

# Lighthouse Presbyterian Church

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

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

**Worship: Sunday 10:00am**

**Mark your calendars!**

Annual

## Hog Roast



**Sunday, September 26th  
4:30pm**

**This wonderful event is held at the country home of Chris & Shonda Dyer  
(28531 Montrose Dr)**

- ♦ Bring a dish to share
- ♦ Pulled pork, baked beans, table service & beverages provided
- ♦ Outdoor activities for children of all ages

*In case of rain, the event will be held at the Church.*



Our prayers and sympathies go out to the family and friends of:

- **Stephanna Taylor**  
"Stevie" Holderman
- **Amber Evans** (Jill Holcomb)
- **Bill Shadden** (Sonya Brightwell)
- **Perry Hawkins** (Marlene Voights)
- **Carolyn Hill** (Alan Sargent's mother)

### 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

## 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 Bible, please contact the church.

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

Please contact: Josh Simons, Children's Ministry Director by email at [josh@paolalighthouse.com](mailto:josh@paolalighthouse.com) or call the church office at 913-294-2400.



## Christian Childcare Needed



Lighthouse Church has a part-time paid position for childcare on a rotational basis on Sunday mornings, and various other evening times during the week. We are looking for an energetic and safety-minded person, 16 yrs and older.

If interested, please pick up application at our church office 1402 E 303rd Street, M-F, 8:30am-4pm. For more information, please contact Kristal Sparks (nursery supervisor) at [oliverandkristal@yahoo.com](mailto:oliverandkristal@yahoo.com).



## Funeral Luncheon Ministry

One of the important Ministries at Lighthouse Church is sharing a meal with a family following a funeral or graveside service. There will be a sign-up sheet at the Welcome Table on Sunday for you to be a part of this ministry. You may sign up to share a salad, dessert, meat casserole and/or help the day of the service. Thank you.



Please join us on Sunday mornings from  
8:30am-9:45am for some breakfast and fellowship!  
Breakfast pizza, pastries /donuts and of course lots of coffee!!

## NewsLetter DEADLine

The next Beacon newsletter will be published on Thursday, Sep. 23, 2021

Deadline for all articles will be Friday, Sep. 17th.

Thank you in advance for your help.

## DISCOVER LIGHTHOUSE CHURCH Sunday, October 3rd 11:30am



If you are new to Lighthouse Church or have been attending for some time, we invite you to discover more about our ministry. We will share the Lighthouse Ministry with you as well as a question & answer time. This class also provides you the opportunity to become a member of Lighthouse Church.

This is for all – singles/couples/families. Childcare provided.

To register you can sign up at the Welcome Table or go online to [www.paolalighthouse.com/discover\\_lighthouse](http://www.paolalighthouse.com/discover_lighthouse)  
Feel free to call the church office at 913-294-2400 with any questions.



# PRAISE THE LORD!

## Generosity Corner

We are looking for stories to share about “generosity”. In a world of chaos and discontent, isn’t it nice to hear positive stories of what is still going on around us?



Please feel free to share your stories of generosity with us. The Lighthouse Generosity Team has given us ways to be generous. We would love to hear some of the reactions to our “Chicken Soup” give away as well as our “Box Dinners” for the young families and any “Blessing Bags” that may have been distributed. All stories will be kept anonymous, so please feel free to send a letter to 1402 E 303rd St; Paola, KS 66071 or send an email to: [tracey@paolalighthouse.com](mailto:tracey@paolalighthouse.com).

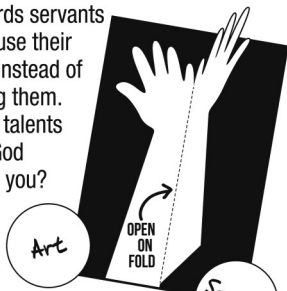
Some stories from Operation Envelope Blessing...

- After thinking and praying about how to use God’s money, we chose to add more funds and make a donation to Operation BBQ Relief. They are currently serving thousands of meals in Louisiana and are based out of Peculiar, MO. ([operationbbqrelief.org](http://operationbbqrelief.org))
- While on vacation, we decided to use the envelope of money and added some of our own to surprise a hard-working, very pregnant waitress at a local restaurant where we had stopped for lunch.
- I had a tile worker at our home for some repair work. He shared he had been working non stop for the last 6 months with little rest and no days off. He said he told his 4 kids to pack their suitcases because they were going on a weekend getaway...they needed to get away and enjoy some family time. I used money from the envelope challenge, along with some of my own and gave to him to use on vacation with his kids in some way.



# FULL OF TALENT

In Matthew 25:14-30, the master rewards servants who use their gifts instead of hiding them. What talents has God given you?



