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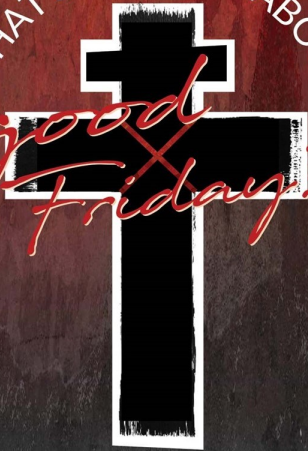
Worship Services

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

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J E S U S I S R I S E N

WHAT'S SO GOOD ABOUT
Good Friday?



GOOD FRIDAY
MARCH 29 • 7 PM

Join us for *Journey to the Cross*. Walk the steps of Jesus from the upper room to the cross in this special heart-preparation service filled with moving music, singing, communion, and gripping video images.

E A S T E R
M A R C H 31
8:15 AM 9:30 AM 10:45 AM



For ages, we have wondered, "Is there life after death?" The resurrection of Jesus is more than just a single event; it is a cosmic declaration FOR ALL TIME. Join us Easter Sunday and discover why it matters.

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The End...
WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

APRIL SERIES
APRIL 7 14 21 28

Got questions about the end of days? Am I living life like I believe Jesus is returning? This message series in April will help unpack simple guidelines in scripture to end-time understanding.

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You Can Say That Again!

Easter comes early this year. I couldn't be more happy. I love the hope and excitement of Easter celebration, but I also feel like it makes winter over, and I'm ready for winter to be over.

We're in a series we titled, "You Can Say That Again." It's a series on the ten stories all four gospel writers tell. It's curious to me that even after Matthew, Mark and Luke had shared these stories, John still felt it was essential he share them again. Why?

Now of course, the one story these writers were all falling over themselves to tell was about the resurrection of Jesus. It is the high point of His story.

Ask any average person on the street what they think of when they hear the name Jesus, and most will say Christmas. That story didn't even make the top ten. Why these stories?

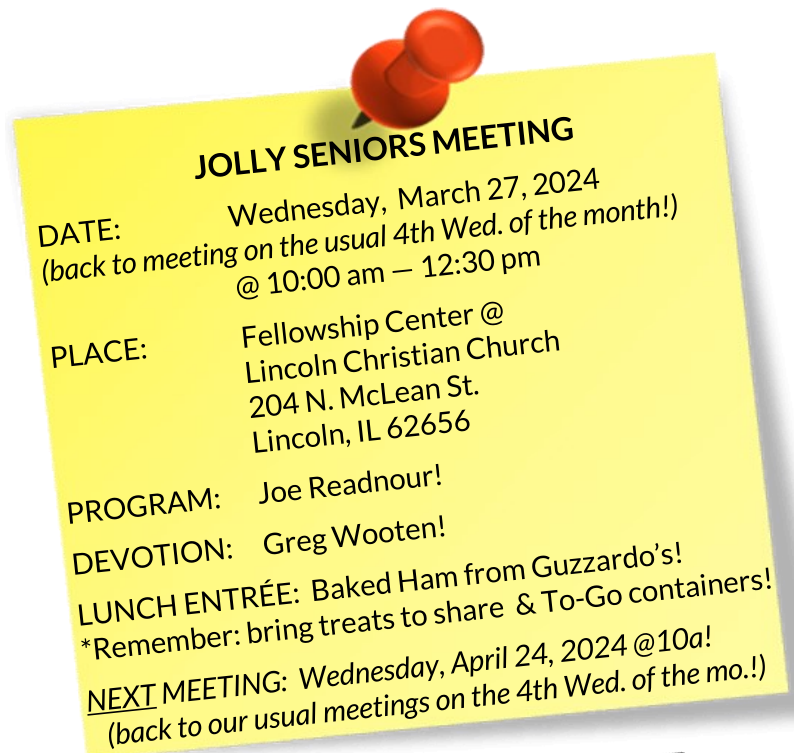
There is no other story like Jesus'. It is a one-of-a-kind, priceless jewel. Now, yes I know He dies in it. Most people's story slowly fades away after death. How much can you tell us about your great-great-grandmother? Probably very little if anything at all. But here we are still talking about Jesus? Granted, His resurrection from death certainly helps to keep the story vibrant. But for people who reject the resurrection, how can His story still be told over and over again. How can you explain that?

