



Sunday, May 4, 2025

*For the word of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.*

1 Corinthians 1:18

### Holy Communion served today!

This is communion Sunday at BSW and in the Wesleyan Church we practice open communion. That means that anyone who confesses Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior is welcome to come forward and receive the bread (the body of Christ) and the grape juice (the blood of Christ) as a means of receiving God's grace. Minors will be served Holy Communion based on the recommendation of their parents and guardians.

## Family Business for May 4, 2025

- 1) Holy Communion instructions
- 2) Florence Johnson's birthday party on Friday, May 16
- 3) Child dedications to be held on May 18
- 4) Sea Container news
- 5) Prayers for our leadership team ... budget preparation,  
nominating leaders for next year

Today's Bible teaching with Pastor Milt

Notes:

## *This Week at BSW*

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

On Tuesday (5-6) – 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 (5-6) – 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 Wednesday (5-7) – 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 (5-7) – 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 (5-8) – Pastor Milt’s mother Gail Van Natta celebrates her birthday.

On Friday (5-2) – 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 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 at 491 25<sup>th</sup> Street North. Please consider bringing a single flower and birthday card for Florence.

## *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
April 6	115	29	22	37	181
April 13	119	34	20	34	187
April 20 Easter	164 (Sunday) + 82=246	18	36	61	325
April 27	107	19	21	37	163
Totals	147	25	25	42	214

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
April 6	3,173	2	500		
April 13	1,422	2			
April 20	2,449	102	580		
April 27	4,147	2			
Totals	11,191	108	1080		

Chairs for churches in Zambia- \$540 last week, \$2,670 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 \$710 to complete the campaign.

# Hearts on Fire: Four Spiritual Journeys

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

Monday, 5-5: Acts chapter 15

Tuesday, 5-6: Acts chapter 16

Wednesday, 5-7: Acts chapter 17

Thursday, 5-8: Acts chapter 18

Friday, 5-9: Acts chapter 19

Saturday, 5-10: Acts chapter 20

Sunday, 5-11: Acts chapter 21

**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 Texas, Utah, and Vermont (Senators on page 11 and Congressional Representatives on 16-17).
- 4) These five countries and their leaders; Iceland, India, Indonesia, Iran, and Iraq. (Pages 786-788).
- 5) Pray over the states of North Dakota, Ohio, and Oklahoma (page 580-581).
- 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.

Local Board of Administration report of April 29<sup>th</sup> meeting.

The annual conference meeting of Baker Street Wesleyan Church is scheduled for Sunday, June 22 at 11:45 am ... Pastor Milt shared vision boundaries and needs for the 2025-26 church year. He asked the LBA to pray over the budget development during the month of May. Pastor Milt and Pastor Seth will present a budget draft at the LBA meeting on May 27<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm. Vice-chair Kevin Lien is charged with preparing preliminary materials for staff compensation packages.

Pastor Milt provided an update on the work of the nominating committee, just a few positions need to be filled. The nominating committee will once again present an uncontested ballot to annual conference.

Financial notes include;

General Fund 129,081

Stock Value 41,000

Warehouse Ministry 22,020

Zambia earmarked funds 20,662

LIZA (Zambia child sponsorships) 45,091

Mike Hamilton will lead a quarterly men's breakfast ... the board will have a social outing on May 13 at 7 pm ... 2025 District Conference delegates are Bonnie Lemke, Diane Jackson, and Brandon Pautz. Molly Dykstra is the alternate.

