

Lighthouse Presbyterian Church

To grow in Christ, becoming like Him, to the glory of God.

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Worship: Sunday 10:00am

Holy Week Schedule

Sunday, March 28: Palm Sunday Service

(Children will wave palms)

The first day of Holy Week is known as Palm Sunday. In Jesus' time, when Romans were victorious in battle, citizens traditionally threw palm branches in the returning hero's path. So when Jesus rode into Jerusalem, it was appropriate that he receive a hero's welcome.

Thursday, April 1: Maundy Thursday Service

7:00pm - Service of Holy Communion *(Nursery will be provided)*

On Maundy Thursday we commemorate Jesus' "Last Supper" with his disciples in the Upper Room. "Maundy" is Latin for "Mandate." It was this Passover night that Jesus gave the "Mandate" to "Love one another as I have loved you."

Sunday, April 4: Easter Sunday Services

8:00am - Worship Service @ Lighthouse Church (outside)

Bring a lawn chair and a blanket. If it rains, we will move inside to the sanctuary.

10:00am - Worship Service @ Lighthouse Church (inside)

On Easter we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ. We rejoice that He was raised from death and that He is alive today, tomorrow and forever. *No children's church and no nursery provided on Easter.*



Everyone is invited. Spread the good news and ask family and friends to worship with us.

NewsLetter DEADLine

The next Beacon newsletter will be published on Thursday, April 8, 2021.

Deadline for all articles will be Friday, Apr. 2nd.

Thank you in advance for your help.



Congratulations to Michael & Robyn Blumhorst on the birth of their daughter, Charlotte Grace, who was born on Feb. 27th.

Congratulations to Jonathan and Diana Blumhorst of the birth of their son, Bridger David, who was born on March 17th.

Proud grandparents of both babies are Rick & Karen Blumhorst!

1st Thursdays for Seniors

**Thursday, April 1st
11:30am-Noon**

The First Thursday Team is excited to share that we will have an April First Thursdays Drive-thru on Thursday, April 1st from 11:30am-Noon. Deliveries will also be made. An Easter lunch is planned for you.

Please RSVP no later than Tuesday, Mar. 30th.

MONTHLY INCOME REPORT February 2021

GENERAL GIVING

YTD Budget Needed	\$108,065.12
YTD Actual Giving	\$ 98,557.75
Amount under budget:	\$ 9,507.37

BUILDING FUND

Annual Budget Needed:	\$ 187,085.88
YTD Actual Giving:	\$ 27,729.77

Loan Balance: \$2,498,645.19



New Mexico Mission Trip Report

**Sunday, March 28th
6:00pm
Sanctuary**



Exciting VBS News!!!



Vacation Bible School will be held at Lighthouse Church from June 7th through June 11th.

APRIL



- 2 Renee Katzer
Lily Nickelson
Hunter Thomas
- 3 April England
- 5 Kristen Cummings
Linda Gibson
- 6 Lawson Hay
Tracey Hecker
Bill Koelsch
Dylan Trent
- 7 Stacey Biller
Lyle Scott
- 8 Troy Bruza
Lisa Kerley
Brian Walters
- 9 Sammie Dyer
- 10 Janell Bouse
- 12 Scott Hines
Lavern Kappler
- 14 Jan Gillespie
- 15 Isaac Heid
McKayla Stabler
Axtin Wade
- 16 Jackie Brewer
- 19 Jessica Meade
Lisa Weidman
- 20 Angela Bishop
- 22 Dave Knauss
- 24 Bruce Jenkins
- 25 Aria Cantu
Chris Dyer
Kenny Olson
- 26 Ian Johnston
Mireya Smith
- 27 Reagan Maxwell
- 28 Luke Anderson
Leon Briley
Lindsay Maxwell
Beth Taggart
- 30 Lance Sutton
Kevin Teeters

VIRTUAL KINGDOM KIDS

We are excited to announce that Lighthouse will be offering a Virtual Kingdom Kids in the month of April! Following the blessed celebration of Jesus' resurrection and our salvation on Easter Sunday, we will learn what it means to walk with Jesus. This will be a 4 week, kid-friendly study called *The Walk* and will include worship elements, Bible stories, fun activities, Scripture memory verses, and prizes!!! The first night of this exciting opportunity will be a kickoff event hosted at Lighthouse from 6-7pm at which we will worship together, complete Lesson 1, and families will pick up all the needed supplies for the rest of the lessons. The remaining 3 weeks will include a Facebook Live event in which families/children will be led through the lessons at home.

