

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, May 10 Happy Mother's Day

5:00 a.m. Zoom Prayer Meeting—
 (Details, contact Pastor Marvin,
 (661) 364-4960)
 9:00 a.m. Traditional Worship
 (In-Person & Livestream)
 Sanctuary
 Children's Ministry Sunday
 School—KC
 10:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship
 (In-Person & Livestream)
 WC
 Children's Ministry Sunday
 School—KC

Monday, May 11

3:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study—OC
 Shirley Darling

Tuesday, May 12

11:45 a.m. Widow to Widow Bible Study &
 Luncheon—LCR
 1:30 p.m. Women's Bible Study—ECCR
 Judie Fanucchi

Wednesday, May 13

6:15 a.m. Men's Bible Study—LCR
 Pastor Ben
 9:00 a.m. SJCC Morning Chapel—WC
 11:15 a.m. Level 1 Yoga—Music Room
 6:00 p.m. Celebration Choir Rehearsal—
 Music Room

Thursday, May 14

8:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study—SCR
 Dean Nulton
 9:00 a.m. MOMCo Meetup—ECCR
 SJCC Pre-K Spring Concert—WC
 6:00 p.m. Bells of Praise Rehearsal—
 Music Room

Friday, May 15

Saturday, May 16

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

Improve your flexibility, balance and strength
 Join us Wednesdays at 11:15 a.m. in
 The Garage for Level 1 Yoga led by
 Linda Cole. **Our last class before
 summer break is Wednesday,**

June 24. Questions, contact the church office,
 665-7815.

Amount Needed to Meet Fiscal Year
 2025-2026:
 Budget—\$2,044,300
 Last Week's Giving—\$21,419.00
 Budget to Date—\$1,778,950
 Year to Date—\$1,724,398.44
 Year to Date Variance—\$(54,551)

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
 Linda Burtch, Rick Cole, George
 Demos, Dr. Miguel Gambetta,
 Kevin Green, Lance Hall, Ed Tudor

Guidance & Strength in Transitions, Travel & Faith

John Andrew, Alex Montgomery

Continued Concerns

Bob Brandt, Carol Black-Calderwood,
 Michelle Braughton, Judy Fritch,
 Annis Gerner, Jeff Goossen,
 Nancy Green, Laura Hanssen, Edie
 Heideman, Bill Kirby, Shiela Long,
 Michael Pennington, Bob & Marcia
 Perry, JoAnn Pettijohn, Bob Schneider,
 Tony Shackelford, Hardie Smith,
 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

THANK YOU! SUPER!

VOLUNTEERS

DANIELLE SWARTZ	MELISSA GANDARA
MEGAN TERRY	LINA GANDARA,
MICHELLE FOX	ANTHONY MERANTE
LISA KEWISH	DESIREE MACKALL
DEAN KEWISH	ADAM MACKALL
LESLIE DEVITT	SHERRY STEWART
DAVE DEVITT	DEBRA STEWART
TRACI RUEDA	HAILEY SMIDT
DWAYNE CLEMANS	NATE SMIDT
BEN GEISSEL	LORRAINE DAVIS
CHRIS PERSONS	CHRIS DAVIS

**MOTHER SON BASH
 COULDN'T OF HAPPENED WITHOUT YOU!**

GOOD WITNESS
 WALK
 CONFESSION
 CONVERSATION
 PROMISE
 ENDING
 HELPER
 GOD

A GOOD HELPER

John 14:15-21 (Acts 17:22-31; 2 Timothy 1:3-7)
 May 10, 2026 – Pastor Eric Van Scharrel

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“I will not leave you as _____; I will come to you.

Yet a little while and the world will see Me no more, but you will
 see Me. Because I live, you also will live. In that day you will know
 that I am in My Father, and you in Me, and I in you.”

- John 14:18-20

The “Helper” role of the Holy Spirit involves _____

the name of Jesus and _____ everything else.

Are you a “_____?”

H _____ others in their weakness (Rom. 8:26).

E _____ the joy of salvation (Ps. 51:12, 100:1).

L _____ others to faith by planting seeds of the Gospel.

P _____ insight shaped by godly wisdom.

S _____ grace freely, again and again.

For next Sunday, read Acts 1:6-14.



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 Welcome Centers.

ST. JOHN'S Lutheran Church
 May 10, 2026
 WWW.SJLCHURCH.ORG

LOVE. LEARN. LEAD.

Welcome!

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

Now playing in your boombox

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY

**Thank that special person God put in your
 life when you needed them...mom, aunt,
 grandma, spiritual mom....**

Sunday School & Nursery
 Nursery (0-35 months) and Sunday School
 (3YO 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.

SJ STUDENTS

Bouquet BAR


**BUY YOUR LOVED ONE FLOWERS TODAY IN THE COURTYARD
 PROCEEDS SUPPORT OUR HAWAII MISSION TEAM**

FOLLOW US @SJLCBAKERSFIELD

f Instagram TikTok

Events

For all events, scan here



MAY 31, 2026

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

AFTER THE 10:30AM SERVICE



Mother's Day Photo Opportunity
TODAY we have a photo backdrop available for all mothers to capture that special photo of you & your family on this Mother's Day.

