



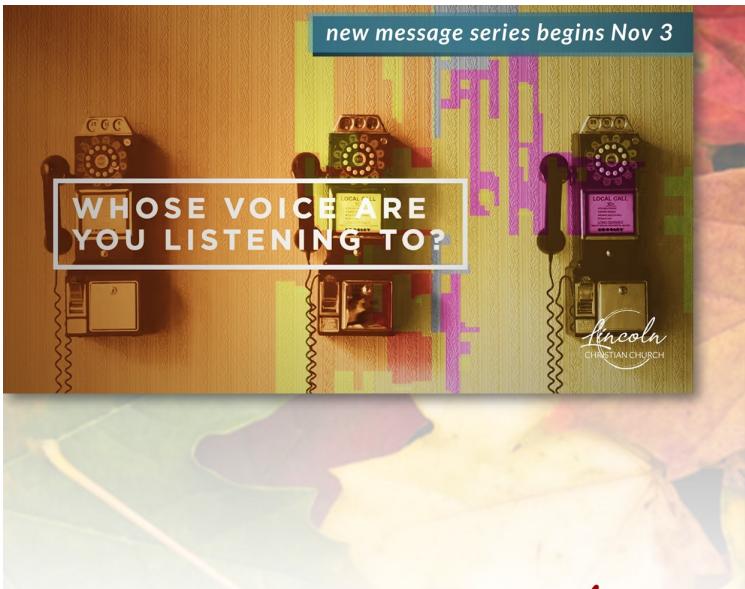
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# The Christian Call

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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





## PREACHING MINISTRY

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### Whose Voice Do You Listen To?

In Mark 5, a synagogue leader approached Jesus with this tender plea, "My daughter is dying. Please come and heal her?" Jesus agreed to go with him and started for the man's house.

As they walked together, a servant from Jairus' household came and said, "Your daughter has died. Why bother the teacher anymore?" Jesus heard what was said and responded, "Don't be afraid ... just believe." At this point, Jairus had two voices in his ear. Which one would he listen to?

When Jairus and Jesus reached his home, there was a crowd already mourning there. Jesus asked them why they were crying because the girl was not dead. The crowd laughed at Jesus. Again, Jairus had a choir of unbelieving voices in his head. Would he listen to them or to Jesus?

Jesus entered the room where the girl was laid, raised her back to life, and gave her back to her parents. How thrilled was Jairus that he listened to Jesus and not all those other voices?

There are many voices that would lead us astray; make us feel uncertain, afraid, devalued, hopeless, unloved, unattractive, unimportant, and unworthy. We don't have to listen to them. There is another option.

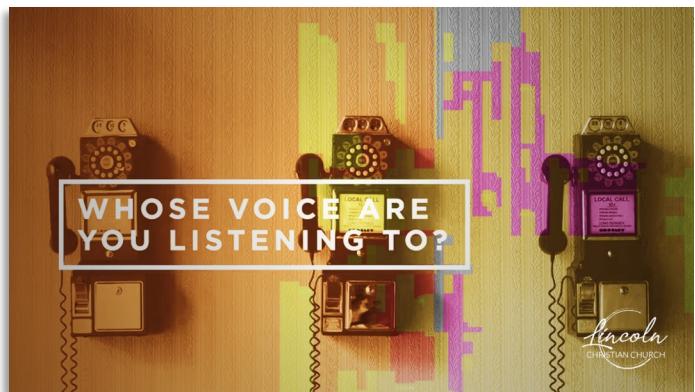
There are some people who go from person to person, preacher after preacher, they buy books, listen to podcasts, looking for someone who will say what they want to hear. If you search long enough you'll **ALWAYS** find someone who is willing to agree with you. Is that really what we need?

Every day we have a choice to make as to who we will listen to. We can listen to culture: "You have to be true to you ... follow your heart ... do what feels good!" We can listen to the devil: "You're worthless, you're cursed, you will never amount to anything."

Or we can listen to God: "You are my treasure ... my prized possession ... I love you ... I have a plan for you!"

This November, we will be in a short series looking at the right and wrong voices of our time.

