

This Week

Campus Maps available at the Information Ctr.
WC: Worship Center BR: Bride’s Room
KC: Kidz Connection OC: Off Campus
LCR: Large Conference Rm in Admin. Office
SCR: Small Conference Rm in Admin. Office
WCL: Worship Center Lobby
ECCR: Event Center Conference Room
EC: Event Center-North or South

Sunday, January 11

- 5:00 a.m. Zoom Prayer Meeting—
(Details, contact Pastor Marvin, (661) 364-4960
- 9:00 a.m. Traditional Worship
(In-Person & Livestream)
Sanctuary
Children’s Ministry Sunday School—KC
- 10:15 a.m. Adult Bible Study—ECCR
Bob Schneider
- 10:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship
(In-Person & Livestream)
WC
Children’s Ministry Sunday School—KC
- 6:00 p.m. SJ Students High School Night—
The Garage

Monday, January 12

- 3:00 p.m. Women’s Bible Study—OC
Jan Lundy

Tuesday, January 13

- 11:45 a.m. Widow to Widow Bible Study &
Luncheon—LCR
- 1:30 p.m. Women’s Bible Study—ECCR
Judie Fanucchi

Wednesday, January 14

- 6:15 a.m. Men’s Bible Study—LCR
Nate Smidt
- 8:45 a.m. Women’s Wednesday Morning
Bible Study—WC Lobby
- 11:15 a.m. Level 1 Yoga—Music Room
- 6:00 p.m. AWANA Family Night—KC
First Communion—SJLS
Room 104
Confirmation—LCR
SJ Students Jr. High Night—
The Garage
Large Group Adult Bible
Study—EC
Celebration Choir Rehearsal—
Music Room

Thursday, January 15

- 8:30 a.m. Men’s Bible Study—SCR
Dean Nulton
- 9:00 a.m. SJCC Morning Chapel—WC
- 11:00 a.m. Golden Eagles—LCR
- 6:00 p.m. Bells of Praise Rehearsal—
Music Room

Friday, January 16

- 8:30 a.m. SJLS Morning Chapel—WC
- 6:00 p.m. Kidz 56—KC

Saturday, January 17

- 7:00 a.m. Men’s Bible Study—LCR
Lynn Wheeler

Prayers

We invite you to submit your prayer petitions using a Prayer Request card or by contacting Hailey Smidt, 665-7815, or by going online through the website or the SJLC App

PRAYER GUIDE

Health Concerns & Illnesses

*Hospitalized or Skilled Nursing/Rehab
Nancy Green, Lance Hall, Sheila Long

Guidance & Strength in Transitions, Travel & Faith

Continued Concerns

Bob Brandt, Michelle Braughton, Frank Fanucchi, Judy Fritch, Annis Gerner, Jeff Goossen, Laura Hanssen, Steve & Cheryl McConaughey, Michael Pennington, Bob & Marcia Perry, JoAnn Pettijohn, Hardie Smith, Dorothy Sundberg, Lisa Vorhees

- Our Veterans & active serving military men & women, those with financial and employment needs, our community, A God fearing nation & world, our nation’s leaders, local and all nations, our military and their families, Law Enforcement, Emergency Services and their families, LIFEGroups, persecuted Christians, St. John’s church body, all staff, Children’s Center, School, Angaza Schools, families, teachers, pastors, leaders, spiritual & kingdom growth

Amount Needed to Meet Fiscal Year 2025-2026:
Budget—\$2,044,300
Last Week’s Giving—\$13,577.10
Budget to Date—\$1,093,701
Year to Date—\$1,061,137.95
Year to Date Variance—(\$32,563)



Prayer Requests

In December, we received a total of 112 prayer requests. Thank you for allowing us to pray for you.



Prayer Requests

How can we pray for you? See the QR code to submit your prayer requests or you can text prayer requests to (833) 420-7948.

Stay in touch!

Text 'Join' to (833) 420-7948

or scan here!

sjlchurch.org TALK TO YOU SOON!



Baptism of Jesus

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

January 11, 2026 – Pastor Ben Schrank

“There was a man sent from God, whose name was _____...He was not the light, but he came to bear witness about the _____.”
John 1:6,8

“The voice of one crying in the wilderness: ‘ _____ the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.” Luke 3:4

Christians can indeed sometimes go through periods of
“ _____ ” and yet emerge stronger. – Tim Keller

Jesus of Nazareth was not yet understood to be the _____.

Jesus was _____ to identify Himself with us...
We are baptized to find our _____ in Him.

“For our sake he made him to _____ who knew no sin, so that in him _____ might become the righteousness of God.” 2 Corinthians 5:21

Sacrificial versus _____ view of baptism. Who is doing the _____?

