

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 16**
5:00 a.m. Zoom Prayer Meeting—
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, August 17
3:00 p.m. Women’s Bible Study—OC
Shirley Darling/Jan Lundy

Tuesday, August 18
1:30 p.m. Women’s Bible Study—ECCR
Judie Fanucchi

Wednesday, August 19
6:15 a.m. Men’s Bible Study—LCR
Pastor Ben

Thursday, August 20
8:30 a.m. Men’s Bible Study—SCR
Dean Nulton
11:00 a.m. Golden Eagles—LCR

Friday, August 21
8:30 a.m. SJLS Morning Chapel—WC

Saturday, August 22
7:00 a.m. Men’s Bible Study—LCR
Lynn Wheeler

BIBLE Study
Sunday Morning Adult Bible Study
Sunday, September 6, 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.

ST. JOHN’S Children’s Center

St. John’s Children’s Center Job Opportunity
St. John’s Children’s Center is looking for applicants to fill our 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.

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
Todd Albright, Luke David Cooper, Dr. Miguel Gambetta, Lance Hall, Paul Williams
Guidance & Strength in Transitions, Travel & Faith
John Andrew, Alex Montgomery
Continued Concerns
Michelle Braughton, Rick Cole, Cary Elliott, Judy Fritch, Annis Gerner, Jeff Goossen, Kevin Green, Nancy Green, Sheila Long, Julie Martin, Michael Pennington, Bob & Marcia Perry, JoAnn Pettijohn, 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 2026-2027:
Budget—\$2,044,300
Last Week’s Giving—\$35,449.00
Budget to Date—\$231,619
Year to Date—\$188,594.20
Year to Date Variance—\$(43,025)

How Can We Pray For You?

Submit your prayer requests here and let us pray for you



prayer requests

Thank you for worshipping with us!
Come again soon.



CHOOSE LOVE AND JOY

Galatians 5:22-26; John 15: 16-19; Ezekiel 36:25-28
August 16, 2026 – Pastor Ben Schrank

“You did not choose me, but I _____ you and appointed you that you should go and _____ and that your fruit should abide.” Jn 15:16a

Works of the flesh....but the _____ of the Spirit

“Fruit is always the miraculous, the created; it is never the result of willing, but always a _____. The fruit of the Spirit is a gift of God, and only He can produce it. They who bear it know as little about it as the tree knows of its fruit. They know only the power of Him on whom their life depends”
-Dietrich Bonhoeffer

“If we live by the Spirit, let us also _____ with the Spirit.”
- Galatians 5:25

“Let all you do be done in _____” 1 Corinthians. 16:14

- 1) Love is more than a _____.
- 2) You tend to worship what you love the _____.
- 3) Unconditional love still sets _____ for living.

“The _____ of the LORD is my strength.” Nehemiah 8:10

- 1) Joy has less to do with happiness than _____.
- 2) Joy is not something you find within _____.
- 3) Joy is defiantly declaring that Jesus is _____.

“These things I have spoken to you, that my _____ may be in you, and that your joy may be full. “This is my commandment, that you _____ one another as I have loved you.” John 15:11-12

For Next Week read Galatians 5:22-26 again



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

August 16, 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.



Welcome Back-to-School St. John’s Students!

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 MOM CO

FOR ALL MOMS WITH KIDS BIRTH - ELEMENTARY!

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Events

For all events, scan here





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.



St. John's Lutheran School Kindergarten Readiness Night
 This event is for parents of incoming Kindergarten students (any school). We'll discuss Kindergarten expectations, how to help prepare your child, and have samples of fun activities to do with them at home. Join us on Monday, September 14 at 6:00 p.m., in the St. John's Event Center. Questions, contact Kelly Pudiwitr, kpudiwitr@sjlschool.org or contact the school office, 664-8090.



Wednesday Women's Bible Study
 Begins with our Kick-Off Brunch on **September 2**. Whether you are new to Bible Study or have been coming for years, we invite you to join us on Wednesday Mornings, 8:45 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., in the Worship Center Lobby. Come for brunch and find out about our new study, **Foundations of the Faith**. Childcare is available every week. For more information, contact the church office, 665-7815.



Happy 100th Birthday to Dorothy Sundberg!
 Our oldest living member at St. John's will be 100 years old on **Saturday, August 22!** Her family is having a birthday celebration at Magnolia Place, 8100 Westwold Drive from 10:30 a.m., to 2:00 p.m., everyone is invited. Mossman's will be catering. Questions, please contact the church office, 665-7815.



Golden Eagles is Meeting During the Summer!
 Join us **Thursday, August 20**, 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 Hailey Smidt, hsmidt@sjlchurch.org or 665-7815.



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.



Missions Rebuild Opportunity
 We have a great opportunity to help rebuild after the Los Angeles fire destruction in Altadena, California, beginning Sunday, September 20 through Saturday, September 26. Sign-ups are short, so visit the Missions Kiosk in the lobby today. Questions, contact the church office, 665-7815.

