



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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FEBRUARY 2 & 9

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PRESCHOOL FUNDRAISER**

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PRETZEL RODS**

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LINCOLN CHRISTIAN CHURCH

**PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION
IS OPEN NOW**

FOR 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR

3 DAY CLASS \$125

4 DAY CLASS \$150



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PREACHING MINISTRY

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Stories That Changed Our Lives

I was a young father telling bedtime stories to twin sons who had grown tired of the nursery rhymes and the Three Bears and Goldilocks. “We’re too old for that, Dad,” was their complaint. They wanted something new—a story with more adventure. They wanted me to make something up. Struggling to come up with one on the spot, I began weaving together a fresh tale of a young star trooper named Luke Skywalker and his epic fight against his nemesis, Darth Vader. (I know, I know, it was not an original story, but they didn’t know that.) They were captivated. They were so transfixed by the story they couldn’t sleep. Night after night they begged for more. Lying in bed between them, along with added sound effects, I continued retelling the movie plot as if it were my own. One evening, my son Matthew said, “Dad, you’re the best storyteller ever!” He was right, even though I cheated somewhat.

A good story captures our attention and draws us in. That’s probably why Jesus told so many stories. He was a master storyteller, using common subjects and everyday experiences to share deep truths about God, His kingdom, and us.

When Jesus spoke, people listened. Hundreds, even thousands gathered to hear what He had to say. His stories met people where they were with such a deep impact. His stories were not forgotten. He shared deep truths about the Kingdom of Heaven and did it through everyday ideas. Most people saw themselves in the stories. Some discovered even deeper truths about God and his love for us. And some hated his stories because they hit too close to home.

Our February sermon series is entitled, “Stories that Changed Our Lives.” We’re going to walk through some of the most iconic parables ever told and why we love them so much. In each, there is the obvious lesson—the one every preacher has told. However, deeper, underneath the obvious, is a secret truth still waiting to be discovered. How? Because of what these stories will do to us.

In these parables, we’ll take a closer look at what these stories mean and how they impact us today—in the story that we’re living.



Upcoming Series

02/02	Wise Builder	Matthew 7:24-29
02/09	Rich Man/Lazarus	Luke 16:19-31
02/16	Lost/Good Samaritan	Luke 15, 10:25-37
02/23	Seed and Sower	Matthew 13:1-23



Jolly Seniors

Wednesday, February 26

10 am - 12:30 pm
Lincoln Christian Church
Fellowship Center

Program: Aaron Hinton

Devotions: Mark Weber

Lunch: Baked Chicken from Guzzardo's

Next meeting: **March 26**

Please bring cookies or
sweet treats to share!

We also need big “to-go” containers
for yourself and others to take leftovers.



Welcome New Members

By Baptism:



Thu.,	12/12/24	Clint Awe
Sun.,	12/22/24	Dawson Kilmartin Raegan Anderson
Thu.,	1/9/25	Corey Harris
Sun.,	1/12/25	Jamie Goodman Abigail Goodman Allen Goodman



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STARTING POINT EXPERIENCE
BOOST YOUR SPIRITUAL JOURNEY FOR NEWER PEOPLE

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2 10:45AM
PRE-REGISTER [LINCOLCHRISTIANCHURCH.ORG/EVENTS](http://lincolchristianchurch.org/events)

Join us for the Next Steps Experience

This one-hour experience will 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 great for people new to Christianity, new to Lincoln Christian, or for those who have spiritual questions. Hosted by Brandon Boyd. Register at lincolchristianchurch.org/events.

NO REGRETS MEN'S CONFERENCE
FEBRUARY 1, 2025
RESCUED

Men's Retreat & Cornhole Tourny
February 1 | 8am - 3pm Cost: \$25
Sponsored by Men on Fire
@ Lincoln Christian Church, 204 N McLean St

To sign up visit: lincolchristianchurch.org/events

MEN ON FIRE

Men's Retreat

All men are invited to a morning of study of God's word and an afternoon (semi-competitive 😊) corn-hole tournament on Saturday, February 1. There will be compelling messages from leading pastors and teachers, testimonies of how other men have done it, and seminars on the topics of most interest to you. You can sign up at lincolchristianchurch.org/events.

FOUR 19
disciple

WHAT IT MEANS TO BE A DISCIPLE OF JESUS

sunday school

All of the following Adult Sunday School classes meet on Sundays at 9:30 am:

Beacons

Senior Adults
Family Room 1

Crusaders

Empty-Nesters
Room 16

The Open Door

School-Age Families
Room 305

Encouragers

Senior Adults
Room 15

LambSeekers

Mixed Ages
Room 304

Ministry Teams

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 others. More information is available at lincolchristianchurch.org/serve.



