**APRIL 2025**

**CONNECTIONS**

Called and gifted to reflect Christ as we love, serve, and teach.

**Monthly by**

**St. John Lutheran Church**

336 W. Market Street

P.O. Box 311

Canal Fulton, OH 44614

Church Phone: 330-854-2159

**E-Mail: stjohnlutherancanalfulton@gmail.com**

**Website:** [**www.loveserveteach.org**](http://www.loveserveteach.org/)

**Adult Sunday School**

**9:15 P.M.**

**Sunday Worship:** **10:30 A.M.**



**SALT Box Ministries**

408 West Market Street

Canal Fulton OH

**E-Mail: saltboxcanalfulton@gmail.com**

**Free Meal & Pantry Distributions**

**Second & Last Sunday of Each Month**

**4:00 - 5:30 P.M.**

*With Love from Pastor Lisa!*

**Easter is Coming!**

Lent is an unsettling time as we walk with Jesus on a sure and certain path to death and resurrection. Even though we know how the story ends, we still tremble at what happens. Come with us to experience how the death of Jesus rocked the world and opened a passageway for everyone to new lives. Participate with us during Lenten Wednesdays, Palm/Passion Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter as our present reality is transformed into hope right before our very eyes, ears, mouths, hands, bodies, and minds. The passageway to newness has already been accomplished by God. Just as natural as our next breaths, God is supplying our next steps to more deeply absorb how much God loves us. Be with us in April as we travel together with Jesus to a new way of being!

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**Our Website**

Our St. John Lutheran Church website is found at **loveserveteach.org** or by searching for **St. John Lutheran Church** in your **Google or Chrome** search engine and selecting **Website**.

Pastor Lisa writes a weekly blog called **Love Writes**. The blog is found as you scroll down to **Reflections from Pastor Lisa.** To see some recent exciting pictures from the life of our congregation, open the website and go to **More** in the upper menu and select **Newsletter/Activities**. By selecting **Learn More, Get Involved,** and **Join us,** you can access even more pictures and information.

**Prayer with Pastor - Mondays 9:30 am**

We have a safe space to let our requests be known to each other and lifted to God! Join us in Pastor Lisa’s office every Monday at 9:30 am.

*Philippians 4:6: Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.*

**Pray For Youth - Wednesdays 9:30 am**

We gather to specifically pray for the youth of our community and our church. Join us in Pastor Lisa’s office every Wednesday at 9:30 am.

Worship 10:45 am Sundays!

We now worship at 10:45 am! Thank you for giving Pastor Lisa a little more time between services. The Joint Council of St. John and St. Michael, St. John Council, and Pastor Lisa thank you for your willingness to be flexible and to respond in grace.

**God Makes Perfect Sense.**

**The Lenten Experience 2025**

Exploring God’s incarnation through our five senses!

We will be using individual handheld candles for each service.

Week 4 Touch April 2 IGNITE

Week 5 Taste April 9 Healing Service

***Come as you are. Leave different.***

4/ 2/25 - Outreach/Property/Education

4/ 9/25 - Worship & Music

**APRIL 2025 READINGS**

**Sunday, April 6, 2025**

**Fifth Sunday in Lent**

[Isaiah 43:16-21](https://members.sundaysandseasons.com/Home/Index/2025-4-6/0)

[Psalm 126](https://members.sundaysandseasons.com/Home/Index/2025-4-6/0)

[Philippians 3:4b-14](https://members.sundaysandseasons.com/Home/Index/2025-4-6/0)

[John 12:1-8](https://members.sundaysandseasons.com/Home/Index/2025-4-6/0)

*Our God makes all things new. In the first reading God promises it. In the gospel Mary anticipates it, anointing Jesus’ feet with costly perfume in preparation for the day of his burial. In the second reading Paul recalls his transformation from the persecutor Saul into an apostle. In baptism, God’s new person (you!) rises daily from the deadly mire of trespasses and sins.*

**Sunday, April 13, 2025**

**Passion/Palm Sunday**

***Procession with Palms***

[Luke 19:28-40](https://members.sundaysandseasons.com/Home/Index/2025-4-13/0)

[Isaiah 50:4-9a](https://members.sundaysandseasons.com/Home/Index/2025-4-13/0)

[Psalm 31:9-16](https://members.sundaysandseasons.com/Home/Index/2025-4-13/0)

[Philippians 2:5-11](https://members.sundaysandseasons.com/Home/Index/2025-4-13/0)

