

Lighthouse Presbyterian Church

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

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Worship: Sunday 10:00am

Dear Family and Friends of Lighthouse Church,

As we navigate this ever-changing season of real life pain and hardship, we need to remember the promises of God and the words of our Savior Jesus: *In this world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, for I have overcome the world* (John 16:33). He promised us hardship, and he promised us his victory. It actually sounds a lot like the current season of Lent/Holy Week: even though we will endure the dark day of his death, his very death and subsequent resurrection did indeed overcome the world. So let us rest secure in his victory.

As this COVID-19 pandemic continues, we want to keep communicating as best we can. Here is our most recent update on our ministry and worship plans during the National emergency surrounding COVID-19. We want to do our part to help stop the spread of COVID-19, **so we are extending our cancellation of all official church activities through April 30th**. Limiting physical contact at this time is an act of love to our community. Therefore, we have temporarily implemented the following precautionary measures.

WORSHIP

- ⇒ Going to online worship for the remainder of April (we will re-evaluate on April 30th). Please feel free to join us online on Sunday mornings at 10:00am. You can join us through the following:
- ⇒ Website: <https://paolalighthouse.com/> (check website for all up-to-date information)
- ⇒ Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/Lighthouse-Church-Paola-219012411623610/>
- ⇒ YouTube: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCxFBa4pM0gltdPADxR_alw/featured
- ⇒ Please continue to give even though we will not meet together on Sunday mornings. We have several ways you can continue:
- ⇒ Online: <https://my.simplegive.com/App/Giving/Ligh1402621>
- ⇒ Text: 913-294-7987. Please specify the fund you would like to donate to.
- ⇒ Mail: Lighthouse Church, 1402 E. 303rd St, Paola, KS 66071

BUILDING AND FACILITIES

- ⇒ The entire church will be locked through April 30th (we will re-evaluate at that time).
- ⇒ The only door that will be accessible will be the front doors to the office and Sanctuary.
- ⇒ There will be limited staff on-hand and if you come during working hours of 10:00am-3:00pm, please ring the doorbell or call at 913-294-2400. (If staff needs to be quarantined, this process will be changed.)
- ⇒ There will be no access into the building before or after office hours.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE

- ⇒ Our Deacons Care Team will continue to focus on care for our congregation, while taking precautions to protect everyone's health and prevent the spread of the virus. Care Team members will diligently wash hands before and after every visit in delivery of needed supplies or encouragement.
- ⇒ While care facilities are on lock down, "visits" will be made via e-mails, personal calls, texts, cards/notes.
- ⇒ We are initially focusing with those over 60, but will welcome calls with needs from any in our church family and friends at this time. Our main concern is to remain connected with our congregation with care and love.
- ⇒ We encourage you to keep us informed of prayer concerns and needs that you may have.

PRAYER

- ⇒ We are actively praying for you and for each other. Please join us and continue to pray for our church community, nation leaders, as well as Miami County and worldwide.
- ⇒ Our Prayer Team and Staff continue to pray for those on our prayer list. Prayer communication is ongoing and ever present.
- ⇒ Please don't hesitate to let us know how we can pray for you. You may contact the church office with any prayer concerns for you, family, and friends:
Website: www.paolalighthouse.com/prayer
Email: rebecca@paolalighthouse.com
Call: 913-294-2400

Newsletter DEADLINE

The next Beacon newsletter will be published on Thursday, April 23, 2020.

Deadline for all articles will be Friday, April 17th.

Thank you in advance for your help.



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

- **Bud Gullede** (Judy Kappler's uncle)
- **Clara Jane Reese** (Russell Reese's mother)

Easter Schedule

Spring is here and Easter is right on its heels. As we watch new life burst from the soil, it reminds us of the new life that was given to us through the crucifixion of our Lord Jesus Christ. Let's celebrate Holy Week!



MAUNDY THURSDAY – APRIL 9TH

On **Maundy Thursday, April 9th at 6:30pm** we will worship together virtually. To view live stream go to www.paolalighthouse.com/worship_online. During worship we will bless the elements and directly following this service the Lighthouse pastors and staff invite you to *Drive Thru* our church parking lot to receive a self-contained communion cup so that you can participate in the Lord's Supper. This will also give us an opportunity to see one another in person without worrying about contamination. We hope you can join us.



GOOD FRIDAY – APRIL 10TH

On **Good Friday, April 10th** all Evangelical Presbyterian Churches (along with several other denominations) have been asked to **set aside this day as a day of prayer and fasting to cry out for God's help in addition to a day of worship.**



EASTER SUNDAY – APRIL 12TH

Worship: We will have two (2) services.

