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Reaching Out In The Philippines

It really was the contents of a suitcase that put a smile on the faces of the Hope Rescue Team in the Philippines. It wasn't candy and it wasn't even corn tortillas or pop tarts that did it. It was a gift of eight laptop computers - and the dream of being able to further develop one of the practical and profound outreaches in the remote areas where they minister.

Our church experienced a highly relational visit to the Philippines, visiting Edwin and Amy Samson and their children Josiah and Amalie. It was watching the story of a wonderful team of fourteen believers called *Hope Rescue*. Both watching and working alongside them in their efforts to bring hope to areas all around Manilla as well as making an impact in Nepal, Myanmar, Thailand, and Vietnam. These people are our partners in the gospel and have the same Global Focus we share. Every age, culture, and language needs to hear the message of God's grace and provision.

What a special opportunity to encourage who they are and what they do - to pray with them, to hear their stories of discipleship, mentoring, hard work, and going to meet practical needs so that the gospel can be and will be shared. The greatest gift they said they received was our time, love for them, simply empowering and encouraging a continual and expanding work.

As the week came to a close, Edwin and Amy both shared many things they felt we did

that opened doors. All because some foreigners came to teach, care, be present, and pray.

The point is who Jesus is and what Jesus has done, and that point needs to be written on the hearts of all men and women, boys and girls. As a church, we want to never give up on ministering to others, in our church, in our community, in our nation, and all around the world.

The Samsons are one of several missionaries that we at Lincoln support through giving, praying, encouraging. We have a personal vested interest in them and in their ministry. In short, we went, we loved, we saw, we heard, we cried at their faithfulness, and we cried when we left knowing our lives and the lives of Lincoln would never be the same as well.



Global Focus theme:

*"When we see the world
through God's eyes,
then we will fully mobilize."*

Jon Hathorn - Pastor / Head of Staff



I had two appointments with my dentist in the last 16 days. They were very different appointments and yet they were at the same location, parking in the same parking lot, and having the same receptionist, dental hygienist and dentist. One was what you would call a normal checkup, the kind of thing that takes place every six months. The other one was a correction and the filling of a cavity. Two very different appointments and yet both very important. The purpose of the dentist is to make sure that things in my mouth aren't out of control. Teeth being damaged, gums, rotting, tongue having sores, getting a sore throat.

Our life needs to have spiritual checkups and appointments as well. People who believe in God and trust in Jesus Christ, are not immune. Many people have a daily check up with God some people call it a check-in; some people call it devotions and other people call it a quiet time. It's a time of talking to God, a time of reading His word, a time of reminding ourselves of God's authority and goodness.

Another type of time with God is an appointment. It's when we ask someone else to look into our lives. Maybe it's being part of a small group or an online study group. It's allowing other people to remind you of the

goodness and truth of God, and also asking them to speak into your life about things that you're missing. It's a matter of trusting one another and allowing another to help you be the kind of person that God wants you to be.

I love my small group of men that I meet with each week just reminding one another of God's truth, reminding one another of important aspects of life, and challenging one another to live in a way that honors God.

But there's also those appointments that needed to take place in times of stronger correction; getting alone with God for extended times in a special way. Maybe it's a men's retreat or a woman's retreat. It's one of those extended times away from regular life that allows for some input to take place, where we are reminded several times in a short period of time about the goodness and grace of God.

I just want to encourage you to have a daily check up with God and be part of some sort of a group that helps you take a little bit deeper look into your life.



Justin Linscheid - Assistant Pastor



It was such a joy to baptize two men from our Tuesday night basketball ministry in recent weeks.

These moments are powerful, not just for those entering God's family through faith in

Christ, but for all of us witnessing His grace and presence at work. Every Tuesday, we welcome guys who are still exploring what they believe. And it is a reminder that opportunities to share God's love are everywhere, not just at basketball, but at Food For You, at pickleball, at a church event, the grocery store, where you work, with family members or neighbors. Let's keep praying for those who do not have their trust in Jesus. Ask God to soften hearts, reveal His love, and draw people to Himself.

"The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective" (James 5:16b)

Our summer Sunday school class, *Practicing the Way Course*, has been encouraging us to live more intentionally as disciples of Jesus, embracing practices that open our hearts to God's grace and help us grow. I also came across a study that gave me a fresh reminder of the power of God's Word. It is called Understanding the Bible Engagement Challenge (Center for Bible Engagement, 2009). Researchers surveyed 40,000 people, ages 8 to 80, and found something striking: reading the Bible four or more times a week had a significant impact on spiritual growth

and emotional well-being.

