

Lighthouse Presbyterian Church

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

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Worship: Sunday 10:00am

Confirmation Sunday is May 2nd!

During worship service, the Confirmation class of 2020-2021 will participate in the Rite of Confirmation. The following 8 students received a year of instruction in God's Word and doctrinal truths expressed in Scripture. On May 2nd they will stand in front of the congregation to confess their faith in Christ and pledge to live a life according to that faith with the help of the Holy Spirit. Help us celebrate with them through your prayers and encouragement!



We are also providing a unique way that you can personally celebrate with them. If you would like to support these Confirmands by giving a card or small gift of encouragement, a basket will be provided for each in the back of the Sanctuary. Following worship, there will be a short reception, including cake and punch.

Kaitlyn Bouse

Daughter of Andy & Janell Bouse

Life Verse: **Proverbs 3:5** *Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding.*

Emmarie Green

Daughter of Darren & Samantha Green

Life Verse: **John 8:12** *Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."*

Ashlyn Katzer

Daughter of Seth & Renee Katzer

Life Verse: **Hebrews 11:1** *Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.*

Gannon Miller

Son of Shawn & Tresha Miller

Life Verse: **Galatians 2:20** *My old self has been crucified by Christ, It is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me. So I live in this earthly body by trusting in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself to me.*

Dominick Poetter

Son of Frederick & Ivy Poetter

Life Verse: **Revelations 22:13** *I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end.*

Leah Sparks

Daughter of Oliver & Kristal Sparks

Life Verse: **Isaiah 11:9** *Nothing will hurt or destroy in all my holy mountain, for as the waters fill the sea, so the earth will be filled with people who know the Lord.*

Axtin Wade

Son of Jon & Melissa Wade

Life Verse: **Joshua 1:9** *Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go.*

Colton Whitney

Son of Jeremy & Kelli Whitney

Life Verse: **John 11:25** ... *"I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, he shall live."*

NewsLetter DEADLine

The next Beacon newsletter will be published on Thursday, May 6, 2021.

Deadline for all articles will be Friday, Apr. 30th.

Thank you in advance for your help.



Congratulations to **Calvin & Heather Christie** and big sister, Abigail, on the birth of **Robert Bradford**, born on April 18th.

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
- ⇒ **CALL:** Church Office 913.294.2400
- ⇒ **ONLINE:** Register at paolalighthouse.com/discover_lighthouse



Blessing Bags

Lighthouse Church is handing out Blessing Bags to encourage each of us to fill them with something of value that another person or family might want or need. This becomes your opportunity to *excel in this grace of giving*. Don't overthink or over-pray it. Take simple steps: 1) Ask the Lord to help you identify a person or family in need; 2) Talk with them or listen to their friends or family to see what they might need (even if doesn't fit into the Blessing Bag); and 3) Go out of your way to meet their need, giving all honor and glory to God.

Inside each bag is a list of ideas that may help you fill the Blessing Bag. May this project help to *practice generosity* to others. Be sure to share your experience with people you know. You can share your encounter with others by posting on our facebook page. If you don't have facebook or if sharing your story makes you feel awkward, please feel free to do so anonymously. You can write your story on paper and leave it in the offering boxes located near the entrance of the sanctuary.





Cultivating Kindness

Kind hearts are the garden.
Kind thoughts are the roots.
Kind words are the flowers.
Kind deeds are the fruits.

Take care of your garden
and keep out the weeds.
Fill it with sunshine,
kind words and kind deeds.

Holy Hilarity!

- ⇒ Easter is the only time when it's perfectly safe to put all your eggs in one basket!!!
- ⇒ Knock knock.
Who's there?
Hatch.
Hatch who?
God bless you!
- ⇒ What should you do after eating so many Easter treats?
Eggs-ercise!
- ⇒ Why shouldn't you tell an Easter Egg a joke?
It might crack up!



Sr. High Youth Trip to Alaska

On June 19th, 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.

SERVANT DAY

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

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 May 19th.





- 2 Ellie Krehbiel
- 3 Mike Bayles
- 4 Crystal Schultz
- Kathy Thompson
- 5 Joe Baughman
- 6 Carol Knoche
- Gale Matson
- 7 Darin Gagnebin
- McKenzie
- Gagnebin
- Ella Koechner
- Robin Motta
- 11 Shauneen Wolf
- 14 Caeden Tennis
- 15 Maddie Olson
- Doretha Smith
- Kevin Smith
- 17 Keagan Sinclair
- 18 Rob Burdge
- Lisa Collier
- 22 Russell Keeler
- Ethan Krehbiel
- 23 Melissa Wade
- 24 Bryan Ebeling
- 26 Marcia Nemeth
- Oakley Patton
- 27 Karen Blanck
- 28 Ron Hollinger
- Oliver Sparks
- 29 Alli Manthei
- 31 Fred Hyer
- Kay Phipps



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.

1st Thursdays for Seniors

**Thursday, May 6th
11:30am-Noon**

The First Thursday's Ministry Team is filled with excitement -- and we hope you are as well! Thursday, May 6th, at 11:30 am, we will have our first **in person** time together in more than a year. It will be so good to fellowship with one another again! Pastor Kirk will be sharing with us in the Word and Sue Knoche, daughter of Carol Knoche, will be playing piano selections. Deliveries will still be made for those unable to attend in person.

