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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.”*

Church has been going great. Junior Church on Sunday started after Christmas. Thanks Sis! The children have been enjoying their own time during the sermon time. Ashley started a Friday afternoon, 4:30-5:30 Children's Church for those in grade school. It is held at the church.

Our Easter season services are Palm Sunday, March 24, 10:15am; Good Friday services at 1:00 pm. There will be an Easter breakfast at 9am, March 31st followed by the Easter morning worship. Please join us in worship.

Several ladies have been working on making a Prayer Room in church. It is coming along well. We look forward to its completion, adding a quiet room in the church for prayer. Thanks to all who have added input and hard work!

Don concluded his Sunday sermons through Ecclesiastes. After Easter he will be preaching through Philippians. Micah Dewing has been teaching Bible study on Wednesdays at 6pm. We just finished the Sermon on the Mount and are now in the book of James. Benjamin Dewing will be teaching in April and beyond. Join us on Wednesdays. Continue to keep this community in your daily prayers. Remember to read your Bible every day. Read the book of James and memorize a verse from there.

WABA NUN-NUNG GOSPEL CHAPEL

Richard Jensen, Pastor

Dear Friends, God has been busy, and we have been busy in His power. In January we had a minor earthquake on Sunday morning in the Mole Lake, Crandon area. It brought people out to church, and in the providence of God I was preaching on Luke 17:22-37 which speaks of the second coming of Christ. We finished Luke 17, and 18 and now we are currently studying Luke 19, the salvation of Zacchaeus and the parable of the minas.

On Wednesday nights we are thankful to see some new faces at our prayer meeting and Bible study. We are still studying the names of Christ in Isaiah 9:6. We are currently studying the name “Mighty God” and seeing Christ's power over the natural realm, the supernatural realm, sin, and death. The men's fellowship is also seeing some new faces. We finished our study on a man and his work in January and are now studying a man and his marriage.



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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 northwoods. Spring has decided to appear rather quickly this year, which none of us are complaining about! While the mud and muck left behind from winter's end can be disagreeable, it is a reality that is accepted, 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 we've had a good year! The Lord has provided for us time and time again, ever reminding us that He is in control, always taking care of us. Malachi, our 4th child, graduates from high school this year and has plans to receive his HSED (high school equivalency diploma) as soon as he can. Nathaniel (16) will be getting his driver's license very soon and it will be nice to have another driver in the house, since our 3 eldest have moved out.

We took the trip of a lifetime in December, with Jennifer's mother, to visit Scotland! It was an amazing experience that the 16 of us will remember for a very long time!



We need to make some decisions about our son Samuel's (10) health. Recent scans have shown that his kidneys are being affected by his bladder's inability to fully empty. We had anticipated this, but we were hoping it would not be this soon. We will be talking with his urologist in the coming weeks about what our options are. We ask that you keep him and those who make the necessary decisions in prayer.

The church at Carter is going well and we are currently going through the book of 1 Timothy. We

have been working through the epistles of Paul for a while now and it has been so good to learn, verse by verse, the very foundations of our faith and how to practically apply them to our lives.

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 is a part of this body as well, and each one of us is just as precious and needed as the other. The body of Christ is a beautiful family!

In Christ's name, Adam and Jennifer Dewing

DON DEWING NEWS

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Praise the Lord for another year to serve Him. March 23rd, 2024 marks the completion of 49 years

here with Midwest Indian Mission, and on March 24th, we begin our 50th year. That is so unbelievable to us, but the Lord has been and is faithful and we are so grateful to be in His service. We THANK all of you who have stood by us, prayed for us, sent financial gifts, and visited us here in Northern Wisconsin. We are so thankful to the Native people who have embraced us, stood by us, prayed for us, and made us part of their families. There are many who call us mom and dad, ma and pops, son and daughter, uncle and aunt and a variety of other names! Our children and us were given Potawatomi Indian names many years ago by Mary Wensaut. Over the years other members of our family have received Potawatomi names as well. What a blessing.

Our food pantry has been busy and has added quite a few new families since Christmas. Our goal is to keep the shelves stocked and ready for distribution. We are grateful for a donation of Gift Cards we received that has helped with buying food at three local stores. Praise the Lord! We also continue to receive food from Feeding America.

Migwetch (thanks), for continuing to pray for us as we share Jesus. *"Faithful is He who calls you, and He also will bring it to pass."* **I Thessalonians 5:24 NASB** We are looking for Jesus' return!

Don and Teleka Dewing



JENSEN NEWS

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Dear Friends,

It is time to celebrate the month of March, my favorite time of year. Our ministries are many and the joys, sorrows, and responsibilities are also.

We work in two pantries: the mission and our church. Our prayer is for finances, for people to visit, share a meal with, and have individual prayer when needed. We attract a lot of attention when shopping for lots of eggs and butter. Rick has had many interesting conversations including a store paying for our order.

Rick, if God wills, will be behind bars. He is applying to join the Prison Chaplain ministry in our county. He has a burden. Update-he is in!

