



Sunday, May 25, 2025

Memorial Day Weekend

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth passed away, and there is no longer any sea.

Revelation 21:1

Thank you for your service!

This Memorial Day weekend and tomorrow we pause as a people, as a nation to honor those who have given their lives in the service of our nation. BSW wants to thank everyone who has served in military service and their families. We are grateful for your willingness to serve, for the risks you were willing to take, and the sacrifices that you and your family made. We also want to thank those who have and are serving our communities on the police force, firefighters, and first responders. May God provide you with an extra blessing for your faithfulness.

Family Business for May 25, 2025

- 1) Ice Cream with pastor today after service
- 2) Vernon Woods memorial service is Saturday
- 3) See the wish lists from Zambia on page nine
- 4) Men's breakfast on June 21st
- 5) Annual Local Church Conference on June 22nd

Today's Bible teaching with Pastor Milt

Walking through Paradise
Revelation chapter 21-22

Please note handout provided on your chair

Notes:

Upcoming Events:

- 1) Men's Fellowship Breakfast on Saturday, June 21
- 2) Annual Church Conference will be held on Sunday, June 22 at 11:45 am.

This Week at BSW

On Sunday (5-25) – Micro-church meets in the Wood County Jail.
Pastor Lonnie leads.

On Monday (5-26) – Memorial Day, no women's Bible study.

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On Tuesday (5-27) – 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 (5-27) – Bible Study (1 and 2 Peter) in the Shepherd's Loft processing area at 11:15 am. Pastor Milt leads.

On Tuesday (5-27) – Local Board of Administration budget meeting at 7 pm. Please have this meeting on prayer list.

On Wednesday (5-28) – Micro-church at Waterford nursing home at 10:30 am. Pastor Milt leads.

On Wednesday (5-28) – 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 (5-29) – BSW Pastors Gather to pray for you at 11 am.

On Thursday (5-29) – Embracing Hope: Grief processing class in Wood County Jail at 2 pm. Pastor Milt teaches.

On Friday (5-30) – 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 Saturday (5-31) – Memorial service for long-time BSW member Vernon Woods at 11 am at the church.

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	105	44	31	53	202
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	2,147	2			
May 18	1,224	102	560		
May 25					
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

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, 5-26: Romans chapter 8

Tuesday, 5-27: Romans chapter 9

Wednesday, 5-28: Romans chapter 10

Thursday, 5-29: Romans chapter 11

Friday, 5-30: Romans chapter 12

Saturday, 5-31: Romans chapter 13

Sunday, 6-1: Romans 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.

- 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 Alaska, Arizona, and Arkansas (Senators on page 10 and Congressional Representatives on pages 11).
- 4) These five countries and their leaders; South Korea, Kosovo, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, and Laos (Pages 803-805).
- 5) Pray over the states of Vermont, Virginia, Washington, West Virginia, and Wisconsin (page 586-588).
- 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.

