

ANNUAL REPORT 2019

Sevenoaks Alliance Church
We exist to know Jesus and to make Him known

2019 Annual Report

Sevenoaks Alliance Church

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Mail-in Annual General Meeting

Each year in April, in compliance with the Local Church Constitution of the Christian and Missionary Alliance of Canada, and in compliance with the Bylaws of Sevenoaks Alliance Church, we hold an Annual General Meeting of the members of our church. There are about 300 Active Members on our current church membership roll, all of whom are eligible to vote at our AGM. Over the last few years, our average attendance for the AGM has been between 100 and 120 people.

This year, however, circumstances have made it impossible for us to hold an in-person AGM. Since mid-March we have been subject to a provincial public health order which prohibits public gatherings of more than 50 people, and the Province does not anticipate lifting that public health order any time soon. On May 28th the Board of Elders made a decision that, rather than putting off holding the AGM for an indefinite period of time, we would choose instead to hold a form of “mail-in” AGM.

The mail-in format that we will be using cannot give us all of the benefits of a live in-person meeting. But it can permit us to complete three key items of business. In compliance with our church bylaws, and in keeping with our customary practices, the three *substantive* items of business that we carry out at our AGM every year are:

1. To receive / accept the following reports
 - Ministry Reports
 - Treasurer’s Report and Financial statements
 - Annual Budget
 - Nominating Committee Report
2. To elect the Board of Elders
3. To elect the Nominating Committee

What follows is a description of how the mail-in AGM process will work.

Step 1

Starting on **Tuesday June 9**, and over the next four weeks, **public notice** will be given that a mail-in AGM is being held. Information on the process is being made available through

- e-mail notifications
- our bi-weekly church newsletter
- our website
- announcements during our pre-recorded weekend worship services

Step 2

Starting on **Thursday, June 11**, the **Annual Report and the Nominating Committee Report** will be made available for members of the church family to read, either by downloading them from our website, or by picking up a copy at the church office. By request, members can have a hard copy mailed to their homes.

Step 3

Anyone who has a **question about any matter related to these reports and/or to the business of the church** can send their questions to any member of the current Board of Elders, or to Pastor Jamie, and they will

receive an answer. Questions and answers that may be of general interest to other members of the church family will be reproduced in the **June 23rd newsletter**.

Step 4

The Nominating Committee, in their report, have nominated a complete slate of members to serve as Elders, and a complete slate of members to serve on the Nominating Committee, for next year. If anyone wants to **nominate an alternative candidate** for either of these two positions, that nomination must be submitted to the church office in writing, along with a short biography of the person being nominated, by not later than **Monday June 22**.

Step 5

On **Tuesday June 23** a **written ballot** form will be made available. A PDF version of this form will be sent out to Active Members of the church as an e-mail attachment, or they can pick up (or complete) a copy of the ballot at the church office.

Step 6

For a two-week period of time, from **Monday June 29** until **Monday July 13**, completed ballots may be brought in and dropped into the **ballot box at the church office**, or mailed to the church office instead.

Step 7

On **Tuesday July 14** the ballot box will be opened, the **ballots counted**, and the results tallied. This task will be carried out by a group of 5 people, which will include the Secretary of the Board of Elders, the church bookkeeper, and three non-Elder, non-staff representatives of the Members.

Step 8

Results will be announced via e-mail notification on **Tuesday July 14**, and by announcement during the pre-recorded weekend worship service on **Sunday July 19**.

Report of the Lead Pastor

The church is a covenanting people. It consists of those whom the Spirit has called out of the world through the proclamation of the gospel to walk together as God's people.

Stanley Grenz

A few years ago the Lord spoke to me pretty directly regarding the task at hand for our church family. I was standing overlooking the sizeable pond at Cedar Springs retreat centre in Sumas, WA, enjoying the tranquility of the water flowing in from a channel that began at a water wheel in an upper pond. I was struck by the beauty of nature; the pond, the flowers, the fresh air, the shady trees. I was also struck by the activity of human beings upon nature to direct the water, plant the flowers, cut the grass etc. Moments prior I had been walking the grounds praying for the Lord to revive us. As I took the time to stop and take in the surroundings the Lord spoke with such clarity. His desire is also to revive and renew His church, though of course that must happen in His way and in His timing, but my role (our role) is to co-create our environment and posture ourselves in such a way that the waters of renewal can flow. I understood from that moment that there were *structural* things that needed to be put into place first and that God would be pleased to work His renewing purposes as we postured ourselves and readied ourselves.



Such structural activities that needed attention have included things such as developing a compelling vision and set of values, taking time to 'incarnate' them into our life together through preaching, teaching and otherwise communicating them, building the right staff team, deciding together (and then leaning into) how to move forward with our facility... For the past 5 years we have been working on such things as well as trying to discern a discipleship pathway for the future. I believe all of this represents the 'structural pieces' that need to be in place and of course will need continual and ongoing attention and development. But I also get the sense that, with many of those things either in place or living with enough traction, we've reached the time to start leaning more intentionally into a posture of renewal. To position ourselves more deliberately for a deeper connection to Jesus!

The year 2019 saw much structural activity, as you'll read about in this report, but also some exciting *positioning* for the future.

For a few years now, I have been working on personal renewal in my own heart and life. This has included such things as a deeper commitment to my own inner life through the spiritual practice of journaling. This has been a fresh and life giving activity. I have also endeavored to learn how to pray more effectively and have given more attention to scripture memorization. I have also entered into more mentor-type relationships that have been incredibly helpful. Probably the biggest switch I have made in my own life however, has been to inculcate the art of listening to God. Hearing God's voice on a more regular basis has been life giving and powerful! In fact, our pastoral team has given attention to this together. One such activity has been the use and development of a curriculum entitled the *Hearing God Seminar*. Our team have gone through this material; engaging with the content, entering into practicum steps, and living out the renewal principles in our lives. As such, our desire became to lead the church family through this material. We believe that the cornerstone of any relationship is communication and we also live with a conviction that the church is very good at speaking *to* God (praying) but we are far less inclined to stop to listen for His response. As such we can have a tendency to undercut the relational side of our walk with God; we can end up missing what He wants to

say to us, miss out on wisdom spoken right into the concrete situations of our lives, and struggle to gain His clear direction. So in the fall of 2019 we began to walk some of our ministry leaders and elders through this material and we plan to roll it out to the wider church family in 2020. I believe this to be the first major step in positioning ourselves toward God for greater connection, receptivity to the Spirit, and openness to His direction. This can be a somewhat vulnerable posture - but one that is so worth it! Committing ourselves to the disciplines of the spiritual life, and centering on ones that invite us to listen, is the first step in opening ourselves to God's activity in a more deliberate way. Renewal MUST begin in our own hearts. I'm extremely excited about the beginning point of this discipleship pathway for us and eagerly anticipate further future steps!

Sunday Gatherings

Worshipping together as a family of believers is a wonderful blessing we should never take for granted. The freedom we have to publicly gather as the people of God is not something all of our brothers and sisters the world over have the privilege or safety to do. We are so blessed! Our preaching times this past year have been grouped into the following series';



The Book of Acts
Habakkuk
Storyteller (parables)
Identity Theft
The Child of Promise

In addition we've had special services such as a baptism and communion service, a prayer focus, family day, Missions Sundays (David Ens and Lisa Rohrick), Community Care Sunday and Hearing God's Voice.

I'd like to thank everyone, too many to list, who play some part in our Sunday gatherings - both before, during and after the services. Your labours are not overlooked and you are all integral to our community life. Thank you!

Board of Elders

Our board of elders are a pleasure to work alongside and I appreciate their help, perspective, wisdom, and care for our staff. They truly help me lead the church and they are always finding ways to support our staff, protect our staff and do what they can to remove obstacles and create systems for us to work well and fulfil our vision and calling. Thank you to each who has served as elder - you are loved and appreciated!

In 2019 we took a one-night retreat away to Camp Kawkawa for fellowship, teaching, prayer and camaraderie. It was at this retreat that I ran through the first *Hearing God* teaching with our board and Pastor Brian led us through some spiritual exercises. Another highlight to our year has been watching our board take such an active role in praying for the sick. This is indeed part of the calling of the office of elder (James 5:14), and it's been great to participate in this with our board members.

