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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

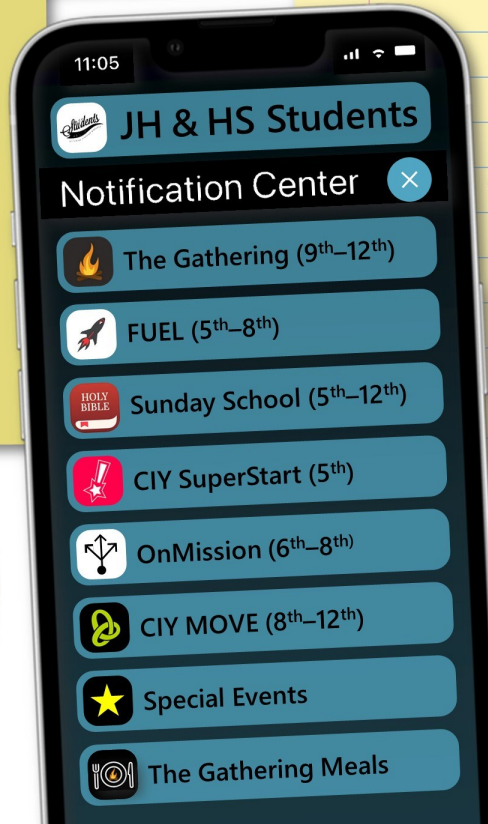
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August 18 and August 25

KIDS MINISTRY

Kids Sunday School
Kids Sunday Worship
Kids Club
Weekday Preschool
Special Events



ADULT DISCIPLESHIP

LifeGroups
Sunday School
Men on Fire
Ladies' Bible Study
Grief Ministry
Local Impact Ministry Team
Global Impact Ministry Team
Harvest of Talents

WORSHIP MINISTRY

*Good News (9th-12th)
*HeartSong (5th-8th)
*Kids Choirs (3yrs-4th)
Sanctuary Choir
FC Band & Vocals
Tech Team
Handbells
Instrumentalists

*Open enrollment thru
September 29, 2024



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PREACHING MINISTRY

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The Map

Years ago, as a young father of twin boys, I created a homemade treasure map. I drew it up and did my best to make it look like an old pirate map, even burning the edges. Then, I took a small chest filled with quarters and buried it in the woods. I told my sons, "I have discovered an ancient treasure map. If we follow it, it would lead us to vast riches." That day, we followed the map into the wilderness and they had the joy of digging up and discovering the prize. It was a great dad/son event. It all started with a special map.

I grew up in a time of paper maps. We were not as advanced as this generation to have GPS right in our hands as part of our cell phones. As one of our young men in our church likes to point out that I was born and raised way back in the 1900s (no one likes you).

Everyone is on a spiritual journey. Even if they deny spirituality. As Christians, our journey is to live and love like Jesus! Our ultimate goal is to get ourselves to heaven and take as many people with us as we can. If this is all new to you, one might ask, "How?" Well, like any long journey, a map would be helpful to tell us where we are and how we're progressing.

C.S. Lewis once said, "One road leads home and a thousand roads lead into the wilderness." We want to help you get home.

So, here at Lincoln Christian Church, we have created a road map to show us all how we progress to our goal of living and loving like Jesus. We have come up with clear action steps and clear mile markers:

- ☞ Mile Marker 1 is a time of discovery.
- ☞ Mile Marker 2 is a time of learning.
- ☞ Mile Marker 3 is a time of belonging.
- ☞ Mile Marker 4 is a time of watching lives change.

In August, after we wrap up our summer series on Moses, we will spend a couple weeks talking about our Road Map to Spiritual Success. Whether you are new at this journey or long time traveler, it will be healthy for us to all be on the same path. I hope you take this journey with us.



08/04	Smoke on the Mountain	Exodus 19-20
08/11	The Golden Calf	Exodus 32
08/18	View from Mt. Nebo	Deuteronomy 34

Upcoming Sermon Series

08/25	Road Map	Part 1
09/01	Road Map	Part 2



JOLLY SENIORS MEETING

DATE: Wednesday, August 28, 2024
(back to meeting on the usual 4th Wed. of the month!)
@ 10:00 am — 12:30 pm

PLACE: Fellowship Center @
Lincoln Christian Church
204 N. McLean St.
Lincoln, IL 62656

PROGRAM: Salty Strings!

