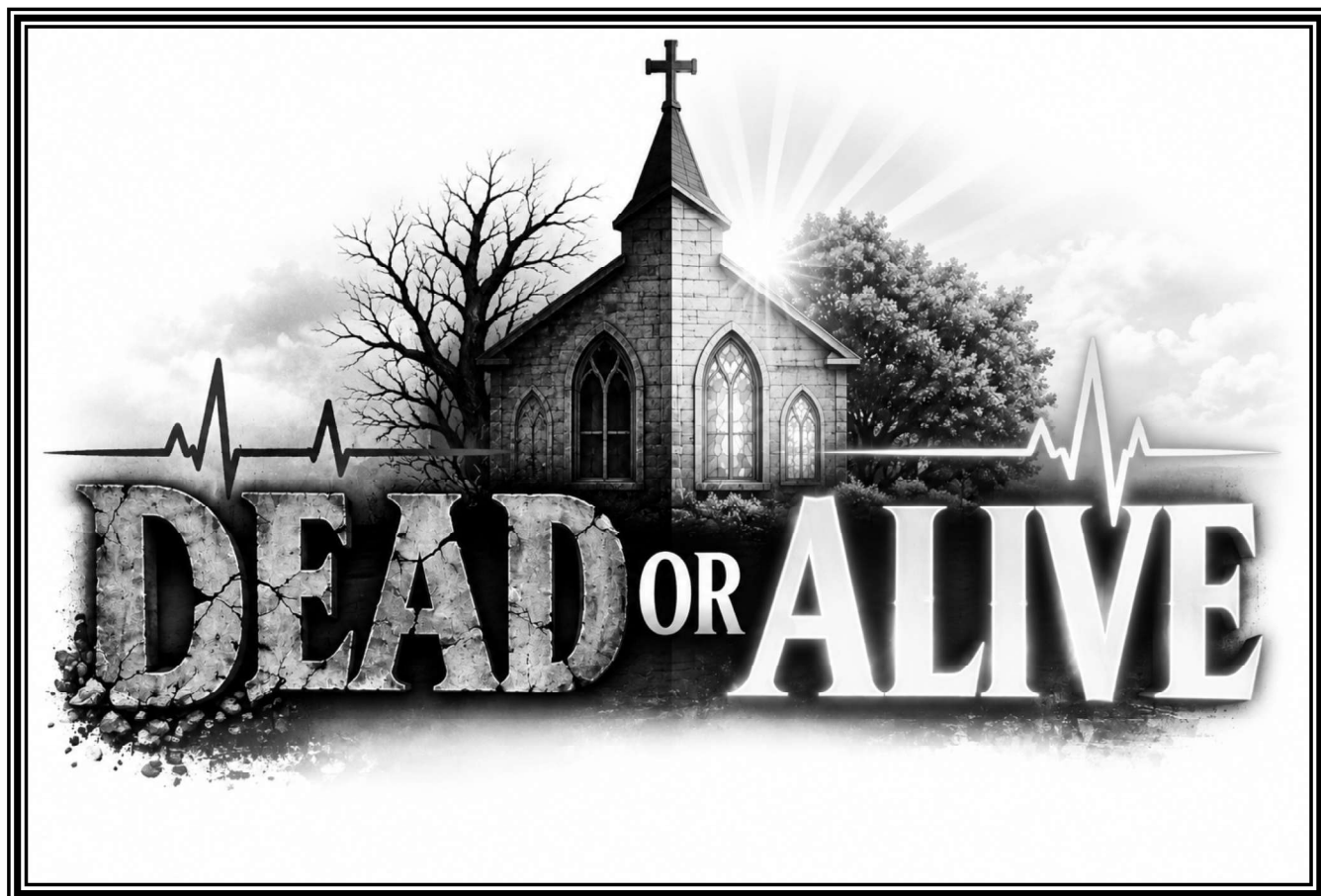


St. John's Sinking Valley
September 27th, 2026



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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 First Lesson

Isaiah 43:16-19

16 This is what the Lord says—

he who made a way through the sea,
a path through the mighty waters,

17 who drew out the chariots and horses,
the army and reinforcements together,
and they lay there, never to rise again,
extinguished, snuffed out like a wick:

18 “Forget the former things;
do not dwell on the past.

19 See, I am doing a new thing!

Now it springs up; do you not perceive it?

I am making a way in the wilderness
and streams in the wasteland.

Today's Second Lesson

Philippians 3:12-14

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: Thanks be to God.

***The Gospel Response –**

Seek Ye First

The Gospel Lesson

Luke 9:57-62

57 As they were walking along the road, a man said to him, “I will follow you wherever you go.” 58 Jesus replied, “Foxes have dens and birds have nests, but the Son of Man has no place to lay his head.” 59 He said to another man, “Follow me.” But he replied, “Lord, first let me go and bury my father.” 60 Jesus said to him, “Let the dead bury their own dead, but you go and proclaim the kingdom of God.” 61 Still another said, “I will follow you, Lord; but first let me go back and say goodbye to my family.” 62 Jesus replied, “No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for service in the kingdom of God.”

L: The Gospel of the Lord
C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Message-

INCHING TOWARD DEATH or REVIVED TO LIFE!

Hymn-

The Prayers
The Lord's Prayer

***Closing Hymn-**

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***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:

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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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September	Reader	Count Offering
9/6/26	Lauren Fleck	Phyllis Hunter / Marty Williams
9/13/26	Madison Harper	Phyllis Hunter / Marty Williams
9/20/26	Ryan Fleck	Phyllis Hunter / Marty Williams
9/27/26	Remington Fleck	Phyllis Hunter / Marty Williams

Events / Meetings / Special Services

October 4th – Council Meeting

**November 11th @ 6 p.m. – Operation Christmas Child
Donation Sorting**

**November 15th – Operation Christmas Child Shoebox
Packing following Worship**

December 20th – Tent. Christmas in the Valley

We Care Meals

Oct. 10, 2026 ~ Oct. 24, 2026

Nov. 14, 2026 ~ Nov. 28, 2026

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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Good Samaritan Fund September – Our Good Samaritan Recipient for the month of September is **Jillian Williams**. As many of you know, Jillian suffered a heart attack last month and required a stent. She is currently recovering and, unfortunately, is unable to work at this time, leaving her without an income. Please prayerfully consider supporting Jillian during this difficult time. Thank you for your love, prayers, and generosity as we come together as a church family to support Jillian.

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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 2nd and 4th 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.