

Pastor Jon Hathorn



Why??

Many years ago there was an experiment done in San Francisco,

wondering if "knowing why" made a difference. Here's how the experiment worked many years ago.

One Monday, a group of 40 guys were hired at \$10 an hour to dig a ditch, and then just before lunch they were given the assignment to come back after lunch and fill the ditch back in. At the end of the day, they were all invited back the next day and were told their job would be the same the next day but that they would get \$20 an hour for the same task.

On Tuesday, only some of the guys showed back up, and sure enough their task was the same and the pay was doubled. Some quit part way through the day.

On Wednesday, the pay was doubled again, but even less guys showed up to work.

On Thursday, the pay was doubled one more time, but even less guys showed up to do the same job.

On Friday, the pay was doubled one more time, but only one guy showed up to do the repetitive and mean-

ingless work for \$160 per hour.

There was no value to what they were doing, because they didn't know why they were digging holes and filling them in.

In contrast, about two months later, another experiment was made. A new set of 50 guys were hired and paid \$10 an hour to dig out an area where a new hospital was going to be built. Those guys worked for 8 weeks at \$10 per hour and enjoyed what they did. They had a reason to work, and they knew why they were working, and they did good work for a whole lot less pay.

Knowing our why is important. The Scriptures are pretty clear about why churches exist. **First of all, the church exists** to WORSHIP and celebrate the goodness of God. **At the same time, the church exists** to be the BRIDE OF JESUS CHRIST and fellowship with one another, learn from one another, encourage, support and pray for another, as well as meet the needs of one another. This includes helping each other grow in knowledge and faith. **The church also exists** to SHARE the love of Jesus with those who don't know Him, make disciples of Jesus Christ

and train them to be followers of Jesus (this is called outreach, evangelism and missions). **The church also exists** to DO GOOD WORKS and demonstrate the goodness of God.

These are the reasons Lincoln exists, and we are excited that our church family rallies around and supports these whys. We are not just setting up chairs, we are praying for connection with God and connection with one other. We are not just shopping for food, we are praying that the children would hear about God and respond to His love. We are not just standing near the sound board, we are helping people hear the Word of God, and sing praises to His name. We are not just passing out bulletins, we are genuinely welcoming people to church, sending a message of God's love and God's presence to each person who arrives.

Thank you for being a part of Lincoln, for worshipping the Lord together and for making a difference in the lives of people both within the church and partnering with missionaries all over the world.

Jon

Important to Note:

- Office Closure
- Pancake Breakfast & One Service Sunday
- Summer Camps
- Vaughn Pipes Memorial
- National Night Out
- Men's Breakfast
- Midweek Start-up Ice Cream Social

Justin Linscheid - Assistant Pastor



I would like to highlight several key events that we have coming up in the months of July and August. For starters, we plan to celebrate our Patriotic

Pancake Breakfast on Sunday July 2nd. We will start with Breakfast at 8:30AM, have some patriotic celebration elements at 9:00AM, and have one worship service starting around 9:30AM. The entire morning will take place in the church Activity Center. We look forward to a fun and festive morning together. Wear something Red, White, or Blue if you have it!

Also in July, we will have three Sundays of prayer emphasis in Agape Hall during the 9:30AM Sunday school hour. The first one is on July 16 and will focus on prayer for our spiritual growth as individuals and as a church. The second is on July 23 and will

emphasize prayer for unreached people groups in the world. The third is on July 30 and will emphasize prayer for ministries of LPC and neighborhood outreach. The book of James describes prayer as being "powerful and effective" (James 5:16). Let's take hold of this God given means of powerful and effective change.

In August, come out and join us for National Night Out on Tuesday, August 1st from 6-8PM in our church parking lot. We are inviting community service organizations, local first responders, and our neighbors to join us for this fun night of community connection. We will enjoy food, live music, conversation, and some great information from local community service agencies.

Men, On Saturday August 5th, join us for our next Men's Breakfast in Agape Hall at 8AM. We will be joined by Chris Johnson. Chris was a former parole agent who was

assigned for six years to a US Marshall Task Force before he became the executive director of Bread of Life Ministries, a local Christian organization that puts food into the hands of those in need. We are looking forward to fellowship and hearing from God's word that morning!

