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**NEW HOPE**



### **LAKE LUCERNE GOSPEL CHAPEL**

Don Dewing, Pastor

**Isaiah 40:31** “*but they that wait upon the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint.*”

The church picnic July 16th drew over 80 people. It was a beautiful day at the lake and a great time of fellowship. We also enjoyed a variety of food. Three people were baptized that day. Praise the Lord.

On August 27, we enjoyed a potluck supper and Singspiration. There was lots of singing and sharing. Come and join us each Sunday with your instrument.

Pastor Don started preaching through the book of Ecclesiastes each Sunday morning. Solomon was a wise man but questioned life over and over throughout this book. Join us for service at 10:15am or stream online. Our Wednesday night Bible study is at 6pm at the church. Micah is teaching in Matthew 5, the Sermon on the Mount. Join us around the table.

Thanks to all of you who keep this community in your daily prayers. Continue to read your Bible every day. Have you read the book of James? Dig in this week.

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

Richard Jensen, Pastor

Dear Friends,

As the summer comes to a close, we praise God for what He has done. In July the mission camp for children had the theme of I Peter 5:7 “*casting your cares on Him*”. Fifty-five children attended and learned about trusting Christ and following Him. I got to teach from Mark 4:35-41 to show how Jesus cares for His own in the storms of life. Near the end of July, we had VBS at the Mole Lake Church. Eighteen children attended to learn about trusting and following Christ. On Sunday mornings we are studying Luke 13 and 14. Jesus answered many questions, taught about the kingdom of God, and invited the crowds to repent and believe in Him. In chapter 14 He challenges the religious leaders to come to God through Him, and then outlines the cost and commitment of being a disciple for the crowds. On Wednesday nights our prayer group is studying Proverbs. We are also seeing many answers to prayer. In our men’s fellowship we have finished our study on a man and his traps and are beginning the study on a man and his work. The men attended consistently throughout the summer, and spiritual growth was evident. Cheryl is resuming the ladies’ gathering now in September.



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## SUNNYSIDE COMMUNITY CHURCH

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Hello everyone! The heat of summer has passed, and the leaves are showing the evidence of the effect of cooler nights. While I love all seasons, I do believe that fall is my favorite out of the four! Crisp mornings and evenings and the beautiful colors of the trees and shrubs are a time of year that I greatly look forward to!

The summer is often a time of whirlwind activities, and this summer was no exception! We had our youth summer camp in July, which brought 50+ children to our campus. We had a really good week, with very little drama and strong relationships formed/strengthened between the counselors and the campers. Most of the staff were returning counselors, which made for a smooth, well working week. I (Jennifer), was the cook again, and with help from my daughter Grace, and soon-to-be daughter-in-law Leah, we kept everyone nice and full.

July also brought the welcome sight of 2 of our children choosing to be baptized! Malachi (17) and Damaris (13) made it known that they wanted to make a public declaration of their faith, so their grandpa and uncle had the privilege of baptizing both of them! We had a church picnic at Lake Metonga beach to celebrate.

As a family, we have kept busy with catering and our take-out pizza business. The Lord has been so gracious in giving us functions to cater for, giving us the much-needed income. After such a devastating loss, and the need to cancel on so many clients, it's been a relief to see our calendar filling up with bookings.

In November, we are gaining a new family member in a way we never have before: a marriage. Our eldest son, Isaac, is getting married. It's hard to believe that we are at this stage of life already, especially since we still have a child in diapers! But it is also a testament to our Lord, how He has blessed us and sustained us, giving us the ability to keep going. Change is inevitable; both with the seasons around us and within our lives. Keeping our eyes on Him, our Lord Jesus Christ, is the only thing that can

ground us, allowing us to stand firm in the ever-changing world we call home.

