



Sunday, October 5, 2025

“... for in Him we live and move and exist, as even some of your own poets have said, ‘For we also are His children.’”

Acts 17:28

Holy Communion served today

Today we will be serving Holy Communion. Baker Street Wesleyan Church is part of the greater Wesleyan Church denomination and we practice open communion. That means that all who confess Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord are welcome and encouraged to come forward and receive the bread and grape juice as a means of grace. Youth are served upon the recommendation of their parents or guardians.

Family Business for October 5, 2025

- 1) Today we celebrate the completion of reading the New Testament all the way through.
- 2) Today we celebrate the final day of work for the participants in Pastor Milt's doctoral research project. That means cookies!
- 3) Holy Communion instructions for our friends and guests.
- 4) We encourage prayers for the Johnson's on their way to serve in Zambia and the Dykstra's on their way to a GLR refreshing event.
- 5) Two weeks left in the Christmas shoebox drive!

Story four of four in *Real People in Real Places in Real Time* series. Acts 19:16-34 – Paul teaches truth to secularism.

Your notes:

This Week at BSW

On Sunday (10-5) – Three micro-churches meet in the Wood County Jail this afternoon. Pastor Lonnie and Pastor Milt lead.

On Monday (10-6) – Women's study group meets at 5:30 pm in the church lobby. Joelle Lemke leads.

On Monday (10-6) – Men's study group meets at the Warehouse at 7 pm. Alex Miller leads.

On Tuesday (10-7) – 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 (10-7) – 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 (10-8) – Micro-church at Waterford nursing home at 10:30 am. Pastor Milt leads.

On Wednesday (10-8) - 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 Leviticus. Youth attending both are welcome to stay in the Family Center between events.

On Thursday (10-9) – Embracing Hope: Grief Processing class in the Wood County Jail at 2 pm. Pastor Milt teaches.

On Friday (10-10) – 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.

Christmas Shoebox Update

Our annual campaign for Christmas Shoeboxes through Samaritans Purse continues. The collection period continues through Sunday, October 19. Check the face of the technology booth for what is needed and take a tag with a suggested gift on it. Then purchase the gift and return it to the drop box. Monetary donations are also welcomed through the offering jar. The shoeboxes will be packed on November 2 by the children and the congregation will pray over the completed boxes on November 9. They will be shipped out on November 16.

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
Sept. 7	104	60	29	49	213
Sept. 14	91	50	8	14	155
Sept. 21	100	49	23	39	188
Sept. 28	106	41	19	32	179
Monthly Ave.	100	50	20	34	184

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		
Sept. 7	3,526	2	570		
Sept. 14	1,191	102			
Sept. 21	1,575	2	810		
Sept. 28	3,716	2			
Monthly totals	10,008	108	1,380		

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

Monday, 10-6: Revelation 20

Tuesday, 10-7: Revelation 21

Wednesday, 10-8: Revelation 22

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 Florida, Georgia, and Hawaii (Senators on pages 10 and Congressional Representatives on pages 12-13).
- 4) These five countries and their leaders; United Kingdom, Uruguay, Uzbekistan, Vanuatu, and Vatican City on pages 847-851.

- 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.