

Lighthouse Presbyterian Church

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

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Worship: Sunday 10:00am

Fireworks Community Outreach at Lighthouse Church

You are invited to watch the Paola fireworks on Saturday, July 3rd on the north side of the church, beginning at 7:30pm.

PROS:

- Clean bathroom facilities
- Good parking and quick exit after fireworks
- Free cookies, water, pop & snow cones
- Christian fellowship with Lighthouse Family and the community

CONS:

- None

Bring a blanket and/or lawn chairs. Please call the church office with any questions: 294-2400.



2021 Youth Alaska Mission Trip

NewsLetter DEADLine

The next Beacon newsletter will be published on Thursday, July 15, 2021.

Deadline for all articles will be Friday, July 9th.

Thank you in advance for your help.

HOW CAN WE PRAY FOR YOU?

You may fill out a prayer request:

SIGN-UP:
Welcome Table

CALL:
913.294.2400

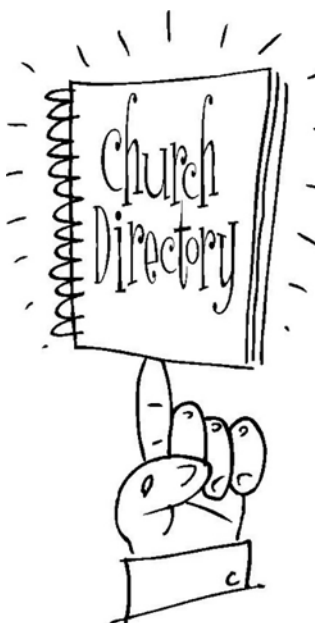
EMAIL:
rebecca@paolalighthouse.com

WEBSITE:
www.paolalighthouse.com/prayer



Best wishes to Mark & Cindy Noel on the birth of a son, Corbin Lee, born June 16th. Proud grandparents are Mike & Debbie Murdock and great grandma is Dorothy Murdock.

Church Directory



Lighthouse Church will be updating the Database and Church Directory for the first time since 2016. The database is for church staff only. We use the database for birthday cards, mailings, and financial contributions. The printed Church Directory allows our partners to connect with others and assist our Deacons, Elders, and Staff to better serve you.

In order to complete this task, we need your assistance to ensure that our records are up to date. You will receive a letter requesting you to update your information and return it to the church office no later than July 31st.

If you wish to not have your contact information included in our printed church directory, then you will have the opportunity to communicate that with us as well.

HELPING OUR COMMUNITY!



P.A.C.A. (Paola Association for Church Action) is collecting items to provide Care Kits for S.O.S. (Serving Our Students). S.O.S. this year will be on Saturday, July 17th, 9:00 am-noon at Cottonwood School. The goal is to help students and families prepare for a successful school year. To volunteer to help with this event on July 17th, please email Jimmy Hay: jimmy_hay@usd368.org.

We need your help! Lighthouse Church will be helping to provide bar soap and regular (finger size) band-aids. We need to have all items collected by Sunday, July 11th.

There will be a container near the entryway where you may place your items. Care Kit assembly will be Thursday, July 15th, 9:30am at Lighthouse Church. You are invited to help.

Lighthouse Church Pool Party

*Sponsored by
our Deacons*

Sunday, August 8th
5:45-7:45pm

Ozone Outside Pool



A Prayer for the Fourth



Loving God, we thank you — the true Father of our country — for the blessings of this land and the gifts of cultures around the world. Prompt us to strive for justice for all, at home and abroad. Remind us, in the words of the hymn, that “this is our Father’s world” and that your goodness prevails. Amid tragedies and conflicts, guard us against despair. Help us focus on the kindness evident daily: from generous neighbors to conscientious public servants (because most are). On Independence Day and every day, “O let [us] ne’er forget that though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the Ruler yet.” Amen.

—Sandy Hyland



New Mexico Mission Trip

When:	July 24-July 31
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 Various other weather-related projects

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





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.

Fighting for All You Are Worth

In his book, Leadership Axioms, under the chapter heading: *What life are you waiting for?* Bill Hybels tells the following story about **Joni Erickson Tada**. If you are not familiar with Joni, Google her name to learn the amazing story of this woman who, though paralyzed from a diving accident and confined to a wheelchair, continues to use her gifts to bless countless people for the Lord.

