



August 11, 2024

*“... and he continued kneeling on his knees three times a day,
praying and giving thanks before his God.”*

Daniel 6:10b

Family Day at BSW:

We welcome you to our monthly intergenerational service at BSW. Today the children and youth stay in the service and we all worship as one big family. The nursery is open for the little who are three and under. Our day continues with a potluck dinner at 11 am and the Family Center will be open for fellowship after dinner until 1 pm. Enjoy your day as part of the BSW family!

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Family Business for August 11, 2024

This will be a working week at BSW. We need people to serve on Thursday from 3 pm to 8 pm installing the new flooring in children's classrooms. If we have enough workers, we will also install new carpeting on the ramp into the Children's Wing.

Message notes for August 11, 2024

Daniel 1 – 2 – 3

Daniel prayed three times a day; 1) morning, 2) noon, and 3) night-time.

Daniel 1 – 2 – 3

Each time Daniel prayed he; 1) pledged his faithfulness to God with the Shema, 2) Daniel humbled himself before God by kneeling, and 3) Daniel gave thanks each time he talked to God.

Daniel 1 – 2 – 3

Daniel faced three big tests and passed each one; 1) he didn't disobey God and eat the king's food, 2) he stood before the king and interpreted his dreams, and 3) he didn't pray to the king when the law required it.

Why did Daniel pass each test? Because he met with God 1 – 2 – 3 times each day.

This Week at BSW

On Sunday (8-11) – Micro-church in the Wood County Jail. Pastor Lonnie leads.

On Tuesday (8-13) – The Shepherd’s Loft clothing ministry is open from 9:30 until noon. *We are praying for a steady supply of banana boxes.*

On Tuesday (8-13) – Micro-church at Cranberry Court assisted living at 10 am. Pastor Milt leads. Please pray over this new work of BSW.

On Tuesday (8-13) – Bible Study (Psalms) in the Shepherd’s Loft 11:15 am until noon with Pastor Milt and Shepherd’s Loft Processing Team. All are welcome.

On Wednesday (8-14) – Sports Day at the Park for BSW Underground from 4 to 7 pm. Gather at the Biron Park for Volleyball, Basketball, Tennis, Soccer, Kickball, Frisbee, and FREE Food!

This Week at BSW continued:

On Wednesday (8-14) – Women’s Conference 2024 organizational meeting. All women are welcome to attend and participate in the planning at 6:30 pm. See the details on page seven of this newsletter.

On Thursday (8-15) – The *Gods at War* six-week study concludes at the home of Pastor Jim and Patty. This week’s topic is the god of me and the study is from 6:30 to 8 pm.

On Friday (8-16) – The Shepherd’s Loft clothing ministry is open from 9:30 am until noon.

On Friday (8-16) – Bible reading and fellowship with Jonathan and Pastor Carri Johnson from 6 pm to 7:30 pm in the sanctuary.

On Saturday (8-16) – The Men’s Breakfast and Golf Outing. Breakfast is at church beginning at 7:30 am and the golf outing begins at 10:30 at Tri-City Golf Course (\$25 for nine holes and cart). Please see the details on page six of this newsletter.

By The Numbers

Celebrating new life in Christ:

For the 2024-25 Church year (June 1, 2024, until May 31, 2025):

Those confessing Christ as Savior and Lord: 3 (one at jail ministry last Sunday)

Those recommitting their life to Christ: 0

Those being baptized: 1

Call-to-Ministry: 0

Attendance Report for August 2024

Date	Sanctuary	Micro-Churches	Online Raw #	X 1.7 Reporting Number	Total Foot Print
Y-T-D Averages June 24-May 25	102	29	18	31	162
Aug 4	90	44	21	36	170
Aug 11					
Aug 18					
Aug 25					
Aug Ave.					

Volunteers Needed This Week!!

Children's Church flooring:

On Thursday, August 15 – Children's Church flooring installation from 3 pm to 8 pm

Lunch is provided ... work an hour or work the entire time ... all are welcome ... Sign-up in the lobby

Back-up days to complete the project are August 16 and 17

Men's Breakfast & Golf Outing:

Join us Saturday, August 17th for our 2nd annual Men's Breakfast and Golf Outing. You can come to either or both and all skill levels are welcome for golf. Church doors open at 7:30am for fellowship, breakfast served at 8:00 with a devotional time to follow. Then we will head to Tri-City golf course for our 10:30 tee time. We will be playing scramble format as two-man teams and do 9 holes with a cart (fun challenges and prizes too!).