## What you need:

- Construction paper (2 sheets)
- Pencil
- Scissors
- Glue
- Gold crayon or pen
- Black pen

## What you do:

1. Fold one sheet of paper in half lengthwise. Trace your hand and lower arm so your arm touches the folded edge. Cut out the arm and hand, keeping the folded edge uncut.
2. Glue the folded hand to the other sheet of paper.
3. In gold, draw five coins in the hand. In black, write the skills and gifts God has given you.
4. Open the fold and draw 10 gold coins in the two open hands. In black, write how you can use your skills and gifts to help others and honor God.



## Dollar Day Collection

On Sunday, Sept. 26th, the Generosity Team will do a Dollar Day Collection to raise money for Operation Christmas Child. These funds will be used to purchase items that will fill shoeboxes for children.

There will be a table set at the back of the Sanctuary where you will be able to drop off a dollar or pick up an empty shoebox so that you can fill it yourself. We will even have a box to collect items if you don't want to fill up an entire shoebox yourself.

## Emergency Relief Fund

I am sure you have seen the reports of Hurricane Ida's devastation in southern Louisiana, as well as the flooding and tornadoes across the Northeast.

This storm has affected some of our EPC Churches in that area. EPC has set up a donation link at [www.epc.org/donate/emergencyrelief](http://www.epc.org/donate/emergencyrelief). All funds will be sent directly to those EPC churches that have been affected and have specific and identified needs. If you would like more information on the losses suffered by these churches, you can go to [www.EPCConnection.org](http://www.EPCConnection.org) or to the Facebook page at [www.Facebook.com/EPChurch](http://www.Facebook.com/EPChurch).



## Wednesday night is Family Night September 15th to November 17th

5:30pm	Family Dinners (\$2.50 per meal)
5:30pm	Middle School Youth Group in Harbor
6:00pm	Family Worship Time in Sanctuary
6:15pm	Kingdom Kids - Lessons, Activities, Games
6:15pm	Adult Bible Study - In Shelter Room
7:00pm	Middle School Youth Group Ends
7:15pm	Kingdom Kids & Adult Bible Study Ends



# Adult Bible Study Groups

Fall 2021

Class Leader and Contact Info	Dates and Times	Study Description
Jonathan & Heather Sterk <i>ksusterk@yahoo.com</i> <i>heather.c.sterk@gmail.com</i>	<b>Sundays:</b> 8:45-9:45am <i>Childcare is provided</i>	<b>Young Family Fellowship:</b> If you are parents of grade school aged children or younger, or if you are a young couple, please join us. We will meet the 1st, 2nd and 4th Sunday of each month.
Larry Beyer <i>larrybeyer1@gmail.com</i>	<b>Sundays:</b> 9:00-9:45am <i>Nursery is provided</i>	<b>Sunday Morning Bible Study:</b> This class is going through the scriptures in chronological order.
Pastor Kirk Johnston <i>lighthousekirk@gmail.com</i>	<b>Mondays:</b> 5:00pm	<b>Prayer Time:</b> This is an open prayer group for all to attend and meets every Monday evening (except Holidays).
Contact Church Office 913-294-2400	<b>Tuesdays:</b> 10:00am	<b>Women's Bible Study &amp; Fellowship:</b> This is a group open to all women, meeting weekly for a time of Bible Study, prayer and fellowship.
Roberta Briley <i>sonicrlb@gmail.com</i> Larry Beyer <i>larrybeyer1@gmail.com</i>	<b>Tuesdays:</b> 6:30-8:00pm <i>Childcare is provided</i>	<b>Bible Study Fellowship (BSF) for Men &amp; Women.</b> We are studying the <i>The Unexpected King: Matthew's account of Jesus</i> . All men and women in the community are welcome to register. Begins on Sept. 14th
Rebecca Sutton <i>rebecca@paolalighthouse.com</i>	<b>Thursdays:</b> 11:30am-12:45pm (1st Thursdays of month)	<b>First Thursdays for Seniors:</b> A fellowship group of men and women, singles and couples of AARP age who meet monthly for a lunch (provided-\$3.00) to pray for one another and to hear God's word.



# SEND GOOD NEWS AND GREAT JOY

**PACK A SHOEBOX**

 **Samaritan's Purse®**  
INTERNATIONAL RELIEF

## The Sweet Spot

Max Lucado, in his book, “Cure for the Common Life: Living in Your Sweet Spot,” defines a “sweet spot” as those experiences when everything just comes together, and under your breath as you do this activity and it’s going well, you say, “I was made to do this.”

Ephesians 2:10 says it this way: “For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.”

