



MIDWEST INDIAN MISSION, INC.

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NEW HOPE



LAKE LUCERNE GOSPEL CHAPEL

Don Dewing, Pastor

Pastor Don's theme for church this year is Rediscover The Word. On Ash Wednesday, Feb 22 the church was open to anyone from 5:00am-8pm. An audio version of the New Testament was played for those 15 hours. People came to church in the quiet and listened to the Word, were in prayer and meditated on His message.

On May 4th, The National Day of Prayer, the church will be open from 5:00am-7pm in which an audio version of the Old Testament will be read. Join us anytime on that day.

Don is preaching through I Thessalonians on Sunday morning. The 6pm Bible Study on Wednesday is studying the book of Titus. Join us.

Good Friday services, April 7th, will be held at 1:00pm. There will be an Easter morning breakfast followed by morning worship at 10:15am. The service is also live streamed.

Keep the community in prayer.

WABA NUN-NUNG GOSPEL CHAPEL

Richard Jensen, Pastor

Dear Friends,

The last three months have been busy and we are grateful for the work God has been doing. On Sunday mornings we studied in Luke until the first of this month. In March we began a study in Isaiah 53 with an introduction in Isaiah 52:13-15. In Junior Church Cheryl was teaching the children about the I AM statements of Christ in January, the love of God in February, and now John 3 in March. The church pantry has been steady serving 6 to 10 families every month. The mission pantry has been very busy with up to 13 families each week. The conversations in pantry have given many opportunities for prayer and witness.

We inaugurated two new ministries in January. Our men's fellowship began meeting twice a month. We have 6 to 7 men that come every other week for Bible study, fellowship, and a meal on Saturday mornings. We are using videos from the "Authentic Manhood" series and the men are finding it quite helpful. Cheryl also began her "Ladies Gathering" meeting twice a month in January every other Thursday. They have been studying the gospel of John together, sharing a meal and crafts. Three to five women attend these meetings consistently. We are so grateful for your prayers and support.

In His service, Pastor Richard Jensen



SUNNYSIDE COMMUNITY CHURCH

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Hello to all in our Saviors name! It is the beginning of March already and winter seems to have remembered that it forgot to snow in December, January, and February! We have gotten many, many inches of snow within the last 2-3 weeks. This winter was an interesting one; being unusually warm and where we got the majority of our snow within the last 30 days!

Our family is doing well. Our eldest son, Isaac, graduates from high school this year, along with finishing up his licensing for being a pilot. Our 5th child, Nathaniel, is due to start driver's education soon and the list goes on and on about the many different ways our children are becoming adults! It makes me a bit sad to know the time is moving so quickly, yet I'm also excited to see what the Lord has planned for each one of them. We are nearing the end of rebuilding our house and business. It has been such a blessing to see God work in ways we never could have imagined throughout this whole ordeal. From having this house in town that never sold (and was quite the thorn in our flesh!) to being able to be completely debt free to having the ability to change in what manner we make an income (which in the end, will be much better for our family).

Thank you for praying for us and for 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 & Jennifer Dewing



Adam, Jennifer, Maacah, Grace, Isaac,
Malachi, Nathaniel, Damaris, Caleb,
Samuel, Elisha, Asher, Gideon, & Keziah

DON DEWING NEWS

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It has been a busy few months. Our newest family member, great granddaughter Erin, was born on January 27th. We are thrilled to be great grandparents. Chase, Micah and Michelle's son, and Brooke are excited to be parents. In February Don was declared cancer free once again! Praise the Lord! He does not have to see his oncologist again, just regular checkups with his primary doctor. Our youngest grandchild, Keziah will be seven months old on March 15. She is doing very well, and we are so thankful. She is such a joy.

Our food pantry continues to serve about 100 families each month. We are seeing new people coming each month. Thanks for your financial gifts to keep food on the shelves. The pantry garden seeds will be started indoors very soon. I, Teleka am looking forward to being back in the garden. At this writing it is hard to dig through the snow!

On March 23rd we will be celebrating the completion of 48 years with Midwest Indian Mission. We did not have any idea how long we would serve here but we are thankful to have been able to share the gospel with thousands of people

over the years. We are often asked when we will be retiring, or why we have not retired yet. Others tell us that it is past time to retire! God has not changed His plans as of now so we will continue to share the gospel with others. As we begin our 49th year we ask you to pray for the ministry God has called us to. We love being here! The verse that we have quoted over the years is: **James 5:16b** *The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective.*

Migwetch, thanks for praying for us.

Faithful is He who has called you, and He will bring it to pass.

1 Thessalonians 5:24

JENSEN NEWS

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Cheryl and I both came down with covid. We ask your prayers for a quick recovery, so the ministry is not hindered or interrupted. The water at our house stopped working on Friday the 10th and we are hoping for a speedy solution. The plumber we called referred us to a well driller and they will need to excavate some of the water pipes that are possibly leaking. Please be in prayer about this situation and for the means to cover the cost of the repair.



