

Pastor Jon Hathorn



I love November and December, and there are several reasons why. I love the cool mornings and the breeze through the open windows. It is simply a great transition of weather. I also enjoy the transition of being able to have warm homemade bread and soup from a crock pot at least once a week. Hot soup and summer just aren't my kind of combination. I also love watching the leaves change colors and start to fall. Bev and I have a Ginkgo tree in our front yard, which turns an incredible color yellow. You should drive by and see it. We have many memories of pictures in the front yard, making snow angels in the yard.

But I also love the focus of thanksgiving and joy. God has given us so many things to be thankful for and He has provided so many elements of joy in our lives, individually and as a body of believers.

I am so thankful to be a part of the Lincoln family. Each day, each week, each month and each year are reminders of the wonderful opportunity to be a part of this church. I have photos, emails, text messages, phone call memories and pictures on my phone reminding me of worship

services, special ministry moments, celebrations together, service in the name of the Lord, reminders of salvation and God's Amazing Grace.

I have a joy in my heart that comes from the Lord, is flamed by being with all of you, and is shared in ministry together. I hope this Thanksgiving and Christmas season is a reminder to you of these very same things. And yet without a doubt the single greatest gift was the birth of the Savior, the long-awaited Messiah. We will be having an incredible month of honoring and celebrating. Please check out the special events we have planned on the next couple of pages.

Jon

Important to Note:

- DST Ends
- Election Day
- GCRM Graduation
- Office Closures
- Congregational Meeting
- Men's Breakfast
- Women's Event
- Light Show
- Lack Family Concert
- Candlelight Services
- Christmas Day Service

Justin Linscheid - Assistant Pastor



With Thanksgiving coming up, I think it is especially appropriate to say thank you LPC for being a church that loves God,

one another, and the surrounding community. This is a church that has a heart for people to know God and

to demonstrate His love to one another.

Sunday school got off to a great start in the Fall of 2022. I am looking forward to additional opportunities in 2023 and the continuation of current classes. If you are not already, I encourage you to take hold of this opportunity to further develop your faith

in Christ and be a loving encouragement to your brothers and sisters in Christ. Join a class anytime on Sunday at 9:30am.

In November, we plan to reach out to our surrounding neighborhood with 100 Thanksgiving meal kits that each feed a family of five. The

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cost of a meal kit for a family of five is \$10. Some of these will be distrib-



uted in our church parking lot in drive-through fashion, and some of them will be taken door to door to unexpectant recipients. You will



have the opportunity to participate in this outreach event by donating \$10 or more to help purchase a meal kit or multiple

meal kits for families. Please contact me if you are interested in helping us distribute these meal kits on foot. As Jesus said, it is truly more blessed to give than to receive (Acts 20:35).

In December we are looking forward to the Christmas lightshow. This is a great opportunity to welcome our community onto our church campus and be a "light" for Jesus (pun intended). We will have two lightshow festival nights on December 9th and 10th in which people will park on the street and walk into the church parking lot. There will be fun activities



these nights for the whole family. We will have multiple nights of a drive-through

lightshow format (Dec. 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23). Please be in prayer that God would use this event for His glory. We pray it will be a lot of fun and a great way to pique interest in church and drawing near to God.



I close with these words from 1 Thessalonians 3:12, *"And may the Lord make your love for one another and for all people grow and overflow, just as our love for you overflows."*

Pastor Justin

Student Ministries - Harry Ulep



As we get closer and closer to the end of the year, I love getting to reflect upon the season of youth ministry and the many ways we

have grown in our faith and been challenged in our relationships with God. In these last few months, we had opportunities to reach out to other students through an Oak Park Ice Arena event, attend Gleanings and learn about missions, and enjoy being with one another playing hockey and doing a campus scavenger hunt. It has been a blast seeing the ways students are

growing, leaders are building relationships, and God is working through it all.

Through these last two months of the year, we are continuing through the series *Activate*, helping students lay the foundation of a lasting relationship with God through a study of the core concepts of their faith. We are also excited for some upcoming events like local service projects, a worship and praise night in the thanksgiving season, and some fun Christmas festivities to acknowledge the reason for the season, Jesus' birth. Youth group will



have its last meeting of the year on December 14th.

Along with that, we are beginning registration for our annual trip to Hume Lake for their Youth Winter Camp on March 3-5! We want to encourage students to come together for a weekend of high energy, various activities, great worship, and a chance to be away from the everyday routines of life to spend time with God through His Word! If you would like more

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Children's Ministries - Heidi Verheyden



As the seasons change and fall is upon us, there are many exciting things taking place in the kids ministry. The UPwards soccer program is under way, and we are so excited to have these families on campus each Monday and Saturday through November as we play soccer and get to share about the love of Jesus Christ.

