

## Pastor Jon Hathorn

**H**ave you ever had what you thought was a glass of water with ice and then found out after filling your mouth and getting ready to swallow that it was 7up? The sugar and the carbonation just throws you off and it not only tastes weird but it almost doesn't go down your throat.

This awkward and not normal feeling is the way a bank teller feels when they touch a dollar bill that is phony and counterfeit. A hair stylist probably feels that same way if the feel of a haircut isn't right. Even a good chef probably thinks that same thing when

inspecting a cake or a cooked entree.

At Lincoln, we are very interested in you knowing what the truth is so you will recognize false teaching. This is why we encourage people to spend time growing in their knowledge of the scriptures by joining a small group or Sunday School Class and even spending a little time each day reading the Word of God.

We have some great resources available and some great small group leaders.

I remember the first small group Bible Study I was ev-



er in. We met on Friday mornings at CoCo's restaurant in Stockton (now called UJ's). My leader's name was a man named Dan, and he helped me learn to read and think about Scripture - to discuss what we were reading and also ask "why would God write this, why is this important, and how does this apply to me as a 17 year old?" I am so thankful for those days. Please consider growing in your faith and in your knowledge of the Word of God.

If you are looking for a group, please let me know. Maybe we can start a new one together!

### Important to Note:

- National Day of Prayer
- Capital Campaign Information Meeting
- All Church Car Rally
- Mega Sports Camp

## Justin Linscheid - Assistant Pastor

*"Therefore go..."*

Matthew 28:19



Yesterday, I heard a quote given from a book called The Externally Focused Church. It said, "Evangelism needs to be our ultimate motive, but not our ulterior motive." It usually doesn't feel good to be on the receiving end of an ulterior motive. It feels

cheap. Like the sale is more important than you.

Yet, what does it look like for Jesus to be our ultimate motive? Without a doubt, it requires some intentionality and involvement on our part. Our focus needs to be fixed on what Jesus has done for us. He has rescued us from hell! He has gone to the cross to pay for our sins so that

salvation might be freely available to all who receive this gift by faith in Him. Make this known.

*"Therefore go..."* Ultimately, what could there possibly be that's more important to go to do?

We might think, "Jesus primarily meant this for missionaries, pastors, or traveling evangelists". But this is a command that is

## Justin Linscheid - Assistant Pastor (continued)

intended for any who call Jesus their Lord. This is the mission God has given His Church. I can think of three quick examples of how this has been happening this past month at Lincoln.



Through the Food For You ministry, we have been going out into the neighborhood to build relationships and share the love of God through free gifts of food, dog food, and diapers. We are confident that God uses these tangible gifts as a message of His mercy, grace, and love.

Having Jesus being known is our ultimate motive, but we don't feel the need to always "make the sale" when we are in the community. Simple acts of love and grace go a long way and we have no doubt the Holy Spirit is at work behind the scenes. It's

often the people we serve who bring up questions such as, "Where are you from? Why are you doing this?" We are happy to tell them that we are from Lincoln Presbyterian Church around the corner, and we are doing this because we want them to know that we love them and God does too.

At our life group leaders' lunch, we talked about the importance of God doing a work both in and through our life groups. We don't want these groups to be the ending place of God's blessings. We want to be true children of Abraham who God told, *"I will bless you... and you will be a blessing to others."* We are blessed to be a blessing. We discussed at the lunch how we might step out as groups to be a blessing.

Finally, I saw this last month at our community garage sale which took place in the Activity Center. I heard countless comments from community members that they felt so warmly welcomed, loved, and joyful to be at the event. I'm not sure if they could articulate what they were sensing or not, but I can. They were sensing God's presence working in and through His people. It was special to be part of it and I was thankful for this day in which we were able to raise about \$6,000 for local youth education all while being a blessing to the community.

*"Therefore go..."* Yes Jesus, because of all You have done for us and because of who You are... And may You always be our ultimate in everything we do.

## Student Ministries - Heidi Verheyden



I absolutely love spring! Walking around the neighborhood and seeing the different colors of flowers. In our yard we have a variety of blubs and it is incredible to watch the progression of those grow. As the greenery emerges from the ground and begins to grow taller. Finally, a little bud

appears and then the flower blooms in all its glory. That reminder each year is so refreshing that it takes time to grow, nurture and develop growth.

Over the past few months, the youth group nights have been ending with small groups and it has developed some incredible growth and accountability. It took time to develop the trust with the leaders and with their group to be open, transparent and feel the freedom to ask questions

about faith and life. It is encouraging

to see the youth leaders take this on and invest so well in their students. These students are taking ownership of their faith and developing a greater understating of their beliefs comparing the Old Testament to the New Testament. Allowing all of us to appreciate and grasp the incredible context and content of scripture.

