



Sunday, November 30, 2025

First Sunday of Advent

The Lord is not slow about His promise, as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing for any to perish but for all to come to repentance.

2 Peter 3:9

The Christmas Season is here!

Today is the official beginning of the Christmas season – called Advent. The church is decorated. The lighting of the Advent candles begins today. Christmas music will now be included in the worship music weekly. The Christmas Choir will sing on the 21st and we will have a special Christmas Eve service on the 24th at 6 pm.

Family Business for November 30, 2025

- 1) Thank you to all the people who helped decorate our church for Christmas.
- 2) Thank you to all the people who helped to deep clean the sanctuary and the foyer on Monday.
- 3) Christmas Choir practices after service today.
- 4) BSW Underground holiday party is Wednesday evening
- 5) Coffee with Pastors is on Thursday morning at 9:30 am.

Senior Pastor Milt Van Natta shares a Blueprint Bible connection of 2 Peter 3:8-9 and 2 Kings 22:1 through 2 Kings 23:25. King Josiah lives out the meaning of repentance.

Contrition is different than repentance.

Repentance is

- a- ... understanding God's word for me
- b- ... standing with God
- c- ... cleaning house in life
- d- ... a means of grace
- e- ... is turning to the Lord with all

Your notes:

This Week at BSW

On Sunday (11-30) – Christmas Choir practice in the sanctuary after worship service.

On Sunday (11-30) – Four micro-churches meet in the Wood County Jail this afternoon. Pastor Lonnie and Pastor Milt among the leaders.

On Monday (12-1) – Women’s study group in the church lobby at 5:30 pm. Joelle Lemke leads.

On Monday (12-1) – Men’s study group has a fellowship to go axe throwing. Details are available from Pastor Seth.

On Tuesday (12-2) – 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 (12-2) - Tuesday Bible study in the Shepherd’s Loft at 11:15am studying Women of the Bible. Pastor Milt leads.

On Wednesday (12-3) – 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 a study of the Book of Revelation.

On Wednesday (12-3) - 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 is the holiday party. Please bring a white elephant gift found in your house.

On Thursday (12-4) – Coffee with Pastors Holiday Gathering. Seniors 50+ meet in the Fellowship Hall for food, fellowship, prayer, song, and the Good Word of God.

On Thursday (12-4) – Brief staff meeting from 11:15 am until noon.

On Friday (12-5) – 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.

This Week's Highlight

BSW Underground Holiday Party from 6 pm to 8 pm in the Family Center. Brings a white elephant gift from your home.

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: 17

Those recommitting their life to Christ: 10

Those being baptized: 2

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	114	54	25	43	211
Nov. 23	85	34	33	55	174
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	2,302	102	750		
Nov. 23	1,285	2			
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, the Field Guide for Daily Prayer, and other sources: 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 North Carolina, North Dakota, and Ohio (Senators on pages 10 and Congressional Representatives on pages 15-16).
- 4) Pray for the leadership of our local communities. Take a map and pray for the cities of our region by name.
- 5) Pray for the peace process between Ukraine and Russia.

- 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 31 days ... on January 1, 2026

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 (14th 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