[Luke 22:14—23:56](https://members.sundaysandseasons.com/Home/Index/2025-4-13/0)

[Luke 23:1-49](https://members.sundaysandseasons.com/Home/Index/2025-4-13/0)

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**Sunday, April 20, 2025**

**Resurrection of Our Lord**

**Easter Sunday**

Readings and Psalm

[Acts 10:34-43](https://members.sundaysandseasons.com/Home/Index/2025-4-20/0)

[Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24](https://members.sundaysandseasons.com/Home/Index/2025-4-20/0)

[1 Corinthians 15:19-26](https://members.sundaysandseasons.com/Home/Index/2025-4-20/0)

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*“The last enemy to be destroyed is death,” Paul writes. Today Christ is risen, and we gather together with astonishment and joy. Christ is risen, and we have been set free from the bonds of death. Christ is risen, and we are forgiven. Christ is risen, and with the women at the tomb and Peter, we are amazed. Let us rejoice: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!*

**Sunday, April 27, 2025**

**Second Sunday of Easter**

[Acts 5:27-32](https://members.sundaysandseasons.com/Home/Index/2025-4-27/0)

[Psalm 118:14-29](https://members.sundaysandseasons.com/Home/Index/2025-4-27/0)

[Revelation 1:4-8](https://members.sundaysandseasons.com/Home/Index/2025-4-27/0)

[John 20:19-31](https://members.sundaysandseasons.com/Home/Index/2025-4-27/0)

*In spite of all we have heard and all we have seen, it is often hard to believe. Because it is hard to believe, we will invest ourselves in the Easter mystery for fifty days (a week of weeks). Because it is hard to believe, John the evangelist will provide sign after sign celebrating Jesus’ victory over death. Because it is hard to believe, the risen Jesus will return to us again and again in the mystery of holy communion, inviting us to touch and taste his presence, and offering us his peace.*

**Next Council meeting will be held on Monday,**

**April 14, 2025 at 1:00 p.m.**

Council meetings are open to all members of the congregation. If you have something to bring before the council, please contact the council president or pastor so that we reserve time on the agenda for the topic.

**MARCH 2025 council minutes will be included in May 2025 newsletter**

## Council & Board Reports

## Reports are posted on the church bulletin board if you would like to view them.

Council will meet this year on 2nd Monday of the month at **1:00 p.m. (new time).**

**Hope Circle** will meet **on APRIL 16, 2025 at**

**1:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall.**

**MAY 2025 NEWSLETTER INFO DUE IN OFFICE BY FRIDAY, APRIL 25, 2025**

**Board of Education**

The next Board of Education meeting will be on **April 6, 2025** after worship in the library. We will resume meeting the first Sunday of the month in April. Anyone wishing to see what is happening in our Sunday School, please feel free to attend.

Please continue to pray for the Kiddos of St. John

and the Shepherds that lead the Classes.

**EASTER EGG HUNT - Saturday, April 12, 2025 – 1:00 p.m. - Egg Hunt, Crafts and Activities**

Please contact Kathy White 330 705-8078, if you would like to serve. The Egg Hunt will take place rain or shine.

We will need donations of small, wrapped candy to fill

the eggs. Donations of plastic eggs will be appreciated.

**Please bring the candy to the Church by**

**April 5, 2025.**

**IGNITE**

The next **IGNITE** will be on **April 2, 2025 at 5:30pm**

in the Fellowship Hall.

The Memory Verse for this evening is: Matthew  6:21" For where your treasure is , there your heart will be also be."

Attention St. John Youth, IGNITE is an excellent way to serve Our Lord, once a month, as Youth Leaders to help Pastor Lisa with the Lesson. Please pray and consider serving in HIS Ministry.

We could use help moving tables and chairs to make space for the activities. If able to help, please be at the Church by 4:45pm. Please feel free to enjoy our meal with the Kiddos at 6pm.

We will need help then at 7:30pm to put back the tables and chairs back in place.

**Board of Finance**

**Financial Report – FEBRUARY 2025**

Income 9,258.13

Expenses 13,188.24

**S.A.L.T. Box**

Income 700.00

Expenses 2,614.00

### Board of Ministry

**Did You Borrow Something?**

If you have any dish towels, wash cloths, dishes/plates, bowls, pots, pans or utensils from the downstairs kitchen at home, it would be greatly appreciated if you could please return them.

