



September 8, 2024

"... fixing our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of faith."

Hebrews 12:2a NASB

Today is Family Day at BSW

The second Sunday of each month is Family Day at BSW. This is our intergenerational service in which the entire family worships together. We also eat together with a potluck dinner at 11 am and have fellowship in the Family Center from after lunch until 1 pm. The nursery is open during worship for the little ones three and under.

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Family Business for September 8, 2024

Today we will launch the 2024 Christmas Shoebox ministry!

Message notes for September 8, 2024

This morning Pastor Milt will share an object lesson from Hebrews chapter 12 and verses one and two.

We will go to the baseball field and learn that to win at baseball you need to keep your eyes on the ball whether you are a fielder or a batter.

Hebrews 12:2a teaches us that we need to keep our eyes on Jesus to win at being a Christian or Christ-follower.

This Week at BSW

On Sunday (9-8) – Micro-church in the Wood County Jail. Pastor Lonnie leads.

On Monday (9-9) – Women’s study group kick-off event at 5:30 pm in the church lobby. Joelle Lemke leads.

On Monday (9-9) – Men’s study group meets from 7 to 8 pm in the Family Center. Kevin Lien leads.

On Tuesday (9-10) – The Shepherd’s Loft clothing ministry is open from 9:30 until noon.

On Tuesday (9-10) – Micro-church at Cranberry Court assisted living at 10 am. Pastor Milt leads.

On Tuesday (9-10) – Bible Study (Psalms and Proverbs) in the Shepherd’s Loft processing center from 11:15 am until noon.

On Wednesday (9-11) – Micro-church at Waterford nursing home at 10:30 am. Pastor Milt leads.

On Wednesday (9-11) – BSW Underground (6th through 12th grade) meets in the Family Center from 6:30 to 8 pm in the Family Center. Doors open at 6 pm.

On Friday (9-13) – The Shepherd’s Loft clothing ministry is open from 9:30 am until noon.

On Friday (9-13) – Bible reading and fellowship with Jonathan and Pastor Carri Johnson from 6 pm to 7:30 pm in the sanctuary.

Children's Ministry Changes:

There is no Children’s Church today. Here's the changes to the fall program that you need to be aware of.

- Nursery with Ms. Jamie
- Ms. Linda's class: Pre-K through 1st
- Ms. Penny's class: 2nd through 5th (with student leader option below)
- Middle School class is discontinued. The 6th-12th graders are encouraged to stay in the service and to attend our weekly youth group, BSW Underground, on Wednesday evenings from 6:30-8:00 (doors open at 6).

Please talk with one of the teachers listed above to discuss the possibility of your 5th grade student helping (student leader) in the nursery or Ms. Linda's class.

Women's Group Kick-off Event:

Monday, September 9th, from 5:30 pm to 6:30pm is the kickoff for our women to come together, fellowship, and grow in the Word of God. All women are invited to attend. Come and take an hour to enjoy a time of refreshing in the Lord with other ladies of our church family. Text Joelle with any questions at 715-498-2763.

Monday Night Men's Group:

Monday evenings from 7-8pm is a time specifically for men to grow their faith and friendships through intentional time in God's word, prayer, and fellowship. We meet in the BSW Family Center, so please come to that door (west door off Baker St. - opens at 6:45). For questions, please contact our Vice Chair, Kevin Lien, at 763-360-0988).

BSW Underground:

Our youth group (BSW Underground | 6th-12th grade) meets every Wednesday from 6:30-8pm (west door off Baker St. opens at 6). September 11th, 18th, & 25th we will be in a series, "What is the Bible?" and are excited to grow together in understanding God's Word.

Middle School Fall Retreat:

Attention all 6th-8th graders!!! Join us for our 2nd annual trip to Silver Birch Ranch, October 4th-6th. This is a collaborative trip with other local churches featuring a special guest speaker, worship team, and lots of fun activities (horseback riding, zipline, paintball, and more!). The cost is \$150 which includes lodging, travel expenses, food, and all activities. Deadline for signing up is Wednesday, September 25th. For more information, see pamphlet in lobby or contact Pastor Seth.

Worship Night:

Join us Sunday, September 22nd from 6:30-7:30 for a time of worship (doors open at 6pm). This is a low-tech night of acoustic music (lights dim, no mic, no lyrics on screen) with intentional space to pray, reflect, and refresh, led by Molly Dykstra. We hope to see you there and pray you'll encounter Jesus in a beautiful way.

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.

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: 4 (Bradley B. on 9/2/24)

Those recommitting their life to Christ: 0

Those being baptized: 3

Call-to-Ministry: 0

Attendance Report for September 2024

Date	Sanctuary	Micro-Churches	Online Raw #	X 1.7 Reporting Number	Total Foot Print
Y-T-D Averages To 8/31	97	35	19	32	164
Sept. 1	103	49	23	39	191
Sept. 8					
Sept. 15					
Sept. 22					
Sept. 29					
Sept. Ave.					

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 As of 8-31	35,223	4,224	4,160	3,170	2,000
Sept. 1	5,092	2		170	
Sept. 8					
Sept. 15					
Sept. 22					
Sept. 29					
Sept. Totals					

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

Leadership Team 2024-25:

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

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)

Acts: The Advance of the Gospel (Luke and Acts written by Luke a Gentile)

(Matthew through Acts are the history books of the New Testament. The gospels are biographies of Jesus and his ministry. Acts covers the birth of the church and the evangelization of the world)

The 13-Letters of the Apostle Paul begin with Romans

Romans: The Systematic Summary of Being Saved by Faith

1 Corinthians: Division and immorality in the church

2 Corinthians: Paul's personal defense

Galatians: Christians are justified by faith alone