



Sunday, April 6, 2025

*For He has clothed me with garments of salvation, He has wrapped me
with a robe of righteousness.*

Isaiah 61:10

Welcome Mary Beth Bagley!

Today we are honored to welcome Mary Beth Bagley from Global Partners, the missionary arm of the Wesleyan Church. Mary Beth is a former missionary's child who serves active missionary children. Your contributions to Global Partners support Mary Beth's work. She will have a table in the lobby after service. Please stop and say hello.

Family Business for April 6, 2025

- 1) Welcome Mary Beth Bagley
- 2) Holy Communion served today
- 3) Sea container news
 - a. Sofa Sleepers
 - b. Chairs (\$13.98 each or about \$3,400)
- 4) Florence Johnson's birthday party on May 16th
- 5) Easter Choir
- 6) Child dedications on May 18th

Today's Bible teaching with Pastor Milt

The prophetic voice of Isaiah: Righteousness Outside and Inside
Isaiah 61:1-11

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2. An object lesson on righteousness
 - a. Outside righteousness (v. 10) aka imputed righteousness
 - b. Inside righteousness (v. 11) aka imparted righteousness
3. I will only stop willful sin when my sin nature is addressed
 - a. Ezekiel 36:26-27
 - b. Isaiah 11:3
 - c. John 4:34

This Week at BSW

On Monday (4-7) – 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 (4-7) – Men’s study group meets from 7 to 8 pm in the Family Center.

On Tuesday (4-8) – 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 (4-8) – Bible Study (Book of James) in the Shepherd’s Loft processing area from 11:15 am until noon. Pastor Milt leads.

On Wednesday (4-9) – Micro-church at Waterford nursing home at 10:30 am. Pastor Milt leads.

On Wednesday (4-9) – BSW Underground (ministry to 6th through 12th graders) will meet in the Family Center. Doors open at 6 pm. Program from 6:30 to 8 pm.

On Thursday (4-10) – 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 (4-11) – The Shepherd’s Loft clothing ministry is open from 9 am to noon for donations and 9:30 to 11:30 for clothing acquisition.

BSW Holy Week Schedule – Next Week!

Sunday, April 13 ... Family Day and Palm Sunday Service at 10 am

Thursday, April 17 ... Last Supper Communion Service at 7 pm

Friday, April 18 ... At the Cross Good Friday Service at Noon

Friday, April 18 ... At the Tomb Good Friday Service at 6 pm

Sunday, April 20 ... Easter celebration of the resurrection at 10 am

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: 13

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 3/31	101	37	26	44	182
March 2	102	18	32	54	174
March 9	96	23	37	63	182
March 16	89	38	28	48	175
March 23	98	20	38	65	183
March 30	100	31	43	73	204
Totals	97	26	36	61	184

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 3/31	124,433	5,839	12,920	3,570	2,000
March 2	4,459	557			
March 9	5,111	502	550		
March 16	1,604	102			
March 23	3,796	2	650		
March 30	3,495	2			
Totals	18,465	1,165	1,200		

Chairs for churches in Zambia- \$105 last week, \$151 total

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, 4-7: John chapter 8

Tuesday, 4-8: John chapter 9

Wednesday, 4-9: John chapter 10

Thursday, 4-10: John chapter 11

Friday, 4-11: John chapter 12

Saturday, 4-12: John chapter 13

Sunday, 4-13: John 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.

- 3) The congressional delegations of New Mexico, New York, and North Carolina (Senators on page 10 and Congressional Representatives on page 15).
- 4) These five countries and their leaders; Estonia, Eswatini, Ethiopia, Fiji, and Finland. (Pages 774-776).
- 5) Pray over the states of Michigan, Minnesota, and Mississippi (page 573-574).
- 6) Chief Commanding Officers of the U.S. Military: Navy (page 147)

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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On Friday May 16, Florence Johnson will be 100 years old. You are invited to celebrate with Florence at a birthday party at 2 pm in her home at Waterford Assisted Living on 25th Avenue.

The sea container has been purchased! We are attempting to raise funds to purchase 240 metal folding chairs for a church in Zambia. The chairs are 13.98 each. Donations of any size are welcome.

Church Family,

Thank you all for your faithfulness in praying for me and those who have answered the call to help whenever I have asked. I was finally able to see a specialist regarding my Lyme's and RA. Originally, I needed to wait until the end of the year, and in honesty I would not have lasted that long. I am also halfway through the care process from my surgery, and progress well despite the other issues.

God's faithfulness has been evident though as have your prayers. I started the first step of treatment and it's working immediately. For the first time in at least 6 months, I slept in my bed and for a full 8 hours. God has chosen not to miraculously heal me, but He has provided someone who is able to take me through a process to being better. My affliction will be lifelong (unless God changes His mind!)

I will still need to ask for help periodically, and I thank you in advance. Thankfully God has given me enough helpful friends that I don't need to burden any of you too much (I hope.) I would appreciate continued prayer not just for healing, but that God will work out paying this specialist. My insurance doesn't cover out of network care. Insurance is man-made though, and my faith is in the God who is ultimately in control of the universe.

On this, my birthday weekend, I rejoice in a God who has holds me up during this time of physical affliction. I am thankful to start getting back to a more normal life (like sleeping in a bed.) And I am thankful for you, my church family, who remembers me from time to time and holds me up with simple things in life, like prayers, cards, etc. May God bless each of you as much as He has blessed me through you.

With much love,

Pastor Lonnie