The pastors of like-faith meet the 3rd Friday of each month for Bible study, prayer, and encouragement. I like to send along treats.

Junior church has slowed as the group I had are aging out. My prayer is that they will transition to the mission youth group.



Twice a month, Rick hosts a men's fellowship, and I am enjoying cooking for them. I have found their favorite coffee has been white chocolate. Adding chocolate kisses to the hot chocolate makes it better, try it.

Wednesday Bible study is going on three years. We come together for dessert or a potluck meal, Bible lesson and prayer. Often everyone stays after for more fellowship and the rest of the food. I leave the house around 5pm and we often return around 10pm.

For our Sunday service we are seeing a low number, but we are faithful. Rick's messages are from the heart and challenge me as I take notes. If I miss a point, I get the notes after.

Thank you for your care and concern for us. Come visit. Our letters or videos can only show you a portion of what God has laid on our hearts.
Love in Christ, Cheryl Jensen



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The men have been encouraged and built friendships as we studied God's plan for marriage, dying to self, building friendships, intimacy with our wives, and during March, protecting the marriage from threats. Both the church and mission pantries have seen ample opportunities to help, witness and pray. We are also excited about an opportunity at the end of March. I have been given the privilege to go into the local county jail and do a Bible study every Thursday with the inmates. We are greatly anticipating what God will do. Thank you for your prayer and support.

Prayer requests: That those to whom we have witnessed in pantry and on Sunday mornings will respond to the gospel and receive salvation. The mid-week meetings (Prayer meeting and men's fellowship) seem to be growing and bearing fruit, but Sunday morning attendance has dropped off. Pray that the sheep will return to Sunday worship and that the midweek meeting continues strong and grows. We also ask your prayers that I will be able to establish a good rapport with the inmates and see some be spiritually reborn and transformed.

In His Service, Pastor Richard Jensen

*Trust in the Lord with all thine heart;
and lean not unto thine own
understanding. In all thy ways
acknowledge him, and he shall direct
thy paths. Be not wise in thine own eyes:
fear the Lord and depart from evil.*

Proverbs 3:5-7 KJV

YOUTH MINISTRIES

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Family News

This winter has been very strange and it's hard to know whether we should put away the shovels or keep them out. Even though the cold and snow has slowed down, our family has not.



Hope has been very busy with CRU (Campus Crusade for Christ) and taking in all that she can being led by the Lord. She's still living in Green Bay but is being called to become a full-time staff member. In the months to come, she will be assigned to another location to serve. Currently, she's on her way to Florida to work with refugees, immigrants, and asylum seekers, learning more about cultural ministry and being hands serving where needed.

Mason has just finished his junior season of High School wrestling. It was an exciting season and to close it out he competed at the highest level in the state, the WIAA Individual State tournament, for the second year in a row. There he made it onto the podium, 5th place. Now that has ended, he is taking a little break before going into the next style of wrestling, Greco-Roman and Freestyle. In his spare time, he's been volunteering his time helping to coach 4k-8th grade wrestling.

This time last year, JessiLee had a knee injury which resulted in surgery. After a tough year of recovery and trying to get back to normal activities, she reinjured her knee. In January, she had another surgery. We are pleased to share that she hasn't had any issues and has been cleared for normal activity. As a freshman, she has stepped up for her second year as the High School wrestling manager and is continuing to practice driving with her temporary driver's license.

Benjamin has been organizing summer ministry groups, camps, VBS, and events. It looks like a pretty full schedule and we're excited! Benjamin has been busy as an assistant High School wrestling coach and is volunteering his time to work with youth wrestling too. I'm still driving school bus, so I have been able to drive to all the tournaments for the team. Because of this we have been able to work with and spend a lot of extra time with Native Youth in a different way, through the wrestling program.

What a blessing! With the warm weather and season change just around the corner, I'm excited to plant my veggie and flower garden again. The family is excited to eat what I grow!

Thank you for your continued support for our family and partnership in ministry! We ask that you please join us in prayer for Hope and the plans the Lord has for her moving forward, for Mason as he's exploring options for life after High School, praise for JessiLee being back to normal activities and the continued health for her knee. For Benjamin and I to continue to see the doors God opens for our family, ministry, and in addition, the hearts of the youth in the community!

Youth News

Hello again!

It's springtime in northern Wisconsin, which usually means it's still very much winter, but not this year. All of our snow is gone, and it's been unseasonably warm, and I am perfectly ok with that!



As the temperature starts warming up, so does the summer ministry planning. It's looking to be a much busier than normal summer for ministry opportunities. We're pretty excited to see God at work through the events in this upcoming season. We're hoping to have 7-8 weeks of activities this summer. We are in the final stages solidifying dates and planning the details of our events.

It's been a slow winter as far as ministry events go but that's just the way things go sometimes. We've had some great opportunities to grow relationships with members of the community and be involved with different things and we trust that God is in the background working away in the unseen plans He has for His ministry. Ashley has recently had the opportunity to have a "children's church" on Friday evenings at the church. Please be in prayer for that, as well as praying for all our summer activities. We have the potential to have many opportunities to grow relationships, encourage young folks, and have meaningful gospel conversations with our youth this summer, we need all the extra prayers we can get!

