

THIS WEEK

NOTE: Pastor Stefan is on vacation this week.

Mon: Civic Holiday – Church Office Closed

Wed: Scripture & Singing at Bethesda Place

Fri: Parents & Tots 9:30-11:30 AM

Next Sunday: Speaker - Heriberto Ayala

→ **Mexico Missions Trip meeting** following the service

Every Friday Morning - Men's Prayer Time 6:30 AM in Heritage Hall

PLANNING AHEAD

Aug 11 Worship Committee Meeting 7 PM

Aug 15 **Family Board Game Night** 6:30-9 PM

Aug 31 Church at the Park – Friedensfeld Park / Service & Lunch

Oct. 24-26 Youth Retreat at Roseau River Bible Camp

Nov 21-22 **Integrate** (Teaching Church partnership) at SMBC

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS & OPPORTUNITIES

- **Congratulations** to Bekzhan Upeshov & Zhuldyz Upeshova on the birth of a daughter, Azalia, on July 22nd. Proud brothers are Kuanysh, Raiymbek, Omirkhan & Alikhan.
- **Congratulations** to Esther Bergmann on her 95th birthday, celebrated on August 1st.

DID YOU KNOW?

SMBC will be 100 years old
in only 18 months!



How will we celebrate?
Planning will soon begin!



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 it to an usher or bring it to the Welcome Centre.

SUMMER CAMP MINISTRY: If you are working at a camp this summer (for any number of weeks), there may be financial assistance available for members. Contact Pastor Kelby or pick up a support form at the church office.

If you are taking Biblical studies at a post-secondary Christian educational institution full time this fall, you are eligible to apply for the **SMBC Theological Education Grant**. See Pastor Kelby for more info/applications or call the church office.



Missions Trip to Mexico!

With the approval of the Missions Committee and Leadership Team, we are organizing a mission trip to Mexico to visit our missionaries, Sandra and Isra.

We invite you to an informational meeting on **August 10th**, right after the service. If you're interested in joining the trip, be sure to mark your calendar!

For more information or questions, please talk to Heriberto Ayala or Detlef Hiebert.

Prayer = Presence + Power + Privilege 24/7

Let's pray for:

- ☐ **2025 Theme: ABIDE (Psalm 1 & John 15)**
May we grow in our faith as we abide in Christ.
- ☐ **Our 2025/26 Worship Committee:** Neoma Goertzen (Chair), Pastor Walter, Bethany Drewlo, Lorie Friesen, Barb Hamm, Erika Schulz, Ingrid Schulz
- ☐ **Summer refreshment & enjoyment for us all!**
- ☐ **Those with health concerns:** Alexander Derksen, George Giesbrecht (cancer treatment), Erika Hiebert (cancer treatment), Ingrid Schulz (cancer treatment), Anne Toews.
- ☐ **Our care-home residents/house-bound members.**
- ☐ **Our missionaries & members in service:** Heriberto & Viola Ayala, Melissa, Lloyd & Carol Letkeman, Jeremy Martens, Jeremy & Adrienne Penner, Sandra & Isra Chavez Plett, Morgan & Krista Serger, Aurelie Thiessen.
- ☐ **Summer Camp Ministry:** Sorayah Fast (Winkler Bible Camp), Caleb Giesbrecht (Red Rock Bible Camp), Emery Lepp (Roseau River Bible Camp, Winkler Bible Camp), Erik Neufeld (Red Rock Bible Camp), Nate Neufeld (Red Rock Bible Camp), Rodney Niessen (Camp Arnes), Liam Paton (Red Rock Bible Camp), Kara Penner (Camp Cedarwood), Ryan Penner (Roseau River Bible Camp), Nadia Thiessen (Winkler Bible Camp)

Let us know if we can include you as a summer camp worker!

Mennonite Heritage Village is pleased to host *On Fire for Christ: 500 Years of Discipleship from the Anabaptists to Us*, a travelling exhibit celebrating the 500th anniversary of Anabaptism, from August 6 – September 6.

Come & discover what it was like to follow Jesus 500 years ago and how it can impact your life today. Check the poster on the bulletin board, or visit www.onfireforchrist.ca for details and to register for exclusive guided tours.

If you are interested in an SMBC group tour, contact the church office.

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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Sunday, August 3, 2025

Communion Service – 10 AM

Jesus replied, “And why do you break the command of God for the sake of tradition?” Matthew 15:3 NIV

Service Leader: Chris Thiessen

Music Leader: Lorie Friesen

Scripture Reader: Damaris Ayala

Matthew 15:1-20

Message: Logan Friesen

“Why do you break the command of God?”

All communion elements are gluten free.



→ **TODAY: NO Children’s Church or nursery care available.**

Activity pages for younger children available in the foyer for pick up.

→ **Thank you for your tithes & offerings:**

- Offering box at the Welcome Centre to deposit your giving.
- E-transfer and payee online options.

SMBC Sunday Morning Phone Service

1-888-919-5948

Call just before 10 AM to hear the service on your phone.