



December 10, 2023

“And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us, and we saw His glory, glory as of the only begotten from the Father, full of grace and truth.”

John 1:14

Birthday Party for Jesus!

Today immediately after service we are having a family birthday party to celebrate the birthday of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. A birthday cake and cupcakes are provided by the church and several families have brought their favorite dessert. Make sure to join us for our church family Christmas party.

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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 December 10, 2023

The Good Gifts of God
Advent 2023 Part Three of Five
Family Story Service
Pastor Milt Van Natta

Notes:

Christmas Eve Service
Sunday, December 24, 2023, at 4 pm

We are most blessed to be having a Child Dedication Ceremony today during our worship service. At the time this newsletter was published, three families and five children were set to participate. We are thankful to bring these children and parents before the Lord today!

Christmas Choir and Band Practice

Today immediately after the Birthday Party for Jesus, the Christmas Choir and Band will be practicing for their Christmas service performances.

This Week at BSW

Women's Abundant Life Groups

The Women's groups will meet at their regular times this week (Monday, December 11) at 1:30 pm and 6 pm. These are the last meetings until Monday, January 8, 2024.

This Week's Micro-Church Schedule:

Sunday morning at Wood County Jail (Pastor Lonnie)

Wednesday morning at Waterford (Pastor Milt)

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Shepherd's Loft Bible Study:

You are invited to the Bible Study held each Tuesday morning in the Shepherd's Loft processing area. Pastor Milt is leading the group in a study of the Book of Romans. This is a perfect week to join us as we are starting a new book with chapter one! Everyone is invited.

Coming Soon!

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!

Deep Dive: Who I am in Christ!

The 2nd Annual BSW Women's Conference will be held on Friday, January 26, 2024, from 6 pm to 8:30 pm and on Saturday, January 27, 2024, from 9 am to 1 pm. The conference is open to ladies 18 and older. The cost is \$33.85, and tickets are available through 1/7/24.

The keynote speaker is Elise Zuber from the Great Lakes Region of the Wesleyan Church. Her focus will be your identity in Christ. Tickets are available using the following website:

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

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.

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.

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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 13:1-5 ... Monday: Luke 13:6-9 ... Tuesday: Luke 13:10-14 ... Wednesday: Luke 13:15-17... Thursday: Luke 13:18-21 ... Friday: Luke 13:22-30... Saturday: Luke 13:31-35.

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

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

Those being baptized: 4

Call-to-Ministry: 1

Week 27 of the Church Year	Dec. 3 through Dec. 9, 2023
Sanctuary Attendance	94
Micro-Church Attendance	29 (three sites)
Live Stream Raw	27
Adjusted Live-Stream Reporting (X 1.7)	46
Total Footprint	169

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

- 1) Securely online at 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 27 of the Church Year	Dec. 3 through Dec. 9, 2023
Total Tithes and Offerings last Sunday	\$ 4,006
Month to Date	\$ 4,006
Year to Date	\$ 77,352
Year to Date Special Offering	\$1,056 for Zambia \$1,496 for Middle School Retreat \$160 for wish list \$100 Christmas Shoeboxes \$1,200 Warehouse Ministry \$2,333 Christmas Benevolence

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)

Your BSW Staff Team:

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Jail Ministry Missionary: Rev. Lonnie Selje

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