

THIS WEEK

Tues: Youth 6:30 PM
Wed: Sew'n Sews 9 AM in Heritage Hall
Christian Sexuality Conversation 6:30-8:30 PM
→ 5/6: Dating & Friendships / LGBTQ Questions
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
Young Adults: Coffee & Connect 7 PM

Next Sunday: Speaker – Pastor Walter / Revelation series conclusion

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 3 1st **Sunday of Advent**
Dec 24 AM – 9:30 Service / **Christmas Eve Service – 4 PM**

YOUTH **Tuesday, November 7**
6:30-8:30 PM at the Church
For all those in Grades 6-12

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS & OPPORTUNITIES

- **Congratulations** to Ruben Funk and Martha Boschmann (from Filadelfia, Paraguay) on their engagement! A February wedding is planned to take place in Paraguay.
- **Birthday congratulations** to Peter Harms who celebrated 91 years on November 2nd!
- **Are you interested** in joining the ladies WhatsApp prayer group? If so, contact Ellie at 204-381-6073 to be included.
- **We are looking for actors who want to be part of the Christmas play.** You will not have to say a word. Just acting. We need 20+ people who want to be involved; age does not matter. If you are interested, contact Rene Schulz (remes90@gmail.com) by November 12.

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 2023/24 Nominating/Discernment Committee:** Matthew Winkler (Chair), Terri-Lee Broesky, Mia Fast, Travis Bergman, Pastor Kelby
- Pastor Kelby & Michelle**, during his sabbatical until Jan 14/24.
- The interim national director for our Canadian Conference of MB churches, Jason Krueger.**
- God's peace, presence & protection in Israel & Palestine.**
- Provision for the refugee family** we will sponsor. (Malawi)
- Those with health concerns:** Ruth Ewert, Anne Friesen, Joel Kehler, Ted Lepp (recovering from hip replacement), Mary Loewen, Peter Schroeder, 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 continues today during Sunday School.
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.



MB Seminary's Integrate Course at SMBC

November 17, 6:30-9:30 PM

November 18, 8:30 AM-4:30 PM

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.

To register for this course:

Please go online to mbseminary.ca

- Workshops
- Register
- Interpreting Scripture today
- Worship registration
- Home Church – Steinbach MB Church
- Add to Cart
- Coupon Code: SMBC50
- Apply Coupon
- Proceed to Checkout

Alternatively: There is a sign-up table in the church foyer once again. 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: Johanna Martens, Claudia Dueck, Corina & Nolyn Martens, Emma Schulz

Today's Children's Church Workers: Erika & Haeley Schulz, Brigitte Mueller, Jordan Kehler, Carson Neufeld

Nov. 12th Nursery Workers: Nicole Krieger, Bethany Drewlo

Nov. 12th Children's Church Workers: Elda & Ashley Kehler, Melissa Hiebert, Bri Giesbrecht, Melita & Liam Dueck, Rodney Niessen, Amelia Derksen

SMBC Mission Statement

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



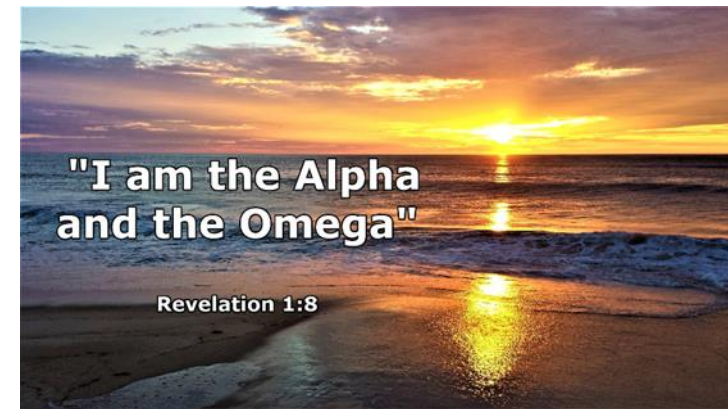
Our Strategic Priorities

- ✓ **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.

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.**

340 Second Street, Steinbach, MB R5G 0T7
204.326.3551 www.steinbachmbchurch.ca
Church Office Hours: Mon-Fri. 9-12, 1:30-4:30



Sunday, November 5, 2023

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

**"I have set before you an open door,
which no one is able to shut..." Revelation 3:8**

Service Leader: Travis Bergman
Music Leaders: Henry Dueck/Daniela Klassen
Scripture Reading: Melissa Hiebert
(Revelation 1:9-11, 3:7-13)

**Message: Pastor Walter
"Christ's Love-Letter to Challenged Churches"
Revelation 1-3 Sermon Series
Philadelphia: "The Pain of Exclusion &
Open Doors" Part 7/8**

- 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)