There are many places to find your sweet spot here at Lighthouse – Kingdom Kids, youth group volunteer, Haiti, chopping wood, teaching children’s church, serving as a deacon or elder. That sweet spot may change for each person over the years.

That sweet spot for me has been Operation Christmas Child. I have felt God equipped me with gifts that made me feel this work was right for me. It’s easy to feel like you’re doing the right thing when it involves bringing joy to a child’s life. Does work have to be hard to qualify for a sweet spot?

You can pack a shoebox to bring it during collection week Nov. 15-22. If you are like me and Operation Christmas Child is your sweet spot and you can’t stop yourself from buying multiples of a bargain, bring them to the church and add them to the collection box there. We will pack the boxes for you. I promise you will be amazed at what we can do together.

Jane Hines

## 2021 Shoebox Challenge

Last year, even with the pandemic, God was at work through Operation Christmas Child. Worldwide, OCC collected more than 9.1 million shoeboxes, 7.8 million of which came from the U.S.

You may think your one shoebox will not have any impact, but with everyone working together around the world, we can make a difference. Lighthouse Church brought in 188 shoeboxes in 2020. We had 32 shoeboxes that were built online and 156 shoeboxes that were dropped off during last year’s collection week.

In 2021, Samaritan’s Purse would like to collect 9.7 million shoeboxes through Operation Christmas Child. Even though that number sounds extraordinary, that is only a 6.5% increase over last year. **Let’s give Lighthouse Church a 10% challenge for 2021.** That represents a total of 207 shoeboxes needing to be donated.

If you don’t want to fill an entire shoebox, but want to contribute to this wonderful ministry, please feel free to donate items and bring them into the church. Now is a great time to pick up school supplies at a reduced cost. You can also participate in our Dollar Day Collection to help provide items for shoeboxes (*see page 4 for more information*).

We will have a OCC collection box available in the back of the Sanctuary for any donations you would like to make. We will also have a display of shoeboxes for you to take and fill.

**Let’s make 2021 a year to remember....**



# PACA

Paola Association  
for Church Action



PACA Food Bank is in need of the following items:

- Beans (canned)
- Cake mixes
- Canned vegetables
- Canned meats
- Cereal
- Crackers
- Hamburger Helper
- Juice (grape / apple)
- Mac & Cheese (boxes)
- Peanut Butter
- Taco Mix / Shells
- Soups (large/small cans)

*Please don't bring any expired items.*

*Young at Heart*

# Party in the Park

Presented by the Miami County Council on Aging  
and the Paola Senior Center

## Sunday, September 12th

2:00pm - 4:00 pm

## Paola Park Square

### Live Music

by Gale & Friends

### Ice Cream Social

### Vendors

### Door Prizes & More!

For more information contact Leanne Stanchfield @ 913-294-4630

Jesus loves me  
this I know  
for the  
Bible tells me so.



# 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 are 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, 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).

### Wednesday, September 15, 2021

Kingdom Kids begins (5:30-7:15pm)

## Coming up in CHILDREN'S CHURCH!

Preschool children will use their listening ears to figure out the mystery sounds of **SILLY SOUND**

**FACTORY** that teach about God's promises and forgiveness!



### 9/12/21 ... Baby Isaac is Born

**Big Idea:** God always keeps His promises.

### 9/19/21 ... Esau Forgives His Brother

**Big Idea:** God wants me to forgive.

### 9/26/21 ... Joseph Forgives His Brothers

**Big Idea:** God wants me to forgive.



Elementary children will get messy during **SLIME TIME** as they learn about how "messy" our lives can be, but how God cleans up the "mess" of our sin through Jesus!

### 9/12/21 ... Isaac

God is trustworthy, so I can follow Him anywhere.

### 9/19/21 ... Jacob and Esau

God has a plan for my life, I can trust Him even when something unfair happens.

### 9/26/21 ... Joseph

God is forgiving, so we can forgive others.

## 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! Then following worship, we will host a Bible 101 event at which Josh will teach the children and families about how to use their new **Seek and Find** Bibles! (Lunch and Nursery provided.)

### Confirmation

Confirmation classes will begin this fall. Classes start this Sunday, **September 12 at 8:30am** in the shelter room. If you have a youth going in to grade 6+ and 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](mailto:josh@paolalighthouse.com).**



# Lighthouse Youth



## HARBOR YOUTH NEWSLETTER

### High School Youth

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

Fall Kickoff will begin on September 12. Our new time frame on Sunday evenings will be 7:00-8:30pm.

**Leader Contact Info:**

youth@paolalighthouse.com  
Jonathan Sterk: 913.244.6584  
Lisa Weidman: 913.731.6312

### Middle School Youth

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

Fall Kickoff will begin on September 15. Our new time frame on Wednesday evenings will be 5:30-7:00pm.

