



Sunday, April 5, 2026

Easter Sunday

*“Why do you seek the living One among the dead?*

*He is not here, but He has risen.”*

*Luke 24:5b-6*

## He is Risen!

It is Resurrection Sunday and we are celebrating the Risen Christ. We are so grateful that you have joined us. Today we will enjoy a family dinner with everyone who wishes to join us. We will head down to the Fellowship Hall immediately after service.

Family Business today:

- 1) Celebrating \$2,530 to our capital campaign.
- 2) Fellowship Hall flooring project begins tomorrow.
- 3) April Family Dinner is today.
- 4) Coffee with Pastors is on Thursday, April 9th.
- 5) Next week is Membership Sunday and Baptism Sunday.

Pastor Milt shares today's message. The tomb of Jesus is empty. He has risen! The Risen Christ is calling us to leave our past behind for a new future as His follower!

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 (4-5) - Wood County Jail ministry this afternoon features three micro-church services.

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

On Monday (4-6) – Men’s study group will meet in the Family Center from 7 to 8 pm.

On Monday (4-6) – Hispanic micro-church under the leadership of Ana Moreno.

On Tuesday (4-7) – The Fellowship Hall flooring re-surfacing begins today. The Shepherd’s Loft clothing ministry is closed until April 27th.

On Tuesday (4-7) – Bible study at 11:15 am in the main lobby. Pastor Milt leads a study on women in the Bible.

On Wednesday (4-8) – Micro-church at Waterford nursing home at 10:30 am. Pastor Milt leads.

Wednesday (4-8) – 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.

Thursday (4-9) – Coffee with Pastors in the lobby and sanctuary beginning at 9:30. This program is for seniors 50+.

On Friday (4-10) – Ladies Bible Study at Graces Family Restaurant at 9 am. Please contact Bonnie Lemke for more information.

On Friday (4-10) – 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.

**\$24,830 raised so far!**

## Upcoming Events

- 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.

## 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

## *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 3/31	103	46	33	55	204
March 1	115	44	42	71	230
March 8	117	40	47	80	237
March 15	8 In-person service cancelled	32	109	185	225
March 22	112	44	20	34	190
March 29	105	51	17	29	185
Monthly Averages	112	42	47	80	213

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
March 1	4,137	2			5,100
March 8	2,523	2	710		6,000
March 15	0				
March 22	4,084	104	600		10,050
March 29	2,531	2			2,530
Monthly totals	13,275	110	1310		23,680

## 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 (14<sup>th</sup> 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