

THIS WEEK

Mon: Leadership Team Meeting 6:30 PM

Tues: Youth 6:30 PM

Wed: Sew'n Sews 9 AM

Bethesda Place Singing & Devotional

Fri: Men's Prayer Time 6:30 AM

Parents & Tots 9:30-11:30 AM

College & Career 7 PM

Next Sunday: Speaker - Bruce Penner

→ Board Chair, Steinbach Bible College

Every Sunday: Ukrainian Slavic Church meets here 2-6 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

Jan 25 Church Baby Shower 6:30 PM

Feb 2-4 Missionfest Manitoba (Winnipeg)

Feb 11 Baptism Service

YOUTH Tuesday, January 9

6:30-8:30 PM at the Church

For all those in Grade 6-12

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS & OPPORTUNITIES

- **Congratulations** to Anna Laura Hiebert & Logan Friesen who were married on Friday. God bless as you begin a new life together!
- **Congratulations** to René & Ingrid Schulz on the birth of a son, Philip Jace, on January 4. Philip is a sweet brother to Jonathan, Annalyn, & Elizabeth. God's blessing on your family!
- **Congratulations** to Aaron Janzen & Laura Lehn on their engagement. God bless you as you prepare for your marriage.

Prayer = Presence + Power + Privilege 24/7

Let's pray for:

- 2024 Theme: "As the Father sent me, I send you."** John 20:21
May we understand God's call on each of our lives.
- Pastor Kelby** as he prepares to return from his sabbatical Jan 14.
- Peace** for our world experiencing so much conflict.
- God's peace, presence & protection in Israel & Gaza.**
- Provision for the refugee family** we will sponsor. (Malawi)
- Those with health concerns:** Isra Chavez Plett, Ruth Ewert, Anne Friesen, Ted Lepp, Mary Loewen, Colette Payette (recovering from hand surgery), Kathe Penner (broken ankle), Anne Toews.
- 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 begin TODAY during the Sunday School hour in the boardroom, off Heritage Hall.**



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. Romans 6:3-7

LOOKING FOR DAILY INSPIRATION FOR 2024?

We invite you to pick up the Bible Reading Plan at the Info Center. **One side:** through the Bible in a year (by genres, approx. 3-4 chapters/day). **Back side:** through the New Testament & Psalms in a year (1 chapter/day). Let's all "dig in"—for the glory of God and the ongoing "rooting" of our faith!

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 1 Thessalonians will begin Thursdays, January 18 – February 22, with 2 options:

1. In-person, 9-10 AM, at church
2. On-line via Zoom, 7-8 PM

Contact Yvonne Hiebert or Barb Hamm if you have questions or to sign up. Cost: \$5. Minimal homework each week, study questions by Jill Hamilton.

Church Baby Shower

Thursday, January 25th 6:30 PM
in Fellowship Hall



All ladies and girls are invited to come celebrate with:

- Juls Guenter & son, Charles, born November 4/23
- Zhuldyz Upeshova & son, Alikhan, born October 6/23

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.

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

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: Lolita & Thalia Winkler, Esther Schulz, Emery Lepp

Today's Children's Church Workers: Melanie Reich, Erika Penner, Caleb Giesbrecht, Luke, Liam & Annika Paton, Nadia Thiessen, Molly Winkler

Jan. 14th Nursery Workers: Mia Fast, Bethany Drewlo, Nadine & Sorayah Fast

Jan. 14th Children's Church Workers: Chris Dyck, Kara Penner, Josh Schulz, Justin Penner, Annabel Klassen, Jaime Niessen



Sunday, January 7, 2024

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

“As the Father sent me, I send you.” John 20:21

Service Leader: Chris Thiessen

Music Leader: Henry Dueck

Scripture Reading: Helen Falk
John 20:1-23

New Year's Messages
Pastors Walter & Stefan

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- 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)

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