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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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PREACHING MINISTRY

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Do You Love Me?

"I love you more!" is a little game my granddaughter likes to play. She starts with "I love you, Papa." I respond with "I love you more." Then we argue with each other over and over as to who loves who the most. Somehow I never tire of the game.

Love is an important aspect of the Christian life. Imperative actually! We're told to love God with all our hearts, soul, mind, and strength. Told to love others as we love ourselves. Told to love one another. Told to love our neighbor. Told to love our enemies. And if we're not careful, we can lose our first love...Jesus.

Jesus will ask Peter, "Do you love me?" Peter didn't hesitate to answer yes. But Jesus will ask two more times. What's the point of that? I think Jesus is asking again. This time he's asking us.

Oh, don't be so quick to answer yes. Think about it for a moment. Do we REALLY love Jesus? Not just the idea of Jesus. Not just the stories of Jesus. Not just the benefits of heaven. I mean Him. Do I love Jesus? This is important!

Here's a connection I've discovered about loving Jesus. Once I get that right in my life, it feeds my love in other areas. Can that be true? Oh yes!

I couldn't love church till I learned to love Him. I couldn't love others till I learned to love Him. I certainly can't love my enemies until I get this love for Him right first. This was the main problem with the church at Ephesus, they had lost their first love. And that in turn affected the entire church and ministry.

I wonder if this isn't affecting us too. Our biggest issue is this right here...loving Jesus. When I get this right, it will change everything. Just like the fire that Peter sat by when Jesus asked, "Do you love me?" Peter's love was relit and it changed everything for him. I believe God wants to relight that fire in us too.

Starting in September, our sermon series is about just this. Do I love Jesus and if so, what will that do for me? What will that do for our family? Since September is also our fall kick-off, this would

be a good series to invite others to join us. Come, as we explore, "Do I really love Jesus?"



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| 09/08 | We talk to Him (Prayer) |
| 09/15 | We get re-amazed with Him (Bible study) |
| 09/22 | We love His Bride (Church) |
| 09/29 | We talk about Him to others (Evangelism) |

JOLLY SENIORS MEETING

DATE: Wednesday, September 25, 2024
@ 10:00 am – 12:30 pm

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

PROGRAM: Dennis Stremmel

DEVOTION: Ryan Edgecombe

LUNCH ENTRÉE: Baked chicken from Guzzardo's!!
*Remember: bring treats to share & To-Go containers!

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, Oct. *16, 2024 @ 10 am!
(moving up 1 week early to 3rd Wed/mo due to H.o.T!)

Welcome New Members By Baptism:

Sun., 07/07/24 – Ms. Kaylee Knowles

Fri., 07/12/24 – Ms. Ryann Lile

Sun., 07/28/24 – Mr. Thomas Titus & daughter

Ms. Reagan Titus





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NEXT STEP EXPERIENCE
BOOST YOUR SPIRITUAL JOURNEY FOR NEWER PEOPLE

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8 10:45AM
PRE-REGISTER [LINCOLNCCHRISTIANCHURCH.ORG/EVENTS](http://lincolncchristianchurch.org/events)

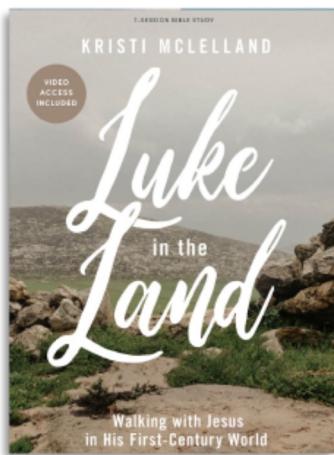
Next Steps Experience

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 is designed to be your **very first step** beyond attending a worship service and is great for people new to Christianity, new to Lincoln Christian, or who have spiritual questions. Hosted by Brandon Boyd, Minister of Adult Discipleship.

Please pre-register at:

lincolncchristianchurch.org/events



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.

Bible study starts Monday, September 9 at 6:30 pm in Rms.15 & 16.

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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 restaurant. Groups have discussion questions based on Sunday's sermon, or other Bible study, pray together, eat snacks and build friendships.

If you are new to *LifeGroups*, you can find information at:

lincolncchristianchurch.org/groups

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

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 much more. We have a place to serve for everyone! Find more information at:

lincolncchristianchurch.org/next

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 as they teach on how to live as a godly man. Men on Fire meets Wednesday evenings this fall. MOF resumes on September 4.



MEN ON FIRE

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>.

Fall Calendars

Be sure to pick up fall calendars for both Jr. High and High School at the Student Info Desk or online at:



lccstudents.com/events

Sunday School — 5th-12th Grade

Sunday School meets 9:30 – 10:30 am every Sunday. Come learn more about Scripture!

