**AUGUST 2025**

**CONNECTIONS**

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

**Monthly by**

**St. John Lutheran Church**

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**Adult Sunday School**

**9:15 P.M.**

**Sunday Worship:** **10:45 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.**

*Greetings from Pastor Lisa!*

Thanks to all of you for who you are and all you do for the Lord!

Looks like I needed some respite at the end of July, as my body took its time recovering from a "summer cold" that held me captive for longer than I would have liked. All of that to say that I will be well rested to travel to Montana from July 29 to August 5 to visit two of our daughters, son-in-laws, and three grandchildren. I will return in time for IGNITE on Wednesday, August 6!

May we all continue to grow in the love and light of Christ.

My child be attentive to my words; incline your ear to my sayings. Do not let them escape from your sight; keep them within your heart. For they are life to those who find them, and healing to all their flesh. Proverbs 4:20-22 nrsv

**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 a.m.**

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 a.m.**

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.

**AUGUST 2025 READINGS**

**Sunday, August 3, 2025**

**Eighth Sunday after Pentecost**

[Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23](https://members.sundaysandseasons.com/Home/TextsAndResources/2025-8-3/0)

[Psalm 49:1-12](https://members.sundaysandseasons.com/Home/TextsAndResources/2025-8-3/0)

[Colossians 3:1-11](https://members.sundaysandseasons.com/Home/TextsAndResources/2025-8-3/0)

[Luke 12:13-21](https://members.sundaysandseasons.com/Home/TextsAndResources/2025-8-3/0)

*Today’s texts offer instruction and encouragement for all who are occasionally overwhelmed by the “unhappy business” of life. Jesus urges us to take care and be on guard against all kinds of greed. We who have died with Christ in holy baptism have also been raised with him and are encouraged to elevate our thinking, seeking the “things that are above.” To that end we seek the sustenance of the Lord’s supper and the encouragement of God’s word.*

**Sunday, August 10, 2025**

**Ninth Sunday after Pentecost**

[Genesis 15:1-6](https://members.sundaysandseasons.com/Home/TextsAndResources/2025-8-10/0)

[Psalm 33:12-22](https://members.sundaysandseasons.com/Home/TextsAndResources/2025-8-10/0)

[Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16](https://members.sundaysandseasons.com/Home/TextsAndResources/2025-8-10/0)

[Luke 12:32-40](https://members.sundaysandseasons.com/Home/TextsAndResources/2025-8-10/0)

*Jesus says, “It is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom.” It is God’s promise from the beginning—to Abraham, to the early church, and to the “little flock” of which we are a part in today’s assembly. Faith, God’s baptismal gift, trusts the promises of God. Have no fear.*

**Sunday, August 17, 2025**

**Tenth Sunday after Pentecost**

[Jeremiah 23:23-29](https://members.sundaysandseasons.com/Home/TextsAndResources/2025-8-17/0)

[Psalm 82](https://members.sundaysandseasons.com/Home/TextsAndResources/2025-8-17/0)

[Hebrews 11:29—12:2](https://members.sundaysandseasons.com/Home/TextsAndResources/2025-8-17/0)

[Luke 12:49-56](https://members.sundaysandseasons.com/Home/TextsAndResources/2025-8-17/0)

*The word of God is a refining fire. Jesus is the great divide in human history. He invites our undivided attention and devotion. Today in worship we are surrounded by a great “cloud of witnesses.” In the word and in holy communion we are invited yet again to look to Jesus, “the pioneer and perfecter of our faith.”*

**Sunday, August 24, 2025**

**Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost**

[Isaiah 58:9b-14](https://members.sundaysandseasons.com/Home/TextsAndResources/2025-8-24/0)

[Psalm 103:1-8](https://members.sundaysandseasons.com/Home/TextsAndResources/2025-8-24/0)

[Hebrews 12:18-29](https://members.sundaysandseasons.com/Home/TextsAndResources/2025-8-24/0)

[Luke 13:10-17](https://members.sundaysandseasons.com/Home/TextsAndResources/2025-8-24/0)

