



July-August 2021

## Pastor Jon Hathorn

When Jesus said to His first disciples, "Come Follow Me And I Will Make You Fishers Of Men," He was communicating a life of imitating God. Most organizations are consumer oriented. The idea is for the customer to enjoy the product and pay for the merchandise or the experience. At the grocery store, we buy produce, canned goods, dairy products, and proteins - and at other stores we buy clothes, equipment, souvenirs, and knick-knacks. When we shop online we are purchasing something hoping for a more convenient experience and often a change to save money. Other times we pay for experiences: a movie, a ride, a game, entertainment, or

even the viewing of something that is special.

Many churches have become consumer minded where people bring a tithe and watch and listen - and then evaluate the experience as though it was intended to be an amusement ride. Lincoln is committed to teaching and proclaiming the Scriptures, asking for the listeners to actively participate and apply the lessons of the Bible to their lives. We want to help people capture the incredible Grace of God, be encouraged in a magnificent opportunity to walk in a manner that pleases Him, and find great joy in being a disciple and imitating Jesus.



Did you capture the verse at the beginning - "Come follow me"? Jesus wants us to follow and learn. "And I will make you fishers of men." Jesus wants us to imitate Him and practice a life of glorifying God through giving to Him, Serving God, and Serving Others. Our desire is to avoid a consumer mentality at Lincoln, and provide opportunities to mature in our faith and please God.

If you'd like to talk more about this, please know I would love to treat you to lunch or breakfast. Feel free to send me a note or give me a call:

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Jon

### Important to Note:

- Pancake Breakfast & One Service Sunday
- Promise Keepers
- Dinners for 8
- National Night Out
- Route 66
- Kodiak Mission Trip

## Justin Linscheid - Assistant Pastor



This past week at Food for You it was 108 degrees out. So hot on the pavement that we questioned

whether or not to venture out into the neighborhood behind the church. Would we even see anyone outside? Would they open their doors long enough to talk? After brief deliberation, we decided to go despite the heat. I

guess you can say that cooler heads prevailed.

We journeyed out into the hot neighborhood armed with boxes of food, baby diapers, dog food, cold water bottles, and flyers to invite folks to our upcoming 4th of July breakfast and service. It proved to be one of the best days yet of reaching out to the local community. How do we know? In one simple sense that when God is moving and stirring in the hearts

of people, it's almost impossible not to see it. Every person we came in contact with was open to receiving prayer on the spot and was very grateful to receive the gifts we brought.

We closed our time talking with one young lady at her door by praying for her. As we finished our prayer, a man came up with a door dash food order for her. After he made his delivery, we asked him if there was anything we

## Justin Linscheid - Assistant Pastor (continued)

“Tears streaming down his face, he told us how grateful he was ...”

could pray for him about. He told us that earlier in the year, he lost his wife to Covid. He was now a single parent of 3 young kids, doing his best to earn a living. We loaded him up with diapers and food and prayed for his family, his wife, and his own broken heart. Tears streaming down his face, he told us how grateful he was for the encounter. He had come to deliver, and unbeknownst to him, God had a delivery for Him. It was a delivery of encouragement, hope, and love. It is so special that God reaches out to encourage us when we need it most, and so often He uses ordinary people like you and me to do it.

This is just one brief snapshot of countless other encounters such as this. The day in itself spoke a message to me. Often, we are deliberate about whether or not we should step out in faith and can find ourselves fueled by many thoughts of uncertainty and doubt: It’s hot out. It will be uncomfortable. What if we’re not received well? What if nothing happens? What if...

