



# The Christian Call

## Worship Services

- 8:15 am | Sanctuary
- 8:15 am | Fellowship Center
- 9:30 am | Fellowship Center
- 10:45 am | Fellowship Center

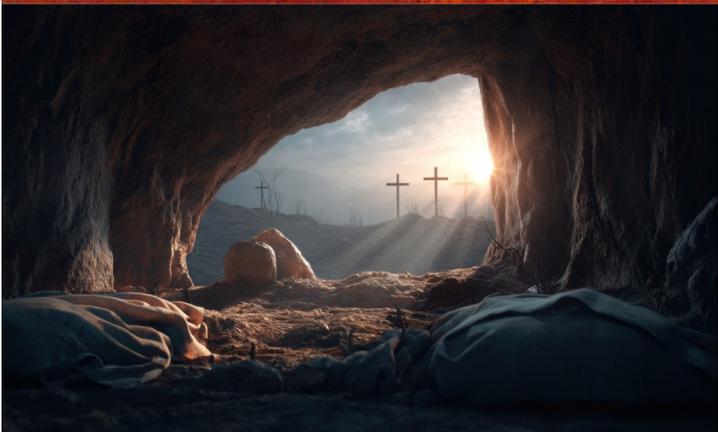
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# Journey to the Cross

GOOD FRIDAY

APRIL 3 • 7 PM

Journey from the upper room to the cross to prepare your heart for Easter — a service filled with moving music, singing, communion, and gripping video images.



# EASTER

APRIL 5

8:15AM 9:30AM 10:45AM

# MARRIAGE MATH: 1 + 1 = ONE

APRIL 12 | APRIL 19 | APRIL 26  
8:15AM 9:30AM 10:45AM



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### Dinner with Jesus

My wife and I were on a flight just five months after 9/11, when the security level at airports had been raised to a high level. At that time, I was serving as a police chaplain for the City of Lansing, Michigan, and I was carrying my gold badge (which made airport security very easy to navigate).

A woman behind me in the security check saw my police ID and the badge, and when she realized we were on the same flight, she grabbed my arm and said, "I feel so much better knowing you're on our flight."

I nodded at the woman and then gave Bonnie a big grin. She just wagged her head giggling and said, "Geez, you're just a stupid chaplain."

A badge represents authority. In Scripture, Jesus holds the badge . . . Jesus has the authority.

Jesus didn't quote any rabbi, he didn't seek permission from the Sanhedrin, he didn't have a letter from the Pharisees granting him special privileges, he didn't ask the high priest, and he wasn't commissioned by the Roman Government. He rode into Jerusalem as a King. He drove out the moneychangers, and he never asked one person if it was okay. He cast out demons, he healed lepers, he calmed storms, he raised the dead, and he did it all on his own authority. They didn't keep him from going where he wanted to go. They didn't keep him from doing what he wanted to do. They didn't keep him from saying what he wanted to say. "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me" (Matthew 28:18, NIV).

We will finish our "Dinner with Jesus" series this month. We are currently building to who Jesus is. Does he have the authority to say and do the things he is saying and doing? Do you accept the authority of Jesus, or will you reject it like the Pharisees did?

The Heavenly Father says "the Son has authority." Our secular world says, "He doesn't!" Which camp do you live in?

"They were amazed at his teaching, because his words had authority" (Luke 4:32).



### Current Sermon Series

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|------|-------------------------------|-------------|
| 3/1  | Jesus and the Pharisee        | Lk 14:1-14  |
| 3/8  | Jesus and the Great Banquet   | Lk 14:15-24 |
| 3/15 | Jesus and Zacchaeus           | Lk 19:1-10  |
| 3/22 | Jesus and the Last Supper     | Mt 26:17-30 |
| 3/29 | Jesus and the Disciples       | Jn 21:1-17  |
| 4/5  | Jesus and the Marriage Supper | Rev 19:7-9  |



## Jolly Seniors

Wednesday, March 25  
10 am – 12:30 pm  
Lincoln Christian Church  
Fellowship Center

Program: Linda Storm  
Devotions: Paul Boatman  
Lunch: Baked Ham from Guzzardo's  
Suggested donation: \$4

Please bring cookies or sweet treats to share!



### Welcome New Members By Baptism



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|------|---|
| 2/8  | The Curry Family: Brady, Morgan, Emma, and Paige      |
| 2/22 | The Banister Family: Jeremy, Harle, Nevaeh, and Layne |



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**NEWCOMERS RECEPTION**  
APRIL 12 FOLLOWING EACH SERVICE  
**FIRESIDE ROOM**

### Newcomers Reception

On Sunday, April 12, following each morning service, we will be holding a newcomers reception in the Fireside Room. If you are newer to Lincoln Christian Church, we would like to take about ten minutes of your time to introduce ourselves and give you some information about next steps. This will help us put a name with a face. Please pick up your kids from Children's Ministry before you come to the reception and bring them along. We have a small gift for you as a way of saying "thanks" for attending. No signups are necessary.

**STARTING POINT EXPERIENCE**  
BOOST YOUR SPIRITUAL JOURNEY FOR NEWER PEOPLE  
SIGN UP AT [LINCOLNCHRISTIANCHURCH.ORG/EVENTS](http://LINCOLNCHRISTIANCHURCH.ORG/EVENTS)  
**SUNDAY, APRIL 19, 2026 10:45AM**

### Join us for the Next Steps Experience

This one-hour experience allows us to 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 Church, or for those who have spiritual questions. Hosted by Brandon Boyd, Minister of Adult Discipleship.

