



Sunday, December 14, 2025

Third Sunday of Advent

But it is not this way among you, but whoever wishes to become great among you shall be your servant and whoever wishes to be first among you shall be slave of all.

Mark 10:43-44

Family Sunday Today

Today is Family Day at BSW. Our day of intergenerational worship. The children stay out with the adults and we worship as one big family. The nursery is open for the little ones three and under. Immediately after service, we head down to the Fellowship Hall for a potluck dinner. Please allow the Christmas choir members to fill their plates first so they can practice in timely fashion. The Family Center is open from 11:45 to 1 pm for fun.

Family Business for December 14, 2025

- 1) Family Day today including a potluck dinner
- 2) Christmas Choir practices shortly after service today,
please allow the members to be first in line at the potluck
- 3) Christmas Week Schedule (Newsletter page 4).
- 4) Helping Pastor Lonnie update

Saying “Yes” to Jesus
Senior Pastor Milt Van Natta
Mark 10:32-45

James and John are blinded by worldly ambition ... Jesus corrects them ... He asks the hard questions ... Saying “yes” to Jesus means saying “yes” to suffering, saying “yes” to laying down your life, and saying “yes” to being a servant.

Your notes:

This Week at BSW

On Sunday (12-14) – Christmas Choir practice in the sanctuary after worship service.

On Sunday (12-14) – Four micro-churches meet in the Wood County Jail this afternoon. Pastor Lonnie and Pastor Milt among the leaders.

On Monday (12-15) – Women’s study group in the church lobby at 5:30 pm. Joelle Lemke leads.

On Monday (12-15) – Men’s study group meets in the Family Center at 7 pm.

On Tuesday (12-16) – 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 (12-16) – No Tuesday morning Bible Study this week. Pastor Milt is having a medical test.

On Wednesday (12-17) – 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 (12-17) - 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 books are Ezra and Nehemiah.

On Thursday (12-18) – Pastoral staff meeting at 11:30.

On Friday (12-12) – 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 Schedule at BSW

Sunday, December 21st at 10 am ... Congregation Choir and Children's Choir sing.

Wednesday, December 24 at 6 pm ... Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

We are still looking for more volunteer drivers to help get Pastor Lonnie to appointments in January. You can sign up in the C.A.R.E. Room this morning. For details, please speak to Bonnie Lemke at 715-570-0090.

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 11/30	100	45	27	47	192
Dec. 7	98	57	23	39	194
Dec. 14					
Dec. 21					
Dec. 28					

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 11/30	78,295	6,840	9,750		
Dec. 7	3,791	2		100	
Dec. 14					
Dec. 21					
Dec. 28					

Monthly totals					
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Jail Ministry \$200

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 Rhode Island, South Carolina, and South Dakota (Senators on pages 11 and Congressional Representatives on page 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 our military commanders working around the world. Information 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 17 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