DEVOTION: Paul Boatman!

LUNCH ENTRÉE: Guzzardo's Choice!!

*Remember: bring treats to share & To-Go containers!

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, Sept. 25, 2024 @ 10 am!
(back to our usual meetings on the 4th Wed. of the mo.!)

Welcome New Members By Baptism:

Sun., 06/09/2024—Mr. Carter Dunham

Sun., 06/16/2024—Mr./s. Jason and

Amanda Melton





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Life Groups

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Build Faith & Friendships...

In a LifeGroup!

LifeGroups are groups of 3-10 people who meet together, usually in a home or a restaurant. Groups have discussion questions based on Sunday's sermon or another Bible study, pray together, eat snacks and build friendships.

If you were part of a LifeGroup last semester, *existing LifeGroups* resume meeting the week of September 8.

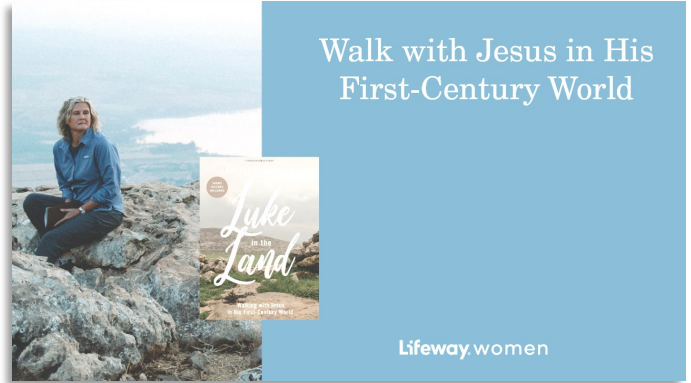
If you are *new to LifeGroups*, stop by the Adult Discipleship table on Sundays, August 18 or 25 and fill out a sign-up card. Then, we work to place you in a group for the fall semester. (There's even an option for you to sign up to lead a group of your own choosing!) You can also sign up at:

lincolnchristianchurch.org/groups

Join a Community of Faith!

We have five Adult Sunday School classes whose goal is to be a fun place to study the Bible with friends. Come learn the Bible, make friends, and serve together! Try out several classes and join the class where you feel most comfortable. More information at:

lincolnchristianchurch.org/next



Ladies Bible Study

The fall semester of Ladies Bible Study will explore the series "When You Pray" by Best-Selling Author, Kristi McLelland. In this 7-session study, journey to the location of significant events in the Life of Jesus. Learn and be inspired. Sign up in the Family Room beginning August 18. Cost is \$20. Scholarships available.



Men on Fire

Join with other men as they study ways to apply the powerful truths of the Bible to daily life. Join the MoF team who teach on how to live as a godly man. Fire meets Wednesday

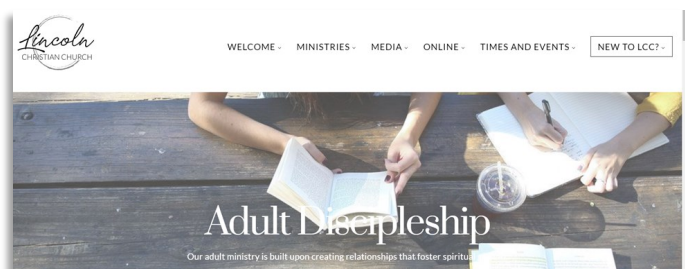
evenings this fall. Get more information in the Family Room starting August 18.

You Can Make an Impact

A key step in your spiritual growth is to join a ministry team to serve our church family, our community and our world. You can serve as a greeter, kitchen worker, groundskeeper and more. We have a place to serve for everyone! Find more information in the Family Room starting August 18.

Next Steps Website

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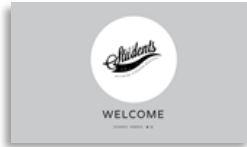
Stay informed with Text Updates from the Student Ministry...

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>.



Welcome 5th Graders!

Hey new 5th Graders! We can't wait for you to join the Student Ministry on Promotion Sunday, August 11 at 9:30 am in your new Sunday School Class Room #17 (across from the soda pop machine)!



HS Dodgeball/Cookout Kickoff Party

The Gathering (9th-12th Grade Youth Group) kick-off is on Sunday, August 18, from 6-8 pm at the church. We will be starting off the school year and fall with an epic dodgeball tournament and cookout. You don't want to miss it!



