



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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Experience the

Harvest



**41st Harvest of Talents for World Hunger
Saturday, October 26, doors open at 7 am**

Shop

7 am – 1 pm – Shop handcrafted items, homemade treats, and unique experiences from spacious sales floor and silent auctions.

2 pm – Join in a spirited live auction.

Snack

7 am – 1 pm – Breakfast burritos, cinnamon & caramel-pecan rolls, vegetable beef soup, fried potatoes, pulled pork, sloppy joes, hot dogs, tacos, scratch-made pies, hot cider, cocoa, coffee, orange juice, soda, and a flavored sweet tea stand

Serve/Experience

7 am – noon – new Lego® Experience

7 am – 1 pm – campfire, indoor/outdoor dining, car detailing

9 am – noon – GAP food packing, Passport Experience.

Join us for Celebration Sunday, October 27!

All funds raised will be presented to International Disaster Emergency Service (IDES) to feed the hungry around the world in Jesus' name during Worship Services at 8:15, 9:30, and 10:45 am at Lincoln Christian Church



PREACHING MINISTRY

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Long Story Short

“Once upon a time ... It was a dark and stormy night ... A long time ago in a galaxy far, far away ...”

These words say: settle in, it's time for a story! Well, settle in Lincoln Christian Church, we're about to explore the grand narrative of the Bible—from Genesis to Revelation. And we'll do it all in just three short sermons. You may think you know what happens, but there's so much more to this story than most of us realize!

The scriptures are filled with narratives of people, places, and events. They all have a part to play in telling us the greatest story ever told. Each character, each moment, each word fits into a bigger, grander story of God. And catch this ... you and I are a part of that story too. We all fit into the bigger story that God has been telling since the beginning of time.

The amazing story of God begins right from the start with a grand opening of creation and the first humans, Adam and Eve. From there the story just explodes with intrigue, violence, shock, and awe. But it's all headed to an end.

Most of us feel like time is marching toward some finale. The grand story of the Bible is moving toward an end as well, one where God will reveal Himself as He is and bring His people into His presence for all eternity. But what does that actually mean?

It means we are invited into the greatest adventure anyone could imagine. Young people dream of being part of an adventure ... a calling that allows our lives to matter. Why do you think they're so concerned with saving the planet? However, saving souls is far more important and relevant than saving the planet.

This is the story of God. From cover to cover you will find:

- One Hero – the Messiah
- One Villain – Satan – we are in a fight
- One Problem – Sin
- One Solution – Salvation in Jesus
- One Prize – You!

Christ triumphed over death and hell. Why is that relevant? Because that's what we have to do!

This October, we invite you to be a part of a story grander and more important than any story ever told. Join us for *Long Story Short*!



- 10/6 Creation to Chaos ... (OT)
- 10/13 Chaos to Christ ... (Gospels)
- 10/20 Christ to the Church ... (NT)
- 10/27 Harvest of Talents Celebration

JOLLY SENIORS MEETING

DATE: Wednesday, October 16, 2024
10:00 am - 12:30 pm

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

PROGRAM: Darin Akin

DEVOTION: Zach Ramsey

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

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, Nov 20, 2024 @ 10 am!
(moving up to 3rd Wednesday due to Thanksgiving)



Welcome New Member

By Baptism:

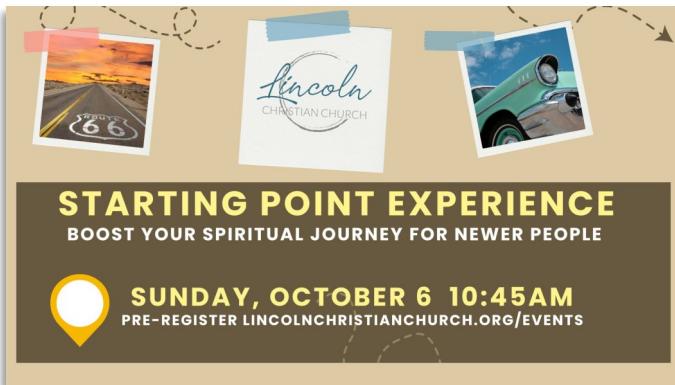
Sun., 08.11.24 —Ms. Stella Polley



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Starting Point Experience

Join us for a one-hour experience where we 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.**

This experience 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 Church, or those who have spiritual questions. These events are hosted by Brandon Boyd, Minister of Adult Discipleship.

