

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, December 4

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, 665-7815
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, December 5

4:00 p.m. Women’s Bible Study—OC
Jan Lundy
6:00 p.m. MOPS Yoga Night—ECCR

Tuesday, December 6

11:45 a.m. Widow to Widow Bible Study
& Luncheon—LCR
1:30 p.m. Women’s Bible Study—ECCR
Judie Fanucchi
6:00 p.m. Elder’s Meeting—LCR
6:15 p.m. Chapel Bells Rehearsal—
Music Room

Wednesday, December 7

9:00 a.m. Women’s Wednesday Morning
Bible Study—WC Lobby
11:15 a.m. Level 1 Yoga—The Garage
6:00 p.m. AWANA—KC
Kidz 56 Faith Instruction—
Library
Action Bible Class
Confirmation
SJ Students Jr. High Night—
The Garage
Widow to Widow Bible
Study—SCR
6:15 p.m. Celebration Choir Rehearsal—
Music Room

Thursday, December 8

8:30 a.m. Men’s Bible Study—SCR
11:00 a.m. Golden Eagles—LCR
6:00 p.m. SJLS K-2 Christmas Program—
WC

Friday, December 9

6:00 p.m. Kidz 56—KC

Saturday, December 10

7:00 a.m. Men’s Bible Study—LCR
Lynn Wheeler
8:00 a.m. Men’s Bible Study—SCR
Dean Nulton

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
Paul Bovard, Caitlin, Eve Carter, Hayden, Jean, Julie, Kitty Christensen, Taylor-Kay Mazza, Judie Walker

Comfort & Strength
The Lundy Family at the passing of their son, Kevin

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
Jeanette Albright, John Andrew, Leah Appold, Jourdin Bacot, Eric Bartels, Randall Bauer, Cody Clowers, Caitlin Cooper, Cary Elliott, Linda Flanders, Susan Foster, Laura Hanssen, Joshua Hunsaker, Daniel Ihde, Nancy Keppen, Kari Lee, Tiffany Oesch, Mary Lou Parker, Christine Pinter, Dorothy Sundberg, Ed Tjaarda, Lisa Vorhees, Ethan Wahl

Amount Needed to Meet Fiscal Year 2022-2023
Budget—\$2,002,074
Last Week’s Giving—\$36,603.00
Budget to Date—\$731,758
Year to Date—\$731,918
Year to Date Variance—\$160

LOVE ● LEARN ● LEAD
The people of St. John’s
LOVE God and others,
LEARN to be and make disciples of Jesus Christ, and
LEAD others to discover and live out their calling as God’s people.



Straight Paths & Broken Roads

Acts 13:1-12

December 4, 2022 – Pastor Eric Van Scharrel

Luke shifts the narrative to _____.

Bar-Jesus: less _____ and more _____.

“Stop making _____ the _____ paths of the Lord.”

“Prepare the way of the Lord; make His paths _____.” -Matt. 3:3

A _____ route.

A little _____ of the truth of God can take you – over time – drastically off course.

God bless the _____ road.

God’s goal is through that series of _____ and _____, you will become _____ to a message that is so incredibly different than anything else the world offers.

For next week, read Acts 13:13-52



Sermons & Studies

Didn't get all the blanks filled? Find the missing words on St. John’s website: sjlchurch.org/sermons. LIFEwork pages can be found at the Information Centers.

Sermon audio & notes online: sjlchurch.org/sermons

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Welcome to St. John’s, we’re glad you’re here!

Restrooms with diaper changing stations are located in the lobby, across from the nursery. Exiting from the Sanctuary, turn left; exiting the Worship Center, turn right.

Nursery (Age 0 to 35 months) is available during the services. Our nursery is located in the Lobby to the left of the Worship Center.

Sunday School (Age 3 years through 6th grade) *Parents!* Check your child into Sunday School at check-in (located in front of the Nursery) between 8:40-9:00 a.m. and 10:10-10:30 a.m. During both services, children will be dismissed to Sunday School and their teachers will walk them to class. You may pick them up at Kidz Connection after the service. If you have questions, contact Lorraine Davis, ldavis@sjlchurch.org.

Need information? Please visit our website at: <http://www.sjlchurch.org>. It’s a great place to get information or to find out about current events.

A friendly reminder to all, please silence all devices while on campus for worship.

Prayer requests may be submitted online at: <https://sjlchurch.org/prayer>. We are honored to pray for your needs.



In today’s service, we celebrate the Lord’s Supper. Gluten-free wafers and alcohol-free wine are available at each station. **If you need communion** served at your seat, assistance getting to and from your seat, assistance getting to and from your seat or any other assistance during worship, please speak with an usher or the Elder of the Day prior to the service.

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News & Notes



Congregational Meeting
this morning 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. Videos and biographies of the candidates nominated are posted and can be viewed on our website at: sjlchurch.org/bod.



Second Sunday of Advent

Every Sunday during this Advent season, one of our St. John's

families will be lighting the Advent Candle. Today, the Candle of Peace, will be lit at the 9:00 a.m. service by the Taylor Family, Shelly, Matthew, Jordan, Noah & Brooklyn. At the 10:30 a.m. service, it will be lit by the Devitt Family, Brian, Bailey, Grant & Dany. *For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of PEACE. (Isaiah 9:6).*



Angel Tree

We still have Angel names available. You can choose a tag on the Christmas Tree in the lobby and sign it out before you leave. **All gifts are due back on December 11.**

We are in need of people to help deliver gifts on Saturday, December 17. Please check your schedule to see if you are available. Sign-ups at the Information Centers. Questions, contact Stacey, 665-7815.



