

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, February 22

5:00 a.m. Zoom Prayer Meeting—
 (Details, contact Pastor
 Marvin, (661) 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, February 23

3:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study—OC
 Jan Lundy

Tuesday, February 24

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

Wednesday, February 25

6:15 a.m. Men's Bible Study—LCR
 Nate Smidt
 8:45 a.m. Women's Wednesday Morning
 Bible Study—WC Lobby
 11:15 a.m. Level 1 Yoga—Music Room
 5:00 p.m. Lenten Soup & Salad Supper—
 EC
 6:00 p.m. AWANA—KC
 First Communion—SJLS
 Room 104
 Confirmation—LCR
 SJ Students Jr. High Night—
 The Garage
 6:15 p.m. Lenten Service—Sanctuary
 7:20 p.m. Celebration Choir Rehearsal—
 Music Room

Thursday, February 26

8:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study—SCR
 Dean Nulton
 9:00 a.m. SJCC Morning Chapel—WC
 10:00 a.m. Widower Bible Study—SCR
 6:00 p.m. Bells of Praise Rehearsal—
 Music Room
 6:30 p.m. Women's Evening Bible Study—
 ECCR—Becky Wilson

Friday, February 27

8:30 a.m. SJLS Morning Chapel—WC

Saturday, February 28

7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study—LCR
 Lynn Wheeler
 10:00 a.m. Altar Guild Meeting—LCR
 11:00 a.m. Dale Mackall Memorial Service—
 WC
 3:00 p.m. Gary Watson Memorial Service—
 WC

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
 Jacki Black, Nancy Green, Lance Hall,
 Bill Kirby, Sheila Long, Julie Martin,
 Tony Shackelford

Guidance & Strength in Transitions, Travel & Faith

John Andrew

Continued Concerns

Bob Brandt, Michelle Braughton,
 Frank Fanucchi, Judy Fritch, Annis
 Gerner, Jeff Goossen, Laura Hanssen,
 Edie Heideman, Steve & Cheryl
 McConaughy, Michael Pennington,
 Bob & Marcia Perry, JoAnn Pettijohn,
 Hardie Smith, 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 2025-2026:
 Budget—\$2,044,300
 Last Week's Giving—\$26,852.00
 Budget to Date—\$1,328,999
 Year to Date—\$1,300,035.15
 Year to Date Variance—\$(28,964)



Church Staff at BPM Conference



Graves into Gardens

STORIES OF TRANSFORMATION

A HEART CHANGED BY MERCY

1 John 1:5-2:6 (Exodus 34:5-9; Matthew 6:9-15)
 February 22, 2026 – Pastor Eric Van Scharrel

“God is _____, and in Him there is no _____ at all.”

- 1 John 1:5

Before we talk about _____, we need to learn about God's _____.

Three major self-_____:

1. The lie of _____ (1 John 1:6)
2. The lie of _____ (1 John 1:8)
3. The lie of _____ (1 John 2:4)

Three glorious _____:

1. We have an _____ (1 John 2:1).
2. We have _____ (1 John 2:2).
3. We have _____ (1 John 2:6).

Jesus presses us to action:

- To practice honest _____;
- To receive Christ's _____; and
- To extend _____.

For this Wednesday, read Genesis 32:9-12, 24-31.



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 baptism of Riley Dawn Romance, daughter of Joseph & Courtney Romance. She was baptized at SJLS Chapel on Friday, February 20, 2026. We give thanks as we welcome her into God's Kingdom.



News & Notes

LENTEN SOUP
Sign-up

FEBRUARY 18TH - MARCH 25TH
CHOOSE A WEDNESDAY TO BRING A SOUP OR DESSERT
COME JOIN US FOR DINNER AT 5PM!

HOLY WEEK

MAR 29 PALM SUNDAY 9AM 10:30AM
APR 2 MAUNDY THURSDAY 6:15PM
APR 3 GOOD FRIDAY 5PM 6:30PM
APR 5 EASTER SUNDAY 6:30AM & 8:30AM 9:30AM & 11AM

St. John's SCRIP
Next Sunday, March 1, 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.

You're Invited!
ST. JOHN'S CLASSIC
JUNE 1, 2026
8:30AM SHOTGUN START STOCKDALE COUNTRY CLUB
BENEFITING THE STUDENTS OF ST. JOHN'S SCHOOLS
SAVE THE DATE

St. John's Lutheran School
Registration in grades K-8 for our 2026-2027 school year has begun. If you have any questions or would like to inquire about a tour, please contact Kelly Pudiwitr at: kpudiwitr@sjlschool.org, or call the school office, 664-8090.

COMING SOON
MOTHER & SON BASH
SATURDAY, MAY 2 6-8 PM
LIMITED PRESALE TICKETS AVAILABLE NOW!
ONLINE ONLY
SUPER HERO THEME

SATURDAY MARCH 14, 2026
NEW MEMBERS CLASS
TIME: 9AM - 3PM LUNCH AND SNACKS PROVIDED
LOCATION: EVENT CENTER CONFERENCE ROOM
SJLCHURCH.ORG/NEWMEMBER FOR MORE DETAILS

St. John's Lutheran School—Annual Report
This is a current snapshot of our school ministry and “for generations to come.” If you wish to view the Report, see the QR Code posted here. Questions, contact Superintendent, Evan Anwyl, 665-8090.