We thank you all for your continued support, through prayer and giving! God is great and keeps us going forward every day. We are grateful for where He has us and we're looking forward to the many things He has in store! God Bless!

Benjamin and Ashley Dewing, Youth Ministry

Tapping Trees



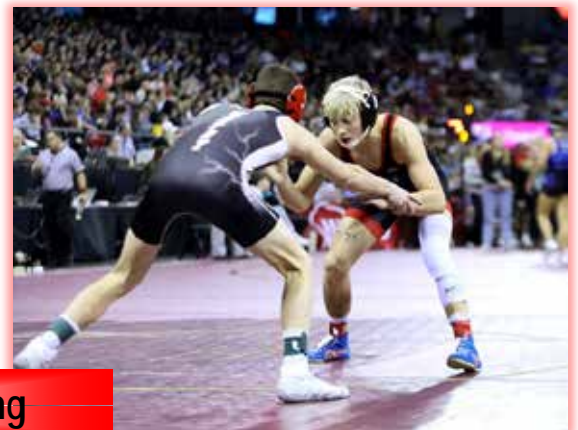
Wasmogishek Pantry



Mole Lake Ministries



Mason Wrestling





NEW HOPE SHELTER & TRANSITIONAL HOUSING

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James 3:17 But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peace-loving, gentle, compliant, full of mercy and good fruits, unwavering, without pretense. James 3:14-16 describes that worldly wisdom is full of bitter envy, selfish ambition, boasting, disorder, and every evil practice. Verse 15 even goes so far as to say that: “*Such wisdom does not come down from above but is earthly, unspiritual, demonic.*” When we are focused on the world’s wisdom, at best we can expect division and selfishness. When we focus on Biblical wisdom, we

will see it’s good fruit in our lives as producing peace-loving, gentle, compliant, and merciful attitudes. The interesting thing about mercy, which is the act of withholding deserved punishment, is that we will need to be merciful to the people that hurt us by withholding our deserved response. This peace-loving gentle Spirit is God at work in our lives, without which, we cannot possibly expect to live out the Godly wisdom from above. The challenge of adhering to good, orderly, established, rules while remaining merciful is a balance we attempt to strike every day here at the shelter. Most days the path is clear, other days the path is foggy. Our prayer is to remain operating within the Spirit to apply Godly wisdom to every situation.

School has been a little easier for me these last few months as winter ends. My class load is a little lighter as we are studying less deeply theological ideas and more practical relational ministry subjects. Most of the time this translates to lighter reading and less intense papers. If I can stay on schedule, I will finish with my master’s degree in October. I am praying about whether or not to continue with school, moving on to doctoral studies. I am thankful that He inspires and sustains me in the work He has me doing. Please be in prayer for me for wisdom.

I am still working in the jail every Thursday afternoon, relying greatly on the Lord’s help for soft hearts and clear words. We are studying in John at the moment, and I am excited to have Pastor Jensen join me in this ministry! I am hoping we can alternate months to share the burden of this work. I am thankful for both my Bible study and jail 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.

Michelle has been planning her garden as spring draws close. She is excited to get back outside and work in the sunshine and dirt. She is contemplating getting chicks this year now that the necessary coop repairs have been made. Chase, Brooke, Erin and sometimes Jonah come over after church every Sunday and we enjoy spending time with them, eating lunch, catching up, and playing with their soon-to-be toddler.

Our youngest son, Jonah (21), has enjoyed plowing what little snow we did get this winter. His crew has been able to go back to landscaping and highway restoration work this winter as the weather has been so mild. He was able to get a little ice fishing in this winter, although it’s never as much as he would like. He is splitting rent, sharing a house with a friend 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 is loving his 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 steady this winter. We recently had all 4 of our single adults in Emergency Shelter check out within days of each other and we are cleaning and making the necessary repairs to begin accepting new residents later this week. 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 halfway through our 14th 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. In His Service, Micah Dewing - Shelter Director

*In him was life, and that life was the light of men. That light shines in the darkness, and yet the darkness did not overcome it. **John 1:4-5** CSB*

PRAISES

Shelter Donations
A Mild Winter
Food Donations
Jail Ministry
Bible Studies
Volunteers
Junior Church
JessiLee's Surgery

PRAYER

Summer Camp
Work Groups
Staff Health
Church Growth
Addiction on the Reservation
Opportunities to witness in pantry
Benjamin and Ashley support

SHELTER NEEDS AND WANTS

Cleaning Supplies
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Gas Cards: BP, Shell,
Walmart Gift Cards

MISSION NEEDS

Winter Fuel Expenses
Food Donations
Blankets and Pillows
Transitional Housing Remodeling

And my God will supply all your
needs according to his riches in
glory in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 4:19

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WEDNESDAY 11-1

FRIDAY 5-7

(THE GYM/PANTRY BLDG)

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