



Sunday, May 18, 2025

*And when the Chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the unfading crown of glory.*

1 Peter 5:4

### Child Dedications

Today BSW is sharing with four families as they dedicate eight children to the Lord. In this sacred ceremony, the parents bring their children forward and present them to the Lord asking for the help of the Lord and the support of the congregation in caring for and raising their children. The parents are questioned by the pastor. The children are anointed and the families are prayed over by the congregation. This is a holy ground moment.

## Family Business for May 18, 2025

- 1) Photo from Florence Johnson's birthday party
- 2) Photos from Dr. Kalembo in Zambia
- 3) See the wish lists from Zambia on page nine
- 4) Calendar events below

### Today's Bible teaching with Pastor Milt

- 1) We walk with Peter in Acts 5:12-42 as he suffers with Jesus.
- 2) Then connect that with what he shares in 1 Peter 5:1-11. Peter says to suffer with Christ now means to share in his glory and exaltation in eternity.
- 3) That requires us to have an eternal vision not a temporal vision of what is good and true.

Notes:

## *This Week at BSW*

On Sunday (5-18) – Micro-church meets in the Wood County Jail. Pastor Lonnie leads.

On Monday (5-19) – Women’s study group with Joelle Lemke from 5:30 to 6:30 pm in the church lobby.

On Monday (5-19) – Men’s study group meets from 7 to 8 pm in the Family Center.

On Tuesday (5-20) – 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 (5-20) – The Bible Study (1 and 2 Peter) in the Shepherd’s Loft processing area is off this week. Resumes on 5-27 from 11:15 am until noon. Pastor Milt leads.

On Wednesday (5-21) – Micro-church at Waterford nursing home at 10:30 am. Pastor Milt leads ... Micro-church at Arborwood Lodge nursing home at 1:30 pm. Pastor Jim leads.

On Wednesday (5-21) – BSW Underground (ministry to 6<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> graders) will meet in the Family Center. Doors open at 6 pm. Program from 6:30 to 8 pm.

On Thursday (5-22) – BSW Pastors Gathering at 11 am.

On Friday (5-23) – 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.

#### Upcoming Events:

- 1) A Memorial Service for Vernon Woods will be held on Saturday, May 31 at 11 am at BSW.
- 2) Men's Fellowship Breakfast on Saturday, June 21
- 3) Annual Church Conference will be held on Sunday, June 22 at 11:45 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 4/30	105	36	26	44	185
May 4	101	23	23	39	163
May 11	95	31	15	26	152
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](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 4/30	135,624	5,947	14,000	3,570	2,000
May 4	4,671	2	500		
May 11	2,147	2			
May 18					
May 25					
Totals					

Chairs for churches in Zambia- \$701 last week.

## 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 will resume loading after Vernon's memorial service. We have nearly raised all the money needed for the 240 folding chairs to go on the sea container. We need only \$170 more.

# Hearts on Fire: Four Spiritual Journeys in 2025

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

Monday, 5-19: Romans chapter 1

Tuesday, 5-20: Romans chapter 2

Wednesday, 5-21: Romans chapter 3

Thursday, 5-22: Romans chapter 4

Friday, 5-23: Romans chapter 5

Saturday, 5-24: Romans chapter 6

Sunday, 5-25: Romans chapter 7

**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 Wisconsin, Wyoming, and Alabama (Senators on pages 10-11 and Congressional Representatives on pages 11 and 17).
- 4) These five countries and their leaders; Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kiribati, and North Korea. (Pages 801-803).
- 5) Pray over the states of South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, and Utah (page 584-586).
- 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.

Wish list of smalls for the sea container:

From Dr. Henry Smith and the African Wesleyan University College

- lawn movers
- lawn care tools

From Dr. Alfred Kalembo and the outreach of his church:

- sleeping bags
- camping tents,
- two big cooler boxes
- hand tools.

