



Sunday, November 16, 2025

*Then Jesus arrived from Galilee at the Jordan coming to John, to be baptized by him.*

Matthew 3:13

### Baptism Service today!

Welcome to Baker Street Wesleyan Church (BSW). Today is a baptism service. All baptism candidates will be presented during Family Business and the baptisms will occur immediately after the benediction and blessing. The Wesleyan Church recognizes all three primary forms of baptisms- immersion, pouring, and sprinkling.

## Family Business for November 16, 2025

- 1) Christmas Choir meets after service today.
- 2) Day of Thanksgiving on Wednesday from 6 am to 6 pm.
- 3) Pastor Carri and Jon invite everyone to hear about their Zambia trip on the evening of November 20 at 6 pm in the sanctuary.
- 4) Christmas decorating after service next Sunday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>.
- 5) Sanctuary deep cleaning on Monday, November 24 starting at noon.
- 6) Saleh's birthday party in the Fellowship Hall after church today.
- 7) An update on the Wood County Jail
- 8) Questioning the baptism candidates.

Senior Pastor Milt Van Natta shares the story of Jesus' baptism from Matthew 3:13-17 and details the many layers of meaning to water baptism.

- 1) Baptism re-enacts our cleansing from sin.
- 2) Baptism re-enacts new life in Christ.
- 3) Baptism is an initiation into the kingdom of God
- 4) Baptism comes with the affirmation of the Lord

Your notes:

## *This Week at BSW*

On Sunday (11-16) – Four micro-churches meet in the Wood County Jail this afternoon. Pastor Lonnie and Pastor Milt among the leaders.

On Sunday (11-16) – Christmas Choir organizational meeting in the sanctuary shortly after worship service.

On Monday (11-17) – Women’s study group meets at 5:30 pm in the church lobby. Joelle Lemke leads.

On Monday (11-17) – Men’s study group meets at the Warehouse at 7 pm. Alex Miller leads.

On Tuesday (11-18) – 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 (11-18) - Tuesday Bible study at 11:15 on the Book of Revelation at chapter 20. Pastor Milt leads.

On Wednesday (11-19) – BSW Day of Thanksgiving from 6 am to 6 pm. Self-directed prayer in the sanctuary.

On Wednesday (11-19) – Micro-church at Waterford nursing home at 10:30 am. Pastor Milt leads ... Micro-church at Arborwood Lodge at 1:30 pm. Pastor Jim leads.

On Wednesday (11-19) - 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 2 Samuel. Youth attending both are welcome to stay in the Family Center between events.

On Thursday (11-20) Pastor Carri and Jonathon Johnson share about their Zambia trip in the sanctuary from 6 to 7 pm.

On Friday (11-21) – 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.

### Coming Soon:

- 1) Decorating the church for Christmas on November 23<sup>rd</sup> from 11:30 to 1 pm.
- 2) Deep cleaning of the sanctuary, including shampooing of the carpet, on November 24<sup>th</sup> starting at noon.

## *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: 12

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 10/31	101	44	27	46	191
Nov. 2	101	68	28	48	217
Nov. 9	103	45	22	37	185
Nov. 16					
Nov. 23					
Nov. 30					
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 10/31	64,551	6,730	7,920		
Nov. 2	2,983	2	560		
Nov. 9	3,549	2			
Nov. 16					
Nov. 23					
Nov. 30					
Monthly 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

## 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) Pray for the congressional delegations of Nebraska, Nevada, and New Hampshire (Senators on pages 10 and Congressional Representatives on page 14).
- 4) Pray for the United States Supreme Court. Names on the lower right of page 558 among the names of all Supreme Court members.
- 5) Pray for the U.S. Commanders of the Unified Combatant Commands on page 147.



- 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.

Coming in 45 days

Spiritual Formation 2026: Guarding our Hearts (Proverbs 4:23)

- 1) Journaling through the Bible
- 2) Praying daily over our hearts the prayer of John Baillie (14<sup>th</sup> day in morning)
- 3) Dennis Kinlaw's daily devotional *This Day with the Master*

Father grants us ...

A brave heart

A true heart

A tender heart

A heart with great room in it

A heart fixed on you

A pure heart