September

at Sevenoaks

We Exist:
To know Jesus and to make Him Known

We Value:
Gospel, Life, Family, Dependence, Mission

A few weeks ago, I was in Little Oaks helping teach and we moved into our worship and story time. As the kids requested some of their favorite worship songs, they danced, shook their maracas, and joyfully sang along to Elevation Worship's "Praise," I was reminded of Psalm 8.

Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You have set your glory in the heavens. Through the praise of children and infants you have established a stronghold against your enemies, to silence the foe and the avenger. (Psalm 8:1-2)

Their worship wasn't polished or rehearsed - it was genuine. In those simple moments, they were declaring God's goodness and filling their hearts with truth that silences every competing voice.

Children have a remarkable way of worshipping without hesitation. They aren't concerned about how they sound or whether they're doing it "right." They simply respond with joyful hearts. It's a beautiful reminder that worship isn't about performance but about delighting in the God who loves us.

Services in September

Join us for worship at 10:00 am

Fall Speakers

September 6 - Mark Peters
September 13 - Ray Cobb
September 20 - Jim Heuving
September 27 - Brian Buhler

Watching them also reminded me that faith often begins in these small, seemingly ordinary moments. Before they fully understand the stories of Scripture or the depth of who Jesus is, they are learning that church is a place where they are loved, where Jesus is celebrated, and where worship is a joyful response to His goodness. Those moments may seem simple, but they are laying a foundation of faith that, by God's grace, will continue to grow for years to come.

- Pastor Carmen

Board Update

The Board of Elders had a very productive meeting in July where we discussed many items with lots of detail. A few of those items were:

- Pastor Zach gave an update on Youth and Young Adults Ministry including his plans for next year, and we discussed how the board can support that ministry.
- A Finance Committee was formed. The Finance Committee will help Pastor Matthew in the upcoming season with reviewing and setting the budget for the upcoming year.
- Community building within our church and how we can engage and support ideas on how to foster and build up community.
- The board discussed Rebekah Slomp's current position, and in consultation with Pastor Matthew's recommendation, will be keeping her employed in a part time position beginning in September. We are very blessed to have her as part of the team, and are excited to see her continuing at Sevenoaks.
- The PEAK Process was discussed, and we are very excited to have seen how well the surveys have been received. The survey process closed on August 16th, and it was extremely well received. We raced past the original goal of a 30% participation rate. 198 surveys were completed overall; for a participation rate of 79%. That is absolutely amazing! Thank you to every body who took the time to complete the survey.

Please continue to pray for the Board of Elders and our church as we work through this time of transition.

Events & Announcements

Women's Bible Study

Begins on September 16 with a challenge by Linda Koop, followed by Patti Ens on Sept. 23rd. Books - $25 for the study "Names of God" (Knowing Peace) by Grace Fox will be available in the September sessions. Join us for warm fellowship, a coffee, and a time of getting to know our great God a bit better.

Men's Ministry Breakfast

September 12, 2026 at 8:00 am in the Chapel. Tickets $10 on sale starting August 23. At the Men's Breakfast, the Apostle Paul (Henry Wiebe) will be in prison by the Roman Guard where he will be quoting his letter to the Philippians. After the presentation a discussion on bible memory. See you there!

Helping Hands - Sewing Group

If you enjoy sewing, come on out to sew clothes for kids overseas. Bring a lunch. Tea and coffee are provided. Yarn donations needed. Enter through Gladwin entrance to meet in room 101 and 103. Starting September 24th 9:30am-3:30pm

Missions - Costa Rica 2027

Our next missions trip is set for 2027. We will be partnering with Inca Link and returning to Costa Rica. The trip is geared toward our young people, students (Grades 9-12) and Young Adults (18-30 year olds). The first meeting is on Sunday, September 27. This will be an important information meeting that will included discussions about forming the team and choosing dates. For more information contact Pastor Zach, zmeisenheimer@sevenoaks.org

Sevenoaks Kids

Welcome to Sevenoaks Kids! We're thrilled to grow in faith, discover more of God's love, and walk with Jesus together as well as learn and celebrate all He has in store for us. Kids Church meets at 10:00 am on Sundays - age 6 months to grade 6

What we are Learning

In the jungle, every day is an unpredictable adventure! But to safely navigate the vines, animals, and tricky terrain, we'll need a guide to help lead us. This four-week series follows the life of Moses and his journey to leading the Israelites out of Egypt. Through his story, we'll discover how God teaches us how to lead, and learn how to follow God's lead as God leads us to safety and to what we need.

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 September 20th, we are celebrating National Blueberry Popsicle Day!

For Sevenoaks Kid's information contact Pastor Carmen cfischer@sevenoaks.org

Youth and Young Adults

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

On Wednesday evenings at 6:30pm, students from Grades 6-12 gather at the church building for an evening of fun games, tasty snacks and meaningful discussions led by our Youth Leaders and Pastor Zach. Our first gathering of the new school year will be on September 16. Parents need to fill in an Annual Permission Form that can be found on the Youth section of our website. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Zach.

Young Adults

Kick-off the year with us on Tuesday September 22nd at 6:30pm. Our Young Adults (ages 18-30) gather at the church building for community. On different nights we read the Bible, watch engaging videos that encourage us in our following Jesus, serve together, have fun together and pray for one another. We'll be meeting every Tuesday night in September. Want to join us? Please contact Pastor Zach.

For Youth & Young Adults information contact Pastor Zach zmeisenheimer@sevenoaks.org

September at a Glance

Sept 8	Ukrainian Community Food Bank
Sept 12	Men's Breakfast (8:00 am)
Sept 14	Divorce Care Start
Sept 16	Women's Bible Study Start
Sept 16	Youth Fall Kick Off
Sept 20	Kick Off Sunday
Sept 22	Young Adults Kick Off
Sept 24	Helping Hands
Sept 28	Neighbourhood Satellite Food Bank

Every Week at Sevenoaks

Sun	Prayer	9:00 am	Rm 103
	Kids Church	10:00 am	Gym
Mon	ARMinistry	7:00 pm	Chapel
Tues	Young Adults	6:30 pm	Upper Rm
Wed	AM Prayer	6:45 am	Rm 101
	Women's Bible Study	9:30 am	Chapel
	Youth	6:30 pm	Gym
	PM Prayer	7:00 pm	Rm 101
Sat	Men's Prayer	8:00 am	Rm 101

Coming in October

Oct 11	Special Thanksgiving Sunday Service
Oct 22	Good Friends - Rescue Cambodia
Oct 31	Fall Carnival

Prayer Chain Requests
call/text 604-855-3156

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 fulfill our shared vision of knowing Jesus and making Him known.

As of August 9, 2026
Year-to-Date General Fund Income

Actual Income:	$515,045.23
Required Per Budget:	$612,505.75
Deficit:	$ 97,460.52

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

Church Office Hours

Mondays - Thursdays 8:00am - 3:30pm

Regular hours 8:00am - 4:00pm begin Sept 8

Coffee Break - 10:00am - Doors Locked during Lunch Break 12-1pm (closed statutory holidays)

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