Here is what they discovered:

- 30 % less likely to feel lonely
- 32 % less likely to struggle with anger
- 60 % less likely to feel spiritually stuck
- 228 % more likely to share their faith

The results were clear. Reading the Bible once, twice, or even three times a week did not change much. But four or more times? That made all the difference. Apparently, consistency matters, like brushing your teeth or drinking water... only more eternal.

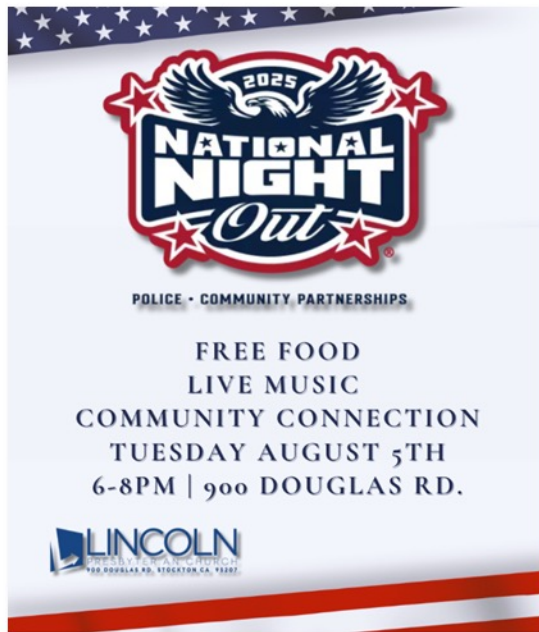
God meets us through His Word, and through it we hear His voice. He strengthens what feels weak, renews what feels worn, and reveals what is eternally true. His words are not only trustworthy, they are delightful, nourishing, and life giving. As the psalmist says;

"How sweet are your words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth!"

(Psalm 119:103)

So open your Bible this week, not out of obligation, but with a hungry heart and the expectation that God will speak through it. He always does.





Women's Study
Wednesday Nights 6:00 - 7:15
Starts Wednesday July 23rd
Meets in the Green Room



Men's Study with Pastor Jon
Wednesday Nights 6:00 - 7:15
Starts Wednesday July 2nd
Meets in the office building

Josh Imboden - Director of Student Ministries



TRIBES

This August, our High School Ministry will be launching Tribes!

Tribes is more than just wild games and team competitions—it's a space for life-changing connection. Each week, students are placed into "tribes" and take on high-energy challenges designed to break down walls, build trust, and spark meaningful friendships. Through laughter, teamwork, and fierce competition, our hope is that students are drawn into a deeper, more personal relationship with Jesus through the Gospel and activities. Tribes opens the door for fun to lead to faith and for friendships to grow into life-giving conversations that last well beyond the summer.

In June, we took 23 students up to Summer Camp at Hume lake. God did some amazing work this week at camp, Continue to pray that the work that began at camp will continue as the school year kicks off.

Middle and High School groups meet almost weekly throughout the summer. Check out lincolnpres.org/msm or lincolnpres.org/hsm to download the calendar and find more details.



Are you receiving our youth text updates?

To join our student texting group, text your graduation year to (209) 528-5050 (i.e. text 2029 to (209) 528-5050. To join our parents texting group, text MSMPARENT to join our Middle School Parent group or HSMPARENT to join our High School group.



SUMMER CAMP AT HUME LAKE



Daily Word of Encouragement

Sequoia Sempervirens

If you have ever spent much time in the Pacific Northwest, you have probably experienced first-hand the majesty of the Sequoia Sempervirens otherwise known as the coastal redwood. They are the tallest living thing on earth growing to heights of over 350 feet, that's taller than a 35-story skyscraper. Their trunks can reach diameters of 20 to 30 feet or more and have bark, up to 12 inches thick. They have been known to live over 2,000 years. Yep, that's right; some of these trees have been growing even while Jesus was walking the dusty roads of Galilee. Not the tallest but the most massive is General Sherman, a giant sequoia in Sequoia National Park. General Sherman stands 275 feet tall, has a 102-foot circumference, and weighs an incredible 2.7 million pounds. Now with all these impressive facts about the coastal redwoods I was amazed to learn that their root system is very shallow, extending down to depths of only about 10 to 13 feet. So, I wondered how in the world can these gigantic specimens survive for hundreds and even thousands of years. It seems the root system of a coast redwood

tree consists of a combination of lateral roots and a few taproots. The lateral roots spread out horizontally near the soil surface, extending several times the height of the tree. These roots form an intricate network that interlock with the roots of neighboring redwoods, creating a strong support system. Enabling them to withstand the many storms of the Pacific Northwest.

This reminded me of the support system that God has designed for his church.

The '*one-anothers*' of the New Testament.

"One another" is two words in English, but it's only one word in Greek: ἀλλήλων (ah-LAY-loan). It's used 100 times in 94 New Testament verses. 47 of those verses give instructions to the church, more than half of which were penned by the Apostle Paul.

