



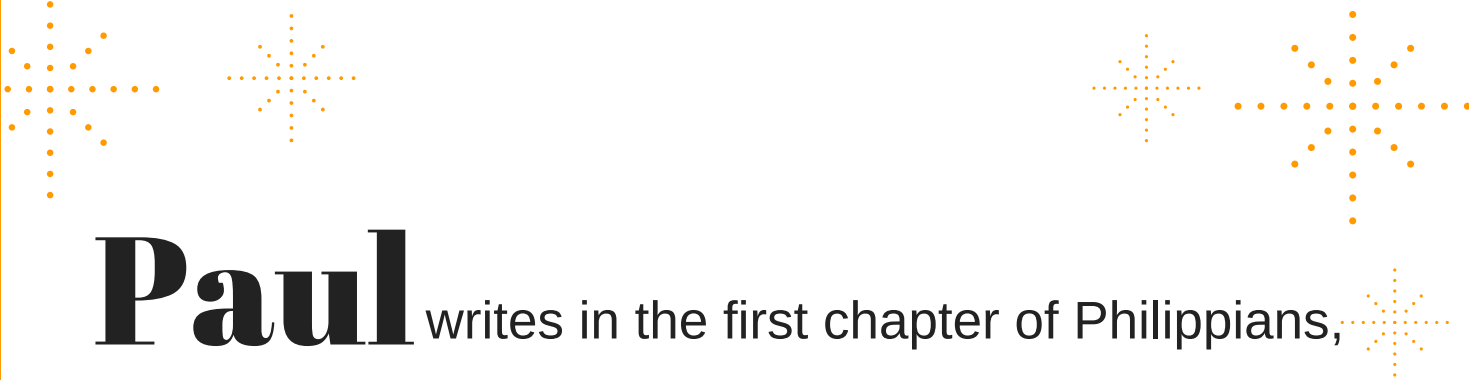
# Annual Report

# 2017



**SHUSWAP  
COMMUNITY  
CHURCH**





# Paul

writes in the first chapter of Philippians,

*“Now I want you to know, brothers and sisters, that what has happened to me has actually advanced the gospel,” (CSB).*

As he wrote those words from a prison cell where he spent most of his hours chained to Roman guards, it would appear that he is simply looking at his situation through rose-coloured glasses. I think it's easy to dismiss these words as the naivete of an optimist who needed to convince himself that this suffering was worth it.

But to Paul it was. He wholeheartedly believed that God didn't owe him anything because He had already been given everything by God through Christ. It freed him from the need for his life to be successful. Instead, all he pursued was faithfulness. And God can use the faithfulness of His saints to advance the gospel from a pulpit or a prison cell. For Paul, the glory and advancement were at the centre of his life and produced a deep, always-present joy.

Might his example be something we as a church aspire to in 2018. In the last year, God has challenged our comforts, our expectations and our faith, in order that we give ourselves to the faithful, joy-filled advancement of the gospel. I hope you've seen it. I know I have. I have seen the gospel advance into areas of my life that I never thought needed it. I have seen the gospel advance into areas of our church to confront long-held assumptions. I have seen the gospel advance into our communities to bring salvation.

It has been hard. But it's been worth it. And it will continue to be. God's not asking us to be successful. He's asking us to be faithful.

As we consider carefully the next stages of implementing the vision we believe God has given us, we do so with a hopeful expectation that whatever happens will result in the advancement of the gospel. I invite you to continue to journey in this direction, in order that our freedom may abound and our joy may increase.

Love,  
**Pastor Ben**



We exist to  
**declare &  
demonstrate**  
the transforming power  
of the gospel.



Throughout the Shuswap, we saw men, women, and children turn to Jesus and walk in obedience to His commandment of being baptized in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.



# **CORE VALUES**

## **WORSHIP**

We value corporate, Christ-centred worship. This means that we will provide excellent and engaging worship gatherings that are Spirit-led, to the glory of God.

## **COMMUNITY**

We value authentic community. We will provide a place for everyone to build significant friendships that encourage spiritual growth.

## **MISSION**

We value compelling mission. We will seek to proclaim the gospel in all we do for the purpose of seeing lives changed.



