

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
- ♦ Hay ride through the woods

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

**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
Feel free to call the church office at 913-294-2400
with any questions.





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

- **Karen Loar**
(Tammy Cole's mother)
- **Sutton Rodick**
(Karen Blanck's great-nephew)
- **Darlene Hay** (Jimmy Hay's mother)

Paola Lighthouse Website is Down

Our website was undergoing some upgrades when our web host lost some of the data that was being displayed. Please bear with us as we work to restore our website information within the next few weeks. We will take this time to make some design changes, so expect things to look a little bit different.

NewsLetter DEADLine

The next Beacon newsletter will be published on Thursday, Oct. 7, 2021

Deadline for all articles will be Friday, Oct. 1st.

Thank you in advance for your help.



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.



REMEMBER TO GIVE TO THE CHURCH

Due to our website issues, we have lost a lot of our giving links. Here is a reminder of how to continue to give.

- Online: <https://my.simplegive.com/App/Giving/Ligh1402621>
- Text: 913-294-7987. Please specify the fund you would like to donate to.
- Mail: Lighthouse Church, 1402 E. 303rd St, Paola, KS 66071



BUILDING & GROUNDS WORK DAYS

WHO: Anyone able and willing to help
WHEN: Saturday, October 16th
 8:00am to no later than noon
WHAT: Landscape trimming, reinstall snow guards on North eaves, address the drainage system, haul off debris Pile and other odd jobs
CONTACT: Jim Adams 913.731.5252 or Church office 913.294.2400



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!!

OCTOBER Birthdays

- 1 Kylie Tennis
- 2 Charlee Majors
Shawn Miller
Olivia Thompson
- 3 Steve Gronemeyer
Lue Ann Hellyer
- 5 Harry Hellyer
Stella Newton
- 7 Lon Boyd
Woody McDougal
Watchman Paxton
Alan Sargent
- 9 Leah Sparks
- 10 Andy Bouse
- 11 Rose Simons
- 14 Jane Hines
Ruth Simons
- 15 Darren Green
- 16 Mary Kohlenberg
- 17 Sherry Ahlbrandt
Larry Beyer
Lindsay Ebeling
Kay Ufford
- 18 Karen Blumhorst
Lyle Briley
- 19 Kristal Sparks
Ezra Wedde
- 20 Susan Bayles
Beckett Blackman
- 21 Samantha
Parshall-Poetter
- 22 Tresa Brandt
Greg Ebeling
- 24 Lexi Dyer
Devin Trent
- 25 Christi Hay
Steele Meade
Sadie Olson
Marlene Voigts
- 26 Megan Sutton
- 28 Kim Bruza
Jonathan Sterk
- 29 Jon Wade
Bob Zoller
- 30 Brielle Baldridge
Victor Baldridge
Art Morrow
Briana Patton
- 31 Laurie Johnston
Charlotte Reeder



Drive-Thru Living Nativity

Friday December 3rd and

Saturday December 4th

5:30 pm – 8:00 pm

(Last tour starts at 7:30)

Lighthouse Church Parking Lot

*Come, create memorable moments
with your family and loved ones with this multi-scene
guided tour.*

*Live animals, music, cookies,
and hot chocolate.*

Nativity Volunteer Opportunities

Ways to help before the event:

Committee member to help with planning of event. Project work such as organizing supplies, help assign costumes, hang advertising banners, hanging flyers in community, and help with practice on Sunday, Nov 21. Additional projects will be added as the date gets closer.

Setup the week of the event:

Set up: tents, various scenes with backdrops, props and décor, hang lights, signs, refreshments area, cones in parking lot. Some set up will be done during the day and some in the evenings. Additional projects will be added as the date gets closer.

Items we would like to borrow:

Propane heaters for tents, small hay or straw bales, large hay bales to use as windbreaks, animals such as goats and calves, golf carts for parking attendants to use to have vehicles follow.



Ways to help during the event:

Actor/Actress: Short script to memorize, costume provided. We need children in some scenes, and youth and adults in other scenes.

Marketplace Peasants: Dress up in costume and pretend to do jobs from that time period. Wonderful place for individuals, families and children. Great place to get to visit with people!

Refreshments: Help serve hot chocolate, coffee, water and prepackaged cookies.

Parking: Help visitors in vehicles line up in designated area and progress from scene to scene. We also need greeters at the front to initially welcome visitors and work with parking attendants.

Costumes: Check out costumes at beginning and end of each night.

Ways to help after the event: Clean up Sunday, Dec 5, 11:30 am: Serve lunch, take down tents, tables, chairs, props, backgrounds, signs, empty trash, clean up fire pits and more. We really need a lot of help with clean-up! Lunch provided. Costumes: Wash a small group of costumes after the nativity.



