



Sunday, December 28, 2025

Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, so that we know the things freely given to us by God.

1 Corinthians 2:12

Ice Cream with Pastor Milt and Kay

All the children fifth-grade and under are invited to bring their family to the Fellowship Hall immediately after worship service for a cup of ice cream with Pastor Milt and Kay.

Family Business for December 28, 2025

- 1) Today is Ice Cream with Pastor. All the children who are in fifth grade and under, along with their family, are welcome to go to the Fellowship Hall after service for an ice cream cup with Pastor Milt and Kay.
- 2) Christmas Shoe Box Report
- 3) LIZA report from Dr. Alfred Kalembo
- 4) LBA meeting on January 6 at 6 pm

Blueprint Bible Lessons: Spiritual Blessings Senior Pastor Milt Van Natta

Taking Ephesians 1: 3 – *who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ* – and seeing it lived out in the life of Moses in Exodus 33:7-23.

Two spiritual blessing prayer programs for 2026 that are available to you today; the Desire/Grace plan and the Psalm 119 plan. Both plans are on the table in front of the tech booth.

Your notes:

This Week at BSW

On Sunday (12-28) – Four micro-churches meet in the Wood County Jail this afternoon. Pastor Lonnie and Pastor Milt among the leaders.

On Monday (12-29) – Women's study group will not meet this week.

On Monday (12-29) – Men's study group meets in the Family Center at 7 pm.

On Tuesday (12-30) – 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 (12-30) – Bible study at 11:15 am in the Shepherd's Loft processing area. Pastor Milt leads a study on women in the Bible.

On Wednesday (12-31) – Micro-church at Waterford nursing home at 10:30 am. Pastor Milt leads.

On Wednesday (12-31) – BSW Underground is on holiday break.

On Thursday (1-1) – Blessed New Year 2026

On Friday (1-2) – 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.

The Local Board of Administration (LBA) will meet on Tuesday, January 6th at 6 pm in the church lobby.

The BSW Christmas shoeboxes went to three different countries this year; Suriname in South America, Malawi in East Africa (near Zambia), and Mauritius (an island off the coast of East Africa).

Dr. Alfred Kalembo reports that LIZA – the Leadership Institute of Zambia, Africa – will be celebrating its 20th anniversary on January 25, 2026. Dr. Kalembo says that BSW was the first Wesleyan Church in North America to support LIZA. We currently support school-age children through LIZA.

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	94	53	31	53	200
Dec. 21	121 + 76	67	40 +12	68 + 20	352
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	2,488	102	640		
Dec. 21	1,288	668			
Dec. 28					
Monthly totals					

Others: Zambia Seminary Shipping Donation \$100 & BSW Youth \$150

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.

Spiritual Formation 2026: Guarding our Hearts

(Proverbs 4:23)

- 1) Journaling through the Bible ... Slow reading year
- 2) Praying daily over our hearts the prayer of John Baillie (14th day in morning) ... praying specifically for our spiritual hearts in the manner of Ephesians 1:3 ... the prayer is listed below
- 3) Praying for spiritual blessings from Psalm 119 or the Grace/Desire plan
- 4) Dennis Kinlaw's daily devotional *This Day with the Master* to challenge us to spiritual growth

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