



Sunday, August 17, 2025

Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted

Matthew 5:4

BSW Underground Events this week!

This is a big week for BSW Underground, our teen ministry. The girls will have a lock-in in the Family Center on Wednesday from 4 to 10 pm hosted by Molly Dykstra and the guys will have a campout at the home of Pastor Seth Dykstra during the same time frame.

Family Business for August 17, 2025

- 1) Sea Container is picked up on Tuesday at 10 am!
- 2) Girls Lock-in and Boys Campout for BSW Underground on Wednesday from 4 to 10 pm.
- 3) Pastor Lonnie requests funds for Bibles in the jail.
- 4) *Real People in Real Places in Real Time* research study participants please do your forms on paper and return to Pastor Milt this week.
- 5) Prayers for Harris Johnson as he prepares to return to Shepherd's College this week.

Dr. Alfred Kalembo and Dr. Henry Smith are here on September 14th to share how our partnership is making a difference in Zambia ... Please continue to pray for Pastor Carri Johnson as she prepares to travel to Zambia in October to speak at a women's conference there ... The Christmas showbox collection is underway for 2025. All the details are available on Tech Booth. The collection boxes are there also!

Sermon notes ... please see inserts at the back of this newsletter.

This Week at BSW

On Sunday (8-17) – Micro-churches meet in the Wood County Jail. Pastor Lonnie and Pastor Milt lead.

On Monday (8-18) – Women’s study group with Joelle Lemke from 5:30 to 6:30 pm in the church lobby.

On Monday (8-18) – Men’s study group meets from 7 to 8 pm at the Robinson Park Pavillion.

On Tuesday (8-19) – 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 (8-19) – Sea Container picked up by shipper at 10 am.

On Tuesday (8-19) – 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 (8-20) – Micro-church at Waterford nursing home at 10:30 am. Pastor Milt leads ... Micro-church at Arborwood Lodge at 1:30 pm. Pastor Milt leads.

On Wednesday (8-20) – Youth for Christ's Next Level from 3:30 to 5:30 in the Underground Youth Room.

On Wednesday (8-20) – BSW Underground: Girls Lock-in in Family Center and Guys Campout at Pastor Seth's home from 4 to 10 pm.

On Thursday (8-21) – Pastor's staff meeting at 11 am.

On Thursday (8-21) – Grief Processing class (Week 6 of 6) in the Wood County Jail from 2 to 3:30 pm. Pastor Milt leads.

On Friday (8-22) – 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 20th 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	117	45	15	26	188
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 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 7/31	29,144	6,354	4,100		
August 3	3,788	2			
August 10	1,944	2	610		
August 17					
August 24					
August 31					
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).

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, 8-18: Hebrews 5

Tuesday, 8-19: Hebrews 6

Wednesday, 8-20: Hebrews 7

Thursday, 8-21: Hebrews 8

Friday, 8-22: Hebrews 9

Saturday, 8-23: Hebrews 10

Sunday, 8-24: Hebrews 11

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 Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, and South Carolina (Senators on pages 11 and Congressional Representatives on page 16).
- 4) These five countries and their leaders; Sao Tome and Principe, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Serbia, and Seychelles (Pages 830-832).
- 5) Pray for the chief commanding officers of the U.S. Navy, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard 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)