

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 23

- 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. Wake-Up with SJ Students—
The Garage
Contemporary Worship
(In-Person & Livestream)
WC
Children’s Ministry Sunday
School—KC

Monday, August 24

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

Tuesday, August 25

- 1:30 p.m. Women’s Bible Study—ECCR
Judie Fanucchi
- 6:30 p.m. Board of Directors Meeting—
LCR

Wednesday, August 26

- 6:15 a.m. Men’s Bible Study—LCR
Pastor Ben
- 9:15 a.m. SJCC Morning Chapel—
Sanctuary

Thursday, August 27

- 8:30 a.m. Men’s Bible Study—SCR
Dean Nulton
- 10:00 a.m. Widower Bible Study—SCR

Friday, August 28

- 8:30 a.m. SJLS Morning Chapel—WC
- 5:30 p.m. SJLS Back to School BBQ—
Pavilion & EC

Saturday, August 29

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



Prayer Requests

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



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.

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,
Brad Suburu, Paul Williams, Scott Ziemann

Praise & Thanksgiving

For the marriage of Brooke Spickler &
Ryan Johnson today, August 23

Guidance & Strength in Transitions, Travel & Faith

John Andrew, Alex Montgomery

Continued Concerns

Michelle Braughton, 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

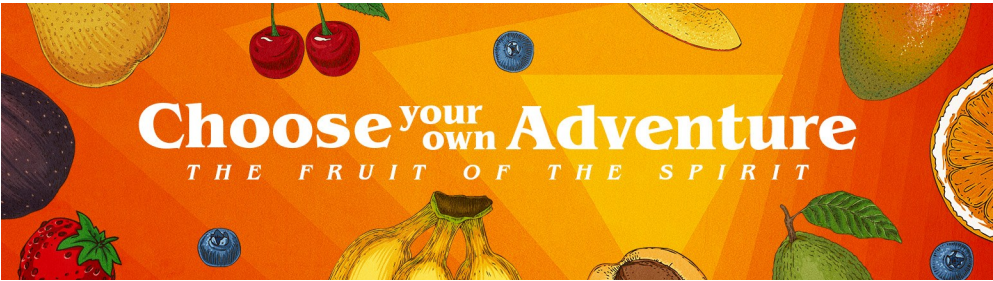
Amount Needed to Meet Fiscal Year 2026-2027:
Budget—\$2,044,300
Last Week’s Giving—\$22,847.50
Budget to Date—\$269,234
Year to Date—\$211,441.70
Year to Date Variance—\$(57,793)



Golden Eagles

Join us Thursdays,
September 10 and
September 24, 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, 665-7815 or hsmidt@sjlchurch.org.



CHOOSE PEACE AND PATIENCE

Exodus 17:1-7; John 14:23-27; Ephesians 4:1-6

August 23, 2026 – Pastor Ben Schrank

“Walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him: _____ in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God;”
Colossians 1:10

Spiritual _____ vs. Spiritual _____

“The fruit of the Spirit wasn’t intended to be a _____ for us to produce – it is the Holy Spirit through us who produces fruit.”
Dan Kimball

“You keep him in perfect _____ whose mind is stayed on you, because he trusts in you.”
Isaiah 26:3

- 1) Peace is not just the _____ at the end of your waiting.
- 2) Peace can’t be _____ in family, friends, or finances.
- 3) No Jesus, No Peace... _____ Jesus, know Peace.

“But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with _____.”
Romans 8:25

- 1) Patience can’t be the _____ fruit you don’t have.
- 2) _____ is the bitter fruit of unmet expectations.
- 3) Patience is the long-suffering that deepens the _____.

“I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with _____, bearing with one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of _____.”
Ephesians 4:1-3

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 23, 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.



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For all events, scan here

St. John's SCRIP
Sunday, September 6, 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.

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 19, 2026

NEW MEMBERS CLASS

TIME: 9AM - 3PM
LUNCH AND SNACKS PROVIDED

LOCATION: EVENT CENTER CONFERENCE ROOM

SJLCHURCH.ORG/NEWMEMBER FOR MORE DETAILS

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. See the QR Code to register.

Bells of Praise Beginning Bells Experience
 Have you wanted to learn how to play handbells, but never knew how to begin? Join us Tuesday, August 26, at 6:00 p.m., in the Music Room as we teach ringing techniques and a few easy musical pieces. We have spots available for new ringers, age 21 or older. No experience is necessary, reading music is a plus. Please come! Questions, contact Stacey Persons, spersons@sjlchurch.org, or 665-7815.

Behind the Walls Prison Ministry
 Do you want to be on the front lines seeing the Holy Spirit in action? Be part of a local, multi-church event with Behind the Walls, Prison Ministries on Thursday, November 19, at Laurel Glen Bible Church, dinner and training and on Friday, November 20, visit Kern Valley Prison in Delano. Questions and to sign-up, visit the Missions Kiosk on Sunday mornings or online at: behindthewalls.com. Sign-ups end September 13. Don't miss this fabulous, eternal changing opportunity for prisoners.

The flowers this morning are provided by Daniel Ihde in remembrance of his wife, Sharon, who passed away on August 24, 2022.

FOR ALL MOMS WITH KIDS BIRTH - ELEMENTARY!
 Scan here to sign up and questions!

Improve your flexibility, balance and strength
 Beginning **Wednesday, September 9**, join us at 11:15 a.m. in The Music Room for Level 1 Yoga led by Linda Cole. Questions, contact Stacey Persons, spersons@sjlchurch.org or 665-7815.

St. John's Choir
 Have you ever been curious about singing in the Choir? Now is your chance to come and see what we are all about. Join us Wednesday, August 27, 6:00 p.m., in the Music Room. You'll meet the Choir and we'll sing a few songs too! Questions, contact Larry Schallock, 665-7815.

Thank you for worshipping with us!
 Come again soon.

Bible Studies

FOR ALL BIBLE STUDIES

Women's

MONDAY 3:00PM
 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: WEDNESDAY, 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
 MEETING: SEPTEMBER 10 & 24

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
 NEXT MEETING: THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

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

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

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 bumerts@sjlschool.org.

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

VOLUNTEER MEETING
 SEPTEMBER 9 @ 6PM



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