

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, November 23

9:00 a.m. Traditional Worship
(In-Person & Livestream)
Sanctuary
Children’s Ministry Sunday
School—KC
10:15 a.m. Wake-Up with SJ Students
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, November 24

Tuesday, November 25

3:30 p.m. Altar Guild Meeting—Sanctuary
Decorating for Thanksgiving
Eve Worship Service

Wednesday, November 26

6:15 a.m. Men’s Bible Study—LCR
Nate Smidt
6:15 p.m. Thanksgiving Eve Worship
Service—Sanctuary

Thursday, November 27

Happy Thanksgiving!
All offices & schools closed
No Worship Service

Friday, November 28

All offices & schools closed

Saturday, November 29

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



Christmas Poinsettias!

Don’t miss the opportunity to purchase a poinsettia and help us beautify our worship during this season. Pick-up order/dedication envelopes at both Welcome Centers, complete the order envelope and if you would like a dedication listed, (e.g., in memory of or in honor of someone), please indicate your dedication on the envelope and drop it in the basket provided. **Last day to order poinsettias is Sunday, December 14.**



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, Tom Clark, Diane Ford,
Nancy Green, Lance Hall, Michael
Pennington, Hardie Smith, Lori Wilson

Guidance & Strength in Transitions, Travel & Faith

John Andrew

Continued Concerns

Michelle Braughton, Frank Fanucchi,
Judy Fritch, Annis Gerner, Laura
Hanssen, Hannah Lynch, Steve &
Cheryl McConaughy, 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—\$39,596.00
Budget to Date—\$765,795
Year to Date—\$675,112.37
Year to Date Variance—(\$90,682)



Make the Most of It

TIME TALENT TREASURE



“Church’s Got Talents”

Matthew 25:14-30

November 23, 2025 – Pastor Ben Schrank

“Making the _____ of every opportunity...always giving _____ to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Ephesians 5:16;20

“You can’t take _____ with you.”

- Time is a gift _____ by Jesus.
- Radical generosity flows from _____ not _____.
- You are _____ and meant to be a _____ to others.

“The thief comes only to _____ and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it _____.” John 10:10

1) What does God _____?

“...and entrusted to them _____ property.” Matt. 25:14

2) What do we _____ with what He gives?

“He _____ five talents...made two more talents....went and _____ in the ground and hid his master’s money.” Matt. 25:16-18

3) Why does it _____?

“Well done, good and _____ servant.” Matt. 25:21; 23

“Prosperity knits a man to the _____. He feels that he is “finding his place in it,” while really it is finding its place in him.” - C. S. Lewis

We are His _____ created in Christ Jesus.” Eph. 2:10

“For it is God who works _____, both to will and to work for his good pleasure.” Philippians 2:13

“...struggling with all _____ energy that He powerfully works within me.” Colossians 1 :29

For next week read 2 Samuel 7:11b-16; Romans 13:8-12; Matt. 21:1-11



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.



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.



News & Notes

Come Join

THANKSGIVING SERVICE

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 26TH @ 6:15 PM

SANCTUARY

*PLEASE BRING NON-PERISHABLE / CANNED FOOD ITEMS TO DONATE TO THE MISSION OF KERN COUNTY.

Thank you to all who purchased Arvin Thanksgiving Groceries!

We are so grateful to all of you!

November 23

PRISON FELLOWSHIP ANGEL TREE KICKOFF

COME JOIN OUR BIBLE Study

Sunday Morning Adult Bible Study

Will not meet Sunday, November 30, so everyone may enjoy the Thanksgiving Holiday.

Join us December 7, at 10:15 a.m., in the ECCR as we resume our 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.

Golden Eagles

Join us on **Thursday, December 11**, 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.

Congregational Meeting

Sunday, December 7, immediately following the 10:30 a.m. service.

The meeting agenda will include the election of three at-large members to the Board of Directors and ratifying the Elders. Biographies of the candidates nominated are posted and can be viewed on our website at: <https://sjlchurch.org/bod>, and are available at the Welcome Centers.

DONUTS AND COFFEE

Hebrews Volunteers Needed!

Are you looking for a way to volunteer at St. John's? Do you feel God calling you to help? If so, we have the perfect place for you. We are looking for individuals, and teams of two, to help on Sunday mornings in our Hebrews coffee and donut spot. Questions, contact Stacey Persons, spersons@sjlchurch.org or 665-7815.

ST. JOHN'S BAKERSFIELD

UNDERGRADUATE-2ND GRADES PRESENT

The First Christmas

Join the St. John's students for their Christmas Choral Concerts. Third Grade through Sixth Grade Choirs are presenting, **Carols for Christmas, Tuesday, December 9**, at 6:00 p.m., in the Worship Center. Kindergarten through Second Grade Choirs are presenting, **The First Christmas, Thursday, December 11**, at 6:00 p.m., in the Worship Center. Everyone is welcome to attend!

