

# December

at Sevenoaks



## We Exist:

To know Jesus and to make Him known

## We Value:

Gospel, Life, Family, Dependence, Mission



The Christmas season offers us the opportunity to have guests in our home. But before they come over there is usually some preparation that is done - organizing, cleaning, cooking and so on. In the same way we prepare our homes for our guests, the Sundays of Advent can help us prepare our hearts as we wait for the arrival of God in our daily joys and struggles. Throughout the Bible a call to holiness always accompanied the intimate presence of God and this call to holiness required people to prepare their hearts or, using our opening example, "clean their home". So, to help us prepare our hearts for God's arrival into our "places of waiting" we can practice spiritual disciplines like, fasting, confession, repentance, and generosity. These are all meant to heighten our awareness of our desperate need for God and to help strip away any sin or other unnecessary things we may have made "god" in our hearts. This Christmas as we prepare our homes to receive guests, I invite you to join me and make time in your daily routine to prepare your heart to receive whatever gift God may have for you. -Pastor Matthew

## Sundays in December

Join us for worship at 10am

|        |                               |
|--------|-------------------------------|
| Dec 7  | Gospel of Luke - Luke 1:26-56 |
| Dec 14 | Gospel of Luke - Luke 1:57-80 |
| Dec 21 | Gospel of Luke - Luke 2:1-20  |
| Dec 28 | Gospel of Luke - Luke 2:21-40 |



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## Music and Arts

Church Family, we are very thankful for your heart of worship here at Sevenoaks Alliance Church. We are also tremendously blessed to have church family share their musical or technical gifts with us!

There are currently 59 people involved in the Tech and Music ministry and we range in age from 17 years old up to 70! What a great representation of the generational church!

Speaking of the generational church, we intentionally do our best as song leaders to listen to God's guidance each week as we pick music for Sunday and we strive to represent the full spectrum of worship songs available to us. If you haven't noticed, on any given Sunday we can sing songs written from the 1800's up to the present day.

This style of worship is an incredible testimony to the humility of our church family to make the pursuit of God's heart the main goal in worship. May the Spirit of Christ continue to lead us deeper up and deeper into the presence of God together!

- Pastor Matthew

## Upcoming Events

### Service of the Longest Night

Tuesday, Dec 2nd, 6:30pm

Do you find yourself in a season of loss...the darkness of relational breakdown, uncertainty of financial loss, or the death of a loved one. These experiences can often feel like a long and dark night. We welcome you to come and rest in a time of hope and remembrance



### Family Movie Night

Come enjoy a Christmas movie on the big screen with some popcorn too!  
Invite your neighbors & friends!

Sevenoaks Alliance Church Chapel  
7pm (doors open at 6:30pm)  
Friday, Dec 5, 2025

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BEST CHRISTMAS  
PAGEANT EVER



### Christmas Banquet

Friday, December 12 - \$35 per ticket

Last day to purchase tickets - December 7, 2025

Join us for  
Christmas Eve



Service at 6 pm

## Year End Financial Giving

As we approach the end of another year, I am incredibly grateful for the faithful giving of you, the church family, to the life and mission of Sevenoaks church. Thank you!

I draw your attention to the financial summary at the end of this newsletter which outlines where we are with regard to our budget. As you prayerfully consider your year-end giving, please be reminded that, if you give through our online giving portal, Tithely, **electronic** donations need to be made by **December 19th** in order to fall into the 2025 tax year and thus receive a tax receipt for that donation. If you have any questions about year-end giving, please do not hesitate to contact Jenn Pitzel at the church office.

- Pastor Jamie

## Women's Ministry - Bible Study

We have just begun to study The Names of God by Grace Fox. Also, invite a friend to the year end Christmas Celebration on Dec 10<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 - 11:00am. Enjoy friends and fellowship as well as special speaker Gloria Edgcombe. We resume our sessions on The Names of God in the New Year on January 7th.



Welcome to Sevenoaks Kids! We're thrilled to grow in faith, discover more of God's love, and walk with Jesus together as we learn and celebrate all

He has in store for us. **Kids Church meets at 10 am on Sundays - ages 6 months to grade 6.**

## Joyful Bites

Once a month, our Children's Ministry celebrates a different National Food Day. If you're a part of our kids' ministry – you won't want to miss these!



This month on December 14, we are celebrating National Candy Cane Day!