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### The Bi-Monthly Newsletter of Lincoln Presbyterian Church

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## Student Ministries - Heidi Verheyden (continued from page 2)

There are special times during the year that growth and community are accelerated like at camps or while serving alongside each other. In March, the youth did our own "Winter Camp" entitled *"The Fill, Full, Fall"*, based upon Ephesians 3:14-19. This theme is about being so filled with the fullness of God

that we overflow the fullness we experience onto those around us. Our world desperately needs the good news of Jesus Christ, and as disciples of Jesus we are the ones to proclaim the truth of Christ's saving work to a world that needs Him. Let us be people who find fulfillment in Jesus Christ alone, not getting caught up in

the ways of the world, transformed by the Word of God, and sharing with those around us all that has been done for us. We pray that each new day, we desire to know God more fully.

As we look towards summer, we are filled with excitement as we head off to Hartland Christian Camp in July.

## Children's Ministries - Kristen Lambdin



In TeamKID this semester we have been focusing on some of the foundational practices of the Christian faith, worship, scripture, and prayer. It has been so cool to see kids pressing in and understanding the importance of each of these things in our daily lives. We will finish up our prayer series in the coming weeks and the kids have started a prayer wall where

we are able to write down our prayers and see how God has answered them. God is good! We will be wrapping up our Wednesday Night Awards night and Ice cream social! We are excited to celebrate a great year with our kids.

We had an awesome Easter celebration this year! We enjoyed putting together our Kids in the Kitchen Easter edition for kids and families as well as providing fun and meaningful

engagements for kids on Easter Sunday.

Our annual Mega Sports Camp will be June 21st-24th 9am-12pm! We are so excited for this year and being able to use our new Activity Center! Sign-ups will start the middle of May so be sure you are on our mailing list to find out more.



Baptism Sunday!



## Treasurer's Report - Carol Bedell - February 2021/March 2021

Feb/Mar

Operating Fund:	<u>February</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>	<u>% of Annual Budget</u>
Income	\$100,352	\$156,887	20%
Expense	<u>\$46,246</u>	<u>\$86,089</u>	11%
Net	\$54,106	\$69,363	

### Financial Report



At the end of February we were \$69,363 in the black and we were able to pay an additional \$7,550 toward our principal payment on our mortgage. Praise God!

Operating Fund:	<u>March</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>	<u>% of Annual Budget</u>
Income	\$65,288	\$222,315	28%
Expense	<u>\$64,981</u>	<u>\$151,148</u>	19%
Net	\$307	\$69,692	

In March, the Operating Fund ended \$69,692 in the black.

The Capital Campaign received \$34,618 in March, and we were able to pay an additional \$21,995 toward our mortgage. We have paid for the parking lot improvements and have had some wonderful events in the Activity Center. Your commitment to LPC enables us to reach out to our community with love and care. Thank you.

## From our Women's Conference in April



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## Deacon Message

*"Jesus said, 'Feed My sheep'" John 21:17*

**Deacon Dinners** is a ministry service which provides meals for LPC members

who are facing difficulties which may make preparing a meal difficult for them. Contact your Deacon or the church office if this

might be helpful to you, or if you would be willing to provide a purchased meal or prepare a meal for someone in need.



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## We Welcome Our New Members

We are pleased to introduce Jenny Creamer, Stephanie Fetherlin, and

Jim & Pam Dunn, who recently joined in membership at Lincoln!



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## Missions Moment - Over The Moon At What God Has Done

Did you know that Lincoln Pres is reaching out to people in Hungary? Through John and Kriszta Brouwer, we get to invest in spreading the gospel through training seminary students and pastors (John) and through presenting Christ-centered parenting seminars (Kriszta).

John and Kriszta love to mentor and disciple young Christian leaders and parents who in turn can influence others for Christ. Take Christopher, for example, a school chaplain and church planter who John is mentoring (online). Christopher is developing an innovative outreach/apologetics training program to teach pastors how to reach millennials with the gospel.

And then there is Simon, a seminary student who John mentored in regular conversations around the Brouwers' dining table.

Simon became a pastor, went on for his PhD, hoping to teach part-time while pastoring. God suddenly opened the door for Simon to become a full-time faculty member along with John at Karoli Gaspar University in Budapest. "Simon is Hungarian, speaks Hungarian, knows Hungarian culture, and is respected by faculty colleagues," John said. "He's young and will be around for decades to come. This is multiplication – 'organic multiplication.' I'm over the moon and still pinching myself if it's real."

God has opened surprising doors as well for Kriszta's parenting conferences, with one even being sponsored by a secular organization. "I felt so privileged to speak of our Father and the gospel to many non-Christians," she said. "Community leaders, principals and teachers were the main participants. By engaging with them, I was able to connect

with the communities they lead." Because of the pandemic, Kriszta had to move the parenting trainings online. Talk about "organic multiplication"! In-person workshops can usually accommodate 120-135 people. Online, closer to 300 people joined one live parenting conference, with a total of 2,500 views in just two weeks after the event by Hungarian speakers from around Europe and even the US!

Kriszta recently videotaped sessions for an "Alpha course" style parenting seminar that will be used by the Baptist Church of Hungary throughout Hungary and surrounding countries. The Brouwers said: "Thank the Lord. [This was] not planned – definitely a 'God thing.' We never have dreamed of something like this."





