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GOD FAMILY OTHERS

The Christian Call

Worship Services

8:15 am | Sanctuary

8:15 am | Fellowship Center

9:30 am | Fellowship Center

10:45 am | Fellowship Center

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*Journey
to the
Cross*

GOOD FRIDAY | APRIL 18 • 7 PM

Journey from the upper room to the cross to prepare your heart for Easter—
a service filled with moving music, singing, communion, and gripping video images.



*Kids
Service* Good Friday

7:00 pm Friday, April 18 in Kids Ministry

*please sign up at Kids Ministry Check-in Area by April 13



Wake up, World!

EASTER

APRIL 20

8:15AM 9:30AM 10:45AM

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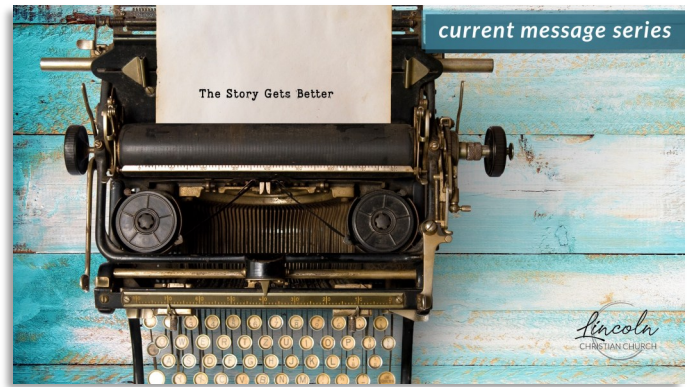
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Wake Up, World!

It wasn't even Christmas (it was early March), but she acted as if it were. My wife's excitement opening a box was equal to any child's on Christmas morning. What could have her so giddy? Catch this—a brand-new alarm clock. (LOL! How many holidays did I waste with jewelry?) Alarm clock? What's the big deal? Well, this wasn't your average alarm clock. It came with a "sun up light" feature. Twenty minutes before the alarm was supposed to sound, a yellowish, sun-like light, would begin softly and grow brighter and brighter, illuminating the room. It sounds silly, but her excitement was real. However, excitement turned to frustration. Setting it to actually work tested my patience. The directions were written in simple English, but the clock wouldn't submit to my simple commands. We lost days testing it. Each morning, she'd announce, with great disappointment, "It didn't work." I re-read the instructions and then re-read them again. And then, almost as if it had a mind of its own, it started working. It was luck mostly. Now, before the ear-piercing alarm startles us to alertness, we get the enjoyment of a soft morning sunrise, begging us to awaken (truth is . . . we sleep through that too!).

Easter is a yearly trumpet blast for people to receive a wake-up call. All of mankind is asked again to wake up to the reality of God, wake up to the fact that Jesus did raise from the grave, wake up to the truth there really is a heaven. Or, we can hit the snooze bar and put it all off, hoping for more time and another year, gambling with our eternity.

God is issuing yet another wake-up call. Is there a chance you're asleep? The wake-up call is still soft and gentle, begging for our attention. But one day, when the second coming of Jesus starts, it will come with a loud and clear trumpet blast. It will be too late then to accept Jesus' forgiveness. It will be too late to pray, too late to repent, too late to change course. Your eternity will be set. This could be our last Easter together. I'm not saying it is. I'm no prophet, but what if it was and you wasted this moment? Please accept our invitation to attend Lincoln Christian Church this Easter and WAKE UP! Time is ticking away.



Current Series

- 4/6 Saul of Tarsus
- 4/13 Paul and Silas in prison
- 4/20 Easter: Wake Up, World!



Upcoming Series

- 4/27 Rest—full Life
- 5/4 Rest as a Gift



Jolly Seniors

Wednesday, April 23

10 am - 12:30 pm

Lincoln Christian Church
Fellowship Center

Program: Kathryn Ransom

travelogue of her African Safari

Devotions: John Castelein

Lunch: Turkey from Guzzardo's

Please bring cookies or sweet treats to share!

