

*St. John's Sinking Valley*  
*January 4th, 2026*



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\* = Please stand as you are able

The Announcements/Birthday Celebrations/Anniversary Recognitions  
Call to Worship

*Opening Prayer*

**Opening Hymn:**

**Offertory**

\* **The Doxology**

\* **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

**The Prayers**

**The Lord's Prayer**

\* **The Word of the Lord**

*Thy Word*

**Malachi 3:6-12**

6 "I the Lord do not change. So you, the descendants of Jacob, are not destroyed. 7 Ever since the time of your ancestors you have turned away from my decrees and have not kept them. Return to me, and I will return to you," says the Lord Almighty.

"But you ask, 'How are we to return?'

8 "Will a mere mortal rob God? Yet you rob me.

"But you ask, 'How are we robbing you?'

"In tithes and offerings. 9 You are under a curse—your whole nation—because you are robbing me. 10 Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this," says the Lord Almighty, "and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that there will not be room enough to store it. 11 I will prevent pests from devouring your crops, and the vines in your fields will not drop their fruit before it is ripe," says the Lord Almighty. 12 "Then all the nations will call you blessed, for yours will be a delightful land," says the Lord Almighty.

**Hebrews 13:6-8**

6 So we say with confidence,

"The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid.

What can mere mortals do to me?"

7 Remember your leaders, who spoke the word of God to you. Consider the outcome of their way of life and imitate their faith. 8 Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

L: The Word of the Lord

**C: Thanks be to God**

**Hymn-**

**Theme Scripture**

**Philippians 3:7-14**

7 But whatever were gains to me I now consider loss for the sake of Christ. 8 What is more, I consider everything a loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them garbage, that I may gain Christ 9 and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ—the righteousness that comes from God on the basis of faith. 10 I want to know Christ—yes, to know the power of his resurrection and participation in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, 11 and so, somehow, attaining to the resurrection from the dead. 12 Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already arrived at my goal, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me. 13 Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself yet to

have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, 14 I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.

L: The Word of the Lord

**C: Praise to you, O Christ**

*Message-*

**New Year, Same God!**

**\*Closing Hymn-**

Benediction –

Let us go forth in the Love of Jesus Christ, praising His glorious name in this new year!

*Organ Postlude –*

***Prayer Requests For:*** 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.

***NOTE!*** As previously announced, we are starting the prayer list fresh in 2026. If you would like anyone added and/or removed please let Drew ([jesus2thevalley@gmail.com](mailto:jesus2thevalley@gmail.com)) or Carey ([brooke2235@yahoo.com](mailto: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](mailto: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.

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[www.stjohnssinkingvalley.com](http://www.stjohnssinkingvalley.com)

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**Reader/Offering Schedule**

<b>January</b>	<b>Reader</b>	<b>Count Offering</b>
1/4/26	Chad Pedersen	Charlene Detwiler / Joy Williams
1/11/26	Lori Cushion	Charlene Detwiler / Joy Williams
1/18/26	Madison Coleman	Charlene Detwiler / Joy Williams
1/25/26	Mason Harper	Charlene Detwiler / Joy Williams

**Events / Meetings / Special Services**

**January 7<sup>th</sup> – Council Meeting - 6:30 p.m.**

**January 25<sup>th</sup> – Tent. Congregational Meeting  
following worship**

**We Care Meals**

**January 10, 2026 ~ January 24, 2026**

**February 14, 2026 ~ February 28, 2026**

**March 14, 2026 ~ March 28, 2026**

**April 11, 2026 ~ April 25, 2026**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Prayer List Update - Attention!** We are beginning a fresh prayer list in 2026. We certainly do not want to cause any upset by removing names; however, the list is a few years old. Starting fresh in 2026 will help us keep the prayer list current and accurate. If you would like anyone added, please let Drew or Carey know. Thank you in advance for your help with this update!

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**Annual Meeting – Tent. - Sunday, January 25<sup>th</sup>** – Please plan to stay after worship for the Annual Meeting to vote on the proposed budget for 2025.

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**Church Council** - There are a few openings on church council for next year. If you are interested in joining council, please see a member or Drew. Council meets one evening a month.

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**Church Directory** – The Church Directory is complete! Copies can be found on the back table—please remember to take one. In addition, if you are unable to worship in person and would like a copy mailed, please contact Heidi Shetler at (814) 327-1995.

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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** – Adult Bible Study will continue to meet Sunday evenings at 6:30 p.m. For more information, please contact Drew Baker (814-932-4085), or Jerry & Heidi Shetler (814-327-4808 / 814-686-2347).

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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.