

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, August 24

- 9:00 a.m. Traditional Worship (In-Person & Livestream) Sanctuary Children’s Ministry Sunday School—KC
- 10:30 a.m. Wake-up with SJ Students—The Garage Contemporary Worship (In-Person & Livestream) WC Children’s Ministry Sunday School—KC

Monday, August 25

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

Tuesday, August 26

- 1:30 p.m. Women’s Bible Study—ECCR Judie Fanucchi
- 6:00 p.m. Beginning Bell Experience—Music Room
- 6:30 p.m. Board of Directors Meeting—LCR

Wednesday, August 27

- 6:15 a.m. Men’s Bible Study—LCR Nate Smidt
- 9:00 a.m. SJCC Morning Chapel—WC

Thursday, August 28

- 8:30 a.m. Men’s Bible Study—SCR Dean Nulton
- 9:00 a.m. MOMCo Planning Meeting—ECCR
- 10:00 a.m. Widower Bible Study—SCR
- 11:00 a.m. Golden Eagles—LCR

Friday, August 29

- 8:30 a.m. SJLS Morning Chapel—WC

Saturday, August 30

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



Estate/Gift Planning

We can face competing priorities when we think about planning our estates. Am I giving things away or am I trying to control how things will be used? It is tempting to try to control the Lord’s things, especially for the days after He has called us from this life. With that sense of control, also comes great anxiety. God’s gifts are meant to be blessings, not curses. Your LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor can help you rediscover that blessing. 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.

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, Michelle Braughton, Sheila Long, Hannah Lynch, Jesus Macias, Michael Pennington, Arvid Unruh

Guidance & Strength in Transitions, Travel & Faith

John Andrew, Joe & Diane Dravis

Continued Concerns

Rick Cole, June Demos, Frank Fanucchi, Judy Fritch, Annis Gerner, Steve & Cheryl McConaughy, Bob & Marcia Perry, JoAnn Pettijohn, Judith Stewart, 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—\$21,514.00  
Budget to Date—\$274,345.00  
Year to Date—\$223,086.49  
Year to Date Variance—(\$51,259)



St. John’s SCRIP Sunday, September 7,

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.

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IN but not OF the World

Revelation 18 (1 Peter 2:9-12; Matthew 5:13-16)

August 24, 2025 – Pastor Eric Van Scharrel

All the nations are “in \_\_\_\_\_.”

Your primary citizenship is in \_\_\_\_\_, not in this \_\_\_\_\_. But you still live in the world, so how do you \_\_\_\_\_ your life so you don’t take part in her sins?

Not only are you called to be \_\_\_ but not \_\_\_ the world, you are meant to \_\_\_\_\_ the world for the good, and ultimately for God’s \_\_\_\_\_, even if you’re vastly \_\_\_\_\_.

- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ one another
- Pursue \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_

“...in a single \_\_\_\_\_...” “...in a single \_\_\_\_\_...”

When we try to \_\_\_\_\_ ourselves with the things that ultimately do not satisfy, this is the \_\_\_\_\_.

The end of ‘Babylon:’ \_\_\_\_\_ news or \_\_\_\_\_ news?

For next Sunday, please read Revelation 19:1-5.



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.



August 24, 2025

LOVE. LEARN. LEAD.

# Don’t mom alone-- Join MomCo!

Find your **community & grow** as a mom and daughter of God.

**FOR MOMS WITH KIDS AGES 0 - 5**

Limited childcare available with registration.

Thursdays Bi-Weekly September through May

Sign up today!

*Begins September 11, 9:00 a.m.*

BRUNCH  
MOM FRIENDS  
INSPIRING SPEAKERS  
MOM TOPICS  
CREATIVE ACTIVITIES  
FAITH BUILDING  
MOMS' NIGHTS  
PLAYDATES



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.

