



Lighthouse Presbyterian Church · PO Box 404 · 1402 E. 303rd Street · Paola, KS 66071 · 913.294.2400

Worship: Sunday 10:00am



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
Vacation Bible School
at Lighthouse Church**

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

No charge for VBS,
but donations are greatly appreciated.

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



Volunteer Meeting

Please plan on attending one of the following meetings, at Lighthouse Church, if you have volunteered for VBS:

- ◆ Sunday, May 23rd @ 11:30am
- ◆ Sunday, May 23rd @ 4:00pm
- ◆ Tuesday, May 25th @ 6:00pm

Donation Needs

- raised edge cookie sheets or copy paper box lids
- 5 white flat bed sheets
- 50 rolls of glow in the dark washi tape
- artificial flowers
- 90 unsharpened pencils
- 30 fun shaped erasers

VBS Work Days

- Jun 5th (Sat) 8:30am-4:30pm
- Jun 6th (Sun) set up after worship
- Jun 13th (Sun) clean up after fellowship



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!

NewsLetter DEADLine

The next Beacon newsletter will be published on Thursday, June 3, 2021.

Deadline for all articles will be Friday, May 28th.

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.



**Church Office will
be closed on
Monday, May 31st.**

BUILDING & GROUNDS WORK DAYS

WHO: Anyone able and willing to help
WHEN: Saturday, June 19th
WHAT: 8:00 am to Noon
CONTACT: Jim Adams (913) 731-5252
 5afarm5afarm@gmail.com
 Church Office (913) 294-2400





- 1 Don Armstrong
- Allen Baldridge
- Bailey Gagnebin
- 3 Emmarie Green
- 4 Greg Cole
- Kaylee Wood
- 5 John Rhea
- 6 Brenda Thomas
- 7 Abigail Bouse
- 8 Annie Buescher
- Brooks Patton
- Alicia Spencer
- 9 Billie Fretz
- 11 Keith Robinson
- Katie Sparks
- 13 Terry Herron
- 14 Darla Jenkins
- Jenny Tennis
- 17 Nancy Gagnebin
- 19 Audrey Sparks
- Lucas Teeters
- 20 Graydon Miller
- 21 Aubry Nickelson
- Cindy Reese
- 23 Kirk Johnston
- Iris Simons
- 24 Ginger Kelsey
- Jenny Terflinger
- 25 TJ Thomas
- Vivian Sparks
- Rob Wood
- 26 Maria Heid
- 27 Ron Protzman
- Katie Sinclair
- Camren Sinclair
- Cael Sinclair
- 28 Genevieve
- Hollinger
- Hudson Needham
- Michael Schultz
- Presley Walters
- 29 Lily Hay
- Sammy Nickelson
- 30 Bob Dameron
- Paula Krehbiel
- Benjamin Sparks

1st Thursdays for Seniors

**Thursday, June 3rd
11:30am**

First Thursdays is a ministry for those of AARP age which meets on the first Thursday of each month for a meal, fellowship, a meditation and prayer.

It was a JOY in May for First Thursdays to be together in person at Lighthouse Church after a year of drive-thru only!

We will meet again in person **Thursday, June 3rd, at 11:30 am.** Meal deliveries will also be made for those not able to attend. \$3.00 suggested donation for the meal.

RSVP no later than June 1st: call the church office, 294-2400; or send email to: rebecca@paolalighthouse.com or sign up at the Welcome Table on Sundays.

MONTHLY INCOME REPORT April 2021

GENERAL GIVING

YTD Budget Needed	\$216,130.24
YTD Actual Giving	<u>\$195,931.95</u>
Amount under budget:	\$ 20,198.29

BUILDING FUND

Annual Budget Needed:	\$ 187,085.88
YTD Actual Giving:	\$ 53,174.15

Loan Balance: \$2,389,141.84



Cookie Donations Needed

The Lighthouse Generosity Team is asking for cookie donations for a "Box Dinner" outreach that will be ready to go on Sunday, June 6th.

The Generosity Team will furnish 40-50 meals that will be geared toward young families. We will also include informational material regarding our summer VBS program that will be held from Monday, June 7th through Friday, June 11th.

Please be thinking of some young families that could benefit in some way from a meal consisting of chicken nuggets, mac n cheese, fruit and cookies. These meals will be available for anyone to deliver after worship.

Please bring all cookie donations to the Church no later than Friday, June 4th anytime between 8:30am and 4:00pm.



USHERS NEEDED

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

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.



Wear Red for Pentecost

Pentecost is the festival when Christians celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit. It is celebrated on the Sunday 50 days after Easter. Pentecost is regarded as the birthday of the Christian church, and the start of the church's mission to the world. On Sunday, May 23 we encourage everyone to wear red. The color red symbolizes joy and the fire of the Holy Spirit.



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:** Either July 24-July 31 or July 31-August 7 or anytime within these two weeks
- 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 bringing 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

The Personnel Committee of Lighthouse Church has required each person the age of 18 years or older to complete a background check; therefore, commitment deadline is July 5th.

There will once again be a partner mission trip with the group from the McPherson/Galva area.