*Remember the sabbath day. Call the sabbath a delight. This is the Lord’s day, and the Lord will do for us what the Lord does: feed us, forgive us, help and heal us. Rejoice at all the wonderful things God is doing.*

**Sunday, August 31, 2025**

**Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost**

[Proverbs 25:6-7a](https://members.sundaysandseasons.com/Home/TextsAndResources/2025-8-31/0)

[Psalm 112](https://members.sundaysandseasons.com/Home/TextsAndResources/2025-8-31/0)

[Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16](https://members.sundaysandseasons.com/Home/TextsAndResources/2025-8-31/0)

[Luke 14:1, 7-14](https://members.sundaysandseasons.com/Home/TextsAndResources/2025-8-31/0)

*Invited and inviting—that is the nature of the church. By God’s grace in holy baptism we have a place at Christ’s banquet table. When, by the power of that same Spirit, humility and mutual love continue among us, the church can be more inviting still.*

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

**August 11, 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.

## 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 the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 11:30 a.m. **August 20, 2025 – At Your Table Cafe in Canal Fulton.**

**PLEASE COME AND JOIN US for good food and fellowship!**

**SEPTEMBER 2025 NEWSLETTER INFO DUE IN OFFICE BY FRIDAY, AUGUST 22, 2025.**

**Board of Education**

The next Board of Education meeting will be on **August 3, 2025** after worship in fellowship hall. Anyone wishing to see what is happening in our Sunday School, please feel free to attend.

**IGNITE**

**IGNITE will meet on Wednesday, August 6, 2025 at 5:30 p.m.** Please keep the Ignite Ministry in your prayers.

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 – JUNE 2025**

Income 14,797.74

Expenses 8,999.48

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

Income 1,450.00

Expenses 872.99

### 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**

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 Need your Help!**

We are still collecting bars of soap and kitchen trash bags to be given to those in need.

We would appreciate any and all donations that are given.  We have committed to supply 900 bags (not boxes) and 90 bars of soap per month.  Please place these in the box in the hall. Thank you and God Bless.

We still need volunteers for several months (**September, October, November and December 2025)** todeliver meals to shut ins. The sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board. Please consider this a way to serve Gods will.

**It’s receipt saving time for receipts from Acme** starting **August 1, 2025 through February 15, 2026**. We will be placing a box in the saltbox and will be available during all meals  please do your part to get us your receipts   Here are some dates to remember:

**IMPORTANT DATES:**

Collect Receipts: August 1, 2025 – February 15, 2026

Submit Total Collections to Acme: Feb 15 – Feb 28, 2026

You will receive your Community Cash Back check: March 1 – 31, 2026g a box

We are counting on you!

**Wellness Fair for Northwest School Community on** **August 9, 2025**

**Donations for the SALT Box:**

We are very low on many items that we put in the grocery bags for our clients.  Cereal, Canned meat (ravolli, spaghetti, tuna), canned fruits, mac and cheese are items that we will need to start buying soon.  Please consider donating these items for the Saltbox Ministry or a monetary donation.  We will be increasing our counts after May due to the Community Cupboard closing.  Any questions, please give Brenda White a Call.

