

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 9
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 10
3:00 p.m. Women’s Bible Study—OC
Shirley Darling/Jan Lundy

Tuesday, August 11
1:30 p.m. Women’s Bible Study—ECCR
Judie Fanucchi

Wednesday, August 12
6:15 a.m. Men’s Bible Study—LCR
Pastor Ben

Thursday, August 13
8:30 a.m. Men’s Bible Study—SCR
Dean Nulton

Friday, August 14

Saturday, August 15
7:00 a.m. Men’s Bible Study—LCR
Lynn Wheeler

COME JOIN OUR BIBLE Study
Sunday Morning Adult Bible Study
Begins 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

Comfort & Strength
Rochelle Howard & Family at the passing of her father

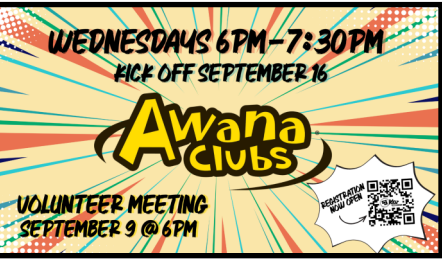
Praise & Thanksgiving
Congratulations to Vince & Linda Rojas, who celebrated their 60th Wedding Anniversary on August 6

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, 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—\$13,450.00
Budget to Date—\$191,551
Year to Date—\$153,145.20
Year to Date Variance—\$(38,406)



KNOWN AND LOVED
Psalm 139; Genesis 16:7-13; John 17:20-26
August 9, 2026 – Pastor Ben Schrank

There is a “cognitive limit to the number of individuals with whom any _____ can maintain stable relationships,” – Robin Dunbar

“To be loved but not known is comforting but superficial. To be known and not loved is our greatest fear. But to be _____ known and _____ loved is, well, a lot like being loved by God.” – Tim Keller

“So she called the name of the Lord who spoke to her, “You are _____ for she said, “Truly here I have seen him who looks after me.” Gen 16:13

“Your Father knows what you _____ before you ask Him.” Matt 6:8

- _____ ME: (1-6) “O LORD, you have searched me, and you know me.”
- My movements, motives, and moments are _____.
- _____ ME: (7-12) “If I go, make, rise, or say...You are there.”
- If I turn, flee, hide, or achieve, I am not _____.
- _____ ME: (13-16) “I am fearfully and wonderfully made.”
- I am created on purpose and with a _____.
- _____ ME: (17-24) “How precious to me are your thoughts, O God!”
- So, lead me in the way everlasting, and bring me _____.

“I made known to them your name, and I will continue to make it _____, that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them.” John 17:26

“We love because he first _____ us... And this commandment we have from him: whoever loves God must also love his brother.” 1 Jn 4:19,21

For Next Week read Galatians 5:22-26



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.

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.

BAPTISM

This week we celebrate the baptisms of Noah Alexander Garza, Emmett James Garza, Luke Matthew Garza and Lainey Lee Garza, children of Adam & Mallory Garza. They will be baptized at the 10:30 a.m., service this morning.

We also celebrate the baptism of Alexandra Juliette Wiebe. She will be baptized during SJLS Chapel on Monday, August 10.

We give thanks as we welcome them into God’s Kingdom.

Events

For all events, scan here







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.



St. John's SCRIP

Sales begin next 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.



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.

Thank you for worshipping with us! Come again soon.



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.



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 26, 6:00 p.m., in the Music Room. You'll meet the Choir and we'll sing a few songs too! Questions, contact the church office, 665-7815.



Bells of Praise—Beginning Bells Experience

Have you wanted to learn how to play handbells, but never knew how to begin? Join us Thursday, August 27, 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 th 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 or 664-9127.

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, TJ!

HELP US CELEBRATE!

TJ Ellis

GRADUATING FROM Bakersfield Christian High School

PLANS FOR THE FALL TJ will be attending Cuesta Jr. College for Agriculture Business and interning at Atascadero Bible Church

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 12 • 7PM

GOLDEN SPOON

@ THE MARKET PLACE

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

SUN, AUG 30 11:45-12:45PM OR WED, SEPT 2 6:00-7:00PM

CHOOSE ONE DATE BELOW



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? [CJMERSON@SJLCHURCH.ORG](mailto:cjmerson@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.

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

LCMSFoundation

TODAY | TOMORROW | FOREVER

Estate/Gift Planning

In putting together a Christian plan, initiation of your efforts is the most difficult part. Often, we put off estate planning because we do not want to confront our fear of dying. Jesus said in John 11, "I am the Resurrection and the Life, whoever believes in me will live, even though he dies, and whoever lives and believes in me, will by no means die forever." You can initiate your plans knowing full well that in Jesus, death has been conquered. Your LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor can remind you of this confidence. 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.

Back to School!