

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, October 12

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, October 13

3:00 p.m. Women’s Bible Study—OC
Jan Lundy
6:30 p.m. Knitting Group—ECCR
7:00 p.m. Estudio de la Biblia en Español—
Leo Ruiz & Pastor Marvin—
LCR

Tuesday, October 14

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

Wednesday, October 15

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—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, October 16

8:30 a.m. Men’s Bible Study—SCR
Dean Nulton
9:00 a.m. SJCC Morning Chapel—WC
6:00 p.m. Bells of Praise Rehearsal—
Music Room
6:30 a.m. Women’s Thursday Evening
Bible Study—ECCR

Friday, October 17

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

Saturday, October 18

7:00 a.m. Men’s Bible Study—LCR
Lynn Wheeler
9:00 a.m. New Member Class—ECCR
6:30 p.m. Bakersfield Master Chorale
Concert—Sanctuary

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
Bob Brandt, Nancy Green, Lance Hall,
Michael Pennington, Hardie Smith,
Lori Wilson

Comfort & Strength

For Dean & Donna Nulton & family at
the passing of Dean’s sister,
Barbra Fields

Guidance & Strength in
Transitions, Travel & Faith

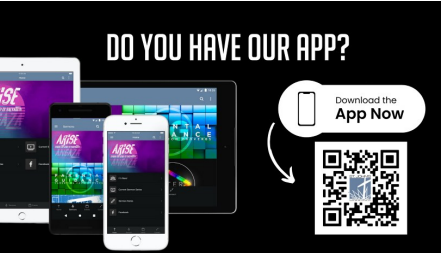
John Andrew

Continued Concerns

Jim Bailey, Michelle Braughton, Frank
Fanucchi, Judy Fritch, Annis Gerner,
Grayson Hood, Hannah Lynch, Steve
& Cheryl McConaughy, Sandy
Mittelsteadt, Bob & Marcia Perry,
JoAnn Pettijohn, 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—\$30,162.00
Budget to Date—\$538,264
Year to Date—\$427,200.80
Year to Date Variance—(\$111,063)



September Prayer
Requests

We received a total of 128
prayer requests in the month
of September. Thank you for allowing
us to pray for you.



THE NEW JERUSALEM

Revelation 21:9-27 (Ezekiel 40:1-4, 43:1-7a; Luke 17:20-33)

October 12, 2025 – Pastor Eric Van Scharrel

“ _____, I will _____ you.”

How _____ is it?!

Why is there no _____ in the city? Where is God in the New
Jerusalem?

Ezekiel 37: “Can these _____ live?”

Ezekiel 40: “He set me down on a very high mountain, on which was
a _____ like a _____ to the south.”

The world apart from the working of God is _____ and _____.

_____ is:

- _____
- _____
- _____
- Not a _____ or a _____ but a _____

It’s SO big...

For next Sunday, please read Revelation 22:1-5.



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 Information Centers.

LOVE. LEARN. LEAD.



Welcome!

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

Restrooms

The restrooms are located in the
lobby, across from the nursery.

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.



For more info visit angazaschools.org or follow @angazaschools

News & Notes

sold out!
MIDNIGHT IN BLOOM
An evn of elegance, enchantment, & impact.
EVENT SPONSORSHIPS STILL AVAILABLE ONLINE BY OCTOBER 17
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2025



Reformation Sunday is **October 26**, and is an important day that allows Protestants to not only reflect on the history of their religion, but also one that is important in honoring the core belief system of Protestantism. **Remember to wear red in celebration.**



All Saints Day Sunday, November 2! Halloween gets all the press and shelf space, but hundreds of years earlier, November 1 was a “big deal”, the church’s historic celebration known as “All Saints Day,” where the church honored those believers who had left this existence into the presence of the King of Kings **in the previous year.** We will be celebrating this on Sunday, November 2. We invite you to submit names, birth date, death date and digital photo of those believers in your families who have died **in the last year** and we will take a moment to remember, honor and pray in our worship services. Please submit names to Stacey Persons, spersons@sjlchurch.org no later than **Monday, October 20.**



Golden Eagles Join us Thursday, October 23, 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, spersons@sjlchurch.org. or 665-7815.



October is Pastor Appreciation Month Take a few moments to pray for our pastors and let them know how much they are appreciated!

*Thank you for worshipping with us!
Come again soon.*

SATURDAY OCTOBER 18, 2025
NEW MEMBERS CLASS
TIME: 9AM - 3PM
LUNCH AND SNACKS PROVIDED
LOCATION: EVENT CENTER
CONFERENCE ROOM
SJLCHURCH.ORG/NEWMEMBER FOR MORE DETAILS



Honoring Our Veterans
If you are a veteran, you know a veteran or you have a veteran in your family, please put their name and branch of military service on the sign-up sheets in both Welcome Centers or contact Stacey Persons, 665-7815 or spersons@sjlchurch.org. **Names due by November 2.** Our Veterans will be honored at services on **Sunday, November 9.**



Bakersfield Master Chorale invites you to an evening of “Haunting Melodies” on **Saturday, October 18, 6:30 p.m.,** at St. John’s Lutheran Church. **(Please note the new start time of 6:30 p.m.).** This family friendly Halloween concert includes the LA Children’s Chorus and marks the Chorale’s 93rd Season of enriching our community with choral music. Tickets are available at the door or at: bakersfieldmasterchorale.org.



