



Sunday, January 12, 2025

As they went along the road they came to some water; and the eunuch said, “Look! Water! What prevents me from being baptized?”

Acts 8:36

Family Day:

Today is our day of intergenerational worship and fellowship. All of the children (except those eligible for the nursery) are with us in worship. We will have special message for the children from Ann Hamann. Our fellowship dinner begins at 11 am and the Family Center will be open from 11:30 or so until 1 pm.

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Family Business for January 12, 2025

- 1) News on the LIZA children in Zambia.
- 2) Update on *Hearts on Fire* ... the four spiritual journeys of 2025.
- 3) Reminder to LBA members. Meetings scheduled on January 28th and February 25 (for pastoral review).

Story Notes:

Pastor Carri brings the good news today in a story about baptism.

This Week at BSW

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

On Monday (1-13) – 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 (1-13) – Men’s study group meets from 7 to 8 pm in the Family Center. Kevin Lien leads.

On Tuesday (1-14) – The Shepherd’s Loft clothing ministry is fully stocked with 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 (1-14) – Micro-church at Cranberry Court assisted living at 10 am. Pastor Milt leads.

On Tuesday (1-14) – Bible Study (Book of Exodus) in the Shepherd's Loft processing area from 11:15 am until noon.

On Wednesday (1-15) – Micro-church at Waterford nursing home at 10:30 am. Pastor Milt leads.

On Wednesday (1-15) – Micro-church at Arborview Lodge at 1:30 pm. Pastor Jim leads.

On Wednesday (1-15) – 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 (1-17) – The Shepherd's Loft clothing ministry is open from 9 am to noon for donations and 9:30 to 11:30 for clothing acquisition.

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

Date	Sanctuary	Micro-Churches	Online Raw #	X 1.7 Reporting Number	Total Foot Print
Y-T-D Averages To 12/31	102	41	23	39	182
Jan 5	102	46	25	43	191
Jan 12					
Jan 19					
Jan 26					
January 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 12/31	84,150	4,460	9,140	3,510	2,000
Jan 5	2,527	2			
Jan 12					
Jan 19					
Jan 26					
Jan 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

Hearts on Fire: Four Spiritual Journeys

Journey One- First Time Through: The Good News Bibles have arrived and Pastor Milt will be passing them out before service next Sunday morning. We will begin reading the New Testament one chapter a day on Monday, January 20th.

Journey Two- Daily Holiness: Participants must purchase a copy of *When Morning Gilds the Skies* by Dr. John Oswalt. The book is available for \$24.95 from Amazon. You will begin the daily devotions upon receipt of your book. This week Friday and Saturday were particularly good!

Journey Three- Praying for the World: Participants must purchase a copy of the *World Almanac and Book of Facts*. The book is available for \$15 from Amazon. We will begin our prayers on Monday, January 20th. Next Sunday's newsletter will have the first week's prayer subjects listed.

Journey Four- Morning and Evening Surrender. Participants must acquire a copy of John Baillie's *Diary of Private Prayer*. Used copies are available on eBay. A free pdf is available online. Google *Diary of Private Prayer* and a link will be listed for free online access. We will begin on Monday, January 20th and go through February 20th. Then start our second time through on March 1st.