



Sunday, January 5, 2025

*For I am convinced that ... (nothing) will be able to separate us
from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord*

Romans 8:38-39 NASB

Taking down the Christmas decorations:

The Christmas season has passed and it is time to take down the holiday decorations in the church. We would appreciate your assistance. We will take down the holiday décor about 15 minutes after worship service concludes. Pastor Carri is in charge of this program.

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Family Business for January 5, 2025

- 1) Pastor Carri brings news from good news from Zambia!
- 2) Christmas decorations come down today after service.
- 3) Family Day is next Sunday!
- 4) Update on our four spiritual journeys in 2025 ... hearts on fire!

Sermon Notes:

Pastor Milt will share with us from Isaiah 43:1-4 and Romans 8:38-39 ... We have started new year this week and the new year will hold good things, but it will also hold heartache and hardships ... no matter what happens this year, we are ready because nothing can change that:

We are incredibly valuable to God

We have been and are actively being honored by God

We are well loved by God

... and nothing can happen this year that will change any of that!

This Week at BSW

On Sunday (1-5) – Micro-church in the Wood County Jail. Pastor Lonnie leads. Pray for God’s favor on Pastor Lonnie for good health.

On Sunday (1-5) – Taking down the Christmas decorations after worship service. We will begin fifteen minutes after service until complete.

On Monday (1-6) – 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 (1-6) – Men’s study group meets from 7 to 8 pm in the Family Center. Kevin Lien leads.

On Tuesday (1-7) – 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 (1-7) – Micro-church at Cranberry Court assisted living at 10 am. Pastor Milt leads.

On Tuesday (1-7) – Bible Study (Book of Exodus) in the Shepherd's Loft processing area from 11:15 am until noon.

On Wednesday (1-8) – Micro-church at Waterford nursing home at 10:30 am. Pastor Milt leads.

On Wednesday (1-8) – 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 Thursday (1-9) – Pastor Milt shares with the staff pastors from 11 am to 1 pm on Steve DeNeff's best spiritual formation habits.

On Friday (1-10) – 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
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	98	32	29	49	179
December Averages	119	39	32	55	213

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
Dec 1	3,492	2	550		
Dec 8	3,049	2			
Dec 15	891	102	560		
Dec 22	2,085	2			
Dec 29	4,573	2	550		
Dec Totals	14,090	110	1,660		

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: Good News Bibles will be purchased tomorrow afternoon. All participants will be provided a Good News Bible by BSW. 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.

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.

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.

There is still time to sign up for any of the four journeys. The journeying groups will gather quarterly to discuss how things are going.