

THIS WEEK

Mon: Church Office Open 9 AM – 12 Noon
Tues: Church Office Open 9 AM – 12 Noon
Wed: Church Office Open 9 AM – 12 Noon
Thurs: **New Year's Day - Church Office Closed**
Fri: Parents & Tots 9:30-11:30 AM
Ladies Puzzle & Game Night 7 PM

Next Sunday: **Speakers – Pastors Walter, Kelby & Stefan**
No Sunday School

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
Every 2nd & 4th Sunday Evening – Spanish Ministry in Fellowship Hall
4:30-8:30 PM

PLANNING AHEAD

Jan 8/26 SMBC Day of Prayer
Jan 10 Men's Pancake Breakfast 8:30 AM
Feb 11-23/26 **SMBC Mexico Mission Trip**
Feb 15/26 Baptism Classes will begin for 4 weeks
Feb 22/26 Annual Finance Meeting
Mar 20-21/26 All-Leaders Retreat



YOUTH

Youth will resume on January 13.
Youth LT Meeting on January 6, 6:30 PM

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS & OPPORTUNITIES

- **Our condolences** to Agnes Martens on the passing of her sister, Helen Wiebe, of St. Catharines, ON. May God comfort you.
- **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.

Men's Pancake Prayer Breakfast



Saturday, January 10, 2026
at 8:30 AM

Come for a time of food, fellowship and prayer. Bring your friends.

Sign up at the table in the foyer.

Year-End Giving

Cash/cheque donations for 2025 will be received until 12 noon on December 31st. The deadline for electronic donations for 2025 (example: e-Transfers) is 10 PM on December 31st.

Thank you for investing in God's Kingdom through SMBC!

BAPTISM

Is this something you have been thinking about? Contact one of the Pastors, or the church office. **Classes will begin Sunday, February 15th** during the Sunday School hour.



Why be baptized? Because you love Jesus and...

Want to follow Christ's example. Mark 1:9
He commanded it. Matthew 28:19-20
It demonstrates you are a believer, identifying with Christ. Romans 6:3-7

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), Erika Hiebert (recovering from surgery), Ingrid Schulz (cancer treatment), Ed Thiessen (Bethesda Hospital), 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.

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

MBCM News

Details at www.mbcm.ca/events

NKMB Teaching Conference with Nasser al'Qahtani "Face to Face: Encountering the God of Fire and Mercy"

January 30-31, 2026

Awesome KidMin Conference

March 13-14, 2026 in Winnipeg

**First Things First: Starting 2026 Together
IN PRAYER
January 8, 2026**

Purpose: In this our 99th year as a church (2026), we seek God's energizing presence to guide, satisfy & strengthen us (Isaiah 58:11).

Date: On Thursday Jan 8th, we are inviting you to stop by the church at some time during the day for 30-60 minutes to pray.

Stations will be set up throughout the church including a "Prayer Central" in Heritage Hall.

Prayer walks in the church & in the neighbourhood will be offered as well.

Come and be inspired, linger in the Lord's presence, and dive deeper into prayer!
More information to follow!

We wish you a
Happy New Year!



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.

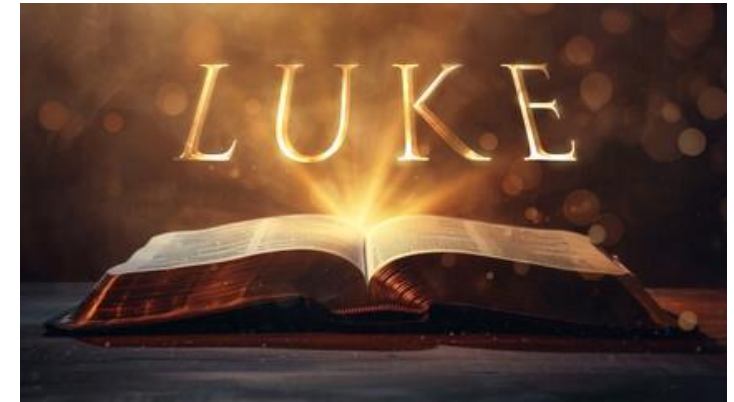
Connecting in Community
We want to actively care for each other.

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, December 28, 2025
Worship Service / Communion – 9:30 AM

"...for they could see that they were ordinary people with no special training..." Acts 4:13 NLT

Service Leader: Terri-Lee Broesky
Music Leader: Lorie Friesen
Scripture Reader: Neoma Goertzen
Luke 2:21-38

Message: Pastor Walter
Luke Sermon Series
"Quiet Obedience – World-Changing Results"

All communion elements are gluten free. 

You will have the opportunity this morning to remember a loved one who has passed away this year, by lighting a candle.

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- 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.