

January 21, 2024

"And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us, and we saw His glory."

John 1:14

Women's Conference this week!

The second annual women's conference is this week at BSW. The theme is *Deep Dive: Who I am in Christ*. The conference will be held on Friday evening (January 26th) from 6 pm to 8:30 pm and on Saturday (January 27th) from 9 am to 1:30 pm. Please visit www.BSWfamily.com and look for the special drop-down page. Pastor Carri Johnson is heading up the planning team and would be happy to talk with you about the conference.

Message notes for January 21, 2024

A Slow Walk with Jesus Lent 2024 - Part 1 of 9 Pastor Milt Van Natta

Jesus was a walker. He walked most everywhere that he went in his life.

John 1:1-18

John 1:1-5 – Jesus is the Son of God. Jesus is God!

John 1:1-5 says that Jesus is eternal without beginning or end, Jesus is the creator and sustainer of this world, Jesus is life, and Jesus is light (truth, righteousness, and goodness).

John 1:6-13 – Jesus is the Savior of the World.

John 1:6-13 says that when we believe Jesus is the Son of God and we receive him into hearts and minds, we become a child of God.

John 1:14-18 – Jesus is human like us.

John 1:14-18 says that Jesus is fully God and fully human. It says that we have all received grace from him.

Jesus is a good teacher, but also more. Jesus is a prophet speaking for God, but also more. Jesus never claimed to be anything less than the Son of God.

This Week at BSW

This Week's Micro-Church Schedule:

Sunday morning at Wood County Jail (Pastor Lonnie)

Wednesday morning at Waterford (Pastor Milt)

On Monday (1-22) - Ladies Study Groups at 1:30 and 6 pm.

On Tuesday (1-23) – Bible Study (the Book of Romans) in the Shepherd's Loft 11:15 am.

On Friday and Saturday (1-26 & 27) – Women's Conference. *Deep Dive: Who I am in Christ.* Friday from 6 pm to 8:30 pm. Saturday from 9 am to 1:30 pm.

LBA Meeting rescheduled to Tuesday, January 30th at 6 pm.

Food Pantry Service:

BSW will be serving at the FOCUS food pantry on Monday, February 26 from 11:45 am until 4 pm and Tuesday, February 27 from 3:45 pm until 7 pm. Please sign-up with Kay Van Natta in the Tech Booth after service.

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 21:1-9... Monday: Luke 21:10-16 ... Tuesday: Luke 21:17-24... Wednesday: Luke 21:25-31... Thursday: Luke 21:32-38 ...

Friday: Luke 22:1-6... Saturday: Luke 22:7-13.

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: 22

Those recommitting their life to Christ: 3

Those being baptized: 4

Call-to-Ministry: 1

Week 33 of the Church Year	January 14 through January 20, 2024
Sanctuary Attendance	98
Micro-Church Attendance	25 (two sites)
Live Stream Raw	22
Adjusted Live-Steam Reporting (X 1.7)	37
Total Footprint	160

<u>Supporting BSW:</u> 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.

Shepherd's Loft Clothing Mission:

The Shepherd's Loft Clothing Mission is open to the public on Tuesday and Friday mornings for patrons to receive free clothes, shoes, and linens. Please call 715-421-5335 to schedule your 30-minute appointment for 9:30 am, 10 am, 10:30 am, or 11 am. We need a volunteer(s) to work with donated shoes. If interested talk to Pastor Milt.

Week 33 of the Church Year	January 14 through January 20, 2024
Total Tithes and Offerings last Sunday	\$ 1,038
Month to Date	\$ 4,024
Year to Date	\$ 95,869
Earmarked Giving	\$1,066 Zambia
\$1,496 Middle School Retreat	\$ 320 Wish list
\$ 313 Women's Conference	\$3,270 Warehouse Ministry
\$2,333 Christmas Benevolence	\$1,000 Staff Education Gift
\$ 100 Christmas Shoeboxes	\$ 168 Sanctuary AV Improvements

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 <u>PastorMilt@BSWfamily.com</u>

Next Generations Director/Music Leader: Pastor Seth Dykstra PastorSeth@BSWfamily.com

Assistant Pastor of Discipleship/Zambia: Pastor Carri Johnson PastorJohnson@BSWfamily.com

Assistant Pastor of Spiritual Care/Prayer Chain: Rev. Jim Leston PastorJim@BSWfamily.com

Jail Ministry Missionary: Rev. Lonnie Selje

Cot-Bearing Prayer Guide for Governmental Leaders

Monday: Wisconsin Senate and Assembly

Senator Christ Larson (Senate District 7) and Assembly persons Ryan Clancy (Assembly district 19), Christine Sinicki (20), and Jessie Rodriguez (21).

Senator Dan Knodl (Senate District 8) and Assembly persons Janel Brandtjen(22), Deb Andraca (23), and Vacant (24).

Senator Devin LaMahieu (Senate District 9) and Assembly persons Paul Tittl (25), Terry Katsma (26), and Amy Binsfeld (27)

Tuesday: State Senate Leadership

President Chris Kapenga, President Pro Tempore Patrick Testin, Majority Leader Devin LaMahieu, Assistant Majority Leader Dan Feyen, Minority Leader Melissa Agard, Assistant Minority Leader Jeff Smith, Chief Clerk Michael Queensland, and Sergeant at Arms Tom Engels

Wednesday: State Assembly Leadership

Speaker Robin Vos, Speaker Pro Tempore Kevin Petersen, Majority Leader Tyler August, Assistant Majority Leader Jon Plumer, Minority Leader Greta Neubauer, Assistant Minority Leader Kalen Haywood, Chief Clerk Edward Blazel, and Sergeant at Arms Anne Tonnon Byers

Thursday: Wisconsin Senators and Representatives

Senators: Ron Johnson and Tammy Baldwin

Representatives: Bryan Steil (1), Mark Pocan (2), Derrick Van Orden (3), Gwendolynne Moore (4), Scott Fitzgerald (5), Glenn Grothman (6), Tom Tiffany (7), and Mike Gallagher (8)

Friday: US Military Combat Commanders

US European Command: Gen. Christopher Cavoli (Army)

US Indo-Pacific Command: Adm. John Aquilino (Navy)

US Special Forces Command: Gen. Bryan Fenton (Army)

US Transportation Command: Gen. Jacqueline Van Ovost (Air Force)

US Central Command: Gen. Michael Kurilla (Army)

US Southern Command: Gen. Laura Richardson (Army)

US Northern Command: Gen. Glen VanHerck (Air Force)

US Strategic Command: Gen. Anthony Cotton (Air Force)

US Africa Command: Gen. Michael Langley (Marines)

US Cyber Command: Gen. Paul Nakasone (Army)

US Space Command: Gen. James Dickinson (Army)