



**MIDWEST INDIAN MISSION, INC.**

## **CHIPPEWATOMI NEWS**

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**NEW HOPE**



SHELTER & TRANSITIONAL HOUSING



### **LAKE LUCERNE GOSPEL CHAPEL**

Don Dewing, Pastor

We are blessed to have the freedom to worship each week. Services are at 10:15. Don announced that he would like to invite the community to return to in-person worship by Easter Sunday, April 4th and then beyond. The church will continue to live stream the Sunday worship services as we did before Covid. It has been a long year with the pandemic and so many people quarantined at home. Both the Potawatomi and Chippewa communities have lost tribal members to Covid and many others have had the virus and are still with us. Continue to pray for the many families that are hurting.

Don started preaching through the book of Acts in February. As we walk the Jesus road the book of Acts teaches us how we can be led by the Holy Spirit, receive guidance as we walk daily in the power of the Holy Spirit and reach out to others to share the message of the risen Jesus. Bible Studies continue each Wednesday night at 6pm at the church. Join us.

May the Lord Bless you.

### **WABA NUN-NUNG GOSPEL CHAPEL**

Richard Jensen, Pastor

Dear Friends,

The first three months of the year have been filled with change. Wisconsin was a hot spot for Covid infections for about three months but in January we were able to open church for corporate worship. It was good to meet in person and fellowship. We followed safety guidelines using masks and social distancing. The pandemic has taken its toll on the community, most recently taking the life of a twenty eight year old man. About half the congregation has returned. We are still posting the sermons on line for those who are still remaining at home. We will take a break from our study in Luke to look at the atoning death and resurrection of Christ for two Sundays. Our Good Friday service will be at three pm. The children have been returning to church somewhat sporadically. Cheryl is always prepared and is ready to teach in a variety of creative ways. She is currently using the wordless book to teach the gospel.

The pantry traffic has been picking up. We served three families in January and nine in February. These are ideal opportunities to build relationships with community members, pray with them and share the gospel. Most recently we saw an answer to prayer when numerous food boxes were left over from a Mission food distribution. We can now focus on eleven families who have a need in Mole Lake. We will deliver the food, do wellness checks, pray with them and hold out the hope of the gospel. This is a great opportunity to do visiting even if it's only on the front porch.



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# SUNNYSIDE COMMUNITY CHURCH

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Greetings in Christ's name!

As we end one season and enter another one, we look forward to the new growth of life here in the north woods. I love spring and it's happening rather quickly here! Most of our snow has disappeared, leaving behind the never ending mud and muck. It's a reality, though, that most of us look forward to, for it means that the warmth of Summer is approaching! It's also a constant reminder that life always has a chance to return, if given the right ingredients.

Our family is doing well and it looks like things are on track for our school year to end a bit early come May. We've had a good year! This is our 13th year of homeschooling so I have plenty of experience to compare to. Grace, our 2nd eldest, graduates from high school this year and has plans to receive her HSED (high school equivalency diploma) as soon as she can. Adam's foot is finally healed and that is a relief to have that behind us! Samuel, who is now 7, will be having surgery to lengthen his Achilles tendon on his left foot. This will be done in hopes that it will correct the drop foot he has suffered with since his accident. His tendon is too tight and will not allow his foot to be pulled up in the normal way. It is unknown how long his recovery and rehab will be, or if this surgery will even work, so please keep him in your prayers.

We are currently going through Genesis in church and it has been fascinating with all the bits of history that help explain how and why things are the way they are today. If you have never done an in-depth study of Genesis, I strongly encourage you to do so!

Thank you for praying for both us and our community! We are a small group at Sunnyside Community Church, but we are 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. Each one of you are a part of this body as well and each one of us are just as precious and needed as the other. The body of Christ is a beautiful entity! In Christ's name, Adam and Jennifer



## DON DEWING NEWS

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March is here already! We are surprised that the snow is mostly gone. We tapped trees and boiled the sap into maple syrup, spring has arrived! God continues to give us of His abundance.

