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# 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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## LCC PRESCHOOL PRETZEL FUNDRAISER



**\$1 Each**  
or  
**6 for \$5**  
or  
**12 for \$10**

**SUNDAYS, FEBRUARY 4TH & 11TH**

## DADDY DAUGHTER Dance

For princesses 3 to 103 and dads  
Friday, March 15  
Lincoln Christian Church  
Fellowship Center

**SAVE THE DATE!**  
More details coming soon!



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## PREACHING MINISTRY

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### You Can Say That Again!

"Don't make me tell you again" is a phrase that's often said by frustrated parents. I know I have! But if someone says, "You can say that again!" they are agreeing with what ever you just said. In a way, it's like an "Amen" during the sermon. (Something I seldom experience; I'm over it!)

Mathew, Mark, Luke, and John are all gospel accounts of Jesus Christ. These gospels have much the same in content; recording the life, miracles, teachings, crucifixion, death, and resurrection of Jesus. They're one of the best examples of repetition in the Bible, but on a much larger and grander scale.

So why does the New Testament contain four large books that all describe basically the same sequence of events? Wouldn't one large gospel cover it all? Why tell some of the same stories four times? Oh, I'm glad you asked that.

In the Old Testament, things were established as true by the account of two or more witnesses. But here in the gospels, we have four witness accounts.

When God repeats himself, it's usually to draw our focus to something important. He doesn't do it for his benefit but for ours. I can remember being told hundreds of times, "Keep your shoes off the couch" and yet there we would be with our shoes on the couch again and again. Why did parents repeat themselves? Because we have a tendency to forget.

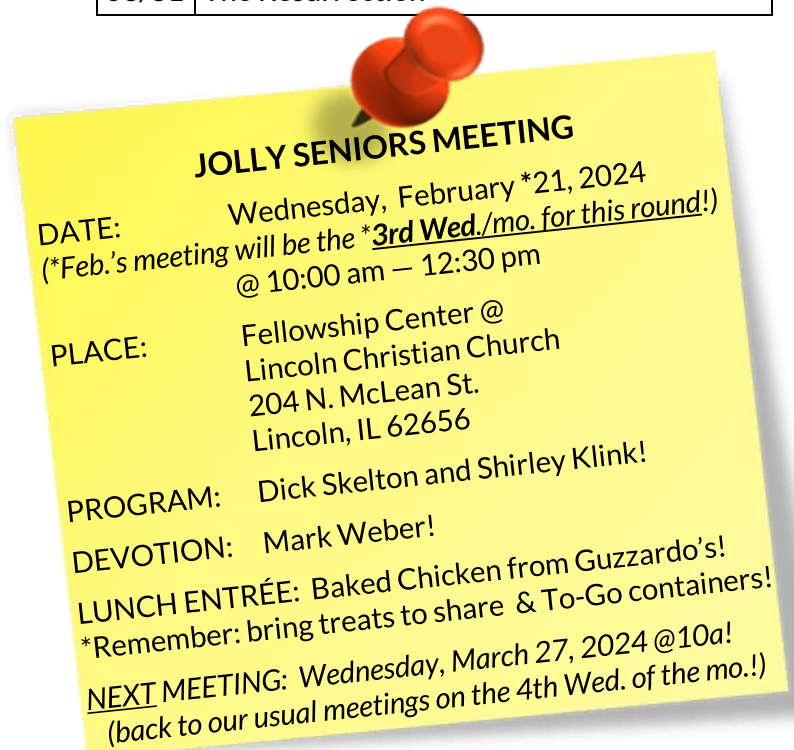
We are children of God...and just like young children, we need constant reminders by repetition. If these things were not that important, God would not repeat it in His Word so often.

There are 10 stories that all four gospel writers felt compelled to tell. Stop and think about that. These stories were so captivating, that even John, after knowing Matthew, Mark, and Luke had already written about them, felt obligated to share them again. Why?

For ten weeks leading up to Resurrection Sunday, we are going to allow to God to tell us these ten stories again. There's something deeply important here, and we're going to discover it together. God doesn't repeat himself for his benefit, but for ours. See you Sunday!



