

THIS WEEK

Tues: Youth 6:30-8:30 PM
Wed: Sew'n Sews 9 AM
Thurs: **NO** Ladies Bible Study this week
Fri: Parents & Tots 9:30-11:30 AM

Next Sunday: **3rd Sunday of Advent**
Speaker – Pastor Kelby, Luke 1:57-80

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
Every 2nd & 4th Friday Evening – College & Career

PLANNING AHEAD

Dec 17 Seniors' Christmas Coffee & Carol Singing
Dec 21 Rejoice: An Evening of Carol Singing 7 PM
Dec 24 **Christmas Eve Service 6 PM**
Dec 28 Year-End Communion Service
→ Opportunity to remember a loved one.
Feb 11-23/26 **SMBC Mexico Mission Trip**
Feb 22/26 Annual Finance Meeting
Mar 20-21/26 All-Leaders Retreat



YOUTH Tuesday, December 9
6:30-8:30 PM / For all those in Grades 6-12

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS & OPPORTUNITIES

- **We extend our sympathies** to John & Klara Hildebrand on the passing of Klara's brother-in-law / John's nephew, Jake Neufeld. The funeral will be held on Thursday, December 11th at 1 PM at the New Bothwell Sommerfeld Church. May God comfort you all.
- **If you are new to SMBC and would like to get connected** by receiving our weekly Friday emails and having a church mailbox in the foyer, contact the church office at info@steinbachmbchurch.ca. We're happy you're here and would love to include you!

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.



Advent Giving Project

Our project this year will bless
LIFE CULTURE

They minister to women & children, valuing every human life. Choose a tag from the **GIVING TREE** in the foyer, with various options to purchase a gift, and bring it back to place under the tree by **next Sunday, December 15th**.

NOTE: Items with a blue ribbon are special gift requests.

Do not wrap it, and please remember to place the tag back onto the gift.

Seniors' Christmas Coffee
Wednesday, December 17, 2:30-4 PM

Join us **in the foyer** for
carol singing, coffee, apple cider and cookies.

This Winter at SBC

Theology of God, Prayer and Community
with Layton Friesen
January 2026, Thursday evenings 6:30-9:15 p.m.

Ministering to At-Risk Youth
with Kent Dueck, ICYA
January 2026, Thursday afternoons 1:00-4:00 p.m.

In the Image of God: A Biblical Theology of Human Nature
with Pierre Gilbert
Jan 30-31, 2026 – 1 credit hour course

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.
- ☐ **The SMBC Mexico Team** preparing for a 2026 ministry trip: Heriberto Ayala, Damaris Ayala, Pedro Friesen, Romy Friesen, Rick Hiebert, Elma Peters Hildebrand, Wilfried Kaethler, John Reich, Pastor Walter
- ☐ **Our post high school students attending:** CMU – Olivia Harder; Millar College of the Bible (Pambrun, SK) – Nadine Fast; Providence University College – Damaris Ayala; SBC – Gavin Broesky, Melissa Hiebert, Stanley Kehler, Ryan Penner.
- ☐ **Those with health concerns:** Alexander Derksen (cancer treatment), George Giesbrecht (cancer treatment), Ann Goertzen (preparing for surgery early January), Erika Hiebert (recovering from surgery), 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 & Johanna Martens, Jeremy & Adrienne Penner, Sandra & Isra Chavez Plett, Morgan & Krista Serger, Aurelie Thiessen.
In Missionary Mail Rack: Letter from Jeremy & Johanna

Ladies Bible Study - Thursdays at 2 PM
No study this week. Will conclude December 18th.
Bible Study on 1,2,3 John & Jude

COMMUNITY LIFE GROUPS

If you are interested in joining a community life group, contact Pastor Kelby.



Christmas Mail for our Missionaries!

Drop off your Christmas cards/photos, notes of encouragement by **TODAY**. We'll send them off! Please: no monetary gifts.

NOTES:

SMBC Mission Statement

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



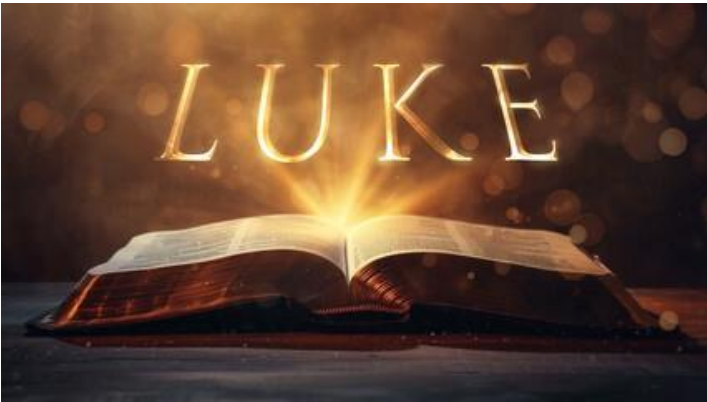
Our Strategic Priorities

- 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.

SMBC Financial Update: January 1 to November 30

	2025	2024	2023
Operating Income	580,662	543,652	620,140
Operating Expenses	<u>670,617</u>	<u>623,427</u>	<u>650,839</u>
Net Income	(89,955)	(79,775)	(30,699)

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December 7, 2025

2nd Sunday of Advent

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

“Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.” John 14:27

Service Leader: Pastor Kelby
Music Leader: Lorie Friesen
Scripture Reader: Anna Ayala
Luke 1:26-56

Message: Mark Fortin

Luke Sermon Series

“I am the Lord’s Servant: Our Response to God’s Call”

- Nursery care is available during the service.
- Children’s Church available during the sermon time for ages 3-6.
- Thank you for your tithes & offerings:
 - Offering box at the Welcome Centre to deposit your giving.
 - E-transfer and payee online options. Info form at Welcome Centre.

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

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