If you borrow something from the kitchen or church, please let Mary Dodson in the office know before you take it home. If she is not there, you can drop a note in the office door pocket with the information as to what you have borrowed and when you plan to return it. Thank you!

**Board of Outreach**

**SALT Box Ministries**

4/13, 4/27, 5/4, 5/18, 6/8, 6/29, 7/13, 7/27, 8/10, 8/24, 9/14, 9/28, 10/12, 10/26, 11/9, 11/23, 12/14, 12/28

**The Saltbox needs VOLUNTEERS to unload orders from the food bank every Friday (unless otherwise noted) at 8:00 a.m. Please consider this as part of our mission to serve.**

We still need **volunteers** for **2025 for several months** for delivering meals to shut ins. The sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board. Please consider this a way to serve Gods will.

**S.A.L.T. Box** -The S.A.L.T. Box **desperately** needs **canned fruit, peanut butter/canned meat like ravioli** for the grocery bags we hand out at the meals on the 2nd and last Sundays of each month. We have been serving 100 families. This is your way of being a part of this wonderful ministry. You can also drop them off on Thursdays from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. at the S.A.L.T. Box OR at the church in the designated box under the coat rack. Please consider donating to our mission. Thank you and God Bless!

**Community Cupboard -** Needed: **SOUPS**

A picture containing table, console table

Description automatically generated

**Any type** brown paper and plastic bags (from the grocery store!)

**Board of Worship and Music**

**Wednesday, April 9, 2025 - Worship & Music** will meet at **10:00 a.m.** and **Worship Planning** will meet **at 11:00 a.m.**

**Altar Flowers** – **The cost is $20 per vase.**

There is a flower chart located on the bulletin board in the narthex if you would like to sign up and make a

flower dedication.

**Communion Assistants**

Serving communion to fellow Christians is so spiritually fulfilling. If you would like to volunteer to be a Communion Assistant, please contact Sue Chu at 330-854-9837 or [sachu@chuaa.com](mailto:sachu@chuaa.com).

**Altar Guild**

If you can assist with Altar Guild duties, which include preparing communion, setting up the altar, filling the oil candles and so on, please contact Lil Wise.

**Assistant Ministers**

A big “Thank you” to all those who participate as  **Assistant Ministers** in our worship service **– Cantors, Lectors, Prayer Leaders, Communion Assistants, Ushers, Altar Guild, and Sound/Video.**

**If you are interested in serving as a Lector, please contact Judy Ruehling at 330-854-3603.**

It would be greatly appreciated if you would consider serving as any of these Assistant Ministers.  Training is available until you are comfortable with the duties. Contact Sue Chu.

**SERVING ON SUNDAYS**

**APRIL 2025**

**CANTOR/COMMUNION ASSISTANT**

4/6 Kathy White

4/13 Larry White

4/18 Larry White

4/20 Sue Chu

4/27 Sue Chu

**LECTOR**

4/6 Sue Chu

4/13 Eric Carlson

420 Sue Beaudin

4/27 Deb Shelestak

**PRAYER LEADER**

4/6 Pastor Lisa

4/13 Janet Kurtz

418 Kathy White

4/20 Kathy White

4/27 Bob Hudson

**ACOLYTES**

4/6 MacKenzie Harman

4/13 MacKenzie Harman – Acolyte

Kristian Harman - Crucifer

4/18 Hunter Warstler

4/20 MacKenzie Harman - Acolyte

Hunter Warstler – Crucifer

Kristian Harman – Carrying Bible

4/27 Kristian Harman

**USHER(S)**

4/6 Judy Ruehling/Diana Stevens

4/13 Grace Hill/Theresa Kennedy

4/18 Theresa Kennedy/Diana Stevens

4/20 Larry & Brenda White

4/27 Todd & Suzanne Trachok

### OFFERING COUNTERS

4/6 Larry & Brenda White

4/13 Bob & Terri Hudson

4/20 Diana Stevens

4/27 Diana Stevens

**ALTAR GUILD – APRIL 2025**

Sue Beaudin, Judy Ruehling, Kathy White

**VIDEO/SOUND – APRIL 2025**

4/6 Dan Chu/Christy Hill

4/13 Dan Chu/Christy Hill

4/18 Dan Chu/Christy Hill

4/20 Dan Chu/Christy Hill

4/27 Dan Chu/Christy Hill

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY – APRIL 2025**

4/5 Allison Green

4/11 Amberle Habart

4/21 Katie Oakes, Mark White

4/23 Lisa Bekavac

4/28 Janet Kurtz

4/29 Maddie Rohr

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY – APRIL 2025**

None

**COUNCIL 2025**

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Text or Call Kathy White at 330-705-8078 or email Pastor Lisa at lisa.arledge@gmail.com

