



March/April 2021

Pastor Jon Hathorn

I was in college and after Thanksgiving break, as we were gathering in our classes, students were asking one another, "How was your thanksgiving?" Several students said, "It was great," a few students referred to the food of thanksgiving day with words like, "Our pumpkin pie was the best," or "The turkey was a mess and my mom undercooked it," or even "I ate too much." Then one guy was asked, and his answer was simply one word, "Typical." I learned a lot that day and have never forgotten it. Think about it. What about church, what about your marriage, what about your child, what about your job, what about your hobbies.

I hope your life isn't typical, and I hope it isn't so routine that it's not exciting. I'd like to share with you a couple steps to help avoid a "typical" life of a person living in America.



precious resources: time and money. Find a place to serve and be consistent, and give financially to the work of God.

4. Make it a priority to Share Joy - Many people spend a lot of time complaining, and miss the powerful opportunity to be an encourager or share something positive. A fun joke, a compliment, or a "have a nice day."

Jesus Christ was not typical, and as we grow to be imitators of Him, we are not typical either. As Christians, we are "Christ-like" or "Little Christ's." These four priorities are things I try to do, and they have served me well. Have a great day.

Jon

1. Make it a priority to Know God Personally- Read His Word and Talk to Him. Be still and just ask Him to help you.
2. Make it a priority to Gather with Believers - I am being honest, many people go to church, when they have nothing else to do. And many people attend a small group, when they have time.
3. Make it a priority to be Generous - Give God your

Important to Note:

- Garage Sale
- New Members
- Capital Campaign
- Good Friday Service
- Easter Sunday (3 Services!)
- High School Leadership Class
- Women's Event

Justin Linscheid - Assistant Pastor



"Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or discouraged because of the king of Assyria and the vast army with him, for there is a greater power with us than with him.⁸ With him is only the

arm of flesh, but with us is the Lord our God to help us and to fight our battles." And the people gained confidence from what Hezekiah the king of Judah said." (2 Chronicles 32:7-8 NIV)

There are times in life when a vast army is before

us. Maybe the army manifests as a tragedy, an uncertainty, loneliness, feelings of being overwhelmed, or perhaps the army is Satan himself roaming about in pursuit of whom he might devour. Maybe 2020 was such a time for you. It is under-

Justin Linscheid - Assistant Pastor (continued)

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standable when opposed by such an army that we would feel disheartened. We know that we just aren’t capable of facing such armies on our own. Yet a passage like 2 Chronicles 32:7-8 reminds us that we never have to face such an army alone. I love the line, “with him is only the arm of flesh.” It is a great comfort and encouragement to know that God’s powerful arms are fighting on our side. As believers, we don’t have to face the armies of life merely by our talents, inner-strength, competencies, beauty, personality, or any other raw material we may possess. We face life with the living God on our side.



My wife Alyssa and I continue to be very grateful to be here at Lincoln with you all. We are happy to serve the Lord alongside you and wait on Him with anticipation for how He will continue to

work in and through His Church in the future. A few things that I am looking forward to in the near future are a life group leaders meeting, a starting place ministry, and the church garage sale.

First, I look forward to a life group leaders meeting. Recently I heard a pastor say, “Butterflies get transformed in cocoons, people get transformed in community.” God has said from the beginning of time, “It is not good for man to be alone.” We were made for community and it is within the family of faith that we learn, grow, love, serve, and become all the good and wonderful things that God created us to be. I look forward to gathering together as leaders for food, fellowship, encouragement, feedback, and prayer.

I also look forward to a “starting place” ministry as a plan for new believers or those who are exploring the truths of Christianity. God has given His Church the mission of making dis-

ciples of Jesus Christ and it is exciting to take part in that mission. Please continue to pray that the Lord would use Lincoln Presbyterian Church to be a place where many more come to know Jesus Christ.

Thirdly, I look forward to the Garage sale planned to take place on March 27th. Such an event is a great opportunity for community outreach and bridge building. The sale will also provide an opportunity to raise funds that can go back into the community. I pray that God will use those who serve to be a reflection of His love.

As we look forward to 2021 and all that it may bring our way, let us pray, say, and believe, “There is a greater power with us...” God is on our side. Let us step into life groups, outreach events, youth gatherings, Sunday services, our places of work, and everywhere we go with the anticipation that the Lord our God is with us to help us and to fight our battles.

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Student Ministries - Heidi Verheyden



It is terrific to see the personality of students emerge as they become comfortable and familiar with the atmosphere. There

is a sense of community, development and unity that is taking place. It takes quite a while to develop that and typically there are events like camps or mission trips that help accelerate that process.

Recently there was a guy's floor hockey night, and that night was a terrific evening, for the guys to show their competitiveness, laugh and enjoy the intensity of

the game! One of the students when they were walking up, was so excited and proud that they invited friends and those friends have now come to some other events. The guys even let me stay, I think it was only because I brought the pizza.



The girls went for a more relaxed night of fun as we shared lots of laugh watching a movie and enjoying each other's company. We are excited to do more of these



group gatherings soon and look forward to how these will continue to develop the unity and growth of the group.

