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NEW HOPE



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LAKE LUCERNE GOSPEL CHAPEL

Don Dewing, Pastor

We are thankful that our church is open and able to have people coming and worshipping together. This past year has been difficult with Covid and social distancing. We are thankful that we can live stream and reach people where they are. Some people are still cautious about meeting in person

but more families have been returning to church which is encouraging. Sunday morning services are at 10:00 am. The Live Stream begins at 10:15am. Bible Studies will resume in September on Wednesday at 6pm at the church. Join us!

Thank you to the group from Village Church of Bartlett, Illinois, that came to minister to the children and youth in June. It was great to have youth come together in person!

Don has been preaching through the book of Acts for Sunday worship. Profess Jesus. Be committed to Jesus. Be bold and courageous in your walk. Be thankful through persecution. Be a Barnabas. Share Jesus. Continue to pray for the church here on the Potawatomi Reservation.

WABA NUN-NUNG GOSPEL CHAPEL

Richard Jensen, Pastor

Dear Friends,

We are joyful and we are thankful because of all that God has done in the last six months. Since the fear over Covid is subsiding we have been able to get into the community and visit more people in their homes, having opportunities to share their lives, pray for them and bring them the hope of the gospel of Christ.

Early in April, the mission pantry was still quiet, having few or no families each week. As April progressed and on into May traffic increased. It has continued to remain steady through June, July and August. Most of those who came allowed us to pray with or for them. Many opened up and shared their burdens with us. One lady shared with me that she had Covid and came close to death. I was able to share with her the life giving hope of the gospel and pray for her. Another came grieving over the death of a family member and seeking peace. Cheryl shared with her the lasting peace that comes through a relationship with Christ. This past week thirteen families came. We prayed for each one and I was able to share with a young man suffering with depression and struggling with addiction how Christ can set him free. The church pantry has also given an abundance of opportunities. We have ongoing relationships with some who come each month, and they keep us updated as we pray for their specific needs. The monthly church pantry serves anywhere from six to twelve families.



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SUNNYSIDE COMMUNITY CHURCH

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Hello from Wisconsin!

It's hard to believe that it's the end of Summer already! Some of the leaves are turning, reminding us that time waits for no one regardless of what's happening. We know who set our world in motion and that knowledge brings such comfort in times of chaos and uncertainty.

In our last letter, I mentioned that Samuel was having surgery to lengthen his Achilles tendon. I am happy to report that it was a success! He has more control of his foot and is able to walk with more of a normal gait. With continued exercises and stretches, his muscles are slowly regaining the strength they need. Thank you to everyone who has prayed for our son. There are still surgeries and changes in his future but for now, things are going well.

We started school at the beginning of August and things have been going quite smoothly. Elisha and Samuel are both in 2nd grade, Caleb and Damaris are in 6th grade, Nathaniel is in 8th grade, Malachi is in 9th grade, and Isaac is in 11th grade. Isaac also recently began taking flying lessons, with the immediate goal of attaining his private license (which should be somewhere around the 1st of the year). He has known since he was a young boy that the Lord is calling him to be a missionary pilot and the reality that he is now able to begin that training is exciting! It is possible for him to continue with this flight school to become a fully accredited pilot (with the exception of 2 endorsements) by the time he graduates high school in the Spring of 2023. Please pray for clarity with this route and that the Lord provides the money to do so (it'll be a total of \$20,000).

Our 2 eldest daughters have opened a wood fired pizza take-out business and it is going so well! We built an addition on to our commercial kitchen so there is plenty of room for their pizza oven with room to serve customers. In a small town like ours starting a new business is a risk. The Lord has been gracious to them by sending the customers they need.

As a church, we are still going through Genesis (it has so much in there to talk about!). It has been so interesting to see that human behavior, assumptions, and relationships really haven't changed in the past 4,000 years. We still deal with our flesh, with our selfish ambitions, with our volatile emotions. Reading about real people who struggled with the very issues that we still deal with today and didn't have access to the Holy Spirit, as we do, brings into focus just how amazing the opportunity we have is. We have the ability to not only

resist the temptations brought to us by our human nature, we have the ability to be changed into something so much better than what we are on our own. This is a privilege that the people in Genesis didn't have access to.

Thank you all so much for your prayers and your continued support! Truly, without you, we could not keep doing the tasks in front of us like we are able to. That is the beauty of the Body of Christ! We all have different "jobs" yet we are all crucial to the furthering of the Kingdom of God.

In Christ's name, Adam & Jennifer Dewing

DON DEWING NEWS

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The pantry garden has done well this summer. We are still picking green beans, cucumbers, squash, carrots, beets, and waiting for the sugar pumpkins to ripen. The people have enjoyed having fresh vegetables to add to their tables. We have been blessed with numerous donations of food from two other food pantries. Feeding America has also had much to give. The Food To Table program as well as the Senior Hunger Boxes have given more food to those we serve. We have had about 125 families come each time to receive food. Since Covid our numbers have declined. We are serving about 70 families each month. The Lord is providing for the need to keep the shelves stocked.

