

## 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 3

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  
 10:15 a.m. Adult Bible Study—ECCR  
 Bob Schneider  
 10:30 a.m. Wake-up with SJ Students—  
 The Garage  
 Contemporary Worship  
 (In-Person & Livestream)  
 WC  
 Children's Ministry Sunday  
 School—KC  
 6:00 p.m. SJ Students High School Night—  
 The Garage

### Monday, May 4

1:00 p.m. Missions Task Force Meeting—  
 LCR  
 3:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study—OC  
 Shirley Darling

### Tuesday, May 5

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

### Wednesday, May 6

6:15 a.m. Men's Bible Study—LCR  
 Nate Smidt  
 8:45 a.m. Women's Wednesday Morning  
 Bible Study Brunch—  
 WC Lobby  
 11:15 a.m. Level 1 Yoga—Music Room  
 6:00 p.m. SJ Students Jr. High Night—  
 The Garage  
 Celebration Choir Rehearsal—  
 Music Room

### Thursday, May 7

8:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study—SCR  
 Dean Nulton  
 9:00 a.m. SJCC Morning Chapel—WC  
 11:00 a.m. Golden Eagles—LCR  
 6:00 p.m. Bells of Praise Rehearsal—  
 Music Room

### Friday, May 8

8:30 a.m. SJLS Morning Chapel—WC

### Saturday, May 9

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  
 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

Amount Needed to Meet Fiscal Year 2025-2026:  
 Budget—\$2,044,300  
 Last Week's Giving—\$17,746.10  
 Budget to Date—\$1,738,882  
 Year to Date—\$1,692,052.27  
 Year to Date Variance—\$(46,829)

**MAY 10 - JUNE 21**

**bpc** pregnancy center **BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN**

**Stay in touch!**

Text us prayer requests or questions about special events

Text 'Join' to (833) 420-7948

**GOOD** WITNESS WALK CONFESSION CONVERSATION PROMISE ENDING HELPER GOD

### A GOOD CONVERSATION

John 21:15-19; Ezekiel 34:11-16; Titus 3:3-8  
 May 3, 2026 – Pastor Ben Schrank

“Behold, I, I myself will \_\_\_\_\_ for my sheep and will \_\_\_\_\_ them out.” Ezekiel 34:11

“The sheep follow Him, \_\_\_\_\_ for they know His \_\_\_\_\_.”

1. Jesus' voice \_\_\_\_\_ the heart of those who fail.

“Peter said to Him, “Lord, why can I not follow you now? I will lay down my \_\_\_\_\_ for you.” John 13:37

2. Jesus' voice \_\_\_\_\_ those who fall short to lead.

“There is no one who does \_\_\_\_\_, not even one.” Ps 14:3

3. Jesus' voice \_\_\_\_\_ the discouraged with His love.

“He saved us, not because of works done in righteousness, but according to his own \_\_\_\_\_.” Titus 3:5

“Shepherd the \_\_\_\_\_ of God that is among you...And when the chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the unfading crown of glory...Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you, casting all your anxieties on him, because he \_\_\_\_\_ for you. 1 Peter 5:2,4,6-7

For next Sunday, read John 14:15-21.

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 Welcome Centers.

ST. JOHN'S Lutheran Church May 3, 2026  
 www.sjlchurch.org  
**LOVE. LEARN. LEAD.**

## Welcome!

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

\*Reminder: Please silence devices during worship.

**VBS 2026**

**EMERALD CROSSING**  
 An Irish Adventure Through Psalm 23

**JULY 13-17**

**Registration now OPEN!**

[www.sjlchurch.org/VBS](http://www.sjlchurch.org/VBS)  
 Questions? Email [kthompson@sjlchurch.org](mailto:kthompson@sjlchurch.org)

## 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.

# BAPTISM

This week we celebrate the baptism of Jeff Payne. He will be baptized at the 10:30 a.m. service this morning. We give thanks as we welcome him into God's Kingdom.

Grab the Spotify Playlist of this week's decades at [sjlchurch.org](http://sjlchurch.org) or on the app.

**FOLLOW US**  
**@SJLCBAKERSFIELD**

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Win a 1-week stay in a...  
**West Maui Condo**  
 July 12-19, 2026


Kapaha Bay Villas  
 \$100/raffle ticket for your chance to win a Hawaiian getaway

Scan the QR to purchase your raffle ticket today!

Winning ticket will be drawn on June 21!  
 All proceeds benefit the students of St. John's Lutheran Schools

# Events

For all events, scan here



**Pastor Norb Oesch!**  
 We welcome Pastor Norb & Jackie Oesch, Pastor at St. John's in the 1980's, who will speak today about their CROSSCONNECT Ministry in Ethiopia and Pakistan, from were they just returned. More information at the Missions Kiosk after both services today. Stop by to say hello!!



