

Pastor Jon Hathorn

I remember participating in a Small Group Study called, "Not A Fan" written by Kyle Idleman. It was a tremendous reminder about the importance of not simply "cheering Jesus on" or "applauding the servants in the church". It was communicating about being a disciple of Jesus - which includes knowing Jesus, meeting with Jesus, studying Jesus, and acting like Jesus. It was a great illustration of "Being a Christian".

Bev and I had a chance to go to Dallas, Texas and be a part of THE ECO GATHERING. One of the main themes was about discipleship and mentorship. It is so easy to come and "be a fan" at church. I mean we love the idea of being greeted, watching people sing, listening to people pray, hearing about what



the church is doing, listening to a message and then going out to lunch on the way home. Great way to spend a Sunday morning, but Jesus didn't come to entertain us with miracles, or enjoy incredible stories. Nor did He come to have His name abused and used as a curse word.

He came to save us from the wrath of our sins and to be the family of God. He came directing us to a life of more than just a fan. He came to include us in serving the lost and encouraging the church.

I love the idea of being included and am so thankful that He doesn't ask "Hey Jon would you like to

say something?" or "Hey Jon do you want to get involved?" I am so thankful that He has invited me and included me, He has chosen me and gifted me to imitate Him.

You are gifted as well, please enjoy being a child of the King and please enjoy using your time to honor and worship Him, and using your time and skills to serve Him.

Have a tremendous day! God is good.

Jon

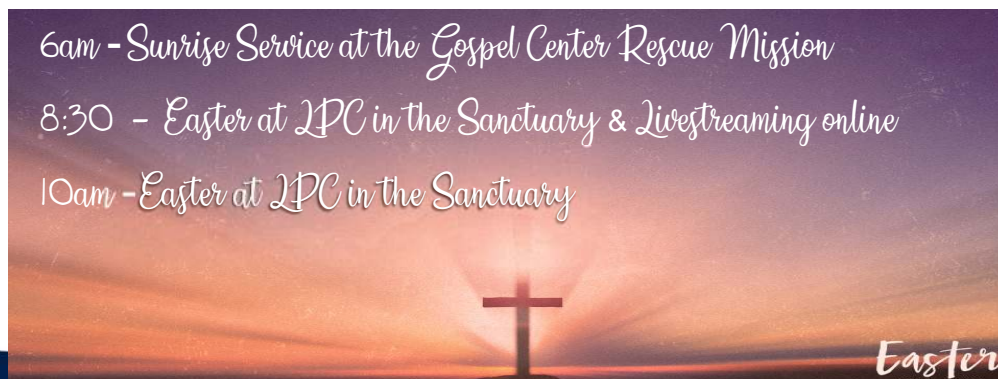
Important to Note:

- Ash Wednesday
- Parenting Seminar
- DST begins
- Garage Sale
- Men's Breakfast
- Church Work Day
- Good Friday Service
- Easter Sunday opportunities
- Spring Women's Workshops

6am - Sunrise Service at the Gospel Center Rescue Mission

8:30 - Easter at LPC in the Sanctuary & Livestreaming online

10am - Easter at LPC in the Sanctuary



Justin Linscheid - Assistant Pastor (continued)



"Ask the Lord for rain in the spring, for He makes the storm clouds. And He will send showers of rain so every field becomes a lush pasture."

Zechariah 10:1

The people of the ancient world did not have elaborate sprinkler or irrigation systems. They didn't have water at the turn of a faucet or many of the modern conveniences that we almost unconsciously depend upon. For the most part, they were completely dependent on the rains for their livelihood. Without rain, they could not go on living. God instructed His people that He can provide the spring rains that they needed for their crops. He can make storm clouds of nourishing rain. The Lord challenged His people by telling them, "Put your trust in Me and depend on Me to provide for your needs. Ask Me, and I will answer your prayers. I will provide what I alone can provide. I will give you life."

In the same way, God desires us

to trust in Him. He tells us to call upon Him for our needs. He can make clouds of refreshing rain to water the parched places in our soul. He can provide the spiritual nourishment to help us become a lush pasture. He can send the sun and rain to help us flourish as individuals and as a church. This spring, may we be trusting enough to obey God and ask, "send the rain". At the right time, God will send the spiritual nourishment and refreshment we need as we call on Him and depend on Him in life.

