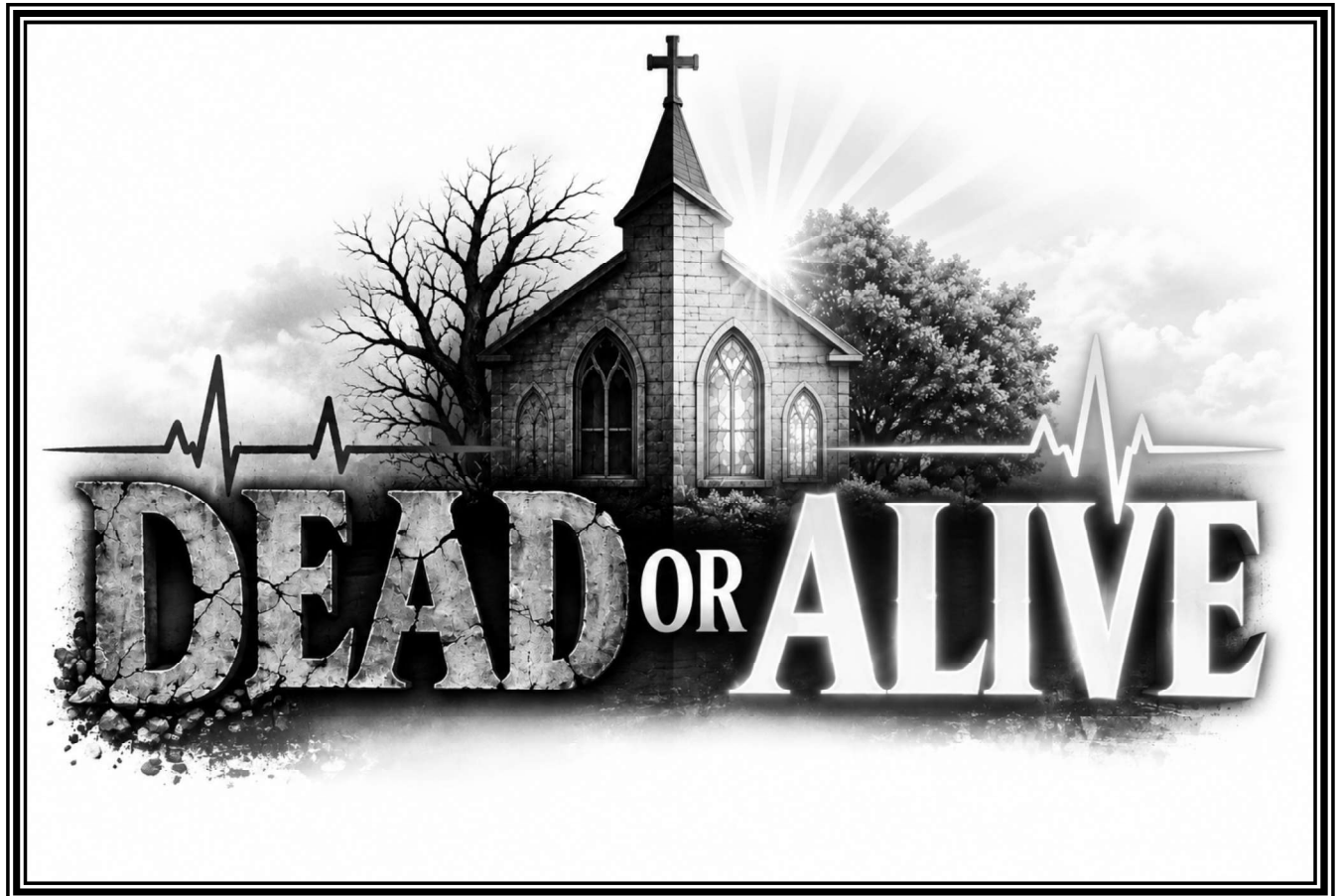


St. John's Sinking Valley
October 11th, 2026



* = Please stand as you are able

The Announcements/Birthday Celebrations/Anniversary Recognitions

Opening Prayer

***Call to Worship**

***Opening Hymn:**

***The Apostle's Creed**

The Prayers

The Lord's Prayer

Offertory

*** The Doxology**

*** Prayer of Thanksgiving**

The Word of the Lord

Today's First Lesson

Acts 2:42-47

42 They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. 43 Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. 44 All the believers were together and had everything in common. 45 They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. 46 Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, 47 praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.