This year saw the completion of the bylaw revision process. Our governance committee completed the work, the Board of Elders approved the new document, our district gave their approval, and now the document is ready to come before the church membership in early 2020.

Vision Trip and Seamless Link Partnerships

In February of 2019 I took part in a C&MA vision trip organized by the National Ministry Center. The purpose of vision trips are to expose our pastors to overseas mission fields and connect them to our international workers on the ground. The hope is to form strong connections and for support relationships to develop. I travelled to the Middle East with a group of other pastors and with our national President, David Hearn. We visited a number of sites where our International workers minister and got to see some of the fantastic initiatives the Alliance is involved with in the Middle East. I also attended the combined Silk-Sand conference in Athens where I met with many of our overseas workers. The immediate impact of the trip was the development of two new Seamless Link partnerships. The first partnership is with the Jarvie family. They were introduced to the church family in the summer. The second partnership that is likely to form is with Katie Bowler in Senegal. Katie will be bringing a message to the church family in early January 2020.

Prayer

Prayer is more potent and powerful than any of us can begin to imagine and I think one day we'll come to truly understand its role in the continuing purposes of God. My hope is that learning to hear God's voice will truly galvanize our prayer life and enable us to pray the will of God more effectively. I also believe we'll *need* to engage in prayer more intentionally as we seek to push against the kingdom of darkness in our quest for renewal. We're in a spiritual battle friends...

There are several ways in which we pray as part of our life together:

- Sunday morning preservice prayer
- Sunday mornings in our gatherings
- After service prayer teams
- Monday noon prayer
- Wednesday morning and evening prayer
- Saturday morning prayer

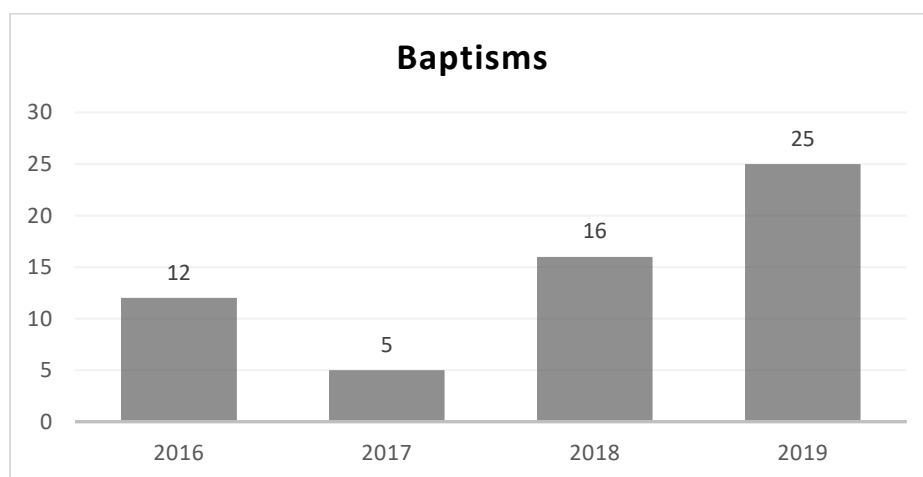
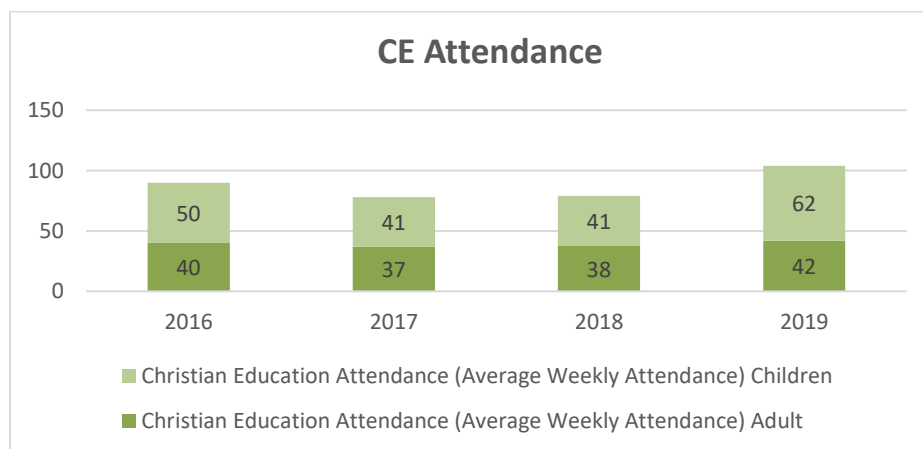
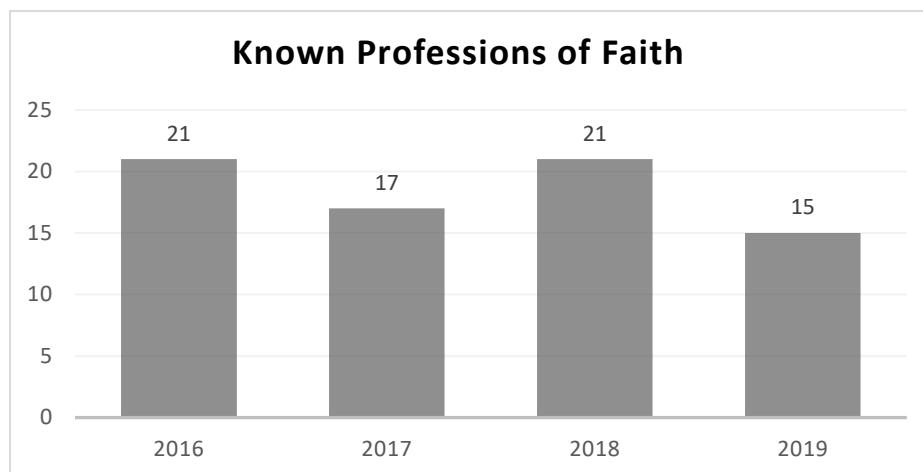
I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who labours in prayer for our church community, city and world.

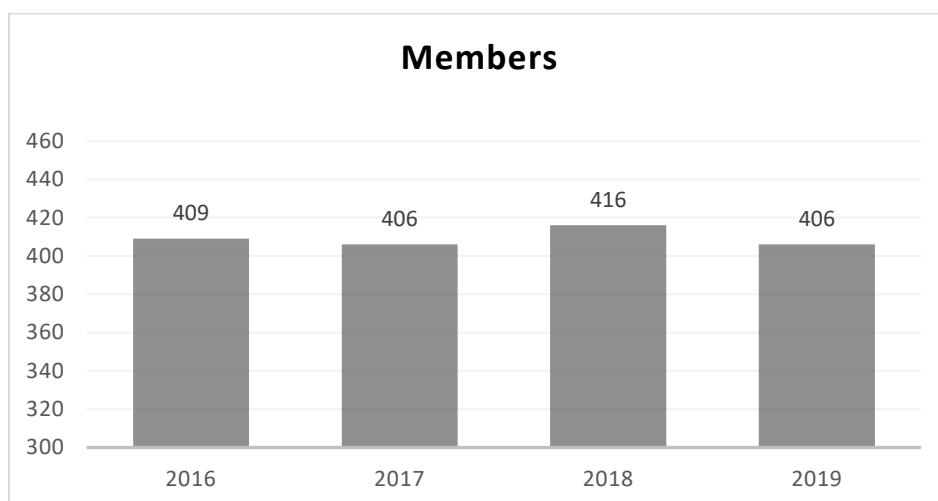
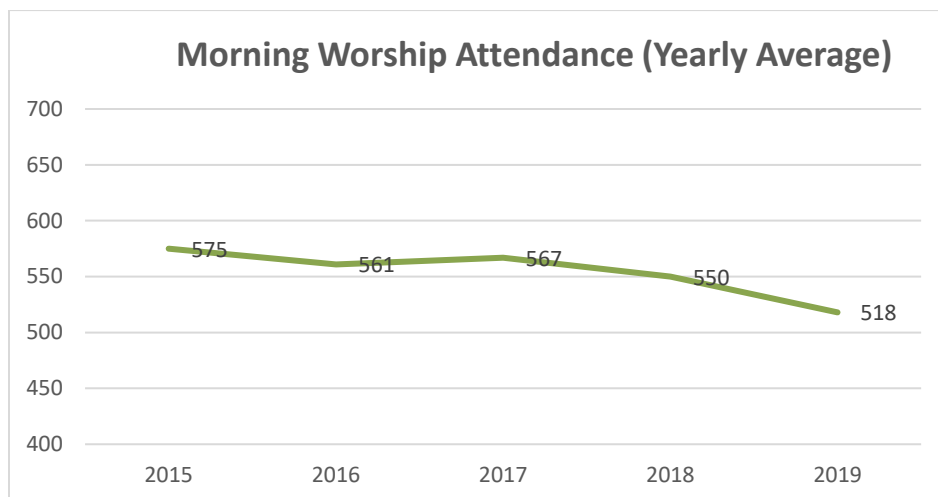
Embracing Our Future

As we reach the close of 2019 the former youth centre, now named the Chapel, is poised to reopen. This past year has seen a lot of rebuilding - reinforcing the balcony, framing, wiring, plumbing, dry walling, painting, HVAC etc. There have been a number of frustrating delays that were beyond our control - mostly due to code updates, HVAC delays, inspection errors and delivery problems. Nevertheless the team has persevered and the final product is looking amazing. We eagerly anticipate the re-launch of that room for many years of ministry use and purpose.