When you look at these verses, a few common themes show up.

Listed below are some of these *one-anothers* grouped by theme.

Unity:

- Be at peace with one another (Mark 9:50)
- Don't grumble among one another (John 6:43)
- Be of the same mind with one another (Romans 12:16, 15:5)

Lincoln's "Daily Word of Encouragement" is written by members of the Lincoln Family and shared each day as a source of inspiration and spiritual nourishment.

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- Accept one another (Romans 15:7)
- Don't boastfully challenge or envy one another (Galatians 5:26).
- Gently, patiently tolerate one another (Ephesians 4:2)
- Be kind, tender-hearted, and forgiving to one another (Ephesians 4:32)
- Bear with and forgive one another (Colossians 3:13)
- Seek good for one another, and don't repay evil for evil (1 Thessalonians 5:15)
- Don't complain against one another (James 4:11, 5:9)
- Confess sins to one another (James 5:16)

Love:

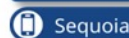
- Love one another
(John 13:34, 15:12, 17; Romans 13:8;
1 Thessalonians 3:12, 4:9; 1 Peter 1:22;
1 John 3:11, 4:7, 11; 2 John 5)
- Through love, serve one another
(Galatians 5:13)

- Tolerate one another in love (Ep 4:2)
- Be devoted to one another in love
(Romans 12:10)

Humility:

- Give preference to one another in honor
(Romans 12:10)
- Regard one another as more important than yourselves (Philippians 2:3)
- Serve one another (Galatians 5:13)
- Don't be haughty: be of the same mind
(Romans 12:16)
- Be subject to one another
(Colossians 5:21)
- Clothe yourselves in humility toward one another (1 Peter 5:5)

Scan this QR Code to view a brief video with a unique bird's-eye view of some of these magnificent trees.



Raquel Perez - Director of Children's & Family Ministries



Summer is here!

I am not a huge fan of Summer. Though I could understand its appeal. No school, longer days, and lots of swimming. I have already begun to hear the exciting tales of summer sports, trips, and outings that our LPC kiddos and families are enjoying. I hope and pray that God will use these hot, long Summer days to strengthen your family bond.

We would love to partner with Him in this by offering several opportunities for your family to make memories and grow together.

Some Important Dates to Remember:

- July 12th
Toddler Playtime Water Day at 10am
- July 25th
LPCKids Family Bingo Night at 6pm
- August 15th
LPCKids Family Prayer Night at 6pm
- August 20th
LPCKids Wednesday Night Program, TeamKid, Kicks-Off at 6pm



For our Summer service project we are partnering with our local pregnancy help center, Directions Medical Clinic. LPC kids and families are encouraged to collect and bring in spare change. We know that God will change lives through the change LPCKids collects over the next couple months.



Scan this QR code to subscribe to our weekly LPC Kids Newsletter. It is the best way to get up-to-date information about what's happening with the kids and families of LPC. If you have any questions, contact me at raquel@lincolnpres.org. God Bless you and yours.



Subscribe

TODDLER PLAYTIME **WATER DAY!!**

**Saturday, July 12th
10AM-11:30AM**



**Contact Raquel
for more details.**



LPCCKIDS
LINCOLN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

FAMILY *Prayer Night*

**Friday, August 15th
6pm-7:15pm
In Agape Hall**



**SCAN ME FOR
MORE DETAILS**

LPCCKIDS
LINCOLN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

FAMILY BINGO NIGHT

**Friday, July 25th
6pm-7:15pm
In Agape Hall**



**JOIN US FOR A NIGHT OF FAMILY FUN
COMPETITION AND LOADS OF PRIZES!!**

TeamKid Kicks-off!



**Wednesday
August 20th**

**More Details Coming
Soon...**

Nominating Committee Message

Greetings from the LPC Nominating Committee of 2025! We have begun our work to select candidates for the positions of Deacons and Elders for the class of 2027 and 2028 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. Fifteen to eighteen Deacons are ordained to serve a two-year term.

You will find nomination forms in the sanctuary lobby 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 30, 2025. 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, Tom Beck, Nancy Kaneko, Hal Armstrong, Sandy Evans, Cindy Wong and Ann Wunsch.



Deacon Message

“Pray without ceasing.”