In November, we have a family service project. Each family can take an Operation Christmas Child box home and together go shopping for the items that they would like to put in the box. The boxes will be available November 2nd and should be returned to the church by November 14th. This is a great way to help kids learn about giving to others and how a simple gift can open the doors for the gospel to be shared.

When the advent season kicks off November 27th, there will be a time in Agape Hall to make your own advent wreath. There will be a set of candles, fresh greenery,

devotional booklet and all the supplies to make an advent wreath to intentionally celebrate the advent at home. There will be supplies for each family, so if you're planning to attend, please RSVP by November 20th and there will be a kit ready for you!

Each Sunday during the advent season, we take time in the services to read scripture and light the advent calendar to prepare our hearts and minds for the Christmas season. If you would be interested in doing an advent reading or a Scripture reading, let me know which date and service time you would be available.

The kids on Sundays and Wednesdays are starting to practice their Christmas songs and are so excited to share their performance on December 18th at 9:30 am. We hope you will be there to cheer them on as they share the true meaning of Christmas through song and some special readings at the Kids' Christmas Performance

Start loading up those bags with clothes, shoes, or toys that your kids have outgrown. If you would like to get the items out of your house before the clothing exchange, you can bring them by the office. The clothing



exchange will be in the first week of January.

Through the year there are many opportunities to serve and share the love of Christ with kids. Whether that is watching them in the nursery/Pre-K on a Sunday, helping lead a small group on Wednesday or helping with a special event. Our kids' ministry is growing, and we are in need of a few more nursery workers for Sundays. If you would be willing to commit to once a month for a year, that would be a huge help for our kids' ministry or if you would be willing to be on a substitute list that would be helpful as well.

The old nursery has transitioned into a check in room as well as a parent resource area. There are a variety of recommended books, kids' Bibles and great resources to help partner with you as you raise your children. If there are any additional resources you would recommend, or ways we can support you, let us know. It is our desire to partner with families to train up your children in a faith community.

Student Ministries - Harry Ulep (continued)

information about winter camp, contact me at Harry@lincolnpres.org

Would you be in prayer for this coming season of youth ministry as 2023 draws near? Pray for students

to continue growing in their faith through small groups and discipleship, for non-believers to be reached and invited to hear about the good news of Christ, for our leaders to continue pouring out love and

wisdom into our youth, and for lives to be impacted for the Kingdom of God. We excited to see what comes our way and the ways God will be glorified.

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Christmas @ Lincoln

A Season of Advent, 5 special Sunday mornings, 2 Christmas Light Show Festivals, Drive in Light Shows, 2 Christmas Eve Services, and a very special Christmas Day Service, and a few special giving opportunities to love our city and those who don't yet know Christ.

This is a great Christmas Season of Celebration at Lincoln.

Sunday Special Celebrations

Sunday November 27th - 9:30 - 10:15 A Morning of Advent - learning about Advent, making a family wreath, and preparing for a wonderful month of celebration

Sunday December 4th - 9:30 - 10:15 Christmas Sketches and Songs - from the Lincoln family - coordinated by Kathy Jantz and Tom BetGeorge

Sunday December 11th - 9:30 - 10:15 "The Lack Family Singers" Christmas Concert

Sunday December 18th - 9:30 - 10:15 "Children's Christmas Presentation" - singing and reading what Christmas is all about

Sunday December 25th 9:30
One Single Celebration of the Birth of Jesus Christ - with a special time of Muffins and Mochas starting at 8:30

Advent Sunday Morning Services

Advent is a time of looking forward to the coming of Jesus - Each Sunday

morning in our services, we have a family, a couple or an individual in the church share a short reading and a simple reminder of one of the key components of Christmas: love, joy, peace, hope. If you would like to be a candle lighter or reader during advent season, please contact Heidi - heidi@lincolnpres.org

Light Show Festivals

Friday and Saturday Nights December 9th and 10th from 6-8 pm, there will be a celebration of the season in the parking lot. It will kick off and end with an incredible showing of our Christmas light show. During the evening there will be family and children's activities, snacks, crafts, food giveaways, picture opportunities and memories galore for our church family and the local community.

Drive Thru Light Shows

December 16th - 23rd from 6:00 - 8:00 pm, there will be a drive in light show. It is approximately an 18 minute show and it starts every 20 minutes. People enter the staging area from the Gettysburg driveway, and when given directions you drive your car into the main parking lot and watch the show right from your car and listen to the music on your radio station. The last show starts at 8:00 each night.

