



LIGHTHOUSE: A Community of Friends

Frequently Asked Questions

When will program begin?

Monday, September 28

Is there a cost? What if I can't afford to pay?

\$40 each week. Scholarships will be available for those who are unable to pay.

Does my loved one have to go every week?

We encourage coming every week to get the most out of the program and build stronger relationships. However, if a person has to miss every so often, of course that is fine.

Will I pay as I go or every month?

The cost is \$40 per week, and you will pay by semester. The first semester will be from September through December,

Am I guaranteed a spot if I sign up?

No. Initially we will only take about 10 participants so we have time to get the volunteers and program to a stable state. Our goal is to have 20 participants maximum to be most effective.

If I am put on a wait list how long till I get in?

As we are just starting up the program, we don't know how strong interest will be or how long will be the waitlist.

How are you deciding who gets in and who doesn't?

Our leadership team will meet with applicants and determine based on qualifications and availability.

What are the specific qualifications to get into the program?

Those with dementia, Alzheimer's or similar conditions that can: eat without assistance, handle his/her own bathroom needs, ambulate on their own (walkers, canes and wheelchairs are acceptable), interact and engage in a group setting with prompting and encouragement).

What will exclude me from the program?

If you don't meet the eligibility requirements.

Do I have to be a PoP parishioner?

PoP parishioners will be given priority.

If I am currently in another respite program, do I have to drop out to come to Lighthouse?

Absolutely not. Such programs are critical and so needed throughout our communities.

Will you have a support group for caregivers?

Yes. We are planning a monthly support group for caregivers beginning in the later part of this year. In addition, in the summer (June to August) we will have a weekly caregiver meeting on Thursday mornings. It will be offered but it is not mandatory.

Can caregivers come to the program if the "friend" doesn't want to go alone?

If a caregiver and their loved one feel they need to remain together initially, the caregiver is welcome. However, the goal of Lighthouse is to give caregivers time to rest and recharge for a few hours and, likewise, a time for our friends in the program to connect with others.

As a parishioner not directly involved in the program, how can I help? Can I donate money?

Monetary donations are appreciated as we will offer scholarships to those who can't afford to pay. Also, there are supplies needed for the program itself, such as arts/crafts, etc. There is a link on the Prince of Peace website under Lighthouse where donations can easily be made. Of course, we will also accept checks made out to Prince of Peace, but please put LIGHTHOUSE on the memo line so it goes to our program.

What does it entail to be a volunteer? Do I have to come every Monday or can I come once or twice a month?

Thank you for considering being a volunteer. We will need many volunteers for this program to be successful, from those who interact directly with our participants, along with others who can help in program organization, room and lunch set up, arts and crafts and music, etc. Please use the QR code on our brochure or go to the Prince of Peace website or Church Center to find Lighthouse VOLUNTEERS. Volunteers can come each week or only once a month, depending on their availability.

When will I know if my loved one is accepted into the program? What is the deadline for applying?

The deadline for the application expressing your interest is May 15. You can fill out the form using either the QR code in our brochure, or through LIGHTHOUSE on our Prince of Peace website or Church Center. After your application is submitted, you will hear from a PoP representative by the end of June whether your loved one is accepted or put on a wait list.