



Sunday, December 22, 2024

“And she gave birth to her firstborn son; and she wrapped Him in cloths, and laid Him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.”

Luke 2:7 NASB

Christmas Eve Service:

Please join us on Christmas Eve – Tuesday, December 24 – at 6 pm for a very special Christmas Eve candlelight service. The service will feature many traditional Christmas Carols, the Christmas story from Luke 2, lighting of the Advent candle, and a very hopeful word in the Bible.

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Family Business for December 22, 2024

We will look forward to our Christmas Eve service on Tuesday evening at 6 pm.

Sermon Notes: A Slow Walk through the Christmas Story of Luke 2:1-20

- 1- Mary and Joseph face five considerable hardships
 - a. The Christ-child enters those hardships with His presence
- 2- All of the main characters in the story are common people; poor and of low social status
- 3- The shepherds are:
 - a. Visited by angels with good news and song
 - b. The shepherds are the first to hear of the Savior's birth, the first to see the Savior, and the first to witness of the Savior. They may have been the second to hold the child after his parents.
- 4- Jesus was born to common people, lived as a common person, and primarily ministered to common people.
- 5- God loves and used common people in His story.

This Week at BSW

On Sunday (12-22) – Micro-church in the Wood County Jail. Pastor Lonnie leads. Pray for God's favor on Pastor Lonnie.

On Mondays - Women's study group will be off over the holidays and resume on January 6th.

On Monday (12-23) – Men's study group meets from 7 to 8 pm in the Family Center. Kevin Lien leads.

On Tuesday and Fridays – The Shepherd's Loft clothing mission is closed until Friday, January 3rd.

On Tuesday (12-24) – Micro-church at Cranberry Court assisted living at 10 am. Pastor Milt leads.

On Wednesday (12-25) – Micro-church at Waterford nursing home at 10:30 am. Pastor Milt leads.

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

Those recommitting their life to Christ: 2

Those being baptized: 3

Call-to-Ministry: 1

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
Dec 1	99	49	31	53	201
Dec 8	116	41	26	44	201
Dec 15	90	23	20	35	148
Dec 22					
Dec 29					
December Averages					

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
Dec 1	3492	2	550		
Dec 8	3049	2			
Dec 15	891	102	560		
Dec 22					
Dec 29					
Dec Totals					

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

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