The schedule is as follows:

Wednesday, April 7, 6:00-7:00pm - Walking in Wisdom, Kick off event at Lighthouse Church

Wednesday April 14, 6:00 - Walking in Truth, Facebook Live event

Wednesday April 21, 6:00 - Walking in Love, Facebook Live event

Wednesday April 28, 6:00 - Walking in Faith, Facebook Live event

If you would like to participate, please sign up at
https://paolalighthouse.com/kingdom_kids



Lighthouse Church would like to recognize you!

What we need:

- ♦ A picture of yourself.
- ♦ A couple of sentences about your plans after high school.
- ♦ How has Lighthouse Church blessed you.

Please submit by **April 21st:**

tracey@paolalighthouse.com or eli@paolalighthouse.com



First Quarantians



I (Pastor Brad) have been posting some devotions, scriptures and thoughts on our Lighthouse Facebook Page since the pandemic began in March 2020. You can find them [here](#). Or, beginning with this current issue, you can read some of them on this page of the Beacon. Hope God blesses you through them.

Paul Bunyan Meets Apostle Paul

I am no stranger to short-term mission trips. Having taken dozens of groups to probably a dozen different places, the Lord has given me a fairly good sense of both what can go right, and what can go wrong. There are myriad ways to spoil a mission trip, and in so doing, to impair the workers and people group they are trying to help lead to Christ. But only a few ways to do them well and do them right.

Because of the pandemic, the Lord kept our church from going to North Macedonia (NMK) last year. So instead, this year he directed us to go to the Navajo Nation in New Mexico (NMX), from which we have recently returned. Interesting: From NMK to NMX. Not much distinction between those two abbreviations. But I digress.

The Lord gave me three goals and one corollary for this trip:

- ◆ **Give God all the credit**
- ◆ **Develop love for our neighbors across the world (like the Navajo)**
- ◆ **Develop love for our neighbors across the street (like your next-door neighbor)**

And the **corollary** is: *Don't mess up what our cross-cultural workers have worked hard to accomplish.*

Did we meet these goals on our recent trip? Yes, and no: a mixed bag, as they say.

This was an exploratory trip. None of us had been to NMX in this capacity before. We knew that we would run chainsaws and log-splitters in order to provide fuel for heat and cooking to the Navajo – their sole source of energy for these necessities. But beyond that we were fairly clueless. So we did our best to watch and pray.

We put forth our best Paul Bunyan efforts to drop trees, and then section and split them into firewood. We worked hard; we generated truckloads of fuel for the Navajo. In terms of production: we came, we saw-ed... and we sawed some more. And I believe we did our best to give God the credit and glory.

Truth be told, the best parts of any and every mission trip I have taken involve the people we meet, befriend and share memories with – memories of faith, life and love – in the name of Jesus. However, due to Covid restrictions, we had the opportunity to meet only a few indigenous people on this trip. The Lord has his reasons and purposes, but it was significant to me that we were unable to have a broader *relational* impact with the Navajo while in NMX. Still, we did learn much from the few people we met, which will help us in our future endeavors – we do plan to go back. And, as I said, this was an exploratory trip.

I take nothing away from the significance of meeting the felt needs of people. Jesus certainly did so while he walked among us. He healed diseases, calmed storms (and fears), fed thousands, and even raised the dead. Yet all the while he did so in order that *people would recognize him* – his identity, his message, his Heavenly Father who had sent him. This was their greater need... *their great-est need* – their relationship with their Father who created them.