## **LEADERSHIP**

We value developing leaders. This means that we will target, train, and release leaders according to calling and gifting.

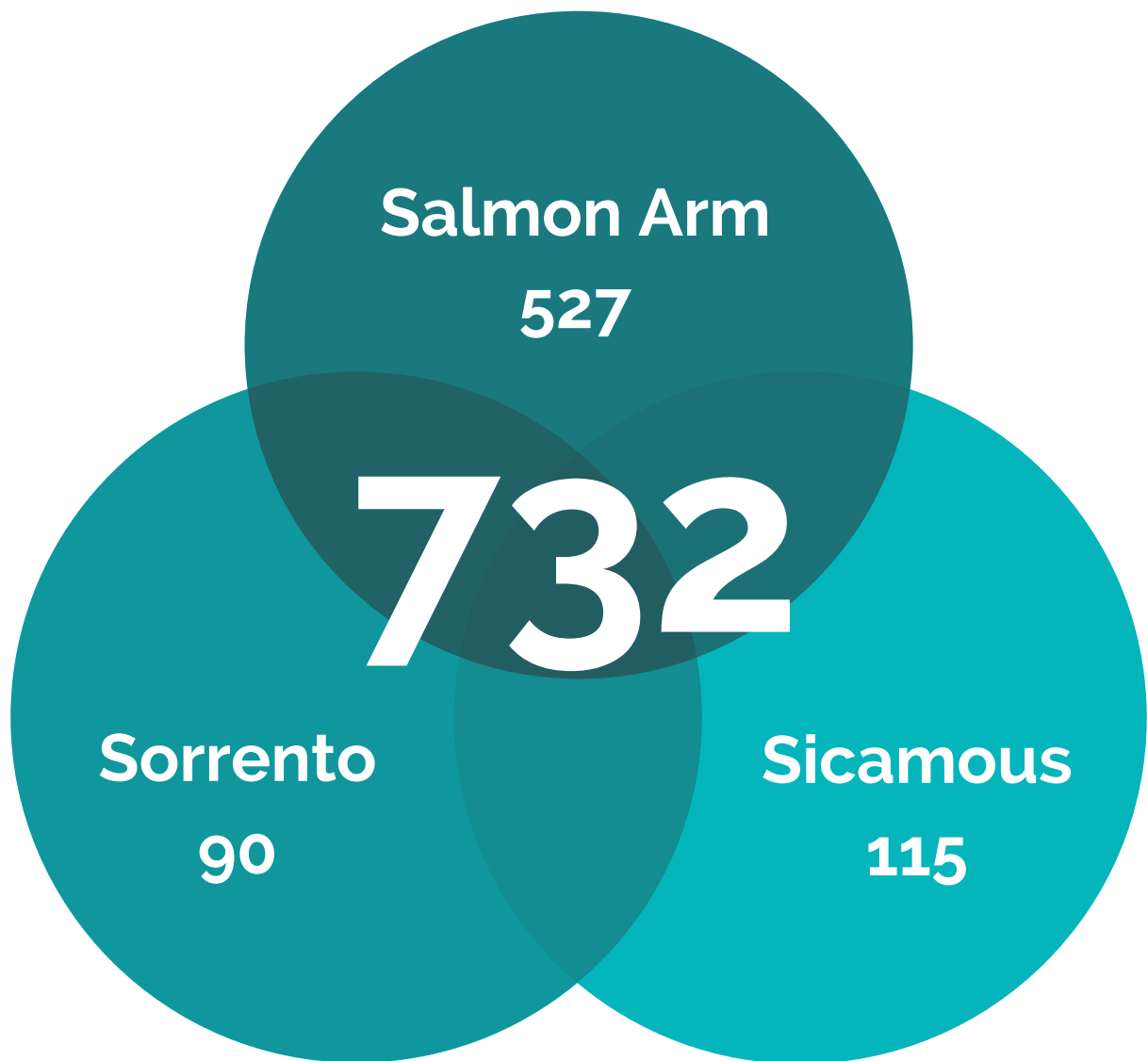
## **STEWARDSHIP**

We value generous stewardship. We will report the use of our resources with integrity as well as provide opportunities for people to give joyfully and generously.

