

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 27

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. 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 28

3:00 p.m. Women’s Bible Study—OC
Shirley Darling/Jan Lundy
6:30 p.m. Knitting-Crochet Group—ECCR

Tuesday, September 29

1:30 p.m. Women’s Bible Study—ECCR
Judie Fanucchi

Wednesday, September 30

6:15 a.m. Men’s Bible Study—LCR
Pastor Ben
8:45 a.m. Women’s Wednesday Morning
Bible Study—WC Lobby
9:15 a.m. SJCC Morning Chapel—
Sanctuary
11:15 a.m. Level One Yoga—Music Room
2:40 p.m. SJ Students Garage Hours—
The Garage
6:00 p.m. AWANA—KC
First Communion—ECCR
Confirmation—LCR
SJ Students Jr. High Night—
The Garage
Pastor Led Bible Study—
EC-North
Celebration Choir Rehearsal—
Music Room

Thursday, October 1

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

Friday, October 2

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

Saturday, October 3

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

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,
Steve H., Lance Hall, Muriel Hayward,
Randy Horne, Dave & Sally
Segesman, Brad Suburu, Paul
Williams, Scott Ziemann

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, Marv Laurente,
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—\$63,803.27
Budget to Date—\$414,584
Year to Date—\$347,747.18
Year to Date Variance—\$(66,837)

LOVE ● LEARN ● LEAD

The people of St. John’s
LOVE God and others,
LEARN to be and make
disciples of Jesus Christ, and
LEAD others to discover and
live out their calling as
God’s people.

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NEHEMIAH: COSTLY COURAGE

Nehemiah 2 (Romans 8:26-28;31-32; Matthew 16:24-26)

September 27, 2026 - Pastor Ben Schrank

You don’t have to be a prophet...or hear God audibly...to have a _____
on your heart... and a calling on your life... informed by God’s _____.

“Tied a _____ cord in the window.” Joshua 2:21

“For God alone, O my soul, wait in silence, for my _____ is from him.”
Ps. 62:5

Zerubbabel - _____ Ezra- _____ Nehemiah- _____

1) Courage can be _____...but silence is just as _____.

“So I _____ to the God of heaven.” (2:4)

2) Success is just the next _____...not the whole staircase.

“The _____ hand of my God was upon me.” (2:8)

WHO HAS GOD USED IN YOUR LIFE? _____

3) _____ let others carry the burden _____ you.

“And _____ said, “Let us rise up and _____. So they
strengthened their hands for the good work. (2:18)

4) Opposition will come...but God is _____.

“The God of heaven will make us _____,” (2:20)

“If God is _____, who can be against us?” Romans 8:31

“For the _____ of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal
life in Christ Jesus our Lord.” Romans 6:23

“For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for
my sake will _____ it. For what will it profit a man if he gains the
_____ and forfeits his soul?” Matthew 16:25-26

For next week, please read Nehemiah 3 & 4.



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 27, 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.



LERT Team hard at
work this week on a
home being restored
in Altadena after the
LA Fires.



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.



Wednesday Nights are Back!

Awana, First Communion,
Confirmation, Jr. High and
Pastor Led Adult Bible Study.
Our campus is full and we praise
God for every minute of it!

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Events

For all events, scan here



Angaza Schools Sponsorship Month!
October is Angaza Schools sponsorship month. Over 40 students will begin their preschool education at Angaza Schools. They all need a sponsor to help with their school costs. Visit the Angaza table in the courtyard between services throughout the month of October. For more information, contact Patrice Appold, (661) 665-7815 or pappold@sjlschool.org.

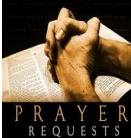
SAVE THE DATE
NOVEMBER 7TH

Zanzibar
BY CANDLELIGHT
A NIGHT TO LIGHT THE WAY

ABOUNTIFUL AFFAIR 2026



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



KNOWN

Fully Known. Fully Loved.

2026-2027 School Year!
Our theme for St. John's Lutheran School and St. John's Children's Center

How Can We Pray For You?

Submit your prayer requests here and let us pray for you

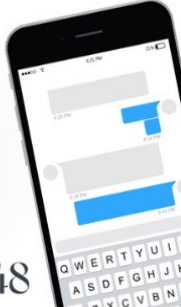


prayer requests

Stay in touch!

Text us prayer requests or questions about special events

Text 'Join' to 1(833) 420-7948



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



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ST. JOHN'S MOM CO

FOR ALL MOMS WITH KIDS
BIRTH - ELEMENTARY!

Scan here to sign up and questions!



2026-2027 THEME
GOOD COMPANY
Bringing back '90s friendship

We are in the 'ber' months, which means Thanksgiving & Christmas are just around the corner!

St. John's SCRIP
Next Sunday, October 4, 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.

*Thank you for worshiping 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
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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: OCTOBER 8	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: OCTOBER 22
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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

JUNIOR HIGH NIGHT
WED • 6-7:30PM
MEETS IN THE GARAGE

HIGH SCHOOL NIGHT
SUN • 6-8PM
MEETS IN THE GARAGE



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

SEPT 27 • 8PM • THE GARAGE

UPCOMING EVENTS

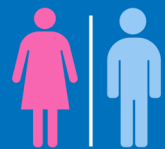
JUNIOR HIGH & HIGH SCHOOL WAKE UP! WITH SJ STUDENTS

ON THE FOLLOWING SUNDAYS:
OCT 25 • NOV 15
DURING 10:30 SERVICE | ENDS AT 11:50

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

Portals of Prayer
FOR PERSONAL AND FAMILY DEVOTIONS

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.



RESTROOM

THE RESTROOMS ARE LOCATED IN THE LOBBY, ACROSS FROM THE NURSERY.



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.

A W A N A
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 OCTOBER 2 & 16
5th and 6th graders are invited to Kidz 56 Friday, Oct 2 and 16 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 Estate/Gift Planning
TODAY | TOMORROW | FOREVER

The best scenario when creating a Christian estate plan is to work in collaboration. When it comes to estates, few of us know all the answers. We need to have conversations with others who will ask us questions that spur good thinking. We need to work with experts who have experience in gift planning, to ensure all the bases are covered in the plan. To begin identifying where you have need to ask for help, reach out to your LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor. 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.

 **Wifi password:**
Welcome2SJLC