

THIS WEEK

Mon: Thanksgiving Day – Church Office Closed
Tues: Youth 6:30 PM
Wed: Sew'n Sews 9 AM in Heritage Hall
Christian Sexuality Conversations 6:30-8:30 PM
→ 2/6: Shame & Forgiveness and Sex & Marriage
Thurs: Ladies Bible Study begins - 9 AM in the Board Room
Fri: Men's Prayer Time 6:30 AM – Heritage Hall
Parents & Tots 9:30 AM
College & Career 7 PM

Next Sunday: **SMBC Thanksgiving Service**
Speaker – Greg Wiens
Lunch to follow Sunday School
→ **Sign-up sheets at the Info Center to bring pies.**



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

Oct / Nov Christian Sexuality Conversations – Wed evenings
Oct 20-22 Youth Retreat at Red Rock Bible Camp
Oct 24 Meet Your Missionary event: Sanda & Isra Chavez-Plett
Oct 31 **Pumpkin Carnival**
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 10
6:30-8:30 PM at the Church
For all those in Grades 6-12

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS & OPPORTUNITIES

- **Our condolences** to Elenore & Sieg Dyck & their family on the passing of Elenore's mother, Mary A. Loewen, on October 2nd. A memorial service will be held Monday, October 16 at 2 PM here at SMBC. Mary was our oldest member at SMBC, at 101 years!
- **Pray for Heriberto Ayala** who will be travelling to El Salvador today until Thursday for a S1WM media conference.
- **Release of membership:** A release of membership has been processed for Ed Reich upon his request.

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 Safe Place Committee:** Michelle Friesen (Chair), John Reich, Juls Guenter, Trevor Arsenault
 - 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 Loewen (recuperating from a fall at home), 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:** Letter from Morgan & Krista

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

Pastor's Welcome Class

Are you wondering who we are, what we stand for and how you might get involved at SMBC? Are you perhaps desiring to “join the team” (membership)? Maybe you just have some questions about “church” or this church.

A Pastor's Welcome Class starts October 29th. If interested contact Pastor Walter at 204-326-3551 or walterfast@steinbachmbchurch.ca

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.

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

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

Thanksgiving Offering donations will be accepted from October 14-19 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.

Adult Sunday School Next Sunday...

will meet in the sanctuary to hear reports from:

- Sue Doerksen with Safe Families Plus and
- John Derksen with Congo's Children

NOTES:

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.

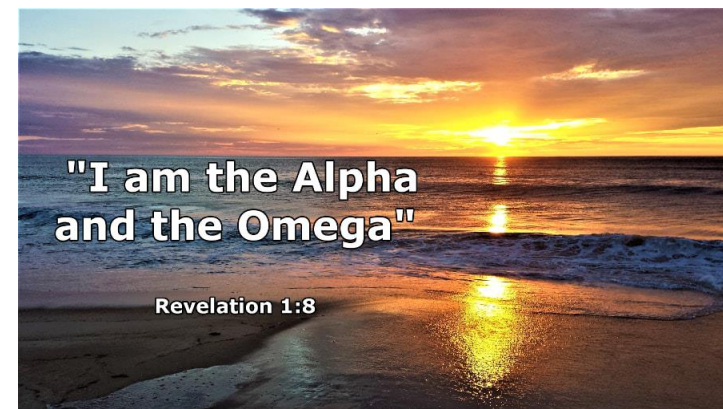
October 14 - Join **Steinbach Bible College** for their annual Legacy Dinner, an afternoon of food and fellowship in support of Christian Higher Education. "Your Help Today, Servant Leaders Tomorrow." Contact 204-326-6451 or visit SBCollege.ca to reserve your table today.

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!

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



Sunday, October 8, 2023
Worship Service – 9:30 AM / Sunday School – 11 AM

"Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour." 1 Peter 5:8

Service Leader: Chris Thiessen
Music Leader: Sam Fast
Scripture Reading: Neoma Goertzen
(Revelation 1:9-11, 2:12-17)

Message: Pastor Stefan
"Christ's Love-Letter to Challenged Churches"
Revelation 1-3 Sermon Series
"Pergamum: Don't Get Too Comfortable" Part 4/8

→ Our service is also available through our phone service & livestream.
→ **Children's Church & nursery care available during the service.**

SMBC Sunday Morning Phone Service
1-888-919-5948

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

STEINBACH MENNONITE BRETHREN CHURCH
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)

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: Lolita & Thalia Winkler, Esther Schulz, Emery Lepp

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

Oct 15th Nursery Workers: Bri Winkler, Barb Hamm, Anneli & Nadia Ayala,

Oct 15th Children's Church Workers: Michelle Peters, Josh Schulz, Emily, Mattais & Erik Neufeld, Emery Lepp, Danya Thiessen