Respectfully submitted,
Jamie Fox, Lead Pastor

Statistical Picture





Report of the Lead Associate Pastor

Staffing

2019 was a year with significant staff turnover at Sevenoaks. In April **Ron Demers** retired from his long-time position as our Facilities Manager, and at the end of June **Ed Wiebe** retired from the position of Interim Pastor to Seniors. For Ed, this was his third and (Ruth assures us) final retirement from active pastoral ministry.

On the other side of the ledger, the first six months of 2019 saw us hire three new members for the Sevenoaks staff team.

- In April we welcomed **Brenda Rolleman** into the newly created part-time position of Ministry Assistant, in which role she supports both our Children's Ministry and our Worship and Arts Ministry.
- In April we also announced to the congregation that **Keegan Greenwood** will be taking over the core of Ron's former duties in the newly created position of Building Superintendent.

- And in June **Jack Campbell** re-joined the pastoral staff team at Sevenoaks, as our new permanent Pastor to Seniors. This position, which was a part-time position while Ed was occupying it on a temporary basis, has been expanded to a full-time (30-hour-per-week) position.

All three of these new staff members have begun to bring their gifts to bear on the work that we do together, and all three have made significant positive contributions to the ministry of the church.

At the close of 2019, there were **13 staff members** on the payroll at Sevenoaks, including 7 full-time pastors, 4 full-time administrative staff members, and two staff members in part-time roles.

Last spring, with the help of the wonderful team at the **Canadian Pacific District**, we had the chance to provide all of our staff members – pastors and admin staff alike - to experience some very fruitful learning about ourselves, grow together as a team, and equip ourselves for ministry. Through a ministry skills assessment tool called the **Grip-Birkman** profile, each member of the team was provided with a personalized assessment of his/her personality, leadership and ministry strengths and weaknesses, and then we had **Brian Derksen and Dwayne Toews** from the District come out and facilitate a half-day group learning and team-building session with us.

Missions

2019 was a year of both endings and beginnings for us when it comes to the many ways in which Sevenoaks continues to support overseas missionary work. With the retirement of **Gaileen Warden** after years of service in Cuba, we wound up our formal ministry relationship with the Alliance Church in Cuba. But as God closes one door He often opens another. In February Jamie travelled to Egypt and Greece, on a **Visioning Trip** with a group of other C&MA Canada pastors and leaders, and he came away from North Africa affirmed in his conviction that God has been calling our attention to the **Desert Sands Region**. As a result, we have now entered into two new Seamless Link partnerships: one with a couple in the region who work in a social-media-based **Muslim outreach ministry** and another with a young woman who works with the **Wolof and Fulani people in Senegal**. (2019 was also the year that **Lisa Rohrick**, who has worked for years in Niger with the Wolof and Fulani herself, came home for good and took up a new position with the Canadian Pacific District as our Assistant District Superintendent for Missions Mobilization.)

Throughout 2019 we had a number of international workers join us to speak during our Sunday morning worship services. Apart from Gaileen herself, and Lisa, and our 2 new Seamless Link partners, we've also had the joy of hearing from **Dave and Patti Enns** (our longtime Seamless Link partners based in Cambodia), and from **Jon and Anita McCarthy** (who serve with Wycliffe in Papua New Guinea).

Good Friends, our monthly seniors group, continued the practice of paying close attention to all things involving overseas Missions this year. In the spring they successfully raised enough funds to sponsor the digging of two village wells through an Alliance initiative in **Guinea**, and in the fall played host to a visit and performance by the **Rescue Cambodia Dance Troupe**. Once again this year the women in the **Helping Hands** ministry labored in love to produce hundreds of useful items to be sent for use in overseas missions. And once again this year the members of our congregation, under the leadership of Zina Adams, lovingly prepared many hundreds of shoeboxes to send overseas with **Operation Christmas Child**.

Another exciting new initiative that we began in 2019 involves the **sponsorship of a refugee family** who presently live in northern Turkey, and who we hope to be able to bring to Canada by sometime in 2021. This couple, who have a 4-year-old son, are former Muslims who have become Christians and have had to flee their home in Iran as a result.

The Missions Committee for 2019 was made up of **Nathan Anderson, Keith Carpenter, Tore Jorgensen, Leanne VanderMeer, Don Dirks, Flora McCarthy, and Jack Campbell.**

Community Care Ministries

The Community Care Committee for 2019 was made up of **Dave Verwoerd, Jonathan VanderMeer, Robby Jeffery, Bert Doerksen, Wayne Gordon, Marilyn Young, and Mande Pargee.** This Committee assists the Lead Associate Pastor in

- Allocating the funds that members of the Sevenoaks family contribute to the Community Care Fund
- Coordinating all of the various community care-related ministries and activities of the church
- Coordinating our ministry activities with the work of various external partner organizations and agencies in the community

During 2019, Sevenoaks continued to be able to directly serve the community of Abbotsford, and particularly those in need, through several of our own in-house ministries:

- **Addiction Recovery Ministry (A.R.M.),** led by **Linda Driediger** and **Dustin Milne**
- **ESL program,** led by **Dave McCarthy** and **Bea Hildebrandt**
- **Word for ESL program,** led by **Joy McCarthy**
- **Godson lunch program,** led by **Andy Martens**
- **Godson breakfast program** (for the winter and spring terms), led by **Jenn Pitzel**
- **Valley Kids for Camp Kawkawa** fund-raising concert and campaign, led by **Dale Engel** and **Andy Martens**
- Courses on time and money management, put on by **Karen Young** in the spring
- **Talia's Closet,** an Archway Community Services initiative that we provide space for, and which makes donated second hand prom dresses and suits available to high school students who might not otherwise be able to afford them

The Sevenoaks family generously contributed over **\$41,000 to the Community Care Fund** in 2019, and over \$25,000 of that amount was spent providing direct assistance to over 50 different individuals or couples or families in need, whether in the form of grocery cards, or food hampers, or housing assistance, or access to counselling services. The balance of the money in the Community Care Fund was distributed by way of grants to assist with the work done by various partner agencies, including

- **Joshua House**
- **Teen Challenge BC**
- **Salvation Army**
- **Cares Counselling**
- **Archway Food Bank**
- **Cyrus Centre**
- **Inasmuch Community Society**
- **Pearl Life Recovery Society**