Prayer Requests:

More church growth. Some have returned and some added. We pray for more. That those entering will join the ministries during the week and embrace discipleship. For continued opportunities to witness in pantry and in the community. For water!



See, my servant will act wisely;

he will be raised and lifted up and highly exalted.

Just as there were many who were appalled at him—

his appearance was so disfigured beyond that of any human being

and his form marred beyond human likeness—

so he will sprinkle many nations,

and kings will shut their mouths because of him.

For what they were not told, they will see,

and what they have not heard, they will understand.

Isaiah 52:13-15 NIV

YOUTH MINISTRIES

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Family News

There have been so many things that have taken place since our last newsletter, but I will try to get you up to speed and hopefully not miss too much. We have been very busy and sometimes we feel like we are only home to eat, sleep, do a load of laundry, and then rush out the door. I've been told that someday we will wish for the busyness again so we will soak it up as much as we can.

Hope (22), as you know, is a CRU intern working with college students at the University of Green Bay and St. Norbert College. We're excited that she has been asked to lead a group of 12 students to El Salvador in just a few short days for a week. She has been working hard to have all the plans, projects, lessons, and details together. She will have another leader there with her, but they will be helping to assist Hope and her needs during the trip. While they're there, they will be providing clean water to families with filters and explaining the gospel using the filter as an object lesson. We can't wait to see what more the Lord has in store for her and her ministry.

Mason (16) has been continuing to put in work on and off the wrestling mat. In school he was inducted into Spanish Honor Society, received an award for Academic All-Conference, and High Honors. He is working at a local restaurant and just started working his seasonal job on a BBQ food truck. As for wrestling Mason had a great folk style season and ended the season as a State Qualifier!! Towards the end of Mason's season, we hit some pretty tough bumps with his health and had a ton of unexplained issues that were pretty scary. Through all this we also found out that one of his panels showed he might have Celiac Disease so we have been doing what we can to make adjustments until we can get in to see all the specialists we are being referred to. Despite this adjustment Mason plans to carry his passion for wrestling into the Greco Roman and Freestyle seasons.

JessiLee (14) has been chugging along in her 8th grade year maintaining High Honors all year.

Jess also decided to get out on the wrestling mat this season. Girl's wrestling has exploded over the past couple years and there are other girls that wrestle in the area to make this something she can do. We did run into a little bump in her 3rd tournament of the season, and she tore her medial meniscus. She had surgery 2 weeks ago and is healing up nicely. She should be back to regular movement and ready for the volleyball court in just a couple months. Jess was also just hired for her first job at a local Ice Cream Shop. We're excited for her to have this opportunity.

Benjamin has been working around the mission, planning summer outreach, plowing snow, coaching Middle School wrestling, and helping with the High School wrestling program, attending a pastor's fellowship as well as a men's fellowship. He has been helping out as a substitute teacher at the Public School, working with kids Kindergarten to Senior. It's so funny to hear the stories he comes home to tell us. This has been such a blessing to be able to connect with all the kids in the district in a different way. He gets to see all the familiar faces and work with the kids we have grown to know through ministry. As for me, I have been rehearsing music for church, started attending a discipleship group, and I'm still driving bus for the Sokaogon Chippewa kids, not to mention all the label reading and research on being Gluten free. I have also been put in charge of fellowship gatherings and events at Church and it's been a blessing to plan different ways for us to grow together.

Prayer Requests: Safety and guidance for Hope and her students as they will be traveling and serving, Mason and his health scare/issues, JessiLee as she heals from surgery, Benjamin and I as we continue to find ways to connect with youth and prepare for the months to come, for our family's financial support as we will be traveling to speak at a few churches in the weeks to come, and trying to navigate through the inflation. Thank you for your continued prayers and support for our family and ministry.
Benjamin, Ashley, and kids

Youth News

Hello again!! It's been a great winter and we're almost done with it!! We only need to melt 2 feet of snow off the ground, and we'll be set!!

It's been a bit of a quiet season for ministry this winter. We've been having issues with transportation for kids and have not been able to do much.

God always provides, we've been able to purchase a new-to-us 15 passenger van this past week!!! Hopefully we're getting our old one fixed up sometime this spring as well!

Things are looking great for planning events for this upcoming summer. We have a couple Vacation Bible School events planned as well as a week-long outreach event in the works. Our yearly summer camp will be happening in July as well!! We also hope to be heading back to Warrior Leadership Summit with a few older teens. We might possibly have some other events in the works, but nothing confirmed yet. We are always looking forward to the summer ministry events!! We love working with youth and adults from across the country and coming together with youth from our communities for the purpose of sharing the gospel and building relationships!! It is truly our favorite time of year!

If you would like to partner with us in ministry but aren't able to come and serve, we always need prayer and we always need extra funding!! We try to keep our camp fees as small as possible to help bring in as many kids as we can hold. So, if you or your church would like to sponsor some children's camp fees you are encouraged to do so!! The cost is \$50 for one camper's fee for the week! Camp typically costs around \$6000 for the week and the majority of that cost is raised through donations and fundraisers! We pray that you'll consider joining us in those efforts and join us in the prayerful planning of our summer events as well!!

