



The *Christian* Call

Worship Services

- 8:15 am | Sanctuary
- 8:15 am | Fellowship Center
- 9:30 am | Fellowship Center
- 10:45 am | Fellowship Center

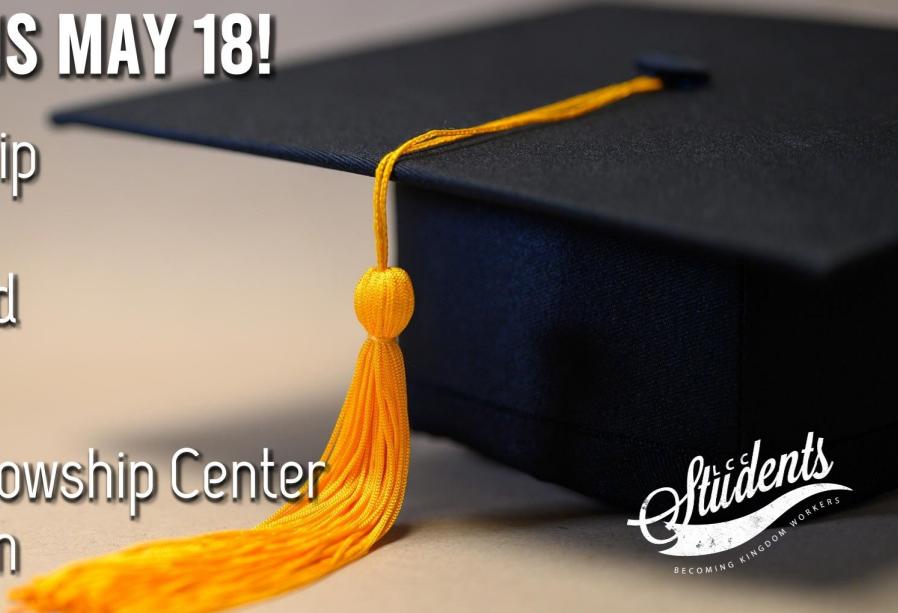
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STUDENT SUNDAY IS MAY 18!

Student – Led Worship
Student Speakers
Graduates Recognized
Good News will sing

All services in the Fellowship Center
8:15, 9:30 & 10:45 am



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Shine Your Light

We're all familiar with lightning bugs, or fireflies, whose little bodies produce a chemical reaction which causes a small light to emit from its abdomen. Now, Korean scientists have developed a cat that glows in the dark. (I'll bet it started glowing after too many cat-scans). Deep in the sea there are creatures that were created by God to emit light from their bodies. There is even a fish called the "flashlight fish" which has a luminescent organ just below its eyes. It can turn its light on and off at will, presumably to attract and blind its food.

Humans have made many other things that glow in the dark: watches, pajamas, various toys, and now diapers. Unlike the sea creatures and the fireflies, these man-made novelties require exposure to a light source before they can actually glow in the dark. The stronger the light is, the closer the object is to the light, and the longer it is exposed to the light, the brighter the object will glow.

God wants us to glow in the dark. The world is often a dark place. It's not hard to see. Most news media sources give nothing but bad news. Another shooting on campus. Federal scandals. Dirty politics. Economic struggles. Add to that all the crime, abuses, and living in a sex-crazed culture. Anyone can see the world is dark and evil.

"This is the verdict: Light has come into the world, but people loved darkness instead of light because their deeds were evil. Everyone who does evil hates the light, and will not come into the light for fear that their deeds will be exposed." John 3:19-20.

When we were without Jesus, we were actually part of the darkness. But we're not part of it anymore. "For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light." Ephesians 5:8.

We were called to shine in the darkness. The moon has no light of its own, it only reflects light from the sun. In the same way, we get our light from the SON. Jesus shines in us and then through us. He will not hide us from the world. Jesus said, "YOU are the light of the world." Now go shine!



Upcoming Series

- 5/11 Mother's Day
- 5/18 Student Sunday
- 5/25 Memorial Day Weekend



Program: Robert Sampson
Devotions: Ken Rutledge
Lunch: Roast Pork from Guzzardo's
suggested \$4 donation

Please bring cookies
or sweet treats to share!

Next meeting: June 18
3rd Wednesday



Welcome New Members By Baptism



Sun., 3/30	Rhett Loeffler, Sydney Loeffler,
Sat., 4/5	Leyah Boettcher
Sun., 4/13	Jacob Martinek, John Martinek, Rachel Martinek



ADULT MINISTRY

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STARTING POINT EXPERIENCE
BOOST YOUR SPIRITUAL JOURNEY FOR NEWER PEOPLE

SUNDAY, MAY 4 10:45AM
PRE-REGISTER [LINCOLNCHRISTIANCHURCH.ORG/EVENTS](http://lincolnchristianchurch.org/events)

Starting Point Experience

This one-hour experience will walk you through the next steps on your spiritual journey—faith, friends, making an impact. **It's a "road trip" that you won't want to miss.** The experience is great for people new to Christianity, new to Lincoln Christian, or for those who have spiritual questions. You can register for Starting Point Experience, hosted by Brandon Boyd, at lincolnchristianchurch.org/events.

