



Sunday, August 10, 2025

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

Matthew 5:4

### Family Day at BSW

Today is Family Day at BSW and it is going to be a big day ... Ann Hamann will launch the annual Christmas Shoebox collection, a group of our children will present a special musical number, Pastor Seth and Molly will bring a good word in our grief processing series, we will all have lunch together, and the family center will be open from 11:45 until 1 pm.

## Family Business for August 10, 2025

- 1) Please pray for Pastor Carri's preaching trip to Zambia in October.
- 2) Alfred Kalembo and Henry Smith will be here from Zambia on September 14<sup>th</sup>.
- 3) The African Wesleyan University College has a new Facebook page.
- 4) *Real People in Real Places in Real Time* research study participants please complete your consent form and complete your initial surveys this week. Return paper materials to Pastor Milt.

## Embracing Hope: Processing our Grief Week Four of Seven

Notes:

## *This Week at BSW*

On Sunday (8-10) – Micro-churches meet in the Wood County Jail.  
Pastor Lonnie leads.

On Monday (8-11) – Women’s study group with Joelle Lemke from  
5:30 to 6:30 pm in the church lobby.

On Monday (8-11) – Men’s study group meets from 7 to 8 pm at the  
Robinson Park Pavillion.

On Tuesday (8-12) – 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 (8-12) – Bible study in the Loft processing area at 11:15  
am. Pastor Milt begins a study of the book of Revelation. Join us for a  
fresh perspective on Revelation.

On Wednesday (8-13) – Micro-church at Waterford nursing home at 10:30 am. Pastor Milt leads ... Micro-church at Wisconsin Rapids Health Services at 2 pm. Pastor Milt leads.

On Wednesday (8-13) – Youth for Christ's Next Level from 3:30 to 5:30 in the Underground Youth Room.

On Thursday (8-14) – Grief Processing class (Week 5 of 6) in the Wood County Jail from 2 to 3 pm. Pastor Milt leads.

On Friday (8-8) – 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.

The next men's breakfast is Saturday, September 20<sup>th</sup> at 8 am.

## *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 (Jesse and Amber)

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 7/31 | 97        | 37             | 31           | 53                     | 187              |
|                        |           |                |              |                        |                  |
| August 3               | 97        | 37             | 37           | 63                     | 197              |
| August 10              |           |                |              |                        |                  |
| August 17              |           |                |              |                        |                  |
| August 24              |           |                |              |                        |                  |
| August 31              |           |                |              |                        |                  |
|                        |           |                |              |                        |                  |
| 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<br>As of 7/31 | 17,580       | 6,246              | 2,830                 |           |  |
|                        |              |                    |                       |           |  |
| August 3               | 3,788        | 2                  |                       |           |  |
| August 10              |              |                    |                       |           |  |
| August 17              |              |                    |                       |           |  |
| August 24              |              |                    |                       |           |  |
| August 31              |              |                    |                       |           |  |
|                        |              |                    |                       |           |  |
| Totals                 | 29,144       | 108                | 1270                  |           |  |

Earmarked giving this week: \$3,000 for urgent facility maintenance needs.

## 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).

## 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

## Newly formed Building and Grounds Care Team

- Project Managers: Mike Hamilton, Brandon Pautz and Mimi Sievers.
- Other members to be named soon.

# Hearts on Fire: Four Spiritual Journeys in 2025

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

Monday, 8-11: Titus 2

Tuesday, 8-12: Titus 3

Wednesday, 8-13: Philemon

Thursday, 8-14: Hebrews 1

Friday, 8-15: Hebrews 2

Saturday, 8-16: Hebrews 3

Sunday, 8-17: Hebrews 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 Ohio, Oklahoma, and Oregon (Senators on pages 10-11 and Congressional Representatives on pages 15-16).
- 4) These five countries and their leaders; Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Samoa, and San Marino (Pages 828-829).
- 5) Pray for the chief commanding officers of the U.S. Air Force and Space Force on page 147.
- 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.

## 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   |
| Dianne Olsen (Newman family) | Mitzi (Leeann Woods' cousin)    |