We celebrated 47 years of marriage on August 3. The Lord continues to encourage us to trust Him and our family to Him. Granddaughter Grace graduated from High School and granddaughter Hope headed back for her senior year at UW Green Bay where she is studying Elementary Education. Our oldest grandchild, Chase, was 23 in July! Son Micah had emergency surgery in August to remove his gallbladder. Our family of 26 is growing and changing! We look forward to what the Lord has in store for us this coming year.

We enjoyed visits from three supporting families this summer. Two from Illinois and one from Wisconsin. Thanks to all of you who continue to remember us in prayer as well as financial gifts.

Don's Sarcoidosis continues to flare which results in more difficulty breathing. He does not enjoy having to pace himself when working. We are praying that the Lord would heal his body. I, Teleka, am grateful that I have been able to keep up with the ever growing garden. It grows even if I am behind on weeding! Both of us are slowing down as age increases but the Lord continues to use us in His ministry.

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

Don and Teleka Dewing

JENSEN NEWS

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In Church we are moving expositionally through Luke. Currently we are in chapter six studying Jesus early ministry. We also had two topical sermons during the past few months, one a character study of Epaphroditus and one on Biblical prophecy and how it relates to current world events. In junior church good changes are happening. Early on Cheryl had children to teach only sporadically. Now she has children nearly every week. Cheryl is currently teaching the children the parables. In July we had a VBS from the 5th to the 8th. About a dozen children came. We had our annual church picnic early in August. It was well attended and we enjoyed worshiping and sharing a meal at the lake. Thank you for your prayer and support.



In His Service,

Pastor Richard Jensen

Luke 5:20



When Jesus saw their faith, he said, "Friend, your sins are forgiven."

John 8:36 NIV



YOUTH MINISTRIES

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Family News

Summer is coming to a close, school is starting, and we're excited to get into a routine again.

Hope is in her senior year at UW Green Bay. The anticipation of what the future holds for her is exciting. We're so proud of her drive to pursue her desire to work with children. She will be an amazing teacher. The chance she will have to make an impact will be great. We trust that the Lord will continue to guide her in all she does.

Mason is now a freshman in high school. It's crazy how fast this came up. Within the next couple months, he will have his temporary license and start wrestling season but first he has to recover from yet another toe surgery. We would appreciate the prayers for his recovery as well as this being the end of any issues.

JessiLee is in 7th grade, can you believe it!?!? This is the first year that she will be able to play volleyball for the school and she couldn't be more excited. She was able to attend a volleyball camp several weeks ago at UW Oshkosh and this only helped to grow her love of the sport. We can't wait to see her play!

Benjamin has been occasionally lending a hand to a friend in construction between preparing for winter and youth group here at the mission. I'm still doing freelance makeup as well as getting back to driving my bus route for the children on one of the reservations we work with. We have been doing whatever we can at church from leading worship to running the sound booth to Benjamin filling pulpit when needed. Benjamin and I recently celebrated 16 years of marriage as well as 14 years of sobriety. Without the Lord, none of this would be possible.

Our family ministry is still providing love, support, and stability through foster care for native youth. As challenging as this can be at times, we know that this is what the Lord desires for our family.

We ask that you please add us into your prayer time; specifically, for our family with the transitions of foster children in and out of our home; the child that we have the honor of having in our

home; as well as the children in the community. Also remember Mason as he continues to heal from surgery; Hope as she prepares for a new chapter; Jess as she is blooming into a young woman; and Benjamin and I as we follow God's lead for our home and ministries.

Your brother and sister in Christ,
Benjamin Dewing family

Youth News

Hello again! We hope this letter finds you well. We've had a great summer and are getting ready to start another year of school.

We praise God that we we're able to hold a few ministry events this summer!! It was nice to be able to get back to things feeling normal again!! Hopefully we can continue on throughout the school year without any setbacks.

This summer started off with a group that's been coming for some time now. They have been extremely great over the years! The Village Church of Bartlett, IL came and served at the church in Stone Lake by running an outreach event with different games and sports every night. We had a smaller attendance that week but some new faces came out and we had a great time throughout the week!! It was nice to finally get back in the community! During the week the group was also able to help with several projects around the mission. They helped erect the majority of a new bunk house and also helped finish some of the work on our newly constructed playground. They helped with a few other odds and ends around the property as well.

Our next event was in the Mole Lake community at the church there. A group from Pontiac Methodist in Illinois came and helped us with that event! We had a good group of kids come out during the week. We were able to share and play and fellowship with the kids and were able to invite a few of them to come to our summer camp that was happening the very next week! The group also helped finish off our newly constructed bunk house and build bunk beds for it. They also helped us get things ready for the upcoming week for our overnight summer camp that we host every year.