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**1st Wednesday of the Month!**

April 2

5:30 pm to 7:30 pm

**St. John Lutheran Church 336 Market St. W.**

**Canal Fulton**

Ages: Pre-School through 5th Grade

6th Grade through High School

**Super Fun Games, Music, Crafts,**

**and Delicious Meal**

Parents, please drop off children in lower-level parking lot, join us for dinner, or enjoy an evening out. We will provide a safe, kind, and meaningful time for your children.

**I**lluminate

**G**row in faith

**N**ever be afraid

**I**nvite friends

**T**rust Jesus

**E**nergize for God



**“Come and See Bible Study is a great way to start my week!”**

“Come and See” are the words of Jesus in the Gospel of John, which serve as the invitation to our Bible Study at St. John Lutheran Church in the conference room on Mondays at 10:30 am

This Bible study is invigorating!

You can roll in anytime!

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**ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH – APRIL 2025**

| **Sun** | **Mon** | **Tue** | **Wed** | **Thu** | **Fri** | **Sat** |
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|  |  | ***1***  **6:00 P.M.**  AA – Hall | **2**  **4:00 P.M**. – TUTORING CLASSROOM  **6:00 P.M. –** IGNITE  **6:00 P.M. –**  LENT MEAL & WORSHIP | **3**  **12:00 P.M.** CHOIR PRACTICE  **6:00 P.M.** – AA - HALL | **4** | **5** |
| **6**  **9:15 A.M. –** SUNDAY SCHOOL  **10:45 A.M.** –  WORSHIP  **12:00 P.M**. BOARD OF EDUCATION | **7**  **9:30 A.M.**  PRAYER WITH PASTOR    **10:30A.M.**  BIBLE STUDY  **6:00 P.M.**  AA – Hall | **8**  **6:00 P.M.**  AA – Hall | **9**  **10:00 A.M.** – MUSIC & WORSHIP MEETING  **11:00 A.M.** – WORSHIP PLANNING MEETING  **4:00 P.M**. – TUTORING CLASSROOM  **6:00 P.M. –**  LENT MEAL & WORSHIP | **10**  **12:00 P.M.** CHOIR PRACTICE  **6:00 P.M.** – AA - HALL | **11** | **12**  **1:00 P.M.**  **EASTER EGG HUNT** |
| **13**  **PALM SUNDAY**  **9:15 A.M. –** SUNDAY SCHOOL  **10:45 A.M.** –  WORSHIP | **14**  **9:30 A.M.**  PRAYER WITH PASTOR  **10:30A.M.**  BIBLE STUDY  **1:00 P.M.** – COUNCIL MEETING  **6:00 P.M.**  AA – Hall | **15**  **6:00 P.M.**  AA – Hall | **16**  **1:00 P.M. – HOPE CIRCLE**  **4:00 P.M**. – TUTORING CLASSROOM  **6:00 P.M.**  AA – Hall | **17**  **12:00 P.M.** CHOIR PRACTICE  **6:00 P.M.** – AA - HALL | **18**  **GOOD FRIDAY**  **OFFICE CLOSED**  **5:00 P.M**. WORSHIP AT ST. JOHN’S  **7:00 P.M.** – WORSHIP AT ST. MICHAELS | **19** |
| **20 EASTER**  **6:30 A.M**. SUNRISE SERVICE AT CANAL FULTON CEMETERY  **9:00 A.M**. EASTER BREAKFAST/PHOTOS AT THE CROSS  **9:15 A.M. –** SUNDAY SCHOOL  **10:45 A.M.** –WORSHIP | **21**  **OFFICE CLOSED**  **6:00 P.M.**  AA – Hall | **22**  **6:00 P.M.**  AA – Hall | **23**  **APRIL NEWSLETTER INFO DUE IN OFFICE**  **4:00 P.M**. – TUTORING CLASSROOM  **6:00 P.M.**  AA – Hall | **24**  **12:00 P.M.** CHOIR PRACTICE  **6:00 P.M.** – AA - HALL | **25** | **26** |
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