



Sunday, August 3, 2025

*(There is) ... is time to weep and a time to laugh; a time to mourn and a time to dance.*

Ecclesiastes 3:4

*Wow! What an amazing gift BSW gave the jail. Over \$200 in gas cards made Allie jump for joy! Mental health is thrilled to get more “game” books for the inmates. The need for cards and notebooks is always high. Please let the congregation know that they have blessed many, many inmates with their generosity ...*

Pastor Lonnie on the July Wood County Jail collection.

## Family Business for July 27, 2025

- 1) Jail collection thank you sent from Pastor Lonnie!
- 2) Coffee with Pastors on Thursday morning

### *Special Prayer Time*

- 3) Alfred Kalembo and Henry Smith here from Zambia on September 14<sup>th</sup>
- 4) Time to start praying for Pastor Carri's preaching trip to Zambia
- 5) *Real People in Real Places in Real Time* update
- 6) New work begins in the jail today

## Embracing Hope: Processing our Grief

### Week Three: Naming Our Losses

#### The first 4,000 feet towards the peak

1. A connection to last week's teaching
2. An object lesson from the Shepherd's Loft
3. Naming our losses ... making a list
  - a. Pulling off the scab of denial
4. Processing our grief by giving thanks (John 16:33, James 1:2, Exodus 2:24-25, Joshua 1:5 & 9, Psalm 23:4, Hebrews 13:5, and Romans 8:28).
5. Processing our grief by forgiving and seeking forgiveness ... "you must ask God for the grace to love that man."

## *This Week at BSW*

On Sunday (8-3) – Micro-churches meet in the Wood County Jail.  
Pastor Lonnie and Pastor Milt lead.

On Monday (8-4) – Women’s study group with Joelle Lemke from 5:30 to 6:30 pm in the church lobby.

On Monday (8-4) – Men’s study group meets from 7 to 8 pm at the Robinson Park Pavillion.

On Tuesday (8-5) – 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 (8-5) – 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 (8-6) – Micro-church at Waterford nursing home at 10:30 am. Pastor Milt leads ... Micro-church at Arborwood nursing home at 1:30 pm. Pastor Jim leads.

On Wednesday (8-6) – Youth for Christ's Next Level from 3:30 to 5:30 in the Underground Youth Room.

On Thursday (8-7) – Coffee with Pastors at 9:30 am in the Fellowship Hall. The seniors (50+) gather for food, fellowship, prayer, singing, and Bible study.

On Thursday (8-7) – Grief Processing class (Week 4 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
July 6	99	29	30	52	180
July 13	116	39	24	41	196
July 20	92	30	30	52	175
July 27	95	44	48	82	221
Average	101	36	33	57	193

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	4,629	2	600		
Totals	11,564	108	1270		

## 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

Report of the LBA vision meeting held on Tuesday.

- Kevin Lien was elected vice-chairman
- The LBA formed a building and grounds management team featuring Mike Hamilton and Brandon Pautz. A third project manager is to be asked to join the team. Other members will be recruited to work with the project managers.
- The Children's wing air conditioning unit will be serviced immediately. Expected cost is \$1,400.

# Hearts on Fire: Four Spiritual Journeys in 2025

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

Monday, 8-4: 1 Timothy 5

Tuesday, 8-5: 1 Timothy 6

Wednesday, 8-6: 2 Timothy 1

Thursday, 8-7: 2 Timothy 2

Friday, 8-8: 2 Timothy 3

Saturday, 8-9: 2 Timothy 4

Sunday, 8-10: Titus 1

**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 York, North Carolina, and North Dakota (Senators on page 10 and Congressional Representatives on page 15).
- 4) These five countries and their leaders; Portugal, Qatar, Romania, Russia, and Rwanda (Pages 825-828).
- 5) Pray for the chief commanding officers of the U.S. Army 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)	