You can register at lincolnchristianchurch.org/events.

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 many other roles. We have a place to serve for everyone! Find more information at lincolnchristianchurch.org/next.

Next Steps website

lincolnchristianchurch.org/next

Men on Fire

Join with other men as they study ways to apply the powerful truths of the Bible to daily life. The current study is *Person of Interest Investigator's Guide: Why Jesus Still Matters in a World that Rejects the Bible*. Men on Fire meets this fall on Wednesdays at 6:30pm.



Need a fresh start on your Bible reading?

Our goal for every person at Lincoln Christian Church is to spend time each day reading the Bible and then listening to God in prayer. That's a challenge, but here are a couple of resources to help you start (or restart) your Bible reading:



The Bible App (bible.com) is a free phone app and a website. This site contains several Bible reading plans and guides to help you feel more comfortable in prayer.

Our Daily Bread is another free resource that is available as an app, a website, an email subscription, or as paper booklets. We have the booklets available at LCC's Welcome Center. There is a brief devotion each day, a verse or two of the Bible to read, and a sentence or two to help you begin to pray. Find out more at odb.org.



Church-Wide Prayer Gathering

3rd Wednesday of each month

The next gathering is on Wed, October 16, 6:30-7:30 pm, in the Family Room around the Wall of the Unreached.

Do you need



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Sign up at <https://bit.ly/3HW89js>.



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Facebook—[@lccsm](https://www.facebook.com/lccsm)



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>.

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 Oct 1. 8th grade students who attend OnMission can apply for a scholarship of \$100 for CIY Move. How sweet is that?!



5th Grade Bash

Join us Friday, Oct 13, 6-8 pm for a great night of games, dodgeball, and food! \$10 for food! Its going to be a great night.

Mark Your Calendar — Discipleship Trips

SuperStart! 5th Grade — Jan 24-25



8th-12th Grade — July 7-12



10.23.24

6-8PM

Harvest of Talents for students!

We encourage all you 5th-12th graders to get involved in the Harvest of Talents. Maybe you have a talent that you would like to share. If not, that's fine, the Harvest always needs help with set up and tear down. There are countless ways to get involved. One of the best ways is to go up to an adult who has been serving for years and ask them if you can be their apprentice. Learn from them. Help them. You will learn the reason for the Harvest, which isn't the gifts or the money, it's feeding hungry people around the world for Jesus! How cool is that?! Please contact Bethany Henry (217. 871.6054) if you would like to get involved.

Need money for trips? Buy gift cards, earn cash back!

Families! The Family Fund-raising Program helps you raise funds through physical gift cards or online gift cards that earn cash back rebates you can 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 on Sundays or go to lccstudents.com/fundraising.





CHILDREN'S MINISTRY



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A big thank you to all the grandparents that came and spent time with their grandkids on **Grandparents' Sunday**. We all had fun creating a wind chime together. It was awesome watching everyone interact with each other, laugh together and grow closer. I don't think a single group tied their chimes on the same way. It was a fun experience! Then we talked about Jacob blessing Joseph's first two boys from Genesis 48. We ended our time together with each family creating a blessing to speak over their grandkids every time they see each other. The blessings ranged from, "I pray you feel good" to "I pray we always have amazing adventures together." It was an awesome time.



We love our grandparents!!! I would like to thank you all for being such an amazing example to the kiddos that come and worship in the

Children's Ministry. We can see your effect on their lives. Thank you!

We had an outstanding time at the Otto's house this past month at our annual **Otto Fall Hayride Bash**. It was a blast!

We had amazing food (thank you Shawn Siltman), we played some fun games, did a fall craft, and then ended the night with a hayride adventure led by our fearless leader Ron! It was a great night! Thank you to all who helped!



