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NEW HOPE



LAKE LUCERNE GOSPEL CHAPEL

Micah Dewing, Pastor

It has been a smooth transition moving from filling the pulpit occasionally to preaching full-time. In August we had a small retirement ceremony celebrating Dad's many years of service to the Stone Lake community. As is our custom here when we honor an elder, we wrapped him in a blanket and prayed over him for healing and encouragement as he moves

into this new phase of ministry. Afterwards we had our annual church picnic at the lake with 2 baptisms!

We have a very active ladies Bible study on Wednesday mornings, and our regular church Bible study later that evening. We have been gathering this summer at people's homes and having bonfires, roasting hot dogs and marshmallows, and talking and sharing as we study our way through Psalms.

On Sunday mornings we had been going through Psalms this summer and are now moving into Philippians. Mom (Teleka) still plays the piano each Sunday as I lead worship and Michelle shares special music several times a month. We sang Psalm 130 together and it was a blessing to connect with Scripture through song. We are planning an adult VBS in October and are excited about that. Keep us in prayer that we can have an impact in our community and share the light of God's love effectively.

WABA NUN - NUNG GOSPEL CHAPEL

Richard Jensen, Pastor

In these last month's God has shown up in many ways. In church on Sunday mornings we finished our study in the book of Philemon. We began a study in Nehemiah. The book teaches us important lessons about genuine concern, persistent, specific and heartfelt prayer, pursuit of God's will in spite of obstacles, waiting on God's timing, seizing opportunities when God paves the way, wise and strategic planning, and helping others see how God can use them. Our VBS was in July. The same group from last year came and did a great job of loving the children and presenting the gospel, with 37 children in attendance.

In our men's Bible study, we finished our study on quieting the noisy soul and are now studying the book of James. The ladies Bible study is still working through the gospel of John. Both groups have seen fairly consistent attendance, but we want to see an increase. The pantry traffic has clearly grown during these last three months. We were serving 3-8 families per month, now the number has jumped to 14-15 families. The community meal is extremely popular, and those who come share both their lives and prayer requests with us. We pray for them and come home with a sheet full of prayer requests each month.

God is answering your prayers and blessing in the jail ministry. In August I did a series on forgiveness from the book of Philemon. Eighteen men and women have come to attend the study. The jail has a maximum capacity of only fifty. God is clearly at work in their lives, shown not only by their questions and answers, but also in their prayer requests at the end of the study. One of the Scriptures I taught was **Matthew 5:44** "But I say to you, love your enemies, bless those who curse you, do good to those who hate you, and pray for those who spitefully use you and persecute you,"

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SUNNYSIDE COMMUNITY CHURCH

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

The summer is often a whirl-wind of 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 week. I (Jennifer) was the cook again with the help from my daughters Maacah, Grace, Damaris, and daughter-in-law Leah, we kept everyone nice and full.

August brought the welcome news that 2 of our children chose to be baptized! Nathaniel (18) and Samuel (13) made that important decision at a camp our sons have been attending for about 6 years now (it's a camp for 12 yrs old and older boys). Our 3 eldest enrolled in EMT training and are being challenged by the pace of this class, which is a school years' worth of information condensed into 16-weeks. With the completion of this course in December, they will receive their EMT-B certification. Maacah and Isaac will continue with their training in January to become a certified EMT-A (just under a paramedic, which is roughly equal to an RN).

Change is inevitable; both in 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 eyes is on the sparrow
And I know He cares for me."*

In Christ's name, Adam and Jennifer Dewing

DON DEWING NEWS

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The 59th annual board meeting of the Midwest Indian Mission, Inc took place on August

22. It was great to hear updates from the churches in Stonelake, Mole Lake, and Carter. Micah reported that the New Hope Shelter had 29 residents totaling 1,131 nights of shelter. The Wasmogishek Food Pantry had 1,320 pantry visits representing 2,667 people. Benjamin and Ashley Dewing reported that Wasmogishek Camp had 60 overnight campers, plus day campers. Teen Camp had 15 campers. As Director of the Mission, Don is looking for a representative to speak at supporting churches.

Don is getting stronger each week. Thank you all for your prayers. He has had five infusions since May. We are waiting for test results from a recent MRI. Be in prayer with us as we walk through his healing journey.

The pantry garden is just about done for the year. We have had a few nights in the 30's and more to come this week. The green beans, beets, carrots, squash and more have been pulled. Only some potatoes and squash are left to harvest.



We have given away so many fresh vegetables so far and we still have tomatoes and more tomatoes! The Lord has blessed our garden with a great bounty. We are grateful.

We are thankful for all of you who continue to keep us in your daily prayers. Migwetch

*The Lord Bless you and keep you, The Lord cause His face to shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord lift up His face to you and give you peace. **Numbers 6:24-26***

JENSEN NEWS

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The leaves are turning and the sweaters are coming out. Feels like autumn will soon be here.

This letter will be a view from my walker, due to falling up the stairs (a unique Jensen thing), left knee, then an unexplained strong pain in my right knee. The verse coming to my heart this week is **1 Peter 5:7** "Casting all your anxiety on Him because He cares for you." So, I throw all this pain and planning to God and watch Him work all things for His glory.

