

eHighlights

August 7, 2026
WEEKLY NEWS HIGHLIGHTS
for
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This Week's Dates to Remember

August 1 - 25. *More-Than-Human: Inhabiting Our Wild Kinship*. Foster Gallery.

August 7. First Friday Reception. 5-8PM. Foster Gallery.

August 8. *Abide* Young Adult Group. 6PM. Offsite (see details below).

August 9. Church Library Open House. 9:30AM. Church Library.

August 9. Sunday at First.

8:45AM. Traditional Worship. Sanctuary.

9:00AM. Renew. Worship Center.

10:00. Sunday School for all ages.

11:15AM. Renuevo. Worship Center.

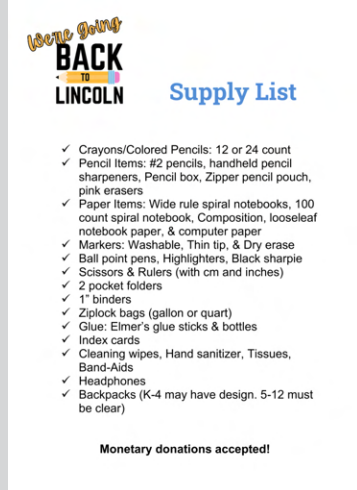
August 12. Wednesday @ Church. 6:30PM.

Pastor Miguel's Bilingual Bible Study. Worship Center.

Youth Activities. Youth Room.

Children Activities. Children's Area.

Announcements



Beene Going BACK TO LINCOLN Supply List

- ✓ Crayons/Colored Pencils: 12 or 24 count
- ✓ Pencil Items: #2 pencils, handheld pencil sharpeners, Pencil box, Zipper pencil pouch, pink erasers
- ✓ Paper Items: Wide rule spiral notebooks, 100 count spiral notebook, Composition, looseleaf notebook paper, & computer paper
- ✓ Markers: Washable, Thin tip, & Dry erase
- ✓ Ball point pens, Highlighters, Black sharpie
- ✓ Scissors & Rulers (with cm and inches)
- ✓ 2 pocket folders
- ✓ 1" binders
- ✓ Ziplock bags (gallon or quart)
- ✓ Glue: Elmer's glue sticks & bottles
- ✓ Index cards
- ✓ Cleaning wipes, Hand sanitizer, Tissues, Band-Aids
- ✓ Headphones
- ✓ Backpacks (K-4 may have design. 5-12 must be clear)

Monetary donations accepted!

Lincoln School - School Supply Drive

We are collecting school supplies for Lincoln K8 School, our adoptive school just a few blocks from here. We are also taking monetary donations and will buy the supplies for you. Donations will be accepted through August 30.

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10 for 10 Giving Campaign

Our annual 10 for 10 Giving Campaign continues. We invite you to prayerfully consider increasing your giving by any increment of 10. These gifts, in addition to your regular tithes and offerings, help support the ministries and mission of our church as we continue God's work at the corner of Main and Perry.

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Events



Church Library Open House

Come in and see the newly refreshed church library!

August 9 | 9:30 - 11:15AM | Church Library

Abide Young Adult Group

Tired of the usual routine? Come hang out with us at Abide! We're bringing together young adults (ages 18-29) for a night focused on faith and fun. We will meet at Pastor Miguel's house for the two meetings in August.

August 8 | 6PM | 2405 N Bigelow St





Save the Date - Blue on Blue Dinner

Mark your calendar for the Blue on Blue Dinner. At this all church dinner we will celebrate and honor our relationship with the Peoria Police Department. Chief of Police, Brad Dixon, will be our keynote speaker - more details coming soon.

September 18 |6PM |Worship Center



Wednesday @ Church

Pastor Tim's Bible Study is on a break and resume in October.

6:30PM

Bilingual Bible Study. Worship Center.
Youth and Children Activities.

Music @ First



JOIN the Handbell Choir

Do you enjoy making music with a fun and welcoming group? We'd love for you to check out our Handbell Choir under the leadership of our new director, Heather Hill!

Rehearsals begin Thursday, August 20.

Rehearsals every Thursday from 5:45-6:45PM.

[EMAIL Heather](#)

Please contact Heather Hill with questions or if you are interested in joining the group.

Mission First



Mission First

It is in our vision statement that we are to make (and grow) disciples of Jesus Christ. A piece of becoming a disciple is service.

There are always serving opportunities at Peoria First.

Want to serve and just do not know where or how? Send us a message and we will get you connected.

[CLICK HERE to get Connected](#)

Children



Back to School Bowling

Before the school bell rings, let's knock down some pins and cool off with your favorite ice cream. Join us for Back to School Bowling.

All kids ages 5 - 11

Thursday, August 20 | 4:30 - 6:30PM

Tilted 10 at Northwoods Mall (meet at Tilted 10)

No cost

Email Rosy Rios to REGISTER

Register at the Children's Desk or
email Rosy Rios.



Childcare Hours

Childcare is available every Sunday morning from 8:45AM - 12:30PM. Childcare available for children infant through 4 years old.



Comfort Room

The Comfort Room may be accessed by checking in at the Children's Ministry desk and is available Sundays from 8:45AM-12:15PM. One adult parent / guardian must accompany your child.



**Questions about Children's Ministry?
Contact Rosy Rios**

Email Rosy Rios



YOUTH Sunday School

Youth Sunday School is for youth
in 6th - 12th Grades.

Sundays • 10:00AM
Youth Room



YOUTH Small Group

Join us every Wednesday as we open our
evening with praise music and then enjoy
time in the Word and fellowship with one
another.

Youth Small Group is for youth in 6th - 12th
Grades.

Wednesdays | 6PM
Youth Room



**Questions about Youth Ministry?
Contact Christina Koeppel**

[Email Christina Koeppel](#)

Fine Arts

August Foster Gallery Exhibition

August 1 - 25

More-Than-Human: Inhabiting Our Wild Kinship by Tracey Frugoli

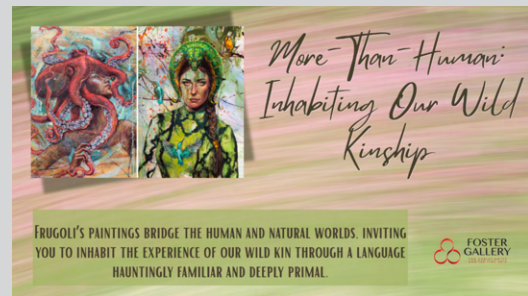
First Friday Reception: August 7 | 5- 8PM | Foster Gallery

The Foster Gallery is open for viewing:

Monday - Friday: 9AM - 1PM

Sunday: 8:30 - 11:30AM

Other Showings by Appointment



First Friday Reception

An Immersive Encounter: Experience a living ecosystem with immersive performances by costumed dancers from PJ Dance Academy and Central Illinois Ballet. Explore the exhibition, join the dialogue, and contribute to a collaborative community artwork.

Live Music by Wolfgang Vergara

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**Questions about our Fine Arts Ministry or the Foster Gallery?
Contact Eugene Maison**

[EMAIL Eugene Maison](#)

This Week's Sermon

Fear Not, Little Flock



Giving

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Join Us for Sunday Worship

Traditional | 8:45 AM | Sanctuary

RENEW | 9:00 AM | Worship Center

Renuevo (Bilingual Service) | 11:15 AM | Worship Center

Sunday School for All Ages

10:00AM



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