



April 2019

## Jon Hathorn - Interim Senior Pastor

March 17th was a great day of celebration. Thanks for all who helped make that a special day. Pastor Bob and Trish are both “settling in” and “gearing up” down in Southern California. Here at Lincoln Presbyterian we are “settling in” and “gearing up” as well.



little league, those a few years older using a pitching machine, those who have made a little league all star team, those who play travel ball almost year-round, the high school players, college teams or the professionals who are paid to play the game. That’s the standard. The pitchers, the batters, the catchers, the umpires all use that standard – it doesn’t change. The width of the plate is never widened, not when the pitcher is tired, not when the pitcher is having a bad day, because 17 inches is the standard. And it is to this standard of 17 inches that all players are held accountable. Coach Scolinos’ message transitioned into the importance of standards and accountability in our

lives. Our government, our marriages, our homes, our parenting, our schools, and our churches continue to widen the plate and those who should be responsible leaders are unwilling to hold themselves and those they serve to proper standard.

As we “settle in” together and “gear up” together for celebrating Holy Week, special Spring and Summer traditions, and the opening of our new multi-purpose building this Summer – I want to assure you more than anything that the authority of the Word God and the grace of Jesus Christ for our sins are two incredible standards that LPC and all our leadership hold dear. I am looking forward to our journey together.

I love you and as for you baseball fans – have a great season.

Pastor Jon

### Important to Note:

- Marriage 911
- Pilgrim’s Progress Private Showing
- Two new LIFE Groups
- Palm Sunday
- Good Friday
- “A Sweeter Easter” Children’s Easter Program
- Easter Sunday

I read a great article recently that is very appropriate for our transition. It is entitled **Stay At 17 Inches** – by Chris Sperry. It is about a 78 year-old baseball coach named John Scolinos who spoke at a baseball convention while wearing an actual home plate around his neck as he spoke to 4,000 baseball coaches from all over the United States. Using key thoughts from this article about his speech, can help all of us know that we at LPC are in good hands and have some exciting days ahead.

17 inches is the width of a baseball home plate, whether it is for those really young athletes playing T-ball in

## Pastor Fred Jantz



After some decades of neglect, there is a fresh wind blowing! Pilgrim’s Progress has been

made into a major motion picture which will be in theaters this April 18 and 20. I had thought that this gift which was written 340 years ago would die out with this generation. But John Bun-

yan’s masterpiece has been given new life. And here is even greater news: We will have a preview showing of this movie here at LPC on APRIL 7 at 6 pm. We will have some Pizza at 5:30 for

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**“...there is a fresh wind blowing!”**

those so inclined.....and the movie will start at 6 pm. You will not want to miss this opportunity.....as Abraham Lincoln said years ago:

*“When I was young, I read a book that most people read in*

*my day, but few read today--- Pilgrim's Progress, by John Bunyan. It's a classic that tells the story of a lonely resolute traveler who struggled with temptation, overcame despondency, and reach His goal. Pilgrim's*

*Progress became a metaphor for my life.”*

## Student Ministries - Heidi Verheyden



One the highlights of our year is taking our students to winter camp at Hume Lake! March 1-3, we took up 31 Jr High & High School students along with seven leaders to enjoy a winter wonderland! It wasn't exactly ideal winter weather, but that did not stop the students from having a great time! There was lots of laughter, rain, food and smiles as student went down the tube run, played broom hockey, gaga ball and ate pizzokie.

In the morning & evenings we gathered together in worship;

being a part of 950 youth worshipping the Lord is powerful! Hume Lake had a fun theme called “The Rich Young Rules”, which was based on the passage about the Rich Young Ruler, in Luke 18:18-30. During each session the speaker went through different aspects of the gospel as it parallels with the Rich Young Ruler. The ruler inquires of Jesus about his own faith and doing what he thought was right. Jesus turned the tables and caused the ruler to wrestle in his heart, if he was willing to give up everything to follow Him. During the

weekend, our students were met with that same question. The Lord was stirring hearts, and praise the Lord, students answered the call!

Saturday night, eight of our students bravely stood up declaring that they desired to surrender their lives to the Lord. The Lord is great and worthy to be praised!

The kingdom is growing, and all glory goes to the Lord! Thank you to everyone who was a part of helping to further the kingdom of God. Thank you to the leaders who sacrificed sleep and a weekend to be role models and spiritual leaders for these students. Those who interceded in prayer for hearts to be softened and opened, the Lord answered! And those who bought Toffee, you helped to get our students to camp. Each of you played a key role in furthering the kingdom of God, thank you so much for partnering with our youth students!