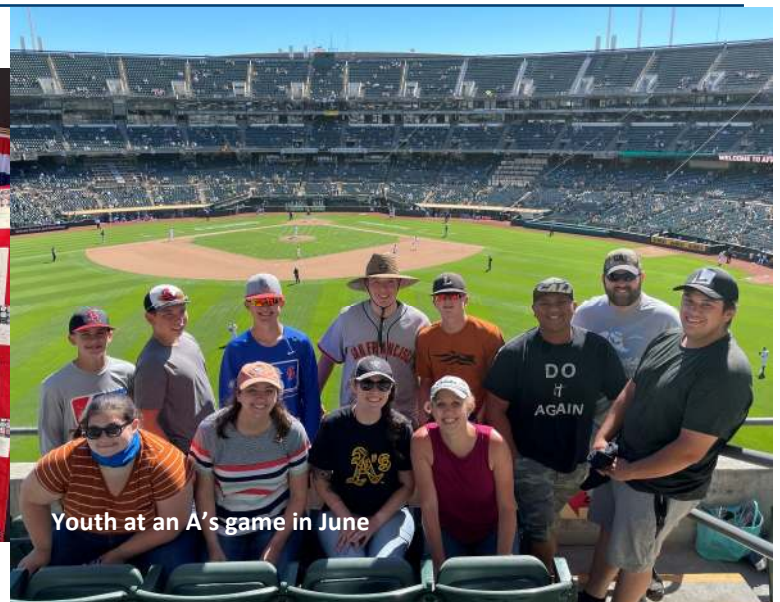
And then despite doubts, fears, or feelings of discomfort, you step out to be used by God and He reminds you that He can show up and do wonderful things when we simply are willing and make ourselves available to be used by Him.

It is thrilling to be used by God. There is no greater purpose or joy in life. It is such an awesome privilege to partner with Him. God wants to use you. He wants to use you despite your flaws, quirks, or any reason you can supply about why He couldn’t. He uses ordinary people to do amazing things because He is an extraordinary God. The next time you are deliberating about whether or not to step out- whether to reach out to that person, whether to serve in that area, whether to make that phone call- why not simply pray about it and unless you feel led otherwise, go for it! As Jesus promised, He will be with you always.

## Student Ministries



Some of our graduates with their gifts from the LPC Quilters



Youth at an A’s game in June

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## Car Rally!



## Mega Sports Camp





## Treasurer's Report - Carol Bedell - April 2021/May 2021

Apr/May

Operating Fund:	<u>April</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>	<u>% of Annual Budget</u>
Income	\$63,825	\$286,141	37%
Expense	<u>\$58,603</u>	<u>\$211,177</u>	27%
Net	\$54,106	\$ 74,964	

### Financial Report



At the end of April we were \$74,964 in the black and we were able to pay an additional \$8,845 toward our principal payment on our mortgage. In addition, we have expensed the allowed accounts for our PPP loan and have an additional \$69,989 in our bank account. Your generosity has enabled us to use our resources wisely and in the service of our great God.

Operating Fund:	<u>May</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>	<u>% of Annual Budget</u>
Income	\$73,841	\$360,020	46%
Expense	<u>\$80,625</u>	<u>\$264,811</u>	34%
Net	(\$6,784)	\$95,209	

Through May of 2021, the Operating Fund ended \$95,209 in the black. Our income is above budgeted projections and our expenditures are less. This is after paying for the new roof on the Office Building.

The Capital Campaign ended May 31, and received \$40,128 in May. We were able to pay our mortgage of \$12,623 and an additional \$28,105. Additionally, we applied for the Employee Retention Credit through the CARES Act for January through March and received \$26,978.88 in May. We applied that amount also toward the loan. At the end of May we owe \$1,069,300 on our loan. In June we will refer to what is owing as the CIF loan. In July the mortgage rate and monthly payment will be recalculated 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.

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MEN'S CONFERENCE  
SIMULCAST EVENT // JULY 16 - 17, 2021

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**PROMISE KEEPERS**  
MEN OF INTEGRITY

### Dinners for 8



What a great chance to meet people, spend time together, and have something to eat. Participants will be placed in random groups of 6 or 8 depending on the number of those taking part. However, we encourage you to take the opportunity to use Dinners

for 8 as an outreach and invite others to join your group. Most groups usually do pot-luck meals once a month for three months. Could be any meal of the day in a home or even in a restaurant. The next round will start in August, and in order to prepare and

arrange groups, signups are now through **July 15**. Sign up forms are available in the Narthex. Should you have any questions, please call: Jim (471-0473) or Wethera (471-1405) Duncan.

