



Sunday, March 15, 2026

*Have you entered the storehouses of the snow,
Or have you seen the storehouses of the hail.*

Job 38:22

A Unique Sunday

There is no in-person worship service due to the extreme winter storm that is forecast. But we are making every effort to provide a live-stream for people to gather together virtually and worship today. Be safe!

Family Business today:

- 1) Membership Sunday is postponed until April 12.
- 2) Baptism Sunday is also scheduled for April 12.
- 3) Hope Gospel Mission comes for our donation on March 25.
- 4) Thank you for last week to the kitchen crew, decorating crew, staging crew.
- 5) Celebrating \$6,000 to our capital campaign.

Pastor Milt shares what he has learned about love in following the Lord for 32 years.

- Once I thought the love of Jesus was calling me to like everyone
- Once I thought the love of Jesus was calling me to treat everyone with love
- Once I thought the love of Jesus was calling me to express the love of Jesus in humble service (being a foot washer)
- Now I believe that love of Jesus is calling me to both care about and care for people who are not likely to love me in return

We ask everyone to silence their cell phones before entering the sanctuary for worship service. If you need to be available to your work or family, please place your phone on vibrate.

This Week at BSW

On Sunday (3-15) – Easter Choir practice is cancelled due to the winter storm.

On Sunday (3-15) - Wood County Jail ministry this afternoon is cancelled due to the winter storm.

On Monday (3-16) – Women’s study group will meet in the church lobby from 5:30 to 6:30 pm. Joelle Lemke leads.

On Monday (3-16) – Men’s study group will meet in the Family Center from 7 to 8 pm.

On Monday (3-16) – Hispanic micro-church under the leadership of Ana Moreno.

On Tuesday (3-17) – 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 (3-17) – 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 (3-18) – Micro-church at Waterford nursing home at 10:30 am. Pastor Milt leads ... Micro-church at Arborview Lodge at 1:30 pm. Pastor Jim leads.

Wednesday (3-18) – No BSW Underground activities. It is spring break week.

On Friday (3-20) – Ladies Bible Study at Graces Family Restaurant at 9 am.

On Friday (3-20) – 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.

Saturday (3-21) – Women’s Fellowship Breakfast and Crafting event at 9 am in the Fellowship Hall.

Capital Campaign Underway

BSW has launched a \$100,000 capital campaign to replace it’s antiquated HVAC system. Other necessary projects include sealing the fellowship hall floor and resurfacing the parking lot.

\$12,250 raised so far!

Upcoming Events

- Saturday, March 21 is the women's fellowship breakfast and craft gathering at 9 am in fellowship hall. The breakfast is for ladies 18+. There is no child care provided.
- Sunday, March 28 is Palm Sunday, the beginning of Holy Week.
- Thursday, April 2 is a Day of Prayer from 12 pm to 4 pm in the sanctuary.
- Thursday, April 2 at 6 pm is our Last Supper Communion service.
- Friday, April 3 at noon is our At the Cross Good Friday service.
- Friday, April 3 at 6 pm is our At the Tomb Good Friday service.
- Sunday, April 5 at 10 am is Resurrection Sunday celebration!
- Monday, April 6, the Shepherd's Loft will be closed until Monday, April 27 for resurfacing of the floor in the Fellowship Hall.
- Sunday, April 12 is Membership Sunday and Baptism Sunday

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: 23

Those recommitting their life to Christ: 17

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 2/28	103	46	31	53	202
March 1	115	44	42	71	230
March 8	117	40	47	80	237
March 15					
March 22					
March 29					
Monthly Averages					

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	Capital Campaign
Y-T-Date As of 2/28	112,322	10,830	13,029	100	1,150
March 1	4,137	2			5,100
March 8	2,523	2	710		6,000
March 15					
March 22					
March 29					
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

- Head Trustee: Mimi Sievers
- Trustees/Project Managers: Mike Hamilton and Brandon Pautz

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 Ephesians 1:3 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, Father

A pure heart

God's Heart for His Church

Vision 26 and beyond

- Drawing close to Him in individual/small group/body-wide devotions (devotional center at BSW)
- Exalting His Name more often
- Turning to Him for the healing of our souls
- God's people being God's fragrance in the community (nursing homes/schools/the jail/under the bridges)
- Remembering the lonely
- Remembering the homeless
- Caring for Creation