Prayer Requests

In November, we received a total of 118 prayer requests. Thank you for allowing us to pray for you.

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



Women's Christmas Brunch!

THANK YOU to all who helped make the Women's Christmas Brunch event a huge success!



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. **Our last meeting for 2022 is December 11. We will resume after the holidays on Sunday, January 8, 2023.** Questions, contact Stacey Persons, spersons@sjlchurch.org or 665-7815.



Christmas Choir

Looking to sing with the Choir during the Christmas season? Join us and make a meaningful impact on our Christmas worship.

Contact Brent Williams, 665-7815 or bwilliams@sjlchurch.org or join us on Wednesday nights at 6:00 p.m. We are starting to rehearse Christmas anthems now!



Sounds of the Season Instrumental Concert

Join the St. John's students, Grades 5 through 8, Thursday, December 15 at 6:00 p.m. in the Worship Center as they perform their instrumental concert with band, strings and jazz band with a variety of Christmas music melodies. Everyone is welcome to attend!



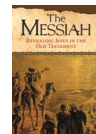
The Joy of Christmas Choir & Handbells Concert

Join the St. John's students, Grades 3 through 8, Tuesday, December 20 at 6:00 p.m. in the Worship Center as they perform their Choir & Handbell concert of Christmas tunes. Everyone is welcome to attend!



Wednesday Morning Women's Bible Study

Mark your calendars for our **Christmas Brunch, Wednesday, December 14, 9:00 a.m.**, in the Worship Center Lobby. Join us for fun & fellowship as we celebrate our savior's birth and enjoy this festive holiday season. We will resume our Bible Study after the holidays on **January 4, 2023.** Questions, contact Stacey Persons, spersons@sjlchurch.org or 665-7815.



Women's Monday Afternoon Bible Study Resumes December 5. Last meeting before the Christmas holiday is December 19.

Join us for our Bible study, Monday afternoons, 4:00-5:30 p.m., off campus, at a member's home each week. Questions, contact Jan Lundy, 665-7815.



The Bakersfield Angels

Our Monday afternoon Bible Study Group (pictured here:

Judith Stewart, Jan Lundy, Susan Pacheco, Doris Duquette, Edie Heideman and Sandy Mittelsteadt) has completed one year of the Love Box Program sponsored by The Bakersfield Angels to support foster families. Thanks Ladies! Photograph by Kathy McDonnell.



Join the St. John's students, Kindergarten through 2nd Grade, as they present their choral concert, *Christmas from A to Z*, Thursday, December 8 at 6:00 p.m. in the Worship Center. Everyone is welcome to attend!



Thursday Morning Men's Bible Study

Join us Thursday mornings at 8:30 a.m., in the SCR. **Our last meeting for 2022 is December 22. We will resume after the holidays on January 5, 2023.** Questions, contact Dean Nulton, 665-7815.



The Missions Task Force

is planning to send another mission team to Paradise, California to help build Tiny Homes with the Tiny Pines Foundation (tinypinefoundation.org). This charity is still helping people displaced by the Camp Fire. Anyone, age 14 and up, is welcome to come and help. No special skills are required, but construction knowledge is a plus. Tentative date is January 2-8, 2023. Cost will be approximately \$300.00 with 50% off for active church attendees. Questions, contact the church office, 665-7815.

Christmas is right around the corner, this is a good time to stock up on grocery Scrip. Plan now to shop with gift cards or give them as Christmas gifts!



St. John's SCRIP

Today you can purchase SCRIP, between services, 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 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 following is an official IRS ruling: "Receipt of 2022 Contributions:

Donors must deliver or mail checks on or by December 31, 2022, in order to claim a charitable contribution deduction for 2022. Checks that are placed in the church offering on the first Sunday of 2023 will not qualify for a charitable contribution deduction in 2022, even if the check is pre-dated to 2022 or was actually written in 2022. However, checks that are written, mailed and post-marked in 2022 will be deductible in 2022 though they are not received by a church until 2023."



WEEKLY STUDENT MEETINGS



UPCOMING EVENTS



WANT MORE INFO? CONTACT COURTNEY: CJIMERSON@SJLCHURCH.ORG
FACEBOOK: "ST. JOHN'S STUDENTS" GROUP
INSTAGRAM: @SJSTUDENTS.BAKERSFIELD
REMIIND: TEXT @SJZJH OR @SJZHS TO 81010
YOUTUBE: SJ STUDENTS BAKERSFIELD



Stephen Ministers

care for people who are experiencing grief, divorce, job loss, terminal illness, loneliness, spiritual crisis, hospitalization, relocation and other life difficulties. There is no fee. Call Hailey for information, 665-7815.



EVERY SUNDAY Sunday School
Preschool - 6th grade
both services



HOT COCOA AND COOKIES

FREE TICKETS SJLCHURCH.ORG/CHRISTMAS

FRIDAY
Kidz 56 hangout

Fifth and Sixth Grade Kidz56 hangout
Friday, December 9, 6:00-8:00 pm
We will have dinner, games, large and small group activities. Bring friends!!!

1st time attending register at
www.sjlchurch.org/kidz56

Questions contact
Lorraine Davis 665-7815
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AWANA Grand Prix



Are you or someone you love celebrating a birthday? Consider a gift to the Endowment Fund Birthday Club for each year of blessings!