JH Dodgeball/Cookout Kickoff Party

Fuel (5th-8th Grade Youth Group) kick-off is on Wednesday, August 21, from 6:30-8:00 pm at the church. Our first meeting will be a cookout and dodgeball game that you won't want to miss!



CIY MOVE 2024

We had a great week at the Christ In Youth conference, MOVE, at Wheaton College in Wheaton, IL. God is moving in the lives of our students. It was great to see the students grow! Thanks for your support and offerings that make discipleship trips like these possible.



Help the Student Ministry by buying Cracker Barrel and Walmart gift cards! You can buy physical gift cards at the Student Info Desk in the Family Room on Sundays or in the main Church Office

during the week. Office hours are Monday thru Friday between 8 am—12 pm /(close for the noon lunch hour) / 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!



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY



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We are closing in on the end of summer already. Can you believe it? **What was one of your favorite things you did this summer break?** One of mine was our family vacation where we swam in the gulf of Mexico. It was so fun, and while we were swimming, a family of dolphins swam right by us close enough to touch! Can you believe it? It was amazing. Our God created an amazing world for us to explore.

Now that summer is coming to an end, we had quite a few fun events this summer. We played in a foam cannon, played kickball, had glow party, and rode our bikes with bubbles!

There are three more events this summer that you can attend in the month of August! Lookout!



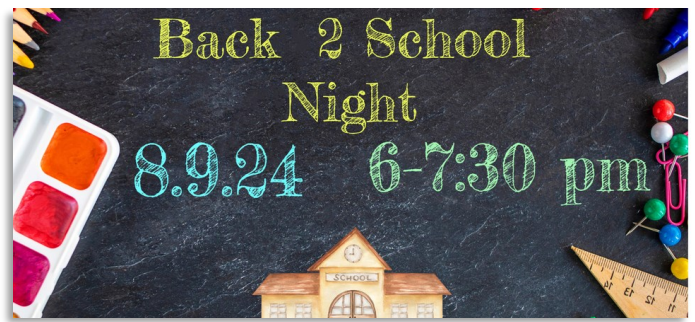
Monday, August 5— Kids, meet me at Top Hat Creamery between 6 and 7pm! Have some **FREE** ice cream with your family;

my treat! See you then and there!

Sunday, August 11—is our annual family pool party at the Lincoln Rec! Come and swim with your family between 5:30-7:30 pm to close our summer events for the year.



**More upcoming dates
to keep in mind...**



Friday, August 9—Back to School Party!



Sunday, August 11—Kids Sun. School Promotion!



Sunday, September 8—Grandparents Day!



Wednesday, September 4—Kids Club Kick-Off!

**Chuck's
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What am I?**

I can run 60 miles per hour for short bursts. I can run 30 to 40 miles per hour for an extended time. I can jump 10 feet in the air, and I can even out maneuver a cheetah! My hooves allow me to run on my tiptoes. What am I??

Answer from last month: bears!



WORSHIP MINISTRY

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fall MINISTRY SIGN UPS August 18 and August 25

The **Sanctuary Choir** kickoff is Wednesday, Sep. 4, at 6:30 pm. The Sanctuary Choir rehearses each Wednesday night from 6:30 – 7:45 pm. We present feature music in the 8:15 am Sanctuary service. The Sanctuary Choir is open to those in high school and older. Even if you worship in the Fellowship Center services, there are lots of ways to work out your Sunday morning plan to still sing with us! Let's talk! We need more voices! We'll begin our Christmas music in October.



Good News is for students in 9th thru 12th grades. Kickoff is Sunday, Sep. 8, at 5:00 pm. Good News consists of Student Choir, T.R.A.S.H.*, & Student Drama Team. Good News includes relevant music, focused drama, and great service opportunities in a fast-paced, high-energy environment all leading up to a fantastic tour, June 3-10, 2025! Invite your friends! Pick up a brochure!

*evaluation required for T.R.A.S.H.

HeartSong is for 5th thru 8th grade students. Kickoff is Sunday, Sep. 10, at 6:00 pm. HeartSong includes service opportunities in music, worship, drama, and T.R.A.S.H.! HeartSong will sing in *Celebrate! Christmas* as well as a three-day tour in April 2025. HeartSong rehearses each Sunday from 6:00 – 7:00 pm. Grab a brochure to invite your friends!

