St. John's Sinking Valley

October 25th, 2026



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The Announcements/Birthday Celebrations/Anniversary Recognitions

Opening Prayer
***Opening Hymn- To God Be The Glory**

***The Apostle's Creed**

Offertory
*** The Doxology**
*** Prayer of Thanksgiving**

The Word of the Lord
Today's Old Testament Lesson
Joel 2:27-28
27 Then you will know that I am in Israel,
that I am the Lord your God,
and that there is no other;
never again will my people be shamed.
28 "And afterward,
I will pour out my Spirit on all people.
Your sons and daughters will prophesy,
your old men will dream dreams,
your young men will see visions.

Ezekiel 36:24-27
24 "'For I will take you out of the nations; I will gather you from all the countries and bring you back into your own land. 25 I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you will be clean; I will cleanse you from all your impurities and from all your idols. 26 I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. 27 And I will put my Spirit in you and move you to follow my decrees and be careful to keep my laws.

Today's New Testament Lesson
John 14:15-26
15 "If you love me, keep my commands. 16 And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever— 17 the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be[a] in you. 18 I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. 19 Before long, the world will not see me anymore, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. 20 On that day you will realize that I am in my Father, and you are in me, and I am in you. 21 Whoever has my commands and keeps them is the one who loves me. The one who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I too will love them and show myself to them." 22 Then Judas (not Judas Iscariot) said, "But, Lord, why do you intend to show yourself to us and not to the world?" 23 Jesus replied, "Anyone who loves me will obey my teaching. My Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. 24 Anyone who does not love me will not obey my teaching. These words you hear are not my own; they belong to the Father who sent me. 25 "All this I have spoken while still with you. 26 But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you.
L: The Word of the Lord.
C: Thanks be to God.

***The Gospel Response –** **Thy Word**

The Gospel Lesson
John 16:7-15

7 But very truly I tell you, it is for your good that I am going away. Unless I go away, the Advocate will not
come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. 8 When he comes, he will prove the world to be in the wrong
about sin and righteousness and judgment: 9 about sin, because people do not believe in me; 10 about
righteousness, because I am going to the Father, where you can see me no longer; 11 and about judgment,
because the prince of this world now stands condemned. 12 "I have much more to say to you, more than you
can now bear. 13 But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all the truth. He will not speak
on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come. 14 He will glorify me
because it is from me that he will receive what he will make known to you. 15 All that belongs to the Father is
mine. That is why I said the Spirit will receive from me what he will make known to you."
L: The Gospel of the Lord
C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Message-

Hymn- **Sweet Hour of Prayer**

The Prayers
The Lord's Prayer

***Closing Hymn-** **Victory in Jesus**

*Benediction -

Organ Postlude –

Prayer Requests For: *Patty, Karen B., Sally B., Michael L., Tom C., John & Sue M., Phillip, Toni H., 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.

Church Website – Please note that effective **December 31, 2026,** our church website will be **discontinued**:

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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**

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:

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

October	Reader	Count Offering
10/25/26	Deb Beauchamp	Ryan Fleck / Matt Harper
November	**Reader**	**Count Offering**
11/1/26	Aidan Luther	Heidi Shetler / Randy Turiano
11/8/26	Rylee Fleck	Heidi Shetler / Randy Turiano
11/15/26	Lee Anne Ayers	Heidi Shetler / Randy Turiano
11/22/26	Charlene Detwiler	Heidi Shetler / Randy Turiano
11/29/26	Lauren Fleck	Heidi Shetler / Randy Turiano

Events / Meetings / Special Services

November 1st – Council Meeting following Worship

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

November 15th – Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Packing following Worship

November 25th @ 7 p.m. – Thanksgiving Eve Service @ Sinking Valley Presbyterian Church

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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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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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.

Upcoming We Care Meals

Nov. 14, 2026 ~ Nov. 28, 2026

Dec. 12, 2026 ~ Dec. 26, 2026
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