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## Pastor Jon Hathorn

Hello Lincoln,

Do you know anyone who has forgotten that 20 years ago on September 11th, there was an emergency? And I mean an emergency. 20 years is a long time. And an emergency is a big deal. We said we would never forget. I hurt for the people and the families who went through the attack, for those who helped respond to the attack. I pray for peace in their lives still and that God's grace will help.

I periodically ponder that day. Many eyes were on the television and news stations all day. Maybe it was most eyes, maybe it was some eyes. I do know I wanted to understand and I wanted to know more- I was interested in how and why and even what, plus all those other W's. How could it

happen to us? Why did it happen where it did and why that day? What exactly was a motive? Who specifically were they after or was it the nation as a whole? When would it or when might it happen again?

I would like to have this same heartbeat and mental quest about things today - A love for those who are lost spiritually and living without the hope of Jesus. I also have a deep love for those who are struggling in their personal evaluation of one or more of many things going on such as:

\*deciding what news reports to listen to

\*whether to call the shots that are being given "a vaccine" or "an experimental vaccine"



\*whether or not to take this shot

\*should a mask be worn

\*feeling of not being able to actually discuss some of these things because opinions are so strong and all that takes place is harsh, forceful opinion and not discussion.

I never want to forget God is always there, and there means everywhere. I never want to forget that God is always able and nothing is impossible for Him. I also never want to forget that God knows, and that means He knows everything. These are so important and I stand on these truths. In the midst of all that is going on, seek the truth, seek God and His Word, and love others.

Jon

### Important to Note:

- Church Picnic
- Marriage 911
- Men's Breakfast
- Baby Shower

## Justin Linscheid - Assistant Pastor



Working with both Adult and Outreach Ministries here at Lincoln reminds me of an important word: balance. Many things in life require balance to be at their best. For example, the right balance between diet and exercise, rest and work, earning and spending, the amount of pressure in your tires, etc. One area of our lives that requires balance is our spir-

itual input and our spiritual output. In order to successfully live out the mission that God has for us, we need to both be encouraged and be encouragers, be loved and love, read Scripture and live it out, learn more about the faith and share more about the faith, etc. Adult and Outreach Ministries really go hand in hand when you think about it like this. They are

two arms on the same body. We need spiritual input to sustain a healthy level of spiritual output- without this we will be running on fumes and eventually run out of gas completely. Likewise, we need a healthy level of output so that we are walking out our input. Too much spiritual information with no spiritual application leads to spiritual constipation- and we

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## Justin Linscheid - Assistant Pastor (continued)

don't want that either!

In His earthly ministry, "Jesus often withdrew to lonely places and prayed" (Lk. 5:16), yet Jesus also "had compassion on the crowd" (Mt. 9:36). He modeled a balanced life of both tending to His own soul before the Father and caring for the souls of others. Jesus said to His disciples both, "Let's go off by ourselves to a quiet place and rest awhile" (Mk. 6:31) and "Therefore, go and make disciples ... to the ends of the earth" (Mt. 28:19; Acts 1:8).

My prayer is that we would follow Jesus' example. May our inward spiritual life sustain and inspire outward action. And may our outward action inspire us to draw ever closer



to the presence of our Heavenly Father. Spiritual input and spiritual output work best in cooperation and balance. Both are necessary for healthy growth and fruitfulness. That's why it's important to both get plugged into a life group, spend daily alone time with God, take in God's Word, and engage in outreach efforts, mission trips, and to live daily as witnesses for Christ.

It is important to have a spiritual depth that can sustain spiritual breadth. If you were to build an enjoyable community pool, you

wouldn't likely want it to be a mile wide and an inch deep. Nor would you want the pool to be a mile deep and an inch wide. Neither are very swim friendly. There would need to be some appropriate measure of balance between its breadth and its depth in order for the pool to be one that could be enjoyed. God wants you to build a pool, so to speak. It needs to have both a certain measure of depth and a certain measure of breadth. I encourage you to take some time before God to consider whether you are living in balance. Are you both growing inwardly and reaching outwardly to others in love? If not, ask God for fresh perspective and insight on how best to both grow inwardly and reach outwardly.

