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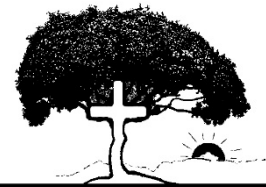
## CHIPPEWATOMI NEWS

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NEW HOPE



SHELTER & TRANSITIONAL HOUSING



## LAKE LUCERNE GOSPEL CHAPEL

Don Dewing, Pastor

On May 2nd, National Day of Prayer, the church was open 9am-6pm for people to drop in and have a quiet time with Jesus.

Thanks so much to the group from Bartlett, Illinois who came and taught Vacation Bible School last week. Thirty children came out to the church and heard about

Jesus and had lots of fun with games, crafts and singing. We will have another work group in June for projects around the church. We are grateful for the help.

Pastor Don is preaching through Philippians on Sunday mornings and Junior Church is going well also at that same time. Children's Church on Friday afternoons has ended for the summer and will resume when school starts again.

Remember to read your Bible every day and this month's challenge is to memorize our church verse found in *Isaiah 40:31* *Yet those who wait for the Lord will gain new strength; they will mount up with wings like eagles, they will run and not get tired, they will walk and not become weary.* (NASB)

Be in prayer for each other and for this Potawatomi Community.

## WABA NUN-NUNG GOSPEL CHAPEL

Richard Jensen, Pastor

Dear Friends, the last three months have brought blessings and trials. On Sunday mornings in May we continued our study in Luke 20 of the passion week, seeing Christ's persistent invitations giving the people and the leaders every opportunity to repent and believe in Him. We are now studying in Luke 21 and learning about the events that precede Christ's return. This Sunday we will take a break from Luke and I will preach on Psalm 23, which is especially poignant due to some recent events in our lives. In Junior Church Cheryl was teaching the children about the names of God in April, but now she is teaching them from Genesis. One of the girls in Junior Church asked for a Bible so we got her a children's Bible. We finished our study on the names of God on Wednesday night at the end of April. We are now studying the book of James. People have been coming out for pantry each month, and often when we are at church preparing for another ministry, people stop in for help. It gives ample opportunity to help with groceries, counsel, pray and share Christ with them. In the Men's Fellowship we finished our study on being godly husbands and are now studying how to be godly fathers and grandfathers. Men are coming consistently, learning and developing friendships. Men who will say little after a church service will often share extensively during the men's group discussion.



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# SUNNYSIDE COMMUNITY CHURCH

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Hello everyone!



Our strange and unusual winter morphed into a very wet, cool spring and early summer. We've had so many rainy days! All this moisture is wonderful for nature, but it sure makes it difficult to get the lawn mowed! Yet even with the rain drops, we can constantly see how the Lord provides for us through shelter from the storms, water to grow our gardens, and even rescue when we need it. His faithfulness truly is new every morning!

Life is going quite well in this Dewing household. Our son Malachi graduated from high school and is currently working in our local grocery store. Our next son, Nathaniel, will be getting his license in the next few weeks and our 3rd daughter, Damaris, has a full-time babysitting job this summer (the 2 children will be watched at our house). Our eldest 2 daughters, Maacah and Grace along with our daughter-in-love Leah, have an amazing opportunity to expand their pizza restaurant in a way none of us were expecting. Yet with this opportunity comes many questions and financial considerations. We are praying for the Lord's guidance on whether this opportunity should be pursued or not.

We are also expecting our first grandchild this November!! It's a little boy, growing healthy and strong, and his mama (Leah) is doing well. We all can't wait to meet him! The amount of aunts and uncles this little guy has, to shower him with love and attention (not to mention my younger ones who will virtually grow up with him!), with all the grandpas and grandmas that will be in his life, brings me such joy to think about!

We have slowly been working our way through the Apostle Paul's epistles and we are currently in 2 Timothy. No matter



how many times I read the Bible, I am always amazed at how relevant it is! The human condition hasn't

changed since the fall with Adam and Eve. We will always wrestle with our flesh; we will always struggle with that instinct for revenge; we will always be tempted by something. Yet how comforting is it to know that we have a cure! We have been given the ability, through Christ, to overcome and be victorious over situations and principalities, and even ourselves. What an amazing gift we have been given!

Thank you to every one of you who prays for us and our communities! No matter where the Lord has His people, we all need that community of believers to pray for us, pray with us, and to come along side us as we walk through life. You are that community to us and we are so very grateful!

