

# AUGUST

## at Sevenoaks

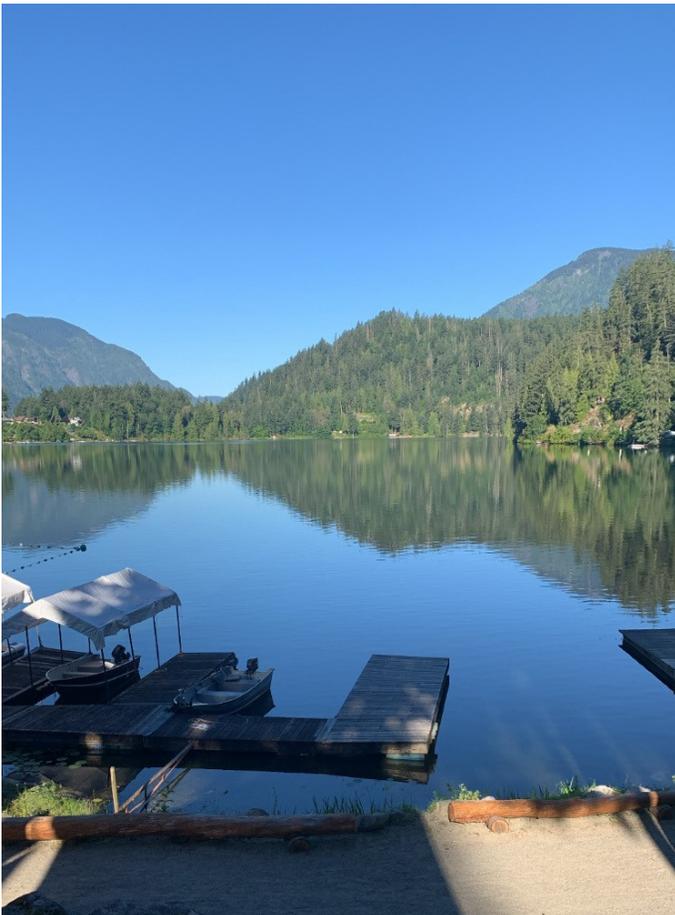


### We Exist:

To know Jesus and to make Him known

### We Value:

Gospel, Life, Family, Dependence, Mission



*We're about half way through the summer. How is it going? Recently, I was able to spend some time at Kawkawa Camp & Retreat in Hope as a part of their summer camp ministry. The cabin they put my wife and I in was called "Lakeview" as it has this beautiful vantage point looking out over Kawkawa Lake. Each morning and evening I would come out of or come back to our cabin and the water would be so calm and still - it was like glass. You could see the reflection of the mountains on it. It was so incredibly breathtaking and beautiful.*

*I love the summer as it provides time for us to slow down a bit and reflect on life. During our time at Kawkawa, a verse that was meaningful for me was Psalm 46:10a: "Be still, and know that I am God." My prayer for everyone in our church family is that they would be able to create space in their summers to be still and know our Lord in a deeper way; that they might choose to spend time with God via reading his Word and listening and talking with him through prayer; that they would be filled with the Holy Spirit and empowered to be a part of God's mission to this world. May God be glorified in our lives as we follow our Lord Jesus this summer and beyond!*

*Much Love, Pastor Zach*

### Sundays in August

<b>August 7</b>	<i>Esther</i>	Mark Peters, District Superintendent	(Communion Sunday)
<b>August 14</b>	<i>Job</i>	Dwayne Toews, Assistant District Superintendent	
<b>August 21</b>	<i>Psalms 121</i>	David Ens, Seamless Link Partner	(Missions Sunday)
<b>August 28</b>	<i>Psalms 33</i>	Tim Olson, Community Life Pastor, Sevenoaks Alliance Church	

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### **Thank You for Making Room for Others**

It has been great to have so many people continuing to join us each week for in-person worship over the summer. As we have switched from holding two services to holding one, we have been very appreciative of the ways in which people have adapted to having more of us all gathered together in the Chapel at once. We are asking everyone – especially those who arrive a few minutes early - to continue to be deliberate about choosing seats closer to the front of the room and closer to the middle of the rows, so it will be easier for everyone who comes after us to find somewhere to sit.