**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



**COMMUNION**  
 — SUNDAY —  
 If you are physically unable to come to the front to receive communion, please let an Usher know and communion will be served to you at your seat.

**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.**

**Prayer Requests**  
 In April, we received a total of 100 prayer requests. Thank you for allowing us to pray for you.



**MAY 31, 2026**  
**CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**  
 AFTER THE 10:30AM SERVICE

**SHOP with a MISSION**  
 A FAIR TRADE MARKETPLACE  
 pop up shop  
**Sunday, May 3**  
 ST. JOHN'S Lutheran Church  
 It's the perfect time to get your mother's day gifts! 100% of your purchase will benefit the artisans.  
[shopwithamission.com](http://shopwithamission.com)

**Golden Eagles**  
 Join us **Thursday, May 7**, at 11:00 a.m., in The Garage as we study God's Word and enjoy a **pizza lunch** together. Mark your calendars, it's **BBQ time!** Our **burger lunch** will be on **Thursday, May 28**. Golden Eagles is a Bible Study for seniors. Questions, contact Hailey Smidt, 665-7815 or [hsmidt@sjlchurch.org](mailto:hsmidt@sjlchurch.org).

**St. John's SCRIP TODAY**, 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.

**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.

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# Bible Studies

FOR ALL BIBLE STUDIES



## Women's

<b>MONDAY 3PM</b> CONTACT SHIRLEY DARLING FOR DETAILS (661)203-0483 LED BY: SHIRLEY DARLING MEETS DURING SUMMER	<b>TUESDAY 1:30PM</b> EVENT CENTER CONFERENCE ROOM LED BY: JUDIE FANUCCHI MEETS DURING SUMMER	<b>WEDNESDAY 8:45AM</b> WORSHIP CENTER LOBBY LAST MEETING BEFORE SUMMER-WEDNESDAY, MAY 6
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## Men's

<b>WEDNESDAY 6:15AM</b> LARGE CONFERENCE ROOM LED BY: PASTOR BEN MEETS DURING SUMMER	<b>THURSDAY 8:30AM</b> SMALL CONFERENCE ROOM LED BY: DEAN NULTON MEETS DURING SUMMER	<b>SATURDAY 7AM</b> LARGE CONFERENCE ROOM LED BY: LYNN WHEELER MEETS DURING SUMMER
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## Co-Ed

<b>BI-WEEKLY THURSDAYS 11AM</b> GOLDEN EAGLES (FOR SENIORS) LARGE CONFERENCE ROOM LED BY: PASTOR ERIC	<b>SUNDAY 10:15AM</b> EVENT CENTER CONFERENCE ROOM LED BY: BOB SCHNEIDER NOT MEETING ON MOTHER'S DAY, MAY 10. LAST MEETING BEFORE SUMMER - SUNDAY, MAY 31
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## Widowed

<b>WIDOW TO WIDOW 2ND TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH 11:45AM</b> LED BY: DEB WOOD LAST MEETING BEFORE SUMMER-TUESDAY, MAY 12	<b>WIDOWERS 4TH THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH 10AM</b> LED BY: PASTOR BEN MEETS DURING SUMMER
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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 NIGHT**  
 WED • 6-7:30PM  
 MEETS IN THE GARAGE  
 DOORS & SNACK BAR OPEN AT 5:30!

**HIGH SCHOOL NIGHT**  
 SUN • 6-8PM  
 MEETS IN THE GARAGE



**young adults group**  
 every other Sunday night @ 8pm in the Garage!  
 follow us on instagram @sj.youngadults!  
 contact courtney for details: [cjimerson@sjlchurch.org](mailto:cjimerson@sjlchurch.org)

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**JUNIOR HIGH & HIGH SCHOOL WAKE UP! WITH SJ STUDENTS**  
 ON THE FOLLOWING SUNDAYS: MAY 3 • JUNE 28  
 DURING 10:30 SERVICE | ENDS AT 11:50

**HS HANGOUT**  
**COLOR WARS**  
 MAY 3RD • 6-8PM  
 ST. JOHN'S GARAGE

**WELCOME TO THE CARNIVAL!**  
 MAY 6 // 6-7:30PM  
 TICKETS: 3316 ASHLEY CT • 93311  
 GATE CODE: #0402  
 POOL PARTY AT COURTNEY'S

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.

AWANA

Special thank you to our AWANA volunteers!!!!



Questions contact  
 Lorraine Davis 665-7815 [ldavis@sjlchurch.org](mailto:ldavis@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 21. Have a great summer!

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