*"I sing because I'm happy,*

*I sing because I'm free!"*

*For His eye is on the sparrow*

*And I know He cares for me."*

In Christ's name, Adam & Jennifer Dewing

## DON DEWING NEWS

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We celebrated our 49th wedding anniversary on August 3rd. The Lord has blessed us with three sons and their wives, Micah and Michelle, Adam and Jennifer and Benjamin and Ashley! We have 17 grandchildren and one great granddaughter! We love having our family nearby.

Fall has arrived and with it the last pickings in the garden. I, Teleka, still have lots of tomatoes to pick as well as green beans, squash, and pumpkins! The garden has yielded lots of food for the Wasmogishek Food Pantry. We are so grateful. I have canned lots of tomato juice.

We traveled to Madison, 212 miles south, three times this summer to see Don's pulmonologist. In July his tests showed a significant narrowing in one of the airways in his left lung and a large amount of fluid around that same lung. The doctor drained about 21 ounces of fluid. At this writing, the fluid is accumulating again. Not sure when it will be drained next. Don's latest procedure included a fiber optic camera inserted into the mouth and down to the lungs to get a first-hand look. The doctor was able to dilate the narrow airway using a balloon. We pray this airway stays open. Keep Don in your prayers.

The Midwest Indian Mission's annual board met on August 26th here in Crandon. Reports were given by the three churches, Lake Lucerne Gospel Chapel, Sunnyside Community Church and Waban-Nun-Nung Gospel Chapel, the Homeless Shelter and the Wasmogishek Food pantry. It was good to hear how the Lord has worked this past year. Continue to pray for the Mission as the gospel is shared.

*"Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful."*

**Hebrews 10:23 NIV**



## JENSEN NEWS

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Dear Friends,

Greetings from the Northwoods. We are enjoying our summer and looking forward to a colorful autumn later this month. This summer we enjoyed visits from our grandkids and a full family vacation with everyone missing Hannah who is still in Germany serving in the Army. Sometimes I long for everyone to be little again and home.

My days are filled with cooking for all of our ministries and studying for Junior Church and our Women's Gathering. People slow down and open up when a meal is added to the Men's fellowship and pantry.

September saw the start of the second year of the Women's Gathering. The time was changed from evening to morning, 10am to 12pm. With our time change and colder darker winter months, this was a better idea. We are studying I and II Peter. We enjoy snacks and a simple personal craft. My favorites are lotions, scrubs and soap.

Wednesday Bible Study is a late-night event. I make appetizers with hot and cold drinks. We leave the house at 6pm and return around 9:30ish. We have prayer warriors. I get chills up my spine listening.

I missed sharing in the last letter due to ankle issues. This has been a stressful time for me since April. This summer I was fitted with Arizona braces. At this writing I am doing much better and am back to enjoying what I do, another new normal.

Junior Church has slowed down to one child every few weeks. Our community kids are at the mercy of the adults in charge of them. We are missing a whole generation of people who don't think of God.

Our nursery is cleaned out and stocked except we need a wireless sound system. Pray that we can have sound running also or our parents may just stay home. This is new to us, but with God and friends who know how to set up what we buy, all things are possible.

Thank you for standing with us these many years, we are going on 21! To God be the glory, great things He has done, and we look to Him for the future.

Sincerely in Christ, Cheryl Jensen



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The pantries are filling a need. At least five families come for help each month. More people are also open to prayer. Since church pantry now includes refreshments, long conversations are more frequent. We are able to build more relationships and witness. We are excited about what God has done, is doing and will do in the future. Thank you for your prayer and support.

In His Service,

Pastor Richard Jensen

*And we all, who with unveiled faces contemplate the Lord's glory, are being transformed into his image with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit.*

**2 Corinthians 3:18 NIV**



## YOUTH MINISTRIES

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### Family News

The busy summer has come to a close and the new school year has started! It's a strange adjustment but it's good to get back into a routine.



