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Pastor Jon Hathorn - Passions, Giftedness and Duties



Many people ask children what they want to be when they grow up. The most common

answer I heard as a child was a fireman or a policeman from the boys and a nurse or a teacher from the girls. Then in 4th grade, my teacher asked the class to write an essay about what they might want to do for work someday.

My best friend wrote his essay about being a civil engineer. I didn't even know what one was, but he was my best friend and so I wrote about the same thing. I was happy and my friend was happy - so I thought it was a good essay.

Careers are important choices, because they have the power to influence a certain level of happiness, contentment, frustration, financial power, and even joy. Why is that? Part of the answer is we often

find our identity more in what we do than in who we are. In the middle of a project, some can't seem to focus. They don't complete much work and generally get little done. There are others whose mode of operation is

procrastination. They have great difficulty in finishing the assignment. Procrastination will also prevent some from starting new endeavors. These thoughts are about what we do.

We all have a need to correctly think about "getting started" on something and "Improving something." One is about the beginning and initially doing something and the other is about focusing on a final product. All of this is true in our journey with Jesus Christ.

Here is the key thought; if you have not begun a relationship with Jesus - today is a great day to get started. 2 Corinthians 6:2 says, "...I tell you, now is the time of God's favor, now is the day of salvation."

Today is a great day to start your relationship with Jesus Christ. Pray to Him and admit your struggle with sin, and as Romans 10:9 says, "If you confess with your mouth, 'Jesus is Lord,' and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved." What people do in their jobs is important, but the reality of being saved is eternal and we want to encourage people to confess and believe as this verse says. One of the things that I love about being here at Lincoln is the freedom we have to share this good news. It is my prayer that our presence in life, the choices we make, and the words we use will encourage people to see our peace and cause them to consider Jesus and eventually "confess with their mouth" and "believe in their heart." Let's continue praying for those who don't yet know the Lord.

Jon

Important to Note:

- Office Closures

Fall Kickoff :

- Team Kids
- Youth Programs
- ⇒ Junior High
- ⇒ High School
- Adult Sunday School
- Adult Bible Studies

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August was a great month of serving our community. We had hundreds of people out to our National Night Out event on Tuesday August 6th. Community

service organizations, first responders, and the bulk of the population there that night- our neighbors. It is great to be a part of a church living out Jesus' call to love our neighbors.

We had a great time at Food For You in August distributing a bunch of commodities to our local neighborhood- dish soap, laundry soap, girl scout cookies, backpacks full of school supplies, diapers, and essential food items. We serve

hundreds of family members each month. It is such a blessing to be a part of this.

Also in August, we packed up 80 gift bags in partnership with Intervarsity to distribute to local Delta and UOP students to help them feel encouraged at the start of their semester. God is using LPC to be a tangible expression of His love in many ways.

We had a great New Testament Seminar in August as we had Dr. David Nystrom of Western Seminary join us for a weekend. He shared insightful nuggets of wisdom and inspiration regarding the New Testament and overall, it was an inspiration to read God's word more. I want to encourage you to join one

of our Sunday School Classes starting up in September. These groups will foster growth in Christ and connection with others in the family of faith. (Check out the descriptions below)

One highlight coming up in October is our annual Trunk or Treat event. This will take place from 4-6PM on Sunday October 27th. I encourage you to see this as an opportunity to love our neighborhood. You will see people on our church campus who are not normally at church on Sundays. Please pray for this event and come out with the intention of having a good conversation with someone or of sharing the love of God in some simple way.



Director of Student Ministries - Josh Imboden



This summer, our youth had an incredible experience at Hartland Christian Camp. We witnessed God at work as one student

accepted Jesus and others deepened their faith and committed to greater involvement in the church. A special thanks to Miranda, Janaye, Camron, and Dan for their leadership, which made a lasting impact on our students. Please keep praying for our youth, that the fire ignited in their hearts continues to grow.

We also hosted our annual Nerf Wars in the Activity Center with 26 students. Themed lighting, glow sticks, and barricades set the stage for an epic night. Beyond the fun, we challenged students to stand firm in their faith. Many brought friends, making it a memorable evening.

Looking ahead, we're excited about what God is doing in our ministry! We've planned incredible events that combine fun with spiritual growth and fellowship. Middle schoolers can expect unforgettable scavenger hunts



and glow-in-the-dark fun, while high schoolers will dive deeper into faith and identity through special gatherings and retreats. These experiences will leave a lasting impact on our walk with Christ and our community. I can't wait to see how God moves through each of you!

In Christ



Children's & Family Ministries - Raquel Perez



My name is Raquel Perez and I am honored to be your new Director of Children's & Family Ministries. I would like to take this

opportunity to share a little bit about myself. I was born and raised in Stockton. I have been married to Joel for 15 years and we have four wonderful children together ranging from 4 years to 16 years of age. I homeschool all four of my children, so our home is always full of activity. In my spare time I enjoy reading, spending time with my family, and visiting local thrift stores.

