

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 8

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 9

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

Tuesday, February 10

11:45 a.m. Widow to Widow Bible Study &  
Luncheon—LCR  
1:30 p.m. Women’s Bible Study—ECCR  
Judie Fanucchi

Wednesday, February 11

Church Staff to BPM Conference  
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  
6:00 p.m. First Communion—SJLS  
Room 104  
Confirmation—LCR  
SJ Students Jr. High Night—  
The Garage  
Celebration Choir Rehearsal—  
Music Room

Thursday, February 12

Church Staff to BPM Conference  
9:00 a.m. SJCC Morning Chapel—WC  
6:00 p.m. Bells of Praise Rehearsal—  
Music Room  
6:30 p.m. Women’s Evening Bible Study—  
ECCR—Becky Wilson

Friday, February 13

Church Staff to BPM Conference  
8:30 a.m. SJLS Morning Chapel—WC

Saturday, February 14

Happy Valentines Day

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  
John Allen, Nancy Green, Lance Hall, Sheila Long, Julie Martin

Comfort & Strength

For Adam Mackall & family at the passing of his father, Dale, on 2/1  
For Beverly Allen & family at the passing of her niece, Stacey, on 2/2

Guidance & Strength in Transitions, Travel & Faith

John Andrew

Continued Concerns

Bob Brandt, Michelle Braughton, Frank Fanucchi, Judy Fritch, Annis Gerner, Jeff Goossen, Laura Hanssen, 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—\$36,934  
Budget to Date—\$1,239,868  
Year to Date—\$1,245,445.15  
Year to Date Variance—\$5,557



prayer requests

Prayer Requests

How can we pray for you?  
See the QR code to submit your prayer requests or you can text prayer requests to (833) 420-7948.



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



LIGHT & LIFE: TAUGHT BY JESUS

Matthew 4:23-5:16 (Exodus 20:1-21, 1 Corinthians 12:31-13:8a)

February 8, 2026 – Pastor Eric Van Scharrel

The Gospel is for the \_\_\_\_\_, and Jesus has a \_\_\_\_\_ message.

Jesus paints as clear of a picture as He possibly can of what you are \_\_\_\_\_ as one of His disciples.

\_\_\_\_\_ vs. \_\_\_\_\_

It’s not just \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus said; it’s \_\_\_\_\_ He said it.

Foundational to the sermon on the mount is the \_\_\_\_\_ that salvation comes only through \_\_\_\_\_, that we are saved by \_\_\_\_\_ alone.

Whether you want it to be or not, your life is on \_\_\_\_\_.

Is this the type of \_\_\_\_\_ that translates to \_\_\_\_\_?

For next week, read Luke 9:28-36.



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.

ST. JOHN'S Lutheran Church

February 8, 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.



Awana Sporty Night! Kids having fun and learning about Jesus! Join us on Wednesday Nights!

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.



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Thank you for worshipping with us! Come again soon.



# News & Notes

**Best Practices Ministry Conference 2026**  
On **Wednesday, February 11 through Friday, February 13**, the church office will be closed so the church staff can attend the Best Practices Conference in Phoenix, AZ.

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

**Golden Eagles**  
Join us **Thursday, February 19**, 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 Stacey Persons, 665-7815 or [spersons@sjlchurch.org](mailto:spersons@sjlchurch.org).

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

**MathCounts®**  
2026 School Competition Countdown Round

**Congratulations to our amazing Math Counts Champion, Amrita Singh! She is an 8th grade student at St. John's Lutheran School**

**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.

READY FOR YOUR NEXT MISSION?

**UGANDA JULY 2026**

Children to Love INTERNATIONAL

CONTACT PASTOR BEN FOR MORE INFO: [BSCHANK@SJLCHURCH.ORG](mailto:BSCHANK@SJLCHURCH.ORG)

**St. John's SCRIP**  
**Next Sunday, February 15**, 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.

**Bill Glass Behind the Walls Prison Ministry**  
Come, get ignited at Bill Glass' Prison Ministry, which is holding an Ignite Dinner and Training, Thursday, May 21, 5:30 p.m., at Laurelglenn Bible Church, 2801 Ashe Road. On Friday, May 22, we will go to the Wasco Correctional Facility to share the Hope of Jesus. This is an opportunity to be trained and visit a local prison with no hotel cost. Please be praying about your involvement financially and/or physically going to visit the hopeless and let them know about God's Hope in their lives. Sign-ups will be at the Missions Kiosk today. Questions, go to: [www.behindthewalls.com](http://www.behindthewalls.com), for information or call the church office.

**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](http://bakersfieldmasterchorale.org).

**JESUS OVER EVERYTHING**

**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](mailto: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*  
**2<sup>ND</sup> TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH**  
**11:45 AM**  
[SJLCHURCH.ORG/WIDOWS](http://SJLCHURCH.ORG/WIDOWS)  
**CONTACT STACEY PERSONS**  
[SPERSONS@SJLCHURCH.ORG](mailto: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

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

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**ST. JOHN'S Lutheran Church**  
**rightnow MEDIA**  
Discover Bible studies, Kid's shows, and small group material, all in one place.  
Text 'SJLBAKERSFIELD' 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 @sj\_youngadults!  
contact courtney for details: [cjimerson@sjlchurch.org](mailto:cjimerson@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 6<sup>TH</sup> & 7<sup>TH</sup>**  
**WAGON TRAIN CURRENT 3<sup>RD</sup> THRU 5<sup>TH</sup>**  
**JUNE 7-13**  
**REGISTER TODAY: [SJLCHURCH.ORG/SUMMERCAMP](http://SJLCHURCH.ORG/SUMMERCAMP)**

**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? [CJIMERSON@SJLCHURCH.ORG](mailto:CJIMERSON@SJLCHURCH.ORG)  
INSTAGRAM/TIK TOK: @SJSTUDENTS.BAKERSFIELD  
YOUTUBE: SJ STUDENTS BAKERSFIELD

**Wifi password:**  
Welcome2SJLC

**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](http://www.sjlchurch.org/AWANA)  
**KIDZ 56**  
5th and 6th graders are invited to Kidz 56 Friday, February 20, 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](http://www.sjlchurch.org/kidz56)  
Questions contact  
Lorraine Davis 665-7815 [ldavis@sjlchurch.org](mailto:ldavis@sjlchurch.org)

**REGISTRATION OPENS TODAY!**  
**WAGON TRAIN & MEADOW RANCH**  
**hume summer camp**  
**JUNE 7-13**  
**REGISTER AT**  
**[SJLCHURCH.ORG/SUMMERCAMP](http://SJLCHURCH.ORG/SUMMERCAMP)**

**Stay in touch!**  
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or scan here!  
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