Sunday Morning Ministries

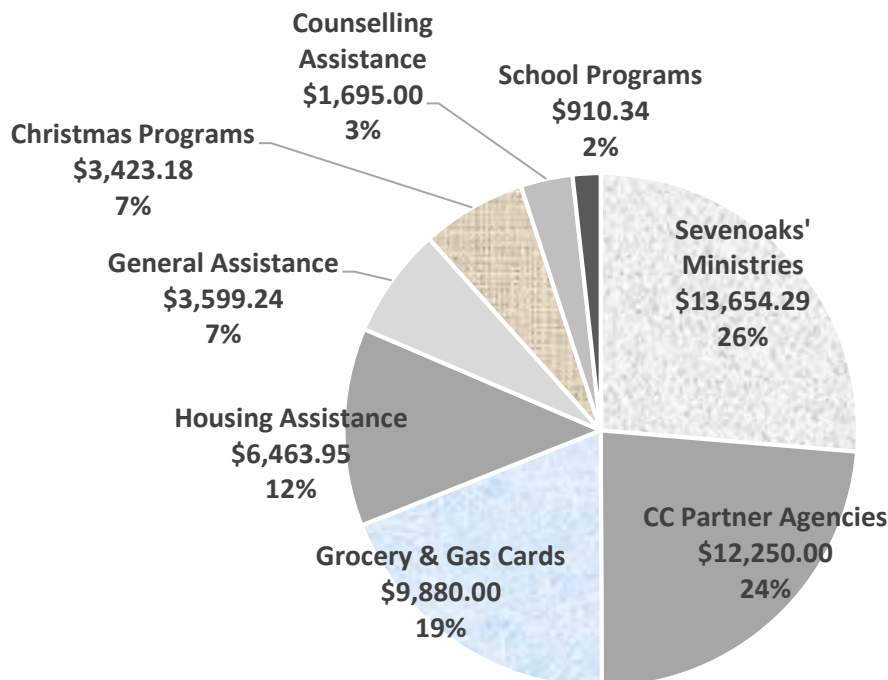
In Matt Carter's report on everything that has happened in the area of Worship and Arts ministry this year, he will almost certainly acknowledge the contributions of the many musicians and others who have contributed to our Sunday morning worship services over the course of the year. And Renee Carter will thank the many volunteers who make Sevenoaks Kids – our Sunday school program - run so smoothly. Deserving of no less

appreciation, however, are the many members of the congregation who serve all year in the various other “Sunday morning ministries” that operate in conjunction with the Sunday service.

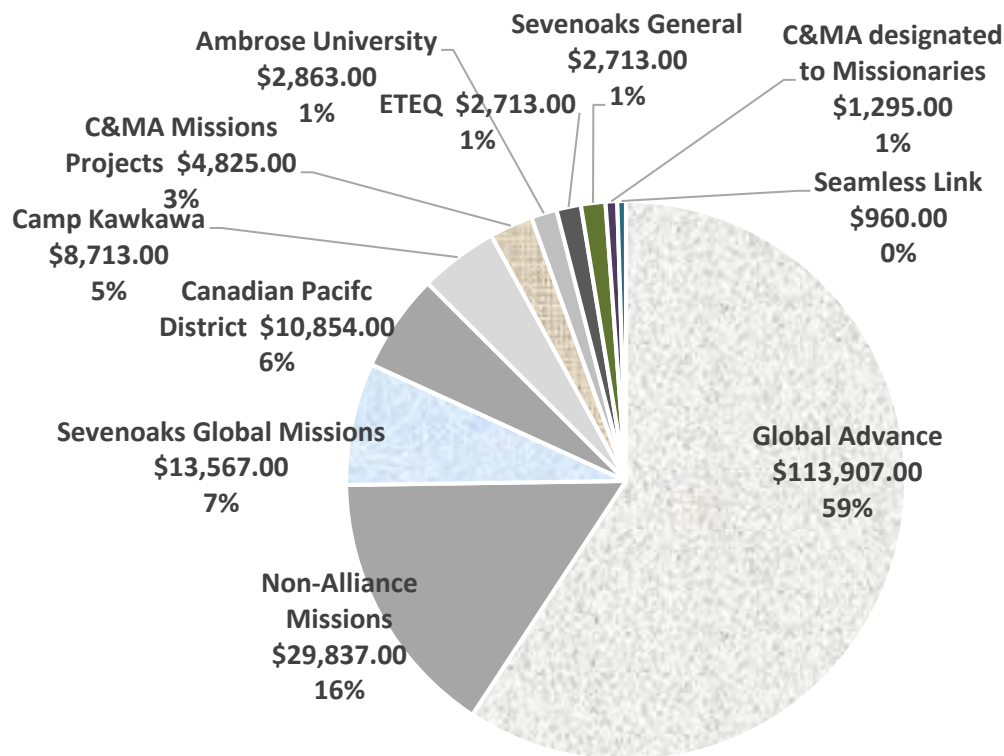
- Our **Greeters**, our **Welcome Desk** staff, and our **Count Teams**, all coordinated by **John and Janis Janzen**
- Our **Ushers**, led by **Brian Carson**, and ably assisted by **Dave Doyle**
- Our **Security** team, led by **Dennis Klassen**
- Our **Coffee Cart** team, led by **Ruby and Les Stobbe**
- The many volunteers who – led by our Kitchen Coordinator **Kathy Sawatzky** - assist with coffee service in the foyer every week, and with cookies and coffee in the gym after the service on Community Sundays
- Our **Library** team, led by our new head librarian, **Kate Hanlon**.

Respectfully submitted,
Brian Robertson

Community Care Fund 2019



Missions Fund 2019



Report of the Pastor of Children's Ministries

I want to first acknowledge our amazing Sevenoaks Kids team. It warms my heart so much for how they love on and invest in the children of our church. It is so beautiful to watch our volunteers, each in their own special way, interact with the kids whether it's playing games in the gym or in the classroom, praying with the kids, teaching the kids, chatting with the kids, laughing with the kids or welcoming the families as they arrive....each one brings so much to this ministry and I want to say thank-you. Without all of you, we could not do what we get to do every week!

We love our kids and our prayer for them is that their *"roots grow down into Him, and that their lives be built on Him. That their faith will grow strong in the truth they are taught, and that they will overflow with thankfulness"* Colossians 2:7

Some highlights from our year are:

Sevenoaks Kids Club

Sevenoaks Kids Club provides grade 4 and 5 students with an opportunity to reach out and invite their friends. It is also a way to help grade 5 students get ready to transition into Middle School youth! We have a lot of fun running around playing games, doing activities and participating in a short devotion. There is never a dull moment. Thank-you to Tim Olson, Brenda Rolleman, Arie Wassenaar, Von Pitzel, Caleb Fox, Lauren & Keegan Greenwood who served in our Kids Club this past year!!

Sevenoaks Kids Prayer & Worship Night

In January we hosted a Prayer & Worship night for our children in conjunction with the adults Prayer and Worship night. After the singing time children were dismissed to go to the children's wing where they were given the opportunity to go through prayer stations and learn how to pray through talking and listening! Stations included: Prayer for the World, Be Thankful, Scripture (an important part of prayer and having a conversation with God involves reading the Bible), Encouragement Station (listening to the Holy Spirit if there is anyone who needs encouragement and write an encouragement card), Confession/Repentance station, Rest station, and Lay Your Burdens Down station.

Sevenoaks Kids Helping Children Around The World

We believe it is essential that the children develop a global awareness of the conditions in which other children and families live. In February 2019, Sevenoaks Kids partnered with *Food for the Hungry*. Our goal was to raise \$1000.00 to stock an entire stable with chickens, cows and goats, as well as provide medical aid and animal care training for those animals. With the support of our church family, Sevenoaks Kids raised \$1,035.00 through the kids loose change jars and craft sale! Thank-you!

In November 2019, we embarked on the "Kids in Costa Rica Project". We partnered with the Szostak family and their local church in Costa Rica to help raise funds to launch an *Awana* program. Through the *Awana* program, the Szostaks and their church family are teaching the promises and truths of God's heart for unbelieving kids in their community and those who come from vulnerable families. Through a Christmas craft and bake sale, Sevenoaks Kids raised \$1,044.30! Thank-you church family for all of your support and to all those who helped on the craft days and on the day of the craft/bake sale.

Sevenoaks Kids Team "Prayer Huddle"

Something that I have wanted to do for a while was to have a time where we could come together as a team and pray for each other, and for the kids. In April we began meeting together on Sundays and it is such an important time where we pray together as well as go over any specifics for the morning session!

Sevenoaks Kids "Little Oaks Play Group"

In May we began a play group for moms and their children aged 5 and under. It is a drop-in group where moms can come by any time between 9am and 11am with their children. This is a wonderful time where ladies can enjoy coffee, conversation and community! Thank-you to Lauren Greenwood who is an instrumental part of the leadership of this group!