EVERY WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 18 - MARCH 25
Transformed
ASHES TO BEAUTY
LIVE OR ONLINE
WATCH AT 6:15PM SJLCHURCH.ORG/LIVE

GIRL DINNER • TOGETHERNESS • WORSHIP • FRIENDSHIP • SPEAKERS
IF: One Night
LIFE IS MESSY... BUT GOD
WE'RE STREAMING MARCH 6TH, 2026
5:30PM - 9PM EARLY BIRD DISCOUNT

Bakersfield Master Chorale
invites you to an unforgettable evening of musical theater and opera favorites, “Do You Hear the People Sing?” on Saturday, March 14, at 6:30 p.m., at St. John's Lutheran Church. Come experience stirring, dramatic choral music. Tickets are available at: bakersfieldmasterchorale.org.

Come Sing with The Choir this Easter!
Would you love to fill our Sanctuary with Alleluia this Easter season? We would be thrilled to have you join the Choir as we prepare for our Easter Services. No audition is required, just bring your voice and your love of singing. Rehearsals are Wednesdays during Lent, beginning February 18, at 7:30 p.m., in the Music Room. Contact Wink Farrand, 665-7815 or wfarrand@sjlchurch.org. Come make a joyful noise with us, new voices are always welcome!

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY
DAY: MONDAY
TIME: 3PM
LOCATION: OFF-CAMPUS
CONTACT JAN LUNDY FOR MORE DETAILS
661-665-7815

Women's BIBLE STUDY
Day: Tuesday
Time: 1:30pm
Location: ECCR (Event Center Conference Room)
CONTACT JUDIE FANUCCHI FOR MORE DETAILS
661-665-7815
Let's dive into the book of Genesis

MEN'S MORNING BIBLE STUDY
DAY: WEDNESDAY
TIME: 6:15AM
LOCATION: LCR (LARGE CONFERENCE ROOM)
QUESTIONS? CONTACT STACEY PERSONS
SPERSONS@SJLCHURCH.ORG

Women's Wednesday BIBLE STUDY
DAY: WEDNESDAY
TIME: 8:45AM
LOCATION: WORSHIP CENTER LOBBY
Study of Joseph
CHILDCARE AVAILABLE
CALL 665-7815

Widow to Widow
2ND TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH
11:45 AM
SJLCHURCH.ORG/WIDOWS
CONTACT STACEY PERSONS
SPERSONS@SJLCHURCH.ORG

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY
THURSDAY
TIME: 8:30AM
LOCATION: SCR (SMALL CONFERENCE ROOM)
CONTACT DEAN NULTON FOR DETAILS
661-665-7815

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY
THURSDAY,
TIME: 6:30PM
LOCATION: ECCR
(EVENT CENTER CONFERENCE ROOM)
CONTACT BECKY WILSON: 665-7815 FOR MORE INFO
RUTH

MEN'S MORNING BIBLE STUDY
DAY: SATURDAY
TIME: 7AM
LOCATION: LCR
CONTACT LYNN WHEELER
661-665-7815

our gift to you!
ST. JOHN'S Lutheran Church X rightnow MEDIA
Discover Bible studies, Kid's shows, and small group material, all in one place. Text 'SJLBKERSFIELD' to 49775 or scan the QR code

STUDENTS JUNIOR HIGH & HIGH SCHOOL
WEEKLY STUDENT MEETINGS
JUNIOR HIGH NIGHT
WED • 6-7:30PM
MEETS IN THE GARAGE
DOORS & SNACK BAR OPEN AT 5:30!
HIGH SCHOOL NIGHT
SUN • 6-8PM
MEETS IN THE GARAGE

young adults group
every other Sunday night @ 8pm in the Garage!
follow us on Instagram @sjyoungadults!
contact courtney for details: cjmerson@sjlchurch.org

UPCOMING EVENTS
JUNIOR HIGH & HIGH SCHOOL WAKE UP! WITH SJ STUDENTS
ON THE FOLLOWING SUNDAYS:
MAR 22 • MAY 3 • JUNE 28
DURING 10:30 SERVICE | ENDS AT 11:50

hume lake summer camp
MEADOW RANCH CURRENT 6TH & 7TH WAGON TRAIN CURRENT 3RD THRU 5TH
JUNE 7-13
REGISTER TODAY: SJLCHURCH.ORG/SUMMERCAMP

CURRENT 8TH, HIGH SCHOOL & YOUNG ADULTS
hawaii mission trip
JULY 19-26
ATTEND A MEETING TO SIGN UP:
FEB 11 (AFTER JH NIGHT) • FEB 15 (4:30PM) FEB 22 (AFTER 10:30 SERVICE)
MORE INFO? CJMERSON@SJLCHURCH.ORG
INSTAGRAM/TIK TOK: @SJSTUDENTS.BAKERSFIELD
YOUTUBE: SJ STUDENTS BAKERSFIELD

Thank you for worshipping with us! Come again soon.

SJ 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.

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.

Open registration @ www.sjlchurch.org/AWANA

KIDZ 56
5th and 6th graders are invited to Kidz 56 Friday, March 13 and 27, 6:00-8:00 pm drop off at Kidz Connection. We will have dinner, games, large and small group activities. Bring friends!!!

1st time attending register @ www.sjlchurch.org/kidz56

Questions contact
Lorraine Davis 665-7815 ldavis@sjlchurch.org

LCMS Foundation Estate/Gift Planning
TODAY | TOMORROW | FOREVER

We live in a “I can do it myself” culture. Sometimes we might be tempted to think a Christian estate plan is just a collection of documents (will, trust, POA). However, we need to look deeper into the factors influencing a good plan. Sometimes we don't know the possibilities of things we could do, especially on our own. Your LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor can show you those gifting opportunities. 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.

COME JOIN US FOR THE...
SUNDAY APRIL 5TH **EASTER** 8:30AM
AFTER EASTER SERVICES **EGG HUNT** 9:30AM
11AM
MORE INFO AT SJLCHURCH.ORG/HOLYWEEK

Prayer Requests
In January, we received a total of 115 prayer requests. Thank you for allowing us to pray for you.