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NEW HOPE



LAKE LUCERNE GOSPEL CHAPEL

Don Dewing, Pastor

Thank you to sons Micah and Benjamin for filling the pulpit while Don and Teleka were away. A thank you also goes to daughter-in-law's Michelle and Ashley Dewing for taking over the music portion of church while we were gone and while Teleka was recovering. It is a blessing.

Pastor Don finished his preaching through Philippians on Sunday morning. He is now preaching through the book of Revelation on Sunday morning. Micah is teaching Bible study at church on Wednesday nights at 6pm. Join him and others.

Were you able to memorize Isaiah 40:31, our church verse? We encourage you to read your Bible every day. Our next verse to memorize is Rev 3:20 - "*Behold, I stand at the door and knock; if anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to Him and will dine with Him, and He with me.*" Our mission logo shows Jesus standing outside of a teepee knocking at the opening. Look at the line drawing in the upper left corner of this newsletter. We also have that painted picture hanging on the wall at church.

Remember this community in prayer. There have been many deaths of late. We pray for our mourners.

WABA NUN-NUNG GOSPEL CHAPEL

Richard Jensen, Pastor

The last three months have presented many blessings and some obstacles to overcome. In July the mission had summer camp. About 60 children came and heard the gospel. The theme of camp was rejoicing. The joy of the Lord is greatly needed in communities that are so often grieving.

On Sunday morning we have finished our study of the Olivet discourse and are now transitioning into the events and details surrounding the death and resurrection of Christ, the climax of the gospel. In the pantry ministry we were able to connect and pray with many people, and by God's grace we were able to witness to one young couple. In the men's group we studied our role as fathers, learning how to relate biblically to our sons and daughters.

God continued to work in and through the jail ministry. I was teaching during July and September. It has been a blessing to see men and women come out who are interested in studying the Scripture. The Spirit of God has been at work, and some have shared how the passage I was teaching related to what Micah had been teaching. Since Micah and I don't coordinate our lessons, it is obvious the Spirit was at work. Others testified that they were understanding passages they had not understood before. We have been able to give out many Bibles and see God at work.



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SUNNYSIDE COMMUNITY CHURCH

Adam Dewing,
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Hello Friends!



This summer came and went in a flash! We were kept busy with catering, running the pizza shop, and everything else that comes with our day to day. Our summer weather often seemed quite confused; a week would often start with cool rain followed closely by humid heat, just to end on a breezy, comfortable note! The leaves are starting to change, which always reminds me of how much I love this time of year!

As a family, many things are happening this fall. Our first grandchild, a boy, is due in November. It's hard to grasp that Adam and I are already at the grandparent stage! (I'm sure having a 2-year-old still in diapers doesn't help!) Yet this is a stage that we are quite excited for! Our 2 eldest daughters, along with our daughter-in-law, have purchased a building in downtown Crandon for their pizza shop. It's a big step that we all have been praying about for several months and the Lord has opened this door for them to grow their business. Please keep them in prayer!

This fall marks 14 years that Adam has been pastoring at Carter. It has been full of ups and downs, but the relationships that we have been able to form are so very important to us. Sadly, we have had 2 recent funerals in the Patsy Shepard family within the last 3 weeks; her son-in-law and her grandson (who would have turned 20 this November). Death is a hard thing to face, but especially with one so young! We ask that you keep her family in your prayers. And please continue to pray with us that the Lord Jesus shines through us as we interact with those who need His light in our community. It can be easy to go about our own lives and forget that so many people around us are hurting and suffering, whether they live in our community or yours. As Christians, we are ambassadors of Christ. This is an important fact that each and every one of us need to keep foremost in our minds. Those who don't know Christ watch those of us who do, and they need to see that there is a difference in our lives. That He, and only He, can fill that void that is within them.

Blessings in Christ's name,
Adam and Jennifer Dewing

Hope Full-Time
With CRU

DON DEWING NEWS

Don and Teleka
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How exciting to see the Lord work among his people. We have been listening to people testify of the Lord's answers to prayer and how He has sustained them over time. We know He answers prayer and we encourage you to take the time to Praise Him Today.

We were so happy to see our new Great Granddaughter Willow who was born on August 17. Welcome to the world. Micah and Michelle are now blessed with two little granddaughters. Congrats to parents Chase and Brooke.

Don and I, Teleka, enjoyed our 50th anniversary get-away at the end of July. Thank you to the many who sent cards and gifts our way. On the last day of our trip I began to feel sick. I just thought it was the flu so didn't think too much of going to the doctor. Several days later I was admitted to the hospital for Covid Pneumonia. After five days inpatient I was sent home with 24/7 oxygen. The rest of August was spent at home sleeping and recovering. I am so grateful to Don, my caregiver and cook. He kept me company and comfortable. I am not back to where I was, but I am grateful that The Lord is healing my body. Thanks for your prayers.

I am grateful to the people who helped take care of the pantry and garden while we were away, and I was in the hospital and now at home. The



harvest has been bountiful. I thought maybe I would be unable to enjoy picking tomatoes and green beans. I am so grateful that I not only have been able to pick veggies but also freeze green beans, beets, squash and enjoy tomatoes, carrots and potatoes in our meals. The food pantry families have really enjoyed having fresh vegetables to eat. Thank you for your continued prayers.