On March 23, 1975 we arrived here in Crandon to start our journey working with Midwest Indian

Mission. At that time, we had no idea what the future held, what a blessing it has been. We arrived as two and are, with our sons and families, now 25! As we start year



47 we ask for your prayers for the ministry here and for us as we age. We sure are not able to do what we did when we were in our twenties, but we are excited to see what the Lord has in store for us.

The food pantry is quite busy and thanks to so many people we have food to share with many others. In the last four weeks we have given food to more than 300 families! Thank you Lord.

Bible studies and morning worship services continue each Sunday. We continue to live stream the worship services. Don has announced that he would encourage our congregation to return to in person church services for Easter Sunday and beyond. Continue to pray that as God opens doors that we would walk through them in His strength. Migwetch! Thanks.



*Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplications with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God. Philippians 4:6 NASB*



## JENSEN NEWS

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Jensen

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Dear Friends,

I wanted to share some thoughts as I am watching our snow melt. Our ministry is like the Doxology song. Let us consider the words:

*Praise God from whom all BLESSINGS flow;* serving the Father faithfully with personal Bible study then studying for preaching and teaching on Sunday, giving food and other outreach activities.

*Praise Him all creatures here below;* our wildlife all hidden for the winter except the deer. We opened church again in January. It was our first time missing the celebration of Christmas as a church family. It was good to see their faces as we delivered gift bags to families. Rejoicing even getting a year older, vintage!

*Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;* when hearts turn cold, and ears seem to be closed, we are thankful for every open door to share Christ. Sometimes an ordinary day turns to a God appointment. Each child that comes, each new person attending service, each birthday cake delivered we praise Him for His opened doors. We praise Him for His watch, care, and work in our lives.

*Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost;* We thank God for the message of redemption through Christ. We thank Him for you who are like Aaron and Hur holding up the arms of Moses for the win of the hearts and lives of the people of Mole Lake.

Amen, with our love in Christ, Cheryl.

In His Service,

Cheryl Jensen

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*So if the Son sets you free, you  
will be free indeed.*

**John 8:36 NIV**

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Earlier this month we visited our home church in Maryland to report on the ministry. It was a joy to share the ministry with those at Faith Community Church and to catch up with old friends and make some new ones. As always we greatly appreciate your prayer and support.

In His Service,

Pastor Richard Jensen





## YOUTH MINISTRIES

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### Family News

Spring is here and soon green grass, flowers, and signs of growth will be all around. With Spring comes many things happening here for our family.

Even though Hope is in the tail end of her school year she's been able to take some much needed vacation time to relax and take break for a couple weeks. After the new adjustments and changes to this school year I'm sure her time away is much appreciated. She's enjoying her time adulting at UWGB and leading at CRU.



Mason just finished his middle school Folkstyle wrestling career with 6th place at Wisconsin State Championships. He has been putting in a lot of time and dedication to make that possible. He will now be starting the Freestyle and Greco-Roman style wrestling season.

JessiLee has joined club volleyball here in town. This is her first year having a chance to be on a team and not just a team manager. She's enjoying her time and soaking up all she can learn.

The kids sure keep us active but we enjoy keeping up with them. We're still doing foster care as well and that in itself keeps us very busy.

Benjamin has been helping a friend from time to time with some construction projects between helping out at the mission and filling pulpit when needed. He decided to take a year off from making maple syrup but I'm pretty sure we have enough to get us through. I've been struggling with some unforeseen health issues since last summer and things have been quite interesting lately with new symptoms, struggles, and changes. Even though I'm



still helping lead songs on Sunday and driving bus, these health issues make some daily tasks difficult at times to complete. We're praying that answers will come and a plan will be in place at that time.

Please pray for the native youth in our community, our family, as well as God's plans for the months ahead. Thank you for your continued prayers and support for our family and ministry.