Next meeting: May 21 (3rd Wednesday)



ADULT MINISTRY

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NEWCOMERS RECEPTION
 APRIL 27  FOLLOWING EACH SERVICE
FIRESIDE ROOM 

Newcomers Reception

On Sunday, April 27, following each morning service, we are hosting a newcomers reception in the Fireside Room. If you are newer with us, we would like to take about ten minutes of your time to introduce ourselves to you and give you some information about next steps. This will really help us get to know each other better! Please pick up your kids from the children's ministry before you come. We have a small gift for you as a way of saying "thanks" for joining us in worship. No signups are necessary.

Little Galilee Family Camp


A great opportunity for your family is the Little Galilee Family Camp. This is a fun time to spend with family, grow in your faith, and make new friends. Family Camp 1 meets May 23-26. The cost is reasonable. You can pick up a registration form at the Welcome Center or at littlegalilee.org.

More Information Online

Please visit lincolnchristianchurch.org/next for information on Groups, Classes, Studies and Ministry Teams.

Welcome New Members By Baptism

Sun.,	3/2/25	Justin Saylor
Sun.,	3/9/25	Kylee Steel
Mon.,	3/10/25	Brooke Remmert
Tues.,	3/11/25	Alex Bogdanic, Breanna Howe
Sun.,	3/16/25	Matthew Curry, Sarah Curry

STARTING POINT EXPERIENCE
 BOOST YOUR SPIRITUAL JOURNEY FOR NEWER PEOPLE
SUNDAY, MAY 4 10:45AM
 PRE-REGISTER LINCOLNCHRISTIANCHURCH.ORG/EVENTS

Join us for the Starting Point Experience May 4

Join us for a one-hour experience where we walk you through next steps on your spiritual journey—faith, friends, making an impact. **It's a "road trip" that you won't want to miss.** This experience is great for people new to Christianity, new to Lincoln Christian Church, or those who have spiritual questions. It is hosted by Brandon Boyd. Register at lincolnchristianchurch.org/events.



FOUR 19 disciple
 WHAT IT MEANS TO BE A DISCIPLE OF JESUS

As a church we are committed to Jesus' definition of a disciple:

- A disciple is one who is following Jesus.
- A disciple is a person who is being changed by Jesus.
- A disciple is a person who is serving in the mission of Jesus.

I hope these principles will help you as you grow in your faith.

L.H. APPEL scholarship

Applications are available in the church office.

These scholarships are awarded annually to members of Lincoln Christian Church who will attend a Restoration Movement Bible college full-time in 2025-26.

Deadline for completed applications is

April 7



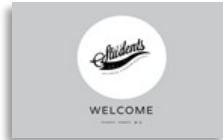
STUDENT MINISTRY

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Student Ministry Website

ccstudents.com



Text Updates from the Student Ministry

Jr. High—text **jhfuel** to 97000

High School—text **thegathering** to 97000

You will receive text messages from Lincoln Christian Church. No purchase necessary. Message & data rates may apply. Reply STOP to stop. HELP for help. Terms: <http://97000.co/t>. Privacy Policy: <http://97000.co/p>.



Read Books, Raise Money for *Move*

Every high school student can raise money for *Move* by reading a book from the Student Ministry Bookshelf and writing a 1-page reflection. You can receive \$15 per book and can read up to four books. That's \$60 off the price of *Move*. You can visit the Student Ministry Bookshelf at Fuel and The Gathering.

Scholarships for *Move*

8th grade students can apply for a scholarship for \$100 for *Move*. Applications can be picked up at the Student Info Desk or at ccstudents.com and are due May 4.

LITTLE GALILEE
CHRISTIAN CAMP & RETREAT CENTER

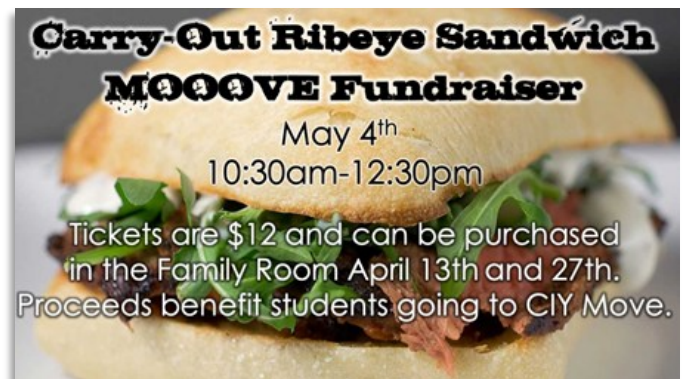
Camp Scholarships Available

We have ten scholarships available for jr. high and high school students to help them attend camp at Little Galilee. Applications can be picked up at the Student Info Desk or at ccstudents.com and are due May 4. If you would like to use Family Fundraising Account funds for camp, contact the Church Office by May 4.



