



Sunday, February 23, 2025

*But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you.*

Romans 8:11

## Hope for the Homeless Hygiene Drive

BSW is joining 88.5 The Family and hosting a drop box to help the homeless in Wisconsin Rapids with hygiene items. The drive continues through March 16 and is collecting bathroom tissue, cleaning supplies, dental care items, deodorant, diapers and baby care, face and bath soap, feminine care items, laundry detergent, paper towels, razors, textured hair care, and trash bags. You may place your donations in the box in the main lobby. All donations stay in Wisconsin Rapids.

## Family Business for February 23, 2025

- 1) A special word from Pastor Seth about Children's Church
- 2) This is the final Sunday to help Alex Miller replace his power tools.
- 3) Hope for Homeless Hygiene Drive begins today.
- 4) Pray for Tuesday LBA meeting with the GLR.

### Today's Bible teaching with Pastor Milt

Overview of the Book of Romans: 1) Jesus is God's plan to save humanity from evil and destruction. 2) We all must choose our king: Jesus or the spirit of the age. 3) We will become like whom we follow.

Today: Eternal life begins with the receiving of the Holy Spirit.  
Romans 8:1-16

Notes:

## *This Week at BSW*

No jail services for the rest of February as Pastor Lonnie recovers from surgery.

On Monday (2-24) – 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 (2-24) – Men’s study group meets from 7 to 8 pm in the Family Center. Kevin Lien leads.

On Tuesday (2-25) – 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 (2-25) – Bible Study (Book of Exodus) in the Shepherd’s Loft processing area from 11:15 am until noon. Pastor Milt leads.

On Tuesday (2-25) – The Local Board of Administration meets with the Great Lakes Region of the Wesleyan Church to evaluate Pastor Milt's job performance at 6:30 pm in the church lobby.

On Wednesday (2-26) – Micro-church at Waterford nursing home at 10:30 am. Pastor Milt leads.

On Wednesday (2-26) – BSW Underground (6<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade) meets in the Family Center from 6:30 to 8 pm in the Family Center. Doors open at 6 pm.

On Thursday (2-27) – BSW Pastors Spiritual Formation Gathering from 11 am to 1 pm in Pastor Seth's office.

On Thursday (2-27) – Ray Vander Laan video series from 6 pm to 7 pm in the lobby. Pastor Carri and Jonathon Johnson are your hosts and facilitators.

On Friday (2-28) – 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: 12

Those recommitting their life to Christ: 2

Those being baptized: 7

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 1/31	102	40	24	41	183
Feb 2	92	31	48	82	205
Feb 9	104	14	23	39	157
Feb 16	98	22	31	53	173
Feb 23					
Totals					

Supporting BSW: There are four ways that you can support BSW with your tithes and offerings.

- 1) Securely online at [bakerstwesleyan.org](http://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 1/31	96,040	4,568	10,460	3,570	2,000
Feb 2	3,921				
Feb 9	2,813	2	610		
Feb 16	891	102			
Feb 23					
Totals					

## 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

Congratulations!! You have made it through the first book of the New Testament of the Bible!!

Monday, 2-24: Mark chapter 8

Tuesday, 2-25: Mark chapter 9

Wednesday, 2-26: Mark chapter 10

Thursday, 2-27: Mark chapter 11

Friday, 2-28: Mark chapter 12

Saturday, 3-1: Mark chapter 13

Sunday, 3-2: Mark chapter 14

**Journey Two-** Daily Holiness Devotional Reading: *When Morning Gilds the Skies* by Dr. John Oswalt. Read the devotional for 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) Pray for President Trump and Vice-President Vance. Google President Trump's cabinet and pray for his confirmed cabinet members.
- 3) The congressional delegations of Illinois, Indiana, and Iowa (Senators on page 10 and Congressional Representatives on page 13).
- 4) The Supreme Court Justices (Page 558, lower right).
- 5) These five countries and their leaders; Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cabo Verde, Cambodia (Pages 757-759).
- 6) Pray for the states of Arkansas, California, and Colorado (page 563-565).

**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.