We thank you all for your support in the ministry through prayer and financial and physical help during the year!! We couldn't do it without the help of so many wonderful people!!

Take care and God Bless and have a Happy Easter!! Benjamin and Ashley Dewing, Youth ministry



**State Wrestling with
Ashley, JessiLee, Mason,
Hope, Benjamin**



Chase, Brooke, Erin



Youth Group Van



NEW HOPE SHELTER & TRANSITIONAL HOUSING

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As you come to him, a living stone—rejected by people but chosen and honored by God—you yourselves, as living stones, a spiritual house, are being built to be a holy priesthood to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. 1 Peter 2:4-5 csw

This verse has been on my heart recently. We believers, rejected by the world as fools, yet honored by God to be adopted and called sons and daughters, are called to be fitted and laid together, being supported

by and supporting each other, unified as a spiritual house, to serve Him. What a powerful picture that paints. We are called to unity, despite the different shapes of our stones. We are honored and adopted despite our differences in history, understanding or ability. We are called living stones as we are to be active and filled with purpose, offering spiritual sacrifices of our lives. Praise God for His grace, provision for our future, and for hope!

School has been good for me despite the strain on my schedule. The work is challenging, and I am pushed into situations that help me rely on Christ's strength and provision rather than my own. I have completed 2 classes and have 10 more to go before I finish this Master of Arts Degree in Ministry Studies, graduating in the fall of 2024. As of last fall I have been alternating monthly with another local pastor to do jail ministry and that has been both challenging and rewarding. I have my hands full, and God is blessing me with the focus, strength, and energy to accomplish whatever He puts in front of me to do.

Michelle has been busy spoiling our granddaughter Erin, born January 27th. We have been blessed to spend a lot of time with Chase and Brooke and baby, especially on Sunday afternoons after church when we eat lunch together at our house and unwind after the long week. Her work has been particularly busy these last few months and she is ready for spring with the gardens and blooms that accompany it.

Our youngest son, Jonah (20), continues in his work as a welder in a local trolley manufacturing facility. We are thankful he has full-time employment and works so close to home that we are able to spend time with him regularly. Mid-winter he moved into a house and is splitting rent with a hunting buddy. He is enjoying living on his own and experiencing all the new things that that provides. He comes over for supper every Tuesday night and we catch up and talk about summer plans and recent hunting and fishing adventures.

Our oldest son Chase (24) and his wife Brooke welcomed Erin Rae Michelle Dewing into the world at the end of January! They are excited and absolutely loving being new parents. Baby is healthy and happy and growing fast. Thankfully Brooke's work has generously allowed her much time off to stay home with baby full-time for 3 months before she goes back to work part-time and hopefully remotely.

Things at the shelter have been busy this winter. We currently have 4-5 single adults in Emergency Shelter. The names seem to change every few weeks with some folks leaving and new folks checking in while the numbers remain consistent. We currently have 1 single adult in our Transitional Housing program. Locally, employment has remained plentiful although housing remains scarce. Thankfully our residents and staff have been able to stay safe and healthy here with us. Funding is always a concern, and we appreciate your prayers and gifts. We are halfway through our 13th year and God remains faithful in supplying our needs! All of our funding comes from small local churches, individual contributions, charitable groups, and private corporate grants, all of which are a blessing as we trust in God's provision! As always, we are praying that God continues to guide and direct 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, 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

NEW HOPE



SHELTER & TRANSITIONAL HOUSING

Remain in me, and I in you. Just as a branch is unable to produce fruit by itself unless it remains on the vine, neither can you unless you remain in me. I am the vine; you are the branches. The one who remains in me and I in him produces much fruit, because you can do nothing without me.
John 15:4-5 CSB

PRAISES

Jail Ministry
Youth Group Van
Shelter Donations
Pastors Group Meetings
Food Donations
School Classes
Bible Studies
A Working Plow Truck

PRAYER

Youth Group Ministry
Shelter Residents
Staff and Family Health
Staff Travelling
Bible Studies
Church growth
Discipleship
Opportunities to witness in pantry
Jensen house water
Hope's mission trip
Mason's health
JessiLee's healing
Benjamin and Ashley support

SHELTER NEEDS AND WANTS

Cleaning Supplies
Laundry Detergent
Mouthwash
Deodorant
Shaving Cream
Gas Cards: BP, Shell,
Walmart Gift Cards

MISSION NEEDS

Jensen Well Repairs
2023 Camp Funding
Winter Heating Costs
Transitional Housing Remodeling

WASMOGISHEK PANTRY

HOURS:

MONDAY 11-1

WEDNESDAY 11-1

FRIDAY 5-7

(THE GYM/PANTRY BLDG)

CLOSED HOLIDAYS

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