Today's Second Lesson

2nd Timothy 3:10-17

10 You, however, know all about my teaching, my way of life, my purpose, faith, patience, love, endurance, 11 persecutions, sufferings—what kinds of things happened to me in Antioch, Iconium and Lystra, the persecutions I endured. Yet the Lord rescued me from all of them. 12 In fact, everyone who wants to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted, 13 while evildoers and impostors will go from bad to worse, deceiving and being deceived. 14 But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have become convinced of, because you know those from whom you learned it, 15 and how from infancy you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. 16 All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, 17 so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

***The Gospel Response –**

Seek Ye First

The Gospel Lesson

Matthew 4:4

4 Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.'"

L: The Gospel of the Lord

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Message-

ALIVE IN THE WORD - Feed the Heart!

Hymn-

***Communion**

L: As we enter into this time of Communion, a time of remembering Christ as the Son of God, the sacrificial lamb, the very one who would take away the sins of the world, let us reflect on what He has done for us. For, if we say we have no sin we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. Let us now confess our sin to God.

Silence for Reflection

Prayer

The Bread & Wine

-Congregation will be dismissed by pew to receive elements at the altar. Should you not be able to come to the altar, the elements will be brought to your seat.

***Prayer of Commitment**

C: Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness of heart, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

***Closing Hymn-**

***Benediction -**

Organ Postlude –

Prayer Requests For: Karen B., Sally B., Michael L., Tom C., John & Sue M., Phillip, Toni H., Ronnie N., Brenda M., Krystal D., First Responders, Members of our Military and their families, Cancer treatment patients and the congregation of St. John's Lutheran Church.

If you would like anyone added and/or removed please let Drew (jesus2thevalley@gmail.com) or Carey (brooke2235@yahoo.com) know. Thank you.

Pastoral Care – For anyone needing pastoral care, Drew Baker is our Worship Leader. Please feel free to contact him at 814-932-4085. Drew's Email: jesus2thevalley@gmail.com

Prayer Chain –There is a prayer support chain in place. If anyone would like to commit to praying and being part of the chain, please see **Drew Baker**. In addition, if you have someone to be added to the prayer chain, please let Drew know.

Donations/Tithe - Thank you for supporting the ministry and mission of St. John's Church! There are three convenient ways to share your gifts.

- 1) **In Person** during worship.
- 2) **Online** - You can make a one-time donation or set up recurring gifts online. Simply use the link below to create a free profile and get started: <https://secure.myvanco.com/YHKC/home>
- 3) **Mail** - You may also send your gift by mail. Please make checks payable to **St. John's Church** and mail to:

St. John's Church
P.O. Box 222
Tyrone, PA 16686

Thank you for your continued generosity and faithful support of our church community!

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October	Reader	Count Offering
10/4/26	Chad Pedersen	Ryan Fleck / Matt Harper
10/11/26	Mason Harper	Ryan Fleck / Matt Harper
10/18/26	Lori Cushion	Ryan Fleck / Matt Harper
10/25/26	Deb Beauchamp	Ryan Fleck / Matt Harper

<u>Events / Meetings / Special Services</u>	<u>We Care Meals</u>
November 1st – Council Meeting following Worship	Oct. 10, 2026 ~ Oct. 24, 2026
November 11th @ 6 p.m. – Operation Christmas Child Donation Sorting	Nov. 14, 2026 ~ Nov. 28, 2026
November 15th – Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Packing following Worship	Dec. 12, 2026 ~ Dec. 26, 2026

MISSIONS WORK

In support of our mission work, St. John's Council selects a ministry each month to receive a \$500 donation to help further its mission. Below is a list of the ministries we have supported throughout 2026.

