

THIS WEEK

Mon: Church Office Closed – Day of Truth & Reconciliation
Tues: Youth 6:30 PM
Wed: Sew'n Sews 9 AM in Heritage Hall
Christian Sexuality Conversations 6:30-8:30 PM
→ in Fellowship Hall
→ 1/6: God's Love Story & the Authority of Scripture
Fri: Men's Prayer Time 6:30 AM – Heritage Hall
Parents & Tots 9:30 AM
College & Career 7 PM
Ladies Puzzle/Game Night 7 PM
Next Sunday: Speaker – Pastor Stefan
→ Sermon Series continues (Revelation 2-3)

Every Sunday: Ukrainian Slavic Church meets here 2-9:30 PM
First Friday of each Month – Ladies Puzzle/Game Night 7 PM
Third Friday of each Month – Men's Game Night 7 PM
Every Friday Morning – Men's Prayer Time 6:30 AM in Heritage Hall

PLANNING AHEAD



October 15 SMBC Thanksgiving Service & Lunch
→ Sign-up sheets at the Info Center to bring pies.
Oct / Nov Christian Sexuality Conversations – Wed evenings
→ Questions? Contact Pastor Stefan
Oct 20-22 Youth Retreat at Red Rock Bible Camp
Oct 24 Meet Your Missionary event: Sanda & Isra Chavez-Plett
Nov 17-18 Integrate (Teaching Church partnership) at SMBC
→ "Interpreting Scripture Today"
→ with Dr. Mark Wessner, MB Seminary President
Nov 29 Ladies Mexican Christmas Party with Sandra Chavez-Plett. More details to come.

YOUTH Tuesday, October 3
6:30-8:30 PM at the Church
For all those in Grades 6-12

If you can help provide snacks for youth this year, contact Ricky or Pastor Stefan. A sign-up sheet is available on the bulletin board.

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS & OPPORTUNITIES

- **Congratulations** to Gavin & Ainsleigh (Thiessen) Broesky who were married yesterday!
- **FOUND:** Pair of sunglasses. Come to the office to claim.

Prayer = Presence + Power + Privilege 24/7

Let's pray for:

- 2023 Theme: Living in step with the Spirit (Galatians 5:25)**
Growth in learning to live in step with the Spirit.
- Our pastors and their families:** Walter & Anne Fast, Kelby & Michelle Friesen, Stefan & Kara Lee Klassen
- Our 2023/24 Finance Team:** Christian Peters (Treasurer), Ron Falk, Kyle Isaak
- Pastor Kelby & Michelle**, during his sabbatical until Jan 14/24.
- A new national director for our Canadian Conference of MB churches, & Elton DaSilva as he completes his ministry October 31.**
- God's sustaining power for all affected by the war in Ukraine.**
- Provision for the refugee family** we will sponsor. (Malawi)
- Those with health concerns:** Rick Kornelson, Ted Lepp, Mary A. Loewen, Kristin Serger, **Anne Toews** (cancer treatments)
- Our care-home residents/house-bound members.**
- Our missionaries & members in service:** Heriberto & Viola Ayala, Jennifer Enns, Melissa, Lloyd & Carol Letkeman, Jeremy & Adrienne Penner, Sandra & Isra Chavez Plett, Val Schinkel, Morgan & Krista Serger.

In Missionary Mail Rack: Letters from Jennifer Enns and Melissa

BAPTISM



Is this something you have been thinking about?
Contact Pastor Walter, Pastor Stefan, or the church office. A baptism service is planned for November 26.

Why be baptized?

- Because you want to follow Christ's example. Mark 1:9
- Because Christ commanded it. Matthew 28:19-20
- Because it shows you are a believer, identifying with Christ. Acts 18:8

Ladies Bible Study: A study on the book of Numbers with DVD teaching from Melissa Spoelstra will begin Thursday mornings, October 12 – November 30 at 9 AM. **"Learning Contentment in a Culture of More"**. Contact: Yvonne Hiebert or Barb Hamm

Welcome!

Thank you for joining us for worship.

We'd like to get acquainted & minister to you more effectively. Feel free to complete the "welcome card" located in the pew slot and hand to an usher or one of the pastors.

College & Career

Meet Friday evenings at 7 PM. For more info and location, contact Aimie at 204-408-8940.

October is Clergy Appreciation Month

Your loving actions and words of encouragement can help maintain the spirits of our pastors and their families.
God bless you, Pastor Walter, Pastor Kelby & Pastor Stefan – we are grateful for you!

INTEGRATE: If you are interested in taking the upcoming MB Seminary course **for personal interest or for credit** here at SMBC in November, you may use this link. www.mbseminary.ca/steinbach

Questions? Contact Pastor Walter

Our Thanksgiving Offering (Oct 15) will be divided as follows:

- 50% of the undesignated funds will go to SMBC
- 35% to Safe Families Plus (Steinbach)
- 15% will go towards this year's need of the hour: "Congo's Children"

Thanksgiving Offering donations will be accepted from October 15-20 if they are designated as "Thanksgiving Offering" in the memo line of the e-transfer or tithing envelope.