### The Monthly Newsletter of Lincoln Presbyterian Church

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## Children's Ministries - Kristen Lambdin

*"Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much."* – Helen Keller

I have been reflecting lately on the awesome team of people I have serving in our Children's Ministry every week. Not only do they give of their time, they do it with a joy and a love for Jesus. They truly have a heart to see kids impacted because of



the love of Jesus. Whether that's through changing a diaper, teaching a lesson, taking attendance or leading a song, they serve with excellence. We are able to do so much more because of each of them.

We've been having a blast with the kids in AWANA the last couple months! From our Valentines party to camo night and root beer floats there is always something fun happening on Wednesday nights! Each of the kids that come through our doors every week is loved on, prayed for, and taught

about Jesus' love for them. What an awesome opportunity for us!

We will be hosting an Easter event for kids and their families called A Sweeter Easter, where kids will learn about the sweetness Jesus brought to our lives when He rose from the grave on that 1st Easter! Don't miss out on this fun event on April 20th. This will not be a "come and go" event we will start at 9:30am and end at 11am!



## Directory Updates

Michelle Sallee  
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Idyllwild CA 92549

## Coming to LPC!

Full length motion picture "Pilgrim's Progress". Release date is Easter of 2019...we get a preview showing on April 7th @ 6pm in our Sanctuary!



## Deacon Message

Have you missed a sermon or want to recommend one to a friend? You can easily listen online at [www.lincolnpres.org](http://www.lincolnpres.org)

at anytime. If you prefer to have a copy on CD you can ask our sound techs after the service or ask

at the office. We have several CD players available that you can borrow courtesy of the Deacons.



## NEWS FROM SESSION

February 19, 2019, was Pastor Bob's last Session Meeting. Session celebrated Pastor Bob with a cake and gift card, and prayed a prayer of gratitude for Pastor Bob. Back in December 2018, Session voted to provide Pastor Bob a generous monetary gift from Lincoln to help him during this transition to Idyllwild, California. March 17, 2019, was Pastor Bob's last Sunday at Lincoln. The church

honored him and Trish with a fantastic celebration dinner filled with gratitude and love.

Now Lincoln enters a new season. At the Session retreat on January 26, 2019, Session unanimously voted to elect Jon Hathorn, Interim-Senior Pastor/Head of Staff beginning Monday, March 18, 2019. Pastor Jon will remain in this role until the new Senior Pastor/Head of Staff has been hired.

We are confident that Jon, along with Pastor Fred and the rest of the staff, will continue to provide outstanding leadership that Lincoln needs during this transition period.

Session fully supports Pastor Jon and the staff at Lincoln. Please keep Pastor Jon and the staff in your prayers and we also ask that you are willing to volunteer and assist when and where needed.



## PASTOR NOMINATING COMMITTEE (PNC) UPDATE

Pastor Bob's final Sunday came and went too quickly! We will miss him and Trish, but we know that God has great plans for us at Lincoln. Rest assured that the Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) is hard at work. During February and March, the PNC completed Lincoln's Church Profile, a document that tells potential candidates about Lincoln. The Church Profile will include photos of life at

Lincoln -people and activities- to help tell our story.

Additionally, the PNC created the Pastor/Head of Staff job description and compensation package, and are actively working with the Personnel, Budget, and Stewardship Commission (PBS) to finalize these documents for Session approval.

It is the goal of the PNC to advertise

this position beginning April 1<sup>st</sup>.

The Pastor Nominating Committee appreciates and values your continued prayers as we work and trust God during this time of transition. We also encourage continued, open dialogue throughout this process. Please provide your feedback by emailing your comments to the PNC at [pnc@lincolnpres.org](mailto:pnc@lincolnpres.org).

## OUTREACH COMMISSION HIGHLIGHTS

We want to care about our local neighborhood and we have several things planned to make a difference right here in our neighborhood. We are being a light unto the world, providing fun for children and building bridges of relationships.