Also in August, we plan to have a 4-week evangelism seminar in Agape Hall during the 9:30AM Sunday school hour. I encourage you to plan to attend this as you will learn more about evangelism and be encouraged and equipped to share your faith in Christ with others. This seminar will help give you some tools and the confidence that you can be used by God to steer someone away from spending eternity apart from God. Sharing about Christ is a privileged and pivotal role that God has given to us as His followers, and yet we often neglect it. May we grow in our obedience to Christ's great commission.

Student Ministries - Harry Ulep



The summer is always a fun time as students look for ways to fill their summer. It's awesome having the opportunity to provide

different activities like VBS volunteering, Sunsplash water park trip, laser tag, camps, and youth group meetings. Seeing the youth continue to be engaged with one another and having leaders building relationships with them is truly a blessing to see.

One thing I'd like to highlight from the summer so far is seeing our students serve in our kids ministry at VBS. We had five students helping lead games for the kids throughout the evening. On the first day of VBS, our students excitedly came up to me and asked what games I had planned and if we could utilize some of their ideas. They would begin brainstorming with one another the various games they could lead, asking me for different equipment



and which activities would be appropriate for the different age groups. And as kids came into the activity center, I saw our students filled with enthusiasm and joy as they rallied the kids, explained the game, and played alongside them. They created such a fun atmosphere, cared for each kid, and led with pure hearts of service. I watched in

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Children's Ministries - Heidi Verheyden



VBS was a huge hit! The theme was WILD LIFE and how we can have such an incredible relationship with the Lord and that it is so wild we get to

spend time with Jesus, share our gifts and our story with others! There was a great mix of kids from our church, the community, and grandkids of church members! It truly was a blessing! Thank you for all the prayers and all the hands that helped create a fun atmosphere and cared for the kids to make it such a special week. Check out all the pictures on the church Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/lincolnpresbyterian/>)

Check out the kids events, posted online for a full list and details of fun summer events! From teddy bear picnic, kids clothing exchange and summer camp, water fight and

so much more!

Late July, our Upwards soccer program will start up! This is an incredible ministry that creates a great way to engage with our community and welcome them through sports ministry. Our desire is to have a greater impact that extends beyond the game. I hope you will consider supporting this ministry through prayer and support. There are many ways to be involved in anything from a coach, referee, snack bar worker, working the game clock, and photographer.

Move Up day for Kids Sunday School is August 6th. Here is an overview of the three kids' classes available on Sunday. There is an incredible team of teachers and leaders that are so excited to love, care and share the gospel with your kids.

Nursery: designed for kids ages 0-3 years old, the nursery is available during first service, Sunday school and second service.



PreK-Kinder: is designed for 3-year-olds-Kindergarten. Prior to a kid moving into this class from the nursery, we ask for the parents to chat with the teachers and kids' director to make sure they are ready for this type of environment. Kids need to be potty trained, able to follow directions and be able to sit for a lesson. This class is available for kids during Sunday school and second service.

KidZone: for kids in 1st-6th grade. This class is available during Sunday school and second service. During the second service the kids will head out after the morning prayer in service and can be picked up in the KidZone room.

TeamKid will kick off on Wednesday, August 16 and is for kids in TK-6th grade.



Sunday 9:30AM Hour SUMMER ACTIVITIES

(Sunday Service Times: 8:15AM & 10:30AM)

June

- 4 Build EGG Drop Contraptions (BBQ and Egg Drop after Second Service)
- 11 Fellowship
- 18 Father's Day Fun
- 25 Hymn Sing

August

SUMMER SEMINAR

(Kids/Youth Sunday School Start)

- 6 Evangelism Seminar- Agape Hall
- 13 Evangelism Seminar- Agape Hall
- 20 Evangelism Seminar- Agape Hall
- 27 Evangelism Seminar- Agape Hall

July

- 2 One Patriotic Service (8:30 AM start in Activity Center)
- 9 Fellowship

PRAYER EMPHASIS

- 16 Prayer- Agape Hall (Spiritual Growth)
- 23 Prayer- Agape Hall (Unreached People Groups/Operation Christmas Child)
- 30 Prayer- Agape Hall (LPC Ministries, Neighborhood Outreach)



PATRIOTIC PANCAKE BREAKFAST

SUNDAY JULY 2ND 8:30AM



MEN'S BREAKFAST

August 5th 8AM
Agape Hall

Student Ministries - Harry Ulep (continued)

awe as I got to simply assist the students, disciple them along the way, and see them lead well.