- 1). Baptism _____ our work.
- 2). Baptism _____ us to Christ’s work.
- 3). Baptism _____ us into Christ’s body with work to do.

“Go therefore and make disciples of _____ nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,” Matt. 28:19

“For with you is the fountain of _____; in your light do we see _____.” Psalm 36:9

For next week please read Luke 4:1-13



Didn’t get all the blanks filled? Sermon audio and notes online at St. John’s website: sjlchurch.org/sermons. LIFEWork pages can be found at the Welcome Centers.

ST. JOHN'S
Lutheran Church

January 11, 2026
WWW.SJLCHURCH.ORG

LOVE. LEARN. LEAD.

Welcome!
THANK YOU FOR JOINING US, WE ARE SO HAPPY TO SEE YOU!
*Reminder: Please silence devices during worship.

Sunday School & Nursery
Nursery (0-35 months) and Sunday School (3 years old to 6th Grade) are available for both services.
*Please check your child into Sunday School before the start of service at the kiosk in front of the Nursery.

PRAYERS FOR OUR
TEAM IN TANZANIA

ANGAZA
CHRISTIAN SCHOOLS OF TANZANIA

DADDY DAUGHTER
Sweetheart
DANCE
SATURDAY FEB 7
TICKETS ONLINE ONLY
SJLCHURCH.ORG/EVENTS

FOLLOW US @SJLCBAKERSFIELD

News & Notes

2025 Milestone ANNIVERSARIES

IF YOU CELEBRATED A MILESTONE ANNIVERSARY IN 2025
CONTACT SPERSONS@SJLCHURCH.ORG
 DEADLINE TO BE ADDED TO THE CELEBRATION IS JAN. 19

PASTOR LED BIBLE STUDY

Starting January 7th

Wednesday Night Bible Study

Event Center @6pm

Visit sjlchurch.org for more information

Staff Gift Thank You!

The St. John's Church Staff wishes to send a heartfelt "thank you" to our generous congregation for the staff gift this year. Thank you for your generosity and love shown to all of us. We all appreciate it very much.

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

You don't give to earn His love. You give because you already have His love.

The Power of Giving.

When you give, you're helping your church be the hands & feet of Jesus. You're fueling ministries that care for people, share the gospel, and change lives in your community. That's a huge deal!

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN KINDERGARTEN INFORMATION NIGHT

Monday, February 2
 6pm
 St. John's Lutheran School
 4500 Buena Vista Rd.
 Event Center
 -Parent Only Event Please-

Questions, please contact kpudw@sjlchurch.org

Thank you for worshipping with us! Come again soon!

SJLCHURCH.ORG/FOCUSGROUPS
 FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO SUBMIT QUESTIONS

FOCUS GROUPS
 COME JOIN THE CONVERSATION

JANUARY 11 – FOLLOWING 9:00 WORSHIP IN THE SANCTUARY
 JANUARY 18 – FOLLOWING 10:30 WORSHIP IN THE WORSHIP CENTER
 FEBRUARY 2 – 6:30 P.M. IN THE CHURCH OFFICE LARGE CONFERENCE ROOM

ORDINARY STORIES
 TESTIMONIES OF IMPACT

WE ARE LOOKING FOR YOUR STORIES OF HOW CHURCH, SERVICE, AND JESUS HAVE IMPACTED YOUR LIFE.

JANUARY 18TH & 25TH WE WILL BE IN THE BRIDE'S ROOM BEFORE AND AFTER EACH WORSHIP SERVICE, READY TO HEAR YOUR STORIES OR SUBMIT THEM TO DMACKALL@SJLCHURCH.ORG

Tithe Envelopes

If you no longer want the tithe envelopes mailed to your home address, please let the church office know and we will cancel them for you. This process will take a couple of months from the time the company is notified to when they stop mailing the envelopes. Please be patient, thank you. Questions, contact St. John's Finance Assistant, Michelle Fox, 665-7815.

St. John's SCRIP

Next Sunday, January 18, you can purchase **SCRIP**, between services, at the School Kiosk, only on Communion Sundays. You can also purchase **SCRIP** at the school office during the week during the school year. **SCRIP** is face value gift cards you can purchase from local and national retailers and restaurants. Why use **SCRIP**? It is easy and a percentage of every purchase of **SCRIP** comes back to support our School and Children's Center. Questions, contact the school office, 664-8090.

Golden Eagles

Join us Thursdays, January 15 and January 29, 2026, at 11:00 a.m., in the Large Conference Room as we study God's Word and enjoy lunch together. Golden Eagles is a Bible Study for seniors. Questions, contact Stacey Persons, 665-7815 or spersons@sjlchurch.org.