01/28	Baptism of John
02/04	Feeding the 500
02/11	Peter's Professions
02/18	Anointing by Mary
02/25	Triumphal Entry
03/03	Last Supper
03/10	Garden of Gethsemane
03/17	The Trials
03/24	Crucifixion and Burial
03/31	The Resurrection



### Welcome New Members! By Baptism:

12/16/2023—Doug & Keagan Meserole

12/26/2026—Cassie & Alic Smith, & Aidin Evans

### 2024 Elders: Jim Allen, Chuck Bennett,

Paul Bone, Will D'Andrea, Jeff Davison,

Jeff Manuel, Tom Mauhar, Brad Neal,

Aaron Roemer, Ben Roland, Jeff Wunderlin





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### Men's Retreat & Cornhole Tourney

#### Presented by Men on Fire

Join us for a morning of studying God's Word and an afternoon of a (semi-competitive :- ) cornhole tournament on Saturday, February 3. There will be compelling messages from leading pastors and teachers, testimonies of how others have lived Godly lives, and seminars on the topics of most interest to men. Beginning January 1, sign up at:

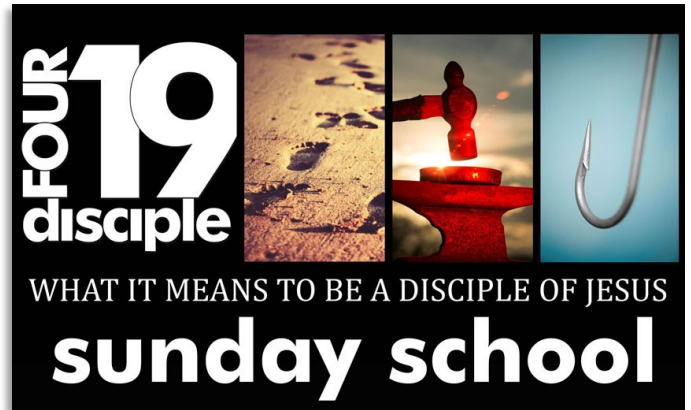
[lincolinchristianchurch.org/events](http://lincolinchristianchurch.org/events)



### Financial Peace University!

FPU returns to Lincoln Christian Church on Wednesdays evenings beginning February 7! Learn how to take control of your money and find greater fulfillment in life by following God's principles for money management. For more information and to sign up, please visit:

[lincolinchristianchurch.org/fpu](http://lincolinchristianchurch.org/fpu)



Beacons (9:30 am)

Senior Adults

Meets in Family Room 1

Crusaders (9:30 am)

Empty-Nesters

Meets in Room 16

Encouragers (9:30 am)

Senior Adults

Meets in Room 15

LambSeekers (9:30 am)

Mixed Ages

Meets in Room 304

The Open Door (9:30 am)

School-Age Families

Meets in Room 305



### 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 available at:

[lincolinchristianchurch.org/next](http://lincolinchristianchurch.org/next)



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Stay informed with Text Updates from the Student Ministry...

For Jr. High, text **jhfuel** to 97000.

For High School, text **thegathering** to 97000.

You will receive text messages from Lincoln Christian Church. No purchase necessary. Message & data rates may apply. Message frequency varies. Reply STOP to stop, HELP for help.

Terms: <http://97000.co/t>. Privacy policy: <http://97000.co/p>.



### Spring Calendar

To see the Student Ministry Calendar, either pick up a hard copy at the Student Info Desk or head to: [lccstudents.com/events](http://lccstudents.com/events)

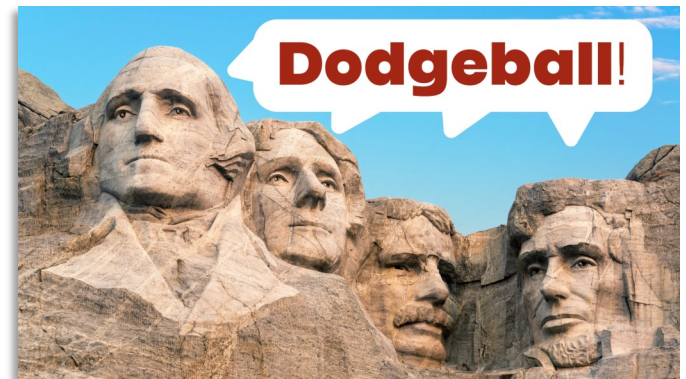
## Read Books, Raise Money for CIY Move!

Every High School Student can raise money for Move by reading a book from the Student Ministry Bookshelf and writing a 1-page reflection. \$15 per book and you can read up to 4 books. That's \$60 off the price of Move! The Student Ministry Bookshelf is at both youth groups Fuel (JH on Wednesdays evenings) and the Gathering (HS on Sunday evenings).



### Jr. High Bash – 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Grade

Hey 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Graders, the Jr. High Bash will be Friday, February 2 from 6-9 pm. Cost: \$10 per person at the door. Join us for this super fun event! We will have pizza, pop, and tons of games. It is going to be awesome!



### Presidents' Day Dodgeball Tournament

Monday, February 19, we will have a 6 on 6 Dodgeball Tournament in honor of our Presidents for 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Graders from 10 am—12:30 pm. Show up with a team or without one is okay too! We will make teams on the spot. We also will serve lunch! Cost: \$10 per person at the door.



### High School Super Bowl Party

Come watch the Big Game with us on our MASSIVE 20' x 12' screen at the church building! Also we'll have yummy food, games, Ping-Pong, 9 Square, and more! Sunday, February 11 from 5-9 pm. Cost: \$10 per person at the door.





