

THIS WEEK

Mon: Memorial Service for Mary Loewen 2 PM
Leadership Team Meeting 6:30 PM

Tues: Youth 6:30 PM

Wed: Sew'n Sews 9 AM in Heritage Hall
Christian Sexuality Conversations 6:30-8:30 PM
→ 3/6: Singleness & Intimacy and Porn & Lust

Thurs: Ladies Bible Study - 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

Fri-Sun: Youth Retreat at Red Rock Bible Camp

Next Sunday: Speaker – Pastor Walter / Revelation series continues

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 24 Missions Night 6:30 PM
Oct 31 **Pumpkin Carnival 7-8 PM**
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 17
6:30-8:30 PM at the Church
For all those in Grades 6-12

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS & OPPORTUNITIES

- **Congratulations** to Bekzhan & Zhuldyz Upeshov on the birth of their son, Alikhan, on October 6th!
- **Congratulations** to Keagan Broesky (son to Scott & Terri-Lee) and Lexi Klassen (daughter to Rod & Tena Klassen from Mitchell) on their engagement! God bless as you prepare for a summer 2024 wedding.
- **Our condolences** to Zelma Quiring on the passing of her sister-in-law, Anita Quiring, on Oct 8th. The funeral will be Oct 19th, 11 AM at Birchwood Funeral Chapel, with viewing at 10:30 AM.
- **Release of membership:** A release of membership has been processed for Rick & Roseann Kornelson. We wish them God's rich blessing as they join the Calvary Baptist Church in Emo, ON.

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
 - Wab Kinew**, our new incoming Premier of Manitoba.
 - Our 2023/24 Maintenance Committee:** Stacey Giesbrecht (Chair), Leo Derksen, Jonathan Krieger, Trevor Neufeld
 - 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 peace, presence & protection in Israel & Palestine.**
 - Provision for the refugee family** we will sponsor. (Malawi)
 - Those with health concerns:** Anne Friesen, Rick Kornelson, Ted Lepp, Mary Loewen (recovering 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 Val Schinkel

BAPTISM

Is this something you have been thinking about?
Contact Pastor Walter, Pastor Stefan, or the church office. Classes will begin January 7.



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: Thursday mornings at 9 AM
Numbers: “Learning Contentment in a Culture of More”.
Contact: Yvonne Hiebert or Barb Hamm

Our Thanksgiving Offering 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 Sunday, October 14 to Thursday, October 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 today**, as all funds raised will go towards the Thanksgiving offering regardless.

TODAY - Adult Sunday School

will meet in the sanctuary to hear reports from:
-Sue Doerksen with Safe Families Plus and
-John Derksen with Congo's Children

Missions Night – Tuesday, October 24 at 6:30 PM

Join us for an evening to meet and talk to SMBC's supported missionaries and more. Discover what they do on a daily basis, where they have recently been and how God has used them.

This event is especially intended for youth. However, it is open to everyone. (Since this is not an official youth event, parents need to accompany their children).

Snacks are provided and a super raffle ticket can be won! Come to find out what it is!

A Walk to Remember: October 15, 3 PM. Event hosted by Life Culture; walk starts at Heritage Cemetery. Details on bulletin board.

MB Seminary's Integrate Course November 17&18 at SMBC

Have you been wondering if the upcoming MB Seminary course is for you? The course **Interpreting Scripture Today** is a topic that can easily resonate with each one of us. We would urge you to consider attending this session either for credit or just for personal growth (auditing). It will be held here in our church on November 17-18 (Friday evening, Saturday morning and afternoon). The attenders of SMBC are eligible for a 50% reduction on the cost of auditing the course so instead of a cost of \$100, it will only be \$50. We would love to have as many people attend as possible.

Please go to mbseminary.ca to register for this course. Choose *workshops* and find **Interpreting Scripture Today**. When you proceed to *checkout* make sure to use the discount code **smbc50** to get 50% off the \$100 fee. Please register by Nov 1 to make sure we are able to offer the course.

Alternatively: There will be a sign-up table in the church foyer the next two Sundays (Oct 22 and 29). Contact Valerie Kroeker or Jack Schellenberg if you need any help.

PUMPKIN CARNIVAL

Tuesday, October 31 7-8 PM

Hey Kids – If you are age 3 and up, the SMBC youth group is inviting you and your friends to come to our pumpkin carnival.

Come play games, get treats, and have fun meeting the youth.



CHILDREN'S CHURCH/NURSERY



Family Room: Available for parents with small children.

Nursery (ages 0-2): Please sign in at the table in Heritage Hall; 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: Bri Winkler, Barb Hamm, Anneli & Nadia Ayala

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

Oct 22nd Nursery Workers: **No Nursery – Youth Retreat**

Oct 22nd Children's Church: **No Children's Church – Youth Retreat**

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 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!

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.**

SMBC Financial Update: Jan-Sep, 2023

	Actual	Budget
Operating Income	494,865	391,150
Operating Expenses	<u>(496,423)</u>	<u>(438,218)</u>
Shortfall	(1,558)	(47,068)

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



Sunday, October 15, 2023

Worship Service – 9:30 AM / Sunday School – 11 AM

“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

Acts 1:8

Service Leader: Pastor Walter

Music Leaders: Daniela Klassen, Henry Dueck

Scripture Reading: Michael Zwaagstra

(Acts 1:1-11)

Message: Greg Wiens

"The Sweet Aroma of Christ is our Best Witness"

We welcome Greg Wiens, Pastor of Westwood Community Church (Wpg) & Global Vision 2020 coordinator.

TODAY: Lunch to follow Sunday School in Fellowship Hall

→ 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)