

Pastor Jon Hathorn



As a church, one of our great priorities is "to know and love God," which basically

is a shortened version of the greatest commandment Jesus gave, "to love the Lord with all your heart, and all your soul, and all your mind." Recently, I have been thinking about how I love God and how I express my love for God in daily decisions and in my life priorities. Approximately a month ago, I met someone and was reminded about a financial faith journey that Bev and I have been committed to living by. I will call it - "honoring God in our financial investing."

Many years ago, my wife and I financially invested in something with a theme "Double Dividend". The first part of the dividend was the desire to invest for retirement and see our dollar values increase. The extra dividend (hence double dividend) was the idea that our dollars were being

used to loan money to church plants and church expansions - and since we believed (and still do) that church planting was an important and strong biblical principle - this is something we wanted to participate in.

Recently I had a chance to get reacquainted with something similar, a term called "faith based investing". This deals with the heart of how our investment dollars are being used, and what values and entities are being supported in an effort to see a financial increase take place for us. This involves thinking about what things are making money using our investment. Let me explain.

It is about two things - one is avoiding having money invested in companies who have portfolios with money going toward actions that go against my faith based values such as: pornography, abortion, and other attacks on unhealthy lifestyles.

The second is about having money invested in companies who have portfolios going toward actions that support my faith based values. These might include having investments like I explained earlier.

Many years ago, our leaders at Lincoln chose a wonderful organization who carefully asks its investors what priorities they have in their financial journey.

Thank you Lincoln leaders for having a heart and a set of actions that chooses to do their best in honoring the greatest commandment from Jesus, "Love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul and all your mind."

Important to Note:

- DST Begins
- Annual Garage Sale
- Men's Breakfast
- Good Friday Dinner & Service
- The Easter Experience
- Office Closure
- Women's Event

Justin Linscheid - Assistant Pastor



Spring is just around the corner, and it is a season that speaks of new life. It is a time when we remember and press into the reality that Jesus died

and rose again so that we can have new life with God. It is poetic that in this season, flowers bloom, grass grows, and warmer weather starts to unfold and brings forth new life. It is a vivid picture of what God desires to do in each of us. He takes us from the dark and bring us into His light. He takes us from death and revives us into life with Him. My prayer is that God will meet you wherever you are and remind you of the gracious and beautiful life that is available for those who trust in Him.

We, as a church, want to spread this good news of new life in Jesus Christ. It is a message that God desires the whole world to hear (Mark 16:15) because He wants everyone to be saved (1 Timothy 2:4). We have such a gracious and accepting God (Romans 15:7).

One opportunity that I would like to highlight this Spring is our church-wide garage sale. If you think about it, a garage sale is somewhat of a reflection of Easter truths. We take old things out of our lives and bring new things in. For some, a garage sale provides what they would not otherwise be able to afford. A neighborhood garage sale also provides the opportunity to welcome our neighborhood and accept them with Christ's love. I believe anytime that we are reaching out to our neighborhood with love and hospitality with the intention of Jesus Christ being glorified, this is pleasing to God.

This Spring garage sale provides opportunities for manifold blessings. One is that it allows you to bless someone with a usable item at a more affordable price. Secondly, it allows for the church and the neighborhood to cross paths in a way that we might not otherwise. Third, 100% of the sales of the garage sale will provide funds to bless our neighborhood with diapers and other needed commodities. Please be in prayer that God would use you to be a light

at the sale and ask God how He would like you to be involved.

Here are some details about the sale:

If you have usable items that will bless our community, the drop off times are:

Saturday 3/18 8:00AM-12PM
Sunday 3/19 11:30AM-2PM
Monday 3/20- Thursday 3/23
8:30AM-3:30PM

There are many ways you can help on the day of the sale (as well as volunteering during collection hours).

Please contact me

(Justin@LincolnPres.org) or fill out a bulletin insert on Sundays to sign up to serve at the garage sale.