Don and Teleka Dewing



JENSEN NEWS

Richard and Cheryl Jensen
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Dear Friends,

Changing leaves, temperatures and sunsets tell me of a new season. As I study and talk to God in prayer and see Him work, that tells me of an unchanging God.



September is a special month for us as it marks 21 years on the mission field in Mole Lake, WI. Through the years we have seen some ministries flourish and others fade. We lost people during the pandemic and miss them, ones we will see again in heaven.

Through these years we have seen God in each message Rick preached, baptisms in the lake during our church picnic, men's gatherings he has taught, meals I've prepared, and pantry shopping trips (one store gave us our order for free). We've enjoyed Christmas church decorating, Christmas Eve services, Good Friday services, and my favorite is the Last Supper. Many of you have come to do work projects at the mission or on our mission house. Many thanks for that work of the heart. The years of Vacation Bible School saw many kids come through our doors. Some kids came to junior church as a result of these weeks. I remember the ladies Bible studies and the potlucks both before and after church, always done and cleaned up to make it home for the Packer game. The newest ministry for Rick is Thursdays at the jail in Crandon.

September 25 is another anniversary, 39 years of never boring, always challenging, children having, grandchildren appearing, many times moving marriage. I am so thankful for the man God brought into my life. We're still waiting for the health and wealth part. One of my prayer verses in my prayer journal is Matthew 5:16 *"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness."*

My prayer is thankfulness for each of you and that you would be hungry for God. Pray for the Mole Lake people to desire a relationship with God. We don't know the future as we grow older, but we know the God of the future and trust in Him.

Love in Christ, Cheryl Jensen

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In July at the jail, we started out with one class of 5 and ended up with 4 classes by the end of the month totaling 16. So far in September God has given 8 men who want to study. Since it is a county jail, no one stays for more than ninety days, so each month I go in I am working with a completely new group of people. I recently met one of my Bible study students from the prison ministry on the outside. So far, she is doing well, walking with God and staying free of addiction. Praise God.

We met some challenges and setbacks in August. I had surgery for a kidney stone on August 6th and there were complications. This, along with a stomach ailment, put me down for a couple of weeks. I have been able to resume some ministries but not all of it. I am still preaching in church on Sunday morning and teaching in the jail, however I have not yet recovered sufficiently to resume the men's fellowship and pantry. I have two more surgeries coming up, eye surgery on September 9th and another related to the kidney surgery that has not yet been scheduled. Our prayer is that these will go smoothly without complications, and I will be able to quickly resume a full schedule of ministry. We greatly appreciate your ongoing prayer and support.

In His Service, Pastor Richard Jensen

But God forbid that I should boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world.

Gal. 6:14

Wasmogishek Summer Camp 2024



YOUTH MINISTRIES

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Family News

Hope (24) has moved out of her apartment but is in a temporary place in the Green Bay area until she can move to La Crosse. She has been diligently working to raise support now that she is on staff full-time with CRU. We are praying for this all to be in the Lord's hands as she pursues His calling.

Mason (17) is just starting his senior year of High School and has officially committed to the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire where he will be wrestling as a Blugold. We're excited to see how the Lord uses Mason both on and off the mat and we are thrilled by his decision.

JessiLee (15) is now a sophomore. She is currently in the middle of her volleyball season, and it's been fun to watch her. We praise God for the joy she has found through playing with her team! She's also been counting down the days until she gets her driver's license.

Benjamin and I celebrated 19 years of marriage in August. We are so thankful for the years of love the Lord has blessed us with. We ran away for the day on a little road trip, and it was great to spend time together after such a busy summer of ministry. Benjamin has been busy working construction, and I started my 18th school year of driving bus. When we aren't running with our kids and all their activities or youth group we have been working on things around the house and mission.

We know the doors to reach those in the Native communities will continue to open and we are so thankful for the opportunities the Lord has given us to serve here. Thank you for your prayerful dedication and partnership for our family and ministry. Benjamin and Ashley Dewing

Youth News

It's already September! Where did the time go? It seems like only yesterday we were anticipating our upcoming summer ministry events and here we are, remembering how great of a summer it was. Praise God we had a great and busy summer! We were able to work with over 120 different youth and give them opportunities to hear the Word of God on multiple occasions!

Our summer started out with a VBS at the church in Stone Lake. Our friends from Village Church of Bartlett came and helped out. We had over 30 kids during the week and got some much-needed work done around the property. It's always nice to have folks who partner with us for the long haul. They have been coming here for almost 10 years.

Our next event was another VBS, this time at the church in Mole Lake. We had a group from the Cleveland area come and help out. We had 20 kids attend, and the group also helped with some work projects as well.



After that we took some older teens and headed down to WLS (Warrior Leadership Summit). We spent the week at a camp for native youth and young adults. There were over 500 gathered there during the week! The Gospel was heard many times, and some great steps were taken towards a deeper understanding of walking with God. We hope to take several more next year.

