

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 9

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, November 10

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

Tuesday, November 11

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

Wednesday, November 12

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
Celebration Choir Rehearsal—
Music Room

Thursday, November 13

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

Friday, November 14

8:15 a.m. SJLS Morning Chapel—WC

Saturday, November 15

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

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.



October Prayer Requests

We received a total of 115 prayer
requests in the month of October.
Thank you for allowing us to pray
for you.

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

Praise & Thanksgiving

For the birth of Clara Mae Spickler,
daughter of Matthew & Caity
Spickler and proud Grandparents,
Michael & Susan Spickler

Health Concerns & Illnesses

*Hospitalized or Skilled Nursing/Rehab
Bob Brandt, 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—\$59,860.00
Budget to Date—\$688,316
Year to Date—\$606,532.37
Year to Date Variance—(\$81,783)



“Time and Time Again”

Ephesians 5:1-2;15-17

November 9, 2025 – Pastor Ben Schrank

“Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children. And _____
in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant
offering and sacrifice to God.” Ephesians 5:1-2

Myths about “our” time:

- Time is _____.
- _____ is better.
- That time is _____ to begin with.

“We must ruthlessly eliminate _____ from our lives.”
– Dallas Willard

“Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise,
making the _____ use of the time, because the days are evil.”
Ephesians 5:15-16

ἐξαγοραζόμενοι τὸν καιρὸν – _____

- To make the most of your time is not to maximize
_____...rather it is to _____ your presence.
- To maximize your _____...you must first
_____ His presence.
- When we _____ “our” time...we get a glimpse
of _____.

“Come unto Me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will
give you _____.” Matthew 11:28 KJV

What matters _____ to me is to finish what God started: the job
the Master Jesus gave me of letting everyone I meet know all about
this incredibly extravagant generosity of God. (Acts 20:24) MSG

For next week read Malachi 3:6-10; 2 Corinthians 9:6-15; Luke 21:1-4



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.

ST. JOHN’S
Lutheran Church
WWW.SJLCHURCH.ORG

November 9, 2025

LOVE. LEARN. LEAD.



A Bountiful Affair ~ 2025

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.



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News & Notes



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>



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 Thursday, November 20, 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.



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 on Sunday mornings through November 23. 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.



Memorial Service

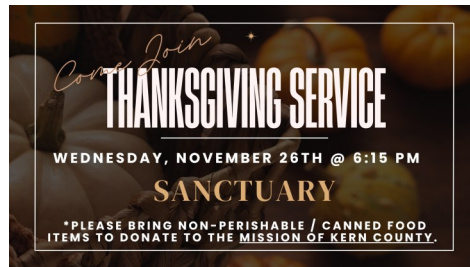
A service is scheduled for **Billy Burke**, Tuesday, November 11, 10:00 a.m., at Greenlawn Southwest. Questions, contact the church office, 665-7815.



Baptisms

This week we celebrate the baptisms of Austynn Marie Swartz, daughter of Tyler & Danielle

Swartz. She will be baptized at the 10:30 a.m., service this morning. Blake Austin Montes, he will be baptized in a private ceremony today at 12:00 noon. We give thanks as we welcome them into God's Kingdom.



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.



The Bakersfield Winds

presents their Fall

Concert on **Thursday, November 20** at 7:00 p.m., at Valley Baptist Church, Olive Drive Campus, 5500 Olive Drive. Suggested donation for adults, \$10, maximum family \$25, students and seniors, \$5. Please join us. For more information, go to: www.bakersfieldwinds.com.

Thank you for worshipping with us!
Come again soon.



Do you like to set a beautiful table? Do you enjoy decorating for Christmas? If so, we could use your help! Our Women's Christmas Brunch is a fun tradition here at St. John's, and we are looking for hostesses to decorate a round table for 8. You can enhance the fun by sharing the responsibility with a friend, plus you will receive a \$10 discount on your brunch ticket. Mark your calendars for **Saturday, December 6, 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.**, in the Event Center. For more details on hosting, go to the QR code link above or contact Stacey Persons, spersons@sjlchurch.org or 665-7815.



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



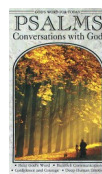
Women's Monday Afternoon Bible Study
Will not meet Monday, November 24, so we can enjoy the Thanksgiving Holiday.

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

Resumes Tuesday, December 2, 1:30 p.m., in the ECCR. Our Christmas party is scheduled for Wednesday, December 17, information to follow. Everyone is welcome! Questions, contact Judie Fanucchi, 665-7815.



Women's Wednesday Morning Bible Study
Will not meet on Wednesday, November 26, so we can enjoy the Thanksgiving Holiday.

Resumes Wednesday, December 3, at 8:45 a.m., in the Worship Center Lobby. Childcare is available, to register, go to: sjlchurch.org. Our Christmas Brunch is scheduled for Wednesday, December 17, our last meeting for 2025. Questions, contact Stacey Persons, spersons@sjlchurch.org or 665-7815.



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!



In November, we will meet Thursday, November 20. Questions, contact Pastor Ben Schrank, bschrank@sjlchurch.org.



Thursday Morning Men's Bible Study

We will not meet Thursday, November 27, so we can enjoy the Thanksgiving Holiday. We will resume Thursday, December 4. Last meeting for 2025 is Thursday, December 18. Questions, contact Dean Nulton, 665-7815.



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: 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!

JUNIOR HIGH NIGHT TURKEY GAMES!
BATTLE IT OUT TURKEY STYLE!
GAMES • PRIZES • PIZZA
wed, nov 19 | 6-7:30pm

HIGH SCHOOL NIGHT FRIENDS OF THE CHURCH
SUNDAY, NOV 23
5:00-9:00PM
CONTACT COURTNEY FOR DETAILS
cjimerson@sjlchurch.org

MORE INFO? [CJIMERSON@SJLCHURCH.ORG](mailto:cjimerson@sjlchurch.org)
INSTAGRAM/TIK TOK: @SJSTUDENTS_BAKERSFIELD
YOUTUBE: SJ STUDENTS BAKERSFIELD



Wifi password:
Welcome2SJLC



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 to give them as Christmas gifts!



St. John's SCRIP
Beginning November 23,
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.
