



November 12, 2023

*“Truly I say to you, this poor widow put in more than all of them.”*

Luke 21:3

### Family Thanksgiving Dinner:

Today is our BSW family Thanksgiving dinner. Everyone is invited to attend. Our dinner will begin in the Fellowship Hall in the basement immediately following our Family Story Service. Please join us!

### Membership Sunday:

Today we welcome six new members to our family fellowship: Teresita De La Cruz, Joelle Lemke, Derek Pataska, Brandon Pautz, Sarah Pautz, and Mimi Sievers. What a joy it is to receive these new members.

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*Welcome to our guests today! Please visit the welcome booth in the lobby and receive a small gift with our appreciation for your visit.*

### Message notes for November 12, 2023

Walking through the Gospel of Luke  
Luke 21:1-3 and Revelation 19:7-8  
Pastor Milt Van Natta

Set the scene: The marriage supper of the Lamb when Jesus comes for His bride.

Bring together three things:

- 1- Luke 14:7-11 ... a parable of humility
- 2- Revelation 19:7-8 ... a glimpse of heaven
- 3- Luke 21:1-3 ... an example of great faith

The widow will be given an honored spot at the marriage supper of Christ and the church because of:

- 1- Her great trust in the Lord
- 2- Her great humility
- 3- Her great modesty

## *This Week at BSW*

### 2024 Women's Conference – Deep Dive: Who I Am in Christ! – January 26-27, 2024:

Tickets are on sale! We have a wonderful Keynote Speaker, Elise Zuber, who works at the GLR Headquarters. She is an inspiring speaker and is so excited to come and be a part of the 2024 Women's Conference. The date of the conference is January 26-27, 2024.

Order your tickets: 2024 Women's Conference Tickets

Or type in: <https://bit.ly/2024BSWWomensConf>

### Women's Life Groups:

Women's Life Groups are held on Mondays at 1:30 pm and 6:00 pm. Pastor Carri Johnson is your leader.

### Shepherd's Loft Bible Study:

Each Tuesday morning from 11:15 am to noon the Shepherd's Loft processing team lays down their labors and has a Bible study. Currently Pastor Milt is teaching through the Book of Acts one chapter at a time. This Tuesday will be chapter twenty-three. All are welcome to attend this study!

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### Junior High / High School Hangout:

This Wednesday, November 15th from 6-8 PM we will be in the BSW Family Center with pizza, soda, popcorn, games, live music, good talks, and more!

If you are in 6th-12th grade, we encourage you to come, eat, and have fun with us! We also will be asking for your feedback on how we can best serve you. Go to the far west door with the BSW Family logo and come downstairs. We hope to see you there!

### This Week's Micro-Church Schedule:

Sunday morning at Wood County Jail (Pastor Lonnie)

Wednesday morning at Waterford (Pastor Milt)

Wednesday afternoon at Arborview Lodge (Pastor Jim)

## *Coming Soon*

### Christmas Choir!

Just a note to let you know that on the 19<sup>th</sup> of November all those who are interested in being in the choir or being in the band (brass, woodwinds, strings) will need to speak with Seth so that we can get you the information you will need to begin rehearsing at home prior to our first in-church rehearsal. We will need your name and email address to send you the links to your parts. There will be a sign-up sheet. Band people please list your instrument as well. You can be in both as the band will be doing a song without the choir this year.

### A Day of Prayer - November 22nd, 5 a.m. to 6 p.m.

The church will be open for prayer and reflection throughout the day. Our focus is giving God the praise with thanksgiving for all He has done.

### Christmas Decoration Sunday is coming!!

We will be decorating our church for the Christmas season on November 26 following our Sunday service. Let's make it a family event and have some fun, smiles, and laughter together.

### Child Dedication Service:

The next Child Dedication Service is December 10<sup>th</sup>. Talk to any pastor to ensure your family's participation.

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### Jesus Birthday Party!

We are having a Birthday Party for Jesus on December 10 following the Family Story Service. Bring your favorite dessert! We will have cupcakes and a Birthday cake for Jesus' birthday. No gifts are needed except for the gift of your praise, love, and worship!

### 2024 Zambia Trip!

Things are beginning to ramp up regarding our up-and-coming opportunity to go and minister God's love with our brothers and sisters in Christ in Zambia. Please begin to pray and seek the Lord about your role in this trip: Missionary, Donor, Prayer Support, Fundraising, etc. We are looking at going to Zambia in June of 2024. I cannot wait to introduce you to the wonderful people I was blessed with getting to know! ~Pastor Carri. More details will be coming soon!