To view go to www.paolalighthouse.com/worship_online.

Service 1: Weather permitting, we will celebrate the resurrection by live streaming the sunrise from Lake Miola! Then we will have a 35 minute worship service from the shoreline. Time is flexible here –but our live stream will begin just before 7:00am.

Service 2: Is at 10:00am and we will be live streaming Easter Worship.

Easter Day Drive Thru: Following our 10:00am worship service you are once again invited to get out of your house, drive to the church parking lot and bless God through your generosity. Our church staff and Generosity Team will be there from 11:30am-12:30pm to bless and thank you...at a six foot distance. You will have two opportunities to share your financial gifts with others:

Easter Offering: Thank you to all who continue to give faithfully during this time. For those who have lost jobs permanently or for the time being, we understand. Please take care of your family. For those who are still employed, please know at this time your offerings really matter and make possible the continued ministry of Lighthouse Church.

Dollar Day Donation: Your extra donation of one dollar (or more if you wish) will be given to two families in our church body who particularly need your help right now.

Children's Ministry: Please bring your children with you for the Easter Day Drive Thru because Josh Simons and our Children's Ministry Team would like to bless them by giving back Easter boxes they had been promised at the beginning of the Lenten Season.



Loosed From Death

Almost 100 years ago, one-time U.K. poet laureate John Masefield wrote a play called *The Trial of Jesus*. In it, the centurion who oversaw Jesus' execution returns to give Pontius Pilate an official report. When Pilate's wife requests and receives details about the crucifixion, she asks, "Do you think he is dead?" Despite what he had witnessed, the centurion answers, "No, lady, I don't."

Confused, Pilate's wife inquires, "Then where is he?" The man's response: "Let loose in the world, where none can stop his truth."

Indeed, as 2 Timothy 2:9 (ESV) attests, "The word of God is not bound!"

REMEMBER TO GIVE TO THE CHURCH

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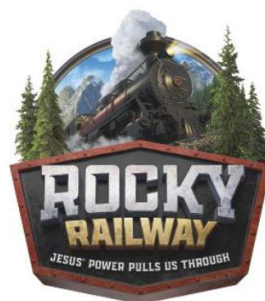


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VBS 2020
 June 1st
 thru
 June 5th



Climb aboard for...



The best week of the summer!

New friends • Amazing experiments • Creative games
 Super-fun snacks • Surprising adventures • Incredible music

Children's Ministry

Grace to you and peace from Him Who is, Who was, and Who is to come; Who loves us and has freed us from our sins by His blood; our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ!

What a blessing that we are typically able to gather and worship the Living God together. What a blessing in these times that we have the resources to gather virtually to worship Him and receive His gifts! In that same spirit, I am providing families with resources and suggested activities to practice faith at home with your children, that they may know God's love during this confusing time. Use or adapt these suggestions as works best for your family.

CREATE A PRAYER SPACE

Suggested supplies:

- + candle(s)
- + lighter
- + blanket
- + bowl or jar
- + post-it notes or small pieces of paper
- + pen or pencil
- + cross

Chose a location in your home that can serve as a quiet prayer space. This could be in a central location like in front of a fireplace or a private location like in an office, den, or basement. You can lay down a blanket or cover an end table with it. Place a candle in the space along with the bowl or jar and post-it notes. Set a small cross in the space as well. For an added activity, take your children outside and find sticks that could be tied together to make a cross. Your children will love that they made something as part of the prayer space. Use this space as a family to pray together. Specific prayer requests could be written on the notes and placed in the bowl or jar. During prayer time, each family member could draw out a note and then say a prayer for that request.

SERVICE: CARDS FOR SENIORS

Print the attached cards (cards for kids to make.pdf). Fold each paper into 1/4ths. Children can color, draw, and/or decorate a card or cards. The cards could then be given to senior citizen shut-ins. ***Contact Rebecca Sutton in the church office to coordinate safe distribution of the cards.

BIBLE VERSE MEMORY ACTIVITIES

See the attached file with Bible memory verses for kids (52versesforkids_cc.pdf). Print if you desire. If you print it, there are memory verse cards that can be cut out. Use the cards or verses in any way to challenge your children to memorize verses. You could even offer some sort of reward. A fun twist would be to hide some of the verse cards in the house and challenge your chil-

dren to find them. After finding a verse, they would have the rest of the day to practice and memorize it for a reward.

BIBLE STORY VIDEOS

YouTube has lots of kid friendly Bible story videos. However, some are better than others. One of the best collections I've seen is Saddleback Kids. Just search YouTube and the page will pop up.

