

April

at Sevenoaks



We Exist:

To know Jesus and to make Him known

We Value:

Gospel, Life, Family, Dependence, Mission



Have you ever wondered what it would have been like to be in Jerusalem during the final days of Jesus' life — to witness His death and resurrection firsthand?

Imagine standing in the crowd as Jesus enters the city, people waving branches and shouting, "Hosanna! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!" The air is filled with hope and expectation. Then, only days later, everything changes. News spreads that Jesus has been arrested and put on trial. Celebration turns to confusion and grief.

You see Him walking through the streets carrying a heavy cross. The crowds are loud — some angry, some weeping, some silent in shock. At Golgotha, you watch the crucifixion and feel the weight of the moment as darkness falls and hope seems lost.

Days later come the whispers: the tomb is empty. Women share astonishing news — an angel has said Jesus is alive. Could it really be true? Is He really alive? Hope begins to blossom.

Can you imagine being there — moving from joy, to sorrow, to wonder — and discovering that the story was not over, but just beginning?

The beautiful truth of Easter is this: we don't have to imagine the hope — we're invited to live in it. The resurrection still changes hearts, restores lives, and calls each of us to step into the story today.

-Pastor Carmen

Services in April

Join us for worship at 10am

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| April 3 | Good Friday - Luke 22-23 |
| April 5 | Easter Sunday - Luke 24:1-12 |
| April 12 | Gospel of Luke - Luke 24:13-32 |
| April 19 | Gospel of Luke - Luke 24:33-53 |
| April 26 | Substitute King - 1 Samuel 8 |



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Regular Events

Women's Bible Study - Wednesdays - 9:30am

Welcome women of Sevenoaks, to a Bible Study of 1 Peter for the month of April. We are using a study book by Dr. Johanna Campbell Preparing for Persecution. (\$20) Join us in learning to become strong Christians who glorify God in troubled times.

Good Friends - Thursday, April 16, 2026 - 10:30am - Chapel

Good Friends Seniors' gathering in April will feature Dennis Anderson, retired College Prof. giving a seminar on Retirement Lifestyle and Estate Planning. Refreshments will be available. Bring a friend!

Helping Hands - Thursday, April 23, 9:30 - 3:30 pm

We are in need of ladies who would like to sew children's clothes for Ukraine. Fabric, sewing machines, sergers and all notions are provided. Knowing how to use a sewing machine is all you need. Bring a lunch. Tea and coffee are provided. Great fellowship too! Call Leila Carson, 604-556-7456 or come to Rooms 101 & 103 via the Gladwin Entrance (entrance of the church facing the old Bay building at the mall).

Special Events and Announcements

Annual General Meeting - Sunday, April 19, 2026

Join the church family for lunch and the Annual General meeting.

11:15am Soup and sandwich lunch open to all, served in the gym
- donations accepted to help with the cost of lunch -

12:15pm AGM in the chapel, open to all.

All AGM documents can be found in paper copy at the church office or digitally on the church website

www.sevenoaks.org/pages/agm-information

Divorce Care

Thank you for praying for the ministry of Divorce Care at Sevenoaks. Please continue to pray for those navigating the hurt, loss, grief, and complexities of a broken relationship.

Young Adult Alpha

Last month, Young Adults Alpha launched! If you're 18-30, you're invited to join us for an evening of food, video, and discussion. Church family, please continue to pray for this important ministry. If you'd like to support Alpha, please connect with Pastor Zach to serve in these ways:

- Pray for Tuesday night gatherings
- Help serve food and beverages
- Donate food or funds to support Tuesday night meals

Grad Trip 2026

We're partnering again with Peace Portal Alliance Church for a Grad Trip to celebrate our graduating students. Three grads and Pastor Zach will be heading to Disneyland in California this July. Fundraising is underway through initiatives like our Youth Ministry Bottle Drive, serving Smokies at KMS Tools, and other spring efforts. Thank you to everyone who supports the bottle drive! If you'd like to contribute or have questions, please connect with Pastor Zach, or mark your offering envelope 'Grad Trip.'