Many years ago I shared a conference stage with Joni Erickson Tada. She did a Q&A session following one of her talks, and someone in the audience asked her how she kept going – how she kept leading and serving and creating – despite her obvious physical challenges.

I'll remember her answer for a long time. She said, "This is the only time in history when I get to fight for God. This is the only part of my eternal story when I am actually in the battle. Once I die, I'll be in celebration mode in a glorified body in a whole different set of circumstances. But this is my limited window of opportunity, and I'm going to fight the good fight for all I'm worth."

Powerful words from a woman with obvious challenges. But the same is true for you and me.

Each of us have our share of limits, liabilities and challenges, but we also have gifts, strengths and abilities. How have you / are you / will you use any and all of these strengths and weaknesses to advance God's kingdom here on earth – in your limited window of opportunity – while you are *in the battle*?

Or are you just waiting for a different life?

Paul was blessed with all kinds of advantages during his formative years. As was Moses. But their stories teach us that these advantages are not worth leaning on. Not when God is calling you to something greater. Something that lasts.

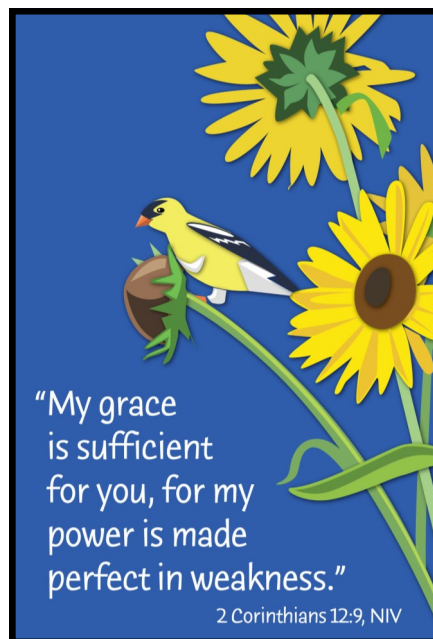
Hebrews 11:24-26: *By faith Moses, when he had grown up, refused to be known as the son of Pharaoh's daughter. He chose to be mistreated along with the people of God rather than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a short time. He regarded disgrace for the sake of Christ as of greater value than the treasures of Egypt, because he was looking ahead to his reward.*

Disgrace for Christ held greater value than the treasures of Egypt??? Sounds wonky. Backwards. Upside down. Counter-cultural. And real.

And something worth living for.

Paul chose to boast in his weaknesses, rather than his strengths: *But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me.*¹⁰ *That is why, for Christ's sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong.* (2 Corinthians 12:9-10)

Like Joni. Like Moses. Like Paul. Let us also admit and embrace both our weaknesses and our strengths, that we might find his grace both sufficient to comfort us in our trials, and empowering to compel us to fight the good fight while we have a heartbeat and breath in our bodies.



Children's Ministry

Our Vision



- ♦ To grow in Christ and become like Him.
- ♦ To teach and demonstrate the Gospel each time we gather with children.
- ♦ To pray that children may be light in their world that grows brighter each day with the help of the Holy Spirit.
- ♦ To support the family unit as primary teachers of the faith and the conduit through which God shows His love and reveals His character.



Sunday Mornings:

- ♦ **Nursery** is available for **ages 0-3** during worship.
- ♦ **Children's Church** is offered during worship for children age **Preschool-5th** grade. At a designated time during the service (usually following the Children's Talk), children are dismissed to meet their adult leaders in the back of the sanctuary. Following worship, children may be picked up in the children's educational wing. *There is no Children's Church on 5th Sundays.*

Midweek:

- ♦ Twice a year (Fall & Spring), a mid-week **Family Night and Kingdom Kids** is offered on Wednesday evenings that includes a meal, family worship, and Bible study activities for all ages. *Dates, times, and other necessary information will be provided in the weeks prior to each session.*

Special Events:

- ♦ **Vacation Bible School** for ages **Pre-school-5th** grade is offered each Summer. *Dates and details is provided each Spring.*
- ♦ **Seasonal Family Events** (onsite, online, or at-home) occur throughout the year. *Info is provided in the weeks prior to each event.*



Sunday, July 4, 2021
Happy Independence Day!