July, the month of warmth, but really hot, humid, smoky, stormy weather, which was met with a/c units, and fans on every floor, cold coffee for me, and homemade vegan ice cream.

Thanks to Benjamin, Ashley and the team from AIM, returning year after year from Baltimore (our second home), our VBS went well. The group really love our kids and it is not unusual to see the girls crying on the last night.

August is sending Rick to roll away the a/c units and dig out his Packer sweatshirts, and me, my leggings. We studied John 12 and made laundry soap. All the meal food was carried off, which is a blessing to come home with empty crockpots. I am planning on a Gathering Dinner at the house with table games and wild food. Digging out the Battleship!

We changed our nursery location to the back of the fellowship hall, providing better care for our littles. We are so thankful for the baby equipment many gave us. Junior Church also takes place in the fellowship hall, as we use the kitchen and tables.

September has to be my favorite month, due to so many milestones to celebrate: our 23rd anniversary on the field, the longest stay of any pastor in Mole Lake, and our 41st wedding anniversary, all glory to God!

Our Saturday ministries have been in John 11-13 with a craft. Saturday, after lunch and Sunday found me in the ER. We are thankful for Judy who gave away food and cleaned after we left. Being a human ticking time bomb, not knowing my true condition and the lack of doctors, our trip out east needs to be canceled. We are very disappointed, but trusting God.



I believe the tribe sees us as a help to the community. They have included our church in with their propane billing, so our cost is very little.

Needs: To be invited to teach the women in jail, Rick teaches both groups now. A hunger for people to read their Bibles and come to church. More to come to the Bible studies. God providing funds needed to keep the pantry open. Things for our give away table: warm mittens, gloves, socks, hats, scarves for both men and women. Healing for me, I am the poster child for bad patient. Rick needs me to drive. Thank you for your care for us all these years. For the family, Cheryl

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Usually the inmate's prayer requests center around court hearings, overcoming addiction, and contact with family. Let me share some of the requests from this past month. One man asked me to pray for a blessing upon those who had hurt and done him wrong. Another asked me to pray that God would help him forgive his ex-wife. Another man simply wanted to give thanks to God. In prison his first thought was thanksgiving. One of the women asked me to pray for her enemies. Another asked me to pray for her tribe, for revival. She understood the problems, but she also saw the potential. God was clearly at work.

In pantry we are seeing growth. We helped 15 families in August and 14 in July. People love the community meal. We pray with people and come home with a sheet of prayer requests every month.

September 2026 prayer requests: 1.Church growth. 2.Men's and women's Bible studies. 3.Jail ministry; God answered your prayers this month. I did a series on forgiveness from the book of Philemon. 18 men and women came out to study God's word. About 40% of the inmates are coming for the study. Their conversation and prayer requests are showing that God is at work in their hearts. Praise His great name. 4.For our health to remain strong. Fall and spring are generally when we have the most difficulties. Cheryl was recently in the emergency room twice. She was in severe pain. So far the diagnosis is a hiatal hernia and gallstones. The ER Doctor described those stones as a ticking time bomb. Please pray that we can get Cheryl the treatment she needs quickly. We are currently waiting to see a specialist.

Thank you for partnering with us in ministry.
In His Service, Pastor Richard Jensen

YOUTH MINISTRIES

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Family News

Hi everyone! I hope you're doing well. We are transitioning into "normal" fall routines.

Hope (26) continues to work with and disciple college students on the University of Wisconsin La Crosse campus. The students have now arrived for the Fall Semester so it's full steam ahead. She has a lot on her plate, but the Lord is at work. Please keep her in prayer as she connects with new and familiar faces.

Mason (19) just started his sophomore year of college at UW Eau Claire. Classes have started and the wrestling season is in sight. This will be Mason's 2nd year on the team. Mason is living in a rental home that he shares with a few other team members. It's crazy to see him adulting but he is doing it so well. Please keep him in your prayers as he starts a new year and new wrestling season.

JessiLee (17, Senior) is all done working at the local car hop, as it's starting to get cold and they close for the season. We are in the middle of Volleyball season right now. We love to watch her play! On top of that, she's busy finishing the requirements needed to graduate High School and also working hard on college classes to get a jump on courses needed for next fall. We are thrilled that she was accepted into her college of choice, UW La Crosse. It does our hearts good that not only will she be in the same city as Hope, but all the kids will be in the southwestern part of the state. It will certainly make it easier for visiting. Please pray for her health to continue to stay manageable.

Benjamin and I are back in fall mode, driving bus, splitting firewood, juggling kids, ministry, etc. In August we celebrated our 21st anniversary, praise the Lord! We took a trip for a few days to get away and stayed at Hope's house. It was great because we explored the driftless area, hiked during the day, and then spent time with Hope in the evenings. It was a wonderful trip!