On Saturday March 19th from 7AM-12PM we will have a church-wide garage sale in our Activity Center. Please consider donating usable items that will bless our community. Please drop your items off in the Activity Center the week before. Feel free to let me know if you have an item to donate that you are unable to bring to the church yourself. Here are the drop-off times:

- Friday 3/11 8:30AM-3:30PM
- Saturday 3/12 8AM-12PM
- Sunday 3/13 11:30AM-2PM
- Monday 3/14 8:30AM-3:30PM
- Tuesday 3/15 8:30AM-3:30PM

- Wed. 3/16 8:30AM-3:30PM
- Thursday 3/17 8:30AM-3:30PM

Encourage the men in your life to join us for our next Men's Breakfast on April 2nd at 8am in Agape Hall. Consider joining a life group if you are not already connected to one. Such connection and input is the spiritual nourishment we need to grow in our walk with God.

As we look forward to spring, with the coming of the Lent season and Easter, may we press into further dependency on the Lord and ask Him together to send nourishing rains upon us. May we find this nourishment in Jesus Christ and see the living God respond to our call.

"O God, you are my God; I earnestly search for You. My soul thirsts for You; my whole body longs for You in this parched and weary land where there is no water."

Psalms 63:1

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Children's Ministries - Heidi Verheyden



In February the Kid's ministry put on a Parents' night out event and the kids had an absolute blast! There

was a terrific team of volunteers to love and care for the kids. The night was filled with snacks, valentines' crafts, bounce houses, Legos, and soccer! It was a terrific night!



To invest in the marriages of our families, each couple was offered some questions to do as a couple that night on their date, which was warmly received. So often when you are kid free you end up talking about your kids, so the couples were grateful to intentionally create conversation.

It is our desire as a church to care and invest in the lives of our families at church and we are proactively thinking and surveying the families to develop a plan to best care for our families at the church. To kick that off, there is a team of people doing a Family Ministry Launch on Friday, March 11th, from 6-8 pm. The entire family is welcomed to come as there will be age-appropriate activities and dinner for everyone! It is \$20 per family.

Our Wednesday night program is well underway and is going great! The kids are excited to walk in the door, play some games and anticipate the different activities that will happen. The community that has been built in the small groups are amazing! The kids ask great questions, share the ups and downs of life with their peers and



leaders. It is incredible to see the enthusiasm the kids have about being in small groups and the respect for their leaders. I am so grateful for a wonderful group of leaders that show up each Wednesday with their game face on ready to invest in the spiritual lives of these kids and let them know they care.



Student Ministries - Harry Ulep



Growing up, one thing that mattered most to me was the people present during every experience. It was never about what we were doing, where we were going, but just a love for the people who I had the chance to build those memories with.

It is incredible seeing the students bonding more and more as the weeks go on. We have the chance to see friendships being made through fellowship and the comradery over game time and in small group discussion. Seeing the smiles on the students faces when they first show up and update the

other students about their week or play a game of foosball. There is a sense of community and unity amongst the group.

In the month of March, we will be starting a new class for the students. On the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month, we will start a Sunday School Discipleship Class for the students during the Second Service. For this first series, we will be going through the book *More Than a Carpenter*, with a focus for us to study the truths of Jesus and being able to proclaim Him as Savior and Lord.

May we continue praying for students to build these relationships with others, growing in their

spiritual walk, and seeking to live their faith out so that God's love may shine into the lives of many. Our youth leaders are excited to see what God has in store in the coming months and are looking forward to the great stories we can tell.



Directory Updates



Connie Baxter
The Commons on Thornton
Apartment #237

Hunter Chambers
9825 N 70th St Apt #221
Paradise Valley AZ 85253

Bill & Andrea Wagner
7641 N Mansionette Dr
Fresno CA 93720

Operating Fund:	<u>2021 Year End</u>	<u>% of Annual Budget</u>
Income	\$830,802	106%
Expense	<u>\$766,434</u>	98%
Net	\$64,368	

Financial Report

At the end of December we were \$64,368 in the black. During the closing of the 2021 books, we were able to pay an additional \$172,047 toward our CIF mortgage, leaving a balance of \$738,155. We were also able to transfer excess funds to the Major Maintenance Restricted Fund, a newly created, one-time 2022 Maintenance Restricted Fund, and the Missionary Support – LPC Restricted Fund. Praise God!

Operating Fund:	<u>January</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>	<u>% of Annual Budget</u>
Income	\$65,913	\$65,913	8%
Expense	<u>\$55,118</u>	<u>\$55,118</u>	7%
Net	\$10,795	\$10,795	

In January, the Operating Fund ended \$10,795 in the black.

The Building Fund received \$17,917 in January, and we were able to pay the mortgage payment of \$6,943 and an excess of \$10,974 toward our mortgage. Thank you for your continued commitment and support of LPC through your giving and your talents.

Women's Spring Floral Arrangement Workshops

Join us for a terrific workshop led by florists Lisa Fairchild & Lynda Borden, as they teach us how to arrange a beautiful floral display. Each lady will take home a flower arrangement in a vase and will be given the skills and tools to create a wonderful arrangement. Light refreshments and a devotional will be shared.

