

# 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, April 14

- 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, April 15

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

## Tuesday, April 16

- 7:00 a.m. Blood Drive Bus—Campus
- 1:30 p.m. Women's Bible Study—ECCR  
Judie Fanucchi
- 5:00 p.m. Executive Committee Meeting—SCR
- 6:00 p.m. SJLS Spring Choral Concert, Grades 3-6—WC  
Bells of Praise Rehearsal—Music Room

## Wednesday, April 17

- 6:15 a.m. Men's Bible Study—LCR  
Nate Smidt
- 8:45 a.m. Women's Wednesday Morning Bible Study—EC
- 11:15 a.m. Level 1 Yoga—The Garage  
AWANA—KC
- 6:00 p.m. Confirmation—LCR  
New Members Class—ECCR  
SJ Students Jr. High Night—The Garage  
Celebration Choir Rehearsal—Music Room

## Thursday, April 18

- 8:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study—SCR  
Dean Nulton
- 6:00 p.m. SJLS Spring Choral Concert, Grades K-2—WC

## Friday, April 19

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

## Saturday, April 20

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



### Prayer Requests

In March, we received a total of 120 prayer requests. 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

#### Health Concerns & Illnesses

\*Hospitalized or Skilled Nursing/Rehab  
 Cheryl McConaughy, Gregg McDonnell, Mary Lou Parker

#### Comfort & Strength

Midge Denning & family at the passing of her husband, Bob on 4/6

Ken & Judie Walker & family at the passing of their daughter-in-law, Pam Walker on 4/4

#### Praise & Thanksgiving

For the good news of the resurrection of Jesus Christ, and the privilege to share it in the places that the Lord takes us each week

Tom & Gretchen Smith at the birth of their grandson, Peregrine Thomas Webber, born 4/7. Proud parents are Bryan & Emily Webber

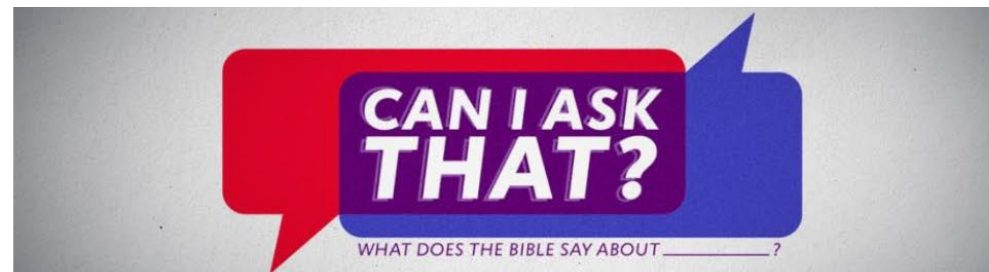
#### Guidance & Strength in Transitions, Travel & Faith

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, Tanzania school, families, teachers, pastors, leaders, spiritual & kingdom growth

#### Continued Concerns

John Andrew, Paul Bovard, Tom Clowers, Sue Dockweiler, Ron Duran, Susan Hammond, Debbie Hunsaker, Nancy Keppen, Steve McConaughy, Tiffany Oesch, Marcia Perry, Carol Richardson, Annett Salinas, Dorothy Sundberg, Lisa Vorhees, Sam Vorhees, Judie Walker, Kim Warren

Amount Needed to Meet Fiscal Year 2023-2024  
 Budget—\$1,902,100  
 Last Week's Giving—\$33,409.10  
 Budget to Date—\$1,462,144  
 Year to Date—\$1,443,247.45  
 Year to Date Variance—(18,897)



## CAN I ASK THAT ABOUT DEATH?

1 Corinthians 15:17-26 (Ezekiel 37:1-14; Luke 24:36-49)

April 14, 2024 – Pastor Eric Van Scharrel

God gave to us \_\_\_\_\_ life ("flesh"), but also created us with a \_\_\_\_\_, or \_\_\_\_\_.

Death is the \_\_\_\_\_ of something God had \_\_\_\_\_ in our mother's womb (Psalm 139:13).

\_\_\_\_\_ is not just a physical but a spiritual process.

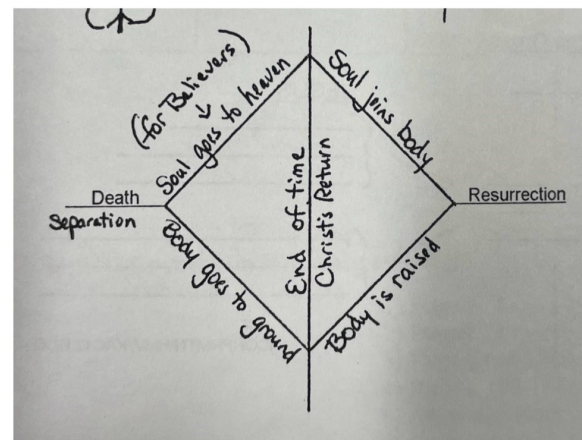
Jesus did not \_\_\_\_\_ belief about the resurrection; He \_\_\_\_\_ it.

