

Lighthouse Presbyterian Church

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

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Worship: Sunday 10:00am

LIGHTHOUSE CHURCH POOL PARTY

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**SUNDAY, AUGUST 8TH
5:45-7:45PM**

**OZONE OUTSIDE POOL
OSAWATOMIE, KS**



NewsLetter DEADLine

The next Beacon newsletter will be published on Thursday, Aug. 12, 2021.

Deadline for all articles will be Friday, Aug. 6th.

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

Young Family Fellowship

**Begins Sunday, August 1st
8:45am-9:45am in the Harbor**

**1st Sunday
2nd Sunday
4th Sunday**

**Mix & Mingle Fellowship Time
Bible Study
Bible Study**

If you are parents of grade school aged children or younger or if you are a young couple, please join us in fellowship! We will meet the 1st, 2nd, and 4th Sunday of each month from 8:45am to 9:45am in the Harbor.

For more information, please contact:

Jonathan Sterk

ksusterk@yahoo.com or 913.244.6584

Heather Sterk

heather.c.sterk@gmail.com or 913.634.3745



Young Families

**Thursday, August 5th
11:30am**

1st Thursdays 
for Seniors

We'd love for you to join us on August 5th as we continue to celebrate Summer with a taco salad menu, Mexican street corn and dessert.

We are delighted that Chris Wheaton of the Paola Adult Education Center will be with us as our guest speaker. She will be sharing on the topic of "Improving Your Memory -- Simple Things We Can Do".

It is helpful to receive your reservation by August 3rd. Please RSVP to Rebecca Sutton at 913-294-2400 or email her at rebecca@paolalighthouse.com, no later than Tuesday, August 3rd or sign up on Sunday.

I have been
crucified with Christ.
It is no longer I who live,
but Christ who lives in me.

And the life I now live in the flesh
I live by faith in the Son of God,

who loved me and gave himself for me.

Hosted by
ECKAAA

*Miami County
Caregiver Support
Group*

**Elizabeth Layton Center,
2595 SW 327th St,
Paola, KS 66071**

August 17, 2021
(3rd Tuesday of each
month)

6:00—7:00pm
Facilitators:
Barbara Cordts &
ECKAAA

Contact Shannon at
ECKAAA
with questions
785-242-7200

Community Volunteer Opportunities

Volunteers Needed!

The Meals on Wheels program at the Paola Senior Center is in need of volunteers. If you are able to help prepare meals for delivery (no cooking), serve in-house or help to clean up afterward, please contact the Senior Center at 294-9220—leave a message and you will be contacted.



The Foster Grandparent Program Needs You!

**If you love children, you can make a difference in their lives
by volunteering today!**

- **55 years old and up, in reasonable good health.**
- **Volunteer at local schools, Headstart programs and other special needs facilities assisting the children in your community.**
- **Earn up to \$300/month TAX-free that does not affect social security, housing subsidies or any other assistance.**

For more information contact the
Foster Grandparent Program, 913-294-3880
and see how you can make a difference.



Items for Shoebox Collection



It is so fulfilling to be able to fill a shoebox and know that we are touching the life of a child in a way that has never been touched before, through the love of Christ.

After last year's challenges with COVID, let's see if we can increase the number of shoeboxes we fill this year. If you prefer not to fill a shoebox, no problem, just bring in some gift items and I will be more than happy to utilize those items in the shoeboxes I have made from other donations. Boxes will be filled for either a boy or a girl and in age groups of 2-4 years, 5-9 years, or 10-14 years.

Please drop off any items you would like to donate in the Church Office. If you are interested in helping with this wonderful ministry or you have any questions, please feel free to call Tracey Hecker at 913-294-2400 or email at tracey@paolalighthouse.com.



Want to go on a
Mission Trip?

Timing hasn't
worked yet?

We will be going on
another Mission Trip
to New Mexico from
September 4-12,
2021.

More details coming
soon.



Appreciation for Eli



On Sunday, August 8th we will recognize Eli Wedde for his years of service with the Youth Program at Lighthouse after service with cake, punch, thank-yous and well wishes. Prior to and during the reception the Youth Committee will be collecting cards, letters, and emails for Eli. Cards and letters may be mailed to the Church at 1402 E. 303rd Street, Paola, KS 66071. Emails may be sent to ksusterk@yahoo.com.

Eli joined staff at Lighthouse in 2013. In 2016, he became Youth Director. Over the last 8 years, Eli has served as a role model, mentor and friend for many students that have grown up in our Church. In addition to 'our' kids Eli has helped bring many previously unchurched students to Christ during his time with Lighthouse.

