

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 30**
- 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 31**

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

**Tuesday, September 1**

- 9:00 a.m. P.E.O. Meeting—ECCR
- 1:30 p.m. Women’s Bible Study—ECCR  
Judie Fanucchi
- 6:30 p.m. Elder’s Meeting—LCR

**Wednesday, September 2**

- 6:15 a.m. Men’s Bible Study—LCR  
Pastor Ben
- 8:45 a.m. Women’s Wednesday Morning  
Bible Study Kick-off  
Brunch—WC Lobby

**Thursday, September 3**

- 8:30 a.m. Men’s Bible Study—SCR  
Dean Nulton
- 9:15 a.m. SJCC Morning Chapel—  
Sanctuary
- 4:00 p.m. Mission Task Force Meeting—  
LCR

**Friday, September 4**

- 8:30 a.m. SJLS Morning Chapel—WC

**Saturday, September 5**

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

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**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](mailto:spersons@sjlchurch.org), or 665-7815.

Thank you for  
worshiping with us!  
Come again soon.

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, Pete Espinoza, Phil Fee, Dr. Miguel Gambetta, Lance Hall, Brad Suburu, Paul Williams, Scott Ziemann
- 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

KIDS AND STUDENTS

- CONFIRMATION
- AWANA
- KIDZ 5&6
- 1ST COMMUNION
- JUNIOR HIGH NIGHT
- HIGH SCHOOL NIGHT

CHOOSE GROWTH. BEAR FRUIT. FRUITFUL BY CHOICE

- YOUNG ADULTS
- MOMCO
- WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDIES
- CHOIR
- BELLS
- NEW MEMBERS CLASS

ADULTS

**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](mailto:spersons@sjlchurch.org) or 665-7815.

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| Amount Needed to Meet Fiscal Year 2026-2027: |
| Budget—\$2,044,300                           |
| Last Week’s Giving—\$18,220.00               |
| Budget to Date—\$320,342                     |
| Year to Date—\$229,661.70                    |
| Year to Date Variance—\$(90,680)             |



**CHOOSE KINDNESS AND GOODNESS**  
Exodus 33:17-34:7; Colossians 3:5-17; Luke 10:25-37  
August 30, 2026 – Pastor Marvin St. Pierre

The Spirit calls us to:

- 1) “Put \_\_\_\_\_ therefore what is earthly in you: sexual immorality, impurity,” and so forth (Colossians 3:5)
- 2) “Put \_\_\_\_\_ as God’s chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, . . .” (Colossians 3:12)

\_\_\_\_\_ is \_\_\_\_\_ in action.

“I will make My \_\_\_\_\_ pass before you and will proclaim before you My name.” (Exodus 33:19)

God’s “goodness” (according to Exodus 34:5-7): \_\_\_\_\_,  
\_\_\_\_\_, not easily \_\_\_\_\_,  
\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_,  
\_\_\_\_\_.

The Samaritan in the story \_\_\_\_\_ kindness, and in doing so \_\_\_\_\_ the adventure that goes along with it.

“If you \_\_\_\_\_ with your mouth that Jesus is Lord, and \_\_\_\_\_ in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.” (Romans 10:9)

For Next Week read *Joshua 24:14-21*

**?** 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.

LOVE. LEARN. LEAD.

Welcome!

THANK YOU FOR JOINING US, WE ARE SO HAPPY TO SEE YOU!  
\*Reminder: Please silence devices during worship.

SAVE THE DATE  
NOVEMBER 7<sup>TH</sup>

Zanzibar  
BY CANDLELIGHT  
A NIGHT TO LIGHT THE WAY

ABOUNTIFUL AFFAIR  
2026

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.

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

# Events

For all events, scan here




**Wednesday Morning Women's Bible Study**  
Begins with our Kick-Off Brunch this **Wednesday, September 2**. Whether you are new to Bible Study or have been coming for years, we invite you to join us at 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.




**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, [lbumerts@sjlschool.org](mailto:lbumerts@sjlschool.org) or 664-9127.



**St. John's SCRIP**  
**Next 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.



**SJ Faithful Friends**  
is having a debrief meeting on **Saturday, September 12**, at 12:00 noon in the Event Center Conference Room. Please bring your own lunch. Questions, contact the church office, 665-7815.