There are two dates, each workshop has space for 30 ladies.

April 8th from 6-8 pm taught by Lynda Borden

April 30th from 9-11 am taught by Lisa Fairchild.

Cost: \$50 per lady



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 Karen Gantt. This is such a tangible way to show love and compassion to our members.



PARENTS!



FAMILY MINISTRY LAUNCH

March 11 | 6-8 pm | Lincoln Presbyterian Church | \$20 per Family
Sign Up at lincolnpres.org and look on the calendar page.



THE ENTIRE FAMILY IS WELCOME!

Parents will be in Agape hall for dinner & teaching. It will be a great night to talk with other families and get inspirational input on parenting.

Dinner & Kids Programming Provided!
Kids will be in KidZone & Nursery.
Youth will be in the Youth Room.

Questions: Heidi@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.

Charter Way Florist
5620 N. Pershing Ave
956-9087

March Flowers

- 6 Jesse Morones & Debra Shull
- 13 Charito Lopez

April Flowers

- 5 Jesse Morones & Debra Shull

November/December Calendar

Sundays:

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

- RightNow Study Group - Fireside Room
- Hebrews - Activity Center Rm A2
- More Than A Carpenter - 11:15am - Fireside Room

Tuesdays:

Prayer Time @ 6:30am
Women's Bible Study @ 9:30am
Quilting @ 12pm
Young Adults @ 6:30pm
Men's Basketball @ 8pm

Wednesdays:

Retired Guys Bible Study @ 9:30am
Kids & Youth @ 6-7:15pm
Mom's Bible Study @ 6-7:15pm
Adult Bible Study @ 6-7:15pm
Financial Peace University @ 6pm

Thursdays:

Pickleball @ 5:30 or 6:30pm
Al-Anon @ 6:30pm

Dates to Remember:

February 27 - Annual Congregational Meeting & Lunch
March 2 - Ash Wednesday Service @ 6:45pm
March 11 - Parenting Seminar
March 13 - Daylight Saving Time begins
 - Youth Sunday School begins
March 17 - Food Distribution
March 19 - Church Garage Sale
April 2 - Men's Breakfast
April 8 - Women's Spring Floral Arrangement Workshop
April 9 - Church Clean Up Work Day
April 15 - Good Friday Dinner & Service
April 16 - Easter Sunday - 8:30 & 10am in the Sanctuary
 - Sunrise Service @ 6am at the Gospel Center Rescue Mission
April 17 - Easter Monday - Office Closed
April 21 - Food Distribution
April 30 - Women's Spring Floral Arrangement Workshop
May 5 - National Day of Prayer Gathering

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March Birthdays

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



April Birthdays

1	Hal Armstrong	10	Jim Duncan	24	Eve Barton
	Magdalin Zakhary	11	Jamie Peña		Kathy Vermillion
3	Sydney Reynolds	12	Tammy Nalls		Noralee Willard
4	Josie Ferguson	13	Gary Tacla	26	Carol Sharpe
5	Kristin Clark	15	Leroy Alford	27	Sandy Evans
6	Elgin Robinson	16	Jim Wilcox		Barb Vallandingham
8	Elle Cawelti		Betty Buchman		Karen 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 2022

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

LIFE @ LINCOLN DEADLINE
April 15

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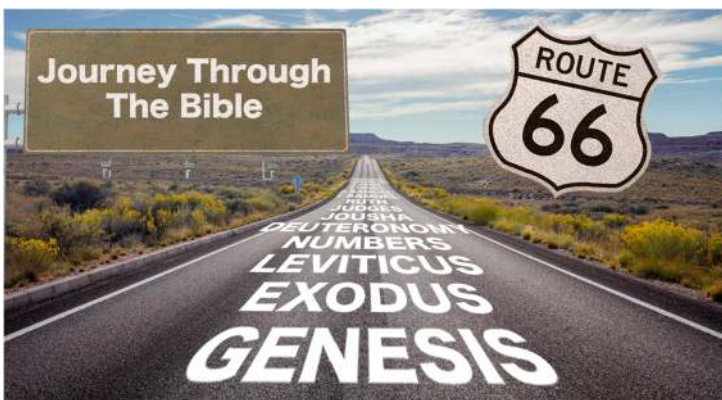


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Lincoln's Mission:

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

Sunday Sermons



March 6 - Ralph Drollinger from Capitol Ministries

March 13 - Poetry - Psalms

March 20 - Poetry - Proverbs

March 27 - Poetry - Ecclesiastes

April 3 - Poetry - Song of Solomon

April 10 - Palm Sunday

April 17 - Easter Sunday

April 24 - Minor Prophets - Hosea