

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, September 13

- 5:00 a.m. Zoom Prayer Meeting—
Pastor Marvin, 364-4960
- 9:00 a.m. Traditional Worship
(In-Person & Livestream)
Sanctuary
Children’s Ministry Sunday
School—KC
- 10:15 a.m. Adult Bible Study—ECCR
Bob Schneider
- 10:30 a.m. Wake-up with SJ Students—
The Garage
Contemporary Worship
(In-Person & Livestream)
WC
Children’s Ministry Sunday
School—KC
- 6:00 p.m. SJ Students High School Night—
The Garage

Monday, September 14

- 1:00 p.m. Mission Task Force Meeting—
LCR
- 3:00 p.m. Women’s Bible Study—OC
Shirley Darling/Jan Lundy

Tuesday, September 15

- 1:30 p.m. Women’s Bible Study—ECCR
Judie Fanucchi
- 5:00 p.m. Executive Committee Meeting—
SCR

Wednesday, September 16

- 6:15 a.m. Men’s Bible Study—LCR
Pastor Ben
- 8:45 a.m. Women’s Wednesday Morning
Bible Study—WC Lobby
- 11:15 a.m. Level One Yoga—Music Room
- 6:00 p.m. AWANA—KC
First Communion—ECCR
SJ Students Jr. High Night—
The Garage
Celebration Choir Rehearsal—
Music Room

Thursday, September 17

- 8:30 a.m. Men’s Bible Study—SCR
Dean Nulton
- 9:00 a.m. SJCC Morning Chapel—WC
- 6:00 p.m. Bells of Praise—Handbell
Rehearsal—Music Room

Friday, September 18

- 8:30 a.m. SJLS Morning Chapel—WC
- 6:00 p.m. Kidz 56—KC

Saturday, September 19

- 7:00 a.m. Men’s Bible Study—LCR
Lynn Wheeler
- 9:00 a.m. New Members Class—ECCR

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
Luke David Cooper, Pete Espinoza, Phil Fee, Dr. Miguel Gambetta, Lance Hall, Randy Horne, Dave & Sally Segesman, Brad Suburu, Paul Williams, Scott Ziemann

Comfort & Strength

For Scott Jallo & family at the passing of his mother, Sharon Schefeilbein

For Kara Thompson & family at the passing of her father, Joe Morrison, on 10/9

Guidance & Strength in Transitions, Travel & Faith

John Andrew, Alex Montgomery

Continued Concerns

Todd Albright, Michelle Braughton, Cary Elliott, Judy Fritch, Annis Gerner, Jeff Goossen, Kevin Green, Nancy Green, Sheila Long, Julie Martin, Michael Pennington, 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—\$31,321.00
Budget to Date—\$379,013
Year to Date—\$283,943.91
Year to Date Variance—\$(95,069)

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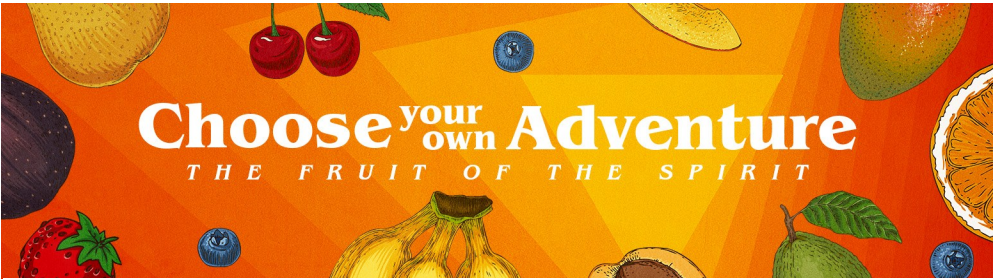
FOR ALL MOMS WITH KIDS
BIRTH - ELEMENTARY!

Scan here to sign up and questions!

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GOOD COMPANY
Bringing back '90s friendship



Prayer Requests In August, we received a total of 112 prayer requests. Thank you for allowing us to pray for you.



CHOOSE SELF-CONTROL

2 Peter 1:5-11; Matthew 5:16-24; Proverbs 3:5-13

September 13, 2026 – Pastor Ben Schrank

“But God chose what is _____ in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is _____ in the world to shame the strong;”1 Cor 1:27

Cultivating a life filled with the Fruit of the Spirit requires _____ and _____.