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## Deacon Message

*"See that no one pays back evil for evil but always try to do good to each other and to everyone else Always keep praying. No matter what happens always be thankful for this is God's will for you who belong to Christ."*

I Thessalonians 5 16-18

Do positive and negative things reflect your thinking?

Take a few minutes and first think of the positive and good things that are happen-

ing at Lincoln, in Stockton and the world, as well as what is going on in your personal life. Then there are many problems and concerns you may have as well. Too many times we let the negative things cloud our judgment.

Why not let the positive and good things, our joys, be what we concentrate on? Remember God is always there whenever you need Him. Take a few minutes and

look at your life for the concerns but also the joys God has placed in your life. Your deacon would like to hear about both of these things. Be thankful God is always with you and will help you through any situation. Keep praying to know what God's will is for any situation you might be in.

Please share with your deacon and with God not just your problems, but also the many joys in your life.



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## Journeying with Jesus in Romania

Excerpts from Emily Burhkuhl's OM updates:

April 2021: Of the past couple of months, the weeks that rise above the others in felt impact are definitely the three spent leading outreach in some of the least reached areas of the country. We split our time in two villages, each unique in their beauty, challenges, and need. We partnered with two different families who have been working in these hard fields for years now. Babadag, a town in the east, has particularly planted itself in my mind and seems to be there to stay. As I reflect on the time I spent there, one image wouldn't leave my mind, so I put some words together to try and flesh it all out.

Unattended, uninhabited, hollow.  
Homes.  
Eyes.  
Spirits....  
bits and pieces lost to  
thieves,

the elements,  
the enemy.  
And yet.  
The enemy has  
No power to steal where Your presence resides  
{and Your presence dwells in us}.  
No power to destroy what You have claimed back for Yourself {and You have set your seal upon us}....

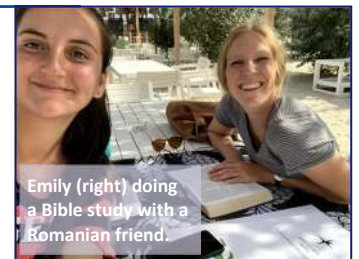
Father, send us  
to the unattended, uninhabited, hollow places.  
In You, Jesus, we who were once far off  
have been brought near.  
And when Your Spirit moves, these  
Homes,  
Eyes,  
Spirits,  
will become  
Tended, Indwelled, and Filled.

June 2021: There is a lot of darkness and hopelessness [in Babadag], it is sometimes intimidating and often dis-

couraging.  
God is clearly  
sending a  
friend and  
I to serve  
alongside and encourage [the long-term missionaries] for the summer. Throughout our time there we hope to bring along others that we know from our own home communities in Romania for short times as well to serve, disciple new believers, and share the gospel. [Their focus will be on ministering among the Roma ("gypsy") community.]

As they work in Babadag, Emily asks prayer for:

- Spirit-filled relationships (and unity) between the missionaries and local believers.
- That Jesus would bring healing, hope, repentance, and new life into dark places.
- Salvation of entire households (just like in the New Testament!)



Emily (right) doing a Bible study with a Romanian friend.

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## Sunday July 4th Pancake Breakfast and Patriotic Celebration



This will be a great morning of pancakes, patriotic support, prayer, and presentation of the Scriptures. How's that for an alliteration?

Coffee available starting @

8:30 and free breakfast a little before 9am. Then at 9:10 we will have patriotic festivities and followed by our morning worship service at 9:30. It really will be one

great celebration. Childcare and Pre-k Sunday school will be available. There is just one worship service on this morning and it all takes place in the Activity Center.

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## National Night Out



Tuesday August 3<sup>rd</sup> 6:00-8:00 in our church parking lot. A great night for loving our neighbors and providing a great atmosphere of food, live music, and access to several community organizations. It is a great way to meet our neighbors. We are

basically providing an incredible block party for our church family and neighbors. Come on out!

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## Lincoln Is Calling For A Few Good Men

Our Parking Lot Security crew is looking for a few good men to work one and a half hours, once a month. You will be a visual presence in the parking lot during one of our two

Church services. We do not want you to contact anyone but to be a good witness and call 911 if you observed suspicious activity. We are in desperate need of volunteers to

fill several vacancies during each month. If you can help us, please contact Mark Gantt our Parking Lot Security Coordinator at 209-665-7600 (Home) or 209-915-9775 (cell).