### LPC Garage Sale - Saturday June 1st

\*LPC families bring items from home and have their own little space to sell their items

\*We build bridges with people by having them come to LPC and see progress on the building

\*We have a chance to "thin out our spaces" in our homes

\*We develop a sense of community by doing this together

### National Night Out - Tues. Aug. 6th

\*LPC hosts a great block party

\*Having people see our new building

\*Free BBQ, live music, Kids stuff, booths

### Trunk or Treat - Thursday Oct 31st

\*Always a lot of fun for our entire church

\*Candy, cars, decorations, bounce house, live band, free food

\*Loving our neighbors

### Special trip in our future for adults

### Sept 29-Oct 5th - Serving at Gleanings in Dinuba, near Fresno

(a mission trip, without needing to leave the state or the country)

Gleanings is a ministry of mercy, feeding the hungry of the world spiritually and physically. They dehy-

drate fruit and produce dehydrated soup mixes from donated products. They make an eternal impact in a hurting world and impoverished areas of the world, with the love of Jesus.

\*we are going for a week to help the organization

\*sounds like a great trip – If you'd be interested in joining Pastor Jon and Bev – please let us know. More information to come.

## April Birthdays



1 Magdalin Zakhary  
3 Sydney Reynolds  
4 Josie Ferguson  
5 Kristin Clark  
6 Elgin Robinson  
8 Elle Cawelti  
9 Bill Chapman  
10 Jim Duncan  
11 Jaime Peña  
12 Hannah Kirkland

13 Gary Tacla  
15 Leroy Alford  
Brooke Blythe  
Jeannette Goodman  
16 Jim Wilcox  
Betty Buchman  
17 Barry Baxter  
19 John Frey  
20 Al Van Selow  
21 Shawn Loy

22 Marie Todd  
Bree Laguna  
24 Eve Barton  
Kathy Vermillion  
Noralee Willard  
26 Carol Sharpe  
27 Sandy Evans  
Barb Vallandingham  
30 Scott Suran  
June French

## Adult Ministries

### Sunday Mornings

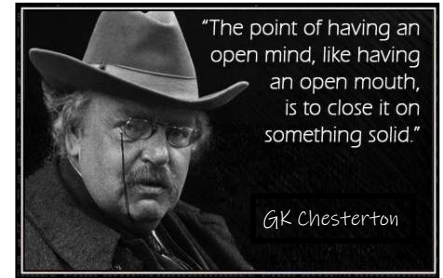
**7:25am:** Join us in the Fireside Room at 7:25 am, for **"Seeing Jesus in the Prophetic Books"** a Nancy Guthrie video series. Bring your Bible. Light breakfast served, led by Carol Bedell and Patrice Verhines.

**10:20am: "Jeremiah"** with Pastor Al Van Selow and Lavon, in the Fireside Room.

**10:30am: "The Book of Mark"** with Francis Chan. Led by Lise Karnes in Pastor Jon's office.

### Wednesday Evenings

**6:00 pm:** A continuing book by book journey through the Bible. Led by Ed and Denise Miller, Fireside Room.



## Celebrate Holy Week with us - April 14-21

### "I BELIEVE"

#### Palm Sunday –

**April 14th 9:00 and 10:45am**

The arrival of Jesus into Jerusalem was exciting. Many people celebrated and honored Him because of all that He had done and anticipated Him doing something incredible.

### Good Friday April 19th 6:30

An evening of honoring and remembering the death of Jesus Christ. It is a time of honoring and remembering the passion and suffering of Jesus and His death upon the cross for us.

DRAMA SKETCHES – MUSIC –  
COMMUNION

### Easter Sunday April 21st 9:00 and 10:45

Doubts are real, and belief is real also. We have a great morning of music, celebration, and drama honoring the resurrection of Jesus.

## Treasurer's Report - Carol Bedell - February 2019

Operating Fund:	February	YTD	% of Annual Budget
Income	\$63,252	\$112,787	14%
Expense	\$53,479	\$114,774	14%
Net	\$ 9,773	(\$ 1,987)	

At the end of February, we should be at approximately 17% of our income & expenditures. We are at 14%, but caught up in the income category over January. We are \$1,987 in the red at the end of February but have had some one-time expenses in the first 2 months. At the end of February, the Capital Campaign had \$248,693 in the bank. As the building process goes into full-swing, we will need to activate our loan.

The **Financial & Estate Planning Seminar** in February was a success with 43 people attending. Our presenters were outstanding and everyone learned something to help them in their planning.

One new thing that could help some of you is regarding the Required Minimum Distribution (RMD). If you are over 70 ½ and have an IRA, you can do a charitable rollover of your RMD from your IRA to LPC. This would do the following:

- Provide you with a charitable deduction on your taxes
- Reduce the amount of taxable income reported on your taxes
- Reduce your income for Social Security purposes and thereby perhaps reduce your obligation.

This seems like a worthy idea to pursue. If you're interested, contact your investment or tax person on how to do this for 2019.