For the remainder of the summer, we have some more events planned. We have two weeks of exciting summer camp at Hartland Christian Camp. Junior High students go the week of July 9-14. High School students go the week of July 23-28. We also have pool parties for High School on July 16th and Junior High on July 19th. We also look forward to our Fall Kickoff for both groups. High

School group will kickoff with BBQ and kickball on August 13th. Junior High group will be a part of our Wednesday night program kickoff on August 16th. Our youth ministry team is praying and looking forward to the lives changed and relationships built within our youth group.



Treasurer's Report - Carol Bedell - April 2023/May 2023

April/May

| Operating Fund: | <u>April</u> | <u>Year to Date</u> | <u>% of Annual Budget</u> |
|-----------------|-----------------|---------------------|---------------------------|
| Income | \$80,404 | \$284,586 | 34% |
| Expense | <u>\$52,865</u> | <u>\$252,737</u> | 30% |
| Net | \$27,539 | \$31,849 | |

Financial Report



At the end of April the operating fund was \$31,849 in the black, coming back from the March report of \$1,947. We are on track with both income and expenditures. The Building loan ended April at \$121,424. The reserves of \$46,574 reduce the amount we owe to \$75,850. Isn't that amazing? Your continued faithfulness to God's work is a blessing to all.

| Operating Fund: | <u>May</u> | <u>Year to Date</u> | <u>% of Annual Budget</u> |
|-----------------|-----------------|---------------------|---------------------------|
| Income | \$60,653 | \$345,439 | 42% |
| Expense | <u>\$66,100</u> | <u>\$318,087</u> | 38% |
| Net | \$(5,447) | \$27,352 | |

Although the May net is in the negative, the year to date shows that we are on track.

The Building Fund received \$30,282 in May, and we were able to pay the mortgage payment of \$6,943 and an excess of \$23,339 toward our principal. The balance on the loan is \$91,712 and we have reserves of \$46,574 which would reduce the amount we owe to \$45,139. Thank you for your continued commitment and support of LPC through your giving, time, and talents.

LPC received a check from JP Morgan-Chase for \$1,000 in May. There was no indication who it was from and where it should be directed. We called JP Morgan-Chase and they could not give us any additional information. We deposited to Tithes and Offerings as Anonymous. If it was yours, please contact the church office with correct information. Just a reminder to everyone, if you're having a check sent from an institution make sure there's information about who it's from and where it's to go along with the check. Thank you.

Deacon Message



"For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also"

Matthew 6:21

The Deacons consider it a privilege and a blessing to assist students

seeking higher education, and are looking forward to awarding scholarships in August to qualified applicants. Just a reminder that applications are due by July 31, 2023.

Applications are available online on our webpage:

lincolnpres.org/kids-students/young-adults-ages-18/

Scroll down to find the scholarship application and submission instructions.

DETAILS FROM THE 2023 NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The LPC 2023 Nominating Committee seeks your input in the process of selecting candidates for the office of Deacon (6 people) and Elder (4 people) for the Class of 2025 and 2026 respectively. When you submit names, the Nominating Committee will consider those people along with all names submitted. The candidates selected by the Nominating Committee, after much discussion and prayer, will be presented to the Congregation for election. The elections are held at a Congregational Meeting in the fall. Nominations may be given to the Committee by using the form to the right. Forms should 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. **These forms need to be returned to the Committee by July 24, 2023. You may put it in the offering boxes, mail or drop it by the church office.**

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.

The Trustee position has been filled by a Trustee who is willing to serve a consecutive term.

LINCOLN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH NOMINATION FORM

This is a Nomination Form only

We are looking for candidates with the following qualifications:

- Committed to Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior.
- Committed members of LPC, actively serving and promoting the mission and vision of this church.
- Leadership ability and organizational skills.
- Compassion in human relationships.
- An open-minded approach to ideas and problems.
- Ability to equip people for ministry and work in a team-based leadership role.

I, _____,
a member of LPC nominate:

_____ (candidate)

for _____ (Elder, or Deacon)

What are the spiritual gifts of this candidate?

What additional reasons do you have for recommending this candidate?

