



Sunday, December 29, 2024

They said to one another, “Were not our hearts burning withing us while He was speaking to us on the road, while He was explaining the Scriptures to us?”

Luke 24:32 NASB

Holiday Schedule:

Please make sure to read the weekly calendar on page three. Many events and ministries remain on holiday break this week. The Shepherd’s Loft reopens on Friday and most weekly events resume next week at BSW.

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Family Business for December 29, 2024

Dates for your calendar:

- 1) Family Day on January 5th will include a message of invitation and preparation for baptism. Also, the welcoming of new member to BSW.
- 2) January 26th will feature baptisms; immersion, pouring, and sprinkling available.
- 3) Pastor Milt will introduce the new five-week Bible teaching series for January-February 2025.

Sermon Notes: An invitation to a spiritual formation journey in 2025. The central Bible passage is Luke 24:13-35 when Jesus walks with two of his followers on Resurrection Day.

1. A deep study of Luke 24:13-35 and how walking with Jesus makes our hearts burn.
2. Four invitations to a spiritual formation journey in 2025
 - a. Journey One: First time through the Bible
 - b. Journey Two: Daily Devotional Challenge
 - c. Journey Three: Praying for World
 - d. Journey Four: Devotional Prayer Challenge

This Week at BSW

On Sunday (12-29) – 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 (12-30) – Men’s study group meets from 7 to 8 pm in the Family Center. Kevin Lien leads.

On Tuesday (12-31) – The Shepherd’s Loft clothing mission is closed until Friday, January 3rd.

On Wednesday (1-1) – Micro-church at Waterford nursing home at 10:30 am. Pastor Milt leads.

On Friday (1-3) – The Shepherd’s Loft clothing ministry re-opens after a Christmas break. Appointments available at 9:30, 10, 10:30, and 11 am. Call 715-421-5335.

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 December 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	190 (120 & 70)	50	56 (48 & 8)	95 (81 & 14)	335
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	3,492	2	550		
Dec 8	3,049	2			
Dec 15	891	102	560		
Dec 22	2,085	2			
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