

This Week

Campus Maps available at the Information Center
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, January 12

8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship—Sanctuary
9:00 a.m. Launch Step Two—New
Member Class—ECCR
10:00 a.m. Family Worship—WC
Adult Bible Study—ECCR
Bob Schneider, 665-7815
5:30 p.m. High School Night—The Garage
& Gym
7:30 p.m. Men’s Basketball—Gym

Monday, January 13

11:30 a.m. Executive Committee Meeting—
SCR
3:15 p.m. SJS Garage Open Hours—
The Garage
4:00 p.m. Women’s Bible Study—OC
Sue Hall, 205-7761
6:30 p.m. Chapel Bells—Music Room
Men’s Bible Study—OC
Rick Hall, 978-5256

Tuesday, January 14

8:00 a.m. Senior Exercise Class—Gym
1:30 p.m. Women’s Bible Study—ECCR
Judy Fanucchi, 332-9364
6:30 p.m. Elders Meeting—LCR

Wednesday, January 15

6:00 a.m. Men’s Bible Study—ECCR
Joe Dravis, 665-7815
9:00 a.m. Women’s Bible Study—
EC-South
11:00 a.m. Men’s Bible Study—SCR
Lon Kellenberger, 665-7815
11:30 a.m. Level 1 Yoga—The Garage
5:00 p.m. Large Group Bible Study meal—
EC
6:00 p.m. Jr. High Night—Gym &
The Garage
AWANA—KC & Gym
Confirmation Class—LCR
5:45 p.m. Celebration Choir—Music Room
6:00 p.m. Large Group Bible Study—EC

Thursday, January 16

7:30 a.m. Men’s Bible Study—OC
Pastor D, 665-7815
8:00 a.m. Senior Exercise Class—Gym
9:00 a.m. Peace by Piece Quilting—Gym
6:00 a.m. Stephen Ministry Meeting—
ECCR

Friday, January 17

6:00 p.m. Kidz 56—EC & Gym

Saturday, January 18

7:00 a.m. Men’s Bible Study—
Panera Bread,
Stockdale Hwy



Prayers

We invite you to submit your prayer petitions using a Prayer Request card in the seat backs or by contacting Debbie Holbrook, 665-7815

PRAYER GUIDE

Health Concerns & Illnesses

*Hospitalized or Skilled Nursing/Rehab
Jeff Goossen, Ann Grogan, Sue Hall, Laura Hanssen, Charlie Holmes, Debbie Hunsaker, Julie Hunsaker, Cindy Kuntz, Norma Martin, Hardie Smith, *Sandy Swearingen, Ed Tjaarda, Kay Ward

Comfort & Strength

Patrice Appold & family at the passing of her Father, Robert Appold

Guidance & Strength in Transitions, Travel & Faith

Brandy & Carol Bailey, Carole Rohde, John & Shirley Uhran, Gency, Jamie, Colby & Sarah Hilken, Craig, Helen, Say YES, Alex, Brett, Felicia & children, Jason, those with financial and employment needs, our community, America, our nation’s leaders, our military and their families, our world, Christians in the Middle East/Iraq, St. John’s church body, all staff, Children’s Center, School, Tanzania school, families, teachers, leaders, first responders, spiritual & kingdom growth

Continued Concerns

Leah Appold, Jourdin Bacot, Eric Bartels, Helen Bees, Teresa Besinez, Marge Bierman, Martin Cherek, Doug Drasher, Cary Elliott, Larry & Tyler Epp, Kim, Tammy Fitzpatrick, Mary Flanagan, James Fowler, Clete Harper, David & Mary Harris, Sheree Johnson, Nancy Keppen, Matt Malerich, Sheri McBride, Kim Moisher, Dorothy Morris, Ken Myer, Dennis Palla, Kara Rand, Nonda Roth, Jesse Salinas, Tony Shackelford, Dorothy Sundberg, Kim G., Brad T., Chad S., John M., Margie, Fred, Lisa Vorhees, Michael Wagner

Weekly Amount Needed to Meet Fiscal Year 2019-2020
Budget—\$1,944,074
Last Week’s Giving—\$31,216.66
Budget to Date—\$988,950
Year to Date—\$998,776
Year to Date Variance—\$(9,826)



Do you have leftover contribution envelopes? Bring them to the Admin Office or drop them in the offering plate on Sunday. We will repurpose them! Getting envelopes you don’t need? Call the office and we will take care of it, 665-7815.