And so, yes, successful as a mission trip, yet with deeper hopes in my heart for multiplied conversations and even conversions in the future. Do we focus more on meeting the felt needs of a people group, or on the preaching of the gospel to change lives? The answer is Yes. Sometimes you cut and deliver wood, or fix broken wells, or feed people, all in hopes of sharing the gospel. Other times the path is clear for us to preach and proclaim the good news of all that God has done for us through the gift of his Son.

In the end, our primary desire and purpose is to share the love of Jesus with all those we meet: our mission trip co-workers, people along the route to our destination, cross-cultural workers, those we have traveled long-distance to meet and bless – our bottom line is to bring and give all glory to God.

Lighthouse Youth



HARBOR YOUTH NEWSLETTER

Middle School – 5:30-8:00 Wednesdays

We are discussing the book of James and breaking it down into meaningful chunks every Wednesday.

Come and join us!

Pizza for dinner \$3.

High School – 5:00-8:00 Sundays

We are currently going through the Book of Psalms discussing everything about God that we can learn, and learning how to really pray with and for each other.

Come and Join us!

Pizza for dinner \$3

Upcoming Events

**Servant Day Fundraiser
#1 – April 24th
8 to noon**

**Servant Day Fundraiser
#2 – May 22nd
8 to noon**

**Middle School Camp
July 18 – July 23rd – Packets
are available at youth or in
church office. Deposits and
Packets due May 12th**

**High School Mission Trip
Anchorage, Alaska
June 19-26th. Register
through Eli! contact below!**

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SERVANT DAY

Lighthouse Youth will be doing 2 Servant Days this year for their camp / mission trip fundraiser!

April 24th and May 22nd
8:00am—Noon
(some jobs may take longer)

Forms are available on the information rack, located in the sanctuary,
if you would like to have the kids come and help do some work!

Children's Ministry

Our Vision

To grow in Christ and become like Him. We seek to teach and demonstrate the gospel each time we gather with children. We pray they may be light in their world and that their light may grow brighter each day with the help of the Holy Spirit. We also dedicate ourselves to supporting the family unit as primary teachers of the faith and the conduit through which God shows His love and reveals His character.

What We Offer

Nursery (0-3) – Nursery is available during worship each Sunday morning and for some special events (dates and additional information will be provided as needed). Our focus is to provide loving care for our youngest children and age appropriate activities introducing them to the God who loves them.

Children's Church (Preschool-5th grade) – Children's Church is offered during worship each Sunday. At a designated time during the service (usually following a children's message), children are dismissed to the back of the sanctuary to meet their adult leaders. Children may be picked up in the children's educational wing following the close of worship. Each week children learn about the Big Bible Story through creative storytelling and extension activities. On months with a 5th Sunday, children remain in worship.

Family Night & Kingdom Kids (all ages) – Two times a year, fall and spring, a mid-week program is offered on Wednesday evenings that includes a meal, worship, and Bible-based activities for all ages. Dates, times, and other necessary information will be provided in the weeks prior to each session.

Vacation Bible School (Preschool – 5th grade) – Each summer a Vacation Bible School program is offered. Dates and other information regarding VBS will be provided in the Spring.

Join the Team!

The lifeblood of Lighthouse Children's Ministry are the many adult and youth volunteers dedicated to teaching children about the love of God shown through Christ Jesus and then demonstrating that love as they serve.

Opportunities to serve include ...

- Nursery volunteer or employment
- Leading or helping with Bible story large groups in Children's Church
- Leading or helping with small groups in Children's Church
- Coordinating or Assisting at special events (Family Night, VBS, etc.)
- Gathering supplies and/or preparing materials.

If you would like to join our amazing team, contact Josh Simons, Director of Children's Ministry at 913.406.6137 or email him at josh@paolalighthouse.com.

So Whaddyathink?