### **Guest Speakers and Advance Reading Requests**

This month we will have not just one but two of our friends from the District coming to be our guest speakers. District Superintendent Mark Peters will be preaching on the Book of Esther on August 7, and Assistant District Superintendent Dwayne Toews will be preaching on the Book of Job on August 14. Both of these great books of the Old Testament were written to be read and received as unified narrative accounts. We encourage everyone to re-read the entirety of the Book of Esther in preparation for Mark's message, and to re-read the entirety of the Book of Job in preparation for Dwayne's.

### **Sunday Morning Prayer**

Every Sunday morning, an hour before the morning worship service begins, members of our church family gather to pray for the church, for the world, and for God's great mission to *use* his church to *reach* his world. Come and join us! 9am in Room 105/107 (in the classroom wing).

### **Newcomers Meet-and-Greet August 21**

On the third Sunday of every month, we hold an informal Meet-and-Greet for newcomers to Sevenoaks in Room 105/107 immediately after the morning service. If you are new to Sevenoaks, why not come and join us for coffee and snacks? Just follow the signs. Members of our pastoral staff team will be there to welcome you and answer any of your questions.

### **Helping Hands Helping Ukraine**

Over a 9-month period this past year (October 2021 - June 2022), the women in our *Helping Hands* ministry created and sent 1,491 handmade items overseas for use by children in need in Ukraine! Sweaters, dresses, sweatshirts, pajamas, t-shirts, undergarments, toques, scarves, blankets, quilts and afghans. We are thankful for the compassion, commitment and hard work of these ladies, under the able leadership of Hazel Crabbe.

### **Plan to be at Sevenoaks on Sunday, September 11**

On Sunday, September 11, we will be launching a new year of ministry together with a very special line-up of events. During our morning worship service, Pastor Jamie – fresh back from his month-long backcountry solo walk with Jesus – will be launching a new sermon series in the Book of Hebrews. After the service, the men of *Joshua House* will be putting on a luncheon for us in the gym. And you'll have a chance to learn more about the various ministry activities that we have planned for the fall and winter, and how to get involved.

### **Good Friends (55+)**

This monthly gathering resumes Thursday, September 15, at 1030am in the Chapel with guest speaker Dr Miriam Charter, a mission practitioner, speaker and mobilizer, now retired in Calgary. She spent ten years as an international worker with *The Alliance Canada* in communist Europe, working among women in the underground church and several years in post-communist Russia. She has a pronounced calling to the nations and a passion for the next generation of those who will take the Good News to the ends of the earth. This is a combined event with the Heritage Alliance seniors. Coffee will be served. Bring a plate of cookies to share.

### **Alpha**

To all who would like to volunteer for this great outreach program, the Alpha Course Training Session is Sunday, September 25, at 1115am in the Community Room. It is a 70-minute training time. Lunch provided. Come and see where you might fit on our Team!





### **Kids Church** (6mths-gr6)

Every Sunday at 10am

Join us as we journey together with friends, having fun and growing in Jesus.

### **August 7 Communion Sunday**

Join us after the service in the Chapel lobby for treats and connection with church family!

*We are looking forward to the fall. Preparation is already underway! Kids Club and Pro-D Fun days will be starting. Christmas plans are even in the works and we will share the details with you soon.*

*Church family, your prayers are so important for our ministry to families. Here are some requests you can pray for as we enter a new season of ministry at Sevenoaks Kids this fall.*

- 1. Pray for the preparation for fall discipleship events (Kids Club, Pro-D Fun Days, Sunday Mornings...).*
- 2. Pray for our volunteers and the need for more volunteers.*
- 3. Pray for families as they endeavour to raise their kids to be followers of Jesus.*

*We love you Sevenoaks families and we look forward to continue partnering with you and your kiddos as we journey with Jesus and become more like Him.*

Pastor Renee and Brenda

### **Summer Office Hours**

Monday - Thursday, 8am - 330pm

The office will be closed on Monday, August 1 (BC Day), and Monday, September 5 (Labour Day).



