

MAY

at Sevenoaks



We Exist:

To know Jesus and to make Him known

We Value:

Gospel, Life, Family, Dependence, Mission



When I think about Christianity in the marketplace of ideas, it stands out for a variety of reasons. One of those is God's faithfulness. Repeatedly, God makes claims in the Bible that we see come to fruition. Some are seemingly small, others are massive. Last month we celebrated Jesus, who he is and what he has done for us on the cross at Easter. This is obviously central to Christianity and is also a precursor to another fulfilled promise. While Jesus is reclining at the table in the Upper Room with his disciples the night before being handed over to the Jewish religious leaders by Judas, he tells them that he will send the Holy Spirit to guide, direct and comfort them. Jump ahead roughly 7 weeks and we see the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost in Acts 2. Jesus may no longer be present with his followers, but his Spirit now dwells within them and empowers them to live out the life they were created for. This act of God's faithfulness is the same for Jesus' followers in the here and now. We have his Spirit dwelling within us, empowering us to live out the Christian life. May this bring you comfort. May it give you boldness as you make Jesus known. May it help you to faithfully follow Jesus in all he has called you to.

Pastor Zach

Sundays in May

Join us for worship at 10am

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| May 5 | Jeremy Kinniburgh | Ps 139; Eph 2:1-10 |
| May 12 | Joseph | Genesis 37 |
| May 19 | Joseph | Genesis 39 |
| May 26 | Joseph | Genesis 40 |



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SoulCare Conference

As part of the *SoulCare* conference (May 2-4), there will be a Healing Service on Friday, May 3 at 7pm in the Chapel. Come with anticipation for an impactful evening of worship and healing. It is open to the public and there is no registration or cost to attend.

Newcomers Meet-and-Greet

We host an informal gathering for newcomers to Sevenoaks one Sunday each month, immediately after the worship service. If you are new here, join us for coffee and conversation. Members of our pastoral staff and Board of Elders will be there to welcome you and answer questions. The next one is May 12.

Women's Bible Study

Women's Bible Study is a place to build relationships and grow in the knowledge of God and get to know Him better through His Word. Wednesdays, 930-11am, in the Chapel. The final gathering before a summer break is May 15.

Good Friends (seniors)

This regular seniors gathering meets the third Thursday each month at 1030am in the Chapel. On May 16, Pastor Jack will lead a prayer and meditation exercise; Lawrence and Adele will lead worship. Coffee and tea will be available.

ALPHA

Another session of the ALPHA course will begin in late September. Start praying now about who you might bring to this important outreach. Online registration will begin in late summer.



Livestream/Video Change

Due to unforeseen technical issues, we have switched our livestream and video archive host from *Vimeo* to *YouTube*. The church website looks and operates the same in regards to where and how to watch the livestream and how to access past services and other media (ie memorial services). One difference is in the appearance of how past videos are organized on *YouTube*; we are working on making it as easy as possible to navigate. Also, commercials may occur while watching a past service, but there will not be any ads during a livestream. This changeover happened very quickly so please extend us patience; we are doing our best to transfer video content from the *Vimeo* to *YouTube*. Questions? Contact Pastor Matthew.

Inasmuch Happenings

The *Inasmuch Community Society* provides supportive group home accommodation and settlement assistance to refugee claimants, and together we jointly run an ESL program for newcomers to Abbotsford. *Inasmuch* is in the process of opening a **new (additional) 8-bedroom home for refugee claimants** to stay in, and they are looking for **donations of all kinds of furniture and furnishings**. Also, on **June 21** *Inasmuch* will be holding an Information Evening and Fundraiser called **Journey to Hope**. For information on how to donate, to get tickets to this upcoming event, or just to learn more, visit their website at www.inasmuch.ca/

Welcome to Pastor Laura!

Our new Children's Ministry Pastor, Rev. Laura Wiens, will finally get to join us here at Sevenoaks starting Monday, May 6! Laura is looking forward to meeting and getting to know all of our kids and their families, as well as all of the other members of the wider church family. When you see her, make a point of saying "Hi!" and welcoming her to Sevenoaks.