When you think of us, please pray for the things listed above as well as Benjamin and I. We are slowing emotionally preparing to be empty nesters. No, we aren't trying to speed things up but the reality is that it is coming. This will not only be a season of change and growth but this new level of parenting is on the horizon. We know the Lord will use all this for good. Also, please continue to lift up our ministry and the lives that have changed! Once again, thank you for coming alongside us in every



way. Thanks to your dedication in supporting our family and ministry we can focus on serving the native communities here. Benjamin & Ashley Dewing

Youth News

Summer has come and gone, and it was a good one! We always seem to pack a lot of stuff into just a short amount of time and it's over in a flash, but it's always so much fun seeing God working in amazing ways throughout all of it.

We had some great opportunities to meet and work with some great people this summer, and we spent some valuable time with many different native youth in our communities.

We hosted 5 different teams from 5 states, hosted 6 different events, and worked with around 90 different people that we hosted. It's amazing to see how God brings people together from all parts of the country to serve together in His name and show love and encouragement to kids and share about Jesus! We were able to work with over 120 different native youth from our local communities and even a reservation an hour away! It's been good to see so many new and familiar faces all summer.

Some of our events were; our yearly trip to Warrior Leadership Summit (WLS), 3 Vacation Bible School events, our overnight summer camp, and for the first time in many years we held a teen camp! We've had many teens with the desire to help out and do more this summer. We had 14 teenagers from the local reservations help out with summer camp this year, and quite a few more wanting to be involved in different events we host and attend. God has been opening doors with opportunities to do more with the older kids so we have been trying to keep the momentum going into the school year and hopefully right into next summer! We had a short overnight camp 2 weeks ago with some teens and had a great time sharing God's word, eating food and playing games. We are planning a fall retreat in late October so please keep that in prayer.

We are already well booked into next summer. God is busy and we're just trying to catch up! There are always seasons in life and ministry, and with the seasons come ups and downs. No real way to tell which season and what direction things will go in next but we continually stay ready and always abide in Christ to prepare us to *"...preach the word; be ready in season and out of season..."*

God's Word reminds us that He is faithful in times of little and plenty because *"...we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose..."*

He is faithful, always. We are grateful for everyone's support throughout every season of ministry we have been in. We are just finishing up 19 years of faithfully following Jesus in this ministry and looking forward to seeing where He takes His ministry in the next 20 years and beyond!

Keep in prayer: The youth we'll be working with this school year. The youth we worked with this summer. Seeds that were planted will take root. The planning of next summer. Our financial support.

We pray that you all are well and thank you again for all the ways that you support us in this ministry. God Bless! Benjamin and Ashley Dewing



Mole Lake VBS



Teen Camp





NEW HOPE SHELTER & TRANSITIONAL HOUSING

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NEW HOPE



***Philippians 1:3-6** I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.*

Partnership in the Gospel, prayer with joy, and trust in Christ to complete the work He started; I can't think of three more encouraging things to dwell upon as we move into this new season, both spiritually and situationally. Taking over preaching full-time has been a blessing and a challenge, as most things are. Setting aside time for sermon preparation, studying for our Wednesday night Bible study, and lesson planning for the jail ministry keeps me either dwelling in the Word for preparation or teaching it, which as a certified Bible nerd is right in my wheelhouse. I am blessed to have many opportunities to speak with, serve, counsel, teach, and pray with and for people every week. Please keep me in prayer that God would give me wisdom.

Summer is ending and with it we begin our fall preparations; making firewood, winterizing equipment, and battening down the hatches for the long cold of winter. Michelle's garden produced a bountiful harvest, and she is spending much time gathering the fruits of her labor, planning for next year, gathering seeds, and preparing beds. Her outside space is cathartic for both of us. We hosted many weeks of Bible study around the firepit in the midst of her garden this summer.

Our summer Wednesday night Bible study has been in Psalms dwelling on the text as the Heart of Worship. This has been more a time of open discussion and fellowship rather than an in-depth exposition of the Word. Thursdays in September I was in the jail for a few hours every week, talking, praying, and studying with those souls' seeking encouragement during their incarceration. We studied John 15 discussing staying connected to the vine for growth and to produce fruit. Michelle is remodeling the church nursery, cleaning, repainting, and throwing away old toys. She is planning a pre-school Sunday school for the little kids while the older ones are in another class.

I continue to spend Mondays with my granddaughters Erin (3½) and Willow (2) reading books, doing chores, and playing outside. We enjoy our Sunday dinners with Chase, Brooke, and the girls. If we're lucky, we get a visit from Uncle Jonah with his puppy.

Things at the shelter have stayed busy so far this year. We currently have 2-3 single men and a mother with 2 small children in our Emergency Shelter program, and 1 single man in our Transitional Housing program. Our residents help staff maintain the facility, stock the pantry, help manage our clothing recycling program and keep the lawns mowed and gardens weeded. **Praise God we were blessed with several donations towards the generator for our facility! We are close to covering most of the cost of that project!**



We have completed our 16th year of shelter operations! God remains faithful in supplying our needs. We received an operations grant this summer that should carry us well into winter. We are still month-to-month as we do not have enough to make it more than about 6 months, but we trust God to provide for the ministry He desires. God is always good and we rely on His grace and provision as He sees fit. All of our funding comes from individual churches, private contributions, charitable groups, and 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 ministry, and we trust His hand in all things. Thank you for your prayers and support! -Micah

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