

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 18

- 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 19 MLK Holiday
All schools & offices closed

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

Tuesday, January 20

- 1:30 p.m. Women’s Bible Study—ECCR
Judie Fanucchi

Wednesday, January 21

- 6:15 a.m. Men’s Bible Study—LCR
Nate Smidt
- 8:45 a.m. Women’s Wednesday Morning
Bible Study—WC Lobby
- 9:00 a.m. SJCC Morning Chapel—WC
- 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 22

- 8:30 a.m. Men’s Bible Study—SCR
Dean Nulton
- 9:00 a.m. MomCo. Meetup—ECCR
- 10:00 a.m. Widower Bible Study—SCR
- 6:00 p.m. Bells of Praise Rehearsal—
Music Room

Friday, January 23

- 8:30 a.m. SJLS Morning Chapel—WC

Saturday, January 24

- 7:00 a.m. Men’s Bible Study—LCR
Lynn Wheeler
- 10:00 a.m. Altar Guild Meeting—LCR

Thank you for worshiping
with us! Come again soon!

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

John Andrew

Continued Concerns

Bob Brandt, Michelle Braughton, Frank Fanucchi, Judy Fritch, Annis Gerner, Jeff Goossen, Laura Hanssen, Steve & Cheryl McConaughy, 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)

Stay in touch!

Text 'Join' to (833) 420-7948 or scan here!

sjlchurch.org TALK TO YOU SOON!



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.



LIGHT & LIFE: TESTED AND/OR TEMPTED

Luke 4:1-13 (Acts 4:8-13; 2 Peter 1:2-8)

January 18, 2026 – Pastor Eric Van Scharrel

Walking in the _____ changes your _____.

Temptations often come when you’re _____.

Satan also uses opportunities to _____ human _____:

H – _____

A – _____

L – _____

T – _____

S – _____

The devil’s playbook:

1. Cast _____ on the _____ of God to undermine _____;
2. Try to _____ the created _____, where we live in _____ under the sovereign authority of God.

The temptation of Jesus is not just being faithful in _____ instance, but being faithful on your _____ where you would and could not.

What do we do with this?

1. Thank Jesus for His _____ and _____
2. Follow the _____ Jesus has shown
3. Understanding the _____ of the devil

“If we are _____, He remains _____...” -2 Timothy 2:13

For next week, read John 1:35-51.



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.

LOVE. LEARN. LEAD.

Welcome!

THANK YOU FOR JOINING US, WE ARE SO HAPPY TO SEE YOU!

*Reminder: Please silence devices during worship.

A VERY MOMCO CHRISTMAS

WRAPPING PAPER RUNWAY

PARK PLAYDATE

UGLY GIFT EXCHANGE

WOMEN'S BRUNCH

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.

DADDY DAUGHTER Sweetheart DANCE

SATURDAY FEB 7

TICKETS ONLINE ONLY

SJLCHURCH.ORG/EVENTS

FOLLOW US @SJLCBAKERSFIELD



News & Notes

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

FOCUS GROUPS
COME JOIN THE CONVERSATION



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

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


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

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 kpidwin@sjlchurchof.org



My Offering **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.

 **Uganda Mission Trip—July 2026!**
Join team leader, Matthew Peyton, and St. John's/Children to Love Team for an informational meeting, Tuesday, January 27, 5:30 p.m., in the ECCR. Victor Popa, with Children to Love, will present information about this exciting and life-changing mission trip opportunity. Trip dates are July 5/6 to July 19/20, depending on airfare. Sign-ups will require a non-refundable deposit of \$300.00 and will be collected in order to secure a spot on the team and before airfare can be purchased. Scholarships are available for active church participants. Questions, contact the church office, 665-7815.

 **Children to Love**
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ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
The Power of Giving.



When you tithe, 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!

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: Tuesday
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


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



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: cjmerson@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!

CURRENT 8TH, HIGH SCHOOL & YOUNG ADULTS
hawaii mission trip
JULY 19-26
ATTEND A MEETING TO SIGN UP:
FEB 1 (AFTER WAKE UP) • FEB 15 (4:30pm)
MORE INFO? CJMERSON@SJLCHURCH.ORG
INSTAGRAM/TIK TOK: @SJSTUDENTS.BAKERSFIELD
YOUTUBE: SJ STUDENTS BAKERSFIELD

SJ 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.
register @ www.sjlchurch.org/AWANA
KIDZ 56
5th and 6th graders are invited to Kidz 56 Friday, January 30, 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

 **St. John's SCRIP TODAY**, 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 Thursday, 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.

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