

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 2

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 3

3:00 p.m. Women’s Bible Study—OC
Shirley Darling/Jan Lundy

Tuesday, August 4

1:30 p.m. Women’s Bible Study—ECCR
Judie Fanucchi
6:30 p.m. Elder’s Meeting—LCR

Wednesday, August 5

6:15 a.m. Men’s Bible Study—LCR
Pastor Ben
9:00 a.m. Women’s Bible Study Planning
Meeting—ECCR
10:00 a.m. SJ Students Garage Hours—
The Garage
5:30 p.m. SJLS All Parent Meeting
& Orientation—WC

Thursday, August 6

8:30 a.m. Men’s Bible Study—SCR
Dean Nulton
4:00 p.m. Mission Task Force Meeting—
LCR

Friday, August 7

Saturday, August 8

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



Wifi password:
Welcome2SJLC

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
Luke David Cooper, Dr. Miguel Gambetta, Lance Hall

Guidance & Strength in Transitions, Travel & Faith

John Andrew, Alex Montgomery

Continued Concerns

Leah Appold, Michelle Braughton, Rick Cole, Cary Elliott, Judy Fritch, Annis Gerner, Jeff Goossen, Kevin Green, Nancy Green, 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—\$42,021.37
Budget to Date—\$153,527
Year to Date—\$139,695.20
Year to Date Variance—\$(13,832)



Prayer Requests

In July, we received a total of 80 prayer requests. Thank you for allowing us to pray for you.



PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING: SONGS FOR THE HEART

Psalm 100 and Psalm 150

August 2, 2026 – Pastor Marvin St. Pierre

Our response: _____ & _____

“... and it was the _____ of the trumpeters and singers to make themselves heard in unison in praise and thanksgiving to the LORD”
(2 Chronicles 5:13a)

“All these with one accord were devoting themselves to _____ .
..”
(Acts 1:14a)

What does praising and thanking God do for _____?

- They acknowledge the _____ of the _____.
 - Thankfulness is the gift that helps us detach from the things that would _____ us.
 - Praise _____ (to your heart) who your Lord is.
- “If you confess with your _____ that Jesus is Lord and believe in your _____ that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.”
(Romans 10:9)
- When you praise and thank God, you _____ the _____ of Jesus.

“Yet You are holy, _____ in the praises of Israel.”
(Psalm 22:3, ESV alternate reading)



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 2, 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.



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.

SJ Students High School Mission Trip to Kauai - 2026



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Events

For all events, scan here







TEACHER DEDICATION SUNDAY

Join us on Sunday, August 9th to recognize and pray for our teachers, students, and families as we start a new school year!



Baby Bottle Project

The Bakersfield Pregnancy Center gives a big thank you to the people of St. John's for their donation of \$5,265.90. Praise God for generous friends.



Fun Family Service Opportunity!

Morning Star Fresh Food Ministry—"Fighting Hunger, Feeding Souls", packs and delivers fresh produce and meats once a month to people in need. Packers are needed the 4th Saturday of every month. Last summer date is: August 22, 7:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m., at 3240 Fruitvale Avenue. For more information, visit: morningstarfresh.org.



St. John's SCRIP

Sales begin Sunday, August 16, at the School Kiosk! 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 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.



GIFT A BIBLE

FOR THE STUDENTS OF ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN SCHOOL AND CHILDREN CENTER
PLEASE VISIT US IN THE COURTYARD TO PURCHASE TODAY

\$10



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.



FAITHFUL FRIENDS

SJ Faithful Friends
Visitation of St. John's Senior Members has begun! If you have a family member in senior living, assisted living, or in-home care facilities that would like a visit, please let us know. We would like to visit them on a bi-monthly basis. For more information or if you would like to become a part of SJ Faithful Friends Visitation, contact the church office, 665-7815.

KNOWN

Fully Known. Fully Loved.

2026-2027 School Year!

Our theme for St. John's Lutheran School and St. John's Children's Center.

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

Bible Studies

FOR ALL BIBLE STUDIES



Women's Bible Studies

MONDAY

3:00 PM

CONTACT SHIRLEY DARLING FOR DETAILS (661)203-0483

LED BY: SHIRLEY DARLING/JAN LUNDY
MEETS DURING SUMMER

TUESDAY

1:30 PM

EVENT CENTER CONFERENCE ROOM

LED BY: JUDIE FANUCCHI
MEETS DURING SUMMER

Men's Bible Studies

WEDNESDAY

6:15 AM

LARGE CONFERENCE ROOM
LED BY: PASTOR BEN
MEETS DURING SUMMER

THURSDAY

8:30 AM

SMALL CONFERENCE ROOM
LED BY: DEAN NULTON
MEETS DURING SUMMER

SATURDAY

7:00 AM

LARGE CONFERENCE ROOM
LED BY: LYNN WHEELER
MEETS DURING SUMMER

Golden Eagles

BI-WEEKLY THURSDAYS

11:00 AM

GOLDEN EAGLES (FOR SENIORS)

LARGE CONFERENCE ROOM

LED BY: PASTOR BEN
NEXT MEETING - AUGUST 20TH

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

SENIOR SPOTLIGHT



You rock, Riley

HELP US CELEBRATE!

Riley Craig

GRADUATING FROM
Independence High School

PLANS FOR THE FALL
Riley will be starting at the University of Nebraska as a junior and plans to study Forensic Science

WE ARE EXCITED TO SEE ALL GOD WILL CONTINUE TO DO THROUGH YOU!



WEEKLY STUDENT MEETINGS

JUNIOR HIGH & HIGH SCHOOL NIGHT

ON BREAK UNTIL SEPTEMBER!



young adults group

every other Sunday night
follow us on instagram @sj.youngadults!
contact courtney for details: cjmerson@sjlchurch.org

AUGUST 30 • 6-7:30PM

IN THE GARAGE

UPCOMING EVENTS



Thank You!
TO ALL WHO SUPPORTED & PRAYED FOR OUR HAWAII MISSION TEAM!

JUNIOR HIGH & HIGH SCHOOL

Pool PARTIES

FRIDAY, AUG 7

@ VAN SCHARREL'S
5:30-8PM

BRING YOUR SWIM GEAR & FRIENDS!
DINNER PROVIDED!

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

MORE INFO? [CJMERSON@SJLCHURCH.ORG](mailto:cjmerson@sjlchurch.org)
INSTAGRAM/TIK TOK: @SJSTUDENTS BAKERSFIELD
YOUTUBE: SJ STUDENTS BAKERSFIELD



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.



4 years old-4th grade
AWANA STARTS SEPTEMBER 16
Kids will take part in weekly dress up themes, Bible stories, memorizing and reciting scripture. Earning them fun prizes and awards.
Questions contact
Lisa Kewish.....lkewish@sjlchurch.org

REGISTRATION IS OPEN
WWW.SJLCHURCH.ORG/AWANA

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