Jesus once said, "My sheep hear my voice, and they follow me." Are we tuned into the one voice that really matters? We'll talk about that voice in this series: *Whose voice are you listening to?*

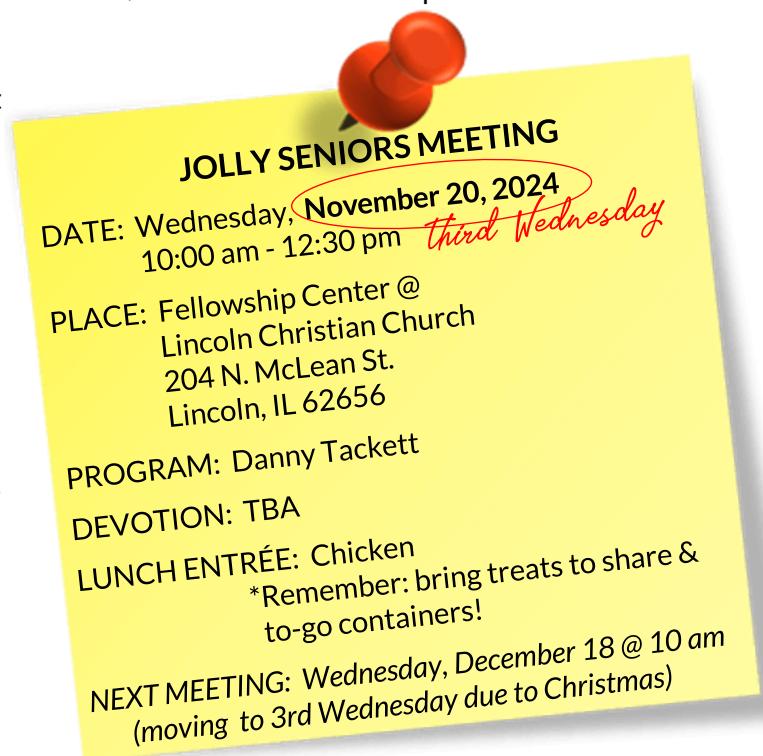


11/3 The Voice of the People

11/10 The Voice of the Enemy

11/17 The Voice of God

11/24 The Voice of the Spirit



### Welcome New Members By Baptism:

Sun., 09/01/24—Emma Adams

Sun., 09/08/24—Kevin Schnepf, Alysa Schnepf

Landon Schnepf, Rori Schnepf,  
Leo Schnepf

Sun., 09/22/24—Harrison Danosky,

Courtney Braun Taylor, Ava Braun



## ADULT MINISTRY

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**STARTING POINT EXPERIENCE**  
BOOST YOUR SPIRITUAL JOURNEY FOR NEWER PEOPLE

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3 10:45AM**  
PRE-REGISTER [LINCOLNCHRISTIANCHURCH.ORG/EVENTS](http://lincolnchristianchurch.org/events)

### Join us for the Next Steps Experience

Join us for November's 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 those who have spiritual questions. Hosted by Brandon Boyd, Minister of Adult Discipleship.

You can register for the Starting Point Experience at [lincolnchristianchurch.org/events](http://lincolnchristianchurch.org/events).

### Men on Fire

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



# Sunday School

### Adult Sunday School

A great first place to connect with new friends and learn the Bible is in one of our six adult Sunday School Classes. We have classes for all adults. Our classes are fun places to study the Bible with friends. Stop by the Welcome Center or visit [lincolnchristianchurch.org/next](http://lincolnchristianchurch.org/next) for class options.

#### Beacons

Family Room 1 | Seniors | 9:30 am

#### Crusaders

Room 16 | Empty Nesters | 9:30 am

#### Encouragers

Room 15 | Seniors | 9:30 am

#### Lamb Seekers

Room 304 | Mixed Ages | 9:30 am

#### Open Door

Room 305 | School-Age Parents | 9:30 am

#### Young Adults

Room 300 | Young Adults | 9:30 am

### Next Steps Website

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

### Leaving a Legacy: Estate Planning

Learn more about planning for your financial future: wills, estate plans, powers of attorney, guardians for children. Lincoln Christian Church is partnering with Woods & Bates, Attorneys at Law for a seminar on these important topics on Sunday, November 17 at 2 pm.

