

## Pastor Jon Hathorn



When I was growing up, I was a part of a program in the summer, and the participants had all sorts of creative learning opportunities: leatherwork, tin engraving, knot tying, and we even learned to make fishing lures. I actually loved every one of these. I didn't understand what fishing lures were, because I had only ever used worms, peanut butter, bologna, and salmon eggs for fishing. I had never seen a colorful lure or a spinner.

I remember the teacher explaining how a lure works. He said, you are attempting to have the color or shiny aspect of the lure "catch the eye of the fish" in hopes that "the fish will be fully focused on wanting the disguise" in the eventual hope of "finally wanting to eat the disguise" resulting in the fish "being hooked." Once the fish is hooked, the fish is soon to be "reeled in" and at that point as the fisherman you decide whether to "clean and eat the fish" or "release the

fish." Many fishermen are aiming for dinner.

The world in which we live has a similar battle. I really appreciate Pastor Dwight Williams and the ministry he has in our community. When he spoke at Lincoln recently, he started the message with some reminders of the difficult times in which we live, and the idea that there are many things that trouble the hearts of people. Here is the actual statement he made, *"I fervently believe that the times we are living in right now, especially as people of faith as born again believers in Jesus Christ, I believe that we are in the midst of a full throttle cultural war. It's not looming, we are living in it."*

Jesus calls us to *"Love the Lord our God with all our heart, all our soul and all our mind"* (Matthew 22:37). The disciples were

called to follow Jesus and become fishers for the souls of men. We have been called *"to be imitators of God as dearly loved children"* (Ephesians 5:1), to be *"the salt and light of the world"* (Matthew 5), to *"keep His commands and remain faithful to Jesus"* (Revelation 14:12), to *"do what Jesus commands"* (John 15:14), to *"walk in obedience to His commands"* (2 John 1:6), and we are told in 1 John 2:15-17, *"Do not love the world or anything in the world. If anyone loves the world, love for the Father is not in them. For everything in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—comes not from the Father but from the world. The world and its desires pass away, but whoever does the will of God lives forever."*

The evil one is like that fishing lure. He attempts to deceive us and mislead us. He wants to distract us from truth and waver in our following of the Lord and being obedient to the

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Lord. He uses all sorts of disguises, changes labels, makes promises that are empty, and simply lies. I really want to encourage two things for all of us: one, seek the truth of God and His Word by being a diligent student of the Scriptures - and secondly, be wise about the sources of information. As a church, we are committed to teaching and learning the Scriptures, which is why starting

on Sunday October 2nd, we will have Sunday School for all ages focusing on Spiritual Growth and Discipleship. In regard to sources of information - I remember people saying things like, "I read it right there in print," and I remember my mom and dad saying, "just because it is in writing, doesn't make it true."

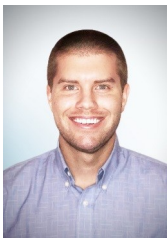
I wholeheartedly agree with Dwight, that there is a battle

raging in our society. Some of the things being attacked include: the biblical values of putting God first, the biblical responsibilities of parents, and the general authority of God's Word. I pray for each of us as individuals and for us as a church, that we would be faithful to Christ and obedient to the Word of God. God bless you all.

Pastor Jon

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## Justin Linscheid - Assistant Pastor



Looking back over the summer, a couple of highlights that I am thankful for come to mind. First, there was a very fun pancake breakfast in July to celebrate the 4th. It was fun to see both new and familiar faces while we celebrated living in the country that we do and worshiped God together.

A second summer highlight was National Night Out in August. We had many people from our immediate neighborhood join us that evening as well as a variety of public service agencies, first responders, and the police chief. This was a fun



night of live music, good food, and community connection. The first responders who came out enjoyed

the event saying it was very well done.

Looking ahead, I would like to highlight the start of Sunday School on October 2nd. The Bible communicates that God works through the community of His people to develop us as Christians. We are making efforts to create opportunities

to live out God's means for our growth. I want to encourage you to take hold of the community that God has placed you in here at Lincoln and pursue further growth in your faith. Sunday School will not only be a great opportunity to develop your own faith, but to help in the development of others as you love, teach, and encourage one another. Please see the class offerings for Fall under the Sunday School section of this newsletter.

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## Student Ministries - Harry Ulep



What an incredible summer it was! I loved getting to spend time with the youth over the summer through various events like

camp, youth group at the park, pool party and more. Seeing the youth's excitement for being with one another, diving into the Word, and challenging one another to continue that growth is amazing.

