



November 19, 2023

*“Were not our hearts burning within us while He was speaking to us on the road, while He was explaining the Scriptures to us?”*

Luke 24:32

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.

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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 19, 2023

Walking through the Gospel of Luke  
Luke 24:13-35  
Pastor Milt Van Natta

Set the scene: It is Resurrection Day!

Tell the Story of Luke 24:13-35

Jesus explains Himself in the Old Testament Scriptures

- 1- Exodus 3:1-22 ... Jesus is the Burning Bush.
- 2- Isaiah 35:1-10 ... Jesus is the healer.
- 3- Zephaniah 3:17 ... Jesus is the one who saves.

The Scriptures are a living document due to the presence of the Jesus and the Holy Spirit.

Pray for a love for God's Word ... pray to know it, love it, and to share it!

## *This Week at BSW*

### BSWFamily.com Website

Please be sure to visit our website: <https://bswfamily.com>

We have an Events page with a calendar to quickly see events and as you scroll more information is provided. There is also a lot of other information about various ministries within the church including our 2024 Women's Conference, Blogs from Pastors, Children's and Middle School Church information, and so much more!

### 2024 Women's Conference Update:

We are excited about this coming Women's Conference, "Deep Dive: Who I am in Christ." This is going to be a wonderful conference with a very talented and spirit-filled guest speaker, Elise Zuber.

We will be exploring who Jesus is and who we are in Him. Please join us in praying as we complete the planning process and get your tickets soon as they are becoming available for more churches over the next couple of weeks. We now have a shorter link or QR Code for buying tickets to the conference:

<https://bit.ly/2024BSWWomensConf>

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## Women's Abundant Life Groups

Our regular Monday groups will be taking Thanksgiving week off for you to spend time with your family. We will not be meeting on November 20th. We will resume meeting at our normal times of 1:30 pm and 6:00pm on November 27th. We are going into the second section of our study so if you have not been to our groups, the 27th would be a great starting point for you to join us! Have a blessed Thanksgiving and remember to thank the God of our Salvation.

## Volunteer Opportunities!

We have several events coming up in which we have opportunities and needs for volunteers! We are a family, and we encourage people to speak with Pastor Seth, Pastor Carri, or Pastor Jim if you are interested in finding opportunities for volunteering.

## 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-four. All are welcome to attend this study!

### Youth Christmas Party:

We are having a Junior High / High School Christmas party on Wednesday, December 20th from 6pm-8pm in the BSW Family Center! If you are in 6th-12th grade don't miss out on a great time to remember the reason for the season - Jesus! We will have music, a message, video, snacks, games, and prizes...don't miss out!

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

Sunday morning at Wood County Jail (Pastor Lonnie)  
Wednesday morning at Waterford (Pastor Milt)

### 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.

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### Child Dedication Service:

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

### 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 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 11:9-13 ... Monday: Luke 11:14-16 ... Tuesday: Luke 11:17-21 ... Wednesday: Luke 11:22-28 ... Thursday: Luke 11:29-31 ... Friday: Luke 11:32-36... Saturday: Luke 11:37-39.

## Cot-Bearing Prayer Schedule:

Monday: Governmental Leadership

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

Wednesday: Our Neighborhood

Thursday: Our List of Unsaved 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: 2 – One reported this week from the congregation

Those being baptized: 4 - One baptized at the Wood County Jail last Sunday by Pastor Lonnie

Call-to-Ministry: 1

. Week 24 of the Church Year	Nov. 12 through Nov. 18, 2023
Sanctuary Attendance	129
Micro-Church Attendance	21 (two sites)
Live Stream Raw	26
Adjusted Live-Stream Reporting (X 1.7)	44
Total Footprint	194

**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 24 of the Church Year	Nov. 12 through Nov. 18, 2023
Total Tithes and Offerings last Sunday	\$ 1,730
Month to Date	\$ 5,994
Year to Date	\$ 67,757
Year to Date Special Offering	\$1,052 for Zambia, \$1,496 for Middle School Retreat, \$160 for wish list, 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:

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*Jail Ministry Missionary:* Rev. Lonnie Selje