



Sunday, October 12, 2025

Whatever you do, do your work heartily, as for the Lord rather than for men.

Colossians 3:23

Today is Family Day!

Each second Sunday is Family Day at BSW. We worship as one large family. There is nursery care provided for the little ones three and under. The service includes a special teaching for the elementary age students. We enjoy a family dinner right around 11 am in the Fellowship Hall and the Family Center is open for fun from 11:45 until 1 pm.

Family Business for October 12, 2025

- 1) This is the last week to participate in the Christmas shoebox drive. All items need to be in by next Sunday.
- 2) Hope Gospel Mission will be coming to receive our donation of 700 banana boxes filled with gently used clothing on Thursday morning, October 23rd. We need strong helpers.
- 3) Church-wide cleaning day scheduled for Saturday, October 25 from 9 am to 1 pm.
- 4) Sunday, October 26 is Pastor Appreciation Sunday. The LBA will be leading service and giving all the pastors a day off.
- 5) Continue to pray each day for Pastor Carri and Jonathon Johnson as they minister in Zambia.
- 6) We continue to have an urgent need for clean banana boxes to be used in the Shepherd's Loft.

Today's teaching is Colossians 3:23 (please see page one of this newsletter). It will be used for both the children's message from Mimi Sievers and Pastor Seth's message.

Your notes:

This Week at BSW

On Sunday (10-12) – Three micro-churches meet in the Wood County Jail this afternoon. Pastor Lonnie and Pastor Milt lead.

On Monday (10-13) – Women’s study group meets at 5:30 pm in the church lobby. Joelle Lemke leads.

On Monday (10-13) – Men’s study group meets at the Warehouse at 7 pm. Alex Miller leads.

On Tuesday (10-14) – 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 (10-14) – 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 (10-15) – 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 (10-15) - Next Level ministry for youth from Youth for Christ held in the Family Center from 3:30 to 5:30 pm ... then the BSW Underground at 6 pm until 8 pm. Tonight's book of the Bible is Numbers. Youth attending both are welcome to stay in the Family Center between events.

On Thursday (10-16) – Embracing Hope: Grief Processing class in the Wood County Jail at 2 pm. Pastor Milt teaches.

On Friday (10-17) – 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.

Upcoming Event:

October 17th-19th is the Youth Fall Retreat at Silver Birch Ranch. We have 15 students and 6 leaders (Including Pastor Seth & Molly). Please be praying for God encounters for everyone going.

Due to our large turnout, we have gone in with Crossview Church for a charter bus that our very own Randy Doering is driving. The departure location has therefore moved to the Crossview Church parking lot on Eighth Street South. Any questions, reach out to Pastor Seth.

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: 5

Those recommitting their life to Christ: 4

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 9/30	100	42	27	46	188
Oct. 5	80	52	25	43	175
Oct. 12					
Oct. 19					
Oct. 26					
Monthly Ave.					

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 9/30	54,201	6,622	6,640		
Oct. 5	4,345	2	670		
Oct. 12					
Oct. 19					
Oct. 26					
Monthly totals					

Christmas Shoeboxes last week: \$116

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

Building and Grounds Care Team

- Project Managers: Mike Hamilton, Brandon Pautz and Mimi Sievers.

Hearts on Fire: Four Spiritual Journeys in 2025

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

Congratulations! You have read through the New Testament a chapter and a day. You are now encouraged to do the same with the Old Testament in your Living Bible.

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 Idaho, Illinois, and Indiana (Senators on pages 10 and Congressional Representatives on page 13).
- 4) These five countries and their leaders; Venezuela, Vietnam, Yemen, Zambia, and Zimbabwe on pages 851-853.
- 5) For the peace accord reached between Israel and Hamas. Pray for the healing of the hostages who will now be released.

- 6) Pray for Governor Evers and the 33 state senators and the 99 state assembly persons of the state of Wisconsin. Pray for the candidates declaring for the governor's race in 2026.

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.

Sunday, October 26th has been set aside to celebrate our BSW pastors. That day, the LBA will leading all aspects of the service and giving our pastors the day off. There will be tributes to our pastors, the annual Jeopardy game hosted by Brandon Pautz, and a cupcake reception.