To kick off the summer, we jumped right into preparing for ministry groups, Benjamin helped a friend, when he could, with different construction projects and I planted my first raised vegetable garden and raised cut-flower garden. There wasn't much for downtime, but we did have some visitors, long-time friends who were home after serving in South Africa. It had been many years since we had seen them, and it was great to reconnect with their family. We did have several fundraisers to help with the costs of summer camp and our youth program. In August, Benjamin and I celebrated our 18th wedding anniversary. It's crazy to think how much time has passed.

Hope (23) was hardly back to WI from working with Campus Crusades for Christ (CRU), in North Myrtle Beach, SC, and traveled up to us to visit and help out with our Wasmogishek Camp. She was in the middle of raising support for her next year interning for CRU, too! She is still working with college students at University of Green Bay and St. Norbert College.

Mason (16) stayed plenty busy working any chance he could, mowing lawns, working at two restaurants, and helping out in a food truck, between staying in shape for the wrestling season ahead. He is a junior this year and is currently taking college credited classes.

JessiLee (14) worked a lot at a local car-hop ice cream shop. Volleyball season has started for her and as a freshman she's playing on the varsity team. It's been a rollercoaster season so far, but growth is coming. So far, the transition to high school has been smooth for her.

We can't thank you all enough for your continued partnership through serving, praying, and supporting us and our ministry. By having churches and individuals work with us we are able to reach even more youth!

As we are looking ahead, we ask that you please keep our family and our financial needs in prayer as we continue to serve here. Please pray for Hope as she disciples young adults, Mason and Jess as they start this new school year.

### Youth News

Hello again! The days are getting shorter, and the temps are getting lower, Fall is almost here!



The summer went by all too fast, but it was great! It all seems like a blur now, but we had a lot of great summer ministry opportunities! We had some great teams to work with and some awesome kids from the community to spend time with.

We started off with a Vacation Bible School at the church in Stone Lake. We had our good friends from Village Church of Bartlett come back and help out with that. We had around 24 different kids come hang out during the week! We were able to play games, enjoy snacks, and learn about God from the youth of Village Church. They also helped with several work projects around the mission during the week.

After that, a couple of us traveled down to a native youth camp in Illinois. We had a great time and enjoyed many speakers and times of worship. We hope to bring several more teens down next year.

The next event was our overnight summer camp, which is always a highlight of the summer! We had some friends from Village Church, some family from Ohio and a few local teens helping out with the week and were blessed with help from our family and some church friends to run the kitchen to feed almost 100 mouths three times a day! We had almost 60 local youth attend camp this year.

Our next event was another Vacation Bible School at the church in Mole Lake. Our friends from Pontiac who have been a great help these past few years ran the VBS. We had a great turnout from the community. We had 28 different kids during the week! The team did a great job with the kids and also blessed the church with a new coat of paint on the building! Praise God for willing hands!

We had a great summer with some hardworking teams. It's nice to work with churches that put great emphasis on teaching their youth the importance of serving God outside of their own communities. We are blessed to have such great ministry partners throughout the year!



We were also able to get out and about to visit a few of the churches that are very supportive of the mission. This time around they were all in Illinois, so we didn't have too far to travel. It's nice being able to visit face-to-face and give updates to the congregations that send these folks out to serve, and also the ones who still support the ministry in many ways but can't always make the trip up here.

Please be in prayer for our ministry opportunities during the school year, as well as planning for next summer. We look forward to all the opportunities God has in store for the ministry. We also thank each and every one of you who supports us in the many different ways that you do! We appreciate it greatly! God always provides!

Feel free to reach out if you have any questions about how you or your church or group can partner with us in ministry opportunities. We are always looking for willing hands to help us serve in our community!

If you'd like to hear from us face to face, we would be happy to come visit and give your church an update or introduction to the ministry!