Recognizing our High School Seniors at The Gathering and on Student Sunday

Graduation is around the corner, and we want to celebrate this milestone at The Gathering and on Student Sunday in our Worship Services. Please let us know if you would like to have your high school senior recognized. Go to ccstudents.com/seniors by April 13 to sign up your senior for Senior Celebration and/or Student Sunday.



Ribeye Sandwich MOOOVE Fundraiser

On Sunday, May 4, we will have our annual Carry-Out Ribeye Sandwich MOOOVE Fundraiser for CIY *Move*! These carry out meals are a delicious and convenient Sunday lunch! You can purchase tickets in two ways. The first way is to assist individual students when you buy tickets directly from them Monday, April 7 through Sunday, April 27. The second option is to purchase tickets from the church office through the week during that same time period, or at the door on May 4. Monies received through option two will go toward the overall trip cost rather than to any individual student. Thanks to all of you for continuing to support the students of our church!

move



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

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Here is a look at our first family event of 2025. We had a family slime rally where we worshiped together as a family, shared a meal together, and made slime for the Calla House. We were challenged to open our eyes to **see** the needs of others, open our hearts to **feel** the needs of others, and open our hands to **meet** the needs of others. We serve a God that loves and looks out for the left out of our world, and we can be a church and a family that does the same thing. It was an awesome time! Thank you to everyone that helped make the event a success!



Keep an eye out for information about the next family event!

Star Wars Party
Monday, May 5

We will send out information as the date gets closer.

Chuck's
corner

I am very shy and elusive. I am extremely hard to observe at night when I do my hunting. I live in underground burrows abandoned by aardvarks and porcupines. I can eat up to 300,000 termites a night. What am I?

Answer from last month: Beaver



WORSHIP MINISTRY

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Thank you! Good News and HeartSong hosted our annual fundraising breakfast on Saturday, Mar 1, from 7:00 am to noon. The Ultimate-All-You-Can-Eat Breakfast Fundraiser was a great success! We served 661 people all you could eat pancakes, sausage, bacon, scrambled eggs, biscuits and gravy, fried potatoes, orange juice and coffee. Thanks for supporting our students as we share the Good News of Jesus Christ on HeartSong tour in April and Good News tour in June!

Lincoln Christian Church • Lincoln, Illinois
presents

heartsong
[jr. high choir] [T.R.A.S.H.] [drama team]

IN CONCERT



Sunday, April 6 4:00 pm

Lincoln Christian Church

204 N McLean St | Lincoln, Illinois



HeartSong Home Concert is April 6 at 4:00 pm!

HeartSong, our jr. high choir, will be on our annual ministry tour April 4-6, 2025!

Under the direction of Lisa Ramlow, the 2025 message of HeartSong is entitled "Don't Stop Prayin'!" Through a collection of worship songs, brief drama sketches, and scripture, HeartSong's message is relevant for all ages that will encourage and uplift you. The songs are great arrangements of contemporary songs, hymns, and classics like *The Prayer* from such recording artists as Patrick Mayberry and Matthew West.

HeartSong consists of 26 students – 5th thru 8th grades, which includes Choir, T.R.A.S.H., (a percussion ensemble which creates unique and amazing rhythms using found objects made of plastic and metal sort of like STOMP), and Drama Team. With sponsors, the total group will be 36.

We will be on tour to Litchfield, visiting the St. Louis Zoo, as well as singing two concerts at assisted living facilities in Litchfield, and at the 10:00 am service Sunday morning at Christian Church of Litchfield, before heading back to LCC for our home concert at 4:00 pm! Thanks for praying for us as we travel!