In Christ's name, Adam and Jennifer Dewing

## DON DEWING NEWS

Don and Teleka  
Dewing

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Praise the Lord, Jehovah Jireh, "God will Provide" for all He has done. *And my God will supply all your needs according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus.*  
**Philippians 4:19**



The Pantry Garden is planted and lots of vegetables are coming up. I love watching and waiting for those new shoots. We look forward to adding fresh vegetables to our food pantry. Thanks to last week's work group for adding a rain barrel in the pantry garden! That will be a great help. We are so thankful to the Forest County Health Dept. who donated shelving, four shopping carts and a rolling cart to the pantry. We are also grateful to the Forest County Potawatomi Foundation who has given financial support to the pantry. Praise the Lord for His provision.

Since our last writing, Don has had five funerals, one wedding and various counseling sessions. He was also able to help Benjamin with the work group last week.

This summer we will be settling into a different routine with work projects and outdoor plans. We will also be celebrating our 50th wedding anniversary on August 3rd. Hard to believe it has been that long! We will be taking some time off to celebrate.

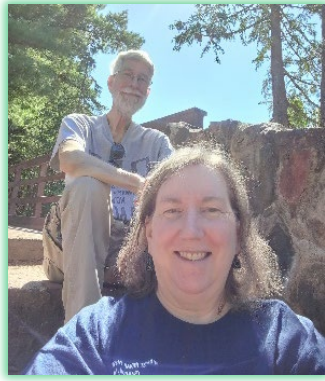
Migwetch, thanks, to all of you for your faithful prayers and financial support through the years. We have been blessed.

Don and Teleka Dewing



## JENSEN NEWS

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Dear Friends,

We are enjoying the wonderful sounds of spring music outside and my bird music inside: ATV's roaring on the trails and the heady scent of grass as the mowers cut our grass, next will be the sizzle of the grill as Rick cooks lots of meat. The other sounds I enjoy are the conversations of people coming to pantry at church. Kids feel comfortable coming in and asking for water on these warm days. We give them more and tell them to come again. Once again, I am putting out the give-away area. The sounds of children talking fills my teaching area on Sunday mornings. We are learning the names of God in Junior Church. I love the sounds of morning worship with people singing the hymns, hearing Rick pray for our community, and the teaching of the Word. I enjoy our Wednesday evening Bible study and the sound of Bible teaching followed by an hour of prayer. Rick has different sounds as he enters jail for church, or Men's Fellowship with its videos playing, lively discussion, and a meal afterwards.

We are starting our special breakfasts at church starting with Mother's Day, then Father's Day coming up. Gifts were given to all. VBS will start next week and we are thankful for this group coming.

I just finished a study of Habakkuk by "Revive Our Hearts" on YOUTUBE. I am putting Hab. 3:17-19 into practice. Insert your own challenges and determine to keep praising God.

Enclosed is our family picture. I ask prayer for each one. Prayer needs are health recovery for me as I had an attack of cellulitis from mosquito bites, which I've never had before, also for Rick as he is recovering from a kidney stone. We need New King James Bibles and Bible book commentaries from Wiersbe, Pink,



MacArthur and Sproul. These will be helpful as we encourage our people to get into the Word of God.

Thank you for your concern for us as we labor for God here in Mole Lake.

Love in Christ, Cheryl Jensen

*For the Son of Man has come  
to seek and to save the lost.*

**Luke 19:10**

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We are thankful for how God is bringing spiritual growth. God has also been working through the jail ministry. Initially I taught lessons on the resurrection and peace with God, and the peace of God. We are now studying the book of James. One inmate said she never understood the Bible before, but now in Bible study it made sense to her, and she would read it during the week. Some of the people in the jail Bible study are Christians who have wandered, and some don't know the Lord and need the gospel.

On June 17-20 our church will have our annual VBS. A church group will be coming to help. We also have camp coming up in July. We look forward to seeing what God will do as we labor. Thank you for your prayer and support.

**Prayer requests:**  
Children will return to junior church and attend consistently. Also, for the group coming to do VBS that God will give them wisdom, strength, spiritual unity and love for the children. That the seeds planted during pantry ministry will grow, the people will come to church and get saved. For the jail ministry that those

who are unsaved will believe, and for those who are saved, that they will live consistently for Christ both inside and outside the prison, especially that they become part of healthy local churches when they get out. Also, for our own health, that we will stay healthy and rely on God's strength as we seek to reach the lost and disciple the saved.