## From the George Family

The family of Ben George would like to convey our heartfelt thanks for all the

condolences, prayers and cards we've received from our LPC family. They have helped

bring us comfort and peace during this difficult time.

## Capital Campaign Information Meeting

**Sunday, May 16 @ 11:10am**

The purpose of this meeting is to provide an up-to-date summary on our 4-year Capital Campaign, to thank the

Lord and our church family for their involvement, and share some information about the remaining balance and plans for paying it off.



## All Church Car Rally



**June 16** - We will be having a family Car Rally Night. Our Car Rally will start out with some light snacks in the parking lot. Then, you and your family will receive some instructions and clues that will have you driving as a family

around town and taking some great pictures with your phone and sending them to headquarter. You'll have to figure out the best driving route to get to where you want to go. Driving safely and laughing together is a must. If you get to the right locations,

you may even possibly get some cool treats together! The evening ends with the scoring of teams and prizes. This will be a free event and is sponsored by one of our church families. More information coming mid-May.

## Mega Sports Camp



**June 21-24** - Our children's ministry has a very exciting time planned as we use a sports camp model to have a fun week for our church families and to reach out to the community. Children choose a sport to be involved in and they learn proficiency in various skills, enjoy being with their friends and making new ones. There are several creative teaching

moments and Bible lessons planned as well. Many people may volunteer in a wide variety of ways.

Then on **June 28-30** we will take the camp to the Gospel Center Rescue Mission! What a great three days of caring about the families and kids downtown. Kristen will take a group of people to serve and have a great time. We love partnering with the Gospel

Center in this way. It is approximately 90 minutes each day. - A great in-town missions and outreach experience.

Registration will be coming mid-May. Talk to Kristen about volunteering opportunities for either of these events.

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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

### May Flowers

- 2 Jesse Morones / Debra Shull
- 16 Leroy & Cynthia Alford
- 23 Betty Crecelius

### June Flowers

- 6 Susan Thomas,  
Jesse Morones / Debra Shull
- 27 Betty Crecelius



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## June/July Calendar

### Sundays:

Sunday Worship @ 8:30am & 10am  
Live-stream service on YouTube @ 8:30am  
Adult Sunday School Class @ 10am - Spiritual Gifts

### 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  
Kids & Youth @ 6-7pm  
Mom's Bible Study @ 6-7pm

### Thursdays:

Bethel OT Study @ 6pm  
Pickleball @ 6:30pm

May 1 - Window Washing  
May 6 - National Day of Prayer  
May 9 - Mother's Day  
May 16 - Capital Campaign Information Meeting  
May 31 - Memorial Day, Office Closed

June 13-18 - Mexico Mission Trip  
June 16 - All Church Car Rally  
June 21-24 - Mega Sports Camp  
June 28-30 - GCRM Mega Sports Camp

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## May Birthdays

1 Michelle Pelley	12 Mary Bruegel	22 Pat Van Oss	28 Steve Farrar
5 Anamae Johnston	13 Bonnie Cawelti	23 Jessica Morelli	29 Keith Evans
6 Jon Asis	16 Cynthia Stoub	24 Jane Shuldborg	Tambi Loyd
7 Pat Ehrlich	19 Matt Hewlett	Summer Verhines	30 Gail Wilcox
10 Emily Johnson	20 Dave Harmon	Cindy Wong	Jullie Hellmer
Jordan Bambas	Susan Thomas	Scott Jacobson	
Betty Crecelius	22 David Hungerford	25 Patrice Verhines	
12 Wethera Duncan	Carolyn Ritchie	26 Star Heer	



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## June Birthdays

2 Eric Etchison	7 Anna-Marie Bambas	19 Ann Wunsch	24 Gerry Moore
4 Bev Hathorn	Kevin Beltz	20 Ed Gray	26 Denise Miller
6 Victoria Chrys	8 Rene Friis	Bill Johnston	28 Dave Palmer
Amanda Garcia	17 Bob Ramirez	21 Bruce Parker	30 Tom Beck
Kilburn Doe	18 John Stewart	Cindy Costanza	
Heidi Verheyden	19 Liza Lopez	23 Sandy Richardson	

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Friday 8:30am-Noon

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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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### Sermon Titles

May 1 - The Big Ten - God's Gift of Rest - Commandment 4  
Exodus 20:8-11 - Pastor Justin Linscheid

June 6 - The Big Ten - Be Honest - Have Integrity  
Commandment 9 - Pastor Jon Hathorn

May 9 - The Big Ten - Honoring Your Mom, Dad &  
Family - Commandment 5 - Pastor Jon Hathorn

June 13 - The Big Ten - Be Satisfied - Commandment 10  
Pastor Jon Hathorn

May 16 - The Big Ten - Value Life - Commandment 6  
Pastor Jon Hathorn

June 20 - Father's Day  
Pastor Jon Hathorn

May 23 - The Big Ten - Practice Purity - Commandment 7  
Pastor Jon Hathorn

June 27 - Pastor Jon Hathorn

May 30 - The Big Ten - Respect Ownership  
Commandment 8 - Pastor Jon Hathorn