### Youth News

Greetings!!

It's spring time and the sun is definitely warming things up! We are also gearing up for what we hope is a bit more of a normal summer than the last. We are actually planning a few events for the summer so that's encouraging! We haven't been able to do much over the past year but we'll get back to the normal swing of things soon, Lord willing!

We plan on having our summer camp this July. If you or your group would like to help out in any capacity with that please contact us. If there is another time during the summer that you or your group would like to get involved, we would be more than happy to accommodate you.

This past year was difficult to say the least. Having to cancel everything for the first time that I can remember was tough but God is still in control and we trust that we did the right thing. We will continue to trust that God is always orchestrating our steps and we will continue to be faithful in our work.

Please be in prayer with us for the summer ministry opportunities that come before us. We also thank those who continually support us financially and prayerfully during everything we do! You are all appreciated greatly!

God Bless!

Benjamin and Ashley Dewing  
Youth Ministry





**PREPPING THE GARDEN**



**FOOD GIVEAWAY**



**NEW PANTRY REFRIGERATOR!**



**UPDATING MISSION SIGNS**





## NEW HOPE SHELTER & TRANSITIONAL HOUSING

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*In God, whose word I praise, in the Lord, whose word I praise –  
in God I trust and am not afraid. What can man do to me?*

### **Psalm 56:10-11**

Some days it seems like the world has lost its mind. I wonder, did it ever have it? Should we expect a lost world to make sense? Should we feel at home and at peace in this now foreign land? It feels like the times are uncertain. Have they ever been certain? David said: “...in

*God I trust and am not afraid.”* It seems to me that we should not trust in our own peace, but rather trust in the Living God to sustain us no matter the storm. I may still be a little worried what man can do to me but I am not afraid.

This winter has been steady but never overwhelming. It has been nice to be able to keep up instead of feeling like I'm falling behind. Our winter weather has been more mild than usual and spring is here right on schedule. I think (hope) mud season will be over soon and we can get to all those summer projects we've been planning.

Michelle has gone back to working from the office almost entirely. While she enjoyed working from home our dog was getting a little too used to her being home all the time and got a little jealous when I would sit next to her on the couch. He'd begun to think he needed to sleep in our bed too. Needless to say he's been enjoying his kennel a little more frequently than he would like. I was here first and I intend to defend my claim.

Our youngest son, Jonah (18), was working full-time at a local manufacturer but has been recently laid-off for a few weeks. He's hoping to go back to work soon. Those weekly paychecks get rather addictive. The combination of an old truck and no income makes life hard for a busy young man.

Our oldest son Chase and his wife Brooke are settling into married life wonderfully. They recently adopted a second dog to their household and are learning the joys of chasing two rambunctious puppies instead of just one. They have both been blessed to keep their jobs throughout the last year. They are still hoping to have a honeymoon someday but travel restrictions keep pushing that date farther into the future than they would like.

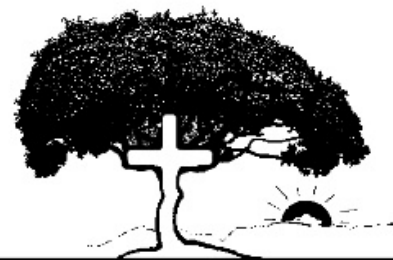
Things at the shelter have been mostly normal. We are currently down to one resident in emergency shelter while transitional housing is full. There are still many barriers to housing and employment but thankfully our residents and staff have been able to stay safe and healthy here with us. Funding is always a concern and for some reason this year more than most. Much of our funding comes from individual contributions and 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. We continue to 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, Russ and Tina 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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*The Lord is my rock, my fortress and my deliverer; my God is my rock, in whom I take refuge, my shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.*

**Psalm 18:2**

**PRAISES**

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Staff Travelling  
Samuel's Surgery

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DRIVE-THRU Mobile Food Pantry**

(age 55 and older)

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