One thing I'd like to highlight is our summer camp experience. Our students had a great time playing the various games and activities and meeting students from different churches. Our students also found joy in attending every morning devotional, being able to start their day in Scripture and to ask questions about God's Word, wanting to know the very truths we believe in. One of my favorite memories is the last



night of camp, where churches gather their students and leaders and take communion together. Knowing all our students made dedications just prior to this makes the moment that much more powerful, seeing them break into tears, supporting one another, and acknowledging what Christ has done for us through communion. At the end of this incredible week, our students were refreshed, encouraged, motivated, and challenged in their faith.

As we enter our Fall programming, we are excited to continue that growth alongside our students. We have different events to help promote all of the core values our



youth hold firm to: growth, opportunities, service, being planted, encouragement, and Lordship. From outreach opportunities like hockey nights and ice skating to discipleship times of missions, worship and our Sunday School class starting in October, we look forward to seeing these students take ownership of their faith and have chances to grow in their relationship with God Almighty.

If you would like to serve in the youth ministry in some capacity, we would love to explore that opportunity. If you have a youth in your family looking for a community to be a part of, we would love to have them. And if you would like to see our youth calendar or have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact me:

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## Children's Ministries - Heidi Verheyden



This year our focus for TeamKid is the Good News! Over the course of the year, kids will explore themes and purposes of the Gospels and

learn how each account of the same story seamlessly weaves different details together to share the good news of Jesus and the kingdom of God. There is an

incredible team of leaders that are excited to disciple the kids and partner with families as they dive deeper into God's word.

As we build up to the launch of Sunday School there are some exciting changes under way. The kid's ministry has begun to switch over to an electronic check in system and prior to Sunday School, each child will receive a name tag. A family can



check in all their kids at once from any of the check in locations. The current nursery is going to become a check in room for both the Nursery and PreK class, along with some resources for parents (books, spiritual development, etc.), a place to park strollers, and a space for nursing moms to sit and watch the service via the

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## Children's Ministries - Heidi Verheyden (continued from page 3)

livestream. The nursery will move into a room located off the nursery. Thank you to everyone who has helped and is helping to make this transition take place.



During Sunday School time, there will be three classes available for kids. The Nursery for ages 0-3, the PreK class from potty trained 3-year-old through Kindergarten and the

Elementary class for 1<sup>st</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> graders. The classes will be using the same curriculum called "Generations of Grace", through the year, which will take us through the Scriptures in chronological order.

After Sunday School has ended, the Nursery and Pre-K kids will stay in their rooms, while the 1<sup>st</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> graders will be picked up to enjoy the first part of the service. The kids will stay in the service a bit longer to enjoy worship and will be dismissed to Kids' Church after the morning prayer.

Each Wednesday an email is sent from the Kids ministry that includes Sunday School lesson themes, Wednesday follow up letter, upcoming events and announcements. If you don't already get these emails, please visit the [lincolnpres.org/kids](http://lincolnpres.org/kids) page, and scroll midway down until you see: To stay in touch with us for weekly resources and upcoming events sign up for our

email list! [Sign up](#)

As a parent of three kids, a little confession, that there are weeks when I end up putting my kids' papers in my purse never to see the light of day. Some weeks I am so good about following up and using the resources that I get. A tip that someone shared with me recently that has helped our family so much to follow up with spiritual impact: on Sunday, when we sit down, we take turns sharing what we did in our classes, even my husband and I share about the sermon. Some of the questions we ask are can you name a character from your Bible story, where was the story in the Bible, how does this impact your relationship with God, etc. This has turned into a fun tradition on Sundays! Our prayer is that your family will find the best way for you to carry on the conversations when you head home.

## Indoor Soccer Coming!

The Kids' Ministry is excited to announce that we will be doing a kids Upwards Soccer league this fall. The league will put an emphasis on developing soccer skills, teamwork and exposure to faith. At every practice the coach leads the team in a

devotional and shares a memory verse. This is a great opportunity to connect with families and develop relationships within our community over the season and hopefully develop a bridge to create a great space for our church family to invite these



families to Lincoln and introduce them to the gospel. Check out the [lincoln-pres.org/kids](http://lincolnpres.org/kids) page for registration info.