Eli's last day official day as staff will be August 15th. Thankfully, as believers in Christ we never have to say 'good-bye' just 'see you later' and later will not be far off as the Wedde family plan to continue to worship with us and still volunteer time to serve Paola and Lighthouse!

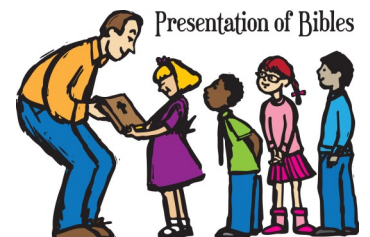
Please join us in thanking Eli for his dedication to our students and pray for him that God will continue to work in his life.

Second Grade Bibles

We will be presenting Bibles to our 2nd graders on **Sunday, September 12th** during worship. If your child is currently a 2nd grader and wishes to have their own Bibles, please contact the church.

Following worship, families may attend a Bible 101 class for 2nd graders to learn about how to use their new Bible. Lunch and nursery will be provided.

Please contact: Josh Simons, Children's Ministry
Directory by email at josh@paolalighthouse.com or
Call the church office at 913-294-2400.



Presentation of Bibles

Confirmation



Confirmation
Class

Confirmation classes will begin this fall for youth who are at least in 6th grade. A parent meeting will be held on **Sunday, August 29 at 9:00am**. If you have a youth (going into grade 6+) interested in being Confirmed, contact Josh by email: josh@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.

An Active or Passive Faith?

We do not want you to become lazy, but to imitate those who through faith and patience inherit what has been promised (Hebrews 6:12).

I have always been intrigued by the dual nature of faith: it is, as the writer of Hebrews describes it in this verse, simultaneously active: *do not become lazy*; and passive: *through...patience inherit what has been promised*.

And then he gives us examples to follow: *but imitate those who...* In v.13 he references Abraham. OK. So how do we imitate Abraham? And later he references many saints of old in Hebrews 11, often called the *Hall of Faith* by believers down through the ages. OK. So how do we imitate them? (Hopefully not by being sawed in two! Hebrews 11:37)

We certainly can see both activity and passivity in the life of Abraham – sometimes in the same story. After receiving the promise of a son, but unable to bear him a child, his wife Sarah convinced him to take matters into his own hands; so he slept with her servant, Hagar, and Hagar bore him a son, Ishmael. This story, as told in Genesis 16, is an example of Abraham doing a poor job of being *passive* – he could (and should) have disagreed with Sarah's suggestion, as well as a poor job of being *active* – he went ahead and slept with Hagar.

From this story it may seem like Abraham completely messed up the unfolding of the promise, and that maybe we should imitate someone else's example. But Paul helps us see the bigger picture of Abraham's faith: ²⁰ *Yet he (Abraham) did not waver through unbelief regarding the promise of God, but was strengthened in his faith and gave glory to God,* ²¹ *being fully persuaded that God had power to do what he had promised (Romans 4:20-21).*

Abraham made lots of mistakes, not just this one with Sarah, Hagar and Ishmael. In that sense, he is no different than us. But Abraham had at least four things going for him:

- He did not waver through unbelief
- He was strengthened in his faith
- He gave glory to God
- He was fully persuaded God would come through

So which of these phrases would you consider *active* faith on the part of Abraham, and which would you call *passive*?

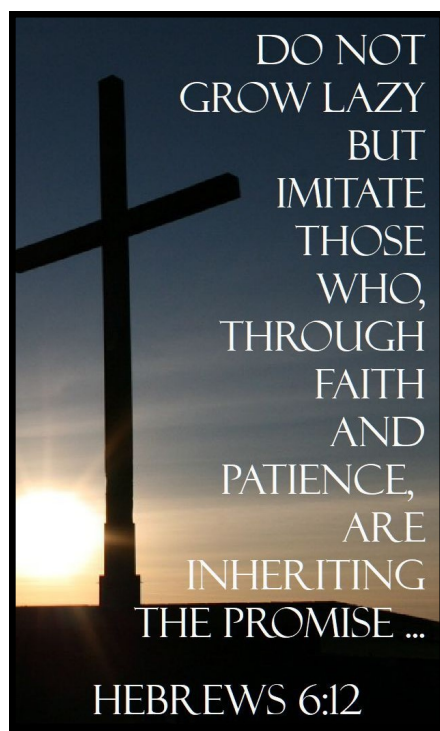
At first glance I might say that three of the four are active on the part of Abraham: the only passive phrase seems to be that *he was strengthened in his faith*; this phraseology makes it sound like an outside force had helped him (which is, of course, true).

