

Lighthouse Presbyterian Church

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

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Worship: Sunday 10:00am

2021 High School Graduates

Maggie Cole

Daughter of Greg & Tammy Cole. After graduation, Maggie plans to attend JCCC and then transfer to University of Kansas to major in Nursing.

“I have been blessed by Lighthouse Church in many ways. Growing up in this church family has provided me with a strong faith and a sense of home and community. I have been blessed to have moved through each branch of ministry the church has to offer to children. Now as I look forward to my future, I am eager to continue doing God’s work by assisting children who face needs and challenges in their lives.”



Ian Heid

Son of Blake & Maria Heid. Ian plans on attending Creighton University in Omaha, NE and will be studying business.

“Lighthouse Church has been a huge blessing in my life. I am thankful for so much, including: Pastor Kirk baptizing me as an infant; for Children’s Church teaching me memory verses and the 5-finger prayer; my salvation after VBS 2006 and all the songs we learned that are stuck in my head forever; for my Confirmation Class and my life verse of Proverbs 3:5. Thank you Lighthouse for supporting my faith journey.”



Katie Cosgrove

Daughter of Sandy & Larry Polfer. Katie plans to enlist in the United States Army.

“I think Lighthouse Church blessed me with wonderful people to call friends.”



Sadie Olson

Daughter of Kenny & Megan Olson. Sadie will continue on to a level 5 education program through Prairie View High School.

“Faith and church support has made a huge difference and that through God’s love, anything is possible.”



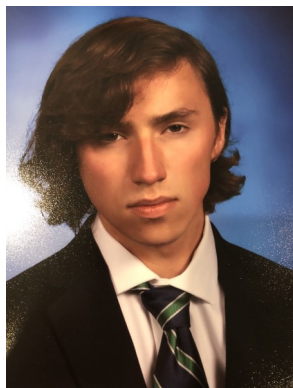
Sadie has really enjoyed the encompass program through Lighthouse Church.



2021 High School Graduates

Jed Scott

Son of Lyle & Marcia Scott. Jed plans to study Chemistry at St. Louis University.



Camren Sinclair

Son of Jared & Tricia Sinclair. Camren plans on attending MNU for business administration.



"Lighthouse Church has given me an immense opportunity to grow with God. My faith has grown stronger and I have learned to truly love and trust the Lord. Lighthouse Church will always be a huge part of not just my youth, but my whole life."

Cael Sinclair

Son of Jared & Tricia Sinclair. Cael plans to attend MNU and major in software engineering and minor in business.

"Lighthouse Church has impacted me by giving me the strength to be not only a Christ follower but

a light to others, through Him. The church has given me the courage to be a beacon for others to come to Jesus and to know him."



Katie Sinclair

Daughter of Jared & Tricia Sinclair. Katie plans on attending Mid America Nazarene University to major in Biology Education.

"Lighthouse Church has impacted my life by showing and teaching me who God is and by strengthening my

relationship with him. It has surrounded me with people who I have gotten to know since I was in Children's Church, who are always there for me to give me advice and to help guide me in my spiritual path. The people I have met through church and youth group are the friends and role models who have most influenced who I am now graduating high school."



Congratulations!

NewsLetter DEADLine

The next Beacon newsletter will be published on Thursday, May 20, 2021.

Deadline for all articles will be Friday, May 14th.

Thank you in advance for your help.



Sr. High Youth Trip to Alaska

The Senior High Youth Group will be heading to Soldotna, Alaska on June 19th where they will be partnering with two churches in the area to help run an evening VBS, food delivery and soup kitchen ministries, and construction projects associated with member care.

There are 16 people going, and some of the students are short on finances for this trip. Because of Covid, we were unable to plan fundraisers far enough in advance after getting the green light to book this trip.

The students are short around \$1500.00 total between 6 of them. Any donations made to the church for Alaska Missions would be greatly appreciated and will allow these students to serve in the Alaskan mission field in June.



Thank you everyone for all the support I received. The prayers, cards and phone calls were all very helpful.
Marjorie Brink



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.





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.

Baptism Sunday

Sunday, May 23rd at Lake Miola

To schedule your baptism:
 EMAIL: erin@paolalighthouse.com
 CALL: Church Office 913.294.2400
 CALL: Pastor Kirk at 913.259.9047

New Mexico Mission Trip

When:	Later part of July 2021
For:	Navajo Nation Firewood
Where:	Rancho del Chaparral Girl Scout Camp near Cuba, New Mexico
Elevation:	7,900-8,200 ft.
Temp Range:	50-85 F in Summer
Lodging:	Cabins on site with beds/showers or Possible arrangements for bring your own RV
Transportation:	On your own to and from the camp
Cost:	Travel to and from New Mexico Donation for food while at camp
Work:	Cut and split firewood for Navajo

Anyone interested in going should contact Wayne or Dee Young as soon as possible so plans can be finalized.

Phone: (913) 269-1632 or (913) 307-6662
Email: waynedeeyoung@gmail.com

There is also interest from the McPherson group who went on the March trip as well. Please prayerfully consider participating in this worthwhile service.