Brenda Rolleman Ministry Assistant

Brenda Rolleman joined our staff this spring as a Part-Time Ministry Assistant. We were very excited to have her join our team! She is assisting me in my role as Children's Pastor as well as assisting in the Music and Arts department. It has been so wonderful to have Brenda join the team. She has been such a blessing to us all!

Sevenoaks Kids Summer Kids Camp

Our desire is to reach out to our neighbours and one way we can do that is through Summer Day Camp. This year Pastor Zach, Brenda Rolleman and I teamed up and hired 6 Middle and High school students (Caleb Fox, Von Pitzel, Kylen Koop, Jenaya Verwoerd, Luke Carpenter, Everet Carter) to run a week-long camp at our church the beginning of July. Team members also included Michelle Olson who led games in the gym, Lori Cross who led crafts, Lesley & Maya Weiss who led snacks, Natalie Herd and Nick Rolleman who helped with decorating. We had 32 children attend, 15 of whom were not from our church. We had an awesome week and believe that kids grew in their faith, heard the gospel and many seeds were planted. Thank-you to all those who gave up time that week to serve the kids and thank-you to Joshua House who helped us by delivering invitations to the neighbourhood by our church a few weeks before the camp.

Sevenoaks Kids "Parent Table Talk"

This past November we had our very first "Parent Table Talk". Pastor Zach and I have teamed up to provide a once-a-month drop in group to talk about issues that parents face and find support and hope that they are not alone!

Sevenoaks Kids Dance Team

This fall our Sevenoaks Kids (Gr1-5) had the opportunity to join the Sevenoaks Kids Dance Team, led by Natalie Herd. It was a wonderful opportunity for children to learn and grow in the area of expression through dance. The children practiced every Sunday at 9am and on a couple of Saturdays and then performed at our Family Christmas Service as well as at our Christmas Eve Service! It was beautiful and many were moved to tears! Thank-you, Natalie, for leading our children in this way!

Finally, I wanted to thank my church family for your love, support and encouragement this year. It is an honour to serve you😊

*Respectfully submitted,
Renee Carter*

Report of the Pastor to Students & Young Adults

The Youth & Young Adult ministries of our church exist to engage, encourage, and equip young people, of our own families and the community we are located in, to seek, find, and follow Jesus. Essentially we long for them to be a part of the vision and mission that our whole church is called to – to know Jesus and to make Him known. Another way to think about this is that we are called to be disciples of Jesus, who make disciples.

We work to create safe spaces for youth and young adults to share their stories, build friendships with each other and our dedicated leaders, engage with the teachings of Scripture, and live life like Jesus. The adolescent years have never been easy. Now, not only are they lasting longer, but they are also taking place in a digital, post-Christian era. They face age-old issues as well as some new ones, but are constantly exposed to

them due to hyper-connectivity via the web and social media. Whether a student has grown up in the church or not, we do all we can to enable them to have encounters with Jesus; that in Him, they might find hope, wholeness, forgiveness, healing, and purpose.

Leaders

Youth Ministry isn't possible without an army of volunteers loving and leading students. This past year we have once again been blessed with a great group to invest into our young people. We have also reframed how we function as a group of leaders. We have adopted the model of our church's Gospel Communities. Our Youth Leader Gospel Community is one that is centred on the mission of pointing the students of our church family and community to Jesus. Thank you to Mandee Pargee, Fanny Fournier-Gaumond, Jesse Thiessen, Matthew Carter, Gary and Charlotte Hanik, Juliana Carter, Kobe Hutchinson (CBC Student), Madison Oakunsheyld (CBC Student), and Cheryl Meisenheimer for serving as Youth Leaders this past year. It is a pleasure to partner in the Gospel with you. I also want to express my gratitude to our Leaders who finished up their time serving with us this past year. Nicola de Kroon, Brooke Rideout, Kirstyn Skelley and Keegan Greenwood concluded years of serving this past June, while Tanner Johnson did so in December. Thank you for faithfully loving and leading our students. We are always in need of passionate followers of Jesus to join our Youth Leader Gospel Community, so please be in touch if you are interested in serving.

Middle & High School Youth

The year 2019 was our first full year of Middle & High School Youth meeting on the same night. It was a transition that wasn't as smooth as we hoped, but we made some adjustments and things have seemed to normalize. Each week we engage with Scripture, spend time in our age and gender specific Gospel Communities, play some fun games, and share a tasty snack. We have also been blessed to add worship through music to most of our weekly gatherings thanks to having leaders with musical giftings.

In terms of the specifics of what we did this past year, when it comes to being in God's Word, we did a series on the Gospel in the Spring and a series on the Foundations of Faith this Fall. Throughout the year do fun events like bowling, trampolining, going to the water slides at Cultus Lake, Castle Fun Park, the Corn Maze in Chilliwack, and a bunch of drop-in gatherings at the church building. We also value mountain top experiences where we take Youth away to retreats and conferences like Legacy Youth Conference, our own Middle School Youth Retreat, and our High School students returned to The Congregation retreat at Eagle Bay Camp this past September. A new over-nighter we did this year with Middle School students was a Night in the Wild at the Vancouver Zoo. It is an event that we hope to do again in the future.

One other new thing this fall has been our DNA Groups. Our family hosts a once per month gathering for High School students and a once per month gathering for Middle School students with the intent of providing a place to break bread and have conversations about going deeper in our relationship with Jesus. This is been a blessing in so many ways.

Young Adults

Our Young Adult Gospel Community is primarily for people who have completed High School aged 18-30. The group gathers 2-3 times a month to be in the Word and to socially connect and engage with each other. This past year we did a series in the 'Saturate' material from Jeff Vanderstelt. We continue to seek God as we ask the question of what it might look like to shape our lives around being a part of his mission to the world? Would you pray for this in the lives of our Young Adults?

Thank you to our entire church family for all of your support. Many of you pray for our students and leaders. I cannot tell you how much I appreciate it. It is needed so please keep praying! Also, thanks to everyone for your generosity financially. Whether you have supported our fundraisers for some of our bigger events, designated funds to Youth or Young Adults, or just tithed to the general fund of our church, please know how much this is appreciated! We long to see every generation choose to follow Jesus and be on mission for Him and your prayer and financial support is helping our students in this.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Zachary Meisenheimer*

Report of the Pastor of Community Life

As I reflect and report on the past year, my heart wells up with thanks to God for how He has allowed us to be a part of this church family. I love being with my brothers and sisters in Christ, and getting to see evidences of growth in your love for God, for one another, and in your willingness to step out in faith.

A few stories from the past year stand out: 1) A ladies group that had been formed through a new launch initiative needed someone to lead it. Shelagh was sensing that God wanted her to do it, but was afraid. But with a little encouragement, she stepped out in faith and has been leading ever since. 2) A group of seniors that used to meet regularly for Bible Study hadn't had a leader for a couple of years. That is until Tina went out on a limb and invited the group to her place. She now hosts and they take turns leading and support each other in prayer each week. 3) God gave Anne a heart for the women in her condo building, so she invited women each week to discuss the parables of Jesus that she had heard us preach through. 4) People who have experienced deep loss clung to Jesus, taking comfort in knowing that Jesus was with them. 5) When Rick was too sick to attend his men's Bible study group, the group took their weekly studies to him in hospice. They gathered in his room (sometimes even with other visitors) and called out to God. 6) When Blair had a medical scare, his Gospel Community was right there to encourage him and his family, and to help in practical ways.

I could go on for days, but am encouraged to see how Community Life is supporting our vision of *Knowing Jesus and making Him known*.

Gospel Communities

Gospel Communities gather throughout the week not just to *do* church things, but to *be* the church in their neighbourhoods. They have amazing potential to be the vehicle by which many in our church family grow as disciples of Jesus, and by which many people in our city come to experience the love of Jesus.

I want to begin by thanking all of the leaders of our existing groups. I learn from and am inspired by you as you shepherd the flock of God. Your hospitality and leadership are making an eternal difference. I continue to be encouraged by stories of groups reaching out in mission, inviting new people into community, and creating more space for the Spirit to speak through Scripture. It really is true that discipleship happens best in community. We currently have 15 groups, and are praying for more and more people to experience this type of community in the coming year.

