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NEW HOPE



SHELTER & TRANSITIONAL HOUSING



LAKE LUCERNE GOSPEL CHAPEL

Don Dewing, Pastor

The church has continued to live-stream the Sunday morning services which began back in October 2019. We are thankful people can still watch the services as they choose to stay home in this pandemic. A few continue to join us with in-person worship.

The second women's simulcast scheduled for September was canceled due to COVID. The outbreaks have hit a new high for us here in Forest County. Continue to keep the community in your prayers as COVID has come to the reservation too. Fear continues to follow many and we are drawing nearer to God for strength through these stressful times.

Don is preaching through Amos on Sunday mornings. Amos is all about repentance, an 'about face'. Which way are you going? Wednesday Bible Study, 6pm, will begin on October 14 studying Proverbs. Read one chapter in Proverbs every day and come join us.

We are still looking for additional funds for a furnace at the church. Thanks so much for those who have sent gifts!

May the Lord Bless you as you serve Him.

WABA NUN-NUNG GOSPEL CHAPEL

Richard Jensen, Pastor

Dear Friends,

The previous months have held many opportunities for challenge and adaptation. Once the state reopened, our study in I Corinthians became in-person instead of just virtual. As we studied chapter 15 we saw the proofs of the resurrection, the consequences of rejecting the resurrection, the significance of the resurrection, the nature of the resurrection, the incentives provided by the resurrection, and the theological implications of the resurrection. In chapter 16 we studied teaching on giving, qualities of an effective servant of God, and love within the Christian fellowship. We are now currently studying the book of Ruth, and learning of our kinsmen Redeemer, Jesus Christ. Some church members are still staying in because of the pandemic.

In Junior church Cheryl began teaching the children from passages in the Scripture that mention the eagle since it is so integral to all parts of native culture. These passages taught the children vital spiritual truths in a way that resonated with them. Currently she is having them memorize Galatians 5:22-23 and teaching about a different fruit of the Spirit each week. Many native people are still staying in because of COVID so Cheryl now has only two students, however those two students have been fairly consistent.



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DON DEWING NEWS

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Hello everyone!

Well, Autumn is in full swing here, with the leaves turning their various colors of orange, purple, red, and yellow. It truly is a breath taking sight! The nights are getting cooler and our warmer clothes are coming out of storage. Before we know it, snow flurries will be coming down from the heavens, adding another texture to view out our windows.

Our church services having been going well, with a few breaks due to some members being sick with COVID-19. They are all doing well and have recovered completely, for which we are very grateful for. We are studying the book of Genesis, going verse by verse, and discovering just how much important information is packed into a few chapters.

Our family is doing well. Adam is slowly being able to walk with just his shoes on and not with a walking boot. He still has pain and quite a bit of swelling in his foot, which we are guessing is being caused by one of the large screws in his ankle that we are sure will need to be taken out in November. Samuel, who is now 7, will also be having surgery in the next few months on his right leg. The tendon at his ankle is very tight and it doesn't allow his heel to touch the floor as he walks, leaving him to walk on the pad of his foot and his toes. We will have a conference with his orthopedic surgeon at the end of this month to talk about in detail what this surgery will entail.

The Forest County Potawatomi tribe has laid off the majority of their employees, which is particularly difficult in an already economically depressed community. The jobs are just not as forth coming as they may be in more populated areas. The amount of cases in our county is continuing to slowly rise and it is very obvious that it's no longer an "if" we will get sick, but "when".

Please keep all of us in your prayers, for the Lord is where we get our strength from. He is in control and we are so grateful to find peace in that! Please keep praying that we are able to not only apply that truth to our lives, but to also show to our community that this peace is possible and attainable.

In Jesus Christ's name, Adam & Jennifer Dewing

The whirlwind of the summer has ended with October bringing its own stories. The garden did not yield as much as in other years, but we still gave what we harvested. We continue to prepack bags of food to give out at Wasmogishek Food Pantry. We are starting to see a few more people come to get help stocking their own shelves at home. Feeding America has been key in our shelves having food. They have had many donations which in turn has offered more opportunities for us to order food. Many items are limited but we are working to keep the families we serve fed. We served over a 100 families in September.

Don has had a few more health tests and his doctors are trying a new medication to improve his health concerns. His cough seems to be lessening. Praise the Lord.

