

# *Lighthouse Presbyterian Church*

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

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**Worship: Sunday 10:00am**

## **DISCOVER LIGHTHOUSE CHURCH**

**Sunday, April 25th**

**11:30am**

**(Child care provided)**

Whether you are a recent guest at Lighthouse Church or have been attending for some time, we invite you to **DISCOVER** more about our ministry. Child care will be provided.

This class provides you:

- ⇒ the opportunity to meet the pastors and other staff members
- ⇒ hear more about our church's ministries and direction
- ⇒ a time to ask any questions about Lighthouse Church

Please RSVP that you will be attending:

- ⇒ **EMAIL:** [erin@paolalighthouse.com](mailto:erin@paolalighthouse.com)
- ⇒ **CALL:** Church Office 913.294.2400
- ⇒ **ONLINE:** Register at [paolalighthouse.com/discover\\_lighthouse](https://paolalighthouse.com/discover_lighthouse)



## Newsletter DEADLINE

The next Beacon newsletter will be published on Thursday, April 22, 2021.

Deadline for all articles will be Friday, Apr. 16th.

Thank you in advance for your help.



## Sr. High Youth Trip to Alaska

On June 19<sup>th</sup>, our Senior High Youth will travel to Alaska with Praying Pelican Missions!

We will be staying at the Amundsen Educational Center and assisting local churches there with various projects during the day, while helping run an evening VBS. We will be staying in the Soldotna area. We have a mix of youth leaders, parents, and students going, 14 in all.



Congratulations to **Anthony & Jenny (Walters) Priest** on the birth of their son, **Cannon James**, born on March 28th. Proud Grandparents are Brian & Cindy Walters.

Congratulations to **Lucas & Jessie (Adams) Allen** on the birth of a baby boy, **Kylo Greer**, born April 1st. Proud grandparents are Jim & Marsha Adams

Congratulations to **Jerry Ray McDowell & Destiny Darling** on the birth of a baby girl, **Dallas Rose McDowell**, born March 26th. Proud grandparents are Gordon & Becky McDowell and great grandparents Jack & Barb Daley.

## 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!

***Forms must be filled out by April 18th.***





Make a sunflower, which turns its head to follow the sun.

**What you need:**

- Paper plate
- Yellow marker
- Scissors
- Yarn (black and brown)



**What you do:**

1. Color the entire plate yellow.
2. Around the edge, cut out an odd number of triangles. Evenly space the cuts to form flower petals.
3. Poke a hole in the plate's center. String black yarn through the hole and over one triangle cut. Tie a knot at the back of the plate.
4. Continue looping yarn through the hole and over the remaining cuts. Secure the end. The flower should look like a wagon wheel with black spokes.
5. Tie the brown yarn to a black "spoke." Weave the brown yarn over and under the spokes in a circle. Continue until the sunflower has a large center. Then tie the end.
6. Display your craft as a reminder to follow the Son, Jesus!



## Needing to be baptized?

If you or your child have never been baptized, you may do so during worship on Sunday, May 2nd or at Lake Miola following worship on Sunday, May 23rd. To schedule your baptism, please call the church office at 913-294-2400 or call Pastor Kirk at 913-259-9047.

**FRESH PRODUCE  
BOXES**

**SATURDAY, APRIL 17th  
9:00AM**

CROSS POINT CHURCH  
1016 N. PEARL  
PAOLA, KS 66071

CROSS POINT CHURCH COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY PARTNERED WITH




Please sign in when you arrive and stay in your vehicle.  
You will be directed when to drive through the line to receive food.





## USHERS NEEDED

We are offering an open invitation for ushers and hope you would consider serving the church in this capacity.

Ushers are ambassadors of the church and create a spirit of worship, reverence, and friendliness in and about the church. One of the most important moments for the church is when someone walks in our door Sunday morning. They may be a first time guest or a long time member. They may be nervous about coming to "church" or excited to be in worship. There is no limit to the various situations that our people arrive with but what they need most is a warm welcome, a friendly face, simple information, and a good place to sit. Your role, as an usher, would be before service to welcome people as they enter the sanctuary, hand or direct them to a bulletin, and give good-byes as they leave the sanctuary.

If you are interested in saying yes to this opportunity, then please contact Erin Capettini at 913.294.2400; [erin@paolalighthouse.com](mailto:erin@paolalighthouse.com). She will answer your questions, provide instructions, and even be present to assist you if you desire.

# PRESS ▶ PLAY

## GET IN THE MIX

## SAVE THE DATES!

Let's press the pause button on all the noise going on in the life of a child. It's about blocking out the mixed messages they are receiving when it comes to their identity, belonging and purpose. Let's press the PLAY button on the message of TRUTH.



Join us for an onsite VBS  
at Lighthouse Church

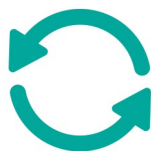


## JUNE 7TH - 11TH

Registration is coming soon

Looking for fabulous volunteers:  
Games, crafts, music  
What's your gift to share?