## **PRAYER**

We value purposeful and expectant prayer. This means that we will seek out God's face and favour with an expectancy that He will answer us.

# AVERAGE WEEKEND ATTENDANCE

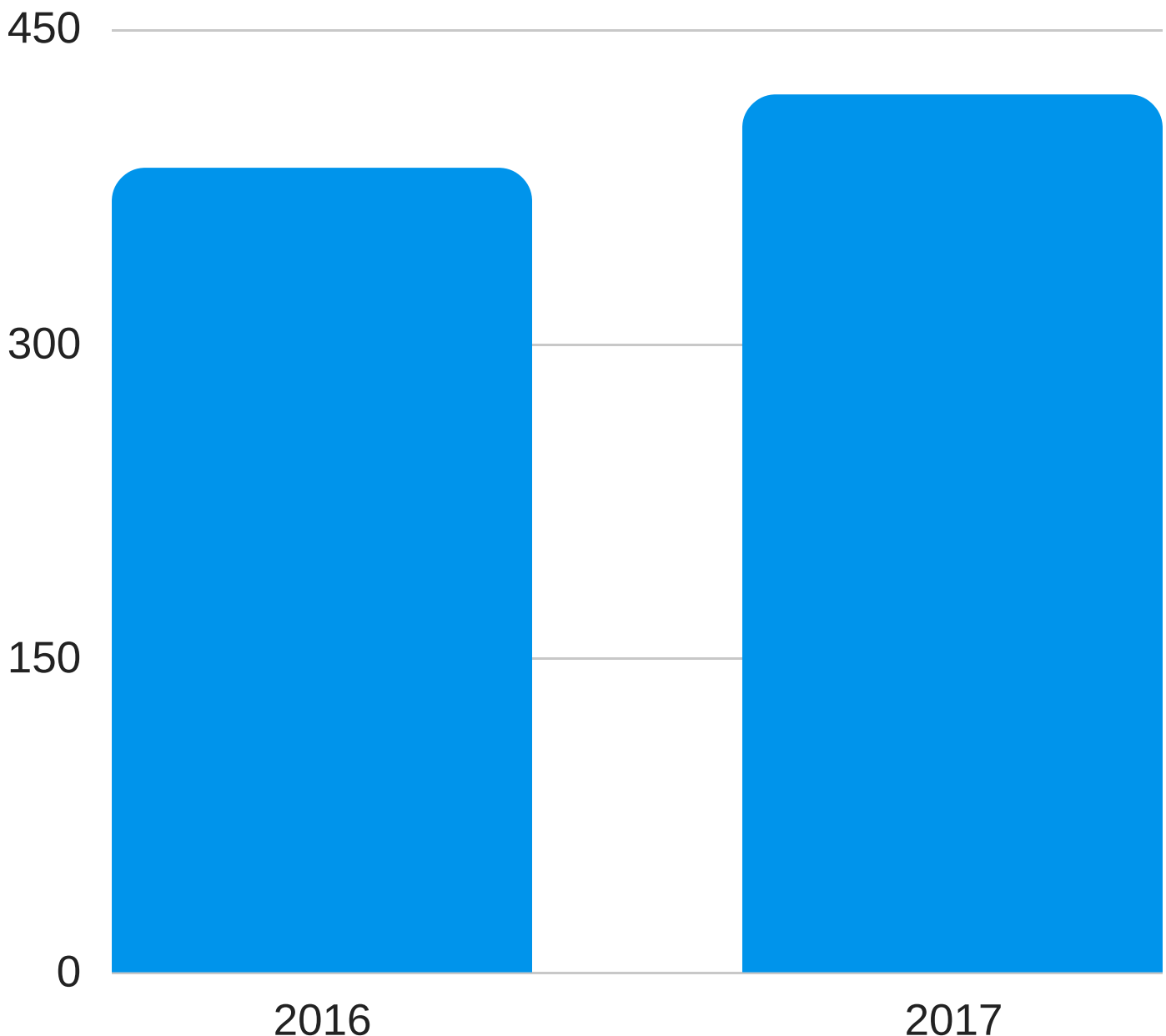



Average attendance in the Sorrento campus increased by 27% in 2017!