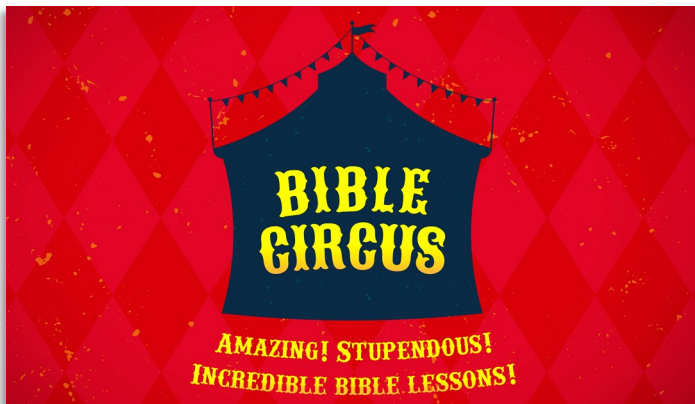
## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY



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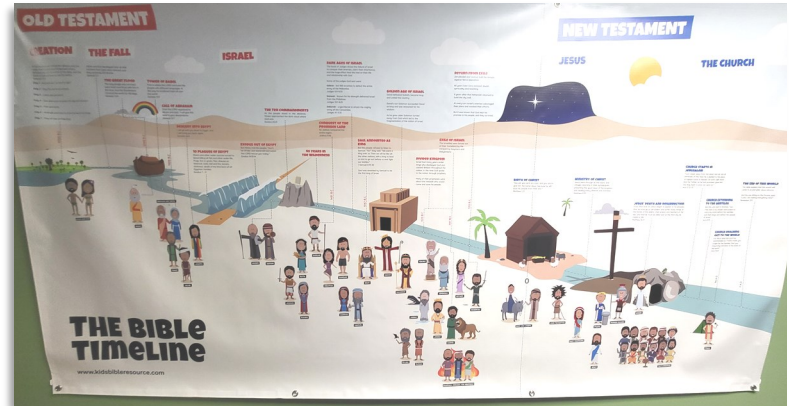
**Happy New Year!!!** I am super excited to see what God does in this new year, 2024. We have a lot of fun things planned for this spring semester, so be sure to keep an eye out to see when something new is coming up.



The first new thing in 2024 is **Kids Club is back!!!!** This semester we are studying with the Bible Circus. We are going to visit some people from the Bible who completely relied on God in some rough situations in their life. Each story seems almost larger than life like a circus. The first week we discussed Daniel and the Lions' Den and how our God is mighty to save. Daniel believed that and we can too; the same God who saved Daniel is with us now. Here are a few pictures from the first Kids Club this semester:



A second thing that is new in the Kids Ministry is we have a **Bible Timeline** hanging on our wall! Our goal is to show our children how the Bible is laid out and where each story we study falls on that timeline. It is very colorful, using amazing illustrations of the characters and has detailed scriptures to show the timeline of the Word of God. Here are a few pictures of the huge timeline banner:



Come on down and check it out. It will be a fun thing to look at with your kids and is a very good conversation starter!



**Chuck's  
corner**

I am 10 times stronger than an average human. I can bend iron bars. My bite has more power than a lion. We live in family groups known as "troops". What am I?

*Answer from last month: ROOSTER!*







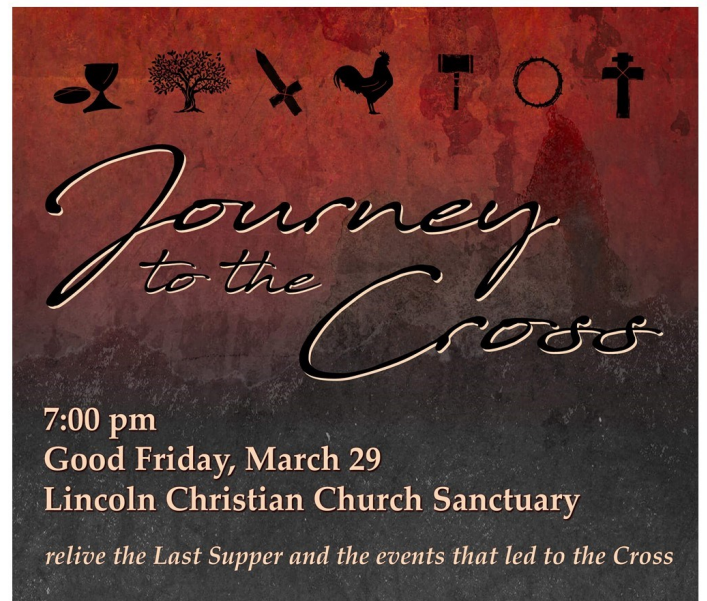
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### Sing with us for Good Friday!

