

May

at Sevenoaks



We Exist:

To know Jesus and to make Him known

We Value:

Gospel, Life, Family, Dependence, Mission



Mark Twain once opined: “the only person that likes change is a wet baby.” It’s difficult to go through changes because (generally) we like the familiarity of routine and the comfort of constancy. We as a church are in for some and we can begin now to ask the Holy Spirit for help in the changes that will surely come. A good brother among us stood up at our annual meeting recently and threw out a challenge for us to fill some of the holes that departing pastoral

staff used to fill. I just about kissed him. But seriously the next season of church life at Sevenoaks will require of us all a commitment to serve in a deeper capacity. We “can do all things through Christ who strengthens us” is not a pipe dream but a promise backed by the presence of Christ and quoted by an indefatigable Church Worker. Let’s lean on that promise as we face the next year together. *-Pastor Jack*

Services in May

Join us for worship at 10am

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| May 3 | God who calls - Isaiah 6:1-8 |
| May 10 | Light in the darkness - Is. 7:10-14 |
| May 17 | Stories of Faith - Ray Cobb |
| May 24 | Stories of Faith - Ray Cobb |
| May 31 | The branch of the Lord - Is. 11:1-10 |



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Regular Events

Women's Bible Study - Wednesdays - 9:30 -11:00am - Chapel

Sevenoaks Women, our last two sessions are in May. Bev Gordon will wrap up our study of 1 Peter on May 6th. Our last meeting will be May 13th featuring a mystery speaker you won't want to miss. See you there.

Men's Breakfast - Saturday, May 9 - 8:00am - Chapel

Enjoy a morning of good food and friendship with other guys in the Chapel. \$10 a ticket

Good Friends BBQ - Thursday, May 21, 2026 - 10:30am

Good Friends Seniors' gathering in May for a BBQ at Fish Trap Creek Park in the Gondola by the Ball Diamonds. Enter the North Parking lot off Maclure Rd. BYO-BBQ (If you want something other than hotdogs, which will be provided). Drinks provided. Games and Devotional time to be shared. Bring a friend!

Helping Hands - Thursday, May 21, 9:30 - 3:30 pm

We are in need of ladies who would like to sew children's clothes for Ukraine. Equipment and fabric provided. Bring a lunch. Tea and coffee are provided. Call Leila Carson, 604-556-7456 or come to Rooms 101 & 103 via the Gladwin Entrance.

Special Events and Announcements

AGM 2026

Thank you to everyone who attended our Annual General Meeting on April 19. At the AGM, we expressed our sincere thanks to the following elders who completed a term of service on the board: **Nick Rolleman, Ken Silen, and Joyce Verwoerd**. We are grateful for their faithful leadership and dedication.

We were also pleased to welcome the following individuals to the **2026–2027 Board of Elders: Luella Johnsen, Ruby Stobbe, and Joyce Verwoerd**. Please keep our elders in your prayers as they serve our church community. For further AGM information, see back page.

Communion Preparation Volunteers

We celebrate communion once a month. We are looking for a few people to help with the preparation and setup of communion. It requires you to come around 9am on your scheduled Sunday to cut up the bread and place it on trays, to fill the communion juice cups and then take the communion elements to the Chapel and set them up at the required stations. After church the team collects the elements from the stations and takes it back to the kitchen to clean up. You would only be needed once or twice a year on an on-call basis. If you are interested please email me, Tammy Robinson at TRobinson@sevenoaks.org

Grad Trip 2026

Thank you to everyone who helped with our Dessert Fundraiser at the AGM Lunch! We really appreciate those who made desserts and helped us set up, serve and clean up! Also thank you Sevenoaks congregation for your generous donations at the lunch. We received \$766 toward our Grad Trip! If you'd like to help contribute to the trip or have any questions, please talk to Pastor Zach. You can also directly donate to the trip by marking your offering envelope with Grad Trip.

Grads For Hire May & June Fundraiser

Our Grade 12 Grads are ready to put in the work. They're fundraising for our Grad Trip in partnership with Peace Portal Alliance Church to Disneyland in California. They are offering yard work + odd jobs around homes and properties. Whether it's raking, weeding, cleaning up or tackling that to-do list you've been putting off, they'd love to help. All funds raised go toward the costs of the trip. Contact Pastor Zach to book your students.



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



Can you remember the last time you got lost in a really good book? The epic quests, daring escapes, and wild

adventures make it hard to put down! While our lives might not include mythical creatures or fantastical lands, we're all part of an incredible adventure—following God and helping others do the same. Each week, kids will explore the amazing and true stories about Jesus that show us what it means to live for God.

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 May 17th, we are

celebrating National Vanilla Pudding Day! Next month we celebrate National Ice Cream Float 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
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)

Firm Foundations - Epistles Part 2
Wednesday, May 6 - 6:30pm Upper Room

Firm Foundations - Revelation
Wednesday, May 13 - 6:30pm Upper Room

Firm Foundations - Finale
Wednesday, May 20 - 6:30pm Upper Room

Sunday Morning Gathering
Sunday, May 24 - 10am Upper Room

Wrap Up Party
Wednesday, May 27 - 6:30pm @ The Enns'

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

Young Adults (Ages 18-30)

Alpha Film Series
Tuesdays in May - 6:30pm - Community Room
Each gathering includes: food, Alpha video and discussion. Everyone 18-30 years old are welcome to join us.

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

Dinner & Discussion
Friday, May 15 6:30pm
@ Mike & Lisa's Cost: \$175

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

May at a Glance

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

For event details, look inside or visit sevenoaks.org

May 1-3	Youth Retreat at Kawkawa Camp
May 7-9	Young Adults Alpha Retreat at Kawkawa
May 9	Men's Breakfast
May 11	Ukrainian Community Food Bank
May 21	Good Friends BBQ
May 21	Helping Hands
May 24	Pastor Jack's Last Sunday (Retiring)
May 25	Neighborhood Satellite Food Bank

Every Week at Sevenoaks

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

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: \$259,154

Required Per Budget: \$216,132

Deficit: \$56,979

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

An AGM Clarification

Some of you noticed a significant change in our reported membership numbers, declining from **355 in 2024 to 191 in 2025**, and we wanted to offer clarification. This change reflects the completion of a long-needed administrative update rather than a sudden loss of active members. Our membership records have historically included two lists: **active** and **inactive** members. Over time, the inactive list grew to include individuals who had moved away, left the church, or, in some cases, passed away without our knowledge. Without updated information, their names remained on the list, which impacted matters such as quorum requirements for meetings.

Over the past year, we carefully reviewed and updated the inactive membership list, removing individuals who have not been part of our church family for many years. This process has brought our membership records into closer alignment with the reality of our current, active congregation. If you have any questions or would like to talk further about this, please feel free to reach out to **Pastor Jamie**.

Prayer Chain requests
call/text 604 855 3156



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