



January/February 2021

Pastor Jon Hathorn

Some days are more memorable than others, and some days have greater anticipation than others. I want you to know that these past few weeks have been tremendous and full of enthusiasm and anticipation. There is a commercial about cars with the theme "A December to Remember." December 2020 is a December to Remember and 2021 is ahead with great anticipation.

December - TRI tip meal by so many wonderful men; a women's event by a great group of ladies, a light show that was done by over 50 people, a Christmas drama production that



almost took place that involved over 25 people, a first message by our new assistant pastor, a special family and Children's moment on a Wednesday night, and three wonderful Christmas Eve services. A December to Remember.

Oh how I look forward to 2021, hoping for a year that will see and experience a personal and incredible journey with the Lord as individuals and as a church with enthusiastic worship and teaching on

Sundays, many joining small groups for interaction and spiritual growth, outreach locally in many fashions, and a full array of people enjoying the magnificent use of their gifts and talents for the Lord in service and in missions involvement. The Great Commission is calling us all - let's see our hands and our dollars find great joy in service unto the king. My anticipation for 2021 is high and I hope yours is also.

God bless you and thank you for allowing me to give, serve and journey together with you all.

Pastor Jon

Important to Note:

- Office Closures
- Bible Reading Plans
- 2021 Flower Chart
- Kids & Youth Programs Resume
- Financial Peace University Begins

Justin Linscheid - Assistant Pastor



November is a great month to start at a church because it is a great reminder of all that we have to be thankful for. My wife Alyssa and I are so grateful and happy to have started at Lincoln. As I get started here at the church, I have been focused on meeting the many wonder-

ful people of Lincoln and getting familiar with the various ministries and aspects of church-life. It is apparent that this is a great church with a rich history. It is also apparent that God has a lot in store for this church in the future. Lord willing, the various church ministries and dreams for future outreach will be used by God

to lead many into His family of believers.

So far, I have enjoyed learning more about the life groups at Lincoln, the Food For You distribution, the Lincoln Light Show, and the Adult Life Commission. I am looking forward to working with the Outreach Commission, missions, life group leaders, and meeting

Justin Linscheid - Assistant Pastor (continued)

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with the younger adults at Lincoln. I am personally excited for Lincoln’s impact in this neighborhood in coming years. As we continue to seek the Lord and His direction, I believe God will use us to be a brighter and brighter light in this community.

Thank you for the love, encouragement, and support that you have so generously showed toward my wife and I. We were so blessed by receiving your cards and the welcome basket you gave to us. We covet your prayers for a strong sense of

God’s love and wisdom as we seek to serve Him in this church and in this this city.

Gratefully,
Pastor Justin

Student Ministries - Heidi Verheyden



Each year, my family picks out a new ornament, to remember something about the year. It would be easy, to skip the tradition this year and just hand a face mask on the tree and say that is my memory. But when we really look at the year, there have been so many great things that God has been doing this year! I encourage you to pick out the great things that have been happening this year and praise the Lord for those! Something that I praise the Lord for is the youth group meetings; it is kind of hard to make that into an ornament.

To finish up the year, we had a Christmas party, and it was such a blast to have the students and leaders together as we laughed, ate ice cream, and played funny

games. In typical youth fashion, we did a white elephant gift exchange, 2020 style. Instead of putting the gifts under a tree, the gifts went under hand sanitizer. It was festive looking as it was decorated with lights and a star. If you are unfamiliar with a white elephant gift exchange, everyone brings a gift, usually something goofy or something they want to get rid of. Then people one by one select a gift or steal someone else’s. Every year, it is fun to see what is brought for the exchange and even more exciting when the youth are “fighting” over the gifts. The leaders laughed as the most popular gifts of the year and the winners this year were a set of Christmas china and Mt. Dew pajama pants! There were a handful of youth boys that were all trying to get the china, when asked why, they

said because my mom would love it! It was so sweet to see these youth kids being thoughtful and thinking of their moms. The kids and youth ended the night with hot cocoa and getting to watch the Lincoln Light show. It has been a joy to get together with these students, to see them engage with people and to partner with the incredible team of youth leaders that invest in these kids.

The youth program is on a winter break and we look forward to picking back up with our meeting January 6th, as we continue to dive into the Old Testament stories and see how the Gospel is at work.



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Children's Ministries - Kristen Lambdin



What a year it has been! I have been so blown away and blessed by the amazing volunteers who have stepped up this year to love on kids and show them they are cared about by LPC. We were able to put on our annual Trunk or Treat this year in October. Though it looked different with several health precautions in place...it was still so much fun!

We changed up our usual way of doing Operation

Christmas child shoeboxes. This year we decided instead of having people donate items we would give out the shoeboxes and let families take them home to shop and fill them and then bring them back. We had many families and people from the congregation get involved and it was so cool to see the body of Christ working together to bless those in need.