**Board of Worship and Music**

**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-AUGUST 2025**

**CANTOR**

8/3 Kathy White

8/10 Larry White

8/17 Sue Chu

8/24 Carolyn Stockert

8/31 Sue Chu

**LECTOR**

8/3 Diana Stevens

8/10 Theresa Kennedy

8/17 Joyce Henry

8/24 Deb Shelestak

8/31 Kathy White

**PRAYER LEADER**

8/3 Pastor Lisa

8/10 Janet Kurtz

8/17 Kathy White

8/24 Bob Hudson

8/31 Brenda White

**USHERS**

8/3 Judy Ruehling/Diana Stevens

8/10 Theresa Kennedy/Emily Warstler

8/17 Larry & Brenda White

8/24 Todd & Suzanne Trachok

8/31 Tim & Vicki Shak

### OFFERING COUNTERS – AUGUST 2025

8/3 Diana Stevens

8/10 Bob & Terri Hudson

8/17 Larry & Brenda White

8/24 Lil Wise

8/31 Diana Stevens/Kathy White

**ALTAR GUILD – AUGUST 2025**

Joyce Henry and Lil Wise

**VIDEO/SOUND – AUGUST 2025**

8/3 Dan Chu/Christy Hill

8/10 Dan Chu/Christy Hill

8/17 Dan Chu/Christy Hill

8/24 Christy Hill/Larry White

8/31 Dan Chu/Larry White

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY – AUGUST 2025**

8/5 Samantha Kaufman

8/7 Nora Howard

8/18 Bob Hudson

8/31 Andrew Motz

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY – AUGUST 2025**

8/1 Brian & Emily Warstler

8/6 Todd & Suzanne Trachok

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**1st Wednesday of the Month!**

**August 6, 2025**

**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 – AUGUST 2025**

| **Sun** | **Mon** | **Tue** | **Wed** | **Thu** | **Fri** | **Sat** |
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| 3  **9:15 A.M. –** SUNDAY SCHOOL  **10:45 A.M.** –  OUTDOOR  WORSHIP  **12:00 P.M**. BOARD OF EDUCATION | 4  **9:00 A.M.** – TUTORING CLASSROOM  **6:00 P.M.**  AA – Hall | 5  **9:00 A.M.** – TUTORING CLASSROOM  **6:00 P.M.**  AA – Hall | 6  **10:00 A.M.** – TUTORING CLASSROOM  **5:30 P.M.** IGNITE | 7  **CARPET**  **9:00 A.M.** – TUTORING CLASSROOM  **6:00 P.M.**  AA – Hall | 8  **CARPET**  **WELLNESS FAIR PREP** | 9  **WELLNESS FAIR**  **FOR NORTHWEST SCHOOLS** |
| 10  **9:15 A.M. –** SUNDAY SCHOOL  **10:45 A.M.** –  OUTDOOR  WORSHIP | 11 **CARPET**  **9:00 A.M.** – TUTORING CLASSROOM  **9:30 A.M.**  PRAYER WITH PASTOR  **10:30A.M.**  BIBLE STUDY  **1:00 P.M.** COUNCIL MEETING  **6:00 P.M.**  AA – Hall | 12 **CARPET**  **9:00 A.M.** – TUTORING CLASSROOM  **6:00 P.M.**  AA – Hall | 13 **CARPET**  **10:00 A.M.** – TUTORING CLASSROOM  **6:00 P.M.**  AA – Hall | 14  **9:00 A.M.** – TUTORING CLASSROOM  **6:00 P.M.**  AA – Hall | 15 | 16 |
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**SALT BOX CALENDAR – AUGUST 2025**

| **Sun** | **Mon** | **Tue** | **Wed** | **Thu** | **Fri** | **Sat** |
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|  |  |  |  |  | 1  **8:00 A.M.** VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO HELP UNLOAD | 2  **8:45 A.M.** -**12:30 P.M.**  **-**YOGA  UPSTAIRS  **9:00 A.M. – 12:00** **P.M.**  S.A.L.T. BOX SHOPPING |
| 3  **1:00 P.M.– 3:00 P.M.**  MARTIAL ARTS – OPEN GYM | 4  5 – 8:30 P.M.  MARTIAL ARTS  UPSTAIRS | 5 | 6  5 – 8:30 P.M.  MARTIAL ARTS  UPSTAIRS  6:00 P.M. - AA | 7  **9:00 A.M. -12:00 P.M.**  VOLUNTEER  THURSDAY & SHOPPING  **4:00 P.M.** PRAYER  MTG  **5:45 P.M.** – MARTIAL ARTS | 8  **8:00 A.M.** VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO HELP UNLOAD | 9  **8:45 A.M.** -**12:30 P.M.**  **-**YOGA  UPSTAIRS  **9:00 A.M. – 12:00** **P.M.**  S.A.L.T. BOX SHOPPING |
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| 31  **1:00 P.M.– 3:00 P.M.**  MARTIAL ARTS – OPEN GYM  **4:00 P.M. – 5:30 P.M.**  SALT BOX MEAL |  | | | | | |

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**Worship: 10:45 a.m.**

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**Free Meal @ S.A.L.T. BOX**

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