

## THIS WEEK

**Tues:** Youth 6:30 PM  
**Wed:** Sew'n Sews 9 AM  
Singing at Bethesda Place 2:30 PM  
**Thurs:** **NO** Ladies Bible Study – One week pause  
**Fri:** Men's Prayer Time 6:30 AM  
Parents & Tots 9:30-11:30 AM  
College & Career 7 PM

**Next Sunday: Speaker – Pastor Kelby**  
→ Sermon Series on James begins (Part 1 of 5)

**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

**Feb 20-25** Winnipeg Real to Reel Film Festival at NKMB → Info at [www.winnipegfilmfestival.com/](http://www.winnipegfilmfestival.com/) & on B Bd.  
**Feb 25** **SOAR Lunch**  
Annual Finance Meeting – after lunch  
**March 1&2** MBCM Assembly 2024 at Fort Garry MB Church  
**Mar 17** Baptism Service  
**Mar 18** Ladies High Tea Event 7 PM (More details to come)  
**Mar 22-28** **SOAR Heartland** in Winnipeg  
**April 12-13** **Integrate** (Teaching Church partnership) at SMBC  
**April 22** **Newcomers Lunch**  
**July 7-12** Star Lake Family Camp - Stay tuned for more info.

## YOUTH Tuesday, February 6 – 6:30-8:30 PM Small Group Night

Leaders for SOAR needed, March 22-28.  
Talk to Pastor Stefan for info/details.

## CHURCH FAMILY NEWS & OPPORTUNITIES

- **We extend our sympathies to Anne & Pastor Walter** on the passing of her mother, Wilma Buss, on January 30 in Germany. The funeral will be held on Monday,
- **Our sympathies to Vic & Marlene Isaak** on the passing of Vic's sister, Helen Isaak, on Jan. 29. Her funeral will be held on Feb. 10 at Birchwood.
- **Our condolences to Anna & Jacob Neufeld**, on the passing of her mother, Mary Kornelson, on Jan. 31. Her funeral will be in Belize.
- **We are looking for help with childcare** for the Sunday, February 25<sup>th</sup> finance meeting, to follow the SOAR lunch. Please sign up at the Info Center or connect with Michelle Peters. We are looking for both youth and adult help.

## 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 Walter & Anne** as they travel to Germany and gather as family to remember Anne's mother, and for Pastor Walter as he leads the funeral service on Monday.
- The team of youth & leaders preparing for SOAR.**
- Elmdale School Discovery Team.** Pray for 2 more people to join their team; for children to know how much Jesus loves them; for sensitivity to each child's needs as they bring hope & encouragement through the Word of God.
- 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:** Ted Lepp, Mary Loewen, Teenie Kehler (St. Anne Hospital), Colette Payette, Kathy 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.
- Short Term Ministry:** Harold & Valerie Kroeker (SOWER ministry in Arizona)

### Discovery Time Prayer Team

The Discovery Team has invited us to adopt a school to pray for as they teach Bible lessons in the schools. Let's join in prayer for the **Elmdale School Discovery Team** led by Ellie Hiebert. You can see details on the bulletin board.

You are invited to join the **EastMan Community Choir**, directed by Albert Bergen, for the annual Easter Sunrise service.  
Rehearsals March 6, 13, 20 & 27 from 7-9 PM at  
Grace Mennonite Church  
Please RSVP to [info@eastmansings.ca](mailto:info@eastmansings.ca)

The **Easter Sunrise Service** is at 7 AM on Sunday, March 31<sup>st</sup>.

# 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** meets Thursdays, 9-10 AM at church. **NO study Feb 8; will resume Feb 15.**

Questions: Contact Yvonne Hiebert or Barb Hamm  
Cost: \$5. Minimal homework each week, study questions by Jill Hamilton.

### COMING SOON:

#### "All things MB [= Mennonite Brethren]"

Date: Sun, Feb 18<sup>th</sup> during the Sunday School hour  
(Michael Zwaagstra's class in Fellowship Hall)

Ever wondered: Who are the MBs anyway? And where are they headed? What do they (still) believe in? Why even belong to a denomination, or to THIS denomination?

This is your opportunity to engage in Q&R with Pastor Walter about SMBC's ties to the MB denomination.

Pastor Walter is a member of both the Provincial and National Faith & Life Teams of the 230-church Canadian Conference of MB Churches.



Save the Date – July 7-12  
**Star Lake FAMILY Camp**

Stay tuned for further info.

## 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



**Sunday, February 4, 2024**

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

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**“I lift up my eyes to the mountains - where does my help come from? My help comes from the LORD, the Maker of heaven and earth.” Psalm 121:1-2**

Service Leader: Pastor Stefan  
Music Leader: Lorie Friesen  
Scripture Reading: Bert Süss  
Psalm 121

**Meditation: Pastor Stefan**  
**“Faith in the Storm”**

#### Communion

All communion elements are gluten-free.

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- Our service is also available through our phone service & livestream.
  - **Children's Church & nursery care available during the service.**

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**SMBC Sunday Morning Phone Service**  
**1-888-919-5948**

Call just before 9:30 AM to hear the service on your phone.

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#### STEINBACH MENNONITE BROTHERS CHURCH

LEAD PASTOR: Walter Fast ([walterfast@steinbachmbchurch.ca](mailto:walterfast@steinbachmbchurch.ca))  
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ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANTS: Barb Hamm/Kathy Winkler ([info@steinbachmbchurch.ca](mailto:info@steinbachmbchurch.ca))

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### 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:** Kara Lee Klassen, Ruth Ewert, Sophia Kornelsen, Kerstin Klassen, Saige Peters

**Today's Children's Church Workers:** Elda & Ashley Kehler, Rodney Niessen, Melissa Hiebert, Bri Giesbrecht, Melita & Liam Dueck

**Feb. 11<sup>th</sup> Nursery Workers:** Lolita & Thalia Winkler, Esther Schulz, Emery Lepp

**Feb. 11<sup>th</sup> Children's Church Workers:** Melanie Reich, Erika Penner, Caleb Giesbrecht, Annabel Klassen, Liam, Luke & Annika Paton, Nadia Thiessen