~ Pastor Justin

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## Student Ministries - Harry Ulep



Growing up, one thing I always loved about the Fall is being able to go back to school and be with my friends. Having both the comradery

amongst classmates, the times during breaks that we'd get to chat and laugh, and the encouragement to strive in my classes, even as assignments became difficult. There was a passion that came from being around others, growing together, and reaching our goals and aspirations.

Looking back at the summer, our youth had opportunities to attend an Oakland A's baseball game, go to the beach at Rancho Seco, and enjoy an

evening at SunSplash Water Park. We experienced Youth Group in a different way, as we met at a local park every other week, playing games in the field and hearing messages from different leaders. We also had some of our youth attend summer camp, having the chance to meet other students, spend time in the Word of God, and grow in their faith, acknowledging Jesus as the Way, the Truth, and the Life.

It's exciting seeing the joy that fills the air when the students are together and having the chance to bond with one another; seeing the leaders engaged and wanting to invest in them, pour wisdom into their lives,

and remind them that they are part of a loving community that seeks to grow together. And all in all, the hearts of everyone seeking to pursue growth and the next steps in their faith, encouraging others in their walk with God, and deciding that our lives should be a reflection of Jesus, so that we may be transformed and others may see His Light through our lives.

We are looking forward to a fun filled Fall, having more of those opportunities for students to dive into the Scriptures, have open discussions about faith, and to be encouraged and engaged with those around them.

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### The Bi-Monthly Newsletter of Lincoln Presbyterian Church

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## Children's Ministries - Heidi Verheyden



Wednesday night programs have started up! It was exciting to hear the hustle and bustle of kids on campus as we started midweek programs in August. The children's ministry is going through the program "Team Kid" which is a discipleship program focusing on the different aspects of our faith and how we need to be fully committed to Christ. If you missed the chance to register for the first set of mid-week programs, the next time to sign up will be September 22<sup>nd</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup>.

Be sure to save the date of Oct. 31<sup>st</sup>

for TRUNK-OR-TREAT! – This fun, free, family event will have lots of candy, a bounce house, games, Magician, a live band, & hot dog dinner...all FREE! Families come to our parking lot and experience community, fun, support, & love. It will be fun to meet our neighbors, and dress up for a incredible night! It would be great to have you help us **Make A Difference** for our community. Ways to be involved: decorate a car and pass out candy, donate candy, BBQ & help in the food line, or better yet come and meet our neighbors, helping us to build bridges in our community.

Throughout the week there is an



incredible group of volunteers who are helping to invest in the lives of children and help these kids develop a Biblical worldview. These volunteers help with all sorts of activities, from leading a lesson, making crafts, singing, snacks, small group time, large group lesson and so much more. If you are interested in partnering with the kids and family ministries to make an eternal investment in the lives of children, I would love to chat with you about what areas you are willing to serve.

## Random Summer Pix



Disc Golf Event



4th of July Pancake Breakfast



August visitors:  
← Mayor Kevin Lincoln

Guest Speaker  
Dwight Williams →



4th of July visitors!



Youth Summer Camp





## Treasurer's Report - Carol Bedell - June 2021/July 2021

June/July

Operating Fund:	June	Year to Date	% of Annual Budget
Income	\$56,229	\$416,260	53%
Expense	<u>\$53,286</u>	<u>\$318,312</u>	41%
Net	\$2,943	\$ 97,948	

### Financial Report



At the end of June we were \$97,948 in the black and we were able to pay an additional \$12,197 toward our principal payment on our mortgage. Your generosity has enabled us to use our resources wisely and in the service of our great God.

Operating Fund:	July	Year to Date	% of Annual Budget
Income	\$53,477	\$469,777	60%
Expense	<u>\$54,491</u>	<u>\$372,922</u>	48%
Net	(\$1,014)	\$96,855	

Through July of 2021, the Operating Fund ended \$96,855 in the black. Our income is above budgeted projections and our expenditures are less. We have also been granted forgiveness for our PPP loan.