As soon as we got back from WLS we went straight into our annual overnight camp! One of the most fun weeks (for me at least) during the summer!

We had 63 campers this year, and the week went great. We had great help from some of our family from Ohio, folks from Village Church, some local teens, a local family and church family! Many thanks to everyone who pitched in! It takes a great team trusting God to make the week go smoothly.

After that we had a great outreach event for a wide range of youth at our facility, with kids from 4-18 attending. A group from Michigan came and helped out. We had 47 kids during the week!

Next up we did another VBS at our facility for the younger kids. Another team from Michigan came and helped out and we had 40 kids attend.

We got to spend a great deal of time with the youth this summer. It was busier than the past few years for sure but was an absolute blessing to be able to build relationships and meet new kids and share God's Word in the process.

We also started our weekly youth group again praise God! We've had a great group of teens to hang out with. We've gone on a few day trips and had a few gatherings at our facility. Getting back into our weekly routine with the youth group is nice. Please be in prayer with us for our teens, our youth group, and also the planning of next summer's ministry events.

We are always looking for groups to partner with during the summer. If you or your church has a desire to come help, please reach out. We always need help with our overnight summer camp, and we still have a few openings for summer ministry opportunities. Feel free to call, text or email me for additional information. We are always looking for some additional funding for camp! If you feel led to do so, please designate your gift to camp. We also need to replace some of our cafeteria kitchen equipment this winter. If you would like to help with that cost it would be much appreciated.

Many thanks to all of you for all your support, prayer and partnerships in many ways! 17 years ago this month we started working with the mission and God has done great things over those years and He will continue to for years to come! God Bless!

Benjamin and Ashley Dewing, Youth ministry

Don & Teleka
Dewing

The Good News

September 20
2024

COME CELEBRATE

50 years OF MINISTRY!

**WE'RE THRILLED TO SHARE
WE ARE HAVING A PARTY!**

For Don and Teleka Dewing, March 2025 marks 50 years of dedicated selfless service to First Nations people in Northern WI. Just newlyweds, they embarked on an adventure with Midwest Indian Mission, Inc in 1975.

To celebrate this milestone, we are having a party to show appreciation and walk down memory lane with all those who they have reached as well as those who have supported them as they persued the Lord's Calling.



YOU'RE INVITED!

Lake Lucerne Gospel Chapel
(Stone Lake Church)
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MARCH 15TH



2025



NEW HOPE SHELTER & TRANSITIONAL HOUSING

Micah Dewing, Shelter Director

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John 14:6 Jesus said to him, “I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me. As we have been studying John, I have been blessed with the opportunity to study and talk about this verse multiple times during sermons and Bible studies in various locations. What an encouragement it is to know that Jesus is our path, the originator of truth, and the example of life that we model as we walk towards that eternal life promised to the children of God. What a blessing!

Seminary is coming to a close with only a few weeks left before I complete my master’s degree in October. I am thankful for what I have learned and been able to apply in ministry these last two years. Pastor Jensen and I alternate every other month working in the jail where we are encouraged to see men and women seeking out biblical wisdom while they fulfill their legal obligations. We typically have two or three hour-long sessions as we meet with those inmates who have signed up. Some inmates are not allowed to attend services with other inmates, and men and women are segregated so we hold multiple 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. Bible study started back up this fall and we have been working our way through the chapters in John that tell of Jesus’ teaching during the Last Supper. I have helped fill the pulpit in Mole Lake and Lake Lucerne Gospel Chapel as needed this summer.

Michelle has begun harvesting the bounty of her garden and enjoying her time outside in this warm fall weather. She has picked and made jam from the buckets of blackberries she gathered this summer and has her harvest of drying herbs and leaves hanging all over the house. She has begun dehydrating apple slices among other things to preserve for the long winter. She makes and gives away various personal blends of tea to anyone who will have them. Our house resembles an eighteenth-century apothecary much of the year and always smells amazing. Chase, Brooke, Erin and newest addition Willow (born Aug. 17th), come over for lunch after church every Sunday. Sometimes Uncle Jonah stops by to visit. It is a blessing to have the kids live so close and be able to visit with them often.

Our youngest son, Jonah (22), has enjoyed his job operating equipment 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. Whenever he isn’t working, he spends his time in the woods in pursuit of everything that walks, runs, flies, or swims. He keeps our freezer stocked with meat and we are grateful.

Our oldest son, Chase (26), his wife Brooke, and daughters Erin (20 months), Willow (1 month) are all doing well. Brooke is on maternity leave for the next several months and has the option to work from home when she needs to and has daycare for the girls when she needs to go into the office. We have enjoyed getting to spend time with them this summer. Brooke’s job as an accountant has kept her busy. Chase’s work as a machinist keeps him hopping. We are praising God for a growing healthy family!

Things at the shelter have been busy this summer. We currently have 3 single adults and 1 family of 2 in our Emergency Shelter program. We have 1 single male in our Transitional Housing program, and he has been incredibly helpful managing our clothing recycling program and helping maintain our facility. 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. In August we completed 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. Thank you for your prayers and support!

In His Service, Micah Dewing - Shelter Director



And my God will supply all your needs according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus. **Phil 4:19**

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