

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, September 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, September 15

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

Tuesday, September 16

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

Wednesday, September 17

- 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, September 18

- 8:00 a.m. SJCC Grandparents Breakfast—EC
- 8:30 a.m. Men’s Bible Study—SCR Dean Nulton
- 9:00 a.m. SJCC Morning Chapel—WC
- 10:00 a.m. SJLS Grandparents Day
- 6:00 p.m. Bells of Praise Rehearsal—Music Room
- 6:30 a.m. Women’s Thursday Evening Bible Study—ECCR

Friday, September 19

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

Saturday, September 20

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

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
Jim Bailey, Bob Brandt, Nancy Green, Sheila Long, Michael Pennington, Arvid Unruh

Guidance & Strength in Transitions, Travel & Faith

John Andrew

Continued Concerns

Michelle Braughton, June Demos, Frank Fanucchi, Judy Fritch, Annis Gerner, Hannah Lynch, Steve & Cheryl McConaughey, 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—\$26,830.00
Budget to Date—\$326,066
Year to Date—\$252,559.57
Year to Date Variance—(\$73,506)

St. John's Lutheran School presents
Brian Mendler
November 25, 2025
8-11:30am

Brian Mendler has extensive experience working with challenging students in general ed, self-contained, and inclusion settings. He provides staff development training for K-12 educators throughout the world with the focus on how to be successful with even the most difficult students. He trains tens of thousands of educators every year and is a highly regarded dynamic speaker. Educators love his seminars, because he is able to provide strategies that work immediately for today's youth.

Join us for this free session! Please register by November 7

THE ONE KID... Strategies & Successful Classroom Management

Brian Mendler

QR Code



“Behold the Bridegroom”

Revelation 19:11-21

September 14, 2025 – Pastor Ben Schrank

You are not just on the guest list...you are the _____.

“Then came one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls full of the seven last plagues and spoke to me, saying, “Come, I will show you the bride, the wife of the _____.” Revelation 21:9

“Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the _____ and gave himself up for her...” Eph. 5:25

“Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. In my Father's house are many _____. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to _____ a place for you?” John 14:1-2

Judgement will be _____.

Do you live as if the _____ is returning for _____?

_____: We are not simply waiting for a _____ option to trust...we are trusting Him as the only _____ option in our waiting.

_____: Being the Bride doesn’t just mean people _____ a church building on a weekend...it means the church attending to people _____ them up in their weakness.

_____: Knowing that He is returning for me means my _____ struggles do not define me...my _____ suffering is truly temporary...and my _____ is secure.

“And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to _____, that where I am _____ also.” John 14:3

For next Sunday, please read Revelation 20:1-10.



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 ANNUAL
FOOD DRINK GAMES MUSIC
COSTUME CONTEST STRENGTH COMPETITIONS SING-A-LONGS BOUNCE HOUSES
Family Oktoberfest
SEPTEMBER 26, 6-9 PM
Tickets can be purchased @ the Welcome Desk or in the Church office.
ADULT TICKET \$15
KID TICKET \$10



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.



ST. JOHN'S Lutheran Church
HIGH SCHOOL NIGHT AWANA JUNIOR HIGH NIGHT BIBLE STUDIES SMALL GROUPS
LAUNCH INTO FALL
NEW MEMBERS CLASS MOMCO 1ST COMMUNION CHOIR CONFIRMATION
SJLCHURCH.ORG/EVENTS FOR MORE INFO



Thank you for worshipping with us!
Come again soon.

News & Notes

NOW ACCEPTING

BOARD OF DIRECTOR NOMINEES

← VISIT SJLCHURCH.ORG/BOD TO NOMINATE OR FOR MORE INFO

Names need to be submitted by September 24. The election will be at the Congregational meeting in December.

The Missouri Synod
Many, many thanks to our Lutheran Church Missouri Synod in St. Louis for blessing St. John's LERT Team with a \$6,000 grant to finance our recent deployment in July to Cohasset/Chico, California in response to the devastation of the Park Fire. The grant paid for the building supplies for two tiny homes and a structure over a water pump system for burned out fire victims, enabling families to live on their property!

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!

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.

Stay in touch with St. John's!

Text 'Join' to 1(833) 420-7948

- Prayer requests
- Event updates
- Devotionals
- Bible verses

or scan here!

8-WEEK PASTOR LED BIBLE STUDY

Teach us to **Pray**

STARTING SEPTEMBER 17TH ON WEDNESDAY NIGHTS

TIME: 6PM - 7:30PM
WHERE: EVENT CENTER

Angaza Lutheran Schools
The Class 7 students' graduation is September 16. We thank God for these students and the hard work they have put into achieving this goal. Please pray for all involved in the graduation ceremonies. Also, please pray for the future of these students.

St. John's SCRIP
Next Sunday, September 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.

LCMS Foundation Estate/Gift Planning
TODAY | TOMORROW | FOREVER
We can face competing priorities when we think about planning our estates someday. A big decision about estate gifts centers on whether they should be given all at once or spread over time. If inheritance is to be all at once, it can easily be given by bequests from a will or trust, or even through a beneficiary designation. If it should be spread over time, that might signal a great opportunity for a charitable trust to spread inheritance over up to 20 years, using those same 20 years to create a charitable gift as well. Your LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor can help you see clear pathways. 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.

Women's Ministry
ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

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.

Widow to Widow

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

Women's Wednesday Morning Bible Study
Please join us at 8:45 a.m., in the WC Lobby for our first study of the year, **God's Word for Today: Psalms**. All are welcome! 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. 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
Beginning Wednesday, September 17, join us at 11:15 a.m. in **The Music Room** for Level 1 Yoga led by Linda Cole, **(please note the room change)**. Questions, contact Stacey Persons, spersons@sjlchurch.org or 665-7815.

The Portals of Prayer Devotionals
for the months of October, November & December are available. Please stop by the Welcome Desks and pick up a free copy.

Women's Ministry
ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

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

CALLING ALL KNITTERS AND CROCHETERS!

COME MAKE **BABY** ITEMS WITH US FOR THE **BAKERSFIELD PREGNANCY CENTER.**

MONDAY EVENINGS 6:30-8 PM
SEPT. 15 - OCT. 28

Join us in the ECCR for a great fellowship opportunity! All skill levels are welcome. Projects will be donated to The Bakersfield Pregnancy Center. Hope to see you there! Questions, contact the church office, 665-7815.

Lost & Found
This is your last chance to claim lost and found items we have accumulated from past events at the church and school—VBS, worship services, memorials, meetings, etc. If the items are not claimed, they will be donated to charity. Visit the table in the courtyard.

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

Golden Eagles
Join us Thursday, September 25, 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.

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 @sjyoungadults!
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

Wifi password:
Welcome2SJLC

Kidz MINISTRY

Join us as we build a foundation of faith in Jesus through fellowship, learning, fun and service.

WEDNESDAYS
September-April 6:00-7:30 P.M.
Launch Date September 17

AWANA

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

KIDZ 56
5th and 6th graders are invited to Kidz 56 Friday, September 19, 6:00-8:00 pm drop off at Kidz Connection. We will have dinner, games, large and small group activities. Bring friends!!!
1st time attending register @ www.sjlchurch.org/kidz56

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

Kidz

Awana

SAVE the DATE

MIDNIGHT IN BLOOM

An evn of elegance, enchantment, and impact
A Bountiful Affair 2025

SATURDAY,
NOVEMBER 1ST