There seems to be a never ending list of tasks and ground work around the mission. Winter will be here sooner than we think it should, and a warm house and mission buildings need to be readied for the cold.

We ask you to consider sending winter items for us to give out including hats, gloves for adult men, mittens for all ages, warm socks and blankets.

Keep our family in prayer. Include both Don and I, Teleka's, health concerns. Remember our children and spouses Micah and Michelle, Adam and Jennifer and Benjamin and Ashley as they serve alongside us. Each ministry has its own set of challenges with COVID. Pray for our grandchildren as they tackle public school, college, work and home schooling. Our financial support has been in the Lord's hands. He provides well and we are grateful.

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*Seek you first the Kingdom and God
and His righteousness; and all these
things shall be added to you.*

Matt 6:33

JENSEN NEWS

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Dear Friends,

The summer has past, all hail the cooler time of Autumn! While the leaves are changing, the food is heartier and our clothes are warm and cozy, it is also a great reminder of our unchanging God.

My teaching is ever changing in attendance and style. I have two faithful young teens who still will attend because their dad doesn't care what they do, mostly. We will be taking three months to learn about the Fruits of the Spirit. STEM activities plus object lessons and a verse to memorize all make learning about our God interesting, since He is never dull! We sit in the adult service on the last Sunday to get them used to listening.

Birthdays are special to my kids, even with most staying home, they all get a birthday cake, fun candles, ice cream and flowers for my girls or balloons for my boys. I make this birthday bundle, put my face covering on and deliver.

"Because of the virus" is the new catch phrase. Since the big car race in Crandon, our cases of the virus have gone up. This has affected our church attendance and our end of month feasts have been canceled. One of our people caught the virus from taking his brother to the doctor. We trust all this will be healed so churches and individuals like you will come again to help us hold camp and VBS.

Family news: Josiah is home from deployment, I have yet to see him. Krystle is teaching third grade; grandkids are adjusting to a new school. Stephen and Jenna are still working on their house and living in Rhinelander. Daniel also has felt the pull to move there to be closer to work. We welcome Cat to our family, Daniel's girlfriend. Hannah seems to be in a holding pattern, having orders for Germany but no leave date.

My cabin fever relief plan for the coming colder months is to sew scarves, mittens, glittens, and fingerless gloves. They will be used as an outreach gift along with a printed verse. This will serve as a door opener for conversation.

Thank you for your continued support for us. All of you are important to us.

Love In Christ, Cheryl

Waba Nun-Nung News continued from page 1

We had neither VBS or camp this year because the summer groups canceled, and the tribes made it clear they did not want to send their children until the pandemic is over.

Both pantries have seen a drop in traffic. The mission pantry only sees three to five people each Wednesday. Our church pantry has three to seven families coming each month. This is a significant drop from the number of families before pandemic, when it was between eight and seventeen. Only recently are we allowed to visit people in the hospital again, and a mask is required. Thank you for your prayer and support.

In His Service,

Pastor Richard Jensen



May the Lord repay you for what you have done. May you be richly rewarded by the Lord, the God of Israel, under whose wings you have come to take refuge.

Ruth 2:12 NIV



YOUTH MINISTRIES

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Family News

The cold crisp air is here, the leaves are in full color, and we're reminded how thankful we are to see such beauty every year. The year sure has been flying by and here is what our family has been up to lately.

Hope is thankful to be back on campus and back to class. It is a sense of normalcy for her and she enjoys being able to be in her own place, on her own time, and of course, being with her CRU friends. College this year will come with a few changes but so far she still has at least one class in person.

Mason is in 8th grade now. He is currently in Cross Country and Football. Due to COVID and a few injuries, they have been forced to play 8 man which makes it very interesting never leaving the football field. We're hoping that the wrestling season will still take place but time will tell.

JessiLee is now in Middle School and enjoying all the things that comes with being a 6th grader. She joined Cross Country this year and at this point isn't sure if it's something that she truly enjoys but she plans to carry out the season. She recently had a minor surgery to remove a mass on her eyebrow so she had to take a break from practices and meets.

The two younger kids were back to school (in-person) and for the most part things had been as normal as they could be until last week. Our school has decided to go virtual for the next 2 weeks because of the rise in COVID cases. Most things have been placed on hold and I'm currently not driving bus so there has been a change in income and routine, once again. We're trusting in the Lord and His plan.