# Donors

In 2017, a total of **419 unique donors** financially contributed to the mission and ministry of SCC. That's an increase of 9% or 35 donors from 2016! Thanks to God for his faithful provision and to all of our donors for their faithful generosity.





In **SORRENTO** the theme for 2017 has been **GROWTH!** Not only did we see significant numerical growth, but we also saw growth in areas that cannot be easily measured by numbers. Preaching and teaching provide only second-hand knowledge of Jesus and should never replace a **personal relationship with Christ**. In Sorrento, we have watched as several people have grown in **faith** and in their walk with the Lord through personal **Bible study** and a pursuit of a stronger relationship with Jesus. This was a **great encouragement** in 2017 and will continue to be in 2018!



Our prayer is to see a deepening of our relationship with God amongst our leaders, parents and children as we seek to develop the leaders of tomorrow. Every week, children are being encouraged and challenged with the gospel of Jesus Christ during weekend services. Some highlights from children's ministry in Salmon Arm in 2017:

It was a real blessing to hear children singing praises to our Lord this past Christmas as the children's choir truly ministered to our hearts.

We have a number of outreach events that we do each year for children. In fall, winter, and spring, in six-week blocks, we meet every Wednesday for the After School Kids Club. We have seen children respond to the gospel to the glory of God while enjoying games, activities, crafts, and story time.

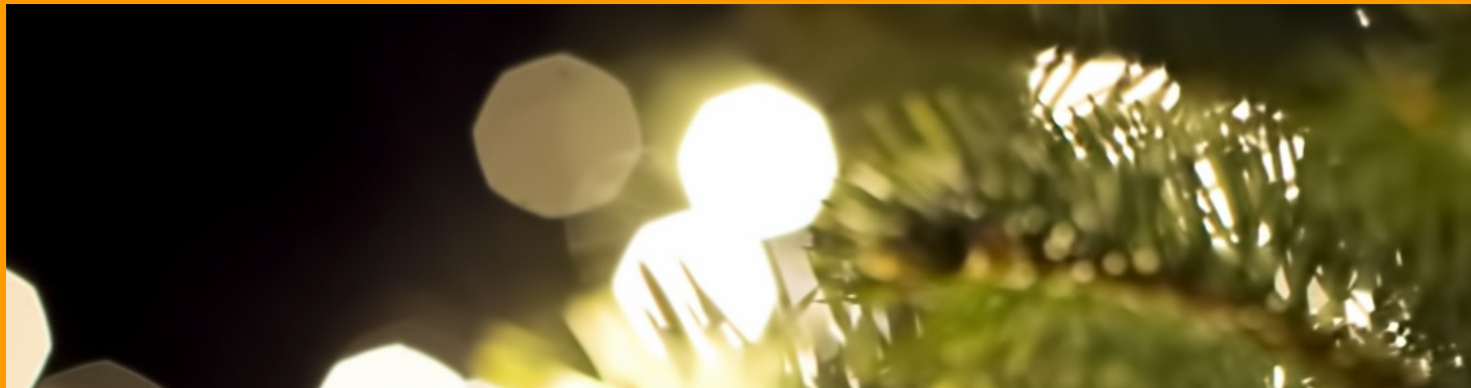
Our summer outreach consisted of Soccer Camps in four communities across the Shuswap. Many children heard the good news and it was a real encouragement to see the church coming together and using their gifts to serve Him.

Children are also being encouraged to see the importance of serving in our church and being a significant part of it. It brings great joy to see some of our most recent children's ministry "graduates" serving the Lord here at SCC Salmon Arm in a variety of different ministries.

A photograph of a woman with long brown hair, wearing a black and white striped shirt, looking down at an open book. In the background, other people are blurred, suggesting a group setting like a church service or a study group.