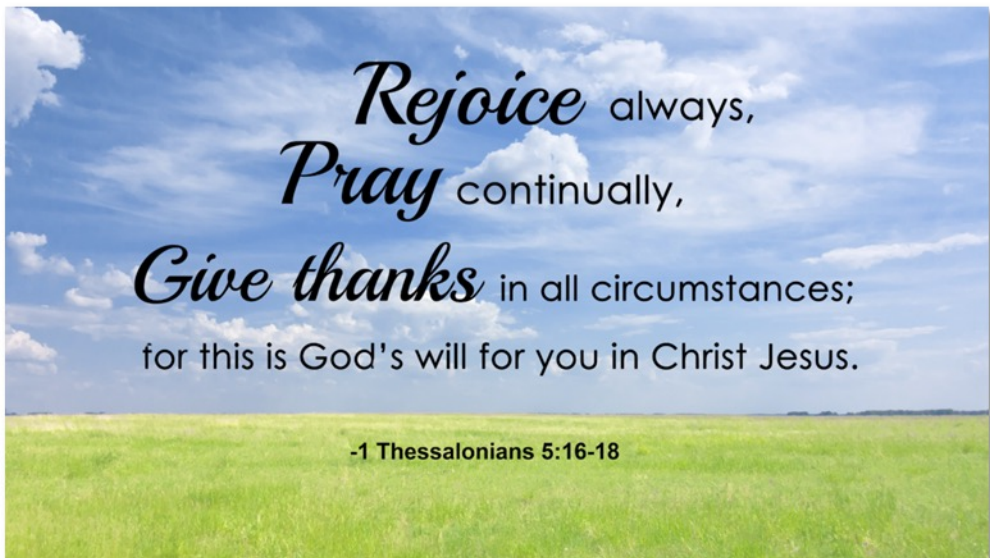
1 Thessalonians 5:17

Paul’s instructions to the Thessalonians were clear: This is the hard work, and never stop. The Deacons of LPC have an important job in serving all of you. From Deacon Dinners to setting up for and serving communion, overseeing camperships and scholarships, and providing for memorial receptions, among other tasks, we are here for you. But most important is praying for our cluster members.



It is an honor and a blessing to provide this most sacred of services to you. Do you have a need? Contact your deacon. Do you have a joy to share? We love to hear those. All prayer requests are held in strictest confidence unless you tell us otherwise. We don’t get together to gossip, but if you want more than one Deacon praying for you, let us know we can share your request with the others. Then, these requests become a whole symphony in God’s ears.

This army marches forward on its knees, honoring God, praising Jesus and serving one another.



July Birthdays

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| 1 Tanya Tacla | Scott Graham | 22 Ken Mills |
| 3 Carol Bedell | Stan Kaneko | 23 Danny Bacaylan |
| Gabriel Peña | Karel Palmer | Nikki Pyeatt |
| 4 Liz Cliburn | 15 Brianna Lamie | 24 Nancy Alameda |
| Bob Verhines | 16 Beth White | 26 Juliann Johnson |
| 5 Haley Huff | 17 Shannon Barker | Lisa Lavender |
| 7 Scott Anderson | Charlotte Doisy | Ron Markham |
| Renee Schulz | Kristina Fontaine | 27 Gina Senegor |
| 8 Kim Murdoch | 20 Suedee Howell | 29 Cynthia Alford |
| 9 Jacob Cramer | Andrew Nelson | Barbara Gill |
| Carole Meehan | Elizabeth Pearson | 30 David Morelli |
| 12 Vicky Alavazo | Nancy Vincelet | 31 Peg Helland |

August Birthdays

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| 1 Emma Sage | 10 Dave Blicharz | 21 Greg Helland |
| 4 Madeline Bacaylan | 11 Fe Asis | 22 Alyssa Linscheid |
| Bonnie Moore | 12 Teresa Costanza | Chartito Lopez |
| 5 Nikki Cramer | 13 Dale Ludwig | Jesse Morones |
| Angie Lamie | Maria Montalvo | 24Cameron |
| 6 Carly Field | Miki Raymer | Pannabecker |
| Emily Woo | 14 Kathy Swann | 26 Steven Hellmer |
| 7 John Johnson | 17 Miranda Abrescy | Kathy Jantz |
| 8 Gordon Cambra | George Alavazo | 27 Carole Wambold |
| Shannon Chapman | 18 Michelle Raymer | 28 Roosevelt Loyd |
| 9 Amanda | 19 Kaylie Bradford | 30 Nadine Kuhlman |
| Van Zwaluwenburg | Sam Villagomez | 31 Eric Chapman |

This July and August, our Sunday messages will guide us into a deeper life with Jesus. In July, we continue our Practicing the Way series, exploring what it means to be with Jesus, to become like Him, and to live as He lived. Each message encourages us to slow down, listen, and to intentionally open our lives more fully to His transforming presence.

In August, we will turn to the Sermon on the Mount, where Jesus offers a bold and beautiful vision for life in God's kingdom—one that reshapes our values, renews our hearts, and calls us into a life of authentic trust in Him. May this season deepen our devotion and lead us into the life Jesus longs for us to live.

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So What Should We Do

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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.**

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