

THIS WEEK

Tues: No Youth this week
Missions Night 6:30 PM

Wed: Sew'n Sews 9 AM in Heritage Hall
No Christian Sexuality Conversation this week

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

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 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 24

NO YOUTH

Come for Missions Night at 6:30 PM

NOTE: Parents need to accompany their children.

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS & OPPORTUNITIES

- Because of this weekend's youth retreat there will be **no Sunday School for grades 6-12**. Anyone in that age group is welcome to join an adult class.
- **Thank you** to the church family for your kind words, support, gifts of food, and prayers at the loss of our mother, Mary Loewen.
~ the Loewen Family (Sieg & Elenore Dyck)

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 Food Committee:** Yvonne Hiebert (Chair), Lois Bergmann, Stephen Dyck, Norman Niessen, René Martens, Irene Schellenberg
- 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, Joel Kehler (recovering from surgery for leg infection), 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.

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

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!

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.



NOTES

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 these next two Sundays (Oct 22 and 29). Contact Valerie Kroecker or Jack Schellenberg if you need any help.

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.

No Nursery or Childrens Church Today - Youth Retreat

Oct. 29th Nursery Workers: Denise Hoepfner, Mia Fast, Emily Arsenault, Nadia Thiessen

Oct. 29th Children's Church Workers: Rene Schulz, Damaris Ayala, Andrea & Ezra Lepp, Tessa Warkentin, Josiah Peters

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.**

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



Sunday, October 22, 2023
Worship Service – 9:30 AM / Sunday School – 11 AM

**“And everyone who hopes in God purifies himself
as He is pure.” 1 John 3:3**

Service Leader: Terri-Lee Broesky
Music Leader: Lorie Friesen
Scripture Reading: Johanna Neufeld
(Revelation 1:9-11, 2:18-29)

Message: Pastor Walter
“Christ's Love-Letter to Challenged Churches”
Revelation 1-3 Sermon Series
Thyatira: “That Woman Jezebel” Part 5/8

→ 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 BROTHERS 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)