



Sunday, March 22, 2026

*You who fear the LORD, praise Him;
All you descendants of Jacob, glorify Him,
And stand in awe of Him, all you descendants of Israel.*

Psalm 22:23

Welcome Back!

We missed gathering with you last Sunday due to the blizzard conditions. It was only the second time in the last twenty-two years that service was cancelled due to weather. We are thankful for live streaming so that we can still be connected when the weather turns dangerous in the winter.

Family Business today:

- 1) Membership Sunday is now scheduled for April 12.
- 2) Baptism Sunday is also scheduled for April 12.
- 3) Hope Gospel Mission comes for our donation on March 25.
- 4) An update on the Sea Container project from Dr. Kalembo.
- 5) Celebrating \$6,000 to our capital campaign.

Pastor Milt shares today's message.

Notes ...

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 (3-22) – Easter Choir practice is cancelled due to the winter storm.

On Sunday (3-22) - Wood County Jail ministry this afternoon features three micro-church services.

On Monday (3-23) – Women’s study group will meet in the church lobby from 5:30 to 6:30 pm. Joelle Lemke leads.

On Monday (3-23) – Men’s study group will meet in the Family Center from 7 to 8 pm.

On Monday (3-23) – Hispanic micro-church under the leadership of Ana Moreno.

On Tuesday (3-24) – 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 (3-24) – 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 (3-25) – Micro-church at Waterford nursing home at 10:30 am. Pastor Milt leads.

Wednesday (3-25) – Hope Gospel Mission travels to Wisconsin Rapids to receive our 700-box donation of gently used clothes. The truck arrives around 10 am.

Wednesday (3-25) – Next Level ministry for youth from Youth for Christ from 3:30 to 5:30 pm. BSW Underground at 6 pm until 8 pm in the Family Center.

On Friday (3-27) – Ladies Bible Study at Graces Family Restaurant at 9 am.

On Friday (3-27) – 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.

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

- 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

The BSW Nominating Committee will be meeting in April. Members from the congregation are Linda Pixler and Harry and Cathy Thompson. Members from the LBA are Kimberly Bier, Diane Jackson, and Pastor Milt Van Natta.

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: 24

Those recommitting their life to Christ: 18

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	8	32	109	185	225
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	0				
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