Here is a direct link: https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=saddleback+kids

OBJECT LESSON

Supplies:

- + 2 hardboiled eggs
- + fine point permanent marker, (red or black would work best)
- + Bible

Talk with your children about different sins. Write "small" sins on one egg and "big" sins on the other. Point out that all sins have made the eggs dirty, whether big or small. Then read a Bible verse (either Isaiah 1:18 - especially if you used a red marker - or 1 John 1:9) and talk about how Jesus' death on the cross paid the price for ALL sins. After this, peel both eggs and point out that both eggs are now clean - it doesn't matter how big or small a sin is, God forgives ALL sins. Enjoy the eggs as a snack!

PRETZELS AND PRAYER

Have some fun in the kitchen with your children! A pretzel's shape resembles crossed arms. This could be seen as a posture of prayer or a reminder of God's love for us. Either would be a great topic of conversation as you make pretzels together! You can find multiple recipes for pretzels online; I have also attached a recipe if you want to just use that.

Our current situation due to COVID-19 certainly presents many challenges for all of us. However, I hope we can also see God's grace and blessings amidst the trials. One particular blessing is the opportunity to spend time together with our family. I pray this is true for all of you and I pray you remain healthy during this time.

Grace and peace,

Josh Simons
Director of Children's Ministry
913.406.6137

To access all the resources listed above, go to:
www.paolalighthouse.com/childrens_ministry

Lighthouse Youth



HARBOR YOUTH NEWSLETTER

Middle School

During this time, we won't have our traditional youth gatherings. Instead, the Small Group Leaders and I will be hosting individual Zoom groups for the small Groups. Here are the times

6th grade girls – Mondays @ 6:30

6th grade boys – Tuesdays @ 4:00

7th Grade girls – Wednesdays @ 2:00

7th Grade boys – Thursdays @ 6:00

8th Grade girls (Maggie and Katie) – Thursday @ 7:00

8th Grade Girls (Katie Short) – Wednesday @ 7:00

8th Grade Boys – Wednesdays @ 6:00

High School

High School will meet Sundays on Zoom throughout April. Games from 5-6, Prayer and teaching 6-6:35, Small Groups 6:35-7:15.

We have been discussing Romans, covered fear and anxiety during this time, and will cover other topics!

Summer Events

Middle School Camp is still planned for this Summer - July 6-10th! Deposits have been pushed back due to pandemic. There is a link to download the packet on the website under Youth.

Freshman Trip is still planned as well – July 26-Aug 1st. There is also a link to that packet on website.

Upperclassmen Rescheduled mission trip is tentatively scheduled for May 23-29th.

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Generosity Corner



Whole-Life generosity is needed more during times of struggle than in times of surplus.

Here is a list of simple yet impactful ways that you can encourage people in your church to practice generosity to those right around them.

Practice gratitude:

In other words, refuse to be a complainer. Instead, look for the positive and then share it with others. Rather than contacting the complaint department whenever something is wrong, commit to only contacting businesses when you receive good customer service or excellent product delivery. Memorize and practice Colossians 3:15.

Share your stuff:

Have extra of some things? Why not share with those who don't? Right now, things like toilet paper, disinfectant, hand cleaner, etc. are in short supply. Donate them to neighbors, local shelters and nursing homes. Then make it a habit to share your stuff with others from now on.

Remember the homeless:

These folks are always at risk but especially now. Call your local homeless shelter and ask what they need, then deliver what you can.

Shop local:

Call first, then order delivery or carry out. While there, buy some gift cards and give some away or keep some for future use.

Give blood:

The American Red Cross has a huge shortage right now. Once the current situation has passed, you'll already know how easy it is to donate regularly.

Go senior shopping:

Perhaps you can run errands, pick up groceries (even medications with permission) for the elderly and those who are immuno-compromised.

Get some exercise:

The gym maybe closed, but your neighbors need some yard work done. Call and ask if you can help out. Be the person who brings everyone's trash bins back to the garage after the collection trucks have left your neighborhood.

Help local food banks:

Call first to ask what they need. Things like funds, food, or volunteer help.

Stay connected:

Texting is fine. Email is okay. But picking up the phone and calling someone is even better. Consider using Zoom or FaceTime to stay in touch. This is good for both your friend and your own soul.

Reconsider your finances:

Now is the time to examine your spending, saving and especially your giving practices. Prayerfully consider what needs to change in the area of financial generosity. We're not talking about tithing – we're talking about living generously, being radical with the resources God has entrusted to you. Luke 6:38

Remember widows and orphans:

You can never go wrong being generous to those who are at risk and vulnerable. James 1:27

Order food:

Place the order and have it delivered...to someone else! Firefighters, EMTs, Paramedics, hospital staff, and many others would be delighted to have a box of fresh donuts, a couple of hot pizzas or some excellent Barbeque delivered to their workplace.

