

Lighthouse Presbyterian Church

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

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Worship: Sunday 10:00am



Annual Congregational Meeting

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 Baldridge,
Clerk of Session

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.





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

- **Ben Erwin**
- **Kenny Kaiser** (Jeff Reeder's uncle)
- **Greg Morris** (Rebecca Sutton)



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.

Days: Sunday Mornings 8:30am to 11:30am
Monday Evenings—Varying
Tuesday Evenings 6:00pm to 8:00pm
Wednesday Evenings 5:30pm to 7:15pm

Wages: 16 yr. old and 17 yr. old = \$10.00/hour
18 yr. old and above = \$15.00/hour

For more information, please contact the Church Office at 913-294-2400 or email tracey@paolalighthouse.com.



Congratulations to Paul & Sara Sundquist, Elijah & William on the birth of a son and brother, Oliver Alan, born September 26th. Proud grandparents are Mike & Patty Yocam.



NewsLetter DEADLine

The next Beacon newsletter will be published on Thursday, Oct. 21, 2021

Deadline for all articles will be Friday, Oct. 15th.

Thank you in advance for your help.

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



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



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

Paola Lighthouse Website is Under Construction

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.

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, hang 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!

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.

Contact Tricia Sinclair at sinclairs2014@gmail.com or at 913.908.3969.



Grace what a gift!

Grace strikes us when we are in great pain and restlessness. It strikes us when we walk through the dark valley of a meaningless and empty life. It strikes us when our disgust for our own being, our indifference, our weakness, our hostility, and our lack of direction and composure have become intolerable to us. It strikes us when, year after year, the longed-for perfection of life does not appear, when the old compulsions reign within us as they have for decades, when despair destroys all joy and courage.

Sometimes at that moment a wave of light breaks into our darkness, and it is as though a voice were saying: "You are accepted."

-Paul Tillich



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!!

Thanksgiving Dinner is back!!!

Lighthouse Church Deacons will have their Thanksgiving Dinner following worship on
Sunday, November 14th.

More information will be coming in the next Beacon.



MEN, from age 18 to 180....

Come and join us for some serious **Soul Work**. Experience a weekend like you've never experienced before. It's not sitting around, listening to keynote speakers. It's intensive soul work between you and God. Marked Men for Christ builds stronger men for Jesus through ongoing transformational experiences and authentic relationships.

To register, go to: www.markedmenforchrist.org and you will see the "Sign Up" button. When you hit that button, scroll down the events page to USA - Heartland Region and you will see the event at Heartland Presbyterian Retreat Center. The register button is on the right side of the page.

The registration fee is a suggested donation, or whatever a man can afford, no questions asked. We never make payment a requirement for what God wants to do in a man's life.

The event runs
Friday, December 3rd, 5:00pm
through
Sunday, December 5th, 1:00 pm

If you have questions, call Jim Gillespie at: (913) 638-2016



SEND GOOD NEWS AND GREAT JOY

PACK A SHOEBOX

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Help Wanted: Dreamers

I was at a local grocery store on a Saturday afternoon at 5 p.m. I was making myself a salad at the salad bar. I wanted grated cheese but the cheese container was empty, and no one was working behind the counter. I also wanted a couple of chicken tenders. There were four people in line, and only one gentleman working. As I was leaving the store, I noticed that practically all the carts were outside in the cart return. Where was the help?

This is not a criticism of the grocery store. Extra help is hard to find right now. I often wish I could get back out there and “help.” My days to be in the work force are past. I look in the mirror and am surprised to see a woman who is suddenly old and no longer able to fill most of those help wanted positions.

Operation Christmas Child time is fast approaching, and, fortunately, there is a place to help no matter my age. The program goal this year is 9.7 million boxes. That sounds like an unreachable number, but teamwork makes the dream work. If you can fill an entire box, pick a category and fill an entire box. If you “accidentally” buy too much stuff and want to help fill more boxes at the church, there will be a box to accept donations of those items. Our dream at Lighthouse is to fill more boxes than we did last year. Can you help make the dream work?

--Jane Hines, OCC committee

Dollar Day Collection

On Sunday, Sept. 26th, the Generosity Team did 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.



The generosity of Lighthouse Church is amazing! We raised \$1,458.00. Wow, that will not only help fill shoe boxes, but it will also pay shipping for shoeboxes as well.