### *Shepherd's Loft Clothing Mission*

#### Shepherd's Clothing Mission:

The Shepherd's Loft Clothing Mission is open to patrons on Tuesday and Friday mornings with appointments available at 9:30 am, 10 am, 10:30 am and 11 am. Make your appointment by calling 715-421-5335. There is never any charge for receiving clothes, shoes, bedding, or linens from the Loft.

#### Spiritual Habit: Scribing

Now we will learn the spiritual habit of scribing or writing out the Word of God by hand. Get yourself a notebook and a writing instrument along with your Bible. Your assignment is to write or print Luke chapter two and parts of chapter three this week.

For those of you who do better with a schedule, here it is:

Sunday: Luke 10:17-20 ... Monday: Luke 10:21-24 ... Tuesday: Luke 10:25-28 ... Wednesday: Luke 10:29-37 ... Thursday: Luke 10:38-42... Friday: Luke 11:1-4 ... Saturday: Luke 11:5-8.

Cot-Bearing Prayer Schedule:

Monday: Governmental Leadership

Tuesday: Our Zambian partners/GLR leadership/Denominational leadership/Missionaries

Wednesday: Our Neighborhood

Thursday: Our List of Unserved People

Friday: Our Family

Saturday: BSW Micro-churches

Sunday: BSW pastoral staff and their households

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*By The Numbers*

## Celebrating new life in Christ:

For the 2023-24 Church year (June 1, 2023, until May 31, 2024):

Those confessing Christ as Savior and Lord: 15

Those recommitting their life to Christ: 1

Those being baptized: 3

Call-to-Ministry: 1

Week 23 of the Church Year	Nov. 5 through Nov. 11, 2023
Sanctuary Attendance	105
Micro-Church Attendance	12 (one site)
Live Stream Raw	20
Adjusted Live-Stream Reporting (X 1.7)	34
Total Footprint	151

**Supporting BSW:** There are four ways that you can support BSW with your tithes and offerings.

- 1) Securely online at [bakerstwesleyan.org](http://bakerstwesleyan.org) using the “support BSW” tab on the right-hand side of the homepage.
- 2) In the jar provided in the sanctuary on the tech booth.
- 3) By mail to Baker Street Wesleyan Church, 640 Baker St. Wisconsin Rapids, Wisconsin, 54494. Attn: Treasurer.
- 4) Donation of stock and securities to our Edward Jones account.

Week 23 of the Church Year	Nov. 5 through Nov. 11, 2023



Total Tithes and Offerings last Sunday	\$ 4,264
Month to Date	\$ 4,264
Year to Date	\$ 66,027
Year to Date Special Offering	\$1,050 for Zambia, \$1,496 for Middle School Retreat, and \$100 Christmas Shoeboxes

### Leadership Team 2023-24:

Local Board of Administration as elected at the Local Church Conference on Tuesday, June 20, 2023

Chairperson: Rev. Milt Van Natta, Senior Pastor

Treasurer: Jamie Mlsna

Secretary: Diane Jackson

Members-at-Large: Kat Esser, Mike Hamilton, Judy Henke, Jonathon Johnson, Kevin Lien (Vice-Chair)

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Your BSW Staff Team:

*Lead Pastor/Teaching Pastor:* Rev. Milt Van Natta

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*Assistant Pastor of Discipleship/Zambia:* Pastor Carri Johnson

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*Assistant Pastor of Spiritual Care/Prayer Chain:* Rev. Jim Leston

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*Jail Ministry Missionary:* Rev. Lonnie Selje

Local Board of Administration Meeting Notes from Nov. 7, 2023

BSW has contracted with a new waste removal and recycling contractor. We will be saving about \$100 per month over our present contract ... BSW received a letter from our insurance carrier notifying us of a 30% increase on premiums for next year. Seth and Jamie are working on either lowering the premiums or seeking a new carrier ... The board has entered a season of prayer regarding partnership with one of the two church plants in Wisconsin ... The Bell Tower is leaking again and will be placed on the budget for spring repair or demolition ... BSW has a new HVAC contractor in Tweet Garot ... Six new members were received unanimously. Their names are listed on the cover page of this newsletter ... Pastor Milt, Diane Jackson, and Mike Hamilton were named to 2024-25 nominating committee. Two non-board members will be named in January.

The board approved a 2024 sabbatical for Pastor Milt Van Natta from April 1<sup>st</sup> through June 29<sup>th</sup> ... Pastor Milt will now have prep day (Sermon practice and newsletter publishing) on Friday and Saturday will be his family day with Kay ... Pastor Milt will no longer be responsible for church cleaning or shoveling the sidewalk.

The Next Generation Ministry is launching a ministry to teens on Wednesday evenings beginning November 15<sup>th</sup> ... Seth has successfully passed his licensed minister interview and we await final approval from the GLR DBMD in November.