Women's Ministry

This was a year of changes in the CHatS Wednesday morning Bible studies. In May, after years of fruitful ministry, Helen Lupuliak and Rosemary Brucks stepped away from their leadership roles in CHatS. Since September, Debbie Maddigan and a team consisting of Julene Hunter, Sheryl Evison, Marilyn Young, and Cindy Harder have provided leadership to the ministry. The following report is from Debbie Maddigan and covers from September to January.

This fall we had over 80 ladies sign up for our Women's Bible Studies on Wednesday mornings. We changed things up a bit and from October to January we met as a large group, breaking up into smaller groups to discuss the video series.

We also took on a few missions projects. Together we filled seventeen shoe boxes at Christmas and for the remainder of the year supported Cyrus Center. At Christmas we collected scarves, toques and mittens as well as Christmas baking. It was a huge success and the ladies really enjoyed being a part of helping others.

A highlight was the CHatS team who met every two months to plan for upcoming events and spend time in prayer. A special thanks to all those who facilitated a table during our large group time and all the facilitators who diligently lead every week. Also, to Kathy in the kitchen for making our coffee every week and cooking for our brunches, to Mike for setting up the spaces, and to the office staff for their support.

It was a wonderful time to spend time with Jesus and get to know other ladies in our church.

Respectfully submitted, Debbie Maddigan

Men's Ministry

Our Men's Ministry exists to provide relational opportunities for our men to grow in relationship with Jesus and with each other. This has taken the shape of hosting a Men's Breakfast every two months and running a Men's Retreat in April. I count it a privilege to serve alongside the team of Keith Carpenter, Jonathan VanderMeer, Gord Carpenter, and Brad Adams. I am thankful for their ideas, their prayers, and their comradery. Thank-you to the following men who blessed us by sharing at a Men's Breakfast: Tore Jorgensen, Ralph Grabowski, Ron Blair, Ben Dueck, Matt Follette, and Jack Campbell.

In April, 60 men joined together for a weekend at Kawkawa Camp and Retreat. Our weekend theme was "Work and Rest", and men were encouraged to live in God's rhythm of life. There was a great sense of comradery, fruitful discussions, great food, and fun. Thank-you to Pastor Matthew and the music team for leading us so well, and to Pastor Brian for teaching a couple of the sessions. We are currently planning our 2020 retreat to be held on April 17-19.

Starting Point

Thank-you, Ron Demers, for loving the men at Starting Point and for writing the following report.

Starting Point continues to be a very exciting ministry where God is at work in the lives of men in recovery. Men are being transformed as they surrender their wills to Jesus and put their hope and trust in Him. They are growing in their faith and are becoming men of God. Many of these men would love to have other men come alongside them as mentors, and this is a great need. Any men from our church family who have a heart for this could contact me.

I want to thank Peter Wiebe who has been working alongside me for the last eight years and has invested himself into the lives of many men. I also want to thank Brad Cheese and Luke Mason who have both taught classes while I was away.

Respectfully submitted, Ron Demers

Life Class

On Sunday mornings in room 105/107, John Bird led a group in teaching and discussion through a series on "Wisdom", and then on "Calling". The group ranged in size from 10-15 people each week and he was pleased with the positive interactions around the content. Thank-you, John, for your leadership of this group.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Tim Olson*

Report of the Pastor of Music & Arts

Genesis 11:27 – 15:21

The story of Abram in the Old Testament is a pretty well-known story. It begins with Abram's father, Terah, deciding to leave the home land for Canaan and taking with him Abram, Abram's wife Sarai, and his grandson Lot (his brother's son). For unknown reasons Terah did not continue on to Canaan and decided to settle in another place called Haran. After Terah's death God spoke to Abram and told him a prophecy of how He was going to make him into a great nation and gave him some more instructions on where to go. Abram obeyed and carried on towards Canaan with his family in tow. Now I am just focusing on these 4 chapters Gen 11-15, but God makes 3 things clear about Himself in this snap shot of Abram and Sarai's life. If you read these 4 chapters you will see that no matter what happens, **1)** God is still in sovereign control of His story, **2)** nothing can stop His will from unfolding and **3)** He speaks and moves just when He perceives it is time to do so. Does the famine that forced Abram and Sarai to change their destination mess up God's plan? No. Did Abram's insecurities that caused Him to lie to Pharaoh about Sarai being his sister stop God's plans? No. Did Abram and Lot being caught in the middle of a battle between 9 different kings and Lot and his family being taken hostage stop God's plans? No.

Us

I'm sure all of us feel like our own life stories have interruptions and side tracks like Abram and Sarai's. We had a plan or goal and we were happily going towards it when...something happens that seems to turn everything upside down. That's why it's helpful to reflect on Abram and Sarai's story. Because it is here in their story that we see our story, and more importantly, we see God more clearly: working, protecting, guiding, speaking, encouraging, leading, and all the while it would seem that everything is out of control. But it wasn't was it? We have had our own adversities in our church family this past year (church fire renovation, church family passing away, sickness, hardships) and in our own personal lives, but we must remember that these things don't change who God is and how He will carry out His plan through this church family. Thank-you, God, for the lives of Abram and Sarai, from their story we are reminded that no matter what is going on in our world You remain a personal God who wants to be involved in our lives. Father, may we learn to trust Your sovereignty, learn to be submissive to Your will, and be patient for Your timing. Through Jesus we fix our eyes on You today, and in

the power of Your Spirit may we experience strength and courage to live radically for you. To live like this is the greatest act of worship. Amen

Sunday Services

Every Sunday we gather to sing and pray and hear the preached Word. Each week there are between 16 and 20 people directly involved in the worship experience just in the Media/Tech and Music Ministry. Our mission is to use music and the arts to help people know Jesus and to make Him known. We do our best for God's glory, to achieve this. A typical week of preparation for Sunday means that the service is completely planned and ready for our Thursday morning staff meeting. All the music has been created or printed off; the music books are compiled and set out on the stage for the band; the media for Sunday morning has been produced and loaded, this includes all the advertising slides, songs slides and sermon slides. The Music and Tech team meets Thursday Night at 7:00pm to pray and then practice until 9:00pm. We then meet again at 9:00am Sunday morning to review the music and technical needs. By 10:00am we are done our practice and take a short break and then meet in the back of the stage area for prayer for the service. After church we clean up and Monday morning we start getting ready for Sunday. I am very grateful to everyone who helps make this come together each week. Our prayer is that our services are edifying for the church family and glorifying to God.

Web Page

We realize that our generation uses many different modes of communication these days, and most of it revolves around social media. As a result, we have been focusing more time on keeping our web page current. This means creating graphics for all church ministries and upcoming events endeavouring to keep the pages as up-to-date as possible. Thank-you to Pastor Tim who has a great eye for creating graphics and has done a ton of work with the web page! We try to post every upcoming event on the church home page so if you are ever in doubt, check the web page Sevenoaks.org. As a reminder you can access bulletins and sermons on the web page under the "media" tab. Please note with the advancing of technology It is getting harder to purchase blank compact discs (CDs) and we may see the day where as a church we can only offer the web page download to access the sermon content.

Grief Shared Together

In our desire to minister to those who, in the Christmas season, have lost loved ones, we once again offered a special Christmas Candlelight Service. Due to the loss of the Youth Centre, we have held the service in the Community Room the last two years and this year we had around 50 people attend. It was a great night remembering loved ones and singing carols together. Thank-you to everyone who pitched in to help out, from the pastoral team being involved in set-up and in the actual service; to our guest speakers sharing their personal journeys with grief; to the kitchen team providing snacks and refreshments! Thank-you for making it a special night for those who are hurting or lonely, especially in the Christmas season.

Family Communion Sundays

On the first Sunday of every month we celebrate Communion as a church family. I do mean the whole church family. Our Sevenoaks Kids program joins us for the whole service so we can participate in Communion together. It has been so rewarding for us to do this because we try to have as many different ages and backgrounds of church community represented in as many aspects of the service as possible. It is a central point in our church family time together, where we as one body, from baby to retiree, participate in the life and death of Jesus. We remember, we celebrate, and we invite His Spirit to fill us!