You can register for this seminar at [lincolnchristianchurch.org/events](http://lincolnchristianchurch.org/events).



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## 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 STOP to stop, HELP for help. Terms: Privacy policy: <http://97000.co/p>.

frequency varies. Reply STOP to stop, HELP for help. Terms: <http://97000.co/t>. Privacy policy: <http://97000.co/p>.



We are pumped for this event for high school students. It's a trip/lock in. We will roundabout Bloomington and Lincoln, hitting different stops along the way, followed by coming to the church building to hang out the rest of the night. It's going to be fantastic! November 8-9. 6 pm-6 am.

## Mark Your Calendar—Discipleship Trips

**SuperStart!** 5th Grade - Jan 24-25 – \$90



8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Grade – July 7-12 – \$470,  
plus meals

8<sup>th</sup> Grade Students can apply for a scholarship for \$100 for Move. Scholarship details will be available in the spring.



## Jr. High Christmas Caroling Party

Hey 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Graders, join us Dec 11 from 6-8 pm for our Christmas Caroling Party! We are going to play some Christmas games, watch Charlie Brown, and eat yummy cookies. Please bring a plate of cookies to share!



## High School Christmas Party

Join us on Dec 15 from 6-9 pm for our Christmas Party. We are going to serve our community by buying gifts for those in need. Please bring \$5 toward the gift and a dish to pass for our potluck. Please NO PEANUTS OR NUT PRODUCTS!





## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY



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I hope and pray that everyone is having an outstanding fall season. It's one of my favorite times of the year. I enjoy a good campfire on a cool crisp night. Who doesn't enjoy a nice S'more? A really fun thing that we did last month was take the kids upstairs to see the missions wall with all the unreached people groups on it. I gave each class a different people group to look for, and we read about them and prayed for them. It was a very fun learning experience for the kids. Afterward, we discussed how the Barkers are helping people learn about Jesus in Asia—and we can help by bringing money to buy books. Sooooooooo ...



here is a reminder that the Kids Ministry is collecting money to buy books for Matthew and Sydney Barker. Each class collects money and when they have raised enough to buy a book, they pick one book off the "buy me side" of our missionary wall and put it on the "bought side" of the wall. It is a visual representation of why they are bringing money to help out an area where books are not easily accessible.

Check out the photos of our missions wall.



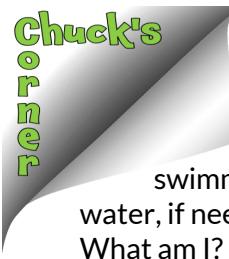
This is the "buy me" side. These books are available for purchase. The class chooses which book they would like to buy as a class. Each class has its own plane that shows how much money they have raised.



Here are some planes flying over a map that shows where the books are going. Some planes are zooming along. We even had one kiddo bring \$50 in quarters to help their class buy two books for our friends in Asia.



Here is a picture of all the books purchased, so far. The kids are doing an amazing job. A **Big Thank You** for helping the kids bring money to help the Barkers deliver books to kids that need them. You all are amazing!



I have blue eyes during the winter months and yellow eyes during the summer months. I am an excellent swimmer, but I can also float in deeper water, if needed. My legs click when I walk. What am I?



Answer from last month: Lemur



## WORSHIP MINISTRY

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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 asap to memorize four songs on your own (most of them are carols singing the melody). 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: 5:30 – 6:00 and/or 6:00 – 6:30 pm
- Wed, Nov 13: 7:30 – 8:00 pm
- Sun, Nov 17: 5:30 – 6:00 and/or 6:00 – 6:30 pm
- Wed, Nov 20: 7:30 – 8:00 pm
- Sun, Nov. 24: 5:30 – 6:00 and/or 6:00 – 6:30 pm
- Wed, Dec 4: 7:30 – 8:00 pm
- Sun, Dec 8: 5:30 – 6:00 and/or 6:00 – 6:30 pm

Not optional:

Wednesday, December 11

(DRESS REHEARSAL) from 8:10 – 9:00 pm

Sunday, December 15 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](mailto:laurin.hill@lincolnchristianchurch.org).

