



Sunday, April 26, 2026

*For God so loved the world,
that He gave His only begotten Son,
that whoever believes in Him shall not perish,
but have eternal life.*

John 3:16

Memorization Passage

Welcome to Baker Street Wesleyan Church!

Whether you have been a part of the Baker Street Family for many, many years or are visiting for the first time today. We are delighted to have you with us today. We are here to exalt the name of the Lord Jesus Christ!

Family Business for April 26, 2026

- 1) Today is “Treats with Pastor and Miss Kay”
- 2) Please pray for Florence Johnson
- 3) An update on the Fellowship Hall floor

Pastor Milt shares today’s message from Colossians 1:13-18

Last week we learned to talk to God (pray) and:

- 1) Always give thanks.
- 2) Ask to be filled with spiritual wisdom and understanding of His will.

We also learned that the gospel is always working in the faith community bearing fruit and increasing.

It looks like this:

ALWAYS giving thanks

ALWAYS being filled with His will

ALWAYS bearing fruit and increasing

Today’s notes ...

This Week at BSW

On Sunday (4-26) - Wood County Jail ministry this afternoon features a micro-church service.

On Monday (4-27) – Women’s study group will meet in the church lobby from 5:30 to 6:30 pm. Joelle Lemke leads.

On Monday (4-27) – Men’s study group will meet in the Family Center from 7 to 8 pm.

On Monday (4-27) – Hispanic micro-church under the leadership of Ana Perez.

On Tuesday (4-28) – The Fellowship Hall flooring re-surfacing is underway. The work is going very well and we anticipate moving back in on May 5. No Shepherd’s Loft until then!

On Tuesday (4-28) – Bible study in the lobby. Pastor Milt leads a line-by-line study of the Book of Romans. This week we begin at chapter two.

On Wednesday (4-29) – Micro-church at Waterford nursing home at 10:30 am. Pastor Milt leads.

Wednesday (4-29) – BSW Underground at 6 pm until 8 pm in the Family Center. The book of Obadiah will be featured.

On Friday (5-1) – Ladies Bible Study at Graces Family Restaurant at 9 am. Please contact Bonnie Lemke for more information.

On Friday (5-1) – The Shepherd’s Loft clothing ministry is closed for the flooring project in the Fellowship Hall. In case of emergency need contact Pastor Milt.

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.

\$28,102 raised so far!

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 worship events, teaching the children how to lead worship)
- 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

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: 26

Those recommitting their life to Christ: 20

Those being baptized: 9

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 3/31 | 103 | 46 | 33 | 55 | 204 |
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| April 5 | 167 + 101 = 267 | 41 | 41 | 71 | 380 |
| April 12 | 128 | 53 | 52 | 88 | 269 |
| April 19 | 102 | 36 | 34 | 58 | 196 |
| April 26 | | | | | |
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| 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 3/31 | 125,597 | 10,940 | 14,339 | 100 | 24,830 |
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| April 5 | 3,871 | 2 | 700 | | 3,052 |
| April 12 | 3,196 | 2 | | | |
| April 19 | 2,820 | 102 | 690 | | 220 |
| April 26 | | | | | |
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| 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

Highlights of the LBA meeting on Thursday evening 4/23/2026

- 1) The LBA voted to support Zambia with \$7,000. Half will be our annual contribution to the Africa Wesleyan University College and the other half will purchase chairs for local churches in Zambia to be sent on the next sea container.
- 2) Pastor Milt talked us through the next three months. **May:** From May 5th through, at least, May 20th, Pastor Milt will be out for surgery and recovery... **June:** May 21st through June 27th will be focused on end of the church year requirements; including district conference, nominating committee, budget prep, and LCS reporting ... Local Church Conference will be held on Sunday, June 28th immediately after service ... **July** will be a month of celebration. On July 5th we will celebrate America's 250th birthday. July 12th will be commissioning Sunday and volunteer recognition and July 26th we will celebrate BSW's 80th birthday with a visit from Dr. Chris Conrad, our district superintendent.
- 3) The flooring project in the Fellowship Hall is going very well and we anticipate completion on May 5. Plans were made for the resurfacing of the parking lot.
- 4) Rev. Lonnie Selje will officially move from active appointment to retired status on May 1, 2026 due to her health. She will be recognized for her service later this spring.