In His Service, Pastor Richard Jensen

## YOUTH MINISTRIES

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### Family News

The mosquitoes are out, and the cold air is still sticking around, but this is still one of our most exciting times of the year. There is so much happening, and we are doing our best to keep up and soak it all in.

Hope (24) has been accepted as a full-time staff member for CRU (Campus Crusades for Christ) and has just received her new placement location. She will be moving to this new campus once she gets her ducks in a row. She will be traveling to Florida to do some training and she will also be taking some ministry classes. From there she will be working on her support. We were so excited that she was able to come home for a week and help with our first VBS of the summer.

Mason (17) has been doing lawn care and working for a construction and landscaping company. When he's not working, he is training for wrestling. He was selected to represent WI and will soon be traveling to Tulsa, OK, and then in July he will be traveling to Fargo, ND to compete as well. Mason was just accepted to Nicolet Community College where he will be taking college classes in his Senior year of High School. Now we start trying to fill out college and scholarship applications.

Jess (15) has been very busy working at the local ice cream shop in town. She works taking orders at the counter, she works in the kitchen, and this year is her first year she is able to car hop so she's pretty excited about it. We try to visit her on her car hop days and her brother, naturally, tries to test her knowledge of the menu. Because she has her temporary driver's license, she's still doing driving classes, but she is counting down the months until she can get her license.

Benjamin has been cleaning up around the mission, preparing for groups, camps, and also cleaning out things here at our house. We have many years of things piled up that are slowly getting cleaned out. Within the past week, Benjamin has become a beekeeper. There were some honeybees that outgrew their hive and swarmed in a tree, looking for a new home. Benjamin (with the help of Micah, the bee guy) was able to get them into a new hive. It's been an interesting thing to observe, and I never realized how incredibly complex this is. I have been working on the behind-the-scenes things for groups and summer camp, but I have also been working in my garden and landscaping around the house as I can. Over the past 3 years I have gathered old windows and Benjamin has been harvesting trees to build a she-shed greenhouse that will hopefully extend the growing season to provide fresh food for our family. Benjamin and I have slowly been chugging along with this project as we are able to find and purchase needed items. It's exciting to see it all come together.



Our family cannot thank you enough for your ongoing prayers and willingness to support our family and ministry. We ask that you please continue to cover our family in prayer going into our busiest ministry season, as well as the communities we are working with, that the gospel will be shared in a manner that brings hope and is accepted.

Benjamin and Ashley Dewing

### Youth News

Hello again! The warm weather is upon us and so are the summer activities. We have a fairly busy schedule this summer and we look forward to all the different activities and young folks we get to hang out with all summer! We kicked it off last week with our first event. We had a VBS at Stone Lake Church on the Potawatomi reservation. We had over 30 different kids throughout the week! The crew from Village Church of Bartlett did an amazing job as usual. They were also very helpful during the week with various projects around the mission.

Next week we have another VBS going on but this time in Mole Lake. We've partnered up with Adventures in Missions again and they have recruited a few teams for us. We look forward to working with them again this summer. After that we'll head down to Warrior Leadership Summit in Illinois near St. Louis. We'll take a few teens from the community and attend this camp for native teens and young adults. The camp is run by On Eagle's Wings, and they also do a great job!

After that we'll host our overnight camp at the mission, my personal favorite week of the summer! We look forward to working more with Village Church and some of their students that will come to help out, along with a few others. We typically have around 50 kids stay overnight for the week.

After that we finish up the summer with a couple more events, an evening youth rally, and a VBS we'll be hosting at the mission. We have a couple teams that Adventures in Missions are bringing over to help us put these events on. We look forward to working with some new teams as well as some faithful teams that have been returning for almost 10 years.

We can't wait to see how God moves this summer! We love to see all the things that God can do with faithful workers willing to serve!!

Please pray for the youth that we will be working with and the teams coming to partner with us. Pray for teams with servant hearts and youth willing to learn and hear God's Word. Pray for us as well as we try to keep everything moving smoothly during the busy summer.