## STARTING SUNDAY OCTOBER 2nd A NEW SUNDAY SCHEDULE IS COMING

**8:15 First Service**  
(child care for infants - Pre-K)

**9:30 Sunday School for All Ages**  
(child care, children, youth, adults)

**10:30 Second Service**  
(child care for infants—Pre-K, and Kids Church through 6th grade)

**Spiritual Growth is important to us**



## Treasurer's Report - Carol Bedell - June/July 2022

June/July

| Operating Fund: | <u>June</u>     | <u>Year to Date</u> | <u>% of Annual Budget</u> |
|-----------------|-----------------|---------------------|---------------------------|
| Income          | \$61,784        | \$438,724           | 55%                       |
| Expense         | <u>\$61,037</u> | <u>\$352,035</u>    | 44%                       |
| Net             | \$747           | \$86,689            |                           |

### Financial Report



At the end of June the operating fund was \$86,689 in the black. In June we received \$8,839 toward the Building Fund. We were able to pay our mortgage of \$6,943 and an additional \$1,896 to pay down the principal. Thank you for your continued faithfulness.

| Operating Fund: | <u>July</u>     | <u>Year to Date</u> | <u>% of Annual Budget</u> |
|-----------------|-----------------|---------------------|---------------------------|
| Income          | \$71,158        | \$509,901           | 64%                       |
| Expense         | <u>\$59,632</u> | <u>\$411,561</u>    | 52%                       |
| Net             | \$11,526        | \$98,340            |                           |

In July, the Operating Fund ended \$98,340 in the black for the year. The Building Fund received \$11,625 in July, and we were able to pay the mortgage payment of \$6,943 and an excess of \$4,682 toward our principal leaving a balance of \$441,545. Thank you for your continued commitment and support of LPC through your giving, time, and talents.

## Planning Ahead Seminar: Preparing Well for Our Earthly Departure

**Saturday October 15th**  
**9:00-11:00AM, LPC Sanctuary**

Join us on October 15th for a seminar that will help you prepare well for end-of-life affairs. In this seminar we will cover topics such as estate planning, revocable trusts, powers of attorney, avoiding

probate, funeral planning and preparation, patient advocacy, how to find a good nursing home, and more. We encourage the attendance of all-aged adults.



## Deacon Message



Fall is here (even though it kind of feels like summer still!). 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.

In closing here is a link to an encouraging song about seasons:  
<https://youtu.be/HUISd7LSxAQ>



## 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

- 4 Jesse Morones & Debra Shull
- 4 Betty Crecelius
- 11 Charito Lopez

### October Flowers

- 2 Jesse Morones & Debra Shull

## ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

We plan to offer three upcoming seasons of Sunday School.

**Fall** (8 weeks) Oct 2 - Nov 20

**Winter** (13 weeks) Jan 8 - Apr 2

**Spring** (6 weeks) April 16 - May 21

Sunday School will take place from 9:30-10:15AM on Sunday mornings between the first and second service.

Here is a brief overview of the class offerings for the first fall season:

### OmniInfinity: Journey One - Highest Honors

Why OmniInfinity? Because it matters what you think about God. Omni is a unique, engaging, and interactive discipleship series focusing on the attributes of God and the spiritual practices necessary to really know Him and not just know about Him. Please visit: [www.omniinfinity.com](http://www.omniinfinity.com) for more information and to download free class materials. Led by

Peg and Greg Helland.

### Curriculum for Christlikeness: A Practice of Christian Spiritual Formation

Using The Good and Beautiful series, we will put our ideas about God to the test to see if they match up with what Jesus Himself reveals about God. Once you've discovered the truth in Scripture, we'll enter a process of spiritual formation that includes specific activities aimed at making these true narratives real in your life. Learn who God is, what it means to be a Christian, how to live in community, and how to address toxic self-narratives that hinder spiritual growth. Led by Dave Blicharz and Justin Linscheid.

### The Truth Project: An in-depth Christian Worldview Experience

The Truth Project is a groundbreaking small group curriculum on the Biblical worldview. This video-based study will help you

see life from a Biblical perspective. This class will show you the relevance and importance of living the biblical worldview in your daily life, featuring insights from biblical experts like R.C. Sproul, Os Guinness, and Gordon Pennington. Led by Cameron Pannabecker.

### RightNow Media Group

RightNow Media offers a vast variety of biblically based videos taught by some of the best Bible teachers in the world. This group will engage with a variety of these studies to help equip and disciple you. In this group we will encourage and pray for one another as we apply God's truth to our lives. Led by Lise Karnes.



