



December 3, 2023

“For even as the body is one and yet has many members, and all the members of the body, though they are many, are one body, so also is Christ.”

Romans 1:20

Christmas Decorating Today!

We will be decorating our church for the Christmas season today following our Sunday service. It is a family event. Please join in for some fun, smiles, and laughter together.

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 3, 2023

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

1. Good gifts my grandmother gave me: hard cover books
2. This advent series is about the best gifts of God.
 - a. Good Gift # 1: The Witness of Nature
3. Good Gift # 2: The body of Christ
 - a. Romans 1:20
 - b. Following Christ and being a Christian is “us” not “me”
4. We are all safer together-
 - a. The wildebeest always gets eaten!
5. We share our gifts with each other-
 - a. Hospitality, music, emotional stability, generosity, faithfulness
6. Someone to follow, someone to pour into-
 - a. 1 Corinthians 11:1
7. Serving of Holy Communion

This Week at BSW

Women's Abundant Life Groups

Our regular Monday groups will meet at the normal times of 1:30 pm and 6:00pm. We are going into the second section of our study so if you have not been to our groups.

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-seven. All are welcome to attend this study!

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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!

Child Dedication Service:

There will be a Child Dedication Service next Sunday, December 10th.

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!

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!

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!

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.

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>

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 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 12:22-27 ... Monday: Luke 12:28-32 ... Tuesday: Luke 12:33-37 ... Wednesday: Luke 12:38-42 ... Thursday: Luke 12:43-48 ... Friday: Luke 12:49-53... Saturday: Luke 12:54-59.

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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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.

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 26 of the Church Year	Nov. 26 through Dec. 2, 2023
Sanctuary Attendance	93
Micro-Church Attendance	29 (two sites)
Live Stream Raw	25
Adjusted Live-Stream Reporting (X 1.7)	43
Total Footprint	165

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 26 of the Church Year	Nov. 26 through Dec. 2, 2023
Total Tithes and Offerings last Sunday	\$ 1,295
Month to Date	\$ 11,583
Year to Date	\$ 73,346
Year to Date Special Offering	\$1,054 for Zambia \$1,496 for Middle School Retreat \$160 for wish list \$100 Christmas Shoeboxes \$620 Warehouse Ministry

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

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Jail Ministry Missionary: Rev. Lonnie Selje