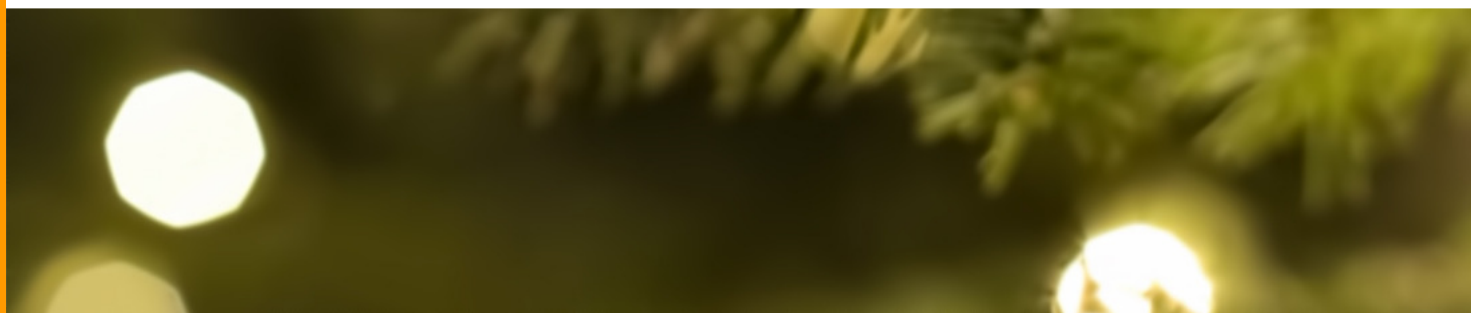
# LIFE GROUPS

IN 2017, SCC GATHERED THROUGHOUT THE SHUSWAP IN 35 LIFE GROUPS WITH OVER 330 PEOPLE CONNECTED IN COMMUNITY! THIS MEANS THAT 55% OF THE ADULTS ATTENDING SCC ON AN AVERAGE WEEKEND ARE CONNECTING WITH ONE ANOTHER THROUGHOUT THE WEEK TO HAVE CONVERSATIONS ABOUT THE BIBLE, THE SERMON, AND HOW THE GOSPEL SHAPES OUR LIVES.



In December, we invited each of our LIFE Groups to consider giving a gift towards a hamper for families that would really appreciate some help over Christmas. None of this was announced publicly, but rather through conversations 'behind the scenes.' In Salmon Arm, there was \$2,900 designated towards these hampers which helped 17 families with some grocery and gas money for the holidays.

Matthew 25:40 *"And the king will answer them, 'I tell you the truth, just as you did it for one of the least of these brothers or sisters of mine, you did it for me.'*





**ONE** of the highlights from the 2017

IF: Gathering Women's Conference, was the **FOOD!** Zach Harder and his team catered the meals. Here are a few comments:

- *Love that one of our own was able to serve our women! Top notch food.*
- *Excellent food, very creative!*
- *AMAZING. Zach and team y'all rocked it-that kale salad was life...so was everything else.*
- *I want the recipe for the salad dressing*
- *Amazing and delicious!*

IF:  
gathering





# SUMMIT

The annual Summit is a worship gathering of SCC people from all campuses across the Shuswap.







50 SCC students went to May Camp at Sunnybrae Bible Camp. This is always a highlight of the year.



Senior youth ministry leaders at the Canadian Youth Workers Conference in Kelowna, November 2017.



Our youth ministry is a safe place to explore God, develop deep relationships and live out the gospel. In October, 11 students responded to a gospel invitation.





# OVERFLOW

## STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN 2017

# \$816,275

This is the total of gifts given and pledges made in order that we might pursue the expansion of the mission across the Shuswap in three key areas:

1. Campus multiplication.
2. Resource centralization.
3. Facility development

OVERFLOW is a call to radical generosity. For more information and to find out how to participate visit [aplacetobelong.ca/overflow](http://aplacetobelong.ca/overflow)



# PRAYER IN ENDERBY

7:00 @ THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE



BAPTISM SERVICE

*June 25th  
Herald Park*



Rob and Jeanine are two unrelated people who found a home at **SCC Sicamous** in 2017.

Rob, a single dad, heard about our large-scale outreach event called "SicaMouse" and decided that he would check it out.

