



Sunday, January 19, 2025

“Do not be afraid, Daniel, for from the first day that you set your heart on understanding this and on humbling yourself before your God, your words were heard, and I have come in response to your words.”

Daniel 10:12

Four Spiritual Journeys

The four spiritual journeys launch tomorrow. Full details on pages eight and nine of this newsletter. Good News Bibles are being passed out today. The journey begins ... may our hearts be set on fire!

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Family Business for January 19, 2025

- 1) Baptisms next Sunday
- 2) CARE room opens next Sunday morning
- 3) Reminder to LBA members. Meetings scheduled on January 28th and February 25 (for pastoral review).

Story Notes:

Pastor Milt shares why Daniel had such a powerful relationship with God.

This Week at BSW

No Micro-church in the Wood County Jail this week and next. Please pray for God's favor on Pastor Lonnie for good health.

On Monday (1-20) – 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 (1-20) – Men's study group meets from 7 to 8 pm in the Family Center. Kevin Lien leads.

On Tuesday (1-21) – 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 (1-21) – Micro-church at Cranberry Court assisted living at 10 am. Pastor Milt leads.

On Tuesday (1-21) – Bible Study (Book of Exodus) in the Shepherd's Loft processing area from 11:15 am until noon.

On Wednesday (1-22) – Micro-church at Waterford nursing home at 10:30 am. Pastor Milt leads.

On Wednesday (1-22) – 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 (1-23) – 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	84	42	36	61	187
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	1,777	2	600		
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: Reading/Listening to Good News Bible

Monday, 1-20: Matthew chapter one

Tuesday, 1-21: Matthew chapter two

Wednesday, 1-22: Matthew chapter three

Thursday, 1-23: Matthew chapter four

Friday, 1-24: Matthew chapter five

Saturday, 1-25: Matthew chapter six

Sunday, 1-26: Matthew chapter seven

Journey Two- Daily Holiness Devotional Reading: *When Morning Gilds the Skies* by Dr. John Oswalt. Begin reading the devotional for January 19th and read each day.

Journey Three- Praying for the World from World Almanac and Book of Facts: Be a cot-bearer and pray for the world by name. Also pray as the Lord leads you. Pray for this list three times this week.

- 1) Read the intercession prayer from page 18 of the Field Guide for Daily Prayer
- 2) United States Supreme Court (Page 558, lower right column)
- 3) These five countries and their leaders; Afghanistan, Albania, Algeria, Andorra, and Angola (Pages 746-749)
- 4) The Wisconsin Congressional delegation (Senators on page 11 and Congressional Representatives on page 17)

Journey Four- Morning and Evening Surrender. Read John Baillie's *Diary of Private Prayer*. One prayer for morning and one prayer for evening. Please read out loud over your own life and heart.