VBS CELEBRATION SUNDAY

Directly after worship on **Sunday, June 13th**, we will have a fellowship for everyone to enjoy!

Sunday evening from 5:45-7:45pm, we will have a **VBS Pool Party** at the Osawatimie City Pool.



VBS POOL PARTY!

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

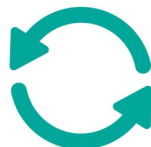


JUNE 7TH - 11TH
9:00-11:30AM

No charge for VBS, but donations are greatly appreciated.
We are looking for fabulous volunteers for games, crafts and music.

To register your child for VBS or to volunteer, go to:

www.paolalighthouse.com/vbs



Your VBS Committee this year:

Ashley Blackman
Samantha Green
Kendra Wedde
Lisa Weidman



Donation Needs:

- 30 soccer balls
- 10 raised edge cookie sheets
- 5 white flat bed sheets
- 40 sets of chopsticks
- 50 neon or glow in the dark washi tape
- 30 bundles of artificial flowers
- 50 white glue bottles
- 5 big bottles of neon acrylic paint (variety of colors)
- Glow in the dark or neon beads
- Tie dye materials

VBS Work Days

- May 12th (Wed.) 3:00-7:00pm
- Jun 5th (Sat) 8:30am-4:30pm
- Jun 6th (Sun) set up after worship
- Jun 13th (Sun) clean up after worship



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.

Don't Expect: Explore

While listening to KLove the other day I learned a poignant corollary to the Golden Rule. The Golden Rule is, of course: *Treat others the way you want to be treated* (Luke 6:31).

After sharing this leadership maxim, the DJ then said: We tend to judge ourselves by our *intentions*, but judge others by their *actions*. I have probably heard this before, but this time it really stuck for some reason.

I am all too quick to justify some word or deed I have done because I am so certain that my motives were, *of course*, altruistic and above reproach... what a crock.

And yet, when I look at someone else's actions, I am all too quick to question or even condemn them for what I *perceive* they have done, while not giving much, or any credence to their internal purposes... what a moron.

A wise counselor once taught me:
Don't expect; explore.

This is exceptional advice for all – parents, co-workers, neighbors, friends, and especially, your perceived enemies. And it has helped me be much less of a moron...at least I hope it has.

If you have the full story, that is one thing. But quite often, we're not even interested in the full story, yet still go into some confrontational situation with our guns blazing – full of expectations, not interested in checking things out further: *Don't bother me with the facts! I've made up my mind.* (not) Good for you.

So before you do that, ask yourself: *Is that the way I wish to be treated?* Answer is a resounding No. All of us want to be heard, not judged.

When I am faced with a hard conversation, I do my

best – not always successfully – to make it a point to *explore* rather than *expect*. Try to ask non-judgmental, clarifying questions that will enable whomever I am speaking with give voice to their perspective. This helps us both keep from simply jumping to conclusions. My hope is that they will do the same with me.

Jesus: *Do not judge, or you too will be judged. ² For in the same way you judge others, you will be judged, and with the measure you use, it will be measured to you.* (Matt. 7:1-2)



And here's how The Message says it: *Don't pick on people, jump on their failures, criticize their faults—unless, of course, you want the same treatment. That critical spirit has a way of boomeranging.* Which is so painfully true, isn't it.

Conflicts and hard conversations will always be a part of living in community, both with believers and unbelievers.

But keep in mind that when you approach people with grace, rather than judgment, you will most likely open the door to a more productive and loving conversation than if you go in with lots of expectations and judgment.

And yet, no matter the response of the other person or persons, you will take to heart the teaching of Jesus and therefore bring honor to him with your attitude, words and actions.

Don't expect; explore.

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 #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
May 2021**

Miscellaneous Issues

Layne Anderson
Lea Anderson (Janell Bouse)
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)
Erin Dulgarian
Kaleb Ebeling
Nick & Sarah Foster
(Brad & Kay Phipps)
Jan Gillespie
Joe Gillespie
Samantha Green
Deacon Guilbeau (Denise Reynolds)
Zoe Harrington (Cummings)
Lue Ann Hellyer
Cindy Hines (Scott Hines)
Trevor Horner (April England)
Robert Kephart (Megan Knoche)
Bill Kidwell (Debbie Ebeling)
Tim Knoche (Rebecca Sutton)
Rene Korsten (Janet Offutt)
Betty Matney (Evelyn Cowden)
Gordon McDowell
Orval Miller

Steve Miller (Linda Gibson)
Janet Offutt
Chris Owens
Margaret Quintero
Howard & Virginia Read
(Debbie Murdock)
John Rhea
Verna Rhodes (Robin Motta)
Rainey Romine (Janell Bouse)
Euphemia Sargeant (Judy Kappler)
Shirley Schachle (Rebecca Sutton)
Gary & Sherri Tostenson
(Debbie Ebeling)
Marlene Voigts
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)
Jim Johnson (Tracey Hecker)
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:

- Georgia Hendrickson
- Brian Humble
(Pam Bryant)
- Kaleb Lowery (Brandon & Rachel Beth's son)

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