The Capital Campaign received \$12,620 in July and paid the \$12,623 mortgage payment. At the end of July we owe \$1,042,147 on our loan. In August the mortgage rate and monthly payment will be lower which will enable us to pay the mortgage off sooner. Thank you for your continued commitment and support of LPC through your giving and your talents.



## Marriage 911

Is your marriage in trouble? Thought about walking out? If you're ready to do something to save your marriage, Marriage 911 is for you. Come and learn about God and His plan for marriage so you can reconcile and heal. Attend as a couple or one willing partner to seek healing for your home.

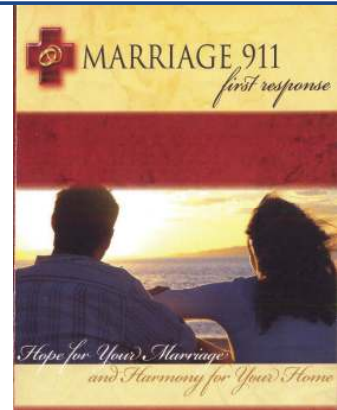
**This can also be thought of as Marriage 411.** Are you engaged? Thinking about marriage? If you are married and want to grow in your relationship. This course is also for you.

In this 12-week support group, each week you will sit with other women and

men with a small group leader. You will learn to identifying unmet needs, to care for yourself and your partner, how to uncover your feelings, and how to build new habits and hope. There is a workbook that the group follows that provides practical steps for working out these marriage-saving principles. Come join with couples who know what real conflict looks like and who have made it to the other side.

This is a joint effort of churches across Stockton—all are welcome!

The workbooks cost \$22 for each person. After buying the workbook once,



you can attend the class once or an unlimited number of times.

Childcare will be provided as needed.

## Church Picnic

Come on out for a fun afternoon on Sept. 19th @ noon, Oak Grove Regional Park at the Oaks Pavilion! BBQ chicken and hot dogs provided with side dishes to be provided pot-

luck style by participants. Sign up in the foyer for what you will bring. There will be lots of fellowship, Disc Golf & Corn Hole Toss, along with **Paddle Boats** (\$6 per 30 min for

regular Paddle Boats), **Fishing** (\$5 for 16 yrs & older. Free for 15 yrs & under), **Nature Trails** and a **Playground**.



## One Missionary Plus God Equals 13 More Missionaries Sent!

God is a God of connections. God connected Erin Gilbert with LPC while she was ministering to students at UOP with InterVarsity Christian Fellowship (IVCF). Some of you may remember when Erin and her husband Jay left Stockton to serve with Pioneers in Central Asia. Pioneers focuses on sharing the gospel with unreached people groups around the world. Erin and Jay now live in Sacramento, and Erin continues to use her unique blend of giftings as a pre-field coach for Pioneers. She helps mission workers discern the assignment God has for them and then prepare to serve overseas. By the end of September, she will have helped to

send 13 missionary "units" to different locations in Central Asia in 2021.

Nick was one of the IVCF students that Erin ministered to at UOP. Erin kept in touch with Nick as he went to Mexico with the Peace Corps and then launched into a teaching career in California. Later Erin shared with him about a teaching opportunity with Pioneers, and Nick began the application process. Through this journey, at times God nudged Erin to pray for Nick, and specifically for his 'future wife'. Sure enough, Erin got to watch as God connected Nick with Joanna, who had ministered to Muslim refugee women in Minnesota, when they both applied to Pioneers! God is



now sending them as a family to serve in a Spanish-speaking Muslim refugee camp in a sensitive country. How's that for connecting the dots! What connections might God be making in your life for serving or helping others to serve in God's mission?



## Ladies-You Are Invited!

SOMETIMES  
THE SMALLEST THINGS,  
TAKE UP THE MOST  
ROOM IN YOUR HEART.