GLOBAL IMPACT

Kuki Christian Church Mission Manipur, India

Nearly two years have passed since the horrific attack on Christians in Imphal, Manipur, India, which saw Christians murdered, churches and homes burned, and the loss of the Christian Hospital and KCCM Seminary. Please continue to pray for our brothers and sisters. Sometimes we talk about and pray for the persecuted church without being able to put names and faces to our prayers. These dear brothers and sisters whom we know and love are the persecuted church in India. By the grace and blessing of God, they continue educating and ministering.



In September 2024, KCCM laid the foundation stone for a new hospital approximately 18 miles north of their former site in Imphal and construction began. Their nursing students continue to score very well on their annual exams despite all of the upheaval. The ministry outreach of KCCM continues as well. They report many baptisms among the Gorkha, the church on Majuli Island, Tripura, and a new church in Nepal. The Kuki Christian Church continues to reach out in support of thousands of people displaced by sectarian violence. Relief materials include rice, potatoes, water, edible oils, clothing, and other essential items. Additional relief materials include Bibles and hymnals. These materials, provided by KCC and others, are distributed through Motbung Relief Camp, Ngahmun Relief Center Kangpokpi, Mandop Camp, Saibol Camp, Govajang Relief Center, Monglham Relief Center, and others.

Political unrest continues in Manipur. The state government has collapsed and President's Rule was imposed on the state on February 13, 2025. There have been protests among the people. Please pray for these dear Christians. We hope to host Alet and Kimcha this fall.



Alet & Kimcha (Lunkim's daughter)

Barb Messner, Global Impact team member

LOCAL IMPACT

Widows of Wisdom

What a great group of ladies! This ministry was started because a widow said, "Somedays I don't talk to anyone, it is so lonesome being alone." So we decided that maybe we could help alleviate that lonesomeness, at least a bit.



We meet the first Friday of each month and sometimes we have an additional special get-together at another time during the month. Our regular monthly meeting always consists of eating. Some meals are prepared for us, and sometimes we meet at Deep Roots where we each purchase our own meal. There are other times that each lady brings her own lunch. We usually have a lesson, a speaker, or special music.

Have you wondered who made those pumpkins, snowmen, or flowers for the women's restrooms? The widows group makes them! They also tied blankets for Inner City Mission. This year, the widows made valentines for the Veterans at the Tiny Homes and for families at Hope on Fifth. The Widows, along with the Local Impact team, sponsored the blanket drive for Inner City Mission. Thanks to all of you folks, we collected over 200 blankets for ICM.

Other special outings have included a visit to the Lincoln Museum here in Lincoln, as well as the museum at The Mill. Another fun outing was thrifting in Clinton and lunch at Monical's Pizza. All widows are welcome to join any of our meetings!

Larry and Sharon Simonson, Local Impact Team

WOW will meet next on Friday, April 4, at 11:30 am in Room 15 at Lincoln Christian Church. Please bring a dish to pass for lunch. Hope to see you there! Please RSVP to Sharon at 217.737.9834.

Here's another way to make an Impact:

Toilet Bowl Cleaner & Hand Soap Refills for Camp!

Little Galilee Christian Camp needs supplies
for the summer camp season.

Bring the donations March 24 – April 13 to the table
in the Family Room by the stairs!

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COMEDIAN / VIRAL SENSATION

JARON MYERS

DATE: May 2

TIME: 7:00 pm

LOCATION: Lincoln Christian Church

Jaron Myers is a standup comedian based in Los Angeles. He has built an online fan base of over 1 million devoted followers, and his videos boast over 450 million views across the internet.

Jaron's infectious joy and heart-warming personality make him feel like a lifelong friend that you share inside jokes with. Myers has two comedy specials on Amazon Prime, a DryBar comedy special, and co-hosts the very popular educational comedy podcast, Things I Learned Last Night.

Myers has entertained thousands across the country with his live shows, and has been trusted to work with brands like Google, Meta, Amazon, Dave & Busters, Pringles, and many more.

Tickets \$12!
Available in the church
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and Sunday mornings



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