

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 25

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

Monday, January 26

National Lutheran Schools Week
 8:30 a.m. SJLS Opening Assembly—WC
 3:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study—OC
 Jan Lundy

Tuesday, January 27

1:30 p.m. Women's Bible Study—ECCR
 Judie Fanucchi
 5:30 p.m. Uganda Meeting—ECCR
 6:30 p.m. Board of Directors Meeting—LCR

Wednesday, January 28

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

Amount Needed to Meet Fiscal Year 2025-2026:
 Budget—\$2,044,300
 Last Week's Giving—\$29,038.50
 Budget to Date—\$1,166,886
 Year to Date—\$1,146,494.45
 Year to Date Variance—(\$20,392)

Thursday, January 29

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
 6:30 p.m. Women's Evening Bible Study—ECCR—Becky Wilson

Friday, January 30

8:30 a.m. SJLS Morning Chapel—WC
 11:00 a.m. Memorial Service for Linda Owen—Sanctuary & EC
 6:00 p.m. Kidz 56—KC

Saturday, January 31

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

Comfort & Strength

For Walt Owen & family (Oesch & Coffey) at the passing of his wife, Linda Owen, on Sunday, 1/18/2026

Guidance & Strength in Transitions, Travel & Faith

John Andrew

Continued Concerns

Bob Brandt, Michelle Braughton, Frank Fanucchi, Judy Fritch, Annis Gerner, Jeff Gooszen, 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

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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.



Calling the Disciples

John 1:35-51

January 25, 2026 – Pastor Ben Schrank

God and others
 to be and make disciples
 others to discover and live out their calling

"What are you _____?"

1). The Christian life of discipleship begins with an _____.

Some are called to drop their _____.
 All are called to pick up their _____.

2). The Christian life of discipleship is more than _____.

"Surely not I, _____?" Matt. 26:25

3). The Christian life of discipleship is intentional _____.

"Be imitators of me, as I am of _____. 1 Cor 11:1

"Whoever _____ his brother lives in the light." 1 John 2:10 (NIV)

"_____ are you seeking?" – John 20:15

For Jews demand _____ and Greeks seek _____, but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles," 1 Cor. 1:23-24

For next week please read Mark 1:29-39

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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.



January 25, 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.



HAPPY MILESTONE ANNIVERSARIES!

This morning help us recognize those couples who celebrated a Milestone Anniversary in 2025.

Congratulations!



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News & Notes

ORDINARY STORIES TESTIMONIES OF IMPACT

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

JANUARY 25TH WE WILL BE IN THE BRIDE'S ROOM BEFORE AND AFTER THE 10:30AM WORSHIP SERVICE, READY TO HEAR YOUR STORIES OR YOU MAY SUBMIT THEM TO DMACKALL@SJLCURCH.ORG

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

FOCUS GROUPS
COME JOIN THE CONVERSATION

FEBRUARY 2 – 6:30 P.M.
IN THE CHURCH OFFICE LARGE CONFERENCE ROOM



A Memorial Service is scheduled for Linda Owen, Friday, January 30, 11:00 a.m., in the Sanctuary. Questions, contact the church office, 665-7815.



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 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 kpudivir@sjlchurch.org

SCHOOL

Children to Love INTERNATIONAL

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.



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@SJLCURCH.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@SJLCURCH.ORG

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY
THURSDAY
TIME: 8:30AM
LOCATION: SCR
(SMALL CONFERENCE ROOM)
CONTACT DEAN NULTON FOR DETAILS
661-665-7815

MEN'S MORNING BIBLE STUDY
DAY: SATURDAY
TIME: 7AM
LOCATION: LCR
CONTACT LYNN WHEELER
661-665-7815

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Discover Bible studies, Kid's shows, and small group material, all in one place.
TEXT 'SJBAKERSFIELD' to 49775 or scan the QR code

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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 courtenay 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

HIGH SCHOOL NIGHT
BOXCLED BLITZ BUILDING PARTY
FEBRUARY 11 6-8PM
HANGOUT NIGHT WITH BROOM HOCKEY!

CURRENT 8TH, HIGH SCHOOL & YOUNG ADULTS
hawaii mission trip
JULY 19-26
ATTEND A MEETING TO SIGN UP:
FEB 1 (AFTER WAKE UP) • FEB 11 (AFTER JH NIGHT)
FEB 15 (4:30PM)

MORE INFO? CJMERSON@SJLCURCH.ORG
INSTAGRAM/TIK TOK: @SJSTUDENTS.BAKERSFIELD
YOUTUBE: SJ STUDENTS BAKERSFIELD

Thank you for worshiping with us! Come again soon!

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.

AWANA
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.sjchurch.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.sjchurch.org/kidz56

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

LCMS Foundation Estate/Gift Planning
TODAY | TOMORROW | FOREVER

We live in a "I can do it myself" culture. That has been cultivated by our access to technology. Yet, the question is, "Do I need help to create my Christian estate plan?" This month we consider that your estate plan represents the biggest collection of decisions with far more impact than any others in life. Estate planning is more than a task such as filing your income taxes online. Your attorney, financial advisor, insurance representative and tax advisor all have a responsibility to help you plan well. Your LCMS Gift Planning Counselor can help make sure all the communication is working with all these people, also making sure that your goals are being respected. Contact Brian Hyde of the LCMS Foundation who will help you address Wills, Trusts, Medical Care at life's end, Memorial/Funeral/Burial Planning and how to Leave a Legacy for the people and ministries you love. Questions, contact the church office, (661) 665-7815.

Stay in touch!

Text 'Join' to (855) 420-7948

or scan here!

sjlchurch.org **TALK TO YOU SOON!**

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