I LOVE to serve and have had the privilege of serving in Children's Ministry for over 9 years. From teaching Sunday school to developing children's curriculum, God has

opened doors I never imagined would be opened. I am passionate about children and families, because God is passionate about children and families. I know how important it is for families to have a firm foundation in Christ.

My desire is to build Christ centered programs that are rooted in God's Word and provide opportunities for families to have fun, make memories, and grow in their relationship with God and each other.

It was an eventful August. We hosted National Night Out on our LPC campus and there was great turnout. LPC KidMin had a table with coloring pages for kids. We printed off 100 coloring sheets and only had four left by the end of the night!

Our Kidmin volunteers attended a Volunteer Training that we co-hosted with our LPC Youth Ministry. It was a wonderful time! Agape was full of incredible people with a heart and willingness to serve the kids and families of our church. Thank you to everyone who was able to attend.

Team Kid kicked off on Wednesday, August 28th. It was such a pleasure meeting all the families who came out to our Ice Cream Social. I look forward to great year of Team Kid.



Children's & Family Ministries - Raquel Perez - continued

For more information about programs and events for kids and families visit lincolnpres.org/kids. Feel free to contact me at raquel@lincolnpres.org with questions or just to say "hi". I look forward to getting to know you all. God bless.



DETAILS FROM THE 2024 NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Greetings from the LPC Nominating Committee of 2024! We have begun our work to select candidates for the positions of Deacons and Elders for the class of 2026 and 2027 respectively. We invite your input in the process by submitting names for the Nominating Committee to consider. Please pray for a fellow church member(s) to come to mind that you observe has a heart for service and loves to bring people closer to faith in Jesus Christ.

Elders, together with the pastors, lead and direct the ministry of the church. They are persons of faith, dedication and good judgment. Elders serve on Session, the governing body of the church. They also

chair various church teams through which all ministries are conducted. Twelve Elders are ordained to serve a three-year term.

Deacons, as set forth in scripture, are leaders who serve as the caring, compassionate arm of the church, providing loving support to all those in need within the church community. The primary area of service is the care of members. Ten to eighteen Deacons are ordained to serve a two-year term.

You will find nomination forms in the narthex at the information booth. Forms may be given to the church office (sealed in envelope) or to one of the Nominating Committee

members as listed on the bottom of the form, or emailed to Duffy Ruffin at duffygr@comcast.net. These forms need to be returned to the Committee by September 15, 2024. You may put it in the offering boxes, mail or drop it by the church office in sealed envelope.

The Nominating Committee thanks you for your prayerful contribution of a candidate, and the church as a whole is the beneficiary of your aid. You are welcome to pose questions to the Nominating Committee: Duffy Ruffin, Casey Journagan, Bill Conley, Merrilee Chapman, Denise Miller, Cameron Pannabecker and Camron Rezania.

Treasurer's Report - Carol Bedell - June 2024 - July 2024

Op. Fund:	<u>June</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>	<u>% of Annual Budget</u>
Income	\$91,219	\$477,365	53%
Expense	<u>\$60,576</u>	<u>\$414,045</u>	46%
Net	\$30,643	\$63,320	

At the end of June we are 50% into the year and have received 53% of the projected income for the year and expended 46% of projected expenses for 2024. This leaves a positive balance of \$63,320. We also have \$35,281 in the Future Capital Projects Fund and \$40,000 in the Major Maintenance Fund. In addition we have received contributions for the Children's playground and will be able to fund the total project including artificial turf rather than grass. God is good!

June/July Financial Report



Special Events

Op. Fund:	<u>July</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>	<u>% of Annual Budget</u>
Income	\$77,629	\$555,017	61%
Expense	<u>\$65,879</u>	<u>\$481,473</u>	53%
Net	\$11,750	\$73,544	

We ended July in the positive with \$73,544 and are at 61% of projected income for the year after 58% of the year. We have \$40,033 in the Future Capital Projects Fund. We are right on target. Thank you for your continued support of LPC.

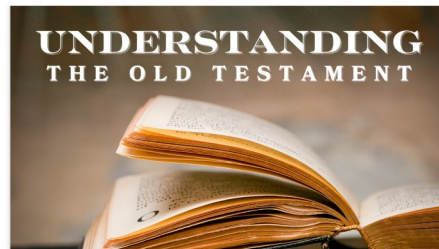
Special Events



Facilitators - Tyler and Teri Solt | Sundays 9:30AM Fireside Room



Facilitator- Lise Bachman-Karnes | Sundays 9:30AM Room A4



Facilitators - Bob and Justin Linscheid | Sundays 9:30AM Agape Hall



Facilitator- Patrice Verhines | Sundays 9:30AM Room A2





Dinners for Eight provides a relaxing environment in which to get to know other members and visitors of Lincoln Presbyterian Church. We encourage you to take this opportunity to use this program as

an outreach to invite others to join your group. The more the merrier! Your group may decide to meet for breakfast, lunch, dinner, or just dessert. You can plan a potluck meal in a private home, meet in a restaurant, a backyard Bar-B-Que, picnic in a park, have a pizza night, or maybe stage an ice cream fest. Dinners For Eight is casual, relaxed,

flexible, and fun. If you enjoy good food and friendly conversation, then this is a perfect opportunity for you to make new friends.

