree with and condone every action and word". God's love is unconditional, he loves the person, not necessarily the action. In Matthew 5 Jesus tells us to "love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you." He didn't just say it without living it either. Jesus even asked the Father for forgiveness for the people that were crucifying Him. They didn't agree with or love Him, they were killing him, and yet He loved them enough to ask for the Father to forgive them, despite their lack of remorse or repentance. We're not perfect and love is hard work, both mentally and physically. I won't always succeed in living out Christ's love but He said without it my faith is nothing, so I try. It's not one of my strengths so I have to try harder. Love first. Love blindly. Love is action.

Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. 1 Cor. 13:4-7

This summer is starting off a little different than most but we'll see where God leads. I dislike change but every year I get a little better at adapting. It seems like this year will be an opportunity to practice that flexibility.

Michelle is still working full-time despite many lay-offs at her work. She is in a tough position, trying to keep up with the increased workload and she's concerned for her co-workers who are laid off. We are trusting God's plan. Her chickens are laying more eggs, keeping the yard more-or-less bug free, at the expense of paths and patios being covered in chicken droppings.

Our youngest son, Jonah (17), graduated high school this year. His graduation ceremony and celebration got moved into mid-July. He is working for a local landscaping company, rising with the birds to do physical labor all day. We are very proud of the hardworking man he is becoming. He was disappointed to miss out on all his spring sports and end of year school activities but he is adapting.

Our oldest son Chase (21) is busy with work. Last fall he purchased his first home and has been busy remodeling and landscaping. He is also busy planning his October wedding with his fiancé Brooke. We are excited!

Things at the shelter have been surprisingly normal. We didn't get a rush of applicants like we were worried we might. We extended our current residents to stay as long as they needed but everyone found a place to move in to relatively quickly. There are obviously still several barriers to housing and employment but thankfully our residents and staff have been able to stay safe and healthy here with us. Funding is always a concern as many of our grants come from private corporations which are struggling but we trust God's plan! 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. As of this afternoon we currently have 2 single men, and 3 single ladies in emergency shelter. 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. 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.

Thank you for your continued prayers and support!

In His Service, Micah Dewing - Shelter Director

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Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace

Ephesians 4:2-3

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