Some ways to serve: General set-up help, cashier team, carry items to cars for guests, greeting team, mingling with guests, inventory oversight, clean-up crew, food for you distribution, handing out snacks to guests.

May God open our hearts more and more fully to the love and new life that is in Jesus Christ.



**CHURCH
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Children's Ministries - Heidi Verheyden



In January we put on a one-day soccer clinic for our community. It was a wonderful mix of church kids, Upwards families and brand-new faces. Part

way through we stopped to watch a video called The Graffiti Gospel. At the end I asked the kids, what their thoughts were on the video. One of the kids had been on my soccer season in the fall and was there that day. His face showed a mixture of awe, reflection and amazement as he realized that the punishment of sin was death and that there was a way to have the punishment taken care of for him. It was so fun to use soccer as a tool to introduce the gospel!

TeamKid, our midweek program, is back underway! Each week I am so grateful for the leaders that come to invest in these kids and share their love for the Lord. These kids

come with lots of enthusiasm, great questions and a desire to be cared about. The series is entitled Good News and we are studying about Jesus' ministry and time on earth.

On Parents Night Out in February, we had an energetic filled night with the kids! There was a wonderful group of leaders supervising the kids throughout the night packed with inflatables, dinner, charades, games and so much fun! The parents enjoyed a night on the town and were each given a date night card from our Hope @ Home ministry, that encourages families to be intentional and God honoring with their time.

Over the summer there are two great camp opportunities through Camp Koinonia in the Santa Cruz Mountains. Registrations for camps will take place through the camp: [Register for Camp](#)

Family Camp at Camp Koinonia has something for everyone. Come and enjoy a break together over Memorial



Day weekend, May 26-29. Enjoy a time to be spiritually refreshed, as at Chapel time there are kids and youth classes for all ages! The camp makes dinner and washes the dishes. You just relax, connect and have fun.

Kids Summer Camp is a place where lives change. Campers are supported and encouraged by fun-loving cabin leaders. They learn who Jesus is, sing songs, play crazy games and make great friends. It's a safe place for adventure and growth. Kids Camp is for campers entering 3rd through 6th grade. Kids Camp is \$562 per camper and takes place July 16-21. Don't miss out on this life-changing week.

If anyone is in need of financial assistance, please contact Heidi.

Prior to the church garage sale, the leftover items from the winter Kids Clothing Exchange will be out Sunday, March 19 after the second service for families to go through. Any clothing left after that Sunday will go towards the garage sale and then be donated.



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Student Ministries - Harry Ulep



Over the last couple of months, our youth ministry has put on some events to simply relate to students and provide opportunities

for them to bring their friends. We had a movie night and the students had an absolute blast as they ate popcorn, candies, and sodas while laughing all throughout the film. We also had a girls' and guys' night where the girls enjoyed a painting party and the guys had an open gym and played various sports. It is incredible seeing the joy these students have at these events, having our leaders building relationships with them, and the ways that it opens doors to conversation.

It is our desire to continue providing opportunities for our youth to participate in. Whether that be fun and fellowship or a chance to hear

the Gospel and to grow spiritually, we seek to care for and invest in any student who attends our youth ministry events. One way we will continue doing this is by separating our high school and junior high ministries. We have been joined for the past couple of years, and we're entering a season where we are able to provide a space for both our junior highs and high schoolers to continue growing in their respective age ranges and to reach the different students at their stages of life. Our high school youth group will begin meeting on Sunday Nights starting March 12th at 6pm. We are excited for this opportunity for our students as we grow the youth program.