**GOOD NEWS**  
[high school choir]

# Carry-out Pork Chop Dinner

## Sunday, November 10 10:30 am -12:30 pm

**\$12**

Menu:

*Grilled boneless pork chop, candy glazed carrots, mashed potatoes with gravy and a roll with butter*

Purchase your ticket from any Good News student through Nov 3 to directly support that GN student. Tickets can also be purchased in the office during the week.

## GLOBAL IMPACT

The Wall for the Unreached from Team Expansion really blessed our church this past month. It is heavy to see how many people groups there are in the world who do not know Jesus. Thankfully, our church supports multiple missionaries who try to reach these unreached people.

One of those missions is Kerala Christian Mission in the state of Kerala, India. According to Joshua Project, there are 361 unreached people groups in Kerala. Many of these people groups are Hindu and Muslim. The mission is doing good work reaching people for Jesus! This past summer the partner churches had VBS and saw 4,500 kids attend. 500 of those were from other religions. People in the surrounding towns are curious about Jesus and want to know more! Praise God! The churches are raising up young leaders for the future of the churches. God is doing amazing things in India. The Gospel of Jesus is spreading.

However, there are still major obstacles to the spread of Christianity. In many rural areas, Hindu Zealots are strong and committing crimes against Christians. Thankfully, the authorities are starting to protect the people. Elections matter, as we know in the States. In India, there is a political group called the BJP. Prime Minister Modi is the leader of this group. Overall this party has done a lot of good to develop the country. However, some members of this political party want to make India a Hindu nation and turn a blind eye to religious persecution, like the horrible persecution of our other Indian missionaries, the Kuki Christians. But after the new election, there was more debate in parliament and other groups are pushing for protections against such violence.

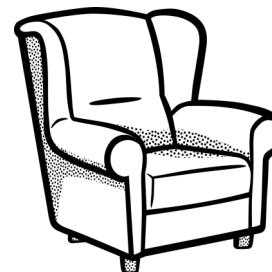
Please pray for the political landscape of India and that Hindu Nationalists will be held in check by other parties. Pray a prayer of thankfulness to our Lord who is moving in the lives of the people in Kerala. The Gospel is spreading to unreached people!

Zach Ramsey, GI Team Member



## LOCAL IMPACT

### LCC's Furniture Ministry



Did you know Local Impact has a furniture ministry? How does it work? People donate furniture to the church, and the Local Impact Team gives it away to people in need. In the last 12 months we have given away

93 pieces of furniture to 43 families. The people who donate the furniture are so thankful that another family can use their items and it solves their problem of what to do with the furniture they are replacing. And, of course, the families who receive the furniture are blessed. Last, but not least, maybe the most blessed are the folks from our church who help load and deliver the furniture. They get to see the joy on the faces of the people who receive the furniture! Most importantly, it is our opportunity to witness to these families by telling them why we do this ministry.

Thank you for your donations!

Larry Simonson, LI Leader

## Widows of Wisdom

Widows of Wisdom will meet on Fri, November 1 at 11:30 am in Room 15. This month's meal will be provided and we will have special music while we work on an exciting new project! Call Reva at 217.828.0924 or Sharon at 217.737.9834 to RSVP.



## UPCOMING VOTE

An Elder vote of affirmation will take place on Sunday, November 24, 2024 at the end of each service.



**Questions?** For more information or further details about any of Lincoln Christian Church's ministries or missionaries, please contact us:

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**Sunday, November 3  
is time change.  
“Fall” back one hour!**

**Hometown Christmas**

AT *Lincoln* CHRISTIAN CHURCH



**FREE!**

**DEC 6**

5-7 pm

Carolers Hot Cocoa & Cookies Horse Drawn Carriage  
 Christmas Train Santa's Workshop & Crafts   
 Photos with Santa

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