**FOUR 19
disciple**

WHAT IT MEANS TO BE A DISCIPLE OF JESUS

sunday school

Our LifeGroups will be taking a break for the summer. But there is still a great opportunity to learn the Bible, meet new friends, and serve our church through our Adult Sunday School Classes.

We have five classes for adults that meet every Sunday morning at 9:30. Our classes are taught by smart, committed teachers and are led by a dedicated team of leaders who plan class parties and service projects.

Join one of our classes during the summer! Visit several classes and pick the one where you feel most comfortable.

Thank you to the Discipleship Team

As this semester draws to a close, I want to say thank you to all of our Sunday School Teachers, LifeGroup Leaders, Bible study leaders, Ministry Team Leaders, and Guest Relations Team Members. Thank you for investing your lives into hundreds of people each week. God bless you all!

More Information Online

For information on groups, classes, studies and ministry teams, visit:
lincolnchristianchurch.org/next.



Ministry Teams

Join the Team!

Ministry Teams serve our church family and our community. There is a place for everyone to serve—we need over 400 people every week to carry out God's work for Lincoln Christian Church. We have roles for greeters, kitchen workers, landscape team, handyman team, and many more.

Information is available at:

lincolnchristianchurch.org/serve.

Global Impact Mission Trip Opportunities

Two short-term mission trips are coming up with Global Impact partners.

August 17-30, 2025—Asia Pacific International has invited individuals to come to Indonesia

January 2026—Hisportic Christian Mission is planning a trip to Guinea-Bissau.

For more information, please contact the church office.



STUDENT MINISTRY

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Student Ministry Website

lccstudents.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>.



Camp Scholarships Available

We have ten scholarships available for jr. high and high school students to help them attend camp at Little Galilee. Applications are available at lccstudents.com or at the Student Info Desk and are **due May 4**. If you would like to use Family Fundraising Program funds for camp, contact the office by **May 4**.

Read Books, Raise Money for Move

High school students can raise money for Move by reading books from the Student Ministry Bookshelf (at Fuel or at the Gathering) and writing a 1-page reflection. You can earn \$15 per book, up to four books. That's \$60 off the price of Move!



Summer Calendars will be available online and at the Student Info Desk starting May 18.

Summer Bible Study Online

Greenhouse will be online this summer!

Zach will walk through 1 Peter and post the videos on YouTube on Wednesdays starting in June.



WELCOME FRESHMEN PARTY

MAY 14 | 6PM-8PM
10 BUCKS

Carry-Out Ribeye Sandwich MOOOOVE Fundraiser

May 4th
10:30am-12:30pm

Tickets are \$12.

Proceeds benefit students going to CIY Move.



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

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Happy May everyone! I hope everyone had a fantastic Easter, celebrating the resurrection of our Lord and Savior! I thank God every day for the victory we have over death and the promise we have of eternal life.

We recently had our fourth annual Daddy Daughter Dance and it was a huge success! We had the most people we have ever had come and spend time together dancing, laughing, and growing closer together as dads and daughters. Thank you so much to everyone who helped with this event! And thank you for being a church that is willing to show our community that we care for them and love them—ultimately, showing them who Jesus is. Every year we have new families that make their way into our church family.

Daddy Daughter Dance highlights 2025



Upcoming May/June Events

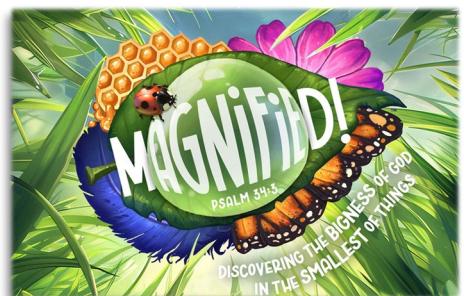
More details to come

May 2—Comedy Night with Jaron Myers

May 5—Star Wars Party at the church

May 22—Foam Party at the church

June 22-26—Vacation Bible School at the church





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MARK
YOUR
CALENDAR!

Lincoln Christian Church

Lincoln, Illinois presents

GOOD NEWS

[Student Choir] [Drama Team]

IN CONCERT

WHO YOU ARE



Monday, June 2

7:00 pm

Lincoln Christian Church

204 North McLean Street | Lincoln, Illinois



Fun at the St. Louis Zoo in spite of the rain!



