

A THREE-PART SPOTLIGHT ON



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We are one of the five founding churches that began the ecumenical youth ministry program in Port Washington/Saukville known as "Lighthouse". Our church partners with Grand Avenue United Methodist Church, Christ the King Lutheran Church, Living Hope Lutheran Church, and Parkside Community United Church of Christ. Lighthouse's Youth Director, Christin Flucke, welcomes all middle school and high school youth to join the group for their event this month.

LIGHTHOUSE AND FAMILY PROMISE CHRISTMAS PARTY

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Wednesday evening, December 14 from 5:30-7:45

Help spread some Christmas cheer to some kids in our community as we partner with Family Promise of Ozaukee County for a fun, family Christmas party! We'll be helping to lead crafts and other activities for the kids at the party. If you'd like to help, please come to Parkside Community United Church of Christ (166 W. Dekora St. in Saukville) at 5:30 on December 14.

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OUR GOAL: RAISING \$2,500 FOR LIGHTHOUSE YOUTH MINISTRY

Each year, for the past four years, we have contributed \$2,500 towards the ongoing ministry expenses of Lighthouse from our church budget and then sought additional funds from church members who care deeply about this youth programming effort.

We will again be turning to our members and friends with hope that everyone recognizes the potential for this ministry in Port Washington. Beginning on December 4, there will be a Lighthouse display with giving tags of different dollar amounts (\$25, \$100, \$250) in the narthex outside the sanctuary. You are invited to take one (or two!) of the tags and contribute that amount to Lighthouse's ministry by putting it in the offering plate or dropping it off in the church office. If it is easier, you may also donate to Lighthouse through the **church's PayPal account** - just be sure to note that "Lighthouse" is where your gift is to be directed. Thank you!

If you have questions about Lighthouse's ministry, please talk to Pastor Scott, who serves on the Pastoral Advisory Committee. And, by the way, we are still looking for a volunteer to help represent the church on the Lighthouse Board of Directors. If you want to support youth ministry in our community, volunteering on the Board would be a great way to help!

A sample tag:

First Congregational Church
2022 Church Fundraiser to Support Our Partnership
with Lighthouse Youth Ministry

\$25 \$100 \$250

Name(s): _____

Check Enclosed Payable to FCC FCC PayPal "Add a Note" Indicating donation is for Lighthouse

(Please place your gift in the offering plate or submit to church by December 25)

3 YEAR-END LETTER FROM LIGHTHOUSE YOUTH DIRECTOR, CHRISTIN FLUCKE

Dear First Congregational Church,

In this season full of reminders to give thanks and celebrate all that 2022 has brought us, I wanted to take a moment and say THANK YOU on behalf of all members of the Lighthouse board as well as all of the students we were able to serve this year!

- *Thank you for your prayers and your financial support!*
- *Thank you for encouraging the middle and high school youth in your families and congregations to participate in Lighthouse programming (and know that we ALWAYS welcome new faces)!*
- *Thank you for your warm welcome as I stepped into my role as Lighthouse's new Director!*

Our vision for Lighthouse Youth Ministry is to be a safe and affirming community where all youth are:

- ***WELCOMED** regardless of religious affiliation or beliefs,
- ***EMPOWERED** to explore questions of faith and life, and
- ***EQUIPPED** to serve their community and the world.



We've been able to accomplish these goals this year in new and exciting ways as we have resumed regular youth programming, meeting roughly twice a month for a variety of fellowship and service activities. We have been getting anywhere from 7-15 students participating in these activities this fall. Participants have enjoyed getting to know one another through events such as a bonfire and a trip to Spieker's Pumpkin Farm. They've also had fun serving their neighbors by packing sack lunches for Milwaukee Rescue Mission, holding a "Trick-or-Treat So Others Can Eat" food drive for the Saukville Food Pantry, and serving dinner at two different meal sites in Milwaukee.

Later this month, on Wednesday, December 14, we will be helping to host a Christmas party for children brought supported by Family Promise, and we look forward to partnering with them again in the spring to put together Easter baskets. Other things on the horizon for 2023 include a skiing/tubing outing, a youth conference in Wisconsin Dells, and a multi-day mission trip this summer (stay tuned for more info on these events coming soon!)

Lighthouse, like all of us, has been on quite a journey over the last few years. It has not always been easy, but as we look back at 2022, we are thankful for the many hands and hearts that have shaped this ministry and are very excited about where God will lead us in the year(s) to come!

If you would like to learn more about Lighthouse, get involved, or offer additional support, please do not hesitate to contact me or any members of the Lighthouse board. Thank you, and may God continue to bless our work together as we serve God's beloved children!

Christin Flucke - Lighthouse Youth Director