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.

Spread It Out Before the Lord

Like everyone of us, King Hezekiah did some things well, but also failed miserably in other areas. One of the wisest things he did is found, interestingly, in the prophet Isaiah's account of history - this story is found in chapter 37.

Here's the scene: Sennacherib, king of Assyria, has laid waste to just about every nation and people who stood in his way: *Where is the king of Hamath, the king of Arpad, the king of the city of Sepharvaim, or of Hena or Ivvah?* (Isaiah 37:13). Yup, he's right; they no longer exist. And now he threatens Israel in a brash and arrogant letter meant to buckle the knees.

Earlier in this chapter after hearing the words of this letter, Hezekiah had humbled himself before God because of this king's threats to both Israel and her God: *he tore his clothes and put on sackcloth and went into the temple of the Lord*, as did all his officials and servants. His only hope was that a remnant might survive.

The prophet Isaiah then assures King Hezekiah that God will prevail on behalf of Israel, and that he should simply trust in the Lord. But Hezekiah is still shaking in his boots. Sennacherib means business and things are looking bleak for Jerusalem and the nation.

So Hezekiah does something we should take note of: *Hezekiah received the letter from the messengers and read it. Then he went up to the temple of the Lord and spread it out before the Lord.* (Isaiah 37:14)

This is an action of faith and courage. He had heard about the letter; now he *receives* it, he *reads* it, and he *spreads it out before the Lord*. This is so cool.

It took guts to receive it instead of denying its existence, something I might be tempted to do. But then

to *read* all the nasty and intimidating threats from this Hitler-esque king? Hezekiah was scared, yes, but he was facing down his fears.

Good quote attributed to several different people: *Courage is not the absence of fear, but the judgment that something else is more important than fear.* Hezekiah knew that something else more important than fear was God's name and reputation.

I love the sincere, symbolic gesture of spreading the letter before the Lord. Perhaps you have some major (or minor) threat to your life or well-being. How can you symbolically *spread it out before the Lord*? So that not only are you acknowledging its difficulty and stress on you, but moreover, you are entrusting this situation to God's will, knowing that he cares for you.

Hezekiah then doubles down in his prayer to God: *It is true, Lord, that the Assyrian kings have laid waste all these peoples and their lands...*
²⁰ *Now, Lord our God, deliver us from his hand, so that all the kingdoms of the earth may know that you, Lord, are the only God.*

Again, no denial here: What Sennacherib says is true – he has triumphed over all these kings and laid waste to everyone and everything in his path.

But, O Lord our God, all you are and all you say – your promises, your character, your power – **these are all true-er** than anything this man, or any person, can ever claim.

And God does deliver Hezekiah and the people of Israel. Just as he promises to deliver us.

God's character, his promises, his presence: Who the Lord is far exceeds whatever may come our way today, or in the days to come. He is true-er, stronger,

Isaiah 37:14-17,20

And Hezekiah prayed unto the Lord, saying,
 O Lord of hosts, God of Israel, that dwellest
 between the cherubims, thou art the God,
 even thou alone, of all the kingdoms of the
 earth: thou hast made heaven and earth.
 Incline thine ear, O Lord, and hear;
 open thine eyes, O Lord, and see:
 and hear all the words of Sennacherib,
 which hath sent to reproach the living God.
Now therefore, O Lord our God,
save us from his hand, that all
the kingdoms of the earth
may know that thou art
the Lord, even thou only.

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 discussing the treasures we have in Christ as believers, 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
group or in church office.**

**High School Mission Trip
Anchorage, Alaska
June 19-26th.**

**Pool Party
June 13th
Osawatomie Pool (Ozone)
5:45—7:45pm**

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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

Lea Anderson (Janell Bouse)
Merilee Baughman
Dorothy Boyd
Dixie Brummel (Roberta Briley)
Pam Bryant
Kristen Cummings
Rosemary Cummings
Maria Domnanish (John Rhea)
Erin Dulgarian
Kimmie Eastwood (Janell Bouse)
Kaleb Ebeling
Jan Gillespie
Joe Gillespie
Zoe Harrington (Cummings)
Cindy Hines (Scott Hines)
Ron Hinkle
Bill Kidwell (Debbie Ebeling)
Rene Korsten (Janet Offutt)
Betty Matney (Evelyn Cowden)
Jake McGuire (Jackie Brewer)
Steve Miller (Linda Gibson)
Janet Offutt
Margaret Quintero
Howard & Virginia Read
(Debbie Murdock)
John Rhea
Verna Rhodes (Robin Motta)
Fran Riggs (Theresa Morrison)
Euphemia Sargeant (Judy Kappler)
Malcolm Schultz
(Mike & Crystal Schultz)

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
Jack Daley
Verna Garrett
(Mary Ann Thornton)
Tommy Gillen (Terry Gillen)
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)
Susie Porterfield
Jonica Sauce (Sheila Majors)
Deb Schindler (Rebecca Sutton)
Donna Turner (Theresa Morrison)
Blythe White (Theresa Morrison)

(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:

- **Spencer Castleberry**
(Krystal Gibson's brother)

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