Where Are They Going?

January 12, 2020 – Pastor D. R. Hilken

Who _____ / _____ God?

Are we living in a _____ - _____ society?

Why are some prominent Christians abandoning the historic Christian faith?

Some statistics

What’s a believer to do?

- a) Pray
- b) Seek to understand why they are leaving or not engaging
- c) Actively devise ways to reach out

Hebrews 11:1-3 --- *Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. For by it the people of old received their commendation. By faith we understand that the universe was created by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things that are visible.*

Faith _____ the answer:

- 1. Faith sees beyond today
- 2. Faith receives the approval of God
- 3. Faith expects perseverance
- 4. Faith focuses on the future not feelings
- 5. Faith focuses on the promises and the promiser

Identifying the tempter and the temptations

The Hebrew Christians: The Way/Rome/Jesus-rejecting Jews
The West today: The _____

The Four Horsemen

Hebrews 10:35-36 --- *Therefore do not throw away your confidence, which has a great reward. For you have need of endurance, so that when you have done the will of God you may receive what is promised.*

The faith of _____

The faith of the the Bible



Didn't get all the blanks filled? Find the missing words on St. John’s website: sjlchurch.org/sermons.

Sermons & Studies

Sermon audio & notes online: sjlchurch.org/sermons

LOVE • LEARN • LEAD

ST. JOHN'S
Lutheran Church

January 12, 2020



Welcome to St. John's!

We're glad you chose to worship with us today.

If this is your first time at St. John's,

we invite you to come to the Information Center in the Worship Center Lobby between services. We'd like to meet you and we have a special gift for you.

Nursery (Age 0 to 35 months) is available during the services. Our nursery is located in the Lobby to the left of the Worship Center.

Sunday School (Age 3 years through 6th grade) *Parents!* Check your child into Sunday School at the Express Check-in (located in front of the Nursery) between 8:10-8:30 a.m. and 9:30-9:55 a.m. During both services, children will be dismissed to Sunday School and their teachers will walk them to class. You may pick them up in their classrooms after the service.

Restrooms with diaper changing stations are located in the lobby, across from the nursery. Exiting from the Sanctuary, turn left; exiting the Worship Center, turn right.

Need information? Try the Information Center in the Lobby between worship services. It's a great place to get information or find out about current activities.

In the back of the chairs you will find PRAYER Cards for your prayer requests and CONNECT Cards (one per family) to register your worship attendance and note any contact information changes, including new e-mail addresses. Prayer Cards will be collected by the ushers early in the service. If you would like more information on our ministries, fill out a NEXT STEPS Card. Connect Cards and Next Steps Cards may be placed in the offering plate as it is passed.

A friendly reminder to all, please silence all devices.

Prayer support, if you would like someone to pray with you, please come to the front, following the worship service.



This week we celebrate the baptism of Lucille Marie Leisure, daughter of Ian & Jaclyn Leisure. She will be baptized at the 8:30 a.m. service this morning. We give thanks as we welcome her into God’s Kingdom.

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News & Notes



Large Group Study begins January 15 in the Event Center.
Free dinner for all—5:00-6:00 p.m.
Adult Study—6:00-7:30 p.m.
Kids & Youth—6:00-7:30 p.m. in their respective programs.



The following is an official IRS ruling:
"Receipt of 2019 Contributions:
Donors must deliver or mail checks on or by December 31, 2019, in order to claim a charitable contribution deduction for 2019. Checks that are placed in the church offering on the first Sunday of 2020 will not qualify for a charitable contribution deduction in 2019, even if the check is pre-dated to 2019 or was actually written in 2019. However, checks that are written, mailed and postmarked in 2019 will be deductible in 2019 though they are not received by a church until 2020."



Courtney Mecomber is officially being installed as the leader of our Jr. High and High School Student Ministry this morning in worship.

Make sure to introduce yourself to her, she would love to get to know you!



CSUB Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program (VITA)

Provides free tax preparation services to students, staff, faculty and community members with W-2 income only to prepare individual income tax forms. Beginning February, office is open every Saturday beginning 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in the Business Development Center, Room A218. To schedule an appointment, call 654-3098. For more information, contact Dr. Benjamin Bae at bbac@csub.edu.



