



Sunday, March 2, 2025

Therefore I urge you, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, which is your spiritual service of worship.

Romans 12:1

Holy Communion served today

Today BSW will be serving Holy Communion during our worship service. The Wesleyan Church practices open communion and all persons who profess Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior are both welcome and encouraged to come forward to receive the sacrament of Holy Communion. Parents and guardians are entrusted with determining the readiness of their youth for receiving communion. Youth will be served at the recommendation of their parents or guardians.

Family Business for March 2, 2025

- 1) God is working filling up the sea container!!
- 2) Celebrating your generosity to the Miller family.
- 3) Children's Church sign-up sheet in the C.A.R.E. room.
- 4) Coffee with Pastors on Thursday morning.
- 5) An invitation to receive Holy Communion.

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. 4) Eternal life begins when you receive the indwelling Holy Spirit.

Today: The three verbs of King Jesus reigning in my life.
Romans 12:1-2

Present – yourself as a living sacrifice to King Jesus

Renew – your mind and be transformed by kingdom truth

Prove – the good, acceptable, and perfect will of God

This Week at BSW

On Monday (3-3) – 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 (3-3) – Men’s study group meets from 7 to 8 pm in the Family Center. Kevin Lien leads.

On Tuesday (3-4) – 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 (3-4) – Bible Study (Book of Exodus) in the Shepherd’s Loft processing area from 11:15 am until noon. Pastor Milt leads.

On Wednesday (3-5) – Micro-church at Waterford nursing home at 10:30 am. Pastor Milt leads.

On Wednesday (3-5) – Micro-church at Arborwood Lodge at 1:30 pm.
Pastor Jim leads.

On Wednesday (3-5) – 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 (3-6) – Coffee with Pastors at 9:30 am in the Fellowship
Hall for seniors (50+). Food, fellowship, prayer, singing, and teaching.

On Thursday (3-6) – 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 (3-7) – 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 2/28 | 101 | 38 | 25 | 42 | 182 |
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| Feb 2 | 92 | 31 | 48 | 82 | 205 |
| Feb 9 | 104 | 14 | 23 | 39 | 157 |
| Feb 16 | 98 | 22 | 31 | 53 | 173 |
| Feb 23 | 95 | 18 | 27 | 46 | 159 |
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| Totals | 97 | 21 | 32 | 55 | 174 |

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 2/28 | 105,968 | 4,674 | 11,720 | 3,570 | 2,000 |
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| Feb 2 | 3,921 | | | | |
| Feb 9 | 2,813 | 2 | 610 | | |
| Feb 16 | 891 | 102 | | | |
| Feb 23 | 2,303 | 2 | 650 | | |
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| Totals | 9,928 | 106 | 1,260 | | |

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, 3-3: Mark chapter 15

Tuesday, 3-4: Mark chapter 16

Wednesday, 3-5: Luke chapter 1

Thursday, 3-6: Luke chapter 2

Friday, 3-7: Luke chapter 3

Saturday, 3-8: Luke chapter 4

Sunday, 3-9: Luke chapter 5

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.

- 3) The congressional delegations of Kansas, Kentucky, and Louisiana (Senators on page 10 and Congressional Representatives on page 14).
- 4) These five countries and their leaders; Cameroon, Canada, Central African Republic, Chad, and Chile (Pages 759-762).
- 5) Pray over the states of Connecticut, Delaware, and Florida (page 565-566).
- 6) Pray for Governor Evers and the Wisconsin state senate (33 members) and the state assembly (99 members).

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.

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Other notes:

The hygiene drive for local needy persons continues through Sunday, March 16th. Items requested are 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. The collection box is in the main lobby.

Youth for Christ will be hosting Wisconsin Rapids LifeSaver Week in the BSW Family Center on March 24 through March 28. The daily events are for youth age 11 through 19 and will be conducted from 10 am to noon.