In the month of March, our youth are so excited for Youth Winter Camp! As we go to Hume Lake, our prayer is for memories to be made, fun to be had, and lives to be changed. We are



sending a wonderful group of leaders to be with our students, pouring into them, joining them in their memories, and guiding the discussions as the students navigate their spiritual walk. We are also looking forward to the Summer as our youth will go to Hartland Summer Camp! Our Junior highs are going on July 9-14 and our high schoolers are going on July 23-28. We would love for your teens to join us for a week of high energy, awesome activities, great worship, and a chance to grow closer to God through His Word. If you would like more information about Summer Camp, contact me at

Harry@lincolnpres.org



Deacon Message



*"...I was sick and
You looked after
me..."*

Matthew 25:36

Deacon Dinners is a program at LPC that provides meals for church members who are ill, have had surgery, or have experienced a death

in the family. Please contact your Deacon if you have such a need. Neighbors who witness the loving provision of meals have been positively impacted as well.

If you would be willing to provide an occasional meal (home-cooked or purchased) as the need arises, please

let one of the Deacons who arrange the dinners know. They are Betty Crecelius, Judy Borth, and Amanda VanZwaluwenburg. This is such a tangible way to show love and compassion to our members.

Treasurer's Report - Carol Bedell - December 2022/January 2023

December/January

Operating Fund:	<u>Year to Date</u>	<u>% of Annual Budget</u>
Income	\$891,557	112%
Expense	<u>\$765,827</u>	96%
Net	\$125,730	

Financial Report



At the end of December the operating fund was \$125,730 in the black. During the closing of the 2022 books, we were able to pay an additional 151,683 toward our CIF mortgage, leaving a balance of \$202,335. We were also able to transfer excess funds to the Major Maintenance Fund leaving a balance of \$40,000 and to the Kitchen Fund, leaving a balance of \$40,000. We also transferred \$14,000 to the Missionary Support – LPC Fund. Your continued faithfulness to God's work is a blessing to all.

Operating Fund:	<u>January</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>	<u>% of Annual Budget</u>
Income	\$71,027	\$71,027	9%
Expense	<u>\$54,595</u>	<u>\$54,595</u>	7%
Net	\$16,432	\$16,432	

In January, the Operating Fund ended \$16,432 in the black and we are on track for a good year.

The Building Fund received \$8,452 in January, and we were able to pay the mortgage payment of \$6,943 and an excess of \$1,509 toward our principal. The balance on the loan is \$195,523 and we have reserves of \$46,420 which could be applied to the balance. Thank you for your continued commitment and support of LPC through your giving, time, and talents.

Annual Garage Sale

On March 25th, we will be having our annual garage sale to bless the community. There are three great ways to be involved in and support this event. One - sign up to volunteer on the day of the event. Two - donate goods to the event starting on Sunday March 18th. And third, offer to be here for a couple of hours a day or two on

March 18-24, to receive and sort goods in the Activity Center.

Contact Justin for more information
- justin@lincolnpres.org.

Saturday March 25th 7am-12pm
6241 Gettysburg Place Stockton, CA

CHURCH WIDE GARAGE SALE

Great Deals | Good Cause
| Free Snacks | Raffle

Come join us for this wonderful event!

100% of profits serve our neighborhood

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Good Friday

Join us on April 7th as we focus on the terrible week and tough events leading up to the Crucifixion. Starts

with dinner at 5:45 in the Activity Center followed by the service at 6:30 in the Sanctuary.



Special Events



One of the most creative and memorable Easter Sundays you will ever experience. Special hands-on learning experiences for children, youth and adults. Many

memories and an experience of sensing who Jesus is and what He did.

(8:15 and 10:30 service times, with the Easter Experience in the middle from 9:20 - 10:20)



A Mile in Someone Else's Shoes

Ladies join us for a morning of encouragement as we are encouraged about having compassion for others and spend intentional time in prayer.

Please bring a light snack to share.

Please register at:

Lincolnpres.org

Saturday, April 29th, 9-11am

Directory Updates



Lewis & Cassie Spalding
1844 Carmel Ave, 95204

Nancy Vincelet
jcnsammy72@gmail.com

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.