When Paul wrote in Romans 4 about Abraham, he was looking back over his whole life, not just one part, or a few parts of it. There were plenty of years when he, like Noah, like Moses, like Joseph, like most of the saints we read about, simply had to wait with patience on God to act.

Yet all throughout those years, Abraham sought after God with all his heart and obeyed him to the best of

his ability. When he was told to move, he moved; when told to stay, he stayed.

Like Abraham, let us continue trusting ourselves fully to God, both actively confessing our beliefs and serving him by serving others, and wait patiently for him to bring about his perfect will in us, around us and through us.



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, August 22, 2021

Children's Church Move-up 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)

Bible 101 for 2nd graders and families after service (lunch and nursery provided).

NEW! NEW! NEW! on SUNDAY! SUNDAY! SUNDAY!

NEW! ... As of August 1, we will be opening our preschool Children's Church room once again. We are excited to give these young ones their very own space to learn God's Word!!!

NEW! ... On August 1, we are beginning our Big Bible Story in Children's Church for this year by going back to the beginning. Children will be learning the story of God's creation and some of the earliest events in human history as recorded in the Bible. Elementary kids will learn these stories using their 5 senses during a series called **Wonder World!** Preschoolers will learn the stories by having a **Super Duper Picture Party!**

NEW! ... We will be trying a new check-in/check-out system called Kiddo! Check-in systems help keep children safer and assure that leaders and volunteers have accurate information. As we begin this trial run, we will need families to quickly sign up at the **Kids Check In** table as you enter the sanctuary.

2 THINGS!!!

Second Grade Bibles

Second graders will be gifted a Bible from the Children's Ministry committee during worship on **Sunday, September 12**. If you have a child going into 2nd grade who wants to receive a Bible, contact Josh!

Confirmation

Confirmation classes will begin this fall for youth who are at least in 6th grade. A parent meeting will be held on **August 29 at 9:00am**.

If you have a youth (going into grade 6+) interested in being Confirmed, contact Josh!

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

High School Youth

High School students (Grades 9-12) will meet on Sundays:

- August 1 5:00-8:00pm
- August 8 Pool Party (see upcoming events)
- August 15 5:00-8:00pm

We will take a break, and then do a Fall Kickoff on September 12. Our new time frame on Sunday evenings will be 7:00-8:30pm.

Leader Contact Info:

Jonathan Sterk: ksusterk@yahoo.com, 913.244.6584
Lisa Weidman: lisa@splasztacular.com, 913.731.6312

Middle School Youth

Middle School students (Grades 6-8) will meet on Wednesdays:

- August 4 5:30-8:00pm
- August 8 Sunday Pool Party (see upcoming events)

We will take a break, and then do a Fall Kickoff on September 15. Our new time frame on Wednesday evenings will be 5:30-7:00pm.

Leader Contact Info:

Brad Buescher: brad@paolalighthouse.com, 913.271.2140
Elizabeth Sweeney-Reeder: esr1977@gmail.com, 913.709.2165

Upcoming Events

Recognition/ Blessing/Reception

For Eli Wedde: Our opportunity to wish him and his family God's blessings in their next chapter of life. Sunday Morning Worship, August 8th

Pool Party

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

School Starts

August 18th

High School Fall Kickoff

Sunday, Sept. 12
7:00-8:30pm

Middle School Fall Kickoff

Wednesday, Sept 15
5:30-7:00pm

Youth Director Search Committee

Pastor Brad Buescher, Chair
Erin Capettini, Secretary
Tresha Miller
Benjamin Sparks
Jonathan Sterk
Elizabeth Sweeney-Reeder
Jenny Terflinger

LIGHTHOUSE CHURCH

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**For the month of
July 2021**

Miscellaneous Issues

Lea Anderson (Janell Bouse)
Maxine Barber (Georgiea Slyter)
Dorothy Boyd
Dee Brandt
Dixie Brummel (Roberta Briley)
Pam Bryant
Janice Burmahn (Shonda Dyer)
JoAnn Cornett (Woody McDougal)
Kristen Cummings
Rosemary Cummings
Nelva Drummond (Pat Briley)
Erin Dulgarian
Lexie Dyer (Chris & Shonda Dyer)
Kaleb Ebeling
Cindy Evans (Rebecca Sutton)
Jim Galemore (Cindy Walters)
Jan Gillespie
Joe Gillespie
Patsy Gliem (Rebecca Sutton)
Catherine Glover (Rebecca Sutton)
Zoe Harrington (Cummings)
Lawson Hay
LueAnn Hellyer
Cindy Hines (Scott Hines)
Ron Hinkle
Edith Johansen
Julie Katzer (Rebecca Sutton)
Gary Keller (Kirk Johnston)
Rene Korsten (Janet Offutt)
Karen Loar (Tammy Cole)
Joyce Mahaffie (Amy Herron)

