



December 17, 2023

*“Yet for this reason I found mercy, so that in me as the foremost,  
Jesus Christ might demonstrate His perfect patience as an example for  
those who would believe in His for eternal life.”*

1 Timothy 1:16

## **Christmas Eve Service**

**Sunday, December 24, 2023, at 4 pm**

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

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## Message notes for December 17, 2023

### The Good Gifts of God Advent 2023 Part Four of Five Pastor Milt Van Natta

#### 1) Philippians 3:1-7

Paul believed in God but didn't know Jesus. He was trying to earn God's approval.

#### 2) Acts 9:1-19

Jesus met Paul in the middle of his lostness and called him to a new life.

#### 3) 1 Timothy 1:12-17

Jesus completely changed Paul's life.

*Jesus is not about second chances or fresh starts.  
Jesus is about radical transformation. The Good Gift  
of redemption!*

## *This Week at BSW*

### 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)

Wednesday afternoon at Arborview Lodge (Pastor Jim)

### 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. The study is from 11:15 am to noon. Everyone is invited.

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## *Coming Soon!*

### Deep Dive: Who I am in Christ!

The 2<sup>nd</sup> 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!

## 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 the Gospel of Luke.

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

Sunday: Luke 14:1-6 ... Monday: Luke 14:7-11 ... Tuesday: Luke 14:12-15 ... Wednesday: Luke 14:16-24... Thursday: Luke 14:25-30 ... Friday: Luke 14:31-35... Saturday: Luke 15:1-7.

## 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: 2

Those being baptized: 4

Call-to-Ministry: 1

Week 28 of the Church Year	Dec. 10 through Dec. 16, 2023
Sanctuary Attendance	97
Micro-Church Attendance	20 (two sites)
Live Stream Raw	17
Adjusted Live-Stream Reporting (X 1.7)	29
Total Footprint	146

### 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.

**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 28 of the Church Year	Dec. 10 through Dec. 16, 2023
Total Tithes and Offerings last Sunday	\$ 2,404
Month to Date	\$ 6,410
Year to Date	\$ 79,756
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 \$50 Women’s Conference

### **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:

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

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*Jail Ministry Missionary:* Rev. Lonnie Selje

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