One of my friend's son was watching the Easter story with friends. As Jesus died on the cross and the room was hush quiet, he spoke up with a word of hope saying, "Don't worry...He's dead now...but He'll be back!" The end isn't the end, but just a new beginning. Our story does end because Jesus' story didn't end. Embracing this truth is the beginning of great hope.

For ages, we have wondered, questioned, some denied "Is there life after death?" What is the truth? According to scripture, the resurrection of Jesus was more than a singular event in time. It was a cosmic declaration FOR ALL TIME that life after death is a real thing. God made sure each gospel writer told this story. God doesn't repeat Himself for His benefit, so it must be for ours. We need the resurrection.



- 03/03 The Upper Room
- 03/10 The Garden of Gethsemane
- 03/17 The Trials
- 03/24 The Crucifixion and Burial
- 03/31 The Resurrection: Easter



Welcome New Members!

By Baptism:

01/21/2024—Maelee Cunningham

By Transfer:

01/07/2027—Cameron Krueger

01/28/2024—Jim and Arlene Lang



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ADULT MINISTRY

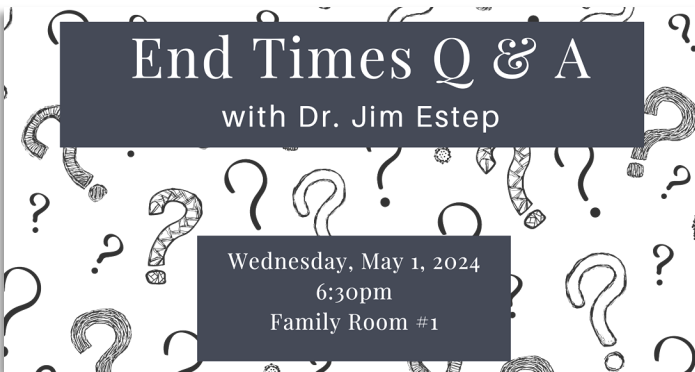
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Newcomers Reception

On Sunday, April 7, following each service, we will be holding a newcomers reception in the Fireside Room. If you are newer with us, we would like to take about ten minutes of your time. We would like to introduce ourselves to you and give you some information about next steps. (This will really help us put a name with a face.) Please pick up your kids from the children's ministry area before you come to the reception. We have a small gift for you as a way of saying thanks for attending.



Bring Your Questions About End Times

Join Dr. Jim Estep as he leads a Q & A Session about End Times. Ron will be preaching on End Times following Easter, and that topic generates a lot of questions. Dr. Estep will help layout the basic End Times systems, answer your questions, and give his views. No registrations are necessary. Event sponsored by the Lincoln Christian Institute of Lincoln Christian University.



MEN ON FIRE

Wednesday Men's Group

Join with other men and learn to live of a life of "No Regrets" as we seek to build friendships and learn more about applying the Bible to our lives.



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

Administrative Assistant Position Opening

Lincoln Christian Church is seeking a committed Christian to serve as an Administrative Assistant in the Church Office. Preference will be given to candidates who apply by Friday, March 8, 2024. Please find more detailed information at:

lincolinchristianchurch.org/employment



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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.

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Scholarships for HS CIY Move

8th Grade Students who attended *OnMission* this past Fall can apply for a scholarship for \$100 for *Move*. That means that what you paid for *OnMission* is taken off the cost for *Move*. How sweet is that?! Applications are **due Sunday, May 5**, and can be picked up at the Student Info Desk in the Family Room or online at:

lccstudents.com



Camp Scholarships Available!

We have 10 scholarships available for Jr. High and High School students to help them attend camp at Little Galilee. If you would like to use your Family Fundraising Account funds for camp, contact the office **by Sunday, May 5**. Applications are **due Sunday, May 5**, and can be picked up at the Student Info Desk in the Family Room or online at:

lccstudents.com



Need Money for Trips? Buy Gift Cards, Earn Cash Back!

Families! Family Fundraising Accounts help you raise funds through physical gift cards or electronic gifts cards that earn cash back rebates for you to use for trips. You pay for the value of the gift card and a percentage of that money goes to your account at the Church. You can buy gift cards at the Student Info Desk in the Family Room or online. For more info, come see us at the Student Info Desk in the Family Room or at:

lccstudents.com/parents



Help the Student Ministry by buying Cracker Barrel and Walmart Gift Cards

You can buy gift cards at the Student Info Desk in the Family Room on

Sundays or in the main Church Office during the week (Monday thru Friday between 8 am—12 pm / 1 pm—5 pm) to help students take part in discipleship events. You pay for the value of the gift card and a percentage of that money goes to the Youth Fund to help students who need financial aid! Thanks in advance!!