Sunday, August 29, 2021
Confirmation Parent Meeting (9:00am)

Sunday, September 12, 2021
Confirmation classes begin (8:30-9:45am)
2nd Grade Bible Presentation (during worship)
Children's Church Move Up Day

Coming up in Children's Church ...



Our Lighthouse kids will join Zack and Jada, the **Riddle Rangers** in a race against time to crack the codes before the treasure hungry grave robbers get ahold of them, ultimately discovering that the **greatest treasure is God's Word!**

7/4/21 Lesson 11.3 Armor of God

Big Idea: God gives us His armor so that we can stand up to the devil's temptation.

Bible Basis: Ephesians 6:10-18

7/11/21 Lesson 11.4 Run the Race

Big Idea: Jesus is the ultimate prize, so we can throw off our sins and run to Him.

Bible Basis: 1 Corinthians 9:24-27; Hebrews 12:1-3

AND A PREVIEW OF OUR NEXT SERIES

Emotions are real and God's Word helps us learn how to deal with them in a God-pleasing way. In **Emoji Madness**, the kids will learn from Biblical characters how to know and show God's love when overcome with various emotions.



If you would like to join our amazing team, contact Josh Simons, Director of Children's Ministry at 913.406.6137 (call or text) or email him at josh@paolalighthouse.com.

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.

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.

July Classes will meet:
July 14th
July 28th

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

Middle School Camp
July 18 – July 23rd

Pool Party
August 8th
Osawatomie Pool (Ozone)
5:45—7:45pm

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**For the month of
July 2021**

Miscellaneous Issues

Lea Anderson (Janell Bouse)
Landon Baughman
(Joe & Merilee Baughman)
Dorothy Boyd
Dixie Brummel (Roberta Briley)
Pam Bryant
Kristen Cummings
Rosemary Cummings
Maria Domnanish (John Rhea)
Erin Dulgarian
Kaleb Ebeling
Jim Galemore (Cindy Walters)
Jan Gillespie
Joe Gillespie
Patsy Gliem (Rebecca Sutton)
Zoe Harrington (Cummings)
Lawson Hay
Cindy Hines (Scott Hines)
Ron Hinkle
Gary Keller (Kirk Johnston)
Bill Kidwell (Debbie Ebeling)
Rene Korsten (Janet Offutt)
Karen Loar (Tammy Cole)
Betty Matney (Evelyn Cowden)
Reagan Maxwell (Kirk Johnston)
Josh Meyers
Debbie Mueller (Rebecca Sutton)
Sadie Olson
Floyd Pearson (Marcia Scott)
Margaret Quintero
Verna Rhodes (Robin Motta)

Jenny Samuelson (Rebecca Sutton)
Gary Tostenson (Debbie Ebeling)
Tyler Vannatta (Sonya Brightwell)
Marlene Voigts
Carol Walker (Linda Gibson)

Military

Joshua Ales (Theresa Morrison)
Christina Behnke
Tony Newman (Bob Paulsen)
Nick Spencer (Alicia Spencer)

Cancer

Lon Boyd
Ray Chapman
(Lyle & Roberta Briley)
Jack Daley
Verna Garrett
(Mary Ann Thornton)
Tommy Gillen (Terry Gillen)
Carolyn Hightower (Sue Dumcum)
Mike McGuire (Kristal Sparks)
Steve Minor (Cindy Walters)
Cindy Morriaella
(Theresa Morrison)
Jana Morris (Rebecca Sutton)
Cody Pixler (Haley McDougal)
Susie Porterfield
Joel Riggs (Theresa Morrison)
Jonica Sauce (Sheila Majors)
Deb Schindler (Rebecca Sutton)
Donna Turner (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:

- **Gavin Kaiser** (Janell Bouse's cousin)
- **Jackie Crane** (Theresa Morrison)
- **Jim Johnson** (Tracey Hecker)

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