### **Middle & High School Youth** (gr6-12)

#### **Paintballing**

Saturday, August 6 130-415pm  
Millionaire Paintball (31515 Harris Rd)

Cost: \$30

Students are to be dropped off and picked up at the venue. Contact Pastor Zach if you want to come.

#### **Mountain Biking in Whistler**

Wednesday, August 31

Students need to purchase their pass to use the Whistler Bike Park. Contact Pastor Zach if you would like to be a part of this day trip.

#### **Young Adults**

Thursday, August 11 630pm  
Community Rm

We will continue our discipleship journey by discussing how to logically study Scripture.

## **Opportunities to Serve**

Contact us for information on how to serve in any of the following roles:

**Youth** (MS & HS) **Leaders** - Pastor Zach

**Little Oaks** (PS) **Leaders** - Pastor Renee

**Camera operators** for livestreaming the worship services. Training provided. Must be middle school age or older - Pastor Matthew

**Computer operators** to run media during worship services. Training provided in using *ProPresenter* (the software to show the lyrics on the projection screen) and in setting up and running the live stream. This is best suited for those who are of high school age or older - Pastor Matthew

## August ... At a Glance

For event details, look inside or visit [sevenoaks.org](http://sevenoaks.org)

<b>Aug 1</b>	BC Day (office closed)
<b>Aug 6</b>	Paintball (M&HS Youth)
<b>Aug 7</b>	Mark Peters, CPD DS
<b>Aug 11</b>	Young Adults
<b>Aug 14</b>	Dwayne Toews, CPD ADS
<b>Aug 21</b>	Missions Sunday, David Ens
<b>Aug 21</b>	Newcomers Meet-and-Greet
<b>Aug 31</b>	Mountain Biking (M&HS Youth)

## Every Week at Sevenoaks

Sunday	Starting Point	845am	Community Rm
	Prayer	9am	Rm 105/107
Monday	ARMinistry	7pm	Chapel
Wednesday	Prayer	715am	Community Rm
Saturday	Men's Prayer	8am	Community Rm

## Coming in September

<b>Spt 11</b>	Ministry Year Launch and Lunch
<b>Spt 15</b>	Good Friends (55+)
<b>Spt 25</b>	Alpha Course Training Session



**SEVENOAKS**  
alliance church



**Seniors Pastor**  
**Music & Arts Pastor**  
**Children's Pastor**  
**Lead Pastor**  
**Youth & Young Adults Pastor**  
**Community Life Pastor**  
**Lead Associate Pastor**

Jack Campbell  
Matthew Carter  
Renee Carter  
Jamie Fox  
Zachary Meisenheimer  
Tim Olson  
Brian Robertson

## FINANCIAL UPDATE

(As of July 24, 2022)

### Year-to-Date General Fund Giving

Actual Donations:	\$582,249
Required Per Budget:	\$585,713
Deficit:	\$ 3,464

Deficit Carried From 2021 (\$101,422)

### Refugee Sponsorship Fund

\$27,715 (Goal: \$40,000)

*Cheerful sacrificial giving is part of our life in Christ, an act of worship to the living God and an expression of trust in Him. Your generosity helps us fulfil our shared vision of knowing Jesus and making Him known.*

### Options for Giving

For those who worship with us in person on Sunday mornings, offering boxes can be found in the Chapel lobby and at the Information Centre.

To learn about secure options for giving online, come and speak to us in the Information Centre or visit our website.

[www.sevenoaks.org/pages/give](http://www.sevenoaks.org/pages/give)

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