The Lighthouse Children's Ministry Committee would like to hear from you! Has our ministry during the pandemic been effective? What can we do better to meet the needs of families we serve? If you would be so kind, please take 5 minutes to complete a brief survey about our ministries for children and families. You can access the survey at https://paolalighthouse.com/childrens_ministry or use the direct link: <https://forms.gle/f3JkASwFoCFYzeJB6>

Thank you for your time and input!!!





For the month of March 2021

Miscellaneous Issues

Lea Anderson (Janell Bouse)
Guy Bourke (Ruthie Gillen)
Dorothy Boyd
Jessica Bridgman (Terry Robinson)
Dixie Brummel (Roberta Briley)
Pam Bryant
Joe Burke (Terry Robinson)
Sheila Cleveland
 (Bill/Lucille Ufford)
Kristen Cummings
Rosemary Cummings
Ryan DeBok (Eli Wedde)
Preston Dees (Sherry Ahlbrandt)
Maria Domnanish (John Rhea)
Kaleb Ebeling
Nick & Sarah Foster
 (Brad & Kay Phipps)
Billie Fretz
Randy Gentry (Julie Gentry)
Jan Gillespie
Joe Gillespie
Samantha Green
Deacon Guilbeau (Denise Reynolds)
Hank Hanquist (Rebecca Sutton)
Lillian Hardwick
 (Margaret Quintero)
Zoe Harrington (Cummings)
Lue Ann Hellyer
Cindy Hines (Scott Hines)
Trevor Horner (April England)
Ginger Kelsey

Robert Kephart (Megan Knoche)
Bev Knapp
Tim Knoche (Rebecca Sutton)
Rene Korsten (Janet Offutt)
Betty Matney (Evelyn Cowden)
Russ Mayer (Tammy Dowd)
Virdie McCormick (Ron Dowd)
Peggy McVey
Steve Miller (Linda Gibson)
Ruth Morrill
Debbie Murdock (Rebecca Sutton)
Janet Offutt
Anthony, Jenny & baby Priest
Verna Rhodes (Robin Motta)
Rainey Romine (Janell Bouse)
Shirley Schachle (Rebecca Sutton)
Merle Schick (Cindy Walters)
Ruth Trout (Cindy Reese)
Gail Walter
Bryan Wedde (Eli Wedde)
Daniel Youngblood (Kay Phipps)

Military

Joshua Ales (Theresa Morrison)
Christina Behnke
Tony Newman (Bob Paulsen)
Nick Spencer (Alicia Spencer)

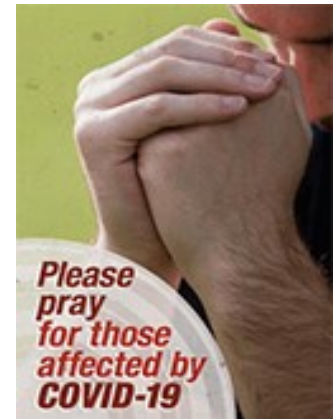
Cancer

Lon Boyd
Ray Chapman (Lyle Briley)
Johnny Dark (Bob Paulsen)
Verna Garrett
 (Mary Ann Thornton)
Darlene Harper (Rebecca Sutton)
Megan Knoche (Rebecca Sutton)
Mike McGuire (Kristal Sparks)
Janice McWilliams
 (Shauneen Wolf)
Jana Morris (Rebecca Sutton)
Dino Motta
Connie Patillo (Margaret Quintero)
Susan Phillips (Fred/Shelly Thomas)
Russ & Susie Porterfield

Jonica Sauce (Sheila Majors)
Chuck Smith (Shonda Dyer)
Strong Wright

(Names in parentheses indicate the church family requesting prayer)

(Names will run for four weeks, so please notify the office if you would like to have a name left on this prayer list.)



Our prayers and sympathies go out to the family and friends of:

- **Wilma Newell** (Dusty Terflinger's grandmother)
- **Charlie Brink**
(Celebration of Life will be held at Lighthouse on Friday, April 16th at 1:30pm.)
- **John Nichols** (Lyle & Marcia Scott)

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