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

ST. JOHN'S  
Lutheran Church

HIGH SCHOOL NIGHT  
JUNIOR HIGH NIGHT  
BIBLE STUDIES  
SMALL GROUPS

LAUNCH INTO FALL


NEW MEMBERS CLASS  
1ST COMMUNION  
CHOIR


MOMCO

CONFIRMATION

SJLCHURCH.ORG/EVENTS FOR MORE INFO




 **The flowers this morning** are provided by Daniel Ihde in remembrance of his wife, Sharon, who passed away on August 24, 2022.

 **St. John's Choir**  
Have you ever been curious about singing in the Choir? Now is your chance to come and see what we are all about. Join us Wednesday, August 27, 6:00 p.m., in the Music Room. You'll meet the Choir and we'll sing a few songs too! Questions, contact Larry Schallock, 665-7815.


 **Bells of Praise—Beginning Bells Experience**  
Have you wanted to learn how to play handbells, but never knew how to begin? Join us Tuesday, August 26, at 6:00 p.m., in the Music Room as we teach ringing techniques and a few easy musical pieces. We have spots available for new ringers, age 21 or older. No experience is necessary, reading music is a plus. Please come! Questions, contact Stacey Persons, 665-7815.

## ST. JOHN'S Children's Center


 **St. John's Children's Center Job Opportunities**  
St. John's Children's Center is looking for applicants to fill our teaching and substitute teaching positions. You will need a fingerprint and health clearance. For an application, salary information and a job description, contact our Assistant Director, Lynn Bumerts, 664-9127 or [lbumerts@sjlschool.org](mailto:lbumerts@sjlschool.org).

 **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.

 **Ukraine Mission Trip**  
We are celebrating the Children to Love Ukraine Mission Trip today with a video and interviews with St. John's member, Cheryl Bauer, and Children to Love, Victor Popa, who organized the multi-church team to help at CTL Future for Children's annual summer camp in Ukraine. Cheryl & Victor will be at the Missions Kiosk this morning to answer any questions. Our LERT Team will also be available to answer questions about LERT.

 **Volunteers Needed for Memorial Receptions**  
If you like to bake, we need volunteers who would like to make or purchase desserts to serve at our Memorial Receptions. To put your name on the sign-up list, contact Hailey, in the church office, 665-7815. Thank you.

 **Golden Eagles**  
Join us Thursday, August 28, 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](mailto:spersons@sjlchurch.org) or 665-7815.

 **BIBLE Study Sunday Morning Adult Bible Study**  
**Next Sunday, August 31,** 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.

SAVE the DATE


MIDNIGHT  
IN BLOOM

An ev'n of elegance, enchantment, and impact  
A Bountiful Affair 2025

SATURDAY,  
NOVEMBER 1ST



## Women's Ministry ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

 **Women's Monday Afternoon Bible Study**  
Join us for our new study, *God's Word for Today: Matthew, His Kingdom Forever*, 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.

Widow to Widow

2<sup>ND</sup> TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH  
11:45 AM  
SJLCHURCH.ORG/WIDOWS

Widow to Widow Bible Study and Luncheon begins Tuesday, September 9, at 11:45 a.m., in the LCR. See you there!

10<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER

Kick Off Brunch

WOMEN'S WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY  
8:45AM IN WORSHIP CENTER LOBBY  
RSVP HERE OR IN THE CHURCH OFFICE




Our new study year begins with a Kickoff Brunch on Wednesday, September 10, 8:45 a.m., in the Worship Center Lobby. Join us for food and fellowship, everyone is welcome! We will have copies of our first study, *God's Word for Today: Psalms*, available at the Brunch. The Psalms were written by real people with real problems and joys. Just as God spoke to the writers of the Psalms, so He speaks to us today. Questions, contact Stacey Persons, 665-7815.