When he turned the corner of the backyard of the school and saw what SCC had done to love **Sicamous**, his heart was drawn to the Saviour, the source of that love. Rob started coming to church and then a LIFE Group and, over the course of a few months, he got to know the Lord Jesus and was baptized into membership in March at the Best Western hotel pool in **Sicamous**. Rob coaches basketball in the high school and hockey for the women's league, helps with multiple church outreach efforts and even though he's been through a hard few years he now has brothers and sisters in Christ in his corner!

Jeanine, who moved to **Sicamous** with her awesome kids to start over, overheard some church folks talking in Tim Hortons and came over and asked us where our church was and came that Sunday. Coming out of Mormonism, and meeting the real Jesus has changed her life. Jeanine was baptized in the summer at the beach. She is such a blessing to the people around her and as she grows in Christ, visits people who are shut-ins during the winter, and gets ready to study to be a nurse she is already well on her way to becoming a world-changing Christian. These are just two stories of how God is moving in **Sicamous** through SCC.

**GOD IS GOOD!**





Jeanine with Pastor Bob after her baptism.



Rob coaching the women's hockey team.



# **WE GIVE** because **GOD GAVE FIRST**

For God so loved the world that he  
gave his one and only son...  
JOHN 3:16

## **Ways To Give**

The mission of Shuswap Community Church is supported completely by generous donors. If you have given in the past, or give on a regular basis, thank you – we couldn't do what we do without you. If you would like to contribute financially, here are a few options:

### **Automatic Withdrawal**

Pre-authorized debit is a great way to give a consistent amount on a recurring basis. Simply complete a Giving Card and attach a void cheque and we'll take care of the rest!

### **Cash or Cheque**

Cash and/or cheques are normally collected at a Sunday morning service. If you would like to receive a tax receipt please complete a giving envelope. You can also request a set of numbered envelopes if you intend to give on a regular basis.

Cheques can also be dropped off in person or mailed to:

*Shuswap Community Church*  
*3151 6 Ave NE*  
*Salmon Arm*  
*V1E 1J2*

## **Online**

You can give online via PayPal. A PayPal account is helpful but not required. Visit [www.aplacetobelong.ca/giving](http://www.aplacetobelong.ca/giving) and click the "Donate" button.

## **Credit Card**

We can also process your credit card for one-time or recurring donations. Complete a Giving Card to provide the necessary details.

## **Debit/Credit Card**

An Interac machine is available at the Salmon Arm Campus. Please visit us at a weekend service or during regular office hours throughout the week to give with your debit card.

## **Salmon Arm Savings & Credit Union (SASCU)**

SASCU customers can add "Shuswap Community Church" as a payee and make a donation through their online banking system. Your Shuswap Community Church "account number" will be your donor/envelope number, which may be a 1, 2, or 3-digit number. If you've forgotten your donor number or do not have one, please contact the church office.

*\*Note: to designate to OVERFLOW by this method, you'll need to create a second Shuswap Community Church payee using your donor number immediately followed by the word OVERFLOW as your account number. For more information visit [www.aplacetobelong.ca/overflow](http://www.aplacetobelong.ca/overflow)*

## **E-Transfer**

You may send an E-Transfer through your online banking, usually for a small fee. E-Transfers can be sent to Shuswap Community Church at the following email address: [giving@aplacetobelong.ca](mailto:giving@aplacetobelong.ca). Contact us for more information.



# CONTACT US

[www.aplacetobelong.ca](http://www.aplacetobelong.ca)

## **Salmon Arm Campus**

3151 6 Ave NE, Salmon Arm, BC, V1E 1J2

[scc@aplacetobelong.ca](mailto:scc@aplacetobelong.ca) | 250.832.4004

Saturday Service at 6:00pm

Sunday Services at 9:00am and 10:45am

## **Sicamous Campus**

“The Hub” Ministry Centre, 450 Finlayson Street

[bob@aplacetobelong.ca](mailto:bob@aplacetobelong.ca) | 250.804.8620

Sunday Service at 10:30am

Parkview Elementary School, 605 Parksville Street

## **Sorrento Campus**

“The Hub” Ministry Centre, 1204 Notch Hill Road

[paul@aplacetobelong.ca](mailto:paul@aplacetobelong.ca) | 778.585.0516

Sunday Service, 10:30am

Sorrento Memorial Hall, 1150 Passchendaele Road