WhirlyBall

Let's play some WhirlyBall! High Schoolers, join us on Friday, March 16, as we head to Naperville, IL to play a cool new game. It's a mix of bumper cars, lacrosse, and basketball. Plus, laser tag, pizza, and more for only \$45! Sign up by Sunday, March 3, at:

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. Earn \$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 (on Wednesday evenings for JHers) and the Gathering (on Sunday evenings for HSers).



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY



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Thank you!

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Thank You

Thank you does not seem sufficient for each and everyone of you and your generosity. I would like to say thank you to all of the people who gave up time in their week to help dip pretzels and make them look amazing. I would also like to thank all of our generous people who came and bought pretzels. Now that our annual pretzel fundraiser has come and gone, I am excited, and at the same time, humbled to say we dipped 5,680 pretzels this year! That is the equivalent to 77 tubs of pretzels. In other terms, if we lined up each pretzel in a line, that would be 3/5th of a mile! That is a lot of pretzels.



In other news, we have had three **Sunday School** classes in kids ministry earn their donut or pizza party! They have worked extremely hard and have learned scripture, invited people to church, and brought their Bibles to church. A fun story from one of those classes is after their class had their party, their teacher informed them that I would be taking all their ping pong balls out, and they get to do it again. A little girl said, "we get to work on Bible verses again? That is the best news ever! It is super fun." They are excited to learn the Bible, and it's amazing to hear and see. Thank you, teachers, for helping the classes learn the Bible and continually encouraging them. And thank you, parents, for helping at home! It is so fun to watch every week.



We are currently enrolling students in our **Preschool** for the fall of 2024. If you have a three or four year old, we would love to have them at Lincoln Christian Church Preschool!



Another upcoming event is the **Daddy (or another male figure) Daughter Dance** on Friday, March 15! Tickets are for sale for \$5 per person, but we are looking for our amazing cooks and dessert makers right now. If you are willing to donate a dessert or a finger food to the dance, you can email me for more details. Thank you for helping make this an amazing event each year!

Chuck's
corner

I can grow to be over 9 feet tall, and weigh up to 290 pounds.

I can run faster than a horse.

I can make a booming sound that's like a lion warning other creatures like me that danger is near.

What am I?

Answer from last month: gorilla!





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Help Move That Bus! in March

You can help *Move That Bus!* for Good News' tour in June by sponsoring a mile for \$3.65 per mile of our 2,548-mile trip! Sponsor one mile, ten miles, fifty miles, a hundred miles... your choice! Every mile counts!

You can mail a check to the church made out to LCC and put MTB in the memo line. Thank you for your help as we spread the GOOD NEWS of Jesus!

Sponsor a mile for \$3.65 per mile of our 2,548-mile June tour! We only have four weeks in March to "Move that Bus!" Track our progress each week at the big map in the Family Room! Thanks for your help!

GOOD NEWS TOUR 2024

- Mon, Jun 3 | 7 pm HOME CONCERT
Lincoln Christian Church, Lincoln, IL
- Tue, Jun 4 | Travel Day
London, KY
- Wed, Jun 5 | 6:30 pm
Oakdale Baptist Church, Rock Hill, SC
- Thu, Jun 6 | 7 pm
Southwest Christian Church, Ocala, FL
- Fri, Jun 7 | 7 pm
Kissimmee Christian Church, Kissimmee, FL
- Sat, Jun 8
EPCOT
- Sun, Jun 9 | PM Concert
Perry/Warner Robins, GA area
- Mon, Jun 10 | PM Concert
Nashville, TN area
- Tue, Jun 11 | 7 pm CLOSE-TO-HOME CONCERT
Williamsville Christian Church, Williamsville, IL

via I-74 39 hr without traffic 2,548 miles

"MOVE THAT BUS!"

39 hr 2,548 miles

Thank you!

The Ultimate All-You-Can-Eat Breakfast Fundraiser

benefitting **GOOD NEWS & heartsong**

Saturday, March 9

7:00 am to 12:00 pm

Adults - \$12

Kids (ages 4-11) - \$5

*Tickets available at the door.
Eat in or carryout available.*



LOCAL IMPACT often delivers food to families in need. We always **need food containers** like leftover ice cream pails, cottage cheese and margarine tubs, etc. We'd appreciate it if folks could drop some of these off at the church kitchen, thanks!