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

WOMEN'S EVENING BIBLE STUDY

Study of Esther  
THURSDAY EVENINGS  
BEGINS SEPTEMBER 18



For more information and to register:  
scan QR Code or  
[sjlchurch.org/events](http://sjlchurch.org/events)

Esther  
KELLY WINTER

A new Women's Bible Study on Thursday evenings, beginning Thursday, September 18, 6:30 p.m., in the ECCR, led by Becky Wilson.

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

WIDOWER'S CONNECTION

Fourth Thursday of the month @10am

EMAIL [BSCHRAK@SJLCHURCH.ORG](mailto:BSCHRAK@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.

St. John's Lutheran School

KINDERGARTEN READINESS

JOIN US! SEPTEMBER 8 @ 6PM

This is an event for parents of incoming kindergarten students (any school). Please join us in the St. John's Event Center. We'll talk about kindergarten expectations, how to help prepare your child, and have fun activities to do with them at home.

Questions? Contact Kelly Pudewir 661-664-8090



\*parents only please

 **STUDENTS**  
JUNIOR HIGH & HIGH SCHOOL

WEEKLY STUDENT MEETINGS

JUNIOR HIGH & HIGH SCHOOL NIGHT  
ON BREAK UNTIL SEPTEMBER!

**young adults group**  
meets every other week!  
follow us on instagram @sj.youngadults  
contact courtney for details: [cjmerson@sjlchurch.org](mailto:cjmerson@sjlchurch.org)

UPCOMING EVENTS

JUNIOR HIGH & HIGH SCHOOL  
**WAKE UP! WITH SJ STUDENTS**  
ON THE FOLLOWING SUNDAYS:  
AUGUST 24 • SEPTEMBER 7  
DURING 10:30 SERVICE | ENDS AT 11:50


SJ STUDENTS' **VOLUNTEER MEETINGS**  
SUN, AUG 31 11:45-12:45PM OR WED, SEPT 3 6:00-7:00PM  
CHOOSE ONE DATE BELOW

**BLITZ**  
HS NIGHT KICKOFF  
SUN, SEPT 7 • 6-8PM

JH NIGHT KICKOFF  
WED, SEPT 10 • 6-7:30PM  
GAME SHOW THROWDOWN  
NINJA WARRIOR  
DON'T FORGET LYRICS  
FAMILY PRIDE  
JEOPARDY  
Fear factor

MORE INFO? [CJMerson@SJLCHURCH.ORG](mailto:CJMerson@SJLCHURCH.ORG)  
INSTAGRAM/TIK TOK: @SJSTUDENTS\_BAKERSFIELD  
YOUTUBE: SJ STUDENTS BAKERSFIELD

 **Wifi password:**  
Welcome2SJLC

 **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.

MORE INFO ABOUT EVENTS: [WWW.SJLCHURCH.ORG](http://WWW.SJLCHURCH.ORG)  
CONTACT LORRAINE DAVIS  
[LDAVIS@SJLCHURCH.ORG](mailto:LDAVIS@SJLCHURCH.ORG)

Friday, September 5,  
6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.



PIZZA, GAMES, AND A WHOLE LOT OF FRIDAY NIGHT FUN FOR THE 5<sup>TH</sup> AND 6<sup>TH</sup> GRADERS...

 **KIDZ 56**  
SIGN-UP TODAY OR CONTACT [LDAVIS@SJLCHURCH.ORG](mailto:LDAVIS@SJLCHURCH.ORG) FOR MORE INFO

 **KIDZ**  
FAITH INSTRUCTION

Wednesday September 17,  
6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

YOUR PLACE IS SET FOR  
1ST COMMUNION

  **KIDZ**  
FAITH INSTRUCTION  
STEP INTO YOUR FAITH THROUGH CONFIRMATION  
CALLING 5<sup>TH</sup> & 6<sup>TH</sup> GRADERS

AGES 4 - 4<sup>TH</sup> GRADE  
**Awana Clubs**

A WEDNESDAY MINISTRY FOR KIDS THAT BLENDS BIBLE TEACHING, SCRIPTURE MEMORIZATION, AND TONS OF FUN.