KIDS AND STUDENTS

CHOOSE GROWTH. BEAR FRUIT. FRUITFUL BY CHOICE

YOUNG ADULTS

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDIES

CHOIR

BELLS

NEW MEMBERS CLASS

AWANA

KIDZ 56

1ST COMMUNION

CONFIRMATION

JUNIOR HIGH NIGHT

HIGH SCHOOL NIGHT



ADULTS

Bible Studies

FOR ALL BIBLE STUDIES



Women's

MONDAY
3PM
 CONTACT SHIRLEY DARLING FOR DETAILS (661)203-0483
 LED BY: SHIRLEY DARLING

TUESDAY
1:30PM
 EVENT CENTER CONFERENCE ROOM
 LED BY: JUDIE FANUCCHI

WEDNESDAY
8:45AM
 WORSHIP CENTER LOBBY
 KICK-OFF: SEPTEMBER 2

Men's

WEDNESDAY
6:15AM
 LARGE CONFERENCE ROOM
 LED BY: PASTOR BEN

THURSDAY
8:30AM
 SMALL CONFERENCE ROOM
 LED BY: DEAN NULTON

SATURDAY
7AM
 LARGE CONFERENCE ROOM
 LED BY: LYNN WHEELER

Co-Ed

BI-WEEKLY THURSDAYS
11AM
 GOLDEN EAGLES (FOR SENIORS)
 LARGE CONFERENCE ROOM
 LED BY: PASTOR ERIC

SUNDAY
10:15AM
 EVENT CENTER CONFERENCE ROOM
 LED BY: BOB SCHNEIDER
 BEGINS: SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

Widowed

WIDOW TO WIDOW
 2ND TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH
11:45AM
 LED BY: DEB WOOD
 BEGINS: TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

WIDOWERS
 4TH THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH
10AM
 LED BY: PASTOR BEN

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON A BIBLE STUDY, PLEASE CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE AT 661-665-7815



STUDENTS
 JUNIOR HIGH & HIGH SCHOOL

WEEKLY STUDENT MEETINGS

RESUMES SEPT 9
JUNIOR HIGH NIGHT
WED • 6-7:30PM
 MEETS IN THE GARAGE

RESUMES SEPT 13
HIGH SCHOOL NIGHT
SUN • 6-8PM
 MEETS IN THE GARAGE



young adults group
 every other Sunday night
 follow us on instagram @sj.youngadults!
 contact courtesy for details: cjimerson@sjlchurch.org
AUGUST 30 • 6-7:30PM
 IN THE GARAGE

UPCOMING EVENTS

JUNIOR HIGH & HIGH SCHOOL WAKE UP! WITH SJ STUDENTS
 ON THE FOLLOWING SUNDAYS:
AUG 23 • SEPT 13
 DURING 10:30 SERVICE | ENDS AT 11:50



SJ STUDENTS' VOLUNTEER MEETINGS
 CHOOSE ONE DATE BELOW
SUN, AUG 30 11:45-12:45PM **OR** **WED, SEPT 2** 6:00-7:00PM



STUDENT INTERNSHIP PROGRAM
 Equipping leaders to grow in faith and serve through hands-on ministry.
 The SJ Students Internship Program is a 10 month program designed to equip and invest in students who want to grow in leadership, ministry skills, and their personal walk with Jesus. Interns will serve in various ministry areas while being mentored, disciplined, and challenged to live out their faith in practical ways.

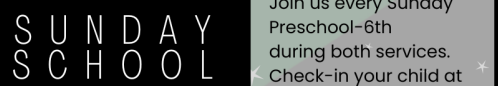
MORE INFO? [CJIMERSON@SJLCHURCH.ORG](mailto:cjimerson@sjlchurch.org)
 INSTAGRAM/TIK TOK: @SJSTUDENTS_BAKERSFIELD
 YOUTUBE: SJ STUDENTS BAKERSFIELD



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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 Preschool-6th during both services. Check-in your child at Kidz Ministry Kiosk.



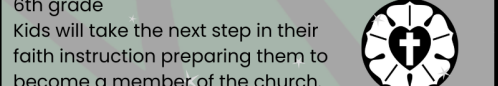
SUNDAY SCHOOL
WEDNESDAYS
 September-April 6:00-7:30 P.M.



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 communion.



CONFIRMATION
 6th grade
 Kids will take the next step in their faith instruction preparing them to become a member of the church.



KIDZ 56 KICK OFF SEPT 18
 5th and 6th graders are invited to Kidz 56 Friday, Sept 18 6:00-8:00 pm drop off at Kidz Connection. We will have dinner, games, large and small group activities. Bring friends!!!
 Questions contact: Lorraine Davis, 665-7815
ldavis@sjlchurch.org

WEDNESDAYS 6PM-7:30PM
KICK OFF SEPTEMBER 16



Awana Clubs
VOLUNTEER MEETING
SEPTEMBER 9 @ 6PM



KNOWN
 Fully Known. Fully Loved.

2026-2027 School Year!
 Our theme for St. John's Lutheran School and St. John's Children's Center.