We started a new tradition this year...a family event called "Journey to the Manger". This was an amazing time of families coming to-

gether to do a fun nativity iSpy, decorate cookies, make an ornament, and just enjoy the time together celebrating the Christmas season. Through this event, kids were able to learn more about what happened that night Jesus was born and how it impacts our lives today. I feel so blessed and thankful to still be able to minister to kids and their families even during these hard times. Looking forward to all that next year will bring!



Random Pix



Treasurer's Report - Carol Bedell - October/November 2020

Oct/Nov

Operating Fund:	<u>October</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>	<u>% of Annual Budget</u>
Income	\$55,242	\$602,153	75%
Transfer		<u>(\$20,000)</u>	
Total	<u>\$55,242</u>	<u>\$582,153</u>	
Expense	\$59,962	\$436,020	55%
Fines	(\$271)		
Major Repairs	<u>\$5,500</u>	<u>\$32,480</u>	
Total	<u>\$65,191</u>	<u>\$468,500</u>	
Net	(\$9,949)	\$113,653	

Financial Report



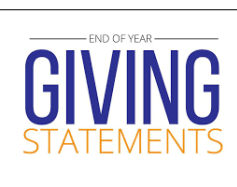
Through October we are \$113,653 in the black. We were also able to pay an additional \$3,870 toward our principal payment on our mortgage.

Operating Fund:	<u>November</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>	<u>% of Annual Budget</u>
Income	\$62,238	\$659,890	83%
Transfer		<u>(\$20,000)</u>	
Total	<u>\$62,238</u>	<u>\$639,890</u>	
Expense	\$49,302	\$484,857	61%
Major Repairs	<u>\$5,000</u>	<u>\$37,480</u>	
Total	<u>\$54,302</u>	<u>\$522,337</u>	
Net	\$7,936	\$117,553	

In November, the Operating Fund ended \$117,553 in the black. Many of the additional expenses authorized by Session have been purchased or completed. Your faithfulness in giving and in prayer has allowed LPC to fare well in 2021.

The Bank of Stockton sent forms to apply for forgiveness for the PPP loan. We completed them and have received the notification that it's been approved.

The Capital Campaign received \$19,777 in November, and we were able to pay an additional \$7,154 toward our mortgage. We're making progress, plus enjoying the Activity Center as our restrictions allow. Thank you for your commitment to LPC.



Giving Statements

In January, we will be emailing annual giving statements to those for whom we have email addresses on file. If you

have changed your email address this year, please contact the office at:

office@lincolnpres.org

with your current information. All other statements will be snail-mailed.

2021 Flower Chart

Now available for sign ups. If you would like to provide flowers for one of the services next year, please write your name in the space provided on the chart (located in the Narthex) and if the flowers will be in memory or honor of a special day. The arrangements run approximately \$40. Or you can call or email the

office - Cheryl@lincolnpres.org - to select a date.

If you sign 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

Also, note that if you purchase the flowers for a Sunday morning and would like to keep them, please notify the office or pick them up right after 2nd service on Sunday. Otherwise, they are taken to a nursing home or other care facility. Thank you.

Deacon Message

1 Timothy 3:13 *“For those who serve well as Deacons gain a good understanding for themselves and also great confidence in the faith that is in Christ Jesus.”*

Happy New Year to our LPC family! As we leave 2020 behind, we’re praying for God’s blessings on our congregation and staff, looking forward to the end of Covid-19, and a healthy year ahead.

January is traditionally a time of transitions, and we will be

seeing many changes in the days and months ahead, starting with our Deacons. Some of you will continue with the Deacon you currently have, while others will be hearing from your new Deacon soon. We’re thankful for the service of outgoing Deacons: Jane Carson, Judy Flaig, Barbara George, Sandy Harmon, Bonnie Moore, Dave Morelli and Gela Wachholz-Yee, and welcome new Deacons: Vicky Alavazo, Dottie Edaburn, Heidi Fedor, Nikki Pyeatt, Nancy Ober-

holtzer and Norma Yamaguchi. Deacons can provide many services to our congregation including meals for those in need, notes and phone calls, visits, prayers and encouragement, and memorial receptions, as well as helping with scholarships and camperships. We are grateful for your generous donations to the Deacon Fund, and wish you the best in 2021.



Missions Moment: “A secret weapon in reaching people”



Edwin and Amy Samson lead a ministry to unreached communities in the Philippines. God has opened doors for their team to interact with people through medical emergency response services, relief and humanitarian aid, and English and computer classes. “We’ve had countless opportunities to talk about Jesus’ love and to actually show it,” Edwin says. Their EMT team has responded to vehicle accidents, gunshot victims, 3 alarm fires, and has assisted the government with COVID patients and provid-

ing medical aid during two typhoons. “I feel like we’ve stumbled upon a secret weapon in reaching people,” Edwin writes. “We have placed ourselves in the lives of those hurting during the most vulnerable moments of their lives. Whether because of isolation during the lockdown, or because of the inability to receive an education, or in life and death situations, the doors for us to minister have opened like never before. We have found ourselves spontaneously praying over entire households and even government offices, for heads of departments, and mayors and even a governor – and they

have more than welcomed it.”