## What we are learning

Many families hit the road during the Christmas season, whether it's to visit loved ones or take a much-needed break. It's a time-honored tradition—one that might even be traced back to the first Christmas when a bright star dropped a pin on a special location to guide people to the birthplace of the savior. In this 4-week series, kids will learn that **God gives people to guide us, God gives hope to guide us, God gives a Savior to guide us, and God gives direction to guide us.**



**Sunday, Dec 28** - No kids church for elementary age, little oaks (age 6 months to 4 years) will be available.

For all children's events info  
contact Pastor Carmen [cfischer@sevenoaks.org](mailto:cfischer@sevenoaks.org)



Sevenoaks Youth and Young Adults are all about knowing Jesus with all our hearts, souls, minds and strength—and making Jesus known in our communities of friends, schools, and families. Come hang out with us and get to know the God who loves you!

## Youth

(Grade 6-12)

### Special Guest Renata Hamm

Wednesday, December 3 6:30pm  
Upper Room

### Christmas Party

Wednesday, December 10 6:30pm  
The Chapel

### Sunday Morning Gathering

Sunday, December 14 10am  
Upper Room

### Christmas Breakout Night

Wednesday, December 17 6:30pm  
Various Homes

## Young Adults

(Ages 18-30)

### Service Of The Longest Night

Tuesday, December 2 6:30pm  
The Chapel

### Dinner & Discussion

Friday, December 5 6:30pm  
@ Mike & Lisa's

### Special Guest Renata Hamm

Tuesday, December 9 6:30pm  
Upper Room

### Christmas Party

Tuesday, December 16 6:30pm  
Upper Room

For all youth & young adults events info  
contact Pastor Zach [zmeisenheimer@sevenoaks.org](mailto:zmeisenheimer@sevenoaks.org)

## December at a Glance

For Children, Youth & Young Adults events, see page 3.

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

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|--------------------|----------------------------------|
| <b>December 2</b>  | Service of the Longest Night     |
| <b>December 5</b>  | Family Movie Night               |
| <b>December 6</b>  | Communion, Cookies & Coffee      |
| <b>December 8</b>  | Ukrainian Community Food Bank    |
| <b>December 12</b> | Christmas Banquet                |
| <b>December 22</b> | Neighborhood Satellite Food Bank |
| <b>December 24</b> | Christmas Eve Service            |

## Every Week at Sevenoaks

|     |                  |        |            |
|-----|------------------|--------|------------|
| Sun | Life Change      | 8:45am | Rm 105/107 |
|     | Women's SoulCare | 8:45am | Comm. Rm   |
|     | Prayer           | 9am    | Rm 103     |
| Mon | ARMinistry       | 7pm    | Chapel     |
| Wed | AM Prayer        | 7:15am | Rm 101     |
|     | PM Prayer        | 7pm    | Rm 101     |
| Sat | Men's Prayer     | 8am    | Rm 101     |

## Coming in January

|            |                             |
|------------|-----------------------------|
| January 7  | Women's Bible Study Resumes |
| January 10 | Men's Breakfast             |
| January 15 | Good Friends                |

Prayer Chain requests call/text 604 855 3156



## Pastoral Staff

|                                           |                      |
|-------------------------------------------|----------------------|
| <b>Lead Pastor</b>                        | Jamie Fox            |
| <b>Pastor to Seniors</b>                  | Jack Campbell        |
| <b>Executive-Worship Pastor</b>           | Matthew Carter       |
| <b>Pastor to Children</b>                 | Carmen Fischer       |
| <b>Pastor to Youth &amp; Young Adults</b> | Zachary Meisenheimer |

## FINANCIAL UPDATE

*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.*

*(As of Nov 23, 2025)*

*Year-to-Date General Fund Income*

*Actual Income: \$805,647*

*Required Per Budget: \$959,891*

*Deficit: \$154,244*

*Deficit as of Dec 31, 2024 \$24,037*

### 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)**

## Christmas Office Hours

|             |                              |
|-------------|------------------------------|
| Dec 24 - 25 | CLOSED                       |
| Dec 26      | OPEN                         |
| Dec 29 - 30 | OPEN                         |
| Dec 31      | Office will be CLOSED at 1pm |
| Jan 1       | CLOSED                       |

*Staff will be back to regular office hours Jan 5, 2026*

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