## February Financial Report



## WORSHIP ASSISTANTS - 9:00 am Service

### April 7

**Ushers:** Maria Montalvo, Betty Crecelius, Charito Lopez,  
Jane Carson, Lori DeMercurio

**Video Tech:** Ron Korock

**Security:** Mark Gantt

### April 14

**Greeters:** Ro & Tambi Loyd

**Ushers:** Barbara George, Ron & Joyce Korock, Craig Potter

**Security:** Jim Duncan

### April 21

**Greeters:** Sandy Harmon, Jennifer Gutierrez

**Ushers:** Dave Hungerford, Leroy Alford, Frank Beasley,  
David Baldwin

**Security:** Bruce Parker

### April 28

**Greeters:** Carole Meehan

**Ushers:** John & Carol Sharpe, Dottie Edaburn,  
Lavon Van Selow

## WORSHIP ASSISTANTS - 10:45 am Service

### April 7

**Greeters:** Bill & Merrilee Chapman

**Ushers:** Dave & Sharon Olney, Drew & Holly Meyers,  
Jim & Ingrid Best

**Security:** Stan Kaneko

### April 14

**Greeters:** Patrick & Heidi Fedor, Keith Evans

**Ushers:** Tom & Janet Beck, Bill & Carroll Johnston

**Video Tech:** Billy Heinrich

**Security:** Bill Bambas

### April 21

**Ushers:** Dave & Sharon Olney, Jim & Ingrid Best

**Security:** Bob Yamaguchi

### April 28

**Ushers:** George & Vicky Alavazo, Dave & Sara Blicharz

**Security:** Jim Wilcox

## TWO NEW LIFE GROUPS



Whether you or someone else has a crisis or a need for a marriage tune up, this is for you. Thursday Nights starting April 4th 6:30 - 8:00. Con-

tact Merrilee Chapman for more information (209) 351-0831.



The Armor of God is a story of war... a battlefield. The Bible calls this Spiritual Warfare and gives us equip-

ment for the battle. Take a fresh look at God's Armor from Ephesians and start a winning strategy in the front lines of your daily life. Starting on Monday, April 8th at 6:30pm with Pastor Fred as teacher.

### Easter Lily Orders

Forms are now available at the Welcome Desk for ordering Easter Lilies

*Thanks to the  
Assembly Crew of the  
April Life@Lincoln!*

### Volunteers Needed

We're looking for a few people to be on our Alarm Call List. Please contact the office if you would be willing to help!

### 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

#### April Flowers

7 Leroy & Cynthia Alford  
21 Easter Lilies

#### May Flowers

5 Charito Lopez  
12 Cynthia & Leroy Alford  
19 Ann Wunsch  
26 Betty Crecelius

### Pew Supply

#### April

3 Susan Thomas  
10 Lisa Richers  
17 Ila King  
24 Barbara George



# A P R I L

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 4:30-JH Guys Study Group 5:30 pm Hula for Health	2 9:45am LIFE Group 12:00 pm Quilting 1:30 pm Staff Meeting 5:30pm Music Rehearsal 6:30 pm Men's Group 7:00 pm Commission Mtgs.	3 9:30 am Retired Guys' 5:45 pm Jr. High 6 pm: Awana Club Bible Study	4 6:30 pm Bethel Series (Fireside) 6:30 pm Marriage 911 7:30pm Mainspring (Young Adult)	5	6
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Holy Week						
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**April 2019**

Office Hours:

Monday - Friday 8:30 -12 noon & 1:00 - 4:30 p.m.

**LIFE @ LINCOLN DEADLINE**  
**April 15**

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### Weekly Schedule

#### Sunday

7:25am - Adult Sunday School  
9:00am - Worship & Children's Sunday School  
10:20am - Adult Sunday School  
10:45am - Worship & Children's Sunday School  
6:00pm - Sr. High Group

#### Wednesday

5:45pm - Jr. High Group  
6:00pm - Adult Bible Study  
Awana

#### Thursday

7:30pm - Mainspring Young Adult Group

### Sermon Titles

**April 7** - "At the Cross" - 1 Cor. 1:18/Gal. 6:14  
Pastor Fred Jantz

**April 14** - "The Adulteress Woman" - John 8:1-11  
Pastor Jon Hathorn

**April 21** - "Doubt is Real - Belief is Also" - John 20:24-31  
Pastor Jon Hathorn

**April 28** - "The World Must Know" - Acts 1:1-11  
Pastor Jon Hathorn

*Lincoln's Mission:*

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