Edwin recounts how they have also been able to pray for large groups from a major religion in the region, “and for their leader, a scholar who was hospitalized and feared that he contracted COVID.... They welcomed our prayers in Jesus’ name. The leader was healed soon after and he posted on his personal Facebook page about our team’s prayer for him and attributed his healing to that! So be thankful with us, be grateful with us, and sing unto the Lord with us for what He is doing in the world!”



December Events



Christmas Light Show



Tri-Tip Lunch



Women's Craft Event



Directory Updates

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Bible Reading Plans for 2021

The Whole Bible in a Year:

Keith Evans will be sending out a daily Bible reading to go through the entire Bible in a year. If you would like to get your daily Bible reading in an email from Keith, please send your email address to him at: keithdevans@comcast.net and he will include you in the "Daily Bible Reading" email group.



The New Testament in a Year:

Would you like to read through or listen to The New Testament in a year? This Plan will lead you through the New Testament in one year. Each book includes videos specifically designed to enhance your understanding and engagement with God's Word. If you are interested in this plan, please email: justin@lincolnpres.org

Weekly Bible Verse

Keith Evans will also be sending out a weekly *Memory Verse* every Sunday Night in 2021. If you would like to be included, please send your email address to Keith at: keithdevans@comcast.net and he will include you in the "Memory Verse" group. Finally if you would like to receive a daily devotion from *Pastor Rick Warren of Saddleback Church*, let Keith know & he will include you in the "Daily Devotion" email group.

January/February Calendar

Sundays:

Sunday Worship @ 8:30am & 10am
Live-stream service on YouTube @ 8:30am
Adult Sunday School Classes - check with the office

Tuesdays:

Prayer Time @ 6:30am
Women's Bible Study @ 9am
Quilting @ 12pm
Young Adults @ 7:00pm

Wednesdays:

Retired Guys @ 9:30am
Kids & Youth @ 6-7pm

Thursdays:

Bethel OT Study @ 6pm

December 31 @ noon, & January 1-Office Closed
January 6-Kids & Youth Programs Resume
January 15-Session Retreat
January 17-Right to Life Sunday
January 18-Office Closed
January 20 -Financial Peace University begins @ 6:30pm
January 21-Food Distribution @ 5pm
January 23-Deacon Retreat

February 15-Office Closed
February 18-Food Distribution @ 5pm
February 28-Annual Congregational Meeting

January Birthdays

1 Barbara Head	8 Rebecca Robbins	15 Margaret Chau	29 Fred Jantz
5 Will Bennett	9 Mary Kaye Moore	20 Michael Gotschall	30 John French
Barbara George	10 John Doisy	John Sharpe	Bill Hill
7 Craig Barker	11 Jonathen Bacaylan	24 Julie Colyer	Ingrid Best
Robbie Richardson	Marie Cottman	Bill Costanza	31 Jody Graham
8 Kirk Reynolds	Amy Johnston	27 Rachel Kudla	

February Birthdays

2 Kris Stewart	9 Nancy Bates	11 Marge Ramirez	20 Irene Jackson
5 Mark Gantt	Prilla McGregor	13 Sherrie Kudla	Dale Hill
6 Beth Doe	Daniel Bates	16 Harry Ulep	25 Gary Vermillion
7 Dave Hey	10 James Lavender	18 Alissa Doolan	26 Allison Fedor
8 Jon Hathorn	11 Blake Lamie	Sharon Olney	Grace Ferguson

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Friday 8:30am-Noon

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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.*

Sermon Titles

January 3 - What We Believe (Proverbs 14:31)
Pastor Jon Hathorn

January 10 - What We Believe – WHO IS JESUS
(Matthew 16:13-17) - Pastor Jon Hathorn

January 17 - What We Believe – THE INCARNATION
(Matthew 1) - Pastor Jon Hathorn

January 24 - What We Believe – CRUCIFIED, DEAD,
BURIED (Romans 5:6-11) - Pastor Jon Hathorn

January 31 - What We Believe – PAID IN FULL &
CAME BACK (Rom. 6:3-13)
Pastor Justin Linscheid

February 7 - What We Believe – THE MOST
INCREDIBLE ELEVATOR RIDE EVER
(Acts 1:6-11) - Pastor Jon Hathorn

February 14 - What We Believe – THE GREATEST
UMPIRE EVER (Titus 2:11-14; John 5:19-30)
Pastor Jon Hathorn

February 21 - What We Believe – THE SPIRIT
MARKED COMMUNITY (Galatians 5:13-26)
Pastor Justin Linscheid

February 28 - What We Believe – I BELIEVE IN THE
CHURCH (Ephesians 2:11-22)
Pastor Jon Hathorn