There's still time and ways to get involved:

- ◆ Pick up a shoebox from the display located on the south side of the sanctuary. Have fun filling it for a child whose life may be forever changed.
- ◆ You can still donate items for the shoeboxes by placing them in the collection box located by the shoeboxes.
- ◆ You can build a shoebox online (more information coming in the next Beacon). These shoeboxes will be sent to unreached areas.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Tracey Hecker at 913-294-2400 or email at tracey@paolalighthouse.com.

**NATIONAL
COLLECTION
WEEK
NOV.
15-22**

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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.*



Wednesday,
October 13, 2021
NO KINGDOM KIDS
(Paola Parent/Teacher Conferences)

Wednesday, October 20, 2021
Kingdom Kids (5:30-7:15pm)

Wednesday, October 27, 2021
Kingdom Kids (5:30-7:15pm)

Coming up in CHILDREN'S CHURCH!



Preschool children will **SAY CHEESE** as they learn about Moses and the Exodus from Egypt.

October 10 ... Moses and the Fiery Bush

Big Idea: God will always help me.

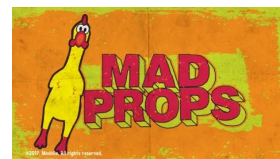
October 17 ... Moses vs. The Big, Bad Pharaoh

Big Idea: God is so, so powerful.

October 24 ... Crossing the Red Sea

Big Idea: God is so, so powerful

Elementary children will play with some **MAD PROPS** as they learn about Moses and the Exodus from Egypt.



October 10 ... Moses: the Burning Bush

Big Idea: God is always with me, so I can have the courage to do what he asks.

October 17 ... Moses: The Plagues

Big Idea: God is all-powerful, so I can go to him for help.

October 24 ... Moses: Passover

Big Idea: God is our rescuer, so I can choose to follow him.

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
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
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LIGHTHOUSE CHURCH

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**For the month of
October 2021**

Miscellaneous Issues

Dale Achey (Greta Achey)
Candi Ahlbrandt (Joel Ahlbrandt)
Joel Ahlbrandt
Maxine Barber (Georgiea Slyter)
Susan Blain
Dorothy Boyd
 (Ron & Tammy Dowd)
Leon Briley
Pam Bryant
Charles Cooper (Cindy Walters)
Millie Sue Cox (Linda Gibson)
Kenneth, Matthew & Sarah
Cummings (Rosemary Cummings)
Kristen Cummings
Rosemary Cummings
Jean Driskell (Theresa Morrison)
Billie Fretz
Jan Gillespie
Joe Gillespie
Zoe Harrington (Cummings)
Veronica Helden (Rebecca Sutton)
David Hime
Scott Hines
Paula Cooper Inman
 (Cindy Walters)
Gary Keller (Kirk Johnston)
Bev Knapp
Tim Knoche (Rebecca Sutton)
Rene Korsten (Janet Offutt)
Joyce Mahaffie (Amy Herron)
Jeremy Martin
 (Doug & Linda Martin)

Betty Matney (Evelyn Cowden)
Karen Miller
Valerie Morris (Karen Blanck)
Theresa Morrison
Adam Murphy
 (Bob & Jenny Paulsen)
Janet Offutt
Rev. Kermit Opprieht
 (Mike Gibson)
Leta O'Roark (Joe & Jan Gillespie)
Dick Reynolds (Shonda Dyer)
Verna Rhodes (Robin Motta)
Joel Riggs (Theresa Morrison)
Scott Riggs (Theresa Morrison)
Terry Robinson
Paul & Sara Sundquist & Family
Palmer Swafford (Tracey Hecker)
TJ Thomas
Mary Ann Thornton
Gary Tostenson (Debbie Ebeling)
Marlene Voigts
Richard & Reta Wadley
 (Amy Herron)
Gail Walter
Betty Weabe (Kay Ufford)
Nadine Zemp (Marilyn Roberts)

Military

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

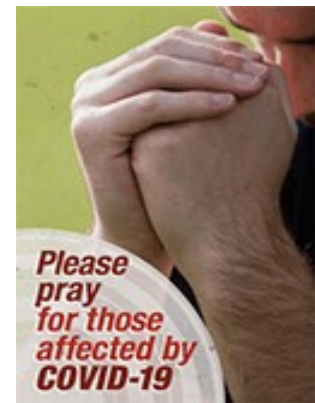
Cancer

John Ahlbrandt (Joel Ahlbrandt)
Lon Boyd
John Brill (Terry Robinson)
Jim Brisendine (Bob Dameron)
Tommy Gillen (Terry Gillen)
Delores Herrs (Denise Reynolds)
Megan Knoche (Rebecca Sutton)
Chuck & Linda Lane
 (Bob Kirkpatrick)
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.)



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