

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

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 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—\$29,038.50
Budget to Date—\$1,166,886
Year to Date—\$1,146,494.45
Year to Date Variance—(\$20,392)



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



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.



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@SJLCHURCH.ORG

SJLCHURCH.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

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.

**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

In Loving Memory

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.

SOUPER BOWL 2026

WEAR YOUR FAVORITE JERSEY AND BRING CANS OF SOUP

NFC OR AFC? PICK YOUR TEAM AND DROP YOUR SOUP ON THEIR SIDE.
HUNGER LOSES AND COMMUNITY WINS!

**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.

**ChildrentoLove
INTERNATIONAL**

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

RUTH

**MEN'S MORNING
BIBLE STUDY**

DAY: SATURDAY
TIME: 7AM
LOCATION: LCR

CONTACT LYNN WHEELER
661-665-7815

our gift to you!

**ST. JOHN'S
Lutheran Church X
rightnow MEDIA**

Discover Bible studies, Kid's
shows, and small group material,
all in one place.

Text 'SJLBakersfield' to 49775
or scan the QR code

**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 @sjyoungadults!
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

HIGH SCHOOL NIGHT

**BOXSLED 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@SJLCHURCH.ORG
INSTAGRAM/TIK TOK: @SJSTUDENTS.BAKERSFIELD
YOUTUBE: SJ STUDENTS BAKERSFIELD

*Thank you for worshipping
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.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

LCMSFoundation
TODAY | TOMORROW | FOREVER

**Estate/Gift
Planning**

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
(833) 420-7948

or scan here!

sjlchurch.org TALK TO YOU SOON!