Please Note: NO designation is required on Sunday, October 15, as all funds raised this day will go towards the Thanksgiving Offering regardless.

NOTES:

Pastor Kelby's Sabbatical, September 11 - January 14/24

Pastor Kelby is on a 4-month sabbatical. Please remember to pray for Pastor Kelby & Michelle during this time. If you have any questions, feel free to call the church office and we will direct you to the appropriate person. Chris Thiessen is the one to contact for all things relating to Community Life Groups. **Pastor Kelby is using this time to complete his master's degree in Christian Ministry.**

CHILDREN'S CHURCH/NURSERY

Family Room: Available for parents with small children
Nursery (ages 0-2): Please sign in at the table in Herit; drop off your child during the service.



Children's Church (ages 3-6): Sign in at the booth on lower level.

Today's Nursery Workers: Kara Lee Klassen, Ruth Ewert, Sophia Kornelsen, Saige Peters

Today's Children's Church Workers: Elda & Ashley Kehler, Rodney Niessen, Melita & Liam Dueck, Caleb Giesbrecht, Amelia Derksen

Oct 8th Nursery Workers: Lolita & Thalia Winkler, Esther Schulz, Emery Lepp

Oct 8th Children's Church Workers: Melanie Reich, Erika Penner, Bri Giesbrecht, Annabel Klassen, Liam, Luke & Annika Paton, Nadia Thiessen

If you are a helper in Children's Church or are interested in getting involved in Children's Church, a day of preparing craft materials for upcoming Sundays will be happening in the Children's Church area on Tuesday, October 3 from 9-12. Please sign up at the Info Center. For more info contact Michelle Peters at 204-392-7070.

SMBC Mission Statement

As disciples of Jesus, we are being transformed by the Spirit to share God's love with all.

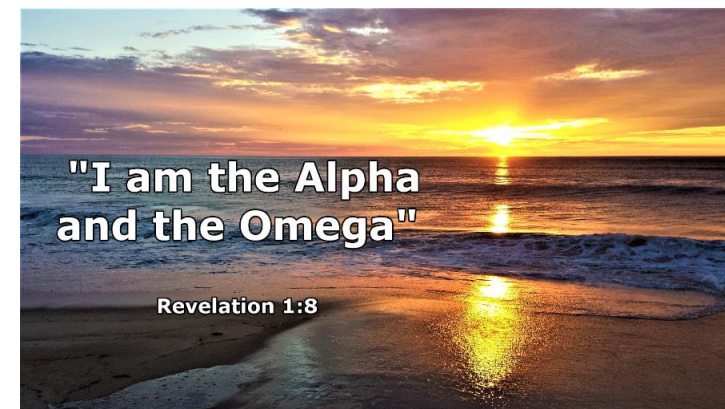


Our Strategic Priorities

- ✓ **Growing in Christ**
We want to establish deep roots in our faith.
 - ✓ **Connecting in Community**
We want to actively care for each other.
 - ✓ **Being Missional**
We want to actively share our faith.
 - ✓ **Supporting Families**
We want to strengthen families.
 - ✓ **Developing Leaders**
We want to empower effective leaders.
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October 14 - Join **Steinbach Bible College** for their annual Legacy Dinner, an afternoon of food and fellowship in support of Christian Higher Education. "Your Help Today, Servant Leaders Tomorrow." Contact 204-326-6451 or visit SBCollege.ca to reserve your table today.

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Church Office Hours: Mon-Fri. 9-12, 1:30-4:30



Sunday, October 1, 2023
Worship Service – 9:30 AM / Sunday School – 11 AM

“Consider him who endured from sinners such hostility against himself, so that you may not grow weary or fainthearted.” Hebrews 12:3

Service Leader: Pastor Stefan Klassen
Music Leader: Lorie Friesen
Scripture Reading: Michelle Friesen
(Revelation 1:9-11, 2:8-11)

Message: Pastor Walter
“Christ's Love-Letter to Challenged Churches”
Revelation 1-3 Sermon Series
“Smyrna: The Stephen Option” Part 3/8

- Our service is also available through our phone service & livestream.
 - **Children's Church & nursery care available during the service.**
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SMBC Sunday Morning Phone Service
1-888-919-5948

Call just before 9:30 AM to hear the service on your phone.

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LEAD PASTOR: Walter Fast (walterfast@steinbachmbchurch.ca)
PASTOR OF COMMUNITY LIFE: Kelby Friesen (Sabbatical until January 2024)
PASTOR OF STUDENT MIN: Stefan Klassen (stefanklassen@steinbachmbchurch.ca)
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANTS: Barb Hamm/Kathy Winkler (info@steinbachmbchurch.ca)