Is it enough to talk only about a *spiritual* \_\_\_\_\_?

Death is not a welcome \_\_\_\_\_; it is God's \_\_\_\_\_ to be \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_ or – the \_\_\_\_\_?

This \_\_\_\_\_ – a matter of life and death – will \_\_\_\_\_ your life!



For next week, please read 1 John 2:5-17.



Didn't get all the blanks filled? Sermon audio and notes online at St. John's website: [sjlchurch.org/sermons](http://sjlchurch.org/sermons). LIFEWork pages can be found at the Information Centers.

LOVE. LEARN. LEAD.



April~Women's Gathering Craft Night~2024

## Welcome!



THANK YOU FOR JOINING US, WE ARE SO HAPPY TO SEE YOU!

\*Reminder: Please silence devices during worship.

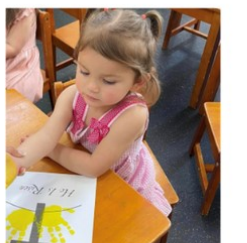
The restrooms are located in the lobby, across from the nursery.

**New Sermon Series!**  
 Join us as we wrestle with difficult questions about faith. Each week in their sermon, our pastors will use your submitted questions and we'll take a deeper look at what the Bible says and how it relates to the difficult questions in our lives. See the QR Code above to submit your questions.

## 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.



# CONFIRMATION CEREMONY 2024

Sunday, April 21, 10:30 a.m. Worship Service

ADDIE MERRIMAN  
ANDREW HORACK  
ARIANA ZERMENO  
DANYN DEVITT  
DAPHNEY TORRES  
EMMA SMITH  
ETHAN WILLIAMS  
GABRIELLE SWE  
HENDRICK ATROPS  
JACOB PEYTON

JAKSON MUELLER  
JAMES EITREIM  
JAXSON EKEGREN  
JONAH CELEDON  
JORDAN TAYLOR  
JOY CASILLAS  
KAI NGUYEN  
KALEB KUSTER  
OLIVIA TORRES  
RYAN EITREIM  
SOFIA MAGLIERI

Fourth Thursday of the month @10am

## WIDOWER'S CONNECTION

EMAIL BSCHRANK@SJLCHURCH.ORG FOR MORE INFO.

Men, have you lost your spouse? We invite you to join Widower's Connection, a group that provides a supportive environment where you can share your experiences and challenges though group discussion with others who understand the same journey. The group meets on the 4th Thursday of the month. Questions, contact Pastor Ben Schrank, [bschrank@sjlchurch.org](mailto:bschrank@sjlchurch.org).

St. John's Lutheran

## Confirmation Sunday

Come celebrate the next generation of disciples


April 21st

Celebrate the confirmants at the 10:30am service\*

\*please note Communion Sunday will be moved from April 21st to April 28th due to the confirmation ceremony.

**Prayer Requests**

How can we pray for you? In Timothy 2:1-2 (NIV), we are encouraged to pray for all people. Effective intercessory prayer involves understanding the specific needs of those we are praying for and approaching God with sincerity and compassion. By lifting others up in prayer, we become



prayer requests

instruments of God's grace and love in their lives bringing healing, guidance and transformation. See the QR code above to submit your prayer requests or you can text prayer requests to (833) 420-7948.

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**REGISTER NOW!**

Sponsorships Available

ST. JOHN'S CLASSIC

REGISTER ONLINE AT [SJLSCHOOL.ORG/GOLF](http://SJLSCHOOL.ORG/GOLF)

29TH ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT


Benefiting the students of St. John's

MONDAY, JUNE 3 | 8:30 AM

STOCKDALE COUNTRY CLUB



**Angaza Sponsors!**  
Your letter to your sponsored child is due **TODAY** and it means so much! Think of the smile you will bring to their face when they receive your letter! See Patrice at the Angaza Table in the courtyard this morning to turn in your letters. Thank you.




**UPWARD SPORTS** Upward Sports

Join us for another Summer Basketball League at St. John's with Upward Sports! Your Kindergarten through 7th Grade athletes are invited to join us this summer to play basketball, fellowship, and grow in their faith. **Early registration ends April 19th. Registration ends May 3!** Register at <https://registration.upward.org/UPW85858>. Volunteers (we need coaches and referees) at: <https://registration.upward.org/UPW85858/volunteer>. Questions, contact Eric Hoffman, [ehoffman@sjlschool.org](mailto:ehoffman@sjlschool.org) or 664-8090.