Special Giving Opportunities

Each year, we like to emphasize a few special giving opportunities.

Christmas @ Lincoln Pres



Christmas gifts for Men in the New Life Program at the Gospel Center Rescue Mission:

So many churches and programs focus on gifts for women and children and we have a special invitation from the Gospel Center Rescue Mission to support the men in the New Life Program. On Sunday Dec. 4th, we will have tickets available for purchasing a gift intended especially for a man in the program. We have one week to have the gifts returned to the church.

Operation Christmas Child: Also known at the Shoebox Ministry of Samaritan's Purse. We ask families to pack a box of little things for a child somewhere in the world. The boxes go to various parts of the world and through local missionaries the story of Jesus Christ is shared. Samaritan's Purse attempts to follow up for 12 weeks with the children who want to better understand who Jesus is and the life of faith and trust in Jesus that we are called to live.



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

The 2023 Flower Chart will be available for sign ups at the end of November.

November Flowers

- 6 Jesse Morones & Debra Shull
- 13 Betty Crecelius

December Flowers

- 4 Jesse Morones & Debra Shull

Treasurer's Report - Carol Bedell - August/September 2022

August/September Financial Report

Operating Fund:	<u>August</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>	<u>% of Annual Budget</u>
Income	\$63,208	\$583,746	73%
Expense	<u>\$68,752</u>	<u>\$489,091</u>	61%
Net	(\$5,544)	\$94,655	



At the end of August the operating fund was \$94,655 in the black. In August we received \$5,667 toward the Building Fund. We were able to pay our mortgage of \$6,943 with that and added an additional \$1,276 from the operating fund. Thank you for your continued faithfulness.

Operating Fund:	<u>September</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>	<u>% of Annual Budget</u>
Income	\$75,921	\$597,394	83%
Expense	<u>\$70,085</u>	<u>\$559,061</u>	70%
Net	\$ 5,836	\$100,608	

In September, the Operating Fund ended \$100,608 in the black for the year.

The Building Fund received \$11,183 in September, and we were able to pay the mortgage payment of \$6,943 and an excess of \$4,240 toward our principal leaving a balance of \$426,803. Thank you for your continued commitment and support of LPC through your giving, time, and talents.

The Financial Team has one request: if you wish to give to a missionary or mission program, please contribute directly to that agency. Don't make the check out to LPC. Putting LPC in the position of a middle man causes extra work and can lead to confusion. Thank you.

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 and have not yet notified us, please contact the office at:

office@lincolnpres.org

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



Welcome Our Newest Member

Please join us in welcoming Jason Hill as a new member at Lincoln. We're glad to have him here & hope that you

will say "Hi" and get to know him a little bit. Welcome Jason!



Deacon Message



Fall is here! As the seasons change, the deacons are praying you are able to be still and rest in His presence. *"God is in control of the times and seasons. Some times are hard, and some seasons are dry. So the conclusion is: God is in control of hard times and dry seasons."*

- Chuck Swindoll

Habakkuk 3:17-18 17 *"Though the fig tree does not bud and there are no grapes on the vines, though the olive crop fails and the fields produce no food, though there are no sheep in the pen and no cattle in the stalls, yet I will rejoice in the LORD, I will be joyful in God my Savior."*

Habakkuk's message reminds us no matter our circumstances we can have hope and assurance that God is in control. We can choose to

complain or praise Him. Let's praise God for He loves us, He knows what is best, and He is in control.

Please reach out to your deacon for any specific prayer requests you may have. We would love to partner with you through prayer no matter what season you are in.

A VERY MERRY
WOMEN'S

Bunco
Party

JOIN US FOR HOLIDAY CHEER, GREAT
SNACKS, A DEVOTIONAL AND FUN
GAMES OF BUNCO

DECEMBER 3RD
10:00 AM
LINCOLN CHURCH
\$10 PER PERSON

REGISTER AT
[HTTPS://LINCOLNPRES.ORG/CALENDAR](https://lincolnpres.org/calendar)
YOU WILL BE PROMPTED TO CREATE AN ACCOUNT

Congregational Meeting Called



Session has called a Congregational meeting for Sunday, November 27th after the 1st service for the purpose of nominating and voting on Elders, Deacons and Trustee.



