



Sunday, December 1, 2024

And this I pray, that your love may abound still more and more in real knowledge and all discernment, so that you may approve the things that are excellent, in order to be sincere and blameless until the day of Christ ...

Philippians 1:9-11 NASB

Christmas Eve Service

Christmas is mid-week this year and BSW will worship on Sunday December 22 and 29 at 10 am. We will also feature a Christmas Eve candlelight service on Tuesday, December 24 at 6 pm with many traditional Christmas Carols.

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Family Business for December 1, 2024

We will ...

- 1) ... celebrate the sea container arriving in Lusaka
- 2) ... share about the Christmas Choir after service
- 3) ... share about the family holiday dinner next Sunday
- 4) ... share some news about the Zambia students being sponsored
- 5) ... Christmas Eve service on 12-24 at 6 pm
- 6) ... Coffee with Pastors Thursday morning at 9:30

Sermon Notes:

Growing in the Lord is ...

Growing in the knowledge of God

Growing in love for God

Growing in obedience to God

The more you know about God, the more you will love God.

The more you love God, the more you will obey God.

The more you obey God, the more you will know about God.

This Week at BSW

On Sunday (12-1) – The Christmas Choir will practice for their 12-22 performance shortly after the conclusion of worship service.

On Sunday (12-1) – Micro-church in the Wood County Jail. Pastor Lonnie leads. Pray for God's favor on Pastor Lonnie.

On Monday (12-2) – Women's study group with Joelle Lemke from 5:30 to 6:30 pm in the church lobby. Topic is the Book of Isaiah.

On Monday (12-2) – Men's study group meets from 7 to 8 pm in the Family Center. Kevin Lien leads.

On Tuesday (12-3) – The Shepherd's Loft clothing ministry is fully stocked with fall and winter clothing. Appointments available at 9:30, 10, 10:30, and 11 am to receive clothes, shoes, towels, and bedding. Donations can be dropped off from 9:30 am until noon.

On Tuesday (12-3) – Micro-church at Cranberry Court assisted living at 10 am. Pastor Milt leads.

On Tuesday (12-3) – Bible Study (this week Exodus 1-2) in the Shepherd's Loft processing area from 11:15 am until noon.

On Wednesday (12-4) – Micro-church at Waterford nursing home at 10:30 am. Pastor Milt leads.

On Wednesday (12-4) – Micro-church at Arborview Lodge nursing home at 1:30 pm. Pastor Milt leads.

On Wednesday (12-4) – 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 Thursday (12-5) – Coffee with Pastors will be held in the Fellowship Hall at 9:30 am. This is the BSW ministry to the seniors (50+). Join us for food, fellowship, hymns, prayers, and a biblical teaching from Job.

On Friday (12-6) – The Shepherd's Loft clothing ministry is open from 9 am to noon for donations and 9:30 to 11:30 for clothing acquisition.

BSW Family Holiday Dinner is scheduled for Sunday at December 8, 2024 at 11 am immediately following Family Day worship service. We invite you to bring your favorite Thanksgiving or Christmas entrees, side dishes, and desserts. Dinner will be held in the Fellowship Hall. Contact Pastor Carri Johnson with questions (contact info on the cover of this newsletter).

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).

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: 10 (one in jail last Sunday)

Those recommitting their life to Christ: 2

Those being baptized: 3

Call-to-Ministry: 0

Attendance Report for November 2024

Date	Sanctuary	Micro-Churches	Online Raw #	X 1.7 Reporting Number	Total Foot Print
Y-T-D Averages To 11/30	99	41	21	36	176
Nov. 3	92	50	25	43	185
Nov. 10	101	49	24	41	191
Nov. 17	102	61	19	32	195
Nov. 24	105	59	27	46	210
Nov. Ave.	100	55	24	41	195

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 11/30	70,060	4,350	7,480	3,510	2,000
Nov. 3	3,916	2	450		
Nov. 10	1,819	2			
Nov. 17	1,615	102	500		
Nov. 24	3,157	2			
Nov. Totals	10,507	108	950		

Other earmarked giving: Jail Ministry \$233, Christmas Shoeboxes \$350, Middle School Retreat \$815 and New Chairlift \$300

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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