W.o.W. (Widows of Wisdom) meets the first Friday of every month so mark your calendars! Join us on **Friday, March 1 at 11:30 am in Room 15 at LCC!**

Bring a sack lunch and any pictures you may have of past activities of Lincoln Christian Church. We will hopefully identify people in the pictures and enjoy chatting about our heritage! Questions and/or RSVP to Reva ([217.828.0924](tel:217.828.0924)) or Sharon ([217.737.9834](tel:217.737.9834)), ASAP, thanks! And feel free to bring friends!!

"I just love this group. Some days I don't get a chance to talk to anyone. This group really helps with my loneliness." A little over a year ago this Local Impact Ministry to widows began and was based on James 1:27. All widows are encouraged to join! A different program is planned for each month. The following are just a small sample of our activities: we have had many special speakers, a Valentine tea, a Christmas tea, visited the Lincoln Museum in Lincoln, painted on fabric with melted crayons, and made decorations for the ladies' restrooms by the Fellowship Center and the Sanctuary! Watch for details each time at: lincolnchristianchurch.org/events

~Larry (Team Leader) and Sharon Simonson

GLOBAL IMPACT supports COPE (Children of Pokot Educational fund), alongside LCC, for many years now. Their website describes the history of this organization:

In 1995, Paul and Mary Boatman went to Kenya. They were invited to go to a remote area in North-Western Kenya where the Pokot tribe live. Getting to the area is difficult because there are no good roads to get there. The people lived in mud huts with thatched roofs with no running water, electricity, latrines, services nor schools. The Boatmans found the whole area in great need and came back to the U.S. to raise funds to build a Christian school.

In 1997, Paul and Mary returned to Kenya with 3 women from the Lincoln area. Barb was a successful business woman, Nicki was a student at Lincoln Christian College, and Jane was a school teacher. The purpose for the trip to Pokot was to dedicate the school that was being built with funds from the U.S. The results of that trip led to the establishment of the Children of Pokot Educational Fund, Inc. It also resulted in Barb O'Donohue returning to Pokot multiple times until she closed her business in 2002 and began devoting her time to the ministry.

COPE is still ministering to the Pokot people today and "has grown and developed to become the center of the community teaching Christian beliefs and ethics" (childrenofpokot.org). It has done this through the Tapadany Christian Academy, and the economic development and outreach program.

Tapadany Christian Academy, which began as a humble preschool with just two walls and a dirt floor, has now transformed into a thriving institution with a library, a kitchen, and boarding facilities. Two meals a day are provided for the students and dedicated staff. Additionally, COPE House—a rescue home for children—has become a safe haven for over seventy children ranging in age from three to adulthood. These children receive nourishment, education, and care until their family members can support them. COPE also runs a food giveaway program that feeds hundreds of families a week. Food for this giveaway is sourced locally when possible, from a nearby supplier, and through their farm efforts. COPE has also recently hosted a Farming God's Way seminar that saw fifty individuals in attendance. They have found great success applying those principals to their own crops. So much so that there is hope their farm will provide all of the vegetable needs for their various meal and giveaway programs.

Michaela and Devane Amalla are the current Executive Directors and acting missionaries for COPE. "They are passionate about serving others and spreading the good news of The Gospel to the marginalized people groups of the world. They are hoping to continue to grow their relationship with the Pokot people and show the love of Christ while meeting the physical and educational needs of the community" (childrenofpokot.org).

We are extremely grateful LCC has the ability to come alongside and support the great works God is doing through COPE to educate, support, and share the gospel with the Pokot people. If you would like more information, please find COPE's website referenced above, or reach out to us via our email: lccglobalimpact@gmail.com

~Jacob Payne, GI Team Member

With sorrow mixed with the joy of hope, we inform you of the passing of one of our longtime missionaries, Jim Mollette. Jim had been in poor physical health for the last several years, and a recent fall took the final toll. We are grateful for the life Jim led of faithful service to Christ and the opportunity we had to partner with him in the spread of the Gospel in Hong Kong, China, and the Philippines. Please pray for his children and grandchildren as they mourn their loss. Obituary at: mmsfuneralhomes.com/obituaries/james-mollette



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4th Sunday
March thru September

Aluminum can recycling for Harvest of Talents!

**Bring aluminum cans
to the truck with the Harvest sign
in the parking lot
outside Door C from 8 to 11 am**

**Funds raised
by this Harvest of Talents event
provide global hunger relief**



Harvest of Talents Spring for Tea

Saturday, April 20
11:30 am
LCC Fellowship Center

Tickets available
at the church office

Feb 18 – Mar 28
or until sold out

\$25/Ticket

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