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Jon Hathorn - Pastor / Head of Staff



These next two months are full of many family and community opportunities. These 61 days will be packed with family traditions and gatherings, decorations, as well as foods to enjoy. And then there are all of the things that other people plan for you.

It is our utmost desire to help provide a good balance of being extremely thankful, celebrating the Savior, caring about our community, and providing some opportunities to serve and give.

November is about giving thanks, which is so important, since we often forget about thanking people and thanking God. Throughout Scripture there are words and phrases about giving thanks:

- ***Be thankful in all situations***
1st Thessalonians 5:18
- ***Give thanks to the Lord for He is Good***
1st Chronicles 16:34
- ***Devote yourselves to prayer being watchful and thanks***
Colossians 4:2

And December is about the celebration of Christ's birth. I think it is tremendous how we give thanks in November preparing our hearts for honoring Christ's birth.

All too often, Christmas Day arrives and we have missed the chance to enjoy the heart transformation that can take place through the music of the Christmas Season. I hope you take a look at the special opportunities we have to celebrate the special gifts of hope, joy, peace, and love that come from the Savior's birth.



Justin Linscheid - Assistant Pastor



As the Fall season unfolds, we are presented with meaningful opportunities to come together for festive celebrations and acts of service. In October, we enjoyed our annual Trunk or

Treat, a time of fun and connection with our neighbors.

Looking ahead to November, we are preparing to provide over 120 Thanksgiving meal kits, each designed to feed a family of five. It's a chance to extend love and generosity to those in need.

In December, we will illuminate the season with two special events: our lightshow festival on December 14th, followed by eight nights of a drive-in light show from

December 15th to 22nd. These gatherings aren't just moments of joy—they're opportunities for us to reflect the light and love of Jesus to our community.

As a church, we strive to embody the generosity and hospitality of the God we serve. We invite you to join us in prayer, asking God to use these events as bridges - bridges that lead people to faith, connection, and the family of Christ.

Over 2,000 years ago, Jesus entered our world bringing life, love, and hope. As His followers, let's do the same - carrying His heart and message into the world around us. There are opportunities all around us each day. Live with purpose and intention. Jesus isn't just the reason for the season; He is the reason for our very lives.



Josh Imboden - Director of Student Ministries



As we enter a new season in youth ministry, we are focusing on two key priorities: *Life Groups* and *Worship*, to help our students deepen their faith. We are

committed to creating environments where both Middle and High School students can connect with each other and with God.

Life Groups will be a central part of both our ministries. These groups provide students with the opportunity to build authentic relationships, explore their faith, and receive support from trusted leaders and peers. Life Groups are an amazing space for students to ask questions, be heard, and study God's Word. Our High School Life Groups meet weekly, while Middle School groups will alternate between large groups and Life Groups, giving students a balanced experience.

For High School students, we are emphasizing *Worship*. Through student-led worship nights, students will lift their voices to God and have powerful encounters in His presence. If you are interested in joining the worship team, contact Josh Imboden.

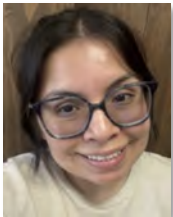
Mark Your Calendars: Upcoming Events

- **Winter Camp at Hume Lake (January 30 - February 2, 2025):** Experience dynamic worship, life-changing messages, and friendship-building in a beautiful setting. Sign up early!
- **Night to Shine (February 7, 2025):** Join us in serving at this special prom night for people with special needs at Galt High School.
- **Broomball (March 8, 2025):** Get ready for some ice-cold fun—no skates required!

We are excited for what God has in store this year!



Raquel Perez - Director of Children's & Family Ministries



We are entering into my favorite season of the year. It's a season of thankfulness and gratitude. Two things that do not come naturally to us. So, how do we cultivate an attitude of thankfulness in ourselves and our children? One of the best ways to do this is through serving God and others. Which is why we have chosen to introduce service projects to our LPC kiddos.

We kicked off our first service project in October. We began building shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child. We have been watching videos of kids receiving their boxes and the joy it brings them. We will be filling boxes for the month of November, so please keep the kids who will receive those boxes in prayer. AND keep the kids and families packing them in prayer too.

In December, we will be partnering With *Showered with Love*. Our LPC kiddos will have the opportunity to make Christmas cards for the homeless in our community and surrounding areas. *Showered With Love* will include these Christmas cards in their Christmas bags that they will hand out this Christmas.

The last few months have been a blast, and it doesn't end here. There are so many awesome events and activities coming up. Visit our website to subscribe to our weekly kids newsletter. It is the best way to get up-to-date information about what's happening with the kids and families of LPC. If you have any questions, contact me at raquel@lincolnpres.org.

God Bless you and yours this season!





Christmas Memorial Donation



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 as décor for Christmas and/or 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 15th to be included in the Donor list to be published December 22nd.

Given in honor of: _____

Given in memory of: _____

Given by: _____

Phone number: _____





LINCOLN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Christmas LIGHTSHOW

TWO UNIQUE EXPERIENCES!

PREMIERE FESTIVAL

12/14 5-7:30PM

900 DOUGLAS RD.

STOCKTON, CA

DRIVE-IN

EVERY 20 MIN.

12/15-22 6-8PM

6241 GETTYSBURG PL.

FREE!





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**THANKSGIVING
MEALKIT
GIVEAWAY**

Friday November 22, 2024

4PM While Supplies Last

One per car

6241 Gettysburg Pl.

HAPPY THANKSGIVING

GIVING THANKS TO GOD

Sunday, November 24th
8:15 and 10:45

A morning of praising God and sharing our thanks to God for all he has done



KICKOFF
ADVENT

Sun. Dec. 1st 9:30


Wreath Making - Sanctuary Decorating



CHRISTMAS CONCERT FEATURING

LACK FAMILY SINGERS

Sun. Dec. 15th 9:30
Lincoln Church - 900 Douglas Rd.



Lincoln Church Dec. 24th
900 Douglas Road

Christmas Eve

4:30 or 6:00
Family Service at 4:30

Sermon Series

In November, we will journey through the message of love in I John.

Life is not always simple even for the believer.

Our emotions and circumstances often overwhelm us.

There are several important lessons in this epistle;

- Fellowship with the Father
- Standing up against false teaching
- Reaffirming our eternal life through Jesus



In December as we prepare for Christmas.

We will engage in a series called "Everything is Stable."

A little play on words as we look into the teachings of the coming, arrival and empowerment of the Lord.

Give a gift and the hope of Jesus to a child

Box Pick Up Nov. 3rd
Return boxes Nov. 17th

Fill a box with hope: toys, hygiene items, school supplies

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

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