*Kids Church (6mths-gr6)
Join us Sundays at 10am
Jesus, Friends and Fun!*



For all youth and young adults events, contact Pastor Zach for info or to register.
zmeisenheimer@sevenoaks.org

In Kids Church this month we are learning all about COMMITMENT! To grow in our relationship with God we need to practice our faith and that takes commitment...just like training for a marathon or learning an new instrument. Pray for the kids as they learn faith skills to grow and stay committed to walking with Jesus.

Kids Club (gr4-6)
May 10 630pm

Fun games, yummy snacks, and meaningful conversations about walking through life with Jesus. Email Brenda if your child will be attending.

May 19 (Victoria Day weekend)
Little Oaks (6mths-4yrs) running
* No Kids Church (k-gr6) *

Holey Donut Sunday

May 26 following the worship service
For kids and their families as well as children’s ministry volunteers. Enjoy a sweet treat, a cup of coffee, mingle and connect with other families and meet our new Children’s Pastor, Laura Wiens!

Questions about Sevenoaks Kids? Contact Brenda at the church office. brolleman@sevenoaks.org

Youth (gr6-12)

Sunday Morning Gathering
Sun, May 5 10am | Upper Room

Weekly Gatherings

Sevenoaks Youth gathers weekly to have a great time together. We typically play fun games, have tasty snacks and engage in meaningful discussions about Jesus, the Bible and living out our faith. Check the Youth page of our website for info on this week's gathering.

Gym Night
Fri, May 17 630-830pm | Gym

Young Adults (18-30 yrs old)

The Gospel of John
Tuesdays 630pm | Upper Room

Volunteers Needed for Sunday Morning Services

Pastor Brian is looking for several new volunteers to serve in different roles on Sunday mornings. We need some more Greeters, Ushers, Coffee Team members, and folks to set up communion once a month. This is an easy way to serve and a great way to meet people. brobertson@sevenoaks.org

Costa Rica 2024

Our team of 9 continues to meet twice a month to plan and prepare. We are excited to be partnering with *Inca Link* in sharing the good news of the Gospel with young people in Costa Rica this summer August 12-25.

1. Prayer

- Our team meetings. Ask the Holy Spirit to guide their decisions and preparations.
- For the people they will meet, ask God to open their hearts to hear and receive the Gospel message.
- That fundraisers will encourage team members and help cover the cost of the trip.

2. Fundraising

- The \$6,750 raised at the Pie Auction Fundraiser was a massive answer to prayer! Thanks to everyone who made pie(s) and those who bought whole ones, slices or flowers.
- We'll be putting on a BBQ lunch following the Sunday, June 9 service as our next large fundraiser.
- Our ongoing bottle drive is available at two local recycling depots. Details on our website Youth page.
- Finally, give to the trip by marking the 'Other' option on your offering envelope with 'Costa Rica 2024'.

Thank you to everyone who has helped with our fundraising efforts! We deeply appreciate it!

May... At a Glance

For Youth & Young Adults events, see page 3.

For event details, look inside or visit sevenoaks.org

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| May 2-4 | SoulCare Conference |
| May 3 | Healing Service |
| May 5 | Communion, Jeremy Kinniburgh |
| May 10 | Sevenoaks Kids Club (gr4-6) |
| May 12 | Newcomers Meet-and-Greet |
| May 12 | Mother's Day |
| May 16 | Good Friends (seniors) |
| May 20 | Victoria Day (office closed) |
| May 23 | Helping Hands |
| May 26 | CM Holey Donut Sunday |

Every Week at Sevenoaks

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| Sun | Starting Point | 845am | Community Rm |
| | Prayer | 9am | Rm 105/107 |
| Mon | ARMinistry | 7pm | Chapel |
| Tue | ESL | morning & evening | |
| | Young Adults | 630pm | Upper Rm |
| Wed | Prayer | 715am | Community Rm |
| | WBStudy | 930am | Chapel |
| | Prayer | 7pm | Community Rm |
| | Youth | 630pm | Upper Rm |
| Thu | ESL | morning & evening | |
| Sat | Men's Prayer | 8am | Community Rm |

Coming in June

Jun 9 Grad & Missions Sunday

Jun 9 BBQ fundraiser for Costa Rica trip



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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 April 21, 2024)

Year-to-Date General Fund Income

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| Actual Income: | \$290,980 |
| Required Per Budget: | \$326,096 |
| Deficit: | \$ 35,116 |

Deficit as of Dec 31, 2023 \$70,282

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



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