

# 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**



## **Lighthouse Christmas Sunday, December 12th 6:00pm**

You and your family are invited to our **“Lighthouse Christmas”** - an all ages, musical celebration of Christ’s Birth. **This will be held on Sunday, December 12th at 6:00pm at the Lighthouse Church.**

**Everyone is invited.** This is a great event to share the Joy of Christmas by bringing a friend or neighbor to Lighthouse Church to hear the glorious music of the season both old and new. Led by our worship band and praise team, our pre-school and elementary children will sing, as well as special guests. There will also be plenty of chances to sing along.

Again, all are welcome. Please bring a guest. A full nursery will be provided.

Light refreshments will follow.

### **Love baking cookies?**



We are in need of some delicious cookies to serve as our refreshments. If you can donate 1-2 dozen cookies for this wonderful occasion, please sign up at the Welcome Table on Sunday morning or call the Church Office at 294-2400.





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

- **Rob Baughman**  
(Joe & Merilee Baughman's son)
- **Maria Domnanish**  
(John Rhea)
- **Harlen Fletcher**  
(Erin Capettini)
- **Cindy Hines**  
(Jane & Scott Hines)
- **Kristina Diane Roth**  
(Carol Knoche)
- **Chuck Smith**  
(Shonda Dyer)

### 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/connect](http://www.paolalighthouse.com/connect)

## Newsletter DEADLINE

The next Beacon newsletter will be published on Thursday, Dec. 16, 2021

Deadline for all articles will be Friday, Dec. 10th.

Thank you in advance for your help.



## 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.*



## OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Thank you all for your wonderful shoebox donations. This year our boxes will be shipped to Mexico. Our church brought in 137 shoeboxes (123 were packed from donations). We had 32 shoeboxes built online and best of all, we shipped out 12,299 shoeboxes to the processing center from the 12 drop-off locations that filled the trucks on Monday, Nov. 22nd. Thank you to those who helped load these trucks.

# Christmas Eve Service

Friday,

December 24th

4:00pm & 6:00pm





Thank you Lighthouse Church! We had 235 reservations, 142 of those were delivered to 52 homes, with a total of 300 being served with walk-ins and volunteers.

Thank you for your prayers, your donations and your time.

Troy & Kim Bruza

# amazon smile

## You shop. Amazon gives.

Did you know that if you shop on Amazon, you can help support Lighthouse Church?

AmazonSmile is a simple and automatic way for you to support your favorite charitable organization every time you shop, at no cost to you. When you shop at [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com), you'll find the exact same low prices, vast selection and convenient shopping experience as Amazon.com, with the added bonus that Amazon will donate a portion of the purchase price to your favorite charitable organization. You can choose Lighthouse Presbyterian Church.

On your first visit to AmazonSmile [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com), you need to select a charitable organization (preferably Lighthouse Presbyterian Church) to receive donations from eligible purchases before you begin shopping. Amazon will remember your selection, and then every eligible purchase you make at [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com) will result in a donation. AmazonSmile will occasionally contact you about donation amounts disbursed to your chosen charity or about the program.

## PACA Bell Ringing



Please participate in sharing with others in our community with the annual ringing of the bell at Wal-Mart. Our church will have two dates this year to ring in the blessings for the holiday season and assist with Salvation Army's work in Miami County.

Saturday, December 18th	West Door
	10:00am-6:00pm

Thursday, December 23rd	East Door
	10:00am-6:00pm

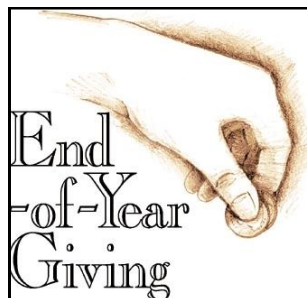
You may sign up (in one hour time slots) at the Welcome Table on Sunday mornings or call the church office at 294.2400.

***Monies collected in Paola, Osawatomie & Louisburg will be used to help residents in Miami County for 2022.***



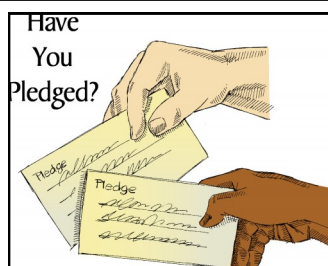
**EVERGREEN**—These trees, which keep their green leaves year-round, are symbolic of Christmas, eternal life and God's everlasting love. In the Bible, evergreen trees are called the "cedars of Lebanon," suggesting growth (Psalm 92:12), height (Amos 2:9), fragrance (Hosea 14:6) and steadfast faith.

## Important Reminder:



Your faithful completion of pledges and your **End of the year giving** is one of the chief ways Lighthouse Church meets its ministry commitments for the year. We normally run at a deficit all year until December and this year is no different. **We are currently about \$60,000 behind where we planned to be.**

Would you prayerfully consider and remember Lighthouse Church and its work in Christ's name as you come to the end of 2021? Thank you.