New groups now forming. Sign up forms are available in the Narthex. Should you have any questions, please call:

Wethera Duncan (471-1405)

Deacon Message

"First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people."

I Timothy 2:1

Paul's letter to Timothy says that he should pray for the people he encounters in his work for Jesus Christ before anything else. The Deacons of LPC have an important job, to pray for their cluster members. It is well known that the

Deacons do a lot of ministry work to show love and care for our congregation, including Deacon Dinners, setting up for communion service, providing camperships and scholarships, providing memorial receptions and many other valuable services. The first priority for the Deacons, however, is to pray for their cluster members.

If you have a need for prayer for anything challenging your life, or if you want to share a

praise, reach out to your Deacon. All prayer requests are held in confidence by your Deacon unless you want your prayer to be shared with other Deacons in order to achieve a stronger voice to the Lord.

If you do not currently have a Deacon and would like to be assigned to one, you are welcome to contact the office

office@lincolnpres.org



Flowers

If you have signed up for flowers, you will need to call the florist on Monday to place your order using a debit or credit card, or you may go to the florist to pay by cash or check. Arrangements are \$55.



Charter Way Florist
5620 N. Pershing Ave
956-9087

September Flowers

- 1 Jesse Morones & Debra Shull
- 8 Joyce Korock
- 15 Charito Lopez
- 22 Betty Crecelius
- 29 Lise Karnes

October Flowers

- 6 Jesse Morones & Debra Shull

LINCOLN IS CALLING FOR A FEW GOOD MEN

Our Parking Lot Security crew is looking for a few good men to work one and a half hours, once a month. You will be a visual presence in the parking lot during one of our two Church services. We do not want you to contact anyone but to be a good witness and call 911 if you observed suspicious activity. We are in desperate need of volunteers to fill several vacancies during each month. If you can help us, please contact Mark Gantt our Parking Lot Security Coordinator at 209-665-7600 (Home) or 209-915-9775 (cell).

September/October

Sundays:

Sunday Worship - 8:15am & 10:45am
Live-stream service on YouTube @ 8:15am
High School @ 6pm

Mondays:

Hula for Health @ 5:30pm

Tuesdays:

Women's Bible Study @ 9:30am resumes September 24
Quilting @ 12pm
Young Adults @ 6pm
Men's Basketball @ 6:30pm

Wednesdays:

Retired Guys Study @ 9:30am
Kids & Jr High @ 6-7:15pm
Women's Group @ 6-7:15pm
Men's group @ 6-7:15pm
Adult Bible Study @ 6-7:15pm

Thursdays:

Pickleball @ 6-8:30pm
Men's Bible Study @ 6:30pm

Dates to Remember:

September 2 Office Closed
September 8 Sunday School Starts
September 19 Food For You
September 21 Middle School - The Great Seek & Snap

October 5 Men's Breakfast
October 19 High School - For Better Or Worse
(Mystery Night)
October 27 Trunk Or Treat

Save the Date:

Nov 22nd - Thanksgiving Meal Food Give Away
Nov 24th - A Thankful Morning of Prayer and Praise
Dec 14th - Light Show Parking Lot Festival
Dec 15th - Lack Family Concert
Dec 15-22 - Drive In Light Show evenings
Dec 24th - Christmas Eve Services

Scan here to subscribe to any of our emails:



Sept Birthdays

1 Rebecca Severin	19 Debbie Brooks	27 Merrilee Chapman
5 Drew Meyers	Kip Mellor	Hanna Fetter
6 Lisa Richers	20 Jan Mueller	28 Donald Cottman
9 Jenna White	Jim Best	Judy Borth
12 Justin Linscheid	22 Teri BetGeorge	29 Ron Ehrlich
Eric Verheyden	24 Barbara Zumwalt	30 Barbara Bennett
15 Dan Cliburn	26 Sandy Harmon	
16 Norma Yamaguchi	Shirley Weeks	



October Birthdays

2 Brian Colyer	12 Marty Lamie	23 Hunter Chambers
5 Christine Frey	Charlene Nelson	Nathan Maloy
5 Gary Kudla	14 Rhonda Messerer-	25 Karen Morelli
Jim Nguyen	Jacobson	26 Lynda Farrar
8 Angie Marulo	15 Christina Johnson	27 Cindy Abresey
9 Shirley Dvorak	18 Nancy Kaneko	30 Suzanne Sage
Zach Graham	Andrea Shakespeare	31 Judy Flaig
11 Ron Borth	19 Molly Foster	Joan Mellor



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Friday 8:30am-Noon

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October 15**

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Lincoln's Mission:

*To know and love God, to know and love people,
and bring the two together through Jesus Christ.*

Sunday Sermons

Sept. 1 Esther Chapter 2

Sept. 8 Esther Chapter 3

Sept. 15 Esther Chapter 4

Sept. 22 Esther Chapter 5

Sept. 29 Esther Chapter 6

October 6 Esther Chapter 7

October 13 Esther Chapter 8

October 20 Esther Chapter 9