5th Grade – Rm 17

6th-8th Grade – Family Rm 2

9th-12th Grade – Rm 12



Jr. High Bash — 6th-8th Grade

Hey 6th-8th Graders, the Jr. High Bash will be Friday, September 20 from 6-9 pm. \$10 at the door for food. It is going to be incredible. We will have pizza, dodgeball, tons of games, and some surprises. It is going to be awesome!



OnMission

6th-8th Graders, join us for OnMission, our own service retreat for Jr. Highers, Oct. 18-20 at Little Galilee Christian Camp. It is going to be an incredible weekend of serving people in central Illinois. \$110 for all supplies, food, fun activity, and lodging. We can't wait! Sign up by Tuesday, Oct. 1.

8th grade students who attend OnMission can apply for a scholarship for \$100 for CIY Move. That means that what you pay for OnMission is taken off the cost for CIY Move. How sweet is that?

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

Families! Family Fund-raising Program helps you raise funds through physical gift cards or online gift 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 on Sundays, in the office during the week, or online. For more info find us on Sundays or at:

lccstudents.com/parents

Mission Dominican 2024

Thank you for your prayers and support!





CHILDREN'S MINISTRY



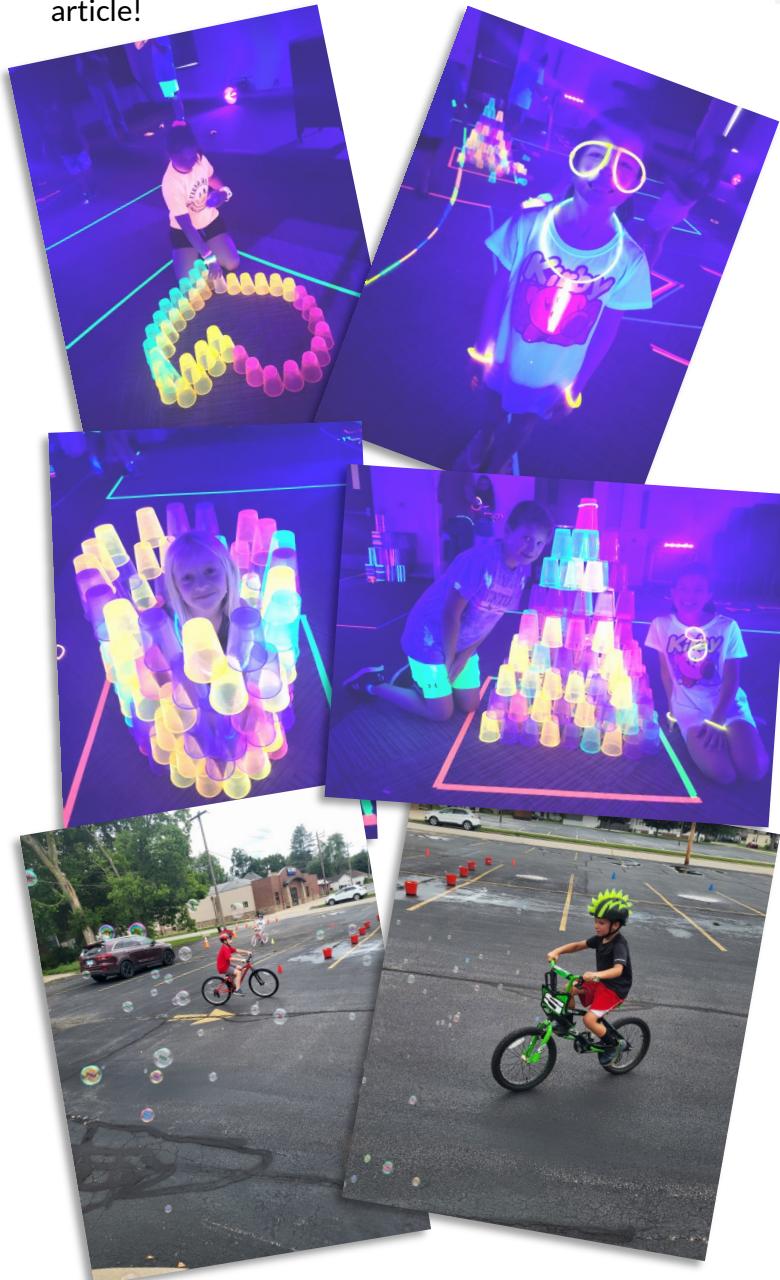
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Happy September everyone!!!

I am so excited to see what awesome things the LORD has planned for this fall. I enjoy this time of the year. My family enjoys apple orchards, pumpkin patches, hay rides, and watching football games. Do you have favorite things to do with your family during the fall months?