## 2022 Pledge Update

	Operational
# of Pledges Rec'd	67
Amount Budgeted	\$658,589
Pledged Amt Rec'd	\$444,460
<b>Difference</b>	<b>\$214,129</b>

For those of you who have turned in your pledge for 2022, we thank you for helping us plan for next year's budget.

If you have not yet turned in a pledge card, we would appreciate it if you could prayerfully consider doing so as soon as you are able.



# 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.*



**Friday & Saturday,  
December 3 & 4, 2021**  
Drive-thru Living Nativity  
(5:30-8:00pm)

**Sunday, December 12, 2021**  
Lighthouse Christmas Program (6:00pm)

**Friday, December 24, 2021**  
Christmas Eve Worship Services (4pm and 6pm)

## coming up in CHILDREN'S CHURCH!



In **JINGLE JAMBOREE**, preschoolers will open surprise gifts (and musical ones, too!) to learn the story of God's greatest gift to the world, His Son Jesus!



We've all shaken a gift before to try and figure out what it is. In our Elementary Christmas series, **SHAKE IT UP**, kids will shake gifts to guess what's inside. Each gift will help tell the story of the God's gift that shook the world, His Son Jesus!

**LIGHTHOUSE CHRISTMAS PROGRAM** will be **Sunday, December 12, 2021 at 6:00pm.**

Preschool through elementary age children will have the opportunity to sing and/or read during the program. Songs will be practiced during Children's Church on Sundays.

Children who want to read an assigned Bible verse during the service can sign up during Children's Church or parents can contact Josh at [josh@paolalighthouse.com](mailto:josh@paolalighthouse.com).

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:**

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  
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 December 2021

### Miscellaneous Issues

**Dale Achey** (Greta Achey)  
**Carol Barnett** (Kirk Johnston)  
**Susan Bayles**  
**Dorothy Boyd**  
**Sonya Brightwell & Mission Team**  
**Dixie Brummel** (Roberta Briley)  
**Pam Bryant**  
**Carl & Mary Buchman**  
 (Carol Knoche)  
**Lynn Caster** (Rebecca Sutton)  
**Charles Cooper** (Cindy Walters)  
**Evelyn Cowden**  
**Millie Sue Cox** (Linda Gibson)  
**Kristen Cummings**  
**Sarah Cummings**  
 (Rosemary Cummings)  
**Rosemary Cummings**  
**Jean Driskell** (Theresa Morrison)  
**Jan Gillespie**  
**Joe Gillespie**  
**Zoe Harrington** (Cummings)  
**Amy Herron**  
**David Hime**  
**Scott Hines**  
**Paula Cooper Inman**  
 (Cindy Walters)  
**Jesse Johnson Family**  
 (Terry Robinson)  
**Gary Keller** (Kirk Johnston)  
**Bev Knapp**  
**Tim Knoche** (Rebecca Sutton)  
**Rene Korsten** (Janet Offutt)

**Gina Mangels** (Rebecca Sutton)  
**Betty Matney** (Evelyn Cowden)  
**Jim McCauley** (Samantha Green)  
**Karen Miller**  
**JoAnn Moss** (Rebecca Sutton)  
**Jayde Moss** (Rebecca Sutton)  
**Adam Murphy**

(Bob & Jenny Paulsen)

**Janet Offutt**

**Anita Ohland** (Terry Robinson)

**Rev. Kermit Oppriecht**

(Mike Gibson)

**Verna Rhodes** (Robin Motta)

**Fran Riggs** (Theresa Morrison)

**Joel Riggs** (Theresa Morrison)

**Scott Riggs** (Theresa Morrison)

**Terry Robinson**

**Elijah, Katie Short & Arianna**

(Kirk Johnston)

**Palmer Swafford** (Tracey Hecker)

**Lucas Terflinger**

(Dustin & Jennie Terflinger)

**Yolanda Terry** (Alicia Spencer)

**Mary Ann Thornton**

**Gary Tostenson** (Debbie Ebeling)

**Marlene Voigts**

**Reta Wadley**

(Amy Herron)

**Izzy Wollslager**

(Merilee Baughman)

### Military

**Joshua Ales** (Theresa Morrison)

**Christina Behnke**

**Tony Newman** (Bob Paulsen)

**Nick Spencer** (Alicia Spencer)

### Cancer

**John Ahlbrandt** (Joel Ahlbrandt)

**Lon Boyd**

**Carolyn Bulcock** (Tauna Connell)

**Tommy Gillen** (Terry Gillen)

**Ashlee Guthrie** (Roberta Briley)  
**Delores Herrs** (Denise Reynolds)  
**Megan Knoche** (Rebecca Sutton)  
**Steve Minor** (Cindy Walters)  
**Jana Morris** (Rebecca Sutton)  
**Jim Moscript** (Leon Briley)  
**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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1402 E 303rd St.  
 Paola, KS 66071

### Office Phone:

294-2400

### Website:

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Josh Simons,

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Rebecca Sutton, Member &

Community Care:

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