2019 BC Family Day Service and Montage

We have taken the new BC Family Day and used this opportunity to focus on our church family. The service is structured to celebrate church family, so we do our best to include the children! Baptisms, membership inductions and celebrating Communion are the highlights of the service. After our exciting Family Day service, we had our annual Montage Family Talent Night and we were not disappointed! We had a variety of talent from readings of personal poetry, musical performances, dance routines, creative works displays as well as the Pastoral Game Show where we saw some things we will probably never forget! It was a highly entertaining and rewarding evening! Way to go, church family!

Christmas Eve

Thank-you to everyone in the Worship Choir, band, dancers, and readers who set aside time to come 2 hours before the service to rehearse and pray together. Thank-you to Colleen Woldanski who creates the Christmas stage for us! Our theme this year and for Advent was “The Child of Promise”. For the Christmas Eve service we actually reworked the Family Christmas Service script from the first Advent service and used it Christmas Eve. It was an awesome service that took us on a journey from our human beginnings in Genesis being in perfect relationship with God to losing that intimacy in the fall to sin, to the fulfillment of the coming of Jesus, the child of promise, who would redeem all things to God once again! Thanks to Pastor Renee and our Ministry Assistant Brenda Rolleman who did a ton of work for both of these services. Thank-you to Colin who always makes what we ask for come true!

Looking Ahead

This is a big year for us. First off, we are opening The Chapel this spring, which has required an extra load on Colin Farquhar, our Sound Engineer, to help give direction and oversight. We are also facing some pretty big challenges in the Main Auditorium as equipment and building continue to age. Please be in prayer for our Board as they seek God’s direction on dealing with the issues that lie before us as a church family with this space.

Thank-yous

I want to conclude with a few thank-yous. First, to Colin for your gentle heart and big brain! To the staff I get to work with, I am very grateful to all the pastoral staff for their friendship and gifts and talents. To all our administrative staff, who photocopy, organize and help out wherever needed! I am also thankful to our media team who saw one member depart this fall; Ken Barkman and his wife Betty moved to Chilliwack, and a new member joined; Kyle Mosey! Welcome aboard! Thank-you to our recording team, tech team, lighting and sound team; décor Colleen Woldanski; and to everyone who serves on the music teams. A special thanks to Brenda Rolleman, Chantelle Ramage and Brennan Sinclair who take on the added role of leading on given Sundays. Most of all, thank-you to God who doesn’t get phased by our life stuff and redeems our lives and stories to then reach the world around us. Remember, God is sovereign, God’s will is unstoppable, and God’s timing in when to speak and act is perfect.

*Respectfully submitted,
Matthew Carter*

Report of the Pastor to Seniors

I have the privilege of working with and building several teams within our body of believers.

I'm grateful for these teams I work with:

Deacon/Visiting Team

This team of 12 people help visit shut-ins, encouraging them in their times of need, praying with them and reporting to me on how they are doing. They often provide encouragement to our seniors who are facing the challenges of declining health and mobility and help them navigate various losses they are experiencing.

Funerals/Memorial Service Team

I'm grateful, too, for all those in our church --ushers, co-pastors, kitchen and support staff-- who help me with the funeral arrangements of church family who pass away. I've led and assisted in 8 funerals for the 2019 year.

Good Friends Team

This team of 7 helps plan and provide a spiritually and socially edifying monthly meeting for our seniors. We hope to provide a similar function for the younger seniors (65-75) in the coming year.

ALPHA Team

22 volunteers are helping in this great outreach where people come to explore the Christian faith, eating together and posing questions that are ultimately answered with the Gospel content of the videos and friendly discussion around the tables. We pray this will draw people to faith in Christ and we endeavour to provide opportunities for continued growth in our church family.

I have also been serving on the Missions Committee and giving input/counsel and prayer as needed.

Serving Jesus and His church gathered at Sevenoaks is a great privilege. I love you and look forward to growing with you in grace and truth.

*Respectfully submitted,
Jack Campbell*

Caring Community Milestones

Baptisms	Names
Jan 6	Kevin Lidemark, Shane Morin, Jeff Johnston, Richard Machett, Seth Dylan Derien Hefner, Zack Zrnic, Elijah Wadhams, Michael Bell, Chad Moorman
Feb 17	Cameron Dohms, Greg Edgar, Rachel O'Neill, Aaron Tanti
Apr 21	Paige Anderson, Rachel Anderson, Luke Carpenter, Caleb Fox, Kristina Wilson
May 26	Dave Reid
Nov 3	Ginger Tan Tan Lau, Judy Harris, Juliette Vander Meulen, Maria Harder, Leila Gordon

Dedications	Names
none	

Deaths	Names
Jan 3	Stella Philipps
Mar 23	Fred Moore
Apr 7	John Doecker
Apr 24	Art Craddock
May 4	Doris Jantzen
May 12	Lena Pankratz
Jun 13	Mary Forrington
Jun 20	Sonia Filuk
Jul 6	Jack Jansen
Jul 21	Miriam Grunau
Jul 25	Gloria Dean
Aug 6	Garry Neetz
Spt 7	Iona Heppner
Oct 20	Sarah Warkentin
Oct 22	Greg Edgar
Oct 29	Lucille Klaassen
Oct 29	Irma Enns
Oct 30	Rick Bell
Nov 13	Carol Priebe
Dec 3	Liz Martel

Memberships	Names
May 5	Rachel O'Neill
Spt 29	Elizabeth (Bitsy) Jeffery
Dec 22	Ortwin & Frieda Dannes, Patricia Thomas

Weddings	Names	Pastor
Jun 19	Max Lipp & Sherri-Lynn Schroeder-Stevenson	Tim Olson
Jul 13	Nathan Verkerk & Lisa Marie Andre	Zachary Meisenheimer

Report of the Board of Elders

On behalf of the Board of Elders of Sevenoaks Alliance Church, I would like to thank the congregation for the opportunity to serve our church family. Thank you to the elders whose terms will conclude at the end of our AGM in April 2020: Cal Brandt, Nick Rolleman, James Gordon, Dale Enns, and myself.

Once again our Pastoral team has changed this past year under the lead of Jamie Fox. We said goodbye to Pastor Ed once again as he finished his lengthy interim position and we've been blessed to welcome Pastor Jack.

There has been much to be thankful for during the past year, I would like to highlight the following:

- Our financial needs being surpassed and the faithfulness of our church family to support God's work through our church
- The continued work on the chapel as it nears even closer to completion.
- The continued success of Alpha and the Hearing God seminars

"Giving thanks always and for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ." Ephesians 5:20

I pray that we continue to be faithful and obedient as we grow our church family, continue to be supportive of one another as we work to know Jesus and make him known.

*Respectfully submitted,
Nathan Anderson, Chairman*

Report of the Nominating Committee

February 24, 2020

Your committee presents the following report:

Board of Elders

Continuing on the Board of Elders (expiration of term in brackets):

- Keith Carpenter (2021)
- Tore Jorgensen (2021)
- Frank Kucey (2021)
- Jonathan VanderMeer (2021)
- Dave Verwoerd (2021)

Completing a Term of Office:

- Nathan Anderson
- Cal Brandt
- Dale Enns
- James Gordon
- Nick Rolleman

We would like to express our sincere thanks to each of these men for his love for our church and his participation in the work and ministry of the Board. We're also grateful for spouses and children who support elders in the work which they are called to by God.

Board of Elder Nominees:

For a two-year term to the Board of Elders:

- **Gord Carpenter**
- **Bert Doerksen**
- **Gord Mosey**
- **Ken Silen**
- **Les Stobbe**

Procedure for Additional Nominations for the Office of Elder:

“All nominees for the office of elder, whether nominated by the Nominating Committee or the congregation-at-large shall have on file a signed copy of a membership application and shall complete an information statement which shall be made available to the membership at the time the nominee’s name is posted.”

“Any nomination for the office of elder, other than nominations proposed by the Nominating Committee, shall be filed with the chairman of the Nominating Committee, together with the materials cited above, no less than 72 hours in advance of the worship service on the Sunday prior to the Annual Meeting. Posting of such nomination shall occur only after the nominee has reviewed his candidacy with the Nominating Committee and shall meet any other qualifications cited in Article XV of the Local Church Constitution.”