Starting in March the High Schoolers are going to start up a Leadership class. The focus is for us to study how we can each be a leader in whatever space we are and how to incorporate our spiritual walk as we lead. As we look towards the upcoming months, there are a few unknowns of what might take place. In the midst of this we are praying for wisdom for what is in store.

Children's Ministries - Kristen Lambdin



Our first 6 weeks of TeamKID kicked off in January and it has been so fun to have the kids back! We have been focusing on the topic of Worship with the kids. We learned about how God created us to worship, that we can worship God wherever we are in the good & bad times, and how when we worship it changes us. We've also had a lot of fun theme nights-Disney night, polka dot night & Valentines night!

For the second year in a row, we hosted a Parents Night Out - Valentines party! Kids were able to come and enjoy games, crafts, and lots of fun, while parents got a couple hours off. We love our families and want to be helpful and provide resources for them. If you have not signed up for our emailing list, sign up today so you can stay up to date on events and resources we have available! You can call or email me to sign up: 390-1398 or kristen@lincolnpres.org



Treasurer's Report - Carol Bedell - December 2020/January 2021

Dec/Jan

Operating Fund:	<u>December</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>	<u>% of Annual Budget</u>
Income	\$82,008	\$741,898	93%
Expense	<u>\$89,630</u>	<u>\$674,904</u>	85%
Net	(\$7,622)	\$66,994	

At the end of December we were \$66,994 in the black. During the closing of the 2020 books, we were able to pay an additional \$152,497 toward our principal payment on our mortgage. Praise God!

Financial Report



Operating Fund:	<u>January</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>	<u>% of Annual Budget</u>
Income	\$56,488	\$56,488	7%
Expense	<u>\$41,309</u>	<u>\$41,309</u>	5%
Net	\$15,179	\$15,179	

In January, the Operating Fund ended \$15,179 in the black.

The Capital Campaign received \$16,773 in January, and we were able to pay an additional \$4,110 toward our mortgage. We're making progress, plus enjoying the Activity Center as our restrictions allow. Thank you for your commitment to LPC.

Garage Sale - March 27 @ 7-11am

We are hosting a garage sale in the Activity Center. This is a great community event where our local community can come and get some good usable items at a good price. The basic idea is this - let's bless our neighbors by having a great event where they can buy some slightly used items. The items are donated

by church families and you will never need to worry about them again. All unsold items will be given to a local Christian ministry. Please set aside things and check the list for donation times. For more information, please contact Justin at justin@lincolnpres.org.

Collection times in the Activity Center:

- Thursday 18th (8:30AM- 6:30PM)
- Friday & Saturday 19th & 20th (9:30AM-1PM)
- Sunday 21st (11:30AM-2:00PM)
- Monday - Thursday 22nd - 25th (8:30AM-3:30PM)



Ash Wednesday

Deacon Message

These are challenging times for all of us. We may not be able to gather as we have done in the past. But our God is greater and more powerful than any difficulties or problems we may face now or in the future. Your Deacons are

here to help you in many different ways. There is help in providing dinners for those who have had surgery or who are ill, and for memorial services. Deacons also help make preparations for communion and provide

financial assistance for those in need. There is also assistance for church camp or those going to college. There is no place or problem we may feel that God is not available to us to help.



We Welcome Our New Members

We are pleased to introduce Keith Braley, Eric Etchison, Lanny & Beverly Fertig, Bob & Maureen Gibson, Cassie Grismore, John & Karyn Johnson, Justin & Alyssa

Linscheid, Camron Rezania, and Jared & Amanda Van Zwaluwenburg, who recently joined in membership at Lincoln!



Missions Moment: "Sharing their lives, sharing the gospel"

Olive Tree Ministry

Marcos & Veronica Schultz have a multifaceted ministry in Baja, Mexico, which includes evangelism, ministering to youth, discipleship, mobilizing Latin Americans for missions, Bible teaching, and more. Their church in Porvenir currently has five families serving in missions and three involved in church planting.

"Marcos is a godly and compassionate man who lives life to the fullest and takes the opportunity to share humor and enjoy people," says our own Pastor Jon Hathorn, who has known Marcos since he started participating in Mexico mission trips in the 1980s. "He is passionate about living the gospel as well as sharing the gospel. He ministers in so many ways. He feeds the

poor, speaks to children, has adopted young people and mentors people. He brings people along in ministry, he doesn't just do ministry. When churches come to Mexico to learn and experience missions, he wants to work together; the people from Porvenir Church work alongside. It is a beautiful mosaic. I know Lincoln will love him and love partnering with him."

Marcos quotes Psalm 65:5: "You faithfully answer our prayers with awesome deeds, O God our savior..." Whether it's sharing a drink of water—and the good news about the Living Water—with a homeless drifter while out by the highway filming a Sunday sermon, helping to evacuate a family threatened by a drug cartel, teaching a theology class online, or comforting a family in the loss of their

daughter, Marcos makes himself available to the opportunities God brings their way. "We have been in Mexico nearly 50 years," he says, "and God has been surprisingly willing to do His thing with us, through us, or in spite of us!" Pray for God's protection on their ministry and their church's missionaries (some of whom serve in a sensitive area).