We would like to thank the congregation for their support in the mission to serve the Navajo people in New Mexico. Our recent trip was a huge success. Bridges are being built as relationships develop with the Navajo all due to the firewood project. We hope to share some amazing stories and give an update to you soon.

Wayne & Dee Young

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



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. 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 or to the Facebook page at www.Facebook.com/EPCChurch.



Family Night Adult Bible Class

featuring

The Chosen: Season 2

This group meets Wednesday nights at 6:00pm in the Sanctuary for opening and then relocates at 6:15pm into the Shelter room for a study/discussion on episodes in Season 2 of the movie/TV series, "The Chosen". Please join us for an enlightening view and discussion of the life of Jesus as portrayed in "The Chosen". Facilitator for group is Dee Young.

Hillsdale Presbyterian Church

Saturday, October 2, 2021

8:00am-1:00pm



All you can eat Breakfast

(sausage links, scrambled eggs, pancakes, fruit & juice)

Adults.....\$8.00

Children.....\$4.00 (5 and under)





SEND GOOD NEWS AND GREAT JOY

PACK A SHOEBOX



OCC History

The mission of Operation Christmas Child is to demonstrate God's love in a tangible way to children in need around the world. Through this project, Samaritan's Purse partners with the local church worldwide to share the Good News of Jesus Christ and make disciples of the nations.

In the summer of 1993, Samaritan's Purse President Franklin Graham received a call from a man in England asking if he'd be willing to fill shoeboxes with gifts for children in war-torn Bosnia. He forgot about the promise until he received a call back around Thanksgiving asking about the gifts.

Franklin asked his friend, the late Pastor Ross Rhoads of Calvary Church of Charlotte, to see if he could help with the need. A Sunday shortly afterward, Pastor Rhoads demonstrated for his congregation how to fill a shoebox with simple gifts and encouraged them to include a letter to the child as well. Within weeks, the church had 11,000 shoeboxes lining their hallways.

Due to their generosity and additional gifts from Canada, Samaritan's Purse sent 28,000 shoebox gifts to children in the Balkans that Christmas. Through these gifts, OCC communicated to children and their families what the angel said to the shepherds about Jesus' birth: *"I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people"* (Luke 2:10, ESV).

Every year since, Operation Christmas Child has collected shoebox gifts filled with toys, school supplies, and hygiene items for children around the world. Since 1993, more than **188 million children** in more than 170 countries and territories have received an Operation Christmas Child shoebox. The project delivers not only the joy of what, for many kids, is their first gift ever, but also gives them a tangible expression of God's love.

Local churches around the world partner with OCC to present the Gospel of Jesus Christ at festive outreach events where children are surprised with these shoebox gifts.

This whole process is made possible by individuals who pack shoeboxes full of gifts for children in need. More than 9,000 year-round volunteers also get the word out about the Samaritan's Purse project across the U.S. In addition, some 80,000 short-term volunteers serve in more than 4,000 drop-off locations open across the country every year during National Collection Week. Each shoebox collected then travels to one of eight processing centers to be inspected and prepared for international shipment by 90,000 volunteers. All of this is supported by the 30,000 volunteers in our prayer network.

Together we are working to see *"a great multitude which no one could number, of all nations, tribes, peoples and tongues, standing before the throne and before the Lamb"* (Rev. 7:9-10)

NATIONAL
COLLECTION
WEEK
NOV.
15-22

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The Congregation of the Lighthouse Presbyterian Church is called to meet on **Sunday, October 10, 2021** at the close of the worship service for the purpose of electing Elders and Deacons, electing 6 members from the congregation-at-large to serve on the 2022 Church Nominating Committee, and conduct general business.

Allen Baldrige,
Clerk of Session

MONTHLY INCOME REPORT

August 2021

GENERAL GIVING

YTD Budget Needed	\$432,260.48
YTD Actual Giving	<u>\$401,667.36</u>
Amount still needed:	\$ 30,593.12

BUILDING FUND

Annual Budget Needed:	\$ 187,085.88
YTD Actual Giving:	\$ 97,996.44

Loan Balance:	\$2,369,906.42
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**YOU ARE INVITED TO
FIRST THURSDAYS LUAU &
9TH YEAR ANNIVERSARY!**

Thursday, October 7th, 11:30 am

This is for AARP age, men & women,
couples or singles.

If you wish, wear a Hawaiian shirt or colorful
attire. Please RSVP to 294-2400 or
rebecca@paolalighthouse.com or
Sign up at the Welcome table on Sunday morning.