Elders: Casey Journagan Deacon: Bob Ramirez
Members-at-Large: Cameron Pannabecker, Denise Miller,
Peg Helland, Keith Evans, Camron Rezanian

Directory Updates



Patty Roek
Home: 831-717-4820

Sherry Shields
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Craig & Pat Potter
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Oroville CA 95965

Bill Conley
bill@billconley.solar

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

July Flowers

2 Jesse Morones &
Debra Shull

August Flowers

6 Jesse Morones &
Debra Shull
13 Molly Foster
20 Charito Lopez

July/August Calendar

Sundays:

Sunday Worship @ 8:15am & 10:30am
Live-stream service on YouTube @ 8:15am
Adult Seminar Series @ 9:30am (August)
High School @ 6pm - Contact Harry regarding dates

Mondays:

Hula for Health @ 5:30pm

Tuesdays:

Quilting @ 12pm
Young Adults @ 6pm
Men's Basketball @ 6:30pm

Wednesdays:

Retired Guys Study @ 9:30am (Will not meet in July)
Jr High @ 6-7:15pm - Contact Harry regarding dates
Adult Bible Study @ 6-7:15pm

Thursdays:

Pickleball @ 6-8:30pm
Men's Bible Study @ 6:30pm (Will not meet in July)

Dates to Remember:

July 2 Pancake Breakfast & One Service
in the Activity Center
July 4 Office Closed
July 7 Kids Can Cook
July 9-14 Jr High Summer Camp
July 12 Water Night & Dinner
July 16-21 Kids Summer Camp
July 15 Vaughn Pipes Memorial Service - 11am
July 16 High School Pool Party
July 19 Junior High Pool Party
July 20 Food for You
July 23 Christmas in July-Operation Christmas
Child Boxes
July 23-28 Sr High Summer Camp
August 1 National Night Out
August 3-4 Global Leadership Summit
August 5 Men's Breakfast
August 13 High School BBQ Fall Startup
August 16 Kids & Jr High Ice Cream Social Midweek
Start up
August 17 Food for You

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July Birthdays

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

August Birthdays

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|-------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|
| 1 Emma Sage | 9 Amanda VanZwaluwenburg | 21 Greg Helland |
| 2 Dotye Markham | 10 Dave Blicharz | 22 Charito Lopez |
| 4 Bonnie Moore | 11 Fe Asis | Alyssa Linscheid |
| Madeline Bacalyan | 12 Teresa Costanza | 24 Cameron Pannabecker |
| 5 Angie Lamie | 13 Dale Ludwig | 26 Stephen Hellmer |
| Nikki Cramer | Maria Montalvo | Kathy Jantz |
| 6 Emily Woo | 14 Kathy Swann | 27 Carole Wambold |
| 7 John Johnson | 15 Barbara Hungerford | 28 Roosevelt Loyd |
| 8 Gordon Cambra | 17 Miranda Abrescy | 30 Nadine Kuhlman |
| Shannon Chapman | George Alavazo | 31 Eric Chapman |



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July/August 2023

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Friday 8:30am-Noon

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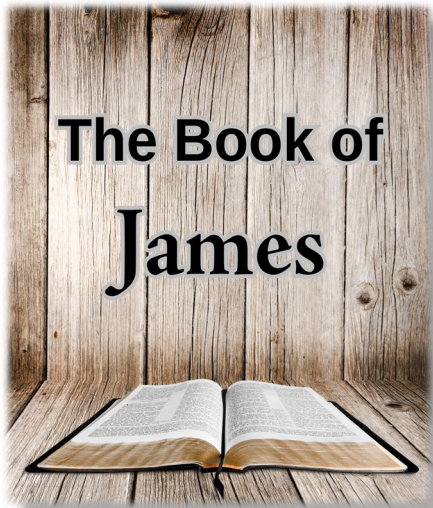


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Lincoln's Mission:

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

Sunday Sermons



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| July 2 | James 2:14-26: Good Deeds |
| July 9 | James 3:1-12: Words from the Heart & Mouth |
| July 16 | James 3:13-18: Real Wisdom |
| July 23 | James 4:1-10: Walking Humbly with God |
| July 30 | James 4:11-12: Warnings |
| August 6 | James 4:13-17: Real Confidence |
| August 13 | James 5:1-6: Warnings |
| August 20 | James 5:7-12: Patience & Endurance |
| August 27 | James 5:13-18: Real Prayer Real Power |