MAY 10 - JUNE 21

bakersfield **bpc** **BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN**

pregnancy center **Begins today!**



Wednesday Morning Women's Bible Study
 Thank you to everyone who joined us and helped make this a great year of being in God's Word together! Look for information about our new study coming in the Fall. Have a great summer! Questions, contact the church office, 665-7815.

The flowers this morning are given by Patti Leiblie to the glory of God, and in celebration of her mother, Joyce Milburn, on this Mother's Day.



Visiting Angels
 For those interested in visiting senior church members, residents in care and/or retirement living facilities, a training meeting has been scheduled for Saturday, May 16, at 9:00 a.m., in the Event Center Conference Room. We hope to see you there! Questions, contact the church office, 665-7815.

A Good Song
 FEEL THE GROOVE FROM ACROSS THE DECADES

What's your favorite worship song or hymn?

Featuring: **Decades of Worship**

Vote on your favorite song and get all the playlists here

St. John's SCRIP
Next Sunday, May 17, 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.



Golden Eagles
It's BBQ Time! Join us **Thursday, May 28,** at 11:00 a.m., in The Garage as we study God's Word and enjoy a burger lunch together. Golden Eagles is a Bible Study for seniors. Questions, contact Hailey Smidt, 665-7815 or hsmidt@sjlchurch.org.



Lutheran Witness
 The June-July 2026 issue will complete the subscription year. The subscription rate is \$20.65 per year. To renew your subscription, please mail your check (payable to SJLC) or bring it to the Welcome Center or the Admin Office. Contact Hailey, 665-7815, for information. **Due date is May 31.**



Bible Studies

FOR ALL BIBLE STUDIES



Women's

<p>MONDAY 3PM CONTACT SHIRLEY DARLING FOR DETAILS (661)203-0483 LED BY: SHIRLEY DARLING MEETS DURING SUMMER</p>	<p>TUESDAY 1:30PM EVENT CENTER CONFERENCE ROOM LED BY: JUDIE FANUCCHI MEETS DURING SUMMER</p>
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Men's

<p>WEDNESDAY 6:15AM LARGE CONFERENCE ROOM LED BY: PASTOR BEN MEETS DURING SUMMER</p>	<p>THURSDAY 8:30AM SMALL CONFERENCE ROOM LED BY: DEAN NULTON MEETS DURING SUMMER</p>	<p>SATURDAY 7AM LARGE CONFERENCE ROOM LED BY: LYNN WHEELER MEETS DURING SUMMER</p>
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Golden Eagles

BI-WEEKLY THURSDAYS 11AM

GOLDEN EAGLES (FOR SENIORS)
 LARGE CONFERENCE ROOM
 LED BY: PASTOR ERIC
 MEETS DURING SUMMER

Widowed

<p>WIDOW TO WIDOW 2ND TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH 11:45AM LED BY: DEB WOOD LAST MEETING BEFORE SUMMER-TUESDAY, MAY 12</p>	<p>WIDOWERS 4TH THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH 10AM LED BY: PASTOR BEN MEETS DURING SUMMER</p>
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FOR MORE INFORMATION ON A BIBLE STUDY, PLEASE CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE AT 661-665-7815

STUDENTS

JUNIOR HIGH & HIGH SCHOOL

WEEKLY STUDENT MEETINGS

JUNIOR HIGH & HIGH SCHOOL NIGHT
 ON BREAK UNTIL SEPTEMBER!

young adults group
 every other Sunday night @ 8pm in the Garage!
 follow us on Instagram @sj.youngadults!
 contact courtney for details: cjimerson@sjlchurch.org

UPCOMING EVENTS

SJ STUDENTS Bouquet BAR

BUY YOUR LOVED ONE FLOWERS TODAY IN THE COURTYARD PROCEEDS SUPPORT OUR HAWAII MISSION TEAM

Trivia Night

SATURDAY, MAY 23

6:00-8:00 PM • EVENT CENTER • TICKETS \$25

FUNDRAISER FOR SJ STUDENTS & SJ YOUNG ADULTS' HAWAII MISSION TRIP

JUNIOR HIGH & HIGH SCHOOL WAKE UP! WITH SJ STUDENTS

ON THE FOLLOWING SUNDAYS: **JUNE 28 • JULY 12 • AUG 23**
 DURING 10:30 SERVICE | ENDS AT 11:50

MORE INFO? [CJIMERSON@SJLCHURCH.ORG](mailto:cjimerson@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.

JOIN US EVERY SUNDAY

NURSERY 0-3 year old during both services. Check-in your child at the Kidz Min Kiosk.

SUNDAY SCHOOL Preschool-6th during both services. Check-in your child at Kidz Min Kiosk.

VBS JULY 13-17



This summer, kids will journey through Psalm 23, discovering how the Lord is their Shepherd. Through Irish-inspired fun, lively worship, and hands-on activities, children will learn that God guides them, protects them, and fills their lives with goodness.

Child and Volunteer registration



www.sjlchurch.org/vbs

Questions contact Volunteer Registration? Lorraine.lDavis@sjlchurch.org
 Child Registration? Kara.kthompson@sjlchurch.org

CELEBRATING OUR GRADUATES

SUNDAY, MAY 31



SCAN THE QR CODE TO HAVE YOUR 8TH, HIGH SCHOOL, OR COLLEGE GRADUATE LISTED IN THE BULLETIN.



Last day of school Thursday, May 21st. Have a great summer!