Thank you and God Bless!!  
Benjamin and Ashley Dewing  
Youth Ministry



## Summer Camp



## Baptisms





## NEW HOPE SHELTER & TRANSITIONAL HOUSING

Micah Dewing, Shelter Director

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*Behold what manner of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God. And that is what we are! The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know Him. 1 John 3:1*

The love of God the Father, to send His Son into this world, to humble Himself and give up His authority as Creator to become one of His creation, to be crucified in sinless perfection, for *our* sins, is beyond our complete understanding. And why would He do that? 1 John 3:8 says *“because the devil has been sinning from the beginning. The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the devil’s work.”* God not only loves us enough to adopt us as sons and daughters, co-heirs with Christ, but he wants to destroy the devil’s work both in us and in the world. Our heavenly Father is constantly at work to separate us from the work of Satan and bring us into the light of His love for us. The blessings of His Word, fellowship, and prayer knit us together to serve and love Him.

School has been a little easier for me this last month as summer comes to a close. My schedule has thankfully gone from hectic to merely busy. Most days I feel like I can keep my head above water without drowning and I am thankful that He both inspires and sustains me in the work He has me doing. I am just about halfway through this Master of Arts Degree in Ministry Studies and will be graduating in the fall of 2024.

I am still working in jail every Thursday, relying greatly on the Lord’s help for soft hearts and clear words. We are studying in Matthew chapter 5, and while it is my intention to keep in-step with our church Bible study, jail ministry is necessarily slower as there is more discussion and more questions from the inmates. I am thankful for both ministries as they push me to a depth beyond where I would normally go in my everyday study. We still meet every Friday for our men’s discipleship group and monthly for a local pastors Bible study. God is good.

Michelle has been harvesting her garden these last few weeks and our kitchen counters are piled with the bounty of her work and God’s provision. The last of her chickens died this spring and we need to make repairs to the chicken coop before we get new chicks in the spring. She is preparing her perennial beds of herbs and flowers for winter while enjoying these cooler days of Fall. Chase and Brooke and Erin come over after church every Sunday and we enjoy spending time with them, eating lunch, catching up, and playing with the baby.

Our youngest son, Jonah (21), has enjoyed his construction job this summer. He prefers working outside rather than being stuck in a shop all day. His employer is going to keep him busy working all winter either plowing snow or doing equipment maintenance and repairs. When he is not at work he is out hunting or fishing. He is splitting rent sharing a house with a friend of his who is also in construction with another company. We are thankful he has full-time employment and while we don’t get to see him as much as we’d like he is doing well.

Our oldest son, Chase (25) and his wife Brooke and daughter Erin are doing well. Brooke has the option to work from home when she needs to and has daycare for Erin when she needs to go into the office. Erin is happy, healthy, and growing and keeps her grandparents’ hearts full with her innocent love and smiling nature. Chase started a new job with a local company and is still doing what he loves, machining. He works 3 miles from his house, which is a welcome blessing compared to driving 45 miles one-way to get to his old job.

Things at the shelter have been busy this summer. We currently have 4 single adults in Emergency Shelter. We currently have 2 single adults in our Transitional Housing program. Locally, employment has remained steady although housing remains scarce. Funding is always a concern, and we appreciate your prayers and gifts. We are just starting our 14<sup>th</sup> 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.

In His Service, Micah Dewing - Shelter Director

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*Remain in me, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me.*  
**John 15:4 NIV**

## **PRAISES**

Summer Camp  
Work Groups  
Jail Ministry  
Shelter Donations  
Pantry Garden Harvest  
Food Donations  
Church Growth

## **PRAYER**

Winter Youth Ministry  
Staff Health  
Bible Studies  
Addiction on the Reservation  
Discipleship  
Opportunities to witness in pantry  
Benjamin and Ashley support

## **SHELTER NEEDS AND WANTS**

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

## **MISSION NEEDS**

Winter Fuel Expenses  
Food Donations  
Blankets and Pillows  
Transitional Housing Remodeling

## **WASMOGISHEK PANTRY**

**HOURS:**

**MONDAY 11-1**

**WEDNESDAY 11-1**

**FRIDAY 5-7**

(THE GYM/PANTRY BLDG)

CLOSED HOLIDAYS

Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth. 1 John 3:18

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