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Kids Choirs will kickoff on Sunday, Sep. 10, at 6:00 pm. Kids Choir is for 3 year olds – 4th graders. We have a blast learning about music, worship, and Jesus! Kids Choirs meet each Sunday evening from 6:00 – 7:00 pm. Come give it a try. We'll be working on some fun music for Christmas as well as our Spring musical in May 2025. Invite a friend or two or five!

Kids Choirs

(*T.R.A.S.H. = Teens Rescued And Serving Him)

GLOBAL IMPACT

B. J. & Mary Leonard, Missionaries to Kenya

We treasure the delightful Leonard family



as one of our own (B. J. launched LCC's previous Quest youth program), with over 20 years of ministry experience, who have a big heart for the unreached, and are another example of a long line of Lincoln Christian University alumni working around the world to help grow disciples for the kingdom.

Please stop by the Missions Wall in the Family Room at church to see their photo and pick up a prayer bookmark. Your Global Impact Team invites you to think about creative ways you can pray for and encourage the dedicated missionaries of Lincoln Christian Church. And also get to know who they are, take an interest in their work, and host them as family when they are stateside. You and your prayers can make a real difference for missions. B. J. and Mary are serving on Christian Missionary Fellowship's Kenya Church Catalyst team. They support disciple-making and church planting through training, discipling, and coaching as they dream to take the message of Christ to every city and village in Kenya, Africa! They have met with and encouraged several Massai pastors, discussed ideas with women for projects to help them support their families, helped prepare Disciple Making Movement training for youth, and had the honor to baptize new believers! They have been attending language and culture classes to increase their understanding and use of Kiswahili while homeschooling their children; the kids are excited to start at West Nairobi School and the Kizora Center in August. They have applied for resident permits and driver's licenses.

Along with others in East Africa, they have endured significant flooding with challenging travel, but they feel they've adjusted well since arriving in Kenya last fall and have recently been able to move into their own rental home. In the midst of moving, they learned of B. J.'s dad, Mark's cancer and made an emergency trip to the U.S. in June. (Note: We just learned of Mark's passing in mid-July, so pray for B. J. and Mary as they return to be with family during this

difficult time.) Thank you for joining your Global Impact Team in prayer for the Leonard family and their ministry as they serve the Lord with passion! They are grateful for your financial support (\$200/month from our church) and partnership in building God's Kingdom in Kenya. We look forward to sharing a personal communion meditation/offering video from B. J. soon.

~Carolyn Neal, Global Impact Team Member

LOCAL IMPACT



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His Hands Outreach, Inc.

If you drive by our building on North Adams Street, you will see a change in our sign in the front of the building. Instead of *Hope Grows Neighborhood Center*, we are now *Hope Grows Bible School for Kids*.

We continue to build relationships with kids and families in the neighborhood by sharing the gospel at every opportunity. But we are now trying to intentionally disciple our core group of kids and immerse them in the Bible. Each kid has their own Bible, and we are memorizing Scripture. We're doing sword drills to teach them to be familiar with the Bible and where to find the Scripture they need.

During our Sunday Church Service, the kids follow along in their Bibles and participate in reading the Scripture. Many of these kids are now reading the Bible at home on their own! Along with Sunday Service, we also have Monday Memorization, Tuesday Teaching (the kids prepare and teach a lesson), and Wednesday Worship. In the past month, we have baptized seven Junior High and High School kids, a mom and a stepdad! We are also doing many fun activities so please continue to pray for us. God is working!

~Deb Hoover, RN, LPC [217.871.4444](tel:217.871.4444)

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W.o.W. (Widows of Wisdom)

meets the 1st Fri./mo. so mark your calendars! On Fri., Aug. 2 at 11:30am, we'll meet for lunch in the back room at Deep Roots on Lincoln's square. Afterwards, we'll head to The Mill for a fun tour! Any questions to: Reva at [217.828.0924](tel:217.828.0924) or Sharon at [217.737.9834](tel:217.737.9834). Join us and invite your friends!

For more details on any of Lincoln Christian Church's missionaries or ministries, please contact us from the information below that is most convenient for you!

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Dessert Reception

Hosted by Ron & Bonnie Otto

*Presentation by President
Dr. Frank Weller*



*Monday, Aug. 12
7:00 pm*

Please sign up at the Welcome Center to attend

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