Remember your church:

Consider volunteering for an area of ministry you know is always lacking help. Contact the appropriate staff member now and let them know you're "all in" when services resume. Then keep your promise. Also, remember to contribute faithfully. Malachi 3:10

Pray and fast:

We're commanded to pray without ceasing. Now is a perfect time to practice the spiritual disciplines of prayer and fasting.

Write some notes:

Nothing beats a handwritten note. Sit down with pen and paper, jot a brief message of encouragement and drop it in the mail. Everyone loves getting personal mail. Remember the old saying regarding letters, "You have to write them to get them."

Remember who you are:

Or better put, remember to Whom you belong. As Americans we have the right to free speech. As Christians we have the authority to speak truth. But we have to earn the right to be heard. When you speak, be positive, loving, caring, and gentle. Live out the Fruit of the Spirit. Call your neighbor to ask how you can help them. Ask if you can pray for them. Share a favorite passage of Scripture with them. Be generous in love!



For the month of April 2020

Miscellaneous Issues

Virginia Ayers (Susan Hime)
Nick Baughman
 (Joe & Merilee Baughman)
Gus Bean (Lyle Scott Family)
Holden Brown
 (Joe & Merilee Baughman)
Pam Bryant
Joe Burke (Terry Robinson)
Wanda Chambers
Dennis Chanay (Susan Hime)
Travis Cool (Bob & Julie Zoller)
Ken Cummings
Rosemary Cummings
Timmy Davis (Ruthie Gillen)
Kelsey Dietrich
Ruth Dietrich (Dave Dietrich)
Jennifer Fort
 (Christine Thomas-Hursey)
Jan Gillespie
Joe Gillespie
Willy Glover (Rebecca Sutton)
Lillian Hardwick
 (Margaret Quintero)
Zoe Harrington (Cummings family)
Gary Hellyer (Harry Hellyer)
Delores Herrs (Denise Reynolds)
Tom Hire (Rebecca Sutton)
Nancy Hoch (Cindy Walters)
Wes Holt (Cindy Hebbert)
Jamie Johnston
Dawn Karns (Theresa Morrison)
Tim Knoche (Rebecca Sutton)

Rene Korsten (Janet Offutt)
Tammy Leaphart (Rebecca Sutton)
Betty Matney (Evelyn Cowden)
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Clint Mayer (Tammy Dowd)
Jay Mayer (Tammy Dowd)
Rod Mueller (Rebecca Sutton)
Janet Offutt
Cassie Olender
Shawn Orear (Mike Murdock)
Josh Owens (Christine Owens)
Gary Patillo (Margaret Quintero)
Mark Peters
Susie Porterfield
Vernon Rausch (Chloe Rausch)
Helen Roseberry (John Roseberry)
Shirley Schachle (Rebecca Sutton)
Stephanie Sueferling
 (Haley McDougal)
Dr. Gail Walter
Hazel Weidman
Donna Wimbush

Military

Christina Behnke
Tony Newman (Bob Paulsen)
Nick Spencer (Alicia Spencer)

Cancer

Julie Autry (Terry Robinson)
Tom Balch (Bob Dameron)
Lon Boyd
Jim Brisendine (Bob Dameron)
Kay Buie (Merilee Baughman)
Ray Chapman (Lyle & Bert Briley)
Ken Dietrich (Dave Dietrich)
Jim Donner (Charlie Brink)
Amber Evans (Jill Holcomb)
Connie Faulkner (Jenny Tennis)
Julie Gentry (Amy Herron)
Pam Hire (Rebecca Sutton)
Mike Kelsey (Kevin Smith)
Megan Knoche
Mike McGuire (Kristal Sparks)

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 (Mandy Wiseman)
Jim Moscript (Leon Briley)
Frank Mueller (Jason Mueller)
Judy Mullenix (Kay Ufford)
Laura Orozco (Allen Hecker)
Connie Patillo (Margaret Quintero)
Randy Penner (Pat & Leon Briley)
Russ Porterfield
Rich Rowan (Abbie Perina)
Cliff Schick (Cindy Walters)
Sue Seely (Cindy Hebbert)
Chuck Smith (Shonda Dyer)
Terry West (Billie Fretz)
Cathy Whitaker (Rebecca Sutton)
Strong Wright (Bruce Jenkins)

(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.)



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