(Sevenoaks Alliance Church Bylaws, Article XV, Bylaw #1 and Bylaw #2)

Date of Annual Meeting: Thursday, April 16, 2020

Sunday prior to Annual Meeting: Sunday, April 12

Deadline for filing additional nominations with Pastor Jamie Fox, chair of Nominating Committee: Thursday, April 9, 10:30 am

2021 Nominating Committee Nominees

Nominees: **Velma Braun, Ruby Stobbe, Joyce Verwoerd**

Procedure for Additional Nominations to the 2021 Nominating Committee:

“Each year the Nominating Committee shall place three names before the Annual Meeting as their representatives on the Nominating Committee for the following year. Persons may also be nominated by the congregation-at-large to serve on the Nominating Committee providing their nomination is signed by 2 (two) members in good standing and filed with the chair of the Nominating Committee for posting 72 hours before the worship service on the Sunday prior to the Annual Meeting. In cases where only the required number is nominated, the ballot may be waived by unanimous vote.”

(Sevenoaks Alliance Church Bylaws, Article XIV, Bylaw #2)

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Elections shall be held at the Annual General Meeting of the Membership of Sevenoaks Alliance Church scheduled for Thursday, April 16, 2020 at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Nominating Committee 2020: Nathan Anderson, Joey Demers, Linda Driediger, Sheryl Evison, James Gordon, Nick Rolleman, Jamie Fox (chair)

Minutes of the Annual Congregational Meeting

Thursday, April 11, 2019, 7 pm

Approximately 109 people in attendance

1. Opening Comments and Prayer

- a. Nathan Anderson (Chair of the board) called the meeting to order at 7:07pm
- b. Pastor Jamie Fox – Jamie prayed for our meeting and thanked God for our church family and the opportunity that we have to be a blessing to our community.

Jamie also gave a short update regarding the renovations in the Youth Center and directed the church membership to see the pictures of the work that has been completed so far. Good progress is being made and we are excited to have access to the space in the near future. At this time we are still using the insurance funds to complete all the work which has been done so far. There is also the potential for access to more insurance funds – that continues to be worked out. Eventually once the insurance funds run out we will be using our own church funds to complete the project.

Jamie also touched on the church's vision and mission statement and how we are accomplishing this in various ways. A current focus for us is to look at how we "make him known" outside of Canada and the missions committee is currently discussing how to be involved in new partnerships for the future. Along with this our Community Care Committee is also growing and exploring new ways to partner in our own community. Additionally, a great focus is also on creating and developing Gospel Communities which will seek to develop and mature pockets of our church family all over town. Finally, Jamie mentioned that we will be introducing a new stream of discipleship in the future that focusses in hearing God's voice, practicing renewal disciplines and posturing ourselves to gain and maintain freedom in Christ.

- c. Testimonies – Jamie welcomed Lori Cross up to share a testimony and to talk about her experience with "knowing Jesus..." Lori shared some of her background at Sevenoaks and what she has been learning lately as she has seen God move in miraculous ways.

Jamie also invited Keegan Greenwood to share his wife Lauren's (who was out of town) testimony about "...making him (Jesus) known." Lauren's testimony focused on the great things happening at Centennial Park Elementary school and the opportunities for local missions and relationships which this provides.

2. Adoption of agenda
 - Agenda was m/s/c
3. Adoption of the April 12, 2018 Minutes
 - Minutes were m/s/c
4. Appointment of tellers for the elections
 - Roy Daly, Keegan Greenwood, Mandy Pargee and Sumitra Robertson volunteered to collect and count the ballots
5. Receiving Reports:
 - a. Ministry Reports
 - A question was raised regarding why there is no full time pastor at this time when there are roughly 400 seniors in the church. Jamie explained that all pastoral positions are based on the number of hours assigned to a particular demographic of the church. Even when Lyle Magnus was here (as a full time pastor) he was not spending all his time with seniors (other responsibilities took him away from his primary role). The new position which is posted may be for up to 30hrs/week and is focused on the area of support for our seniors. Therefore this new position would involve just as much time (perhaps more) focusing on seniors ministry as any of the previous full time pastors were devoting to this.
 - The ministry reports were m/s/c
 - b. Treasurer's Report & Financial Statements
 - Les Stobbe (Treasurer of the board) spoke to the church family regarding our financial reports for the 2018 year. He thanked the church family for their giving as well as those who helped with our financial tracking and collection. He showed a number of prepared slides showing the statistics related to different financial areas of the church.
 - Les spoke regarding the Community Care Fund, Missions Fund, Capital Asset Fund, and Operating Fund.
 - No questions were raised in regards to the Treasurer's Report and Financial Statements.
 - The Treasurer's Report & Financial Statements was m/s/c
 - c. 2019 Budget
 1. Les Stobbe also brought forward the 2019 budget
 2. No questions were raised regarding the 2019 budget
 3. The 2019 Financial Budget was m/s/c
6. Report of the Nominating Committee
 - Jamie explained briefly why there are 6 elders up for nomination this year. The reason for this is because of Mike Szostak's leaving near the beginning of his term (two years ago). Based on this, another Elder (Dave McCarthy) was needed to cover his position last year. For this year we are still needing an Elder to take on a one year term and James Gordon was nominated to be considered for filling this needed one year role.
7. Election of Elders
 - Ballots were collected
8. Election of Nominating Committee members
 - Ballots were collected

9. Thanks to elders concluding their term of service:

Keith Carpenter	Robby Jeffery	Frank Kucey
Dave McCarthy	Les Stobbe	Dave Verwoerd

10. Recognition of Elders whose terms continue:

Nathan Anderson (2020)
 Cal Brandt (2020)
 Dale Enns (2020)
 Nick Rolleman (2020)

11. Questions

- Wayne Gordon – Asked if the Sevenoaks insurance premium rates have raised at all since the fire. It was shared that they may have raised slightly but do not seem related to the fire.
- Bill ? – A comment was made that when church services begin, many people are milling around in the back corridor and this causes a lot of noise coming through the back doors and is distracting to those trying to focus and worship. Jamie stated that this would be taken into advisement.
- Gord Carpenter – Asked and requested that the organ could play more during the service especially during the communion portion of the monthly service. Jamie stated that this would be taken into advisement.
- Donna - Another comment was made regarding the amount of loud songs that play during the communion portion of a service and how it may be nice if this could be a little bit calmer so that each person can examine their hearts with less distraction. Jamie stated that this would be taken into advisement.

12. New Business

- None

13. Announcement of Election

- Nathan was provided with the final count from the ballots and announced that all board members who were nominated had been elected.

14. Prayer for newly elected Elders

- Jamie prayed for the past, present and newly elected elders that they would lead and shepherd the church in such a way as would please God and direct our family by his spirit.

15. Adjournment

- The AGM was adjourned at 8:15pm

SEVENOAKS ALLIANCE CHURCH PROPOSED BUDGET 2020

		Budget 2019	Budget 2020
		\$	\$
General Fund Budget		1,082,811	1,039,909
Expenses			
Lead Pastor		20,400	9,000
General Administration		963,234	952,884
Exec Admin/Lead Associate		6,725	650
Seniors & Adults		11,750	9,100
Children Ministries		13,600	9,000
Community Life		13,150	9,950
Student Ministries		10,450	8,620
Music & Arts		43,502	40,705
BUDGET TOTAL		1,082,811	1,039,909

Total giving to Sevenoaks General Fund in 2019 was \$1,088,519

General Administration

Account	Proposed Budget 2020	
Accounting	9,000	
Advertising	1,000	
Bank Fees & Interest	10,000	
Communications	20,000	
Office Equipment & repairs	3,750	
Insurance	34,000	
Legal Fees	2,500	
Photocopier Cost	6,000	
Postage	1,200	
Publications	650	
Relational/transportation	100	
Salary		
a) Ministering Staff Salary	434,923	
b) Ministering Staff Benefits	76,707	
c) Support Staff Salary	203,267	
d) Support Staff Benefits	41,121	756,018
Subscriptions (CCCC Membership/Christian Info)	1,820	
Supplies - Office	6,000	
District Operating Budget (DOB)	17,000	
Janitorial - supplies	6,000	
Health & Safety	1,000	
Maintenance (2575 Gladwin)	59,000	
Utilities (2575 Gladwin)		
a) electrical	35,000	
b) gas usage	30,000	
c) water/sewer	4,500	69,500
Facilities Use Expense	7,500	
Kitchen Supplies, small appliances, etc.	16,000	
Department Total	\$1,028,038	