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## Nursery

We are in need of Volunteers to help in our Nursery on Sunday mornings! We are looking for people who just love kids and want to serve the church in this way. Volunteering in our Nursery involves assisting

our Nursery director in greeting kids & parents with joy and smiles, playing with kids/holding babies, reading the lesson of the day, and serving snacks. We are currently in need of people

during both our 8:30am & 10am services. Volunteers can choose how many times a month they would like to serve. To volunteer or find out more information contact [kristen@lincolnpres.org](mailto:kristen@lincolnpres.org)

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## 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

### July Flowers

4 Jesse Morones / Debra Shull  
25 Betty Crecelius

### August Flowers

1 Jesse Morones / Debra Shull  
8 Betty Crecelius  
29 Cynthia Alford

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## July/August 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 @ 9:30am (Resumes August 4)  
Kids & Youth @ 6-7pm (Resume August 18)  
Mom's Bible Study @ 6-7pm (Resumes August 25)

### Thursdays:

Pickleball @ 6:30pm

### Dates to Remember:

July 4 - Pancake Breakfast & One Service Sunday  
July 16-17 - Promise Keepers  
August 3 - National Night Out  
August 25 - Kodiak Missions Trip



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## July Birthdays

1 Tonya Tacla	9 Carole Meehan	17 Charlotte Doisy	26 Lisa Lavender
3 Carol Bedell	12 Stan Kaneko	Kristina Fontaine	Juliann Johnson
Gabriel Peña	Vicky Alavazo	Shannon Barker	Ron Markham
4 Liz Cliburn	Scott Graham	20 Suedee Howell	27 Gina Senegor
Bob Verhines	Karel Palmer	Nancy Vincelet	29 Cynthia Alford
7 Scott Andersen	13 Bethany Heinrich	Elizabeth Pearson	Barbara Gill
Renee Schulz	14 Jacob Cain	23 Danny Bacaylan	30 Dave Morelli
Paul Zakhary	15 Brianna Lamie	Nikki Pyeatt	31 Peg Helland
9 Jacob Cramer	16 Beth White	24 Nancy Alameda	



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## August Birthdays

1 Emma Sage	6 Emily Ferguson	13 Dale Ludwig	24 Cameron
Cassie Loy	7 John Johnson	Maria Montalvo	Pannabecker
2 Dotye Markham	8 Gordon Cambra	14 Kathy Swann	26 Stephen Hellmer
3 Melody Cancel	Shannon Chapman	15 Barbara Hungerford	Kathy Jantz
4 Bonnie Moore	9 Amanda VanZwaluwen- burg	17 Miranda Abrescy	27 Carole Wambold
Madeline Bacalyan		George Alavazo	28 Roosevelt Loyd
5 Angie Lamie	10 Dave Blicharz	21 Greg Helland	30 Nadine Kuhlman
Nikki Kudla	11 Fe Asis	22 Charito Lopez	31 Eric Chapman
	12 Teresa Costanza	Alyssa Linscheid	



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Office Hours: Monday - Thursday 8:30am - 4:30pm, closed 12-1pm  
Friday 8:30am-Noon

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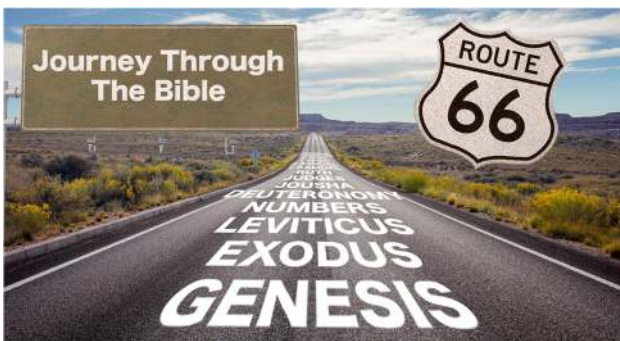


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*Lincoln's Mission:*

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

### Route 66



Starting Sunday July 11th, we have a wonderful new sermon series beginning entitled "Route 66". 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.