Charter Way Florist
5620 N. Pershing Ave
956-9087

March Flowers

- 5 Jesse Morones & Debra Shull
- 12 Charito Lopez

April Flowers

- 5 Jesse Morones & Debra Shull

January/February Calendar

Sundays:

Sunday Worship @ 8:15am & 10:30am
Live-stream service on YouTube @ 8:15am
Sunday School for all ages @ 9:30am
High School @ 6pm (starts March 12)

Mondays:

Hula for Health @ 5:30pm

Tuesdays:

Women's Bible Study @ 9:30am
Quilting @ 12pm
Men's Basketball @ 6pm
Financial Peace University @ 6pm (through March 21)
Young Adults @ 6:30pm (resumes March 28)

Wednesdays:

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

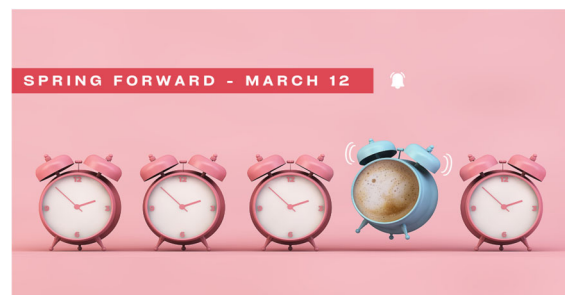
Thursdays:

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

Dates to Remember:

Mar 12 Daylight Saving Time begins
Mar 16 Food For You
Mar 25 Annual Garage Sale
Apr 1 Men's Breakfast
Church Work Day
Apr 7 Good Friday Dinner & Service
Apr 9 Easter Sunday
Apr 10 Office Closed
Apr 20 Food for You
Apr 29 Women's Event

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March Birthdays

1 Jenelle Maloy	12 Craig Potter	19 Tess Reynolds
4 Jared VanZwaluwenburg	Anna Woods	Joan Speirs
5 Duffy Ruffin	15 Donna Halboth	20 Tami McGregor
7 Camron Rezania	16 Dottie Edaburn	22 Lanny Fertig
10 Linda Davies	Liam Tacla	23 Char Gray
Dave Olney	17 Janet Beck	24 Lise Bachman-Karnes
Lauren Sage	Kristen Colton (Lambdin)	26 Paul Singh
11 Jeida Lavender	18 Jerry Crooks	27 Marcus Nalls
Jette Asis	Betty MacRae	30 Christie Ferguson
12 Rick Robbins	Sherry Shields	31 Bill McGregor

April Birthdays

1 Hal Armstrong	10 Jim Duncan	24 Eve Barton
Magdalin Zakhary	11 Jamie Peña	Kathy Vermillion
2 Tom BetGeorge	12 Tammy Nalls	Noralee Willard
3 Sydney Reynolds	13 Gary Tacla	26 Carol Sharpe
4 Josie Ferguson	15 Leroy Alford	27 Sandy Evans
6 Elgin Robinson	16 Jim Wilcox	Barb Vallandingham
8 Elle Cawelti	Betty Buchman	Karyn Johnson
9 Ralph Swann	22 Marie Todd	30 Scott Suran
Bill Chapman	Bree Laguna	June French



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www.lincolnpres.org

March/April 2023

Office Hours: Monday - Thursday 8:30am - 4:30pm, closed 12-1pm
Friday 8:30am-Noon

**LIFE @ LINCOLN DEADLINE
April 15**

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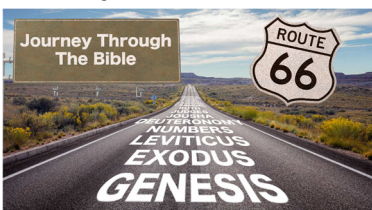


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Lincoln's Mission:

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

Sunday Sermons



March 5	Hebrews	April 2	1 st Peter
March 12	James	April 9	Easter Sunday
March 19	1 st John	April 16	2 nd Peter
March 26	2 nd & 3 rd John	April 23	Jude
		April 30	Guest Speaker