We were excited to be able to have camp this summer! There was a lot of scrambling around for help this year, but God is always good to provide!! We had a great week with about 30 youth from the surrounding communities!

Youth News continued

We had camp help from all over! A few willing youth from our supporting church in Bartlett, some family from Chicago and Ohio, and some of our own kids from the local tribes stepped up and helped out as counselors this year! We had a great time and were able to share God's Word with kids all week! The week was enjoyable as always. The mission staff that helped with everything from the kitchen to the evening service and everything in-between was greatly appreciated!

We were also able to take a summers end trip down to Six Flags (amusement park) with a few of our camp counselors as a thank you for all their hard work. We look forward to having them and more involved in our weekly youth groups during the school year!

We're already looking forward to next summer!! We are always looking for churches to bring groups up and serve with us every summer!! Groups can do anything from helping out with camp, running VBS or just giving a week's worth of manual labor!! We are in need of some teams doing service projects in the upcoming year. Please don't hesitate to reach out and find out how God can use you or your group to serve in many different ways.

Please be in prayer with us as we continue to do ministry in many different ways. Whether it's through foster care, serving in the community, church youth groups, outreach events, God never ceases to provide for His ministry in multiple ways and through multiple people!

We thank each and every one of you who support us in many ways! If you would like to hear from us in person at your church, please do reach out. We will be out and about in a couple of areas this fall. Please be in prayer for the youth in our community, and for the upcoming school year, and also for us as we continue to follow Gods plan for His ministry.

Thanks for reading and God Bless!

Benjamin and Ashley Dewing -Youth Ministry



Sawing Logs



Badger Cabin



**Campfire
Tug-of-War
Group Picture**



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Again, a second time, the voice said to him, "What God has made clean, do not call impure." Acts 10:15 CSB

As an unclean gentile myself, I'm pretty fond of this verse. I'm also guilty, as Peter was for a minute, of completely misunderstanding the meaning behind it. In my defense I got distracted by the delicious prospects of the potential food in the vision, pork chops, bacon, ham, etc. I shouldn't feel too bad, God showed the vision to Peter three times and spoke to him directly and he was still perplexed until the meaning literally knocked on his front door. Today I am thankful God is patient with me. He recognizes my ignorance and sends truth knocking on my front door. Holding my hand like the child I am, He teaches me and gives me opportunity to live what I learn. He watches me fail and grow, perfect in His tolerance, forgiveness, and love.

This summer has been warmer than usual and I appreciate that everything has its time and season. It's been nice to see the gardens flourish, the birds flock to the feeders, and watch the small children wander barefoot in the woods. While I love the sun and the long summer days, I am ready for the cooler fall weather. The satisfaction of a stockpile of split firewood, baskets of gathered apples, and the smell of a wood fire welcoming me back into the house for a warm bowl of chili are the hallmarks of my fall.

Michelle has been splitting her time between work, and a garden addiction that has gotten out of control. We've got beans, peas, carrots, potatoes and who-knows-what-else growing out of every spare nook and cranny in the backyard. I've been thinking of covertly importing and training some neighborhood rabbits to climb up into, and pare back the overflowing raised beds. If there were more room for me to sleep in the chicken coop, I might risk it. The chickens are in trouble as it is, not being able to restrain themselves from wreaking havoc on the grape vines, blueberry blackberry and raspberry bushes. The only upside is that if they stop laying eggs we should have a fruity sweet chicken stew to look forward to!

Our youngest son, Jonah (19), took a job working for a local asphalt company this summer and has been enjoying learning to run all the equipment that entails. He is working towards getting his CDL this fall in between several dozen hunting seasons that will fill our freezers to bursting before they are finished. So far his weekly paychecks have exceeded the needs of his old truck, but just barely. It will be interesting to see how his winter layoff coexists with a rigorous hunting and fishing habit.

Our oldest son Chase (23) and his wife Brooke are enjoying working on their house, remodeling, painting, decorating, and otherwise making it theirs. They still haven't gotten a chance to go on their honeymoon yet, hoping that travel restrictions and quarantine worries would ease up this summer but they haven't. The trip is paid for already but they are in danger of losing it entirely if they don't travel by March. Between 2 full-time jobs, Brooke finishing up her degree, and two rambunctious rescue dogs, they stay plenty busy.

Things at the shelter have been mostly normal and steadily busy. We are currently full for both emergency shelter and transitional housing programs. There are some barriers to housing but employment opportunities are more available than is usual for this area. 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. Most of our funding comes from churches, individual contributions, and private corporations, which are struggling but we trust God's plan! Some doors are closing while others are opening. 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 in 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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I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me, because He considered me faithful, putting me into service. I Tim 1:12 NASB

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