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## September/October Calendar

### Sundays in September:

Sunday Worship @ 8:30am & 10am  
Live-stream service on YouTube @ 8:30am  
Adult Sunday School Classes @ 10am  
• RightNow Study Group - Fireside Room

### Sundays in October:

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

### Tuesdays:

Prayer Time @ 6:30am  
Women's Bible Study @ 9:30am (resumes Sept. 13)  
Quilting @ 12pm  
Men's Basketball @ 6pm  
Young Adults @ 6:30pm

### 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

### Thursdays:

Pickleball @ 5:30 or 6:30pm  
Men's Bible Study @ 6:30pm  
Al-Anon @ 6:30pm

### Saturdays:

Fit for Christ @ 9:30am

### Dates to Remember:

Sept 5 Labor Day - Office closed  
Sept 11 Church Picnic  
Sept 15 Food for You  
Sept 24 Men's Breakfast  
Oct 2 New Sunday Schedule begins  
Oct 15 Planning Ahead Seminar: Preparing Well for  
Our Earthly Departure  
Oct 20 Food for You  
Oct 30 Trunk or Treat

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*Trunk or Treat* is a great community outreach for Halloween festivities! Candy donations and volunteer signups will start at the end of September. It is a great night to meet our neighbors and shine the light of Christ!

## September Birthdays

|                   |                     |                     |                    |
|-------------------|---------------------|---------------------|--------------------|
| 1 Rebecca Severin | 12 Justin Linscheid | 26 Sandy Harmon     | 29 Ron Ehrlich     |
| 4 Sharon Olson    | Eric Verheyden      | 27 Merrilee Chapman | 30 Barbara Bennett |
| 5 Drew Meyers     | 15 Dan Cliburn      | Hanna Feters        |                    |
| 6 Lisa Richers    | 16 Norma Yamaguchi  | 28 Donald Cottman   |                    |
| 9 Jenna White     | 20 Jim Best         | Judy Borth          |                    |

## October Birthdays

|                  |                     |                      |                  |
|------------------|---------------------|----------------------|------------------|
| 2 Bryan Colyer   | 9 Shirley Dvorak    | 15 Christina Johnson |                  |
| 5 Christine Frey | Zach Graham         | 18 Nancy Kaneko      | 25 Karen Morelli |
| Sharon Jacobson  | 11 Ron Borth        | Andrea Shakespeare   | 26 Lynda Farrar  |
| Gary Kudla       | 12 Marty Lamie      | 19 Molly Foster      | 27 Cindy Abrescy |
| Tim Nguyen       | Charlene Nelson     | 22 Steve Stoddard    | 30 Suzy Sage     |
| 7 Tammy Hannon   | 14 Rhonda Messerer- | 23 Hunter Chambers   | Julie Figueroa   |
| 8 Angie Marulo   | Jacobson            | 24 Nathan Maloy      | 31 Judy Flaig    |



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Friday 8:30am-Noon

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**October 15**

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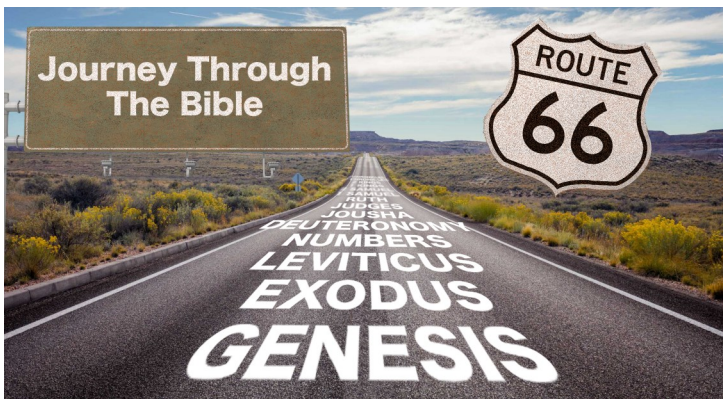


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*Lincoln's Mission:*

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

## Sunday Sermons



Sept 4 - Acts - Pastor Justin

Sept 11 - Romans - Pastor Jon

Sept 18 - 1 Corinthians - Pastor Justin

Sept 25 - Pastor Saul Karosas

Oct 2 - 2 Corinthians - Pastor Jon

Oct 9 - Galatians - Pastor Jon

Oct 16 - Ephesians - Pastor Jon

Oct 23 - Philippians - Pastor Jon

Oct 30 - Colossians - Pastor Jon