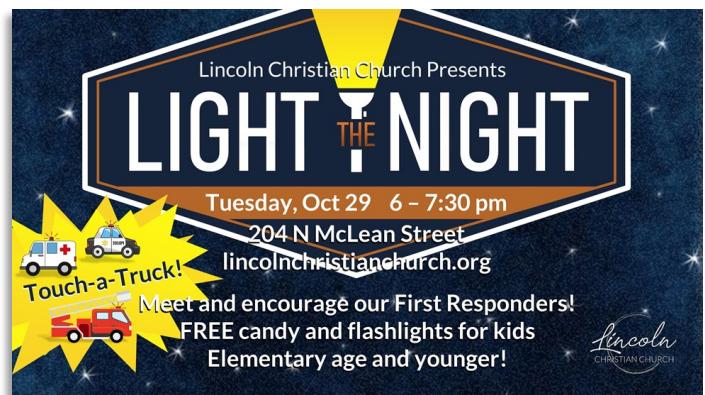
UPCOMING EVENTS!!!!

Here are a few of the exciting things happening in the Children's Ministry in October:

October 9—Missions wall at Kids Club

October 27—Lego® day at the Harvest of Talents
Come build some things with Legos®.

October 29-Light the Night



I communicate using scent, sight, and sounds. Some people think that I am smelly, with a strong unpleasant odor, but each of us actually has our own perfume that is similar to a fingerprint. We are also unique because we are the only primate that can have blue eyes.

What am I?

Answer from last month: Alligator!



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It's time to sing!

You have a couple of opportunities to sing!



The first opportunity is to be a part of the carolers for "Hometown Christmas" on Dec 6, from 5 to 7 pm. We sing outside for 20 to 30 minutes at the top of each hour. Dress warmly! We are caroling outside. No rehearsals required. Just email me to sign up so I know how many books to have available.



The second opportunity is to sing with the **Worship Choir** for *Celebrate! Christmas* 2024. We will combine adults with the Fellowship Center vocalists, and our students from Good News and HeartSong together for a dynamic multi-generational worship leading ensemble! *Celebrate! Christmas* is during our three services on Sunday morning, Dec 15, at 8:15, 9:30 and 10:45 am in the Sanctuary.

You'll be provided with the music and the listening songs as early as Oct 9 to memorize three songs on your own. The listening songs are available both online or on a CD. There are some short rehearsals you can join if you like, but be ready and memorized by dress rehearsal.

- Sun, Nov 10: 5:35 – 6:00 and/or 6:00 – 6:25 pm
- Wed, Nov 13: 6:30 – 6:55 pm
- Sun, Nov 17: 5:35 – 6:00 and/or 6:00 – 6:25 pm
- Wed, Nov 20: 6:30 – 6:55 pm
- Sun, Nov. 24: 5:35 – 6:00 and/or 6:00 – 6:25 pm
- Wed, Dec 4: 6:30 – 6:55 pm
- Sun, Dec 8: 5:35 – 6:00 and/or 6:00 – 6:25 pm

Not optional:

Wednesday, December 11

(DRESS REHEARSAL) from 8:10 – 9:00 pm

Sunday, December 15

Celebrate! Christmas in all three morning services in the Sanctuary (the first 25ish min. of each service)

Please email me to let me know of your interest in the *Celebrate! Christmas* Worship Choir at laurin.hill@lincolnchristianchurch.org.

*Worship
THE LORD
with gladness;
come before Him
with joyful songs!*
PSALM 100:2

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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 w: lincolnchristianchurch.org
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 t: 217.732.7618 | h: Mon.-Fri. 8 am-4:30 pm

GLOBAL IMPACT

Asia Pacific International—Indonesia

What a privilege it is to be able to support God's work in Indonesia! Mentoring 186 churches and 103 church planters, API continues to disciple believers through their prison ministry, community programming (Smart Point), church planting, health clinics, and ministry training school. There are over 195 million Indonesians who have never had the opportunity to hear about Jesus. Our brothers and sisters in Christ are determined to change that number through the strength, provision and grace of God. Prayer was a focus of their last weekly email. If you are accepting Ron's challenge to amp up your prayer life—here's some prayer fuel: **Praise God** for Vision Land, a sustainable agricultural program, that is a part of Smart Point. **Praise God** for the new preaching posts that have been established on several islands. **Pray** for the children of church planters. **Pray** for leadership training in local churches. **Pray** for the Smart Point teachers who serve in remote areas. Being a Christian is a challenge in this Muslim majority country. Please pray for our brothers and sisters.