**Leader Contact Info:**

youth@paolalighthouse.com  
Elizabeth Sweeney-Reeder: 913.709.2165

### Upcoming Events

#### **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

Tresha Miller, Chair  
Erin Capettini, Secretary  
Benjamin Sparks  
Jonathan Sterk  
Elizabeth Sweeney-Reeder  
Jennie Terflinger

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## For the month of September 2021

### Miscellaneous Issues

**Candi Ahlbrandt** (Joel Ahlbrandt)  
**Lea Anderson** (Janell Bouse)  
**Don Armstrong**  
**Maxine Barber** (Georgiea Slyter)  
**Hunter Bowman**  
 (Joel & Sherry Ahlbrandt)  
**Dorothy Boyd**  
**Ron & Crystal Brenneman**  
 (Ron & Tammy Dowd)  
**Jesse Burgoon**  
**Dennis Chanay** (Susan Hime)  
**Payton Clark** (Jack & Barb Daley)  
**JoAnn Cornett** (Woody McDougal)  
**Kristen Cummings**  
**Rosemary Cummings**  
**Brea Dowd** (Ron & Tammy Dowd)  
**Jet Dowd** (Ron & Tammy Dowd)  
**Jean Driskell** (Theresa Morrison)  
**Nelva Drummond** (Pat Briley)  
**Erin Dulgarian**  
**Kaleb Ebeling**  
**Glenn & Nikki Feuerborn**  
 (Leon Briley)  
**Tommy Gillen** (Terry Gillen)  
**Jan Gillespie**  
**Joe Gillespie**  
**Linda Hall** (Rebecca Sutton)  
**Zoe Harrington** (Cummings)  
**Veronica Helden** (Rebecca Sutton)  
**David Hime**  
**Scott Hines**  
**Ron Hinkle**

**Reney Hoover** (Lisa Weidman)  
**Hayden Jenkins**  
 (Bruce & Darla Jenkins)  
**Julie Katzer** (Rebecca Sutton)  
**Gary Keller** (Kirk Johnston)  
**Tim Knoche** (Rebecca Sutton)  
**Rene Korsten** (Janet Offutt)  
**Karen Loar** (Tammy Cole)  
**Joyce Mahaffie** (Amy Herron)  
**Jeremy Martin**  
 (Doug & Linda Martin)  
**Betty Matney** (Evelyn Cowden)  
**Adam Murphy**  
 (Bob & Jenny Paulsen)  
**Janet Offutt**  
**Susie Porterfield**  
**Margaret Quintero**  
**Verna Rhodes** (Robin Motta)  
**Terry Robinson**  
**Dick Smith** (Abbie Perina)  
**Palmer Swafford** (Tracey Hecker)  
**Johnny & Tamron Tapp**  
 (Ron & Tammy Dowd)  
**Gary Tostenson** (Debbie Ebeling)  
**Marlene Voigts**  
**Richard & Reta Wadley**  
 (Amy Herron)  
**Gail Walter**  
**Zack Wells** (Jenny Paulsen)  
**Nadine Zemp** (Marilyn Roberts)

### Military

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

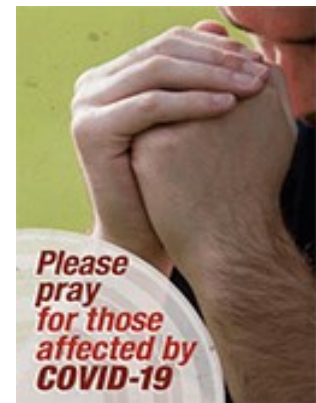
### Cancer

**John Ahlbrandt** (Joel Ahlbrandt)  
**Lon Boyd**  
**John Brill** (Terry Robinson)  
**Corey Chopra** (Sue Dumcum)  
**Delores Herrs** (Denise Reynolds)  
**Megan Knoche** (Rebecca Sutton)

**Mike McGuire** (Kristal Sparks)  
**Steve Minor** (Cindy Walters)  
**Cindy Morriaella**  
 (Theresa Morrison)  
**Jana Morris** (Rebecca Sutton)  
**Jim Moscript** (Leon Briley)  
**Judy Mullenix** (Kay Ufford)  
**Father Pete O'Sullivan**  
 (Rebecca Sutton)  
**Rachel Owens** (Christine Owens)  
**Cody Pixler** (Haley McDougal)  
**Joel Riggs** (Theresa Morrison)  
**Rich Rowan** (Abbie Perina)  
**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.)*



### **HOW TO CONTACT US:**

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294-2400

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