We had some amazing events since the last Call article!



A few dates to keep in mind for this fall:

- ⇒ September 4—Kids Club begins!
- ⇒ September 8—Grandparents' Day!
- ⇒ September 28—Fall party at Ron's house!

We will have more information as each gets closer.



This fall in Kids Club we will be talking about Finding Jesus Under the Sea. We will talk each week about a different creature from the sea that God

created and how different each of them are. Each one will show us something about Jesus.

Life under the sea is breathtaking. God created such an amazing place for us to see his creativity and power. This theme reminds me of an encounter my family and I had on our vacation this year. We were in Gulfport, Mississippi and one morning we rode a boat to a small island in the Gulf of Mexico. We were swimming and enjoying God's creation when we saw a family of dolphins behind us, including a BABY dolphin! We could have reached out to pet them. They were so intelligent and swam so elegantly while keeping their baby safe. It seemed like they were showing the little one what humans were. It was AWESOME! This semester we will be talking about dolphins along with many other sea creatures!

Do you have a favorite sea creature that God created? If so, come and tell me what it is!

Chuck's
corner

I have brownish or grey skin, but I look green due to a yellow mucus that covers my body. I have two full rows of teeth on my upper jaw and a single row of teeth on my bottom jaw. My strongest of the five senses is my ability to smell. I live a life of solitude. And even though I am constantly opening and closing my mouth, it is not an aggressive stance. I am just breathing! What am I?

Answer from last month: Gazelle!



WORSHIP MINISTRY

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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. 8, 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. 8, 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!

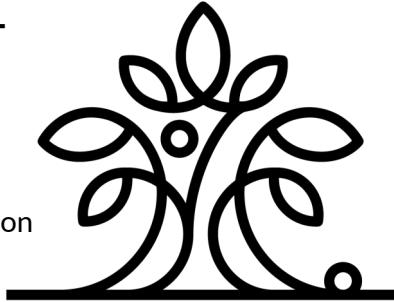
Kids Choirs

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

GLOBAL IMPACT

Orchard Group

In 2002, I went to New England, Vermont specifically, to work with Restoration House Ministries.



I was in 7th grade, and the experience had a great effect on my life. New England is one of the least Christian areas in our country. Yet, God has not given up on this region. God has called people to plant churches in places like Vermont, New Hampshire, and Maine so that people can know the Gospel. Restoration House is now part of Orchard Group, but the mission is the same today as it was in 2002 when I visited. Tanner Green is in charge of New England Church Planting at Orchard Group, and he shares that God is at work. Three new churches have been planted in the last three years!

Beacon Church, in New Hampshire, is growing and becoming sustainable. In fact, they are moving into their first building this fall. City Coast Church, in Connecticut, just baptized six people in August! God is at work! But the work isn't finished. Please pray that God would call more church planters to New England. Tanner told me that it is hard to find planters. They are looking for quality leaders to answer God's call. Please also pray for Tanner and his family as they build roots in their new city of Boston. Personally, it is cool to see God continue the work I saw when I was in 7th grade. I hope to go back someday soon to see that work continue. Please join me in prayer for New England.

Zach Ramsey, GI team member

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

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*close 1 hour earlier during summer: 6/15–8/30

LOCAL IMPACT

Lincoln/Logan Food Pantry

The pantry opened in June of 1993 when several churches and smaller pantries joined together to offer one larger, more efficient pantry. It began in the basement of the First United Methodist Church in Lincoln, IL. In order to keep up with the growing demand in the Lincoln/Logan area, it moved to its current location at 125 N. Logan St. in Lincoln. The new building was furnished by the First United Methodist Church free of charge. Over the years they have added a walk-in freezer, an addition to the west and a waiting room through the help of local foundation and corporate donations.

The pantry serves many individuals in Lincoln and Logan County each month. Here's a recent report to help illustrate the scope of the ministry:

	June 2024	July 2024
- Individuals served	1155	1185
- Children served	377	396
- Households served	360	360

Thank you to local gardeners donating produce to the food pantry. We are grateful that our church family is able to help support this very important organization in our community!

Lincoln Logan
Food Pantry
125 North Logan
Street
Lincoln, IL 62656
217.732.6644



Hours:

Tuesdays, 9:00 am – 11:00 am

Thursdays, 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm



W.o.W. (Widows of Wisdom) will meet on September 6 at 11:30 am in Rm. 15 at the church building. Bring your own lunch and drinks. Dessert will be furnished. Invite your friends! W.o.W. meets the 1st Friday of every month, so mark your calendars! Any questions to Reva at [217.828.0924](tel:217.828.0924) or Sharon at [217.737.9834](tel:217.737.9834).



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