“For this very reason, make every effort to _____ your faith with...” 2 Peter 1:5-7

- 1) Self-Control is not just something that someone _____ needs.
- 2) Self-Control is not the _____ Fruit of the Spirit you are supposed to manufacture.
- 3) Self-Control is not about more _____ or won’t power.

“A man without _____ is like a city broken into and left without walls.” Proverbs 25:28

- 1) Self-Control is best found _____ of oneself.
- 2) Self-Control is more about Jesus than it is about _____.
- 3) Self-Control is accomplished in yourself but not _____ yourself.

“For if these qualities are yours and are _____, they will keep you from being ineffective or _____.” 2 Peter 1:8

A Fruit-filled life is possible, gradual, and needs to be _____.

“Let your light shine before others, so that they may see your _____ and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.” Matt. 5:16

For Next Week read Nehemiah 1



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

September 13, 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.

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

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 Brody, Arabella and Mason Puetz, children of Andrew & Amanda Puetz.

They were baptized this weekend.

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

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Events

For all events, scan here





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



TODAY is the last opportunity to sign-up for the upcoming Prison visit on November 20. Sign-ups, online registration and information are available at the Missions Kiosk. Get ready and get trained for this important mission opportunity.



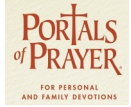
St. John's Lutheran School Kindergarten Readiness Night

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 Board of Directors

We are seeking nominations for Congregational members to serve on the Board of Directors. Nominees should be voting members in good standing who also display spiritual wisdom and discernment. Congregational members may submit names of possible candidates to the Chair, Scott Garrison or online at: www.sjlchurch.org/BOD. **Names need to be submitted by September 21.** The election will be at the Congregational meeting in December.



The Portals of Prayer Devotionals

for the months of October, November & December are available. Please stop by the Welcome Centers and pick up a free copy.



SAINT JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

Oktoberfest

FOOD • LIVE MUSIC • COMMUNITY

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 25TH

EVERYONE WELCOME! FUN FOR ALL AGES

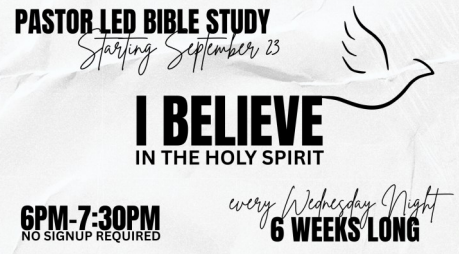
6:00-9:00 P.M.

TICKETS SOLD ONLINE sjlchurch.org/events



St. John's SCRIP

Sunday, September 20, 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.



PASTOR LED BIBLE STUDY

Starting September 23

I BELIEVE

IN THE HOLY SPIRIT

6PM-7:30PM NO SIGNUP REQUIRED

every Wednesday Night 6 WEEKS LONG

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
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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
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Co-Ed

BI-WEEKLY THURSDAYS 11AM GOLDEN EAGLES (FOR SENIORS) LARGE CONFERENCE ROOM LED BY: PASTOR ERIC NEXT MEETING: SEPTEMBER 24	SUNDAY 10:15AM EVENT CENTER CONFERENCE ROOM LED BY: BOB SCHNEIDER
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Widowed

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



STUDENTS

JUNIOR HIGH & HIGH SCHOOL

WEEKLY STUDENT MEETINGS

STARTS SEPT 9

JUNIOR HIGH NIGHT

WED • 6-7:30PM

MEETS IN THE GARAGE

STARTS 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: cjimeron@sjlchurch.org

SEPT 13 & 27 • 8PM • 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

HIGH SCHOOL NIGHT KICK OFF!

PAINT NIGHT

SUN, SEPT 13 • 6-8PM

canvas painting, dirty soda bar, and charcuterie board

MORE INFO? CJIMERON@SJLCHURCH.ORG
INSTAGRAM/TIK TOK: @SJSTUDENTS_BAKERSFIELD
YOUTUBE: SJ STUDENTS BAKERSFIELD

KNOWN

Fully Known. Fully Loved.

2026-2027 School Year!

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



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



LCMS Foundation

TODAY | TOMORROW | FOREVER

Estate/Gift Planning

The best scenario when creating a Christian estate plan is to work in collaboration. Sometimes in a marriage, one or the other spouse may have a dominance over investments and other financial decisions, just based on preference, skills or habits throughout life. However, in the estate planning process, it is essential that the thoughts of both spouses be represented well. Your LCMS Gift Planning Counselor can facilitate these mutually sharing conversations. 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.



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Welcome2SJLC