- *Winnie the Pooh*

JOIN US FOR AN OPEN HOUSE BABY SHOWER IN HONOR OF

### ALYSSA AND BABY LINSCHIED

*Saturday, October 2nd*  
TWO THOUSAND TWENTYONE  
FROM 10 AM TO 12 PM

*Verheyden Residence*  
1007 Clarane Ave | STOCKTON, CALIFORNIA

ALYSSA IS REGISTERED AT BABYLIST  
PLEASE RSVP BY SEPTEMBER 12TH  
TO SHANNON BARKER - babylinscheid@gmail.com



ONE SMALL REQUEST THAT WON'T BE TOO HARD

### PLEASE BRING A BOOK

INSTEAD OF A CARD!

WHETHER IT'S 'CAT IN THE HAT' OR 'WINNIE THE POOH'  
YOU CAN SIGN THE BOOK WITH A PRAYER FROM YOU.  
IT DOESN'T MATTER IF IT'S WELL LOVED OR BRAND NEW,  
EITHER WAY YOUR BOOK WILL REMIND ME OF YOU.

- *Love, Baby Linscheid*



### DIAPER RAFFLE

BRING A PACK OF DIAPERS IN ANY SIZE  
FOR A CHANCE TO WIN A PRIZE!

*Name:* \_\_\_\_\_



## Directory Updates



Rene Friis  
Plymouth Square  
1319 N Madison St Apt. 610  
Stockton 95202

Emily Ferguson  
2719 Feather Pl  
Davis CA 95616

Justin & Alyssa Linscheid  
6030 Portsmouth Pl 95219

John & Carol Sharpe  
No more landline

Dan & Liz Cliburn  
6415 Brook Hollow Cir 95219

Valerie Ehrlich  
6706 Tam O'Shanter Dr #113  
95210

Patty Roek  
200 Glenwood Cir #334  
Monterey CA 93940



## 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

### September Flowers

- 5 Jesse Morones / Debra Shull
- 26 Nate & Lise Karnes

### October Flowers

- 3 Jesse Morones / Debra Shull
- 31 Cynthia Alford

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## September/October Calendar

### Sundays:

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

- RightNow Study Group - Office classroom
- Ecclesiastes - Room A2 (in the Activity Center)

### 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 @ 6pm-7:15pm (starts Sept. 15)

### Thursdays:

Pickleball @ 6:30pm

### Dates to Remember:

Sept 6 - Labor Day (Office Closed)  
Sept 9 - Marriage 911 Begins  
Sept 18 - Art Mockler Memorial Service @ 10am  
Sept 19 - Church Picnic  
October 2 - Men's Breakfast  
Baby Shower for Baby Linscheid  
October 3 - Fall Decorating  
Hymn Sing @ 5:30pm  
October 31 - Trunk or Treat

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## September Birthdays

1 Rebecca Severin	12 Justin Linscheid	27 Merrilee Chapman
3 Ed Bates	Eric Verheyden	Hanna Fетters
4 Shirley Grimes	13 Peggy Heskett	28 Donald Cottman
5 Drew Meyers	15 Dan Cliburn	Judy Borth
6 Lisa Richers	16 Norma Yamaguchi	29 Ron Ehrlich
9 Jenna White	20 Jim Best	30 Barbara Bennett
12 Ron Korock	26 Sandy Harmon	



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## October Birthdays

2 Bryan Colyer	11 Mariah Goodman	22 Steve Stoddard
5 Christine Frey	12 Marty Lamie	23 Hunter Chambers
Sharon Jacobson	12 Charlene Nelson	25 Karen Morelli
Gary Kudla	14 Rhonda Messerer-	26 Lynda Farrar
Tim Nguyen	Jacobson	27 Barbara Gates
7 Tammy Hannon	15 Christina Johnson	Cindy Abrescy
8 Angie Marulo	17 Cathy Graham	30 Suzy Sage
9 Shirley Dvorak	18 Nancy Kaneko	Julie Figueroa
Zach Graham	Andrea Shakespeare	31 Judy Flaig
11 Ron Borth	19 Molly Foster	

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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.*

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### Route 66 - The History Books



Continuing our "Route 66" Sermon Series, now in The History Books. There are 66 books in the Bible and we are going to gain a little overview of each book, it's basic message, key points and memorable thoughts. There will be some incredible visuals and other helpful reminders each week engaging us in a better understanding and appreciation of each book.