We will sing for the *Journey to the Cross* on Good Friday, March 29, at 7 pm. Please consider singing with the Sanctuary Choir for *Journey to the Cross*. Walk the steps of Jesus from the upper room to the cross in this very special heart-preparation service filled with moving music, congregational singing, communion, and gripping video images. You can work through the music on your own or you can rehearse with the Sanctuary Choir on Wednesday nights beginning February 28, from 6:30-7 pm for a few weeks. No memorization required, we use music for the service. You'll have to join us for dress rehearsal on Wednesday, March 27, from 6:30-7:45 pm. Contact me to sign up, so I can get the music and rehearsal tracks to you. Thanks for your prayerful consideration!



7:00 pm

Good Friday, March 29

Lincoln Christian Church Sanctuary

*relive the Last Supper and the events that led to the Cross*

## The Ultimate All-You-Can-Eat Breakfast Fundraiser benefitting **GOOD NEWS & heartsong**

# Saturday, March 9

## 7:00 am to 12:00 pm

at Lincoln Christian Church, 204 N. McLean St.

*All-You-Can-Eat Menu includes:*

*Pancakes, Bacon, Sausage, Scrambled Eggs*

*Biscuits and Gravy*

*Fried Potatoes*

**Adults - \$12**

**Kids (ages 4 - 11) - \$5**

*Tickets available from any Good News or  
HeartSong student through Mar 3.*

*Tickets available at the door.*



## LOCAL IMPACT

**Christmas Eve  
Offering  
\$12,560.67  
(Wonderful!)**



PRAISE GOD! Thank you church family for your very generous Christmas Eve offering. This is the largest Christmas Eve offering we have ever received. One hundred percent of this offering will be used to help folks in the Lincoln area who are in need because of a variety of reasons. Our Local Impact Ministry Team is really excited, because this will make it possible for us to help many families in 2024.

Some of the most common requests we receive are for help with electricity, water, sewer, rent, medical bills, food, car repairs, and clothes. God's Word is very clear: if we see someone with a need and have the ability to help, we are to help. Thank you for helping make it possible for Lincoln Christian Church to make a Local Impact for those in need.

LCC's Local Impact Ministry Team Members:  
Karrie Funk, Cathy Huerd, Ron Keller, David Marten,  
Larry (Team Leader) and Sharon Simonson



### **W.o.W. (Widows of Wisdom)**

meets the first Friday of every month so mark your calendars!

Join us **Friday, February 2 at 11:30 am at Deep Roots Bakery**

**& Café on Lincoln's square!** After you order your meal, we'll eat in their back room. A special valentine dessert will be furnished! Afterwards, we'll go to Lincoln College to tour the Lincoln Museum!! Questions and/or RSVP ASAP to Reva ([217.828.0924](tel:217.828.0924)) or Sharon ([217.737.9834](tel:217.737.9834)), thanks! And feel free to bring friends!!

## GLOBAL IMPACT

### **Johnny & Janelle**

and their three children (Will, Hope, and Zoe), live and serve in Southeast Asia. They have been settling into life in a new culture, while continuing to build relationships with people in the neighboring nation where they lived before. Johnny works full-time with an entrepreneurial training program that helps young people learn business management skills to start small businesses to provide an income for their families. Janelle has changed from homeschooling to



now helping their children get used to going to an international school for the first time.

Please pray that God will renew their family with His strength, wisdom, and joy as they transition to living and ministering overseas in this new location with many changes and challenges, including learning a new language. Keep Johnny, their family, and teammates in prayer for safety and favor with authorities as they often travel between countries. Join in asking the Lord to bring His peace, justice, restoration, and healing to the people of the nation they dearly love and served in for 10 years before there was a traumatic change in the government. We thank God for what He is doing through their family, the business training program, and this new season for their team!



The Amallas, from COPE, are leading another mission trip to the Pokot people in Kenya for 11-14 days during the second half of July this summer. They hope to take 4-10 people with them to get a first-hand experience of life in West Pokot and build relationships with the children and people there. To learn more, email questions to [childrenofpokot@gmail.com](mailto:childrenofpokot@gmail.com) and/or join an informational meeting via Zoom or in person (weather permitting) on February 3rd at 4:00 pm.

LCC's Global Impact Ministry Team Members:  
Kim Ayars, Taby Hewitt, Barb Messner (Team Leader), Carolyn Neal, Jacob Payne, Zach Ramsey, Leslie Starasta

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## Help Feed Hungry People All Over the World! Pick up your fish bank in the Family Room February 18



All proceeds go to  
**International  
Disaster  
Emergency  
Service**



## ~ SAVE THE DATE ~ Harvest of Talents Spring for Tea

Saturday, April 20  
11:30 am

LCC Fellowship Center

More details to come soon!

A Harvest of Talents event  
to feed hungry and hurting  
people all over the world



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