**The Bakersfield Winds**

present their Spring Concert, Sunday, April 28, 4:00 p.m., at Valley Baptist Church, 5500 Olive Drive. Suggested donation for Adults-\$10, Maximum Family-\$25, Students and Seniors-\$5. Please join us! Questions, [bakersfieldwinds.com](http://bakersfieldwinds.com).




**St. John's Lutheran School-Spring Choral Concert-Grades K-2**

Join the Kindergarten through Second Grade St. John's students as they present their Spring Choral concert, *Bada Bing, It's Spring* on Thursday, April 18 at 6:00 p.m., in the Worship Center. Everyone is welcome!



**St. John's Lutheran School-Spring Choral Concert-Grades 3-6**

Join the Third through Sixth Grade St. John's students as they present their Spring Choral concert, *Disney: The Movies. The Music.*, on Tuesday, April 16 at 6:00 p.m., in the Worship Center. Everyone is welcome!



**Golden Eagles**


Join us Thursday, April 25, 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](mailto:spersons@sjlchurch.org) or 665-7815.



**little CUTIE** IS ON THEIR WAY

**BUNCO & BABY!**


MAY 2, 6PM



Join the Women's Gathering for an evening of Bunco & Baby, Thursday, May 2, at 6:00 p.m., in the Event Center. We will enjoy food and play some games for this end-of-the-year event. Bring new or gently used baby items to donate to the Bakersfield Pregnancy Center, and a representative will be available for any questions and provide information about the BPC. Register for this free event at: [sjlchurch.org/events](http://sjlchurch.org/events).

**St. John's SCRIP**


Next Sunday, April 21, you can purchase SCRIP, between services, at the School Kiosk, only on Communion Sundays. You can also purchase SCRIP at the school office during the week during the school year. SCRIP is face value gift cards you can purchase 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.



**The Bakersfield Master Chorale**


presents their Spring Concert, "Hope in the Darkness", a concert to promote Human Trafficking awareness, Saturday, April 20, 4:00 p.m., at the Bakersfield College Performing Arts Center Indoor Theater.

Admission: \$12/Adults; \$8/Students, Veterans, Seniors and Faculty. Please see the QR Code for tickets. Questions, [info@bakersfieldmasterchorale.org](mailto:info@bakersfieldmasterchorale.org).



**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](mailto:spersons@sjlchurch.org) or 665-7815.



**Wifi password:**  
Welcome2SJLC



**STUDENTS** JUNIOR HIGH & HIGH SCHOOL

**WEEKLY STUDENT MEETINGS**

**JUNIOR HIGH NIGHT**  
WED • 6-7:30PM  
MEETS IN THE GARAGE

**HIGH SCHOOL NIGHT**  
SUN • 6-7:45PM  
MEETS IN THE GARAGE

**DOORS & SNACK BAR OPEN AT 5:30!**

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**JUNIOR HIGH SUMMER CAMP**  
JUNE 9-15

[SJLCHURCH.ORG/JHSUMMERCAMP](http://SJLCHURCH.ORG/JHSUMMERCAMP)  
this trip is for 6th (next year 7th) through 8th

**JUNIOR HIGH & HIGH SCHOOL WAKE UP! WITH SJ STUDENTS**

SUNDAY, APRIL 28 DURING 10:30 SERVICE

**STUDENT TAKEOVER**  
SUNDAY, MAY 12

STUDENTS SIGN UP TO SERVE!

WANT MORE INFO? CONTACT COURTNEY: [CJIMERSON@SJLCHURCH.ORG](mailto:CJIMERSON@SJLCHURCH.ORG)  
FACEBOOK: "ST. JOHN'S STUDENTS" GROUP  
INSTAGRAM / TIK TOK: @SJSTUDENTS.BAKERSFIELD  
YOUTUBE: SJ STUDENTS BAKERSFIELD

Thank you for worshipping with us!  
Come again soon!

**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.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL** 9:00 & 10:30 A.M.

Every Sunday, Prek-6th grade.

**WEDNESDAYS** 6:00 to 7:30 P.M.

Confirmation, First Communion, AWANA.

**KIDZ 56** 6:00 to 8:00 P.M.

FRIDAYS, 5th and 6th graders.

**VBS** REGISTRATION OPENS MAY 1

July 15-19  
[www.sjlchurch.org/vbs](http://www.sjlchurch.org/vbs)

**MORE INFO: WWW.SJLCHURCH.ORG**  
CONTACT LORRAINE DAVIS  
[LDAVIS@SJLCHURCH.ORG](mailto:LDAVIS@SJLCHURCH.ORG)

**blood drive**

when you give, people live

**HOUCHIN** COMMUNITY BLOOD BANK



**Tuesday, April 16, 2024**  
9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

**St. John's Lutheran Church**

Every successful donation will be entered to win a \$1,000 Delta Vacation gift certificate, a free t-shirt and a Rusty's Pizza voucher for one free personal pizza! To make an appointment, visit: [hccb.com/schedule](http://hccb.com/schedule).