**PASTOR
APPRECIATION
MONTH**

PASTOR APPRECIATION

Well it's that time of the year –football games, fall leaves and October is Pastor Appreciation Month. Lighthouse Church has been blessed with a wonderful pastor, Kirk Johnston. And although we hope he knows he is appreciated every day, what a great opportunity to let him know how we feel. Please take some time this month to express your appreciation by sending a personal note, baking a treat or sending a gift card. These are just examples. Use your imagination and let him know how much you value him.

There will be a basket at the Sanctuary entry for card collection.

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 26, 2021

Hog Roast
(4:30pm)

Wednesday, September 22, 2021

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

Wednesday, September 29, 2021

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

Coming up in CHILDREN'S CHURCH!



Preschool children have one more week of **SILLY SOUND FACTORY** learning about God's promises and forgiveness and elementary children have one more week of **SLIME TIME** learning about how God cleans up our messy lives through the love of Jesus!

We will start two new exciting series in October!



Preschoolers will **SAY CHEESE** and elementary children will play with some **MAD PROPS** as all ages learn about God saving His people from slavery through Moses and the amazing events of the Exodus!

5th Sunday Family Service!!!

Join us on October 31 for a special family friendly worship service!

Children will be involved in worship readings and music.

The service will also feature a sermon designed for all ages as we talk about Sweet Saints!

Don't miss out on candy and Christ!!!

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.

Lighthouse Youth



HARBOR YOUTH NEWSLETTER

High School Youth

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

Our new time frame on Sunday evenings will be 7:00-8:30pm. We are excited to building relationships and pouring into your students throughout the Fall.

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:

Our new time frame on Wednesday evenings will be 5:30-7:00pm. We look forward to building relationships and studying the Book of Mark throughout the Fall.

Leader Contact Info:

youth@paolalighthouse.com
Elizabeth Sweeney-Reeder: 913.709.2165

High School Leaders

Ryan Haupt
Heather Sterk
Jonathan Sterk
Lisa Weidman

Middle School Leaders

Mike Bayles
Sara Gayley
Katie Heger
Kirk Johnston
Maggie Koechner
Maddie Pitzer
Oliver Sparks
Elizabeth Sweeney-Reeder
Jennie Terflinger

Youth Director Search Committee

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

LIGHTHOUSE CHURCH

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**For the month of
September 2021**

Miscellaneous Issues

Candi Ahlbrandt (Joel Ahlbrandt)
Maxine Barber (Georgia Slyter)
Susan Blain
Dorothy Boyd
Ron & Crystal Brenneman
(Ron & Tammy Dowd)
Leon Briley
Pam Bryant
Jesse Burgoon
JoAnn Cornett (Woody McDougal)
Millie Sue Cox (Linda Gibson)
Kristen Cummings
Rosemary Cummings
Brea Dowd (Ron & Tammy Dowd)
Jet Dowd (Ron & Tammy Dowd)
Ron & Tammy Dowd
Jean Driskell (Theresa Morrison)
Nelva Drummond (Pat Briley)
Kaleb Ebeling
Harlan & Glenna Fletcher
(Chris & Erin Capettini)
Tommy Gillen (Terry Gillen)
Jan Gillespie
Joe Gillespie
Zoe Harrington (Cummings)
Veronica Helden (Rebecca Sutton)
David Hime
Scott Hines
Ron Hinkle
Hayden Jenkins
(Bruce & Darla Jenkins)
Luke & Jamie Johnston Family

Gary Keller (Kirk Johnston)
Tim Knoche (Rebecca Sutton)
Rene Korsten (Janet Offutt)
Joyce Mahaffie (Amy Herron)
Lenny Martens (Erin Capettini)
Jeremy Martin
(Doug & Linda Martin)
Betty Matney (Evelyn Cowden)
Valerie Morris (Karen Blanck)
Adam Murphy
(Bob & Jenny Paulsen)
Janet Offutt
Susie Porterfield
Verna Rhodes (Robin Motta)
Scott Riggs (Theresa Morrison)
Terry Robinson
Dick Smith (Abbie Perina)
Palmer Swafford (Tracey Hecker)
Gary Tostenson (Debbie Ebeling)
Marlene Voigts
Richard & Reta Wadley
(Amy Herron)
Gail Walter
Nadine Zemp (Marilyn Roberts)

Military

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

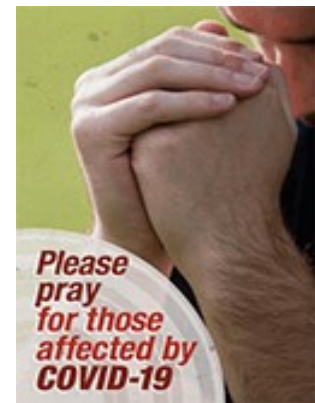
Cancer

John Ahlbrandt (Joel Ahlbrandt)
Lon Boyd
John Brill (Terry Robinson)
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)
Rich Rowan (Abbie Perina)
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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