Please contact Lisa Weidman to volunteer  
913-731-6312 or [lisa@splashtacular.com](mailto:lisa@splashtacular.com)



Your VBS Committee this year:

Ashley Blackman  
Samantha Green  
Kendra Wedde  
Lisa Weidman




# Senior

## 2021

**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](mailto:tracey@paolalighthouse.com) or [eli@paolalighthouse.com](mailto:eli@paolalighthouse.com)



## First Quarantians



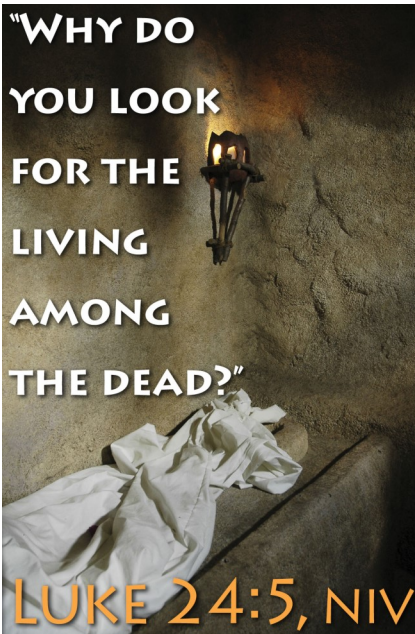
I (Pastor Brad) have been posting some devotions, scriptures and thoughts on our Lighthouse Facebook Page since the pandemic began in March 2020. You can find them [here](#). Or, beginning with this current issue, you can read some of them on this page of the Beacon. Hope God blesses you through them.

### A Good Question Makes You Think

My favorite question in the Bible: *Why do you look for the living among the dead?* (Luke 24:5)

It's such a good question on so many levels:

1. It's a fair question. Jesus taught his followers, including these women, that he would be handed over to the Romans, he would be put to death, and then he would be raised on the third day. He said this to them numerous times. *So why are you looking for him here? This is a graveyard.*
2. It's a provocative question. The angel made them think; he made them question their own suppositions: *Hmmm...well of course Jesus would still be dead, and we need to take good care of his body, and, well, where else would he be?* (Add a roll of the eyes and a *Duh?* here.) Angel: Nope. Time to re-think your thinking.
3. It's a gentle question. In other words, it's not terribly confrontational. Compare the angel's question posed to these women to Jesus' rebuke of the two disciples on the road to Emmaus in Luke 24:25: *How foolish you are, and how slow to believe all that the prophets have spoken!* Ouch. I'm grateful for the gentle question, but honestly feel like, more often than not, I belong in the *foolish* and *slow to believe* group. I think the angel knew that the women were quite ready to believe the good news.
4. It's a leading question. You know, the kind that prosecutors and defense lawyers get in trouble for asking the witness in every courtroom scene, ever: *Objection, your honor! The defense is leading the witness!* Except it's a really good thing here: the angel is leading them to discover the stunning reality of the resurrection. *Did you seriously think he would be here?*



5. It's a simple question. Nothing too obtuse or complicated here. Straight to the point: your Lord is not dead at all, so the graveyard thing is history. Sure, he was here, but you need to move along with your search; here's a hint for you: right now, *you're cold*.
6. It's a stark question. Living vs. Dead. Only in the zombie movies do these two co-exist. The angel had to have caught their attention immediately. *What does he mean by living? We watched him die a horrific death.* Must have taken their collective breath away. Wonder what it was like once they had processed his question...although...
7. It's a rhetorical question. Didn't need an answer. Not from the women. Truth is that the angel didn't really give them time to answer; just followed up quickly with the best news they had *ever* heard: ***He is not here; he is risen!***

Leave it to the Lord to ask these faithful (to the bitter end) women a multi-layered question. A question that had no intention of shaming them, but rather helped them cut to the heart of the matter, move past their initial shock and return to their group to let the men know. Yes, those men: the ones who would not believe them and were on the receiving end of some shaming from Jesus for their collective doubt – but that's another story.

Another good question: *What is your favorite question in the Bible and why?*

# 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 24<sup>th</sup>  
8 to noon.**

**Servant Day Fundraiser  
#2 – May 22<sup>nd</sup>  
8 to noon**

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

**High School Mission Trip –  
Anchorage, Alaska – June  
19-26<sup>th</sup>. Register through Eli  
(contact below)**

### **LIGHTHOUSE CHURCH**

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### Youth Director

Eli Wedde

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# 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-5<sup>th</sup> 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 5<sup>th</sup> 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 – 5<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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](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  
April 2021**

#### Miscellaneous Issues

Lea Anderson (Janell Bouse)  
 Joe Baughman  
 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)  
 Randy Gentry (Julie Gentry)  
 Jan Gillespie  
 Joe Gillespie  
 Samantha Green  
 Deacon Guilbeau (Denise Reynolds)  
 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)  
 Gordon McDowell  
 Steve Miller (Linda Gibson)  
 Ruth Morrill  
 Janet Offutt  
 Cannon Priest  
 (Anthony & Jenny Priest)  
 Verna Rhodes (Robin Motta)  
 Rainey Romine (Janell Bouse)  
 Euphemia Sargeant (Judy Kappler)  
 Shirley Schachle (Rebecca Sutton)  
 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)  
 Megan Knoche (Rebecca Sutton)  
 Mike McGuire (Kristal Sparks)  
 Steve Minor (Cindy Walters)  
 Jana Morris (Rebecca Sutton)  
 Dino Motta  
 Judy Mullenix (Kay Ufford)  
 Connie Patillo (Margaret Quintero)  
 Susan Phillips (Fred/Shelly Thomas)  
 Russ & Susie Porterfield  
 Jonica Sauce (Sheila Majors)

*(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:

- **Charlie Brink**  
 (Celebration of Life will be held at Lighthouse on Friday, April 16th at 1:30pm. There will be a greeting time following.)

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