Lincoln has a wonderful tradition of family members honoring and remembering others at both Christmas and Easter time. Families donate money in the name of a loved one and the money has been used for poinsettias and Easter lilies. These celebrations have been a blessing, but it has also been a challenge because of the strong fragrance for many. Honoring and remembering is a wonderful tradition. All donations will go towards purchasing plants for one of the planter areas around the church: front walkway on Douglas, the area in front of the office, or one of the planters outside the Activity Center. This will be a great long lasting blessing. If you'd be interested in participating, all the names of those being honored and remembered will be publicized in conjunction with Christmas and Easter as usual. Thank you to the people who thought of this idea. Please complete the form & return it with your donation by December 4th to be included in the Donor list to be published December 18th.

Given in memory of: _____

Given in honor of: _____

Given by: _____ Phone #: _____

November/December Calendar

Sundays:

Sunday Worship @ 8:15am & 10:30am
Live-stream service on YouTube @ 8:15am
Sunday School for all ages @ 9:30am

Mondays:

Hula for Health @ 5:30pm (through November 28)

Tuesdays:

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

Wednesdays:

Retired Guys Bible Study @ 9:30am
Kids & Youth @ 6-7:15pm (through Dec 7)
Mom's Bible Study @ 6-7:15pm (through Dec 7)
Adult Bible Study @ 6-7:15pm

Thursdays:

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

Saturdays:

Fit for Christ @ 9:30am (through November 19)

Dates to Remember:

Nov 8 Election Day-VOTE!
Nov 13 Gospel Rescue Mission Graduation
Nov 17 Food distribution
Nov 20 A Morning of Praise & Thanksgiving
Nov 24 Thanksgiving - Office Closed
Nov 25 Office Closed
Nov 27 Congregational Meeting
Dec 3 Men's Breakfast
Women's Christmas Bunco Party
Dec 4 Christmas Drama
Dec 9-10 Light Show Festival
Dec 11 Lack Family Concert
Dec 15 Food Distribution
Dec 16-23 Light Show Drive Up
Dec 18 Kids' Christmas Production
Dec 24 Candlelight Services
Dec 25 Muffins & Mocha
Christmas Worship
Dec 26 Office Closed

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November Birthdays

1 Beverly Fertig	18 Jenny Creamer	24 Casey Journagan
2 Lavon Van Selow	19 Jan Cambra	Bob Gibson
3 Savannah Nalls	Debra May	25 Connie Baxter
4 Vaughn Pipes	20 Juanita Fain	26 Bill Bambas
5 Nancy Oberholtzer	Michael Heer	Lorna Crooks
7 Kedric Nalls	Sharon Norbutas	27 Crystal Bates
Darrell Johnson	23 Doug Wary	28 Jake Erickson
9 Dick Ennis	Tara Silva	29 Jane Carson
14 Bob Norbutas	Christi Journagan	Lorna Zink
15 Emalie Lamie	24 Patrick Fedor	30 Cheryl Pannabecker

December Birthdays

1 John Kluve	12 Susan Blythe	22 Carroll Johnston
2 Patty Roek	13 Julie Senegor	23 Karen Gantt
John Schulz	Bill Conley	26 Irma St. John
3 Wendy Bell	14 Cynie Downs	John Montalvo
Amanda Stogner	Holly Meyers	27 Jed Asis
4 Cori Reynolds	16 Rachel Peña	27 Tyler Graham
7 Jen Gutierrez	Joyce Korock	28 Heidi Fedor
Dorothy Wilkins	18 Gabe Laguna	29 Maureen Gibson
9 Leonard Tacla	18 Scott McGregor	Bill Wagner
11 Richie Senegor	19 Barbara Morefield	30 Bob Yamaguchi
Valerie Ehrlich	Alyson White	31 Ray Johnson
Jim Dunn	21 Sandy Parker	Loren Tacla



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Friday 8:30am-Noon

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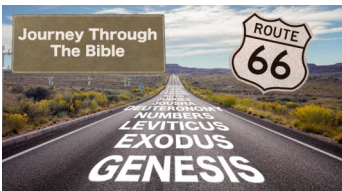


LincolnPresbyterianChurch

Lincoln's Mission:

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

Sunday Sermons



Nov 6 - 1 Thessalonians - Pastor Justin

Nov 13 - 2 Thessalonians - Pastor Jon

Nov 20 - A Morning of Praise & Thanksgiving

Nov 27 - People in the Tree of Jesus - Pastor Jon

Dec 4 - Threatened by Jesus - Pastor Justin

Dec 11 - Waiting for Jesus - Pastor Jon

Dec 18 - Seeking Jesus - Pastor Jon

Dec 24 - Realizing Who Jesus Is - Pastor Jon

Dec 25 - Imitating Jesus - Pastor Jon