Evergreen Place Supportive Living
Litchfield, Illinois



Christian Church of Litchfield, Illinois



Timber Creek Village, Litchfield, Illinois



Thank you to our directors
Miss Lisa & Mr. Joe!



8th graders!

GLOBAL IMPACT

What a privilege it is to support our dear friends working in Asia! Scott grew up in this church, and we are so proud of the lifetime of ministry and service he and his family have dedicated to God and His people in Asia. In their recent newsletter they report on the continued success of small group discipleship within their context. Believers are able to share and to grow their leadership skills at the same time. They also report that believers are being baptized and that one public baptism led unexpectedly to two more!

Thank you to those of you who prayed for our brothers and sisters over the Lunar New Year celebration. Please continue to pray for this vital ministry.



Prayer requests/praises:

- Please pray for protection for local believers. A believer was called in for questioning recently.
- Their youngest daughter recently started college in Australia. Please pray for her and for the rest of the family as they adjust to her absence.
- Open doors with a nearby unreached people group.
- Praise God for new believers, discipleship training, and the gospel being shared.

Barb Messner, Global Impact Team Member

Please help us collect items for the Leonard Family

We are sending items to the Leonard's youth development program in Kenya. These are the items they have requested:

- 10 volleyballs and 10 soccer balls
- Air pump for balls
- Dollar Tree or Oriental Trading Company type crafts (for 50 kids)
- Up to 10 appropriate, family-friendly PG-rated DVDs (new or used)
- Card games

Please bring items to the church by Sunday, June 8.

LOCAL IMPACT

His Hands Outreach

Our core group of kids at Hope Grows Bible School for Children continues to learn and grow. Since September, these kids have memorized 18



scripture verses and still remember them. They may not be able to say them word perfectly, but they know where they are found in the Bible and they understand their meaning. These same kids are preparing lessons and teaching them. They enjoy our Wednesday worship time and enjoy picking songs. They struggle sometimes, but we are trying to teach them to live by what they know that God says rather than by how they feel.

We have another group of kids who come in and out. They listen to the lessons, but they don't engage. We pray that they will turn their hearts to Jesus.

We are looking forward to summer activities such as water activities, VBS, Cooking Camp, and an overnight trip to Lake Litchfield. The highlight of the summer for most of our kids is Little Galilee Christian Camp. We will be sending ten kids this summer.

We thank you so much for partnering with us in this ministry by your prayers and support.

Submitted by Deb Hoover
His Hands Outreach Board Member

Thank you!

Thank you to all who donated toilet cleaner and hand soap refills for Little Galilee Christian Camp last month. They were thrilled with your generosity!



Widows of Wisdom

WOW's next meeting is Friday, May 9, at 11:30 am in Room 15 at Lincoln Christian Church. A light lunch will be provided. You won't want to miss this month, because we will have some very special guests—Michelle and Josie. Please RSVP to Reva at 217.828.0924 or to Sharon at 217.737.9834.

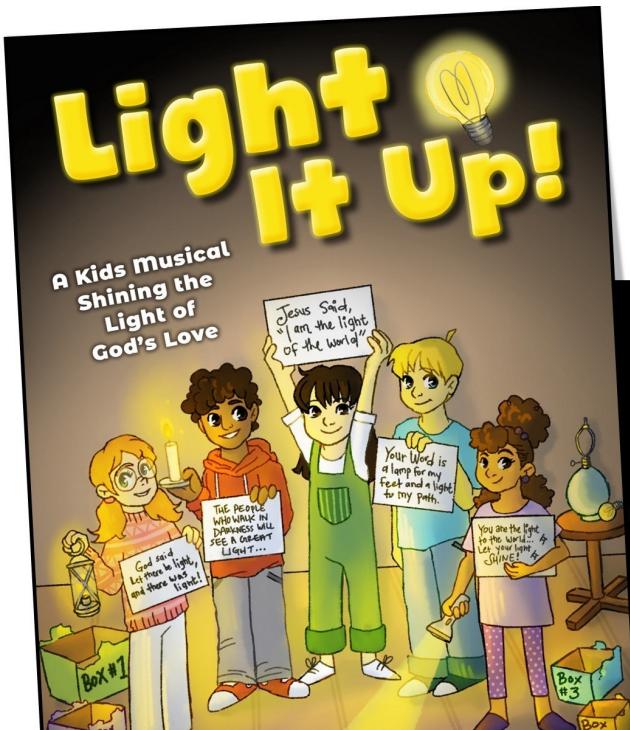




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Kids Choirs

present

Sunday, May 4
6:00 pm

Lincoln Christian Church
Fellowship Center



Register via QR Code
or online

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