STUDENT MINISTRY

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Student Ministry Website

lccstudents.com



Text Updates from the Student Ministry

Jr. High—text **jhfuel** to 97000

High School—text **thegathering** to 97000

You will receive text messages from Lincoln Christian Church. No purchase necessary. Message & data rates may apply. Reply STOP to stop. HELP for help. Terms: <http://97000.co/t>. Privacy Policy: <http://97000.co/p>.



Spring '25 Calendar

Head to lccstudents.com/events to see the Student Ministry Calendar or pick up a hard copy at the Student Info Desk.



Current 8th-12th Grade Students

Move is July 7-12 in Wheaton, IL. The cost is \$470 plus 3 meals. Your **non-refundable deposit of \$140** is due Sunday, February 23. Scan code for more info.

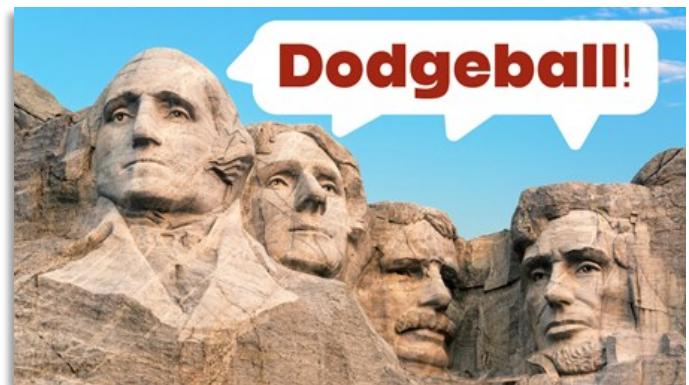


Scholarships for Move

8th Grade Students can apply for a Move scholarship of \$100. Applications can be picked up at the Student Info Desk in the Family Room.

Read Books, Raise Money for Move

Every high school student can also raise money for Move by reading a book from the Student Ministry Bookshelf and writing a 1-page reflection. You can 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 Fuel and the Gathering.



President's Day Dodgeball Tournament

On February 17, we will have a 6 on 6 Dodgeball Tournament in honor of our Presidents for 5th-8th Graders, 10 am -12:30 pm. Show up with a team or without one. We can make teams on the spot, too. We'll also serve lunch! \$10 per person.



Jr. High Bash – 6th-8th Grade

Hey 6th-8th Graders, the Jr. High Bash will be Friday February 7, 6-9 pm, \$10. Join us for this super fun event! We will have pizza, pop, and tons of games. It is going to be awesome!



High School Super Bowl Party

Come watch the Big Game with us on our MASSIVE 20x12 ft. screen at the church building! We'll also have yummy food, games, 9 Square, Ping-Pong, and more! February 9, 5-9:30 pm, \$10.



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

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Our Annual Preschool Fundraiser is here!!!

Yay!! If you would like to buy some pretzels for yourself or a special someone in your life, they will be for sale after all the services on February 2 and February 9, in the family room. They are \$1 each, or can be purchased in groups of five or ten. Please remember to bring cash or your checkbook on these Sundays, since we cannot accept cards. I am looking forward to seeing all of you and chatting in the Family Room. We brought back some of the favorites, like cookies and cream and Butterfinger (you're welcome, Ron), AND we've added some new and exciting options. And of course, we'll have the classics like chocolate covered with sprinkles. Thank you all so much for your willingness to buy pretzels to support our weekday preschool!

Chuck's corner

I can grow up to about 6 feet tall and weigh between 280 and 450 pounds. I can live to be 20 years old. I like to hum to communicate to my friends. Much like a dog, I can be used as a therapy animal. But if I get mad, I will shoot green spit up to 10 feet. What am I?

Last month's answer: Octopus

Preschool

Enrollment

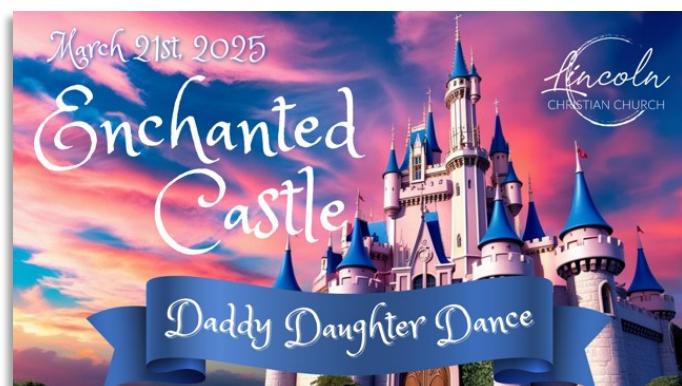
Enrollment for the fall semester is open now for our returning students and kids in our church family, but opens on February 10 for the general public. We would love to help start off your child's schooling years

in a Christ-like, fun, and exciting way. Applications are in the church's main office or online at lincolchristianchurch.org/preschool.



