



February 25, 2024

Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes in Me will live even if he dies."

John 11:25

Final Day for Matching Funds

Today is the final day to have your gift to our partners in Zambia matched. A BSW family member is matching all gifts up to a total of \$1,000 in the month of February. So far \$86 has been given and will be matched, along with all amounts given today. The total after today will be sent immediately to the construction of the Africa Wesleyan University College in Zimba.

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Message notes for February 25, 2024

The Resurrection and the Life

John 11:1-46

Slow Walk with Jesus Part 5

Pastor Milt Van Natta

Jesus said, "I am the bread of life."

Jesus said, "I am the light of the world."

Jesus said, "I am the door," to the sheep pen

Jesus said, "I am the good shepherd."

John 11:1-46

I am the Resurrection and the Life

John 11:1-5: Jesus is functional family to Lazarus and his sisters.

John 11:6-17: Lazarus falls ill and Jesus is slow to respond. It seems that divine timing is often different from human urgency.

John 11:18-32: Lazarus is dead and Jesus returns to comfort Mary and Martha. He completes their understanding of who he is.

John 11:33-36: Jesus raises Lazarus from the dead as he begins bearing his own cross.

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 (2-26) - Ladies Study Groups at 1:30 and 6 pm with Pastor Carri.

On Tuesday (2-27) and Friday (3-1) – The Shepherd's Loft clothing ministry is open from 9:30 until noon. Volunteers need to work with the donated shoes.

On Tuesday (2-27) – Bible Study (the Book of Romans) in the Shepherd's Loft 11:15 am until noon with Pastor Milt.

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Parking Problem Praise!

The yellow paint is coming off the curbs in front of our church!

Just a few weeks ago in a pastoral staff meeting, we were praising God for the growth in attendance. As a result of this growth, we started discussing options to help our full parking lot situation. The first phase we have already implemented is asking some of our church family to join us in parking down the block in the city lot and other available parking options to make sure there is room for guests and those with mobility issues. Fast forward a little bit and we see clearly that God was already working on it too.

- ◆ God is in the details
- ◆ God sees the big picture
- ◆ God cares about the little things
- ◆ God's timing is perfect

We are thankful for the city working hard to do this, even if they weren't aware of our need. And we are thankful to God for preparing the way for this to happen. What a blessing!

Please feel free to park on either side of Baker Street now where the yellow paint has been (and is continuing to be) removed.

BSW Youth News

BSW Youth Group Now Has a Name:

The students have spoken - Our youth group is officially called, "BSW Underground"!

If you are 6th-12th grade, don't miss out on BSW Underground. We meet the first Wednesday night of each month from 6:30-8:00 "underground" (BSW Family Center door opens at 6:00). Our times together are packed full of relevant biblical teaching, worship, light snacks, and games designed to grow us closer to God and each other.

Youth Off Site Skate Night:

Attention all middle school ministry, junior high, and high school students (5th-12th grade). We are joining two other local church youth groups for a special night out designed just to have fun connecting with each other. We have rented out Skate City (2211 36th St N, Wisconsin Rapids) on Wednesday, March 13th from 6:30-8:30 PM (doors open at 6:15). The cost is \$6.99 and includes pizza, soda, and skate rental (\$1 extra for inline skates). Talk with a pastor or youth leader prior to event if cost is an issue.

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Spiritual Habit: Week Two of Lent

The spiritual habit of spiritual direction. Suggestions from Adele Ahlberg Calhoun and her book, *Spiritual Disciplines Handbook: Practices That Transform Us* (IVP Books, 2005).

Entering an intentional and regular relationship that fosters union with God ... opening your prayer life and experience of God to another for the sake of shared listening ... listening to your life and the desires God has placed in your heart ... letting the Holy Spirit set the direction of the discussion ... living by what God is saying to you ... allowing another set of eyes and ears to help you interpret your experiences and the voice of God (page 115).

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: 23

Those recommitting their life to Christ: 3

Those being baptized: 4

Call-to-Ministry: 1

Week 38 of the Church Year	February 18 through February 23, 2024
Sanctuary Attendance	88
Micro-Church Attendance	33 (three sites)
Live Stream Raw	32
Adjusted Live-Stream Reporting (X 1.7)	54
Total Footprint	175

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.

