

## THIS WEEK

**Tues:** **Pumpkin Carnival 7-8 PM**  
**Wed:** Sew'n Sews 9 AM in Heritage Hall  
Bethesda Place Singing and Devotional  
Christian Sexuality Conversation 6:30-8:30 PM  
→ 4/6: Same Sex Sexuality & Transgender Identities

**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

**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 – 7 PM

**Dec 24** AM – 9:30 Service / **Christmas Eve Service – 4 PM**

## PUMPKIN CARNIVAL

**Tuesday, October 31**

**Youth 6:30-8:30 / Kids and Families 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.



## CHURCH FAMILY NEWS & OPPORTUNITIES

- **Our condolences** to Mike (Hedy) Serger on the passing of his brother, Wally Serger of Winnipeg, on Oct. 23. The funeral will be held Nov. 4 at the Riverwood Church Warehouse.
- **Our sympathies** to Anna (Gerhard) Enns on the passing of her mother, Helena Friesen, on Oct. 25. The funeral will be held in Germany on Oct. 30.
- **Thank you** so much for all your prayers and support during Joel's recent surgery & recovery. He is recovering quickly. We're so thankful to have a church family!  
~ Stanley & Elda Kehler
- **Are you interested** in joining the ladies WhatsApp prayer group? If so, contact Eli at 204-381-6073 to be included.

## 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 Decorating Coordinator:** Elvina Bergmann
- 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:** Ruth Ewert (recuperating from fractured orbital socket & fractured spine), Anne Friesen, Joel Kehler, Ted Lepp, Mary 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.

## 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.

**The Welcome Class starts TODAY.**

Interested? Contact Pastor Walter at [walterfast@steinbachmbchurch.ca](mailto:walterfast@steinbachmbchurch.ca)

**Meet in Pastor Walter's office.**

# 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.

## Young Adults: Coffee & Connect

Friday, November 10 at 7 PM  
in Fellowship Hall

Devotional, Games & Connecting

**All young adults from Steinbach & area welcome!**

Questions? Message/Call 204-905-4959

**Ladies Bible Study:** Thursday mornings at 9 AM  
**Numbers:** "Learning Contentment in a Culture of More".  
Contact: Yvonne Hiebert or Barb Hamm



All ladies are invited to the  
**Mexican Christmas Party**

**Wednesday, November 29 at 7 PM**

**\$10.00 / person**

**Speaker: Sandra Chavez-Plett**

**Sign-up required November 5 or 12.**



**Thank you** for welcoming Congo's Children to your Thanksgiving service & Adult Sunday School class! Thank you, also, for your very generous Thanksgiving offering, and for the \$6909 that went to Congo's Children. This will feed all 54 kids in Georgette's home for a whole month. We wish you much joy as you spread the love & Good News of Christ to people near & far. ~ John Derksen, for Congo's Children

## Thanksgiving Offering for 2023 was \$46,061:

\$6,909 to Congo's Children  
\$16,121 to Safe Families Plus  
\$23,031 for SMBC

Praise the LORD!

### 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](http://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 is a sign-up table in the church foyer TODAY. Contact Valerie Kroeker 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.

**Today's Nursery Workers:** Denise Hoepfner, Mia Fast, Emily Arsenault, Nadia Thiessen

**Today's Children's Church Workers:** Rene Schulz, Damaris Ayala, Andrea & Ezra Lepp, Tessa Warkentin, Josiah Peters

**Nov. 5<sup>th</sup> Nursery Workers:** Johanna Martens, Claudia Dueck, Sorayah & Nadine Fast, Emma Schulz

**Nov. 5<sup>th</sup> Children's Church Workers:** Erika, Emma & Haeley Schulz, Brigitte Mueller, Jordan Kehler, Carson Neufeld

## 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

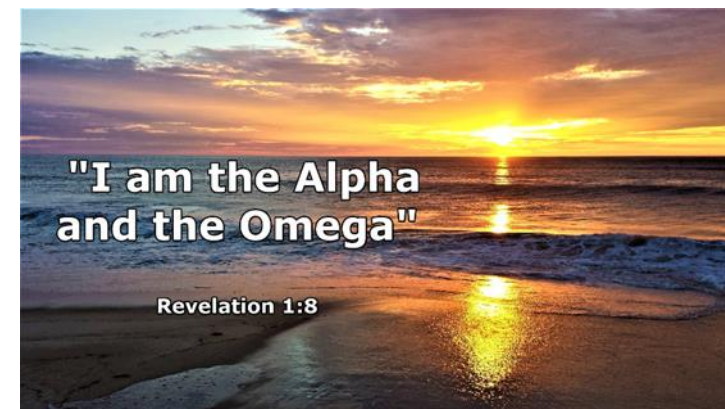
Your loving actions and words of encouragement can help maintain the spirits of our pastors and their families.

**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 29, 2023**  
Worship Service – 9:30 AM / Sunday School – 11 AM

**“Wake up, sleeper, rise from the dead,  
and Christ will shine on you.” Ephesians 5:14**

Service Leader: Bob Winkler  
Music Leader: Sam Fast  
Scripture Reading: Ryan Penner  
(Revelation 1:9-11, 2:18-29)

**Message: Pastor Walter**  
**“Christ's Love-Letter to Challenged Churches”**  
**Revelation 1-3 Sermon Series**  
**Sardis: “Selfie – Church” Part 6/8**

→ 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 BRETHERN CHURCH

LEAD PASTOR: Walter Fast ([walterfast@steinbachmbchurch.ca](mailto:walterfast@steinbachmbchurch.ca))  
PASTOR OF COMMUNITY LIFE: Kelby Friesen (Sabbatical until January 2024)  
PASTOR OF STUDENT MIN: Stefan Klassen ([stefanklassen@steinbachmbchurch.ca](mailto:stefanklassen@steinbachmbchurch.ca))  
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