Gwen Davies



Activity Center Capital Campaign Drawing to a Close



In May 2017, Lincoln began a capital campaign to raise money for the new Activity Center. At the start of the campaign, we received an amazing amount just over \$1.5 million in pledges which were to be paid over the next four years. This capital campaign will end on May 31, 2021. The total cost to design, develop and build the Activity Center was \$2.9 million. As of January 31, 2021, our outstanding loan balance is \$1.2 million. Thank you all

for your faithfulness in giving to the capital campaign and giving to the building fund which has made this possible.

After Easter, Session will communicate and discuss with all of you how to pay off the remaining loan amount. In the meantime, we ask you to continue to honor your pledges. For those of you who were not at Lincoln during the start of the capital campaign, we

would love for you to pray about this and join us. You may make contributions to the building fund by turning it in with your regular tithes and offerings in person, online, or mail in your contributions.

We are so incredibly grateful to all of you who have followed God's prompting in making the Activity Center a reality - a place where we can serve God and our Community.



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

March Flowers

7 Jesse Morones / Debra Shull

April Flowers

4 Jesse Morones / Debra Shull
11 Leroy & Cynthia Alford



Directory Updates

Cassie Grismore
4401 Manchester Ave #12
95207

Hal & Terri Armstrong
5837 Morgan Place #83
95219

March/April Calendar

Sundays:

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

Tuesdays:

Prayer Time @ 6:30am
 Women's Bible Study @ 9:30am
 Quilting @ 12pm
 Young Adults @ 6:30pm

Wednesdays:

Retired Guys @ 9:30am
 Kids & Youth @ 6-7pm

Thursdays:

Bethel OT Study @ 6pm

March 14 - Guest Speaker Dana Allin, ECO Synod Executive
 March 21 - Global Focus Day - Marcos Shultz
 March 27 - Garage Sale - 7-11am
 March 28 - Palm Sunday

April 2 - Good Friday Service - 6:30pm
 April 4 - Easter Sunday - Service @ 8am, 9:30am & 11am
 April 5 - Office Closed

April 17 - Women's Event - 8:30-11:30am

May 1 - Window Washing

May 6 - National Day of Prayer

Women's Conference

Cost: \$20

April 17 from 8:30-11:30am

Join us for a morning filled with incredible Bible teaching, fellowship, a light brunch and small group discussions. The theme of the conference is going to be "Even If". Even if the worst happens, we don't lose hope.

Signups are from March 1 - March 31.

Reserve your space and goodie bag today!

This event is designed for ladies 18 and up.



Register online @

lincolnpres.org/ministries/adult-ministry/

March Birthdays

4 Jared VanZwaluwenburg	11 Jette Asis	18 Jerry Crooks	23 Char Gray
Janice Mockler	12 Rick Robbins	Betty MacRae	24 Lise Bachman-Karnes
5 Duffy Ruffin	Craig Potter	Sherry Shields	26 Paul Singh
7 Camron Rezanian	Anna Woods	19 Tess Reynolds	27 Marcus Nalls
10 Linda Davies	15 Donna Halboth	Joan Speirs	30 Christie Ferguson
Dave Olney	16 Dottie Edaburn	20 Tami McGregor	Joe Graham
Lauren Sage	17 Janet Beck	22 Ed Miller	31 Bill McGregor
11 Jeida Lavender	Kristen Lambdin	Lanny Fertig	



April Birthdays

1 Hal Armstrong	9 Bill Chapman	16 Betty Buchman	26 Carol Sharpe
Magdalin Zakhary	10 Jim Duncan	17 Barry Baxter	27 Sandy Evans
3 Sydney Reynolds	11 Jamie Peña	21 Shawn Loy	Barb Vallandingham
4 Josie Ferguson	12 Tammy Nalls	22 Marie Todd	30 Scott Suran
5 Kristin Clark	13 Gary Tacla	Bree Laguna	June French
6 Elgin Robinson	15 Leroy Alford	24 Eve Barton	
8 Elle Cawelti	Jeannette Goodman	Kathy Vermillion	
9 Ralph Swann	16 Jim Wilcox	Noralee Willard	

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Office Hours: Monday - Thursday 8:30am - 4:30pm, closed 12-1pm
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.*

Sermon Titles

March 7 - What We Believe – I BELIEVE IN THE
CHURCH (Ephesians 2:11-22)
Pastor Jon Hathorn

March 14 - Guest Speaker Dana Allin,
ECO Synod Executive

March 21 - Global Focus Sunday - Guest Speaker
Marcos Schultz

March 28 - Palm Sunday
What We Believe – THE BEST IS YET TO COME
(I Thessalonians 4:13-18) -Pastor Jon Hathorn

April 4 - Easter Sunday - A Happy Day
Pastor Jon Hathorn

April 11 - Who's In Your Grandstands?
Pastor Jon Hathorn

April 18 - THE BIG 10 – There Is NO ONE Like Me
(No other Gods) - Pastor Justin Linscheid

April 25 - THE BIG 10 – His Name is Above All –
Don't Mess With It - Pastor Jon Hathorn