Thanks to everyone who supports the ministry in multiple ways! We appreciate every one of you! God bless!  
Benjamin and Ashley Dewing, Youth ministry





**Catching a Swarm of Honeybees**



**VBS Craft Time**



**Garden Rain Barrel**



**Work Projects**







## NEW HOPE SHELTER & TRANSITIONAL HOUSING

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*1 Timothy 2:5-6 For there is one God and one mediator between God and mankind, the man Christ Jesus, who gave himself as a ransom for all, a testimony at the proper time.* I find myself in discussions about this more often than I would like with men and women in jail and at the shelter. I am confronted weekly with the well-honed worldly wisdom that there are “many paths to salvation/Heaven” and that “God is bigger than the Christian religion would have everyone believe.” I hear constantly that “there is hidden knowledge that

the church has been suppressing all these years to control the narrative”, and that “the Bible has surely been corrupted over all this time”, and that “Christians are just as evil as everyone else which makes them hypocrites.” Lately I have been challenging people to identify those Christians they have known that have lived differently. Usually it’s a grandmother or aunt, sometimes a neighbor who never swears or a grandfather who was always reading their Bible. These people stick out, and not usually because they are loud or confrontational about their faith, but because they were diligent, consistent, quiet, and unrattled, with open Bibles, willing hands, and warm hugs. This quiet confidence of attitude and action speaks louder through its consistency and love than we may ever know. I am reminded “*whatever you do, in word or in deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus.*”

School has been a challenge for me these last few months as I am trying to catch up after a hectic spring of hauling honeybees and family trips. I am halfway through my current class and only have two more to go before I complete 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. In every class I am reminded that I could not do this without God’s help.

I am still working in the jail on Thursday afternoons, and Pastor Jensen has joined me in that rotation to share the burden. We have as many hour-long sessions as we have inmates that sign up. Some inmates are not allowed to attend services with other inmates, and men and women are segregated so we do 2 to 3 sessions weekly. I am thankful for the jail ministry as it forces me to rely increasingly on Scripture and the Holy Spirit to guide and inspire. During the summer we typically suspend our men’s group as schedules get hectic.

Michelle has been planting her garden and enjoying as much work in the sun as her busy work schedule allows. She is thankful to get back outside and work in the dirt. 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 games or watching Erin play.

Our youngest son, Jonah (21), recently switched jobs and is now working for a local company that does cement and dirt work. His goals in high school were to be an equipment operator and he has worked steadily to move in that direction, holding various jobs until something in that field opened up. He rents a house with a friend that works for the same company. He joined a wooden-bat baseball league this summer and Michelle and I are enjoying watching his home games.

Our oldest son, Chase (25), his wife Brooke, daughter Erin (17 months), and soon-to-be baby #2 (due in August) are all 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, inquisitive, and loves to read books and play with grandma. Erin and I enjoy our Sunday afternoon snack time, eating pretzels and whatever else grandpa can sneak her without mom noticing. She loves to watch the birds at the feeder and ride the lawnmower.

Things at the shelter have been steady this spring. We currently have 4 single adults in our Emergency Shelter program. We had 2 residents in our Transitional Housing program recently complete their time with us and both are doing great on their own. The building we have leased since 2012 for our TH program was recently sold so we are praying about what that program is going to look like in the future. We are mostly through 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. Thank you for your prayers and support! In His Service, Micah Dewing - Shelter Director

*Jesus spoke to them again: "I am the light of the world. Anyone who follows me will never walk in the darkness but will have the light of life."*

**John 8:12 CSB**

### **PRAISES**

Shelter Supplies  
A Warm Spring  
Food  
Jail Ministry  
Volunteers  
Junior Church  
Work Groups  
Children for VBS

### **PRAYER**

Kids for Summer Camp  
Camp Staff  
Staff Health  
Church Attendance  
Addiction in our Communities  
Opportunities to Witness  
Benjamin and Ashley support  
Summer Ministry Costs

## **Help Sponsor a Child for SUMMER CAMP!**

**Children Ages 8-13**

**July 8-12**

**\$45 per camper**

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

### **WASMOGISHEK PANTRY**

**HOURS:**

**MONDAY 11-1**

**WEDNESDAY 11-1**

**FRIDAY 5-7**

**(THE GYM/PANTRY BLDG)**

**CLOSED HOLIDAYS**

### **MISSION NEEDS**

Shelter Staffing  
Pantry Box Truck  
Food  
Transitional Housing

This is the confidence we have before him: If we ask anything according to his will, he hears us.

**1 John 5:14**

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