JANUARY

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

DAY: MONDAY

TIME: 3PM

LOCATION: OFF-CAMPUS

CONTACT JAN LUNDY
 FOR MORE DETAILS

661-665-7815

Women's BIBLE STUDY

Day: Monday

Time: 1:30pm

Location: ECCR
 (Event Center Conference Room)

CONTACT JUDIE FANUCCHI
 FOR MORE DETAILS
661-665-7815

Let's dive into the book of Genesis

Bible Studies

MEN'S MORNING BIBLE STUDY

DAY: WEDNESDAY

TIME: 6:15AM

LOCATION: LCR
 (LARGE CONFERENCE ROOM)

QUESTIONS?
CONTACT STACEY PERSONS
SPERSONS@SJLCHURCH.ORG

Women's Wednesday BIBLE STUDY

DAY: WEDNESDAY

TIME: 8:45AM

LOCATION: WORSHIP CENTER LOBBY

Study of Joseph

CHILDCARE AVAILABLE
CALL 665-7815

CO-ED PASTOR LED BIBLE STUDY

WEDNESDAY

TIME: 6PM

LOCATION: EVENT CENTER

QUESTIONS?
CONTACT STACEY PERSONS
SPERSONS@SJLCHURCH.ORG

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

THURSDAY

TIME: 8:30AM

LOCATION: SCR
 (SMALL CONFERENCE ROOM)

CONTACT DEAN NULTON FOR DETAILS
661-665-7815

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

THURSDAY

TIME: 6:30PM

LOCATION: ECCR
 (EVENT CENTER CONFERENCE ROOM)

CONTACT BECKY WILSON:
 665-7815 FOR MORE INFO

RUTH

MEN'S MORNING BIBLE STUDY

DAY: SATURDAY

TIME: 7AM

LOCATION: LCR

CONTACT LYNN WHEELER
661-665-7815

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STUDENTS
 JUNIOR HIGH & HIGH SCHOOL

WEEKLY STUDENT MEETINGS

JUNIOR HIGH NIGHT
WED • 6-7:30PM
 MEETS IN THE GARAGE

DOORS & SNACK BAR OPEN AT 5:30!

HIGH SCHOOL NIGHT
SUN • 6-8PM
 MEETS IN THE GARAGE

young adults group
 every other Sunday night @ 8pm in the Garage!
 follow us on instagram @sj.youngadults!
 contact courtney for details: cjimerson@sjlchurch.org

UPCOMING EVENTS

JUNIOR HIGH & HIGH SCHOOL WAKE UP! WITH SJ STUDENTS

ON THE FOLLOWING SUNDAYS:
FEB 1 • MAR 22
 DURING 10:30 SERVICE | ENDS AT 11:50

BOXSLED BLITZ BUILDING PARTIES

JUNIOR HIGH NIGHT: JAN 21 | 6-7:30PM
 HIGH SCHOOL NIGHT: FEB 1 | 6-8PM

HANGOUT NIGHT WITH BROOM HOCKEY! GETTING READY FOR WINTER CAMP!

MORE INFO? CJIMERSON@SJLCHURCH.ORG
 INSTAGRAM/TIK TOK: @SJSTUDENTS_BAKERSFIELD
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LOVE • LEARN • LEAD

The people of St. John's **LOVE** God and others, **LEARN** to be and make disciples of Jesus Christ, and **LEAD** others to discover and live out their calling as God's people.

Wifi password:
 Welcome2SJLC

Kidz MINISTRY

We want to be part of an ongoing conversation with you and your children, talking about the LOVE of God, how to LEARN about God, and how to LEAD friends to know God.

WEDNESDAYS
 September–April 6:00–7:30 P.M.

A W A N A

4 years old–4th grade
 Kids will take part in weekly dress up themes, Bible stories, memorizing and reciting scripture. Earning them fun prizes and awards.

KIDZ 56

5th and 6th graders are invited to Kidz 56 Friday, January 16 , 6:00–8:00 pm drop off at Kidz Connection. We will have dinner, games, large and small group activities. Bring friends!!!

1st time attending register @ www.sjlchurch.org/kidz56

Questions contact
 Lorraine Davis 665-7815 ldavis@sjlchurch.org

JUNIOR HIGH hume winter camp

JAN 23-25

REGISTER TODAY!
SJLCHURCH.ORG/WINTERCAMP

JESUS
 OVER EVERYTHING

RESTROOM

THE RESTROOMS ARE LOCATED IN THE LOBBY, ACROSS FROM THE NURSERY.