



Sunday, November 17, 2024

*And without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is and that He is a rewarder of those who seek Him!*

Hebrews 11:6 NASB

*Christmas Choir!*

All women, men, and teens who are interested in being a part of a Christmas choir are asked to sign-up today at the round table in the main lobby. Practices will begin next Sunday (11-24) about 15 minutes after worship concludes. We will practice each Sunday until December 22<sup>nd</sup>. Please sign-up so that we can print enough music for everyone. Direct questions to Pastor Carri Johnson at 269-967-2125 or [PastorJohnson@bswfamil.com](mailto:PastorJohnson@bswfamil.com).

## Family Business for November 17, 2024

We will ...

- 1) ... share about the new projector installation
- 2) ... share more pictures from Zimba and the new college
- 3) ... share about the Christmas Choir
- 4) ... share about the Holiday Family Dinner at BSW
- 5) ... celebrate a very special birthday

Pastor Jim Leston will bring the Good News today with a message called Amazing Faith and will be from Luke 7:1-10 and Hebrews 11:6.

Notes:

## *This Week at BSW*

On Sunday (11-17) – Micro-church in the Wood County Jail. Pastor Lonnie leads. Pray for God's favor on Pastor Lonnie.

On Monday (11-18) – Women's study group with Joelle Lemke from 5:30 to 6:30 pm in the church lobby.

On Monday (11-18) – Men's study group meets from 7 to 8 pm in the Family Center. Kevin Lien leads.

On Tuesday (11-19) – 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 (11-19) – Micro-church at Cranberry Court assisted living at 10 am. Pastor Milt leads.

On Tuesday (11-19) – Bible Study (this week Exodus 35-36) in the Shepherd's Loft processing area from 11:15 am until noon.

On Wednesday (11-20) – Micro-church at Waterford nursing home at 10:30 am. Pastor Milt leads.

On Wednesday (11-20) – Micro-church at Arborwood Lodge nursing home at 1:30 pm. Pastor Jim leads.

On Wednesday (11-20) – BSW Underground (6<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade) meets in the Family Center from 6:30 to 8 pm in the Family Center. Doors open at 6 pm.

On Friday (11-22) – The Shepherd’s Loft clothing ministry is open from 9:30 am until noon.

**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).

## *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: 9

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 10/31	99	39	21	35	172
Nov. 3	92	50	25	43	185
Nov. 10	101	49	24	41	191
Nov. 17					
Nov. 24					
Nov. Ave.					

Supporting BSW: There are four ways that you can support BSW with your tithes and offerings.

- 1) Securely online at [bakerstwesleyan.org](http://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 10/31	59,553	4,242	6,530	3,510	2,000
Nov. 3	3,916	2	450		
Nov. 10	1,819	2			
Nov. 17					
Nov. 24					
Nov. Totals					

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

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The leadership team of BSW – called the local board of administration (LBA) – met on Tuesday evening for its quarterly meeting.

- We are blessed by our faithful provision from the Lord. We have \$122,000 in cash reserves. We also have \$45,000 in stocks, for total liquid assets of \$167,000. We also have the following designated funds; \$27,789 for Zambia projects, \$19,793 for Pastor Seth's position, \$14,631 in trust for the Warehouse partnership, and \$18,834 in trust for the LIZA project in Zambia.
- In light of our blessed position, the LBA voted to purchase a laser video projector for the sanctuary with up to a total project cost of \$7,000. The vendor is Precision Audio and Video Experts of Stevens Point. Installation will be very soon.
- Adam Trachie was welcomed into membership at BSW.
- The LBA was assigned Mildred Muleya as their Zambia student to be sponsored. A different board member will correspond with Mildred each month.

## 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

Ephesians: Living as the body of Christ

Philippians: The epistle (or letter) of joy!

Colossians: The pre-eminence of Jesus Christ

1 Thessalonians: Keep growing spiritually

2 Thessalonians: Clear teachings on Christ's second coming

1 Timothy: Administration of the church

2 Timothy: For people near death

Titus: Order and structure in the church

Philemon: About the slave Onesimus

Hebrews: Jesus, the great high priest

James: Faith working by love

1 Peter: Book of suffering

2 Peter: Defending the orthodox truth

1 John: Fatherly instruction to obedience

2 John: Living in obedience

3 John: About a church fight

Jude: Danger signs about false teachers

Revelation: The ultimate triumph of Christ

### 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.