January – Crossroads
February – Sideline Cancer
March – Mountain Lion Backpack Program
April – Braden Ewing
May - Northern Blair Backpack Program
June – Way of Truth Ministry

July – Urban Impact
August – Engage
September - Abound
October – The Nehemiah Project
November – Samaritan's Purse
December – To be determined.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Christian Education Committee Meeting - Attention! The Christian Education Committee will hold a planning meeting following worship on **Sunday, October 25, 2026**. All are invited to attend! What is the Christian Education Committee all about? We will be planning for Sunday school, possibly adult Sunday school, family-friendly events, youth activities, and a special Christmas program and music.

How can you help?

- Teachers and helpers for younger children, middle schoolers, and teens.
- Someone to provide a small snack for the children.
- Ideas for adult Sunday school and Bible study.
- Help planning or leading middle and teen youth group activities.
- Crafty people to help with occasional crafts.
- Volunteers to plan family-friendly activities and special Christmas music and/or a program.

Any help, ideas, and insight are appreciated. All ages are welcome! Our goal is to help our children, youth, and adults learn and grow in their faith, understand the Bible, dive deeper into God's Word, and share it with others. We know this may sound like a lot, but simply getting Sunday school up and running again is a great place to start. **Our youth are the future of our church, and more hands make light work!** For more information or to find out how you can help, contact **Joy Williams** at 814-215-2899 or jadeerose35@gmail.com.

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**IMPORTANT OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD INFORMATION!** -- This year, we will be meeting on **Wednesday, November 11th, at 6 pm** in the basement of the church to sort the donations. Please try to have your donations at the church by then so that we are prepared to pack the shoeboxes on **Sunday, November 15th** after worship. Many hands make light work! Flyers on what to pack in shoeboxes and prayer bookmarks to guide us are on the back table. If you have any questions or would like to back your own shoeboxes, please see Mary Edna Lykens. Last year, we packed 120 shoeboxes! Each congregation is being challenged to pack 10 more this year.

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Church Directory UPDATE! – We are going to be printing more church directories in October. If anyone wishes to be added or has any changes, please reach out to Heidi Shetler at 814-327-1995. She will be printing more at the end of September and would like to open it up to additions or changes.

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**Church Website** – Please note that effective **December 31, 2026**, our church website will be **discontinued**:  
[www.stjohnssinkingvalley.com](http://www.stjohnssinkingvalley.com)

**Facebook Page** - Please continue to follow our Facebook Page: **st-johns sinking valley**

**Church Bulletin** - In addition, if you haven't signed up to receive the weekly bulletins via email, please let Carey Williams know or send an email to: [stjohnssv548@gmail.com](mailto:stjohnssv548@gmail.com)

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Good Samaritan Fund October – Our Good Samaritan Recipient for the month of October is **Jaden Kubica**. Jaden has experienced tremendous loss, losing her grandfather, aunt, sister, and mother within the past eight months. She is now returning to Pennsylvania to care for her 10-year-old brother, who has been left without a parent, while also raising her 2-year-old son. Jaden is facing significant financial challenges, including funeral expenses, housing, and providing necessities for her family. Please prayerfully consider helping Jaden to ease some of this burden. Most importantly, please continue to keep Jaden and her entire family in your prayers during this difficult season.

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**REMINDER - Good Samaritan Fund Recipients** – The Good Samaritan Fund was established to help anyone in need. If you know of anyone (individuals/families/missions), please pick up a form on the back table, complete it and put it in the offering plate or in the basket on the back table.

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**Sunday Evening Bible Study - Starting April 2027** – Adult Bible Study will begin meeting in **April 2027 (next year)** on Sunday evenings at 6:30 p.m. **Randy Turiano** will be leading this study. For more information, please see Randy Turiano.

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**Favorite Hymns** – If you have a favorite hymn, please be sure to put it on the list on the back table.

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**We Care Meals** - We Care Meals, providing free meals for people in the Community on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of the month, some recipients are elderly, young, home bound, recovering from illness or accident, or just could use a good meal and a smiling face delivering the meal. If you know of **“ANY ONE”**, please contact Drew or a member of council.