St. John’s Lutheran School Job Opportunity St. John’s Lutheran School is seeking extended care employees for school recess duty. If interested, contact Kelly Pudiwitr at: kpudiwitr@sjlschool.org or contact the school office, 664-8090.



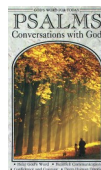
Sunday Morning Adult Bible Study Join us at 10:15 a.m., in the ECCR for Sunday morning Adult Bible Study led by Bob Schneider. Bring your Bibles and your curiosity as we hear God’s Word preached and study His word together. Questions, contact Stacey Persons, spersons@sjlchurch.org, or 665-7815.



Women’s Monday Afternoon Bible Study Join us Monday afternoons at 3:00 p.m., at a member’s home each week. Everyone is welcome. Questions, contact Jan Lundy, 665-7815.



Women’s Tuesday Afternoon Bible Study Join us Tuesday afternoons at 1:30 p.m., in the ECCR. Everyone is welcome! Questions, contact Judie Fanucchi, 665-7815.



Women’s Wednesday Morning Bible Study Join us Wednesday mornings at 8:45 a.m., in the Worship Center Lobby for our study, **God’s Word for Today: Psalms.** Childcare is available, to register, go to: sjlchurch.org. Questions, contact Stacey Persons, spersons@sjlchurch.org or 665-7815.



Improve your flexibility, balance and strength Join us at 11:15 a.m. in The Music Room for Level 1 Yoga led by Linda Cole. Questions, contact Stacey Persons, spersons@sjlchurch.org or 665-7815.

WOMEN'S EVENING BIBLE STUDY
Study of Esther
THURSDAY EVENINGS 6:30 pm - 8 pm - ECCR
For more information and to register: scan QR Code or sjlchurch.org/events
Books are purchased on your own. *Let church office know if you have issues purchasing a book.

CALLING ALL KNITTERS AND CROCHETERS!
COME MAKE BABY ITEMS WITH US FOR THE BAKERSFIELD PREGNANCY CENTER.
Monday evenings 6:30-8 pm - ECCR
SEPT. 15 - OCT. 28
REGISTER HERE OR SJLCHURCH.ORG/EVENTS

Widow to Widow
2ND TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH
11:45 AM
SJLCHURCH.ORG/WIDOWS



Wednesday Morning Men’s Bible Study Join us Wednesday mornings, 6:15 a.m., in the LCR, to begin our day in God’s Word led by Pastor Ben. Everyone is welcome! Questions, contact Stacey Persons, spersons@sjlchurch.org, or 665-7815.

WIDOWER'S CONNECTION
Fourth Thursday of the month @10am
EMAIL BSCHRANK@SJLCHURCH.ORG FOR MORE INFO.



Thursday Morning Men’s Bible Study Join us Thursday mornings at 8:30 a.m., in the SCR. Questions, contact Dean Nulton, 665-7815.



Estate/Gift Planning

We can face competing priorities when we think about planning our estates someday. To work on your Christian Estate Plan today, you must decide if you are more controlled by past goals or future desires. During working years, financial plans are often focused on wealth accumulation. Sometimes estate plans are focused on wealth preservation. However, might it be wise, as Christian stewards of God’s gifts, to shift that focus to blessing family and ministry with God’s things? Your LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor can help you consider making this shift. Contact Brian Hyde from 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.

ST. JOHN'S Lutheran Church
Grupo De Estudio De La Biblia En Español
Lunes 7-8 p Empezando 10/13/25
Todos son Bienvenidos
Será en el Edificio de la Administración de la Iglesia (LCR)

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 • 6-7:45PM
MEETS IN THE GARAGE
young adults group
meets every other week!
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:
OCT 26 • NOV 23 • DEC 14
DURING 10:30 SERVICE | ENDS AT 11:50
HIGH SCHOOL HANGOUT NIGHT Costume Party & Scavenger Hunt OCT 26 • 6-8PM
LOCATION TBD | DINNER PROVIDED
JUNIOR HIGH HANGOUT NIGHT Costume Party & Karaoke OCT 29 • 6-7:30PM
FREE PIZZA FOR DINNER!
MORE INFO? CJIMERSON@SJLCHURCH.ORG
INSTAGRAM/TIK TOK: @SJSTUDENTS.BAKERSFIELD
YOUTUBE: SJ STUDENTS BAKERSFIELD

KIDZ & STUDENTS COMMUNITY EVENTS
PUMPKIN FEST
Oct. 25, 4-7 p.m. FALL CARNIVAL
CELEBRATE FRIENDS - FAMILY - NEIGHBORS
NON-SCARY COSTUMES. CARNIVAL GAMES AND CANDY
SERVE VOLUNTEER TO SERVE AT GAMES AND HOSPITALITY. SIGN UP AT SJLCHURCH.ORG/PUMPKINFEST
DONATE INDIVIDUALLY WRAPPED CANDY. STICKERS AND SMALL PRIZES. DROP OFF ITEMS AT BINS FOUND IN THE WORSHIP CENTER & CHURCH AND SCHOOL OFFICES.
? contact Lorraine Davis ldavis@sjlchurch.org

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.
Join us every Sunday Preschool-6th during both services. Check-in your child at Kidz Ministry Kiosk.
SUNDAY SCHOOL
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.
1ST COMMUNION
5th grade
Kids will explore ways in which their personal story and identity are rooted in Christ’s story, preparing them to participate in holy communion.
CONFIRMATION
6th grade
Kids will take the next step in their faith instruction preparing them to become a member of the church.
register your children @ www.sjlchurch.org/events