Benjamin has been busy working around the mission and finishing up some things on the playground. He is still running the tech side of our church services and has filled pulpit when needed. This next week will be operation "keep us warm". We will be cutting, splitting, and stacking our firewood for heating our home this winter.

Like I mentioned, driving bus and seeing the kids on the Mole Lake reservation will be put on hold for a while. I have been helping lead songs and

playing music during worship at church and helping women in our community have access to Bible Studies and devotionals that were left over from a women's simulcast event that we had to cancel.

So many things are unknown at this time but we know that leaning on the Lord and continuing to pray for our communities, families, and ministry is a must. Please pray with us as we move into the future. Thank you for all your support for our family and ministry. Your prayers are always appreciated and welcomed. We pray that you and yours stay safe and healthy.

Benjamin, Ashley, Hope, Mason, and JessiLee



Youth News

Hello again!

I hope this update finds you well! We are doing well despite the current state of our country. The risk of wide spread infection had caused a major ripple in youth ministry among the tribes we work with. There wasn't any summer ministry to be had this summer. The tribes, and other places around are very reluctant to open up for gathering together, especially with kid's activities, which we can understand. This fall hasn't been much different, so we continue to do what God has in front of us. There is no shortage of things to do within the mission.

Please be in prayer for our winter ministry options and the upcoming planning for next year's summer events.

I did manage to construct a new playground this summer. The building of that has been fun! We will complete the final finishing touches next spring!

We thank all of you for your continued support and encouragement for our ministry.

Continue to keep the ministry in your prayers as well as our family as we continue to do foster care.

God Bless!

Benjamin and Ashley Dewing
Youth ministry



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**"SUMMER CAMP"
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NEW HOPE SHELTER & TRANSITIONAL HOUSING

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All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work. 2 Timothy 3:16-17

When I read this passage I hear a lot of questions in my head. I ask myself, *am I “thoroughly equipped”? Are my children? Obviously it’s an ongoing process, not an event. Am I actively working towards it? Am I avoiding it at times for fear of responsibility? Am I avoiding rebuke or correction in myself or others for fear of hurt feelings? If I understand the study of scripture as “training”, like in a gym, am I overweight and out of shape spiritually? Round is a shape right? Am I taking my training seriously enough? Did I do anything today to continue in my training? I made some firewood, does that count? I cemented a post in the ground, how about that?* I think it’s important to have these conversations with ourselves, that we continually reflect on scripture to both challenge and drive us to actively fight the spiritual status quo. As short-sighted as it is, some days it feels easier to make firewood, but nevertheless we persevere.

While this summer was busy, it was a different kind of busy than a normal year. We adapted and remained flexible and the Lord placed in front of us tasks to accomplish.

Michelle is currently working both from home and in the office, alternating her schedule several days a week. Her employer is adapting new methods to remain both productive and safe. We are thankful to both remain employed. We are excited to do some fall camping throughout the month of October.

Our youngest son, Jonah (18), is working part-time jobs when he can find them while looking for full-time work. We are very proud of the hardworking man he is becoming.

Our oldest son Chase (22) JUST GOT MARRIED!! We are so blessed to welcome our new daughter-in-love Brooke to the family! Their wedding was a challenge to facilitate this year but they pulled it off with flying colors. They were hoping to have a honeymoon this fall but with the current travel restrictions they are now planning for mid-winter.

Things at the shelter have been mostly normal. We are currently bursting at the seams with residents, using our transitional housing apartments as overflow for emergency shelter rooms. 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 and for some reason this year more than most 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, 3 single ladies, and a family of 5 in emergency shelter. We had 2 men check out last week. 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.

For the last several months we have had a new volunteer here at the shelter, working with the residents as a case manager. His name is Fran and he is a biblically-based Christian counselor. He spends time talking with the residents, focusing on their mental health and spiritual needs. He has been a blessing to work and fellowship with. Please keep him in your prayers as he ministers to our residents.

Kathy, Eugene, Russ and Fran 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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I solemnly urge you in the presence of God and Christ Jesus, who will someday judge the living and the dead when he comes to set up his Kingdom: Preach the word of God. Be prepared, whether the time is favorable or not. Patiently correct, rebuke, and encourage your people with good teaching. 2 Timothy 4:1-2

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