



Sunday, May 11, 2025

Happy Mother's Day

But a woman who fears the Lord, she shall be praised.

Proverbs 31:30

Happy Mother's Day!

Today is Mother's Day and we honor all the women of the BSW Family. We have three gifts for you today; a handkerchief and key chain provided by Pastor Carri and Jonathon Johnson, a potted flower provided by Patty and Pastor Jim Leston, and a fry pie provided Joshua Schuh.

Family Day!

Today is also Family Day. All the generations will stay together in the sanctuary and worship together. There is a family potluck dinner at 11 am and time in the Family Center from 11:45 until 1 pm.

Family Business for May 11, 2025

- 1) A charge for the men of BSW
- 2) Florence Johnson's birthday party on Friday, May 16
- 3) Child dedications to be held on May 18
- 4) News from Zambia
- 5) Prayers for our leadership team ... budget preparation, nominating leaders for next year

Today's Bible teaching with Molly Dykstra

Notes:

Upcoming Events:

- 1) A Memorial Service for Vernon Woods will be held on Saturday, May 31 at 11 am here in the BSW sanctuary.
- 2) Annual Church Conference will be held on Sunday, June 22 at 11:45 am.

This Week at BSW

On Sunday (5-11) – The micro-church ministry in the Wood County Jail re-launches in the new facility. Pastor Lonnie leads.

On Monday (5-12) – 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 (5-12) – Men’s study group meets from 7 to 8 pm in the Family Center.

On Tuesday (5-13) – The Shepherd’s Loft clothing ministry is open to people in need of clothing, bedding, and towels with appointments at 9:30, 10, 10:30, and 11 am available. Donations will be accepted from 9 am until noon.

On Tuesday (5-13) – Bible Study (Book of 1 and 2 Peter) in the Shepherd’s Loft processing area from 11:15 am until noon. Pastor Milt leads.

On Tuesday (5-13) – LBA/Leadership team fellowship outing at 7 pm.

On Wednesday (5-14) – Micro-church at Waterford nursing home at 10:30 am. Pastor Milt leads.

On Wednesday (5-14) – 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 (5-15) – BSW Pastors Gathering at 11 am.

On Friday (5-16) – The Shepherd’s Loft clothing ministry is open for patrons and donors from 9 am until noon. Please see the listing for Tuesday for more information.

On Friday (5-16) – Florence Johnson’s 100th birthday party will be held at 2 pm at The Waterford Assisted Living Center, 491 25th Street North. The entire BSW family invited and encouraged to bring a card and a single flower.

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 4/30	105	36	26	44	185
May 4	101	23	23	39	163
May 11					
May 18					
May 25					
Totals					

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 4/30	135,624	5,947	14,000	3,570	2,000
May 4	4,671	2	500		
May 11					
May 18					
May 25					
Totals					

Chairs for churches in Zambia- \$120 last week, \$2,790 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

The sea container is being loaded! We are attempting to raise funds to pay for the 240 metal folding chairs for a church in Zambia. The chairs are \$13.98 each. Donations of any size are welcome. We still need another \$590 to complete the campaign.

Hearts on Fire: Four Spiritual Journeys in 2025

Journey One- *First Time Through:* Reading/Listening to Good News Bible

Monday, 5-12: Acts chapter 22

Tuesday, 5-13: Acts chapter 23

Wednesday, 5-14: Acts chapter 24

Thursday, 5-15: Acts chapter 25

Friday, 5-16: Acts chapter 26

Saturday, 5-17: Acts chapter 27

Sunday, 5-18: Acts chapter 28

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 Virginia, Washington, and West Virginia (Senators on page 11 and Congressional Representatives on page 17).
- 4) These five countries and their leaders; Ireland, Israel, Italy, Jamaica, and Japan. (Pages 790-792).
- 5) Pray over the states of Oregon, Pennsylvania, and Rhode Island (page 582-583).
- 6) Pray for Wisconsin Governor Tony Evers, the 33 state senators, and the 99 state assemblypersons.

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.