Join us Easter weekend

Good Friday Service

April 3 - 10:00am - Chapel

Easter Sunday Service

April 5 - 10:00 am - Chapel

Everyone is welcome to our Good Friday service as we remember Christ's death and share in communion. Join us again on Easter Sunday to celebrate Jesus' resurrection.



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.**

What we are learning

This series kicks off with the greatest news ever—Jesus is alive! But even his closest friends were surprised by what they discovered. Each week, kids will follow the clues in the Bible, looking at the stories leading up to Easter and connecting them to other moments in Jesus' life and ministry. Along the way, they'll see that the Bible isn't just full of clues about who Jesus is—it's the complete story of God's love.



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 April 12th, we are celebrating National Animal Cracker Day! Next month we celebrate National Vanilla Pudding Day!



VBS Summer Camp - August 17-21, 2026

VBS is a full-day experience for kids going into Grades 1-6 (currently in Kindergarten – Grade 5).

Registration is open! More info at Sevenoaks.org

If you are interested in volunteering for this year's VBS, check out the Kids page on our church website for more information and volunteer roles!

For all children's events info contact Pastor Carmen
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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)

Firm Foundations - Prophets Part 2

Wednesday, April 1 6:30pm - Upper Room

Breakout Night

Wednesday, April 8 6:30pm - Various Homes

Firm Foundations - Gospel Part 1

Wednesday, April 15 6:30pm - Upper Room

Firm Foundations - Gospel Part 2

Wednesday, April 22 6:30pm - Upper Room

Sunday Morning Gathering

Sunday, April 26 10am - Upper Room

Firm Foundations - Epistles Part 1

Wednesday, April 29 6:30pm - Upper Room

Youth Retreat

Friday, May 1 7pm - Sunday, May 3 11:30am
Kawkawa Camp & Retreat in Hope, BC
Cost: \$150

Young Adults (Ages 18-30)

Alpha Film Series

Tuesdays in April & May at 6:30pm in the Community Room at the back of the church building. Each gathering will include: food, an Alpha video and discussion. Everyone who is 18-30 years old is welcome to join us.

Dinner & Discussion

Friday, April 17 6:30pm
@ Mike & Lisa's

Alpha Retreat

Friday, May 8 7pm - Sunday, May 10 11:30am
Kawkawa Camp & Retreat in Hope, BC
Cost: \$175

For all youth & young adults events info
contact Pastor Zach zmeisenheimer@sevenoaks.org

April at a Glance

For Children, Youth & Young Adults events, see page 3.
For event details, look inside or visit sevenoaks.org

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| April 3 | Good Friday Service |
| April 5 | Easter Sunday Service |
| April 10-12 | Men's Retreat |
| April 13 | Ukrainian Community Food Bank |
| April 16 | Good Friends |
| April 27 | Neighborhood Satellite Food Bank |
| April 23 | Helping Hands |

Every Week at Sevenoaks

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| Sun | Life Change | 8:45am | Rm 105/107 |
| | Prayer | 9am | Rm 103 |
| | Kids Church | 10am | Gym |
| Mon | ARMinistry | 7pm | Chapel |
| Tues | Young Adults Alpha | 6:30pm | Community Room |
| Wed | AM Prayer | 6:45am | Rm 101 |
| | Women's Bible Study | 9:30am | Chapel |
| | Youth | 6:30pm | Upper Room |
| | PM Prayer | 7pm | Rm 101 |
| Sat | Men's Prayer | 8am | Rm 101 |

Coming in May

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| May 1-3 | Youth Retreat at Kawkawa Camp |
| May 8-10 | Young Adults Alpha Retreat at Kawkawa Camp |
| May 9 | Men's Breakfast |
| May 16 | Good Friends |
| May 28 | Helping Hands |

Prayer Chain requests call/text 604 855 3156

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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 Mar 19, 2026)

Year-to-Date General Fund Income

Actual Income: \$167,129

Required Per Budget: \$217,341

Deficit: \$50,212

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, visit our website.

www.sevenoaks.org/pages/give

Pastoral Staff

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