Jeremy Martin
(Doug & Linda Martin)
Barbara Moscript (Leon Briley)
Adam Murphy
(Bob & Jenny Paulsen)
Janet Offutt
Sadie Olson
Francisco Pagatpat (Joel Ahlbrandt)
Susie Porterfield
Margaret Quintero
Verna Rhodes (Robin Motta)
Alice Rose
Ginny Samuelson (Rebecca Sutton)
Dick Smith (Ahlbrandt's)
Palmer Swafford (Tracey Hecker)
Gary Tostenson (Debbie Ebeling)
Tyler Vannatta (Sonya Brightwell)
Marlene Voigts
Melissa Wade
Richard & Reta Wadley
(Amy Herron)
Gail Walter
Zack Wells (Jenny Paulsen)
Lisa White (Rebecca Sutton)

Military

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

Cancer

Lon Boyd
Verna Garrett
(Mary Ann Thornton)
Tommy Gillen (Terry Gillen)
Carolyn Hightower (Sue Dumcum)
Megan Knoche (Rebecca Sutton)
Mike McGuire (Kristal Sparks)
Steve Minor (Cindy Walters)
Jana Morris (Rebecca Sutton)
Jim Moscript (Leon Briley)
Judy Mullenix (Kay Ufford)

Father Pete O'Sullivan
(Rebecca Sutton)
Cody Pixler (Haley McDougal)
Joel Riggs (Theresa Morrison)
Jonica Sauce (Sheila Majors)
Deb Schindler (Rebecca Sutton)
Chuck Smith (Shonda Dyer)
Sabrina Thomley (Denise Reynolds)
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:

- **Lynda Cole** (Merilee Baughman)
- **Cheryl Speck** (Merilee Baughman)
- **Tibby Fort** (Linda Gibson)

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Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/Lighthouse-Church-Paola-219012411623610/>

Lighthouse Presbyterian Church — August 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 COMMUNION Young Family Group 8:45 AM - 9:45 AM Adult Bible Study 9:00 AM - 9:45 AM Worship 10:00 AM - 11:15 AM High School Youth 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM	2 Prayer Time 5:00 PM - 5:30 PM Children's Ministry Committee 5:30 PM - 6:30 PM Care Team Meeting 5:30 PM - 6:15 PM Deacon's Meeting 6:15 PM - 7:00 PM	3 Women's Bible Study & Fellowship 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM	4 Middle School Youth Group (6th-8th grade) 5:30 PM - 8:00 PM	5 1st Thursdays for Seniors 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM	6	7
8 Young Family Group 8:45 AM - 9:45 AM Adult Bible Study 9:00 AM - 9:45 AM Worship 10:00 AM - 11:15 AM Church Pool Party 5:45 PM - 7:45 PM High School and Middle School Youth Activity 5:45 PM - 7:45 PM	9 Prayer Time 5:00 PM - 5:30 PM Youth Committee 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM Worship & Music Committee 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM	10 Women's Bible Study & Fellowship 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM	11 No Middle School Youth Vintage Park Service 10:00 AM - 10:30 AM	12 Beacon Newsletter	13	14
15 Adult Bible Study 9:00 AM - 9:45 AM Worship 10:00 AM - 11:15 AM High School Youth 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM	16 Prayer Time 5:00 PM - 5:30 PM	17 Women's Bible Study & Fellowship 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM	18 No Middle School Youth	19 Finance Meeting 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM	20	21
22 Young Family Group 8:40 AM - 9:45 AM Adult Bible Study 9:00 AM - 9:45 AM Worship 10:00 AM - 11:15 AM No High School Youth 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM	23 Prayer Time 5:00 PM - 5:30 PM Session Meeting 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM	24 Women's Bible Study & Fellowship 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM	25 No Middle School Youth	26 Beacon Newsletter PACA Meeting 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM	27	28 SOAR / enCompass Respite Care 3:30 PM - 6:30 PM
29 Confirmation Class Parents Meeting 9:00 AM - 9:45 AM Adult Bible Study 9:00 AM - 9:45 AM Worship 10:00 AM - 11:15 AM No High School Youth 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM	30 Prayer Time 5:00 PM - 5:30 PM	31 Women's Bible Study & Fellowship 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM				

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