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St. John's SCRIP

You can purchase SCRIP at the school office during the week or at the Information Center *between services* **only** on Sunday. SCRIP is face value gift cards. You can purchase SCRIP as gift cards 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.



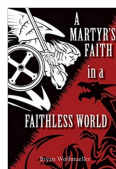
Women's Wednesday Morning Bible Study

Couldn't make it in the Fall? The new year is a great time to join us! *Wherever Love May Lead*, written by Cathy Duerr, will help us explore how God might be calling us to find our purpose and live out our own unique vocations, no matter where we are in life. Free childcare. Questions, contact Laurie Green, 203-7152.



Improve your flexibility, balance and strength

Join us Wednesdays at 11:30 a.m. (after Wednesday morning Bible Study) for Level 1 Yoga in The Garage. Questions, call Linda Cole, 703-5661.



Men's Wednesday Morning Bible Study

Beginning February 6, 6:00 a.m., join us for our new study in the ECCR. Lutheran theology is glorious and mysterious. It is relatable and applicable. It is for everyone, in any time, in any place, but it also can be intimidating. *A Martyr's Faith in a Faithless World* serves as a starting point for those looking to start reading theological works and deepen their understanding of Lutheran theology.



Sunday Night Basketball

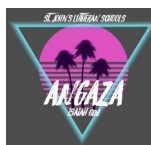
Tonight at 7:30 p.m., St. John's Gym. Guys, lace 'em up and get ready to play some hoops. Invite your friends. Call or text Jon Mueller for information, 302-7497.



St. John's Lutheran Church



Scan the QR to download the new SJLC app!



St. John's Lutheran School Job Opportunities

Lunch Time Recess Aide—Days needed: Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, 11:00 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. Also needed, Extended Care before and after school. Interested, contact Patrice Appold, 664-8090.



Senior Exercise Class

Join us Tuesday and Thursday mornings during the school year in the gym lobby, 8:00-8:45 a.m. for a cardio/respiratory workout done in a chair and even though you are sitting, you are getting a great workout. In 45 minutes, we will work every major muscle, including your heart. All you need are weights, comfortable shoes & loose-fitting clothing. For information, contact Coleen Paulden, 664-8090.

*Thank you for worshiping with us!
Come again, soon.*



SUNDAY SCHOOL

JANUARY 12
JOHN 1:19- 42, JOHN 3:22-36
Jesus' Baptism

If you want to know God, start with Jesus

AWANA

Wednesday, January 15,
6-7:30 p.m.

THEME: Halfway Night, celebrating being halfway through the AWANA year!

SNACK: Half a Moon Pie

AWANA is our mid-week ministry that blends Bible teaching, Scripture memorization, and tons of fun! If you would like to enroll your child, email Lorraine Davis at ldavis@sjlchurch.org

KIDZ 56

January 17, 6-8:00 p.m.
@ Kidz Connection

Kidz 56 is for 5th and 6th graders. Come and eat FOOD, make FRIENDS, have FUN. You are always welcome to bring friends!!

For the Lord gives wisdom; from his mouth come knowledge and understanding.

Proverbs 2:6, NIV



The Worship Team

Set List is posted the Tuesday after Sunday morning worship. No sign up necessary. www.twitter.com/sjlcworship.



Hume Lake
CHRISTIAN CAMPS

REGISTER TODAY!!

If you have a Junior High or High School student, get them registered for Hume Lake Winter Camp 2020!

Junior High: Jan 31-Feb 2
High School: Feb 14-17

Register online at:
sjlchurch.org/studentministry

HIGH SCHOOL SUNDAY NIGHTS

1st & 3rd Sundays
Next Meeting January 19
5:00-7:00 p.m. in The Garage



We're taking a look at one of the most powerful ways Jesus taught life changing truths: stories!

JUNIOR HIGH WEDNESDAY NIGHTS

Every Wednesday
6:00-7:30 p.m. in The Garage



We're taking a look at the words of Jesus that are worth repeating again and again and again!

STUDENT MINISTRY SUNDAYS

Junior High & High School
January 12 & 26
during 10 a.m. worship



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