The cost for golf is \$25 and funds need to be put in the offering jar and clearly marked "Men's Golf Outing" by Sunday August 11th. Sign-up sheet on the round table in the lobby. Please contact Brandon Pautz at 715-323-3922 with questions.

Women's Conference 2024:

All women are welcome and invited to attend an informational meeting on Wednesday, August 14th at 6:30pm to discuss the needs for volunteers to help create this year's conference along with the change of date for the conference this year. We will meet in the church sanctuary. Please contact Pastor Carri at pastorjohnson@bswfamil.com or call 269-967-2125 with any questions.

Zambia Update:

Food is continuing to be delivered all over Zambia! Bishop Siachetema has been driving for hours with many deliveries happening in the middle of the night. District Superintendents, Pastors, and our brothers and sisters there have been so grateful to receive the "Mealie Meal" (Corn) food that is a staple of their diet. It is filling and comforting to them. They ask for continued prayer over all else as it is through His grace that they live. Please remember to pray for our church family members spiritual growth, provision, and for rains to come in the next 'rainy season.'

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.

Tithes and Offerings Report

Date	General Fund	Zambia Partnership	Warehouse Partnership	Wish List	Pastoral Scholarship
Y-T-Date 6-24 to 5-25	25,929	4,216	2,920	3,170	2,000
Aug 4	2,972	2			
Aug 11					
Aug 18					
Aug 25					
Aug Totals					

*Jail Ministry \$150 on 7/21/2024

Leadership Team 2023-24:

Local Board of Administration as elected at the Local Church Conference on Thursday, June 20, 2024 serving until the next local church conference.

Chairperson: Rev. Milt Van Natta, Senior Pastor

Treasurer: Jamie Mlsna

Secretary: Kimberly Bier

Members-at-Large: Kat Esser, Mike Hamilton, Diane Jackson, Bonnie Lemke, Brandon Pautz, and Kevin Lien (Vice-Chair).

Your BSW Staff Team

Lead Pastor/Teaching Pastor/Shepherd's Loft: Rev. Milt Van Natta

Next Generations Director/Music Leader: Pastor Seth Dykstra

Assistant Pastor of Discipleship/Zambia: Rev. Carri Johnson

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

Jail Ministry Missionary: Rev. Lonnie Selje

Report of the BSW Local Board of Administration

Meeting held on Tuesday, August 6 at 6 pm

The board received their conflict-of-interest forms and their LBA covenant forms. Each member has two weeks to sign these commitments to continue on to the next meeting ... the following meeting are scheduled; Tuesday, August 20th at 7 pm to make a final decision on Pastor Kalembo request regarding the secondary school sponsorships, Saturday, September 7th at 2 pm to do a facility walk-through and projects list, and Tuesday, November 12th at 6 pm for the next quarterly meeting.

The Great Lakes Region (GLR) has informed Pastor Milt that it is his year to have a job performance review. Pastors serving on an extended call are to be reviewed every four years. A representative of the GLR will be working with the LBA to conduct the review this church year... We are blessed to share a healthy financial report with you. BSW has just under \$200,000 in liquid assets. Some \$90,000 of that represents earmarked funds for such things as Seth's salary this church year, the flooring project in the children's wing, our ongoing projects in Zambia, the viewing screens in the sanctuary, and the Warehouse ministry. About \$110,000 is the general fund for the operational budget of the church. We are so grateful for God's blessings.

Post Board Update:

Two of three vendor meetings for the new view screens in the sanctuary have been conducted. We hope to have one more soon ... Initial work on the flooring in the Children's Wing is encouraging. The second work is this week. Everything is going well.

Heart of the 27 New Testament Books:

The Gospels –

(Matthew, Mark, and Luke are also called the synoptic gospels because they are very similar in content)

Matthew: The Gospel to the Jews (written to the Jews)

Mark: The Gospel of Action (written to the Romans)

Luke: The Historical Certainty of the Gospel (written to the Greeks)

John: The Believer's Connectedness to Christ (written to everyone)

Romans:

1 Corinthians:

2 Corinthians:

Galatians:

Ephesians:

Philippians:

Colossians:

1 Thessalonians:

2 Thessalonians:

1 Timothy:

2 Timothy:

Titus:

Philemon:

Hebrews:

James:

1 Peter:

2 Peter:

1 John:

2 John:

3 John:

Jude:

Revelation:

