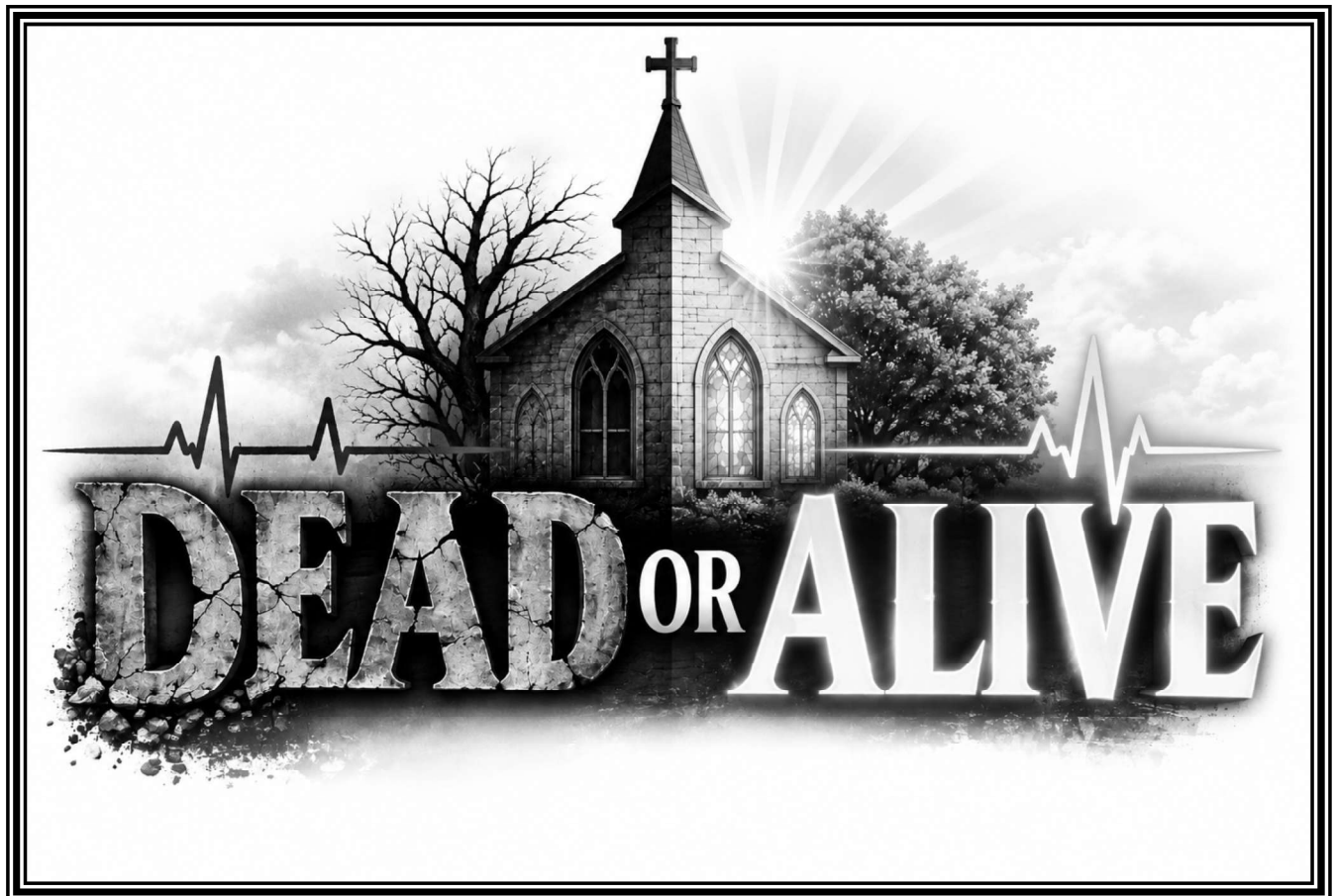


St. John's Sinking Valley
October 4th , 2026



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The Announcements/Birthday Celebrations/Anniversary Recognitions

Opening Prayer

***Call to Worship**

***Opening Hymn:**

***The Apostle's Creed**

Offertory

*** The Doxology**

*** Prayer of Thanksgiving**

The Word of the Lord

Today's Old Testament Lesson

Exodus 32:31-35

31 So Moses went back to the Lord and said, "Oh, what a great sin these people have committed! They have made themselves gods of gold. 32 But now, please forgive their sin—but if not, then blot me out of the book you have written." 33 The Lord replied to Moses, "Whoever has sinned against me I will blot out of my book. 34 Now go, lead the people to the place I spoke of, and my angel will go before you. However, when the time comes for me to punish, I will punish them for their sin." 35 And the Lord struck the people with a plague because of what they did with the calf Aaron had made.

Today's New Testament Lesson

Revelation 3:1-6

"To the angel of the church in Sardis write: These are the words of him who holds the seven spirits of God and the seven stars. I know your deeds; you have a reputation of being alive, but you are dead. 2 Wake up! Strengthen what remains and is about to die, for I have found your deeds unfinished in the sight of my God. 3 Remember, therefore, what you have received and heard; hold it fast, and repent. But if you do not wake up, I will come like a thief, and you will not know at what time I will come to you. 4 Yet you have a few people in Sardis who have not soiled their clothes. They will walk with me, dressed in white, for they are worthy. 5 The one who is victorious will, like them, be dressed in white. I will never blot out the name of that person from the book of life, but will acknowledge that name before my Father and his angels. 6 Whoever has ears, let them hear what the Spirit says to the churches.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

***The Gospel Response –**

Seek Ye First

The Gospel Lesson

Matthew 24:42-44

42 "Therefore keep watch, because you do not know on what day your Lord will come. 43 But understand this: If the owner of the house had known at what time of night the thief was coming, he would have kept watch and would not have let his house be broken into. 44 So you also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect him.

L: The Gospel of the Lord

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Message-

DEAD or ALIVE!?! – Check the Pulse!

Hymn-

**The Prayers
The Lord's Prayer**

***Closing Hymn-**

***Benediction -**

Organ Postlude –

Prayer Requests For: Karen B., Sally B., Nate, 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.

Give to St. John's online for a one-time or a recurring gift using the church's website:

www.stjohnssinkingvalley.com

Scroll down the home page and click on the PDF "Online Giving DIRECTIONS" for more information. Click on the "Online Giving Web Site" link to create a free profile and get started.

Or give through the mail. Please send checks made out to "St. John's Lutheran Church" to:

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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>
October 4 th – Council Meeting	Oct. 10, 2026 ~ Oct. 24, 2026
November 11th @ 6 p.m. – Operation Christmas Child Donation Sorting	Nov. 14, 2026 ~ Nov. 28, 2026
November 15 th – Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Packing following Worship	Dec. 12, 2026 ~ Dec. 26, 2026

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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: www.stjohnssinkingvalley.com will be discontinued.

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

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

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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** – 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.