Family Event on February 21

Families with kids Kindergarten–8th Grade are invited to a great event here at the church building with special guests Ben and Crystal Woods. The cost is \$5 per person and includes dinner. Families will be challenged to "Look Out for the Left Out" and will help make slime that is sold to support left out kids! You can learn more about the Woods family at lookoutfortheleftout.com.





WORSHIP MINISTRY

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- HeartSong Home Concert is 4:00 pm, Sunday, April 6
- Good Friday "The Shadow of the Cross" is 7:00 pm, Friday, April 18
- Good News Home Concert is 7:00 pm, Monday, June 2

The Ultimate All-You-Can-Eat Breakfast Fundraiser
benefitting **GOOD NEWS & heartsong**

Saturday, March 1

7:00 am to 12:00 pm

at Lincoln Christian Church, 204 N. McLean St.

All-You-Can-Eat Menu includes:

Pancakes, Bacon, Sausage, Scrambled Eggs

Biscuits and Gravy

Fried Potatoes

Adults - \$12

Kids (ages 4 - 11) - \$5

Tickets available from any Good News or
HeartSong student through Feb 23.

Tickets available at the door.



GLOBAL IMPACT

Johnny and Janelle have been serving in Thailand for almost two years and are working closely with the Prosperous Youth Foundation. The organization works with children who are in institutional care in the Chang Mai area. While they offer training and opportunities for discipleship all year, their biggest event is Youth Camp which Johnny, Janelle, and their family participated in this year.



The youth camp provided 329 children with the chance to have fun and learn about the Bible. This year's camp was an incredible success with 30 students committing their lives to Christ and 47 expressing an interest in working in ministry. Janelle served on a committee that created a prayer room for the campers. Since many of these children have dealt with tragedy and loss, the prayer room became a safe space for students to share their feelings and learn how to take them to the Lord in prayer. Johnny has been teaching English to some of the children as a way to build relationships and to improve his Thai, while also gaining a better understanding of what life is like at the children's homes so they can better serve the needs of both the children and staff.

Please continue to pray for Johnny, Janelle, and their family as they continue their work in Thailand. The Chang Mai area has recently dealt with massive flooding, and although their family was not directly affected, they did know many who were. Their former country continues to be an area full of injustice and conflict, so they ask that we pray for peace and justice for that country as they are still connected to many in the area. They have also asked that we pray for their own ongoing efforts in learning the Thai language and for their children who have recently been baptized!

Shannon Radcliffe, Global Impact Team Member

LOCAL IMPACT

"Love Our Community Offering"

\$15,851.00

PRAISE GOD! Thank you, church family, for your very generous Christmas Eve offering. This is the largest

"Love Our Community" offering we have ever received! 100% of these funds will be used to help folks in the Lincoln area who are in need because of a variety of reasons. Our Local Impact Ministry Team is really excited, because this will make it possible for us to help many families in 2025.

The most common requests we receive are for help with electricity, water, sewer, rent, medical bills, food, car repairs, and clothes. God's Word is very clear—if we see someone with a need and have the ability to help, we are to help. Thank you for helping make it possible for Lincoln Christian Church to make a local impact for those in need.

LCC's Local Impact Ministry Team Members: Karrie Funk, Cathy Huerd, Ron Keller, David Marten, Anna Seefeldt, and Larry Simonson, Team Leader.

Widows of Wisdom

WOW's next meeting is Friday, February 7, at 11:30 am in Room 15 at Lincoln Christian Church. We will continue our study of women in the Bible and will have a surprise speaker this month! Lunch will be served. All widows are more than welcome to attend. RSVP to Sharon at 217.737.9834.



2025 Elders

The leaders below have been chosen to serve Lincoln Christian Church as Elders this year:

Chuck Bennett

Paul Bone

Will D'Andrea

Jeff Manuel

Tom Mauhar

Brian Messner

Brad Neal

Aaron Roemer

Ben Roland, Elder Chair

Brian Spencer

Jeff Wunderlin

Help Feed a Hungry Child

IDES SonFish banks available in the Family Room February 16



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



~ SAVE THE DATE ~ Harvest of Talents Spring for Tea

Saturday, April 12

11:30 am

LCC Fellowship Center

More details to come soon!

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provide global hunger relief



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