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.

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Week 38 of the Church Year	February 18 through February 23, 2024
Total Tithes and Offerings last Sunday	\$ 793
Month to Date	\$ 5,953
Year to Date	\$ 108,597
Earmarked Giving	\$ 1,181 Zambia
\$ 1,496 Middle School Retreat	\$ 320 Wish list
\$ 1,087 Women's Conference	\$ 3,921 Warehouse Ministry
\$ 2,333 Christmas Benevolence	\$ 2,000 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)

Community Hygiene Drive:

BSW is participating in the annual hygiene drive to help three local agencies help people in need in our community. Collection bins are located in the main lobby and items needed include; bathroom tissue, cleaning supplies, dental care, deodorant, diapers & baby care items, face/bath soap, feminine care, hair care, laundry detergent, paper towels, razors, & trash bags. The drive continues through Sunday March 3rd and all donations stay in South Wood County.

Prayer Requests:

On Monday, March 4, Pastor Milt will begin teaching a class on the Pentateuch (the first five books of the Bible) through Kingswood University. He will have six students in the class and is requesting your prayer coverage in March and April. Please pray for Honey-Lee, Jennifer, Josie, Bree, Maria, Jacqueline, and Pastor Milt.

Pastor Carri Johnson's ordination interview with the District Board of Ministerial Development of the GLR is on Tuesday, March 12 in Spooner. She and Jonathan would so appreciate your prayer coverage.

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Jail Ministry Missionary: Rev. Lonnie Selje

Cot-Bearing Prayer Guide for Governmental Leaders

Monday: Wisconsin Senate and Assembly

Senator Robert Wirch (Senate District 22) and Assembly persons Tip McGuire (Assembly district 64), Tod Ohnstad (65), and Greta Neubauer (66).

Senator Jesse James (Senate District 23) and Assembly persons Robert Summerfield (67), Karen Hurd (68), and Donna Rozar (69).

Senator Patrick Testin (Senate District 24) and Assembly persons Nancy Lynn VanderMeer (70), Karen Shankland (71), and Scott Krug (72)

Tuesday: Florida House of Representatives (Part 2)

Darren Soto (9), Maxwell Alejandro Frost (10), Daniel Webster (11), Gus Bilirakis (12), Anna Paulina Luna (13), Kathy Castro (14), Laurel Lee (16), and Vern Buchanan (16)

Wednesday: Florida House of Representatives (Part 3)

Greg Steube (17), Scott Franklin (18), Byron Donalds (19), Sheila Cherfilus-McCormick (20), Brian Mast (21), and Lois Frankel (22)

Thursday: Florida House of Representative (Part 4)

Jared Moskowitz (23), Frederica Wilson (24), Debbie Wasserman Schultz (25), Mario Diaz-Balart (26), Maria Elvira Salazar (27), and Carlos Gimenez (28)

Friday: US Supreme Court

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

Zambia Work Teams:

Last week Pastor Milt received this email from Dr. Henry Smith, the principal of the Africa Wesleyan University-College in Zimba, Zambia. BSW has made a three-year commitment to support the University-College with prayers, finances, and work teams.

Please pray and discern if God is asking you to be a part of a work team this summer to Zambia. Pastor Carri Johnson is available to answer questions you might have about such a trip.

Pastor Milt,

On Monday before I depart for Indianapolis, I sign a contract with the Zambian architect who will assist us with the necessary plans to submit to the authorities here to move ahead with the building within a month. He is also assisting us to locate potential builders, etc.

There is a clause in the contract that allows us to use volunteer help from Zambia or USA. It seems to me that the work from volunteers could include finish work such as such as painting, etc. or other suggestions you might have.

Attached are the drawings and visuals prepared by Glen Harris for these two buildings. The footprint of the two buildings is identical, only the interior is different.

Might it be possible to get some help with the finish work? Maybe have a team come over and work with a Zambia church? We would likely be ready for help sometime I mid to late summer in the US.

Dr. Henry Smith

