



Sunday, July 27, 2025

*Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.*

Matthew 5:4

### Leadership Team meets Tuesday Night at 7 pm

The BSW leadership team – called the local board of administration – will be meeting on Tuesday evening for a vision meeting. We covet your prayers. The board will be following up on Pastor Milt's message prior to local church conference in June. On the concept level, they will begin creating a structure for the people of the church to care for the building and grounds. On the detail level, they will begin dealing specifically with critical infrastructure issues. They will also begin their concept level review of our ministry schedule and preventing burnout among pastors and lay leaders.

## Family Business for July 27, 2025

- 1) News on the sea container shipping procedures!
- 2) Ice Cream with Pastor Milt and Kay after service today
- 3) Wood County Jail collection month ends today
- 4) Alfred Kalembo and Henry Smith here from Zambia on September 14th
- 5) LBA meeting scheduled for Tuesday, July 29<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm
- 6) Fourteen participants have signed on to Pastor Milt's research project this September. Packets go out next Sunday.

## Embracing Hope: Processing our Grief

### Week Two: Filling our backpack with biblical truth

1. A mountain climber's backpack
2. Influences on our grieving; our family of origin, our community culture, and church tradition
3. What does the Bible say about grieving?
  - a. Genesis 6:5-8 ... God grieves loss of relationship
  - b. John 11:35-36 ... Jesus weeps at Lazarus' grave
  - c. Luke 15: 11-24 ... The father mourns the betrayal of his youngest son
4. Being made in the image of God is to have personhood and persons grieve loss in their life by 1) naming it, 2) lamenting it, and 3) memorializing it

## *This Week at BSW*

On Sunday (7-27) – Micro-churches meet in the Wood County Jail. Pastor Lonnie leads.

On Monday (7-28) – Women's study group with Joelle Lemke from 5:30 to 6:30 pm in the church lobby.

On Monday (7-28) – Men's study group meets from 7 to 8 pm at the Robinson Park Pavillion.

On Tuesday (7-29) – 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 (7-29) – Bible study in the Loft processing area at 11:15 am. Pastor Milt leads a study of Ephesian chapter one. Next week begins a study of the book of Revelation.

On Tuesday (7-29) – the Local Board of Administration meets in the main lobby at 7 pm for a vision meeting.

On Wednesday (7-30) – Micro-church at Waterford nursing home at 10:30 am. Pastor Milt leads.

On Wednesday (7-30) – BSW Underground Bike and Beach event at White Sands Beach from noon to 4 pm ... Youth for Christ's Next Level from 3:30 to 5:30 in the Underground Youth Room.

On Thursday (7-31) – Pastoral Staff meeting at 11 am.

On Thursday (7-31) – Grief Processing class in the Wood County Jail from 2 to 3 pm. Pastor Milt leads.

On Friday (8-1) – 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.

## *By The Numbers*

### Celebrating new life in Christ:

For the 2025-26 Church year (June 1, 2025 until May 31, 2026):

Those confessing Christ as Savior and Lord: 2

Those recommitting their life to Christ: 0

Those being baptized: 0

Call-to-Ministry: 0

## Attendance Report

Date	Sanctuary	Micro-Churches	Online Raw #	X 1.7 Reporting Number	Total Foot Print
Y-T-D Averages To 6/30	95	38	29	50	183
July 6	99	29	30	52	180
July 13	116	39	24	41	196
July 20	92	30	30	52	175
July 27					
Average					

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	
Y-T-Date As of 6/30	17,580	6,138	1,560		
July 6	2,422	2			
July 13	2,422	2	670		
July 20	2,091	102			
July 27					
Totals					

## Leadership Team 2025-26:

Local Board of Administration as elected at the Local Church Conference on Sunday, June 22, 2025 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 pending election.

## 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 in 2025

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

Monday, 7-28: 2 Thessalonians 1

Tuesday, 7-29: 2 Thessalonians 2

Wednesday, 7-30: 2 Thessalonians 3

Thursday, 7-31: 1 Timothy 1

Friday, 8-1: 1 Timothy 2

Saturday, 8-2: 1 Timothy 3

Sunday, 8-3: 1 Timothy 4

**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. Also, Speaker of the House Mike Johnson and Senate leader John Thune.



- 3) The congressional delegations of New Hampshire, New Jersey, and New Mexico (Senators on page 10 and Congressional Representatives on page 14-15).
- 4) These five countries and their leaders; Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, and Poland (Pages 823-824).
- 5) Pray for the state of Wisconsin Supreme Court; Annette Ziegler, Rebecca Bradley, Rebecca Dallet, Brian Hagedorn, Jill Karofsky, Janet Protasiewicz, and Susan Crawford.
- 6) Pray for Governor Evers and the 33 state senators and the 99 state assembly persons of the state of Wisconsin.

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.

Next men's breakfast will be held on Saturday, September 20 at 8 am.
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## Season of Mourning at BSW

We grieve the loss of:

Bill Nicholson	Vernon Woods
Stephan Hill	Russell Lamb
Suzanne Lamb	Michael Adams (Sandy's husband)
Lorraine (Eloise's sister)	Brandon Pautz's cousin
Sandy Adam's sister-in-law	Sandra Crook's brother Thomas