



March 10, 2024

*“... in whom you are being built together into a dwelling of God in the Spirit.”*

Ephesians 2:22

Welcome to Family Day at BSW!

We believe that a local church is a multi-generational family of the children of God. We celebrate that truth each second Sunday with a unique worship environment and day together. We will worship with the children included, share a potluck dinner together after worship, and enjoy family time together in the fellowship hall and Family Center until 1 pm.

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Message notes for March 10, 2024

Family business with Vice-Chair Kevin Lein and an update on Pastor Milt's upcoming sabbatical (April 1 through June 29)

Family teaching with Pastor Seth Dykstra

## *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 (3-11) - Ladies Study Groups at 1:30 and 6 pm.

On Tuesday (3-12) and Friday (3-15) – The Shepherd's Loft clothing ministry is open from 9:30 until noon. Volunteers need to work with the donated shoes.

On Tuesday (3-12) – Bible Study (the Book of 1 Corinthians) in the Shepherd's Loft 11:15 am until noon with Pastor Milt.

On Wednesday (3-13) – Underground Skate Outing at Skate City from 6:30 to 8:30 pm. More details on Page 4.

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## 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.

## Lent at BSW

Make your Lenten season more meaningful this year by following along with our pastors as they share devotions and a spiritual habit for you to practice each week. This week Pastor Carri Johnson will lead us.

Our Holy Week Schedule:

Thursday, March 28<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm ... “The Last Supper” service with the serving of Holy Communion.

Friday, March 29<sup>th</sup> at Noon ... “At the Cross” prayer vigil.

Friday, March 29<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm ... “At the Tomb” reflections.

Sunday, March 31<sup>st</sup> at 10 am ... Resurrection Celebration. He is Risen!

## *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: 26

Those recommitting their life to Christ: 6

Those being baptized: 4

Call-to-Ministry: 2

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Week 40 of the Church Year	March 3 through March 9, 2024
Sanctuary Attendance	114
Micro-Church Attendance	28 (three sites)
Live Stream Raw	23
Adjusted Live-Stream Reporting (X 1.7)	39
Total Footprint	181

**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.

Week 40 of the Church Year	March 3 through March 9, 2024
Total Tithes and Offerings last Sunday	\$ 4,381
Month to Date	\$ 4,381
Year to Date	\$ 118,680
Earmarked Giving	\$ 3,900 Zambia
\$ 1,496 Middle School Retreat	\$ 320 Wish list
\$ 1,087 Women's Conference	\$ 4,531 Warehouse Ministry
\$ 2,333 Christmas Benevolence	\$ 3,000 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)

## Prayer Requests:

Pastor Carri Johnson's ordination interview with the District Board of Ministerial Development of the GLR is on Wednesday, March 13 in Spooner. She and Jonathan would so appreciate your prayer coverage ... Pastor Carri's graduation from seminary is April 27 in Marion, Indiana ... and her ordination (no problems with that interview!) will be June 8 in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Please pray with Pastor Milt for the students he is currently teaching for Kingswood University. Pentateuch class: Honey-Lee, Jennifer, Josie, and Bree. Inductive Bible Study class: Jesse, Phil, Austin, Cory, Kayla, and Elianne. Spiritual Formation class (Unit One): Karen, Kalyn, and Jessica. Spiritual Formation class (Unit Two): Joey, Kristine, Randy, Lorrie, Lauri-Anne, and Susan.

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

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## Cot-Bearing Prayer Guide for Governmental Leaders

Monday: Wisconsin Senate and Assembly

Senator Marc Julian Bradley (Senate District 28) and Assembly persons Chuck Wichgers (Assembly district 82), Nik Rettinger (83), and Bob Donovan (84).

Senator Cory Tomczyk (Senate District 29) and Assembly persons Patrick Synder (85), John Spiros (86), and James Edming (87).

Senator Eric Wimberger (Senate District 30) and Assembly persons John Macco (88), Elijah Behnke (89), and Kristina Shelton (90).

Tuesday: Hawaii Congressional Delegation

Senators: Mazie Hirono and Brian Schatz

Representatives: Ed Case (1) and Jill Tokuda (2).

Wednesday: Idaho Congressional Delegation

Senators: Jim Risch and Mike Crapo

Representatives: Russ Fulcher (1) and Mike Simpson (2)

Thursday: Executive Branch of the United States

President Joe Biden and Vice-President Kamala Harris

Secretary of State Antony Blinken, Secretary of Defense Lloyd Austin, Attorney General Merrick Garland, Secretary of Treasury Janet Yellen, Secretary of Veteran Affairs Denis McDonough.

Friday: Executive Branch of the state of Wisconsin

Governor Tony Evers, Lieutenant Governor Sarah Rodriguez, Attorney General Joshua Kaul, State Superintendent of Public Instruction Jill Underly, State Treasurer John Lieber, and Secretary of State Sarah Godlewski.

