



December 24, 2023

*“Behold, I bring you good news of great joy which will be for all the people; for today in the City of David there has been born for you a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.”*

Luke 2:10

## **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 24, 2023

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

Dust on our Shoes: Walking through Luke 2:1-21

The *Good Gift* of a Savior

- 1) The Census: The worst possible time!
- 2) The Journey: 100 miles on foot and donkey
- 3) The Closed Doors: No rooms left in the entire city
- 4) The Manger: God enters the world humbly
- 5) The Angels Message: Good news ... Great joy ... A Savior!!
- 6) The Shepherds: The least likely witnesses

## *This Week at BSW*

Christmas week will be a quiet week at BSW. The Shepherd's Loft will be closed. The staff will be on light duty. There will be no normal events. May Christmas week act as a Sabbath week in your life.

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

Sunday morning at Wood County Jail (Pastor Lonnie)

Wednesday morning at Waterford (Pastor Milt)

Next Youth Gathering: Wednesday, January 3 from 6:30 to 8 pm.

Next Youth Leaders Gathering: Wednesday, January 17 at 6:30 pm.

Next Women's Study Groups: Monday, January 8 at 1:30 and 6 pm.

Next Coffee with Pastors: Thursday, January 4 at 9:30 am.

Next LBA Meeting: Tuesday, January 9 at 6 pm

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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 15:8 -10... Monday: Luke 15:11-24 ... Tuesday: Luke 15:25-32 ... Wednesday: Luke 16:1-7... Thursday: Luke 16:8-13 ... Friday: Luke 16:14-18... Saturday: Luke 16:19-31.

## 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

*(Up to five teens confessed Christ as youth gathering on Wednesday evening. Final numbers to be included soon.)*

Those recommitting their life to Christ: 2

Those being baptized: 4

Call-to-Ministry: 1

Week 29 of the Church Year	Dec. 17 through Dec. 23, 2023
Sanctuary Attendance	103
Micro-Church Attendance	32 (three sites)
Live Stream Raw	31
Adjusted Live-Stream Reporting (X 1.7)	53
Total Footprint	188

**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 29 of the Church Year	Dec. 17 through Dec. 23, 2023
Total Tithes and Offerings last Sunday	\$ 6,917
Month to Date	\$ 13,327
Year to Date	\$ 86,673
	\$1,058 for Zambia \$1,496 for Middle School Retreat \$160 for wish list \$100 Christmas Shoeboxes \$1,990 Warehouse Ministry \$2,333 Christmas Benevolence \$50 Women’s Conference

**Tax Year Ending:**

The 2023 tax year will end next Sunday. Any tax exempt donations need to be made by next Sunday, December 31, 2023.

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## 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