



January 7, 2024

*“I will rejoice greatly in the Lord, My soul will exult in my God;
For He has clothed me with garments of salvation, He has wrapped me
with a robe of righteousness.”*

Isaiah 61:10a

Mission Zambia:

Our first meeting to discuss Mission Zambia will be on Wednesday, January 10, 2024, at 6:30pm in the church lobby. We will discuss dates, costs, vaccinations, and fund-raising strategies that can be used. I invite anyone who is interested to come to the meeting whether you are planning to go this summer or in the future. I would also invite others who want to learn how to be involved, state-side, in Mission Zambia.

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Message notes for January 7, 2024

How God Works in Our Life Part 2 Pastor Milt Van Natta

Connect to last week: Instead of New Years' resolutions, it would be better to let God work in our lives. The Holy Spirit works by cleansing us of our sin, transforming our hearts, renewing our minds, and empowering our witness.

This week: How God makes us holy. We must be made holy to have a close relationship with God. How does the Holy Spirit make us holy?

Past Tense: The Holy Spirit has made us holy by covering us in the (imputed) righteousness of Jesus Christ. Genesis 15:1-17, Isaiah 61:10.

Present Tense: The Holy Spirit has made us holy by indwelling us with the (imparted) righteousness of Jesus Christ. The Holy Spirit purifies our hearts and minds daily. Ephesians 1:18-20. 2 Corinthians 5:17.

Future Tense: The Holy Spirit will make us holy and heaven-ready with a final work of righteousness called glorification. 1 Corinthians 15:50-58.

This Week at BSW

This Week's Micro-Church Schedule:

Sunday morning at Wood County Jail (Pastor Lonnie)

Wednesday morning at Waterford (Pastor Milt)

Monday- Ladies Study Groups at 1:30 and 6 pm.

Tuesday: Leadership Team Quarterly Meeting at 6 pm

Family Night is now Family Day!

Our weekly Family Night is now split into two different monthly gatherings - Youth Group (6th-12th grade) is now meeting on the first Wednesday night of each month and "Family Day" is the second Sunday of each month.

Following what has traditionally been our 10am "Family Story Service", we will be having a potluck meal and time to enjoy fellowship together as a church family - now called "Family Day"! The worship service will still be geared towards the whole family, the meal will start shortly after service (around 11:00), the BSW Family Center will open with an announcement 30 minutes later, and both the Fellowship Hall and BSW Family Center will be available for fun and fellowship until 1:00. Don't forget to bring a favorite dish to share and maybe even a fun game!

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Coming Soon!

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!

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 18:29-34... Monday: Luke 18:35-43 ... Tuesday: Luke 19:1-10 ... Wednesday: Luke 19:11-17... Thursday: Luke 19:18-27 ... Friday: Luke 19:28-36... Saturday: Luke 19:37-44.

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

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Week 31 of the Church Year	Dec. 31, 2023, through Jan 6, 2024
Sanctuary Attendance	89
Micro-Church Attendance	36 (three sites)
Live Stream Raw	23
Adjusted Live-Stream Reporting (X 1.7)	39
Total Footprint	164

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 31 of the Church Year	Dec. 31, 2023, through Jan. 6, 2024
Total Tithes and Offerings last Sunday	\$ 3,887
Month to Date	\$ 18,499
Year to Date	\$ 91,845
	\$1,062 for Zambia \$1,496 for Middle School Retreat \$320 for wish list \$100 Christmas Shoeboxes \$2,620 Warehouse Ministry \$2,333 Christmas Benevolence \$169.01 Women’s Conference \$1,000 Staff Education Gift

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

Cot-Bearing Prayer Guide for Governmental Leaders

Monday: Executive Branch of the Federal Government

President Joe Biden and Vice-President Kamala Harris

Cabinet Department Heads: Antony Blinken (State), Janet Yellen (Treasury), Merrick Garland (Justice), Deb Haaland (Interior), Tom Vilsack (Agriculture), Gina Raimondo (Commerce), Julie Su (Labor), Xavier Becerra (Health and Human Services), Marcia Fudge (Housing and Urban Development), Pete Buttigieg (Transportation), Jennifer Granholm (Energy), Miguel Cardona (Education), Denis McDonough (Veterans Affairs), and Alejandro Mayorkas (Homeland Security)

Tuesday: Joint Chiefs of Staff of the United States Military

Chairman General Charles Brown Jr.

Chief of Staff of the Army: Gen. Randy George, Acting Chief of Naval Operations: Admiral Lisa Franchetti, Commandant of the Marine Corps: Gen. Eric Smith, Acting Chief of Staff of the Air Force: Gen. David Allvin, Space Force: Gen. Chance Salzman and Gen. David Thompson.

Wednesday: Senators and Representatives from other states

Alabama Senators: Tommy Tuberville and Katie Britt

Alaska Senators: Dan Sullivan and Lisa Murkowski

Alabama Representatives: Jerry Carl, Barry Moore, Mike Rogers, Robert Aderholt, Dale Strong, Gary Palmer, and Terri Sewell

Alaska Representatives: Mary Sattler Peltola

Thursday: US Supreme Court:

Chief Justice John Roberts. Justice Clarence Thomas, Justice Samuel Alito, Justice Sonia Sotomayor, Justice Elena Kagan, Justice Neil Gorsuch, Justice Brett Kavanaugh, Justice Amy Barrett, and Justice Ketjani Brown Jackson.

Friday: Wisconsin Senate and Assembly

Senator Andre Jacque (Senate District One) and Assembly persons Joel Kitchens (Assembly District 1), Shae Sortwell (2), and Ron Tusler (3)

Senator Robert Cowles (Senate District Two) and Assembly persons David Steffens (4), Joy Goeben (5), and Peter Schmidt (6)

Senator Tim Carpenter (Senate District Three) and Assembly persons Daniel Riemer (7), Sylvia Ortiz-Velez (8), and Marisabel Cabrera (9)

