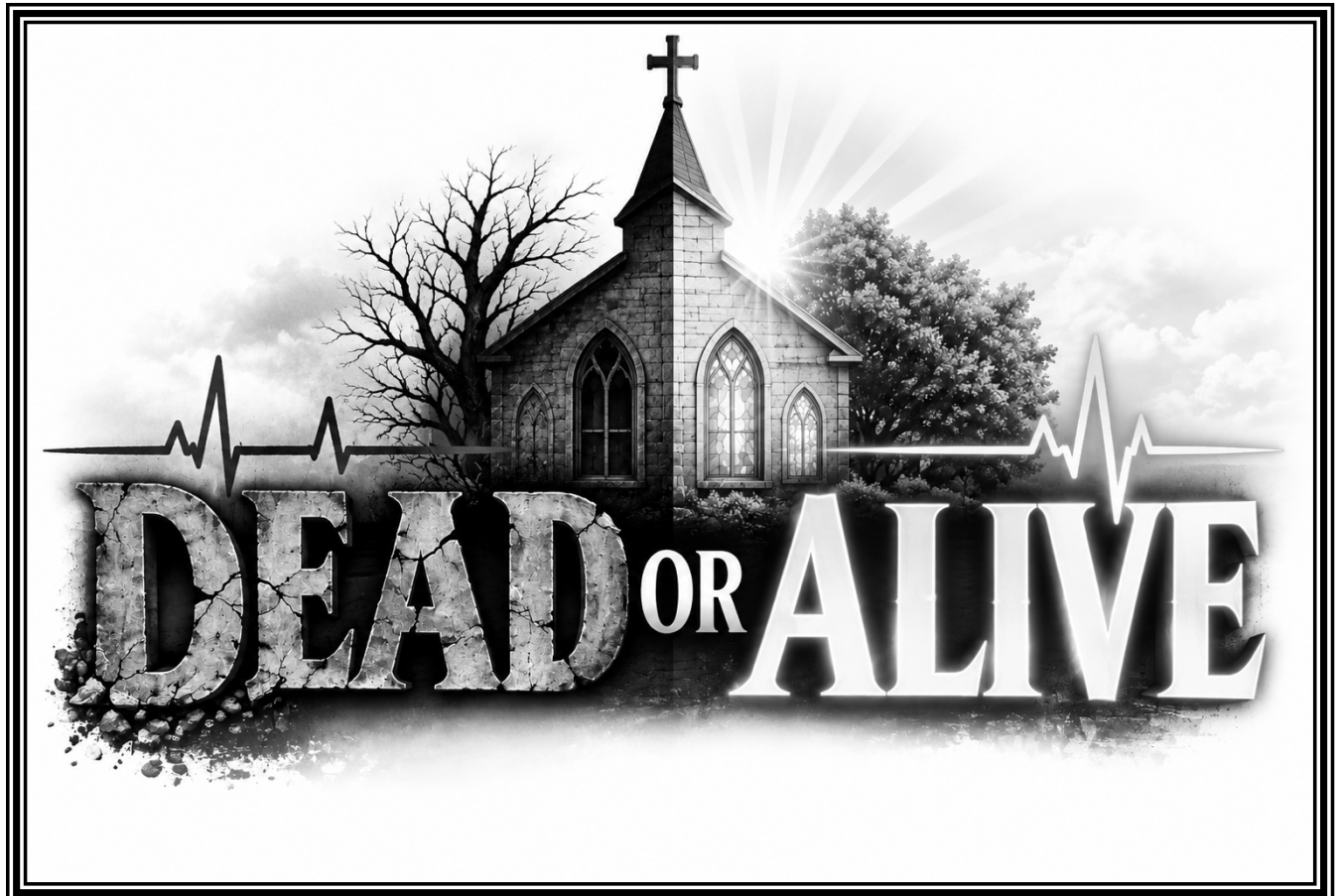


St. John's Sinking Valley
October 18th, 2026



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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

Jeremiah 29:12-13

12 Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. 13 You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart.

Today's New Testament Lesson

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

16 Rejoice always, 17 pray continually, 18 give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

James 5:16

16 Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

***The Gospel Response –**

Seek Ye First

The Gospel Lesson

Luke 22:45-46

45 When he rose from prayer and went back to the disciples, he found them asleep, exhausted from sorrow. 46 "Why are you sleeping?" he asked them. "Get up and pray so that you will not fall into temptation."

L: The Gospel of the Lord

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Message-

ALIVE IN PRAYER — Catch Your Breath!

Hymn-

The Prayers

The Lord's Prayer

***Closing Hymn-**

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***Benediction -**

Organ Postlude –

Prayer Requests For: *The Nearhoof Family, 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.*

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!

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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.