A spring lunch menu will be served at a suggested donation of \$3.00. You may call the church office at 294-2400 or e-mail rebecca@paolalighthouse.com. RSVP by Monday, May 3rd.



MONTHLY INCOME REPORT March 2021

GENERAL GIVING

YTD Budget Needed	\$162,097.68
YTD Actual Giving	<u>\$149,610.01</u>
Amount under budget:	\$ 12,487.67

BUILDING FUND

Annual Budget Needed:	\$ 187,085.88
YTD Actual Giving:	\$ 38,336.64

Loan Balance: \$2,393,519.44





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. 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

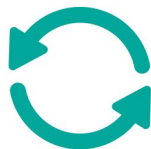


JUNE 7TH - 11TH

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



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 25th:**

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.

What I Want to Hear vs. What I Need to Hear

These days I am working my way slowly through the book of Isaiah. It is rich with stark, confrontational truth, yet we also see God weave his compassionate, healing grace throughout the words of this prophet. Often one follows directly after the other, as in chapter 30, verse 26:

The Lord binds up the bruises of his people and heals the wounds he inflicted.

God himself inflicted the bruises and wounds, yet he is the one who would also heal his obstinate people. He did not give up on Israel; he will not give up on you; and we should not give up on others.

Earlier in this passage we see the problem:

For these are rebellious people, deceitful children, children unwilling to listen to the Lord's instruction. ¹⁰ They say to the seers, "See no more visions!" and to the prophets, "Give us no more visions of what is right!

Tell us pleasant things, prophesy illusions. ¹¹ Leave this way, get off this path, and stop confronting us with the Holy One of Israel!" (Isaiah 30:9-11)

Sound familiar? You may be thinking of our culture. But it also hits home. Just another way of saying that *I* want things to go *my* way, not anyone else's – including the Lord's way. We want to hear what *we* want to hear: *Tell us pleasant things*. It would be much more laughable if it weren't so tragically dog-gone true.

And yes, it does sound more and more like our culture. And it seems like the culture is constantly creeping into the Church as well. Becomes a real problem for a preacher: Are people actually saying something like this in their minds on any given Sunday? *Stop confronting us with the Holy One of Israel!*

It's a very real problem. Not only for a preacher. For every one of us who believes that every one of us on this earth needs Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior.

As the world around us grows more callous to the things of God, the message of Jesus as the one and only way to the Father will, no doubt, become more of an affront to those who only wish to hear pleasant things and see illusions.

Paul wrote to Timothy back in the day: *For the time will come when people will not put up with sound doctrine. Instead, to suit their own desires, they will gather around them a great number of teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear. ⁴ They will turn their ears away from the truth and turn aside to myths. (2 Timothy 4:3-4).*

When you think of your desire to grow in your faith in Christ, do you turn to the Scriptures in order to seek God's truth? When you need guidance, do you seek out people of integrity – someone who will speak the truth in love to you?

Or do you gravitate to those who will affirm whatever it is *you* want to do, regardless of whether or not it honors God?

And how about when someone asks *you* for some direction in terms of their life decisions? Do you only tell them what you think they want to hear? Or do you depend on the Holy Spirit, and ask him to guide your interactions, especially if it means speaking a hard truth – something they probably don't want to hear? Are you ready and willing to take that kind of risk?

If you are, here are some more helpful words from Isaiah 30:21: *Whether you turn to the right or to the left, your ears will hear a voice behind you, saying, "This is the way; walk in it."* The Holy Spirit promises to give us the wisdom and courage to speak the truth in love.



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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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
April 2021**

Miscellaneous Issues

Layne Anderson
Lea Anderson (Janell Bouse)
Joe Baughman
Guy Bourke (Ruthie Gillen)
Dorothy Boyd
Pat Briley
Melvin Brown (Orval Miller)
Dixie Brummel (Roberta Briley)
Pam Bryant
Sheila Cleveland
 (Bill/Lucille Ufford)
Kristen Cummings
Rosemary Cummings
Ryan DeBok (Eli Wedde)
Maria Domnanish (John Rhea)
Kaleb Ebeling
Nick & Sarah Foster
 (Brad & Kay Phipps)
Jan Gillespie
Joe Gillespie
Samantha Green
Deacon Guilbeau (Denise Reynolds)
Zoe Harrington (Cummings)
Leslie Harvell (Terry Robinson)
Lue Ann Hellyer
Cindy Hines (Scott Hines)
Trevor Horner (April England)
Ginger Kelsey
Robert Kephart (Megan Knoche)
Tim Knoche (Rebecca Sutton)
Rene Korsten (Janet Offutt)
Betty Matney (Evelyn Cowden)

Russ Mayer (Tammy Dowd)
Virdie McCormick (Ron Dowd)
Gordon McDowell
Orval Miller
Steve Miller (Linda Gibson)
Ruth Morrill
Janet Offutt
Margaret Quintero
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)
Jack Daley
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)
Deb Schindler (Rebecca Sutton)
Susie Porterfield
Jonica Sauce (Sheila Majors)
Kenny Wanamaker
 (Keith & Terry Robinson)

(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:

- **Callie Dilks** (Andy & Janell Bouse)
- **Russ Porterfield**

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