Women's Ministry

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

WOMEN'S CHRISTMAS

Brunch

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6

9 - 11 AM, EVENT CENTER

TICKETS ON SALE ONLINE OR IN CHURCH OFFICE

Widow to Widow

2ND TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH

11:45 AM

SJLCHURCH.ORG/WIDOWS

Will not meet in November, we resume on Tuesday, December 9, 11:45 a.m., in the LCR, our last meeting for 2025.

MATTHEW

His Kingdom Forever

Women's Monday Afternoon Bible Study

We will not meet Monday, November 24, so we can enjoy the Thanksgiving Holiday.

Join us Monday, December 1, at 3:00 p.m., as we resume our Bible Study, off campus at a members home each week. Questions, contact Jan Lundy, 665-7815. Everyone is welcome.

Women's Tuesday Afternoon Bible Study

We will not meet Tuesday, November 25, so we can enjoy the Thanksgiving Holiday.

Join us Tuesday, December 2 at 1:30 p.m., in the ECCR. Everyone is welcome! Questions, contact Judie Fanucchi, 665-7815.

PSALMS

Conversations with God

Women's Wednesday Morning Bible Study

We will not meet on Wednesday, November 26, so we can enjoy the Thanksgiving Holiday.

Join us Wednesday, December 3, at 8:45 a.m., in the Worship Center Lobby. Childcare is available, to register, go to: sjlchurch.org. Questions, contact Stacey Persons, spersons@sjlchurch.org or 665-7815.

Wifi password:

Welcome2SJLC

MEN'S MINISTRY

Wednesday Morning Men's Bible Study

Join us Wednesday mornings, 6:15 a.m., in the LCR, to begin your day in God's Word led by Pastor Ben. Everyone is welcome! **We will meet Thanksgiving week, Wednesday, November 26.** See you there!

Fourth Thursday of the month @10am

WIDOWER'S CONNECTION

EMAIL BSCHRANK@SJLCHURCH.ORG FOR MORE INFO.

In December, we will meet Thursday, December 18, our last meeting for 2025. Questions, contact Pastor Ben Schrank, bschrank@sjlchurch.org.

Thursday Morning Men's Bible Study

We will not meet on Thursday, November 27, so we can enjoy the Thanksgiving Holiday.

See you Thursday, December 4. Questions, contact Dean Nulton, 665-7815.

GO

Uganda Mission Trip—July 2026!

A life-changing opportunity is coming in July 2026 with team leader, Matthew Peyton, and St. John's Children to Love Team. Space is limited, sign-ups available at the Missions Kiosk. Don't let worries about cost be a hindrance; St. John's has ways to help with trip finances. Prices are approximate due to air fare cost fluctuations. Questions, contact the church office, 665-7815.

ChildrentoLove INTERNATIONAL

GOBBLE, GOBBLE!

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:

NOV 23 • DEC 14

DURING 10:30 SERVICE | ENDS AT 11:50

JUNIOR HIGH hume winter camp

JAN 23-25

HIGH SCHOOL hume winter camp

FEB 6-9

REGISTRATION IS OPEN!

HIGH SCHOOL NIGHT

progressive dinner

SUNDAY, NOV 23

5:00-9:00PM

SIGN UP TODAY!

MORE INFO? CJIMERSON@SJLCHURCH.ORG

INSTAGRAM/TIK TOK: @SJSTUDENTS.BAKERSFIELD

YOUTUBE: SJ STUDENTS BAKERSFIELD

Thankful

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.

Join us every Sunday

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Preschool-6th during both services. Check-in your child at Kidz Min Kiosk.

NURSERY

0-3 year old during both services. Check-in your child at the Kidz Min Kiosk.

YOU ARE INVITED!!!

CHRISTMAS Hype

A PARTY WITH A PURPOSE

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 30

11:30 AM EVENT CENTER

Christmas Hype Party! Join us for lunch, fun games, and a special service project as we make tie blankets for FLOOD Ministries.

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.

For more information www.sjlchurch.org/AWANA

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

Scrip Makes Great Gifts! We can take special orders for your personal or business needs for the Christmas season. Deadline for special orders is December 10. Plan now to shop with gift cards or give them as Christmas gifts!

St. John's SCRIP

TODAY, you can purchase SCRIP after each service until **Sunday, December 21**, at the school Kiosk. You can also purchase SCRIP at the school office during the week during the school year. SCRIP is face value gift cards 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.

Thank you for worshiping with us! Come again soon!