**Oktoberfest**  
SAINT JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH  
SEPTEMBER 25TH  
EVERYONE WELCOME!  
TICKETS SOLD ONLINE



**THE MISSION**  
To take the Good News behind the walls of a men's correctional facility  
**REGISTER TODAY**  
Join us for Behind the Walls in Bakersfield  
November 19 - Training 5:30pm  
November 20 - 7am-3:15pm  
Registration Deadline: September 13th



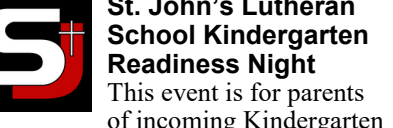
**WEAR YOUR FAVORITE TEAM'S JERSEY TO CHURCH!**  
SEPT. 13TH



**WEDNESDAYS 6PM-7:30PM**  
**KICK OFF SEPTEMBER 16**  
**Awana Clubs**  
VOLUNTEER MEETING SEPTEMBER 9 @ 6PM



**FOR ALL MOMS WITH KIDS BIRTH - ELEMENTARY!**  
Scan here to sign up and questions!  
**GOOD COMPANY**  
Bringing back '90s Friendship



**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](mailto:kpudiwitr@sjlschool.org) or contact the school office, 664-8090.

# Bible Studies

FOR ALL BIBLE STUDIES



## Women's

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| <b>MONDAY</b><br><b>3:00PM</b><br>CONTACT SHIRLEY DARLING FOR DETAILS (661)203-0483<br><b>LED BY: SHIRLEY DARLING</b> | <b>TUESDAY</b><br><b>1:30PM</b><br>EVENT CENTER CONFERENCE ROOM<br><b>LED BY: JUDIE FANUCCHI</b> | <b>WEDNESDAY</b><br><b>8:45AM</b><br>WORSHIP CENTER LOBBY<br><b>KICK-OFF: WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2</b> |
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## Men's

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

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| <b>BI-WEEKLY THURSDAYS</b><br><b>11AM</b><br>GOLDEN EAGLES (FOR SENIORS)<br>LARGE CONFERENCE ROOM<br><b>LED BY: PASTOR ERIC</b><br>MEETING: SEPTEMBER 10 & 24 | <b>SUNDAY</b><br><b>10:15AM</b><br>EVENT CENTER CONFERENCE ROOM<br><b>LED BY: BOB SCHNEIDER</b><br>BEGINS: SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6 |
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## Widowed

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| <b>WIDOW TO WIDOW</b><br>2ND TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH<br><b>11:45AM</b><br><b>LED BY: DEB WOOD</b><br>BEGINS: TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8 | <b>WIDOWERS</b><br>4TH THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH<br><b>10AM</b><br><b>LED BY: PASTOR BEN</b><br>NEXT MEETING: THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24 |
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**FOR MORE INFORMATION ON A BIBLE STUDY, PLEASE CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE AT 661-665-7815**



**WEEKLY STUDENT MEETINGS**

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

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



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

**AUG 30 • 6-7:30PM • THE GARAGE**

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**JUNIOR HIGH & HIGH SCHOOL WAKE UP! WITH SJ STUDENTS**  
ON THE FOLLOWING SUNDAYS:  
SEPT 13 • OCT 25  
DURING 10:30 SERVICE | ENDS AT 11:50

**SJ STUDENTS' VOLUNTEER MEETINGS**  
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.  
10 month program designed to equip and invest in students who want to grow in leadership, ministry skills, and their personal walk with Jesus.

**MORE INFO? CJIEMERSON@SJLCHURCH.ORG**  
INSTAGRAM/TIK TOK: @SJSTUDENTS\_BAKERSFIELD  
YOUTUBE: SJ STUDENTS BAKERSFIELD

**Wifi password: Welcome2SJLC**



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.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL**  
Join us every Sunday Preschool-6th during both services. Check-in your child at Kidz Ministry Kiosk.

**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](mailto:ldavis@sjlchurch.org)

**LCMS Foundation Estate/Gift Planning**  
In putting together a Christian plan, initiation of your efforts is the most difficult part. This whole process requires conversations on many levels, with family, your professional advisors such as attorneys, financial planners and tax advisors, and maybe even ministry leaders. Your LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor can be with you in all these conversations, even helping you to set up the appointments. You don't have to be alone. Contact Brian Hyde of the LCMS Foundation who will help you address Wills, Trusts, Medical Care at life's end, Memorial/Funeral/Burial Planning and how to Leave a Legacy for the people and ministries you love. Questions, contact the church office, (661) 665-7815.



**Prayer Requests**  
In August, we received a total of 110 prayer requests. Thank you for allowing us to pray for you.