Reaching the



We are excited to announce that from October 13 - 20 you will have the opportunity to join us in praying for those around the world who have never had the opportunity to hear about the Good News of Jesus Christ. LCC is hosting the **Wall of the Unreached**. Guides will be available on Sunday and during the week (Mon, Thu, Fri from 6-8 pm and Sat 10 am-2 pm). Bring your friends, family, small group, ministry group, etc. and join us in impacting the world for Christ through prayer.

Join us for a church wide **International Potluck** on Sunday, October 20, at noon.

Bring your favorite international dish and join us around God's banquet table for a celebration of what God has accomplished in the last ten years through the prayers and service of His people. Have any international clothing? Wear it and add to the fun!



Barb Messner, GI Team Leader

LOCAL IMPACT

Little Galilee Christian Camp and Retreat Center

It was a great summer at Little Galilee Christian Camp! Here are some exciting things that we are celebrating from Summer 2024:



- We had 1,883 youth campers through our 10 weeks of summer camp!
- Family Camp 1 had 270 attendees.
- 86 campers decided to give their life to Christ and be baptized!
- Our campers raised \$11,697.78 (and counting) for our summer missionary, Live Your Mission. That money will go towards building Camp Kenya.
- Over 400 volunteers gave a portion of their summer to help our campers take intentional steps towards Jesus. We are so thankful for them!

Overall, this summer was a huge blessing and we are grateful for all the prayers, volunteers, staff, and donations that made it possible. Thank you again for the part you played in helping our campers take intentional steps towards Jesus!

Lexi Peterson
Associate Director
Little Galilee Christian Camp and Retreat Center

Widows of Wisdom

W.o.W. will meet on Fri, October 4 at 11:30 am at Reva McFadden's home. For directions and reservations, call 217.828.0924. The main dish, dessert, and drinks will be furnished. Please bring a small dish to pass. Remember to bring your contributions for our encouragement booklet. Everyone will take home the fun craft we have planned! Invite a friend! Questions? Call Reva at 217.828.0924 or Sharon at 217.737.9834.





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Harvest of Talents

Make Memories. Make a Difference. Volunteer.

Thank you for helping in the 41st Harvest of Talents with your prayers, talents, time, and resources!

Contact the Church Office (217.732.7618), Natalie (217.737.7254) or Bethany (217.871.6054)

Volunteers needed

- to make candy for the Candy Booth
(please label if it contains nuts or peanut butter)
- to help make breakfast rolls, no experience needed (Call Jackson at 217.314.0740)
- to help set up/take down booths and clean up during/after auction
- to donate/coordinate beautiful fall decorations for outdoor/indoor use
- to donate new, handcrafted items suitable for gift-giving (nothing used or needing repair)
- to make fresh baked goods and pies from your favorite recipes
- to donate experiences or acts of service that can be sold

Check-in times at the Welcome Center

- Tue, Oct 22, 4 - 7 pm
- Wed, Oct 23, Noon - 7 pm
- Thu, Oct 24, Noon - 7 pm
(Please check-in all handcrafted items by Thursday evening to allow for pricing and placement.)
- Fri, Oct 25, 9 am - 7 pm

Other ways to prepare for the 41st Harvest

- 30 Days of Prayer Calendar; copies at the Welcome Center or sign up for daily email delivery at www.harvestoftalents.org
- Fill an IDES SonFish Bank and return it to the church office by Oct 20
- Sponsor GAP with a financial donation to cover supply expenses
- Soup, roll pre-orders Sept 29 - Oct 16 at the Welcome Center, Sundays; church office, weekdays

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