Register at [lincolnchristianchurch.org/events](http://lincolnchristianchurch.org/events).

Adult Discipleship  
MINISTRY  
**Board Game Night**  
FRIDAY MARCH 6, 2026 6:30 - 8:30 PM  
BRING GAMES AND SNACKS TO SHARE  
ADULTS ONLY - NO CHILDCARE

### Board Game Night

Calling all adults! Carve out an evening for yourself to play board games and build friendships. Join us on Friday, March 6, from 6:30-8:30 pm. Bring your favorite board game and a snacks to share. Adults only, please—no child care available.

**we PRAY**  
or text PRAY to  
844.926.6693

### Daily Prayer Texts to Start on March 2

We are emphasizing prayer in 2026 with "we Pray." This call to prayer is for everyone—new Christians to those who've been Christians for many years. We'd love to encourage you to start, or to continue, to pray at least once a day, so we will begin sending daily prayer texts to all those who sign up.

You can sign up via the QR code above (it will take you to your messaging app and "pray" will appear as a message—just hit send and you'll get a welcome text). Or you can text "pray" to the number above and do the same thing. If you do not wish to receive texts, there will be printed prayer prompts at the Welcome Center on Sundays. If you need help signing up, please come to the Welcome Center on Sundays or call the church office, and we will be happy to assist you.

There will be other prayer initiatives coming up throughout the year: workshops, lesson series in Sunday School classes and Life Groups, and special prayers times. The next big opportunity will be a **Prayer Basics Workshop** on Wednesday, March 18, at 6:30 pm in Family Room 1.



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Student Ministry Website

[lccstudents.com](http://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>.



### Camp Scholarships Available!

We have scholarships available to help jr. high and high school students attend camp at Little Galilee Christian Camp. Applications can be downloaded at



[lccstudents.com](http://lccstudents.com) or picked up at the Student Info Desk. Applications are **due May 3**. If you would like to use your Family Fundraising program funds for camp, please contact the office **by May 3**.

Little Galilee Registration opens March 2, at 6:00 am. There are summer camp sessions for kids three years old thru high school graduates! More info can be found at [littlegalilee.org](http://littlegalilee.org).

### Need Money for Trips?

#### Buy Gift Cards, Earn Cash Back!

The Family Fundraising program helps you raise funds through physical Walmart gift cards or other eGift cards (electronic) that earn cash back rebates for you to use for trips. You pay for the value of the card and a percentage of that money goes in the church fund under your name. You can buy gift cards at the Student Info Desk in the Family Room or online. For more info, please visit the Student Info Desk or go to [lccstudents.com/parents](http://lccstudents.com/parents).



### StuMin Spring Trip

Let's head to Puttshack to play the most interactive mini-golf ever! 5<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade students and their parents are invited to join us on March 21, as we head to St. Louis! Sign up by March 8, at [lccstudents.com/events](http://lccstudents.com/events). Space is limited.



### Scholarships for Move

8<sup>th</sup> grade students can apply for a \$100 scholarship for Move. Applications can be picked up at the Student Info Desk or downloaded from [lccstudents.com](http://lccstudents.com) and are **due May 3**.

### Read Books, Raise Money for Move

Every high school student can raise money for Move by reading books from the Student Ministry Bookshelf and writing a one-page reflection for each book. You can receive \$15 per book, and you can read up to four books. That's \$60 off the price of Move! The Student Ministry Bookshelf is at Fuel and The Gathering.





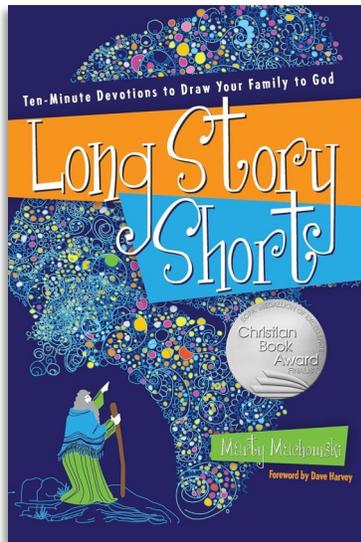
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Between homework, laundry piles, and the eternal mystery of “what’s for dinner?” family life can feel a little chaotic. However, bringing your family together to read the Bible and pray doesn’t have to be one more overwhelming task on the to-do list. It can actually become the calm in the middle of the crazy.

We’re giving a terrific family devotional book to every family that brings their kids to the Children’s Ministry. This book will help you journey as a family through the entire Bible as you read short passages together and discuss a few questions. You don’t need a theology degree, a perfect schedule, or children that sit still the whole time (spoiler alert: they won’t).



Starting this habit doesn’t have to be like pulling teeth. Choose a consistent time—perhaps right after dinner or before bed. Read the day’s reading from the book with the passages from the Bible, talk about what the section means, and invite each family member to share. Then pray. Over time these small moments will become sacred rhythms. They help to create a home where faith is lived out daily, where questions are welcomed, and where hearts grow closer to God and to one another.

And if you miss a few days (or weeks), have some grace for yourself. This is me saying that it is okay, you are doing great. Pick back up where you left off in the book. Your family doesn’t have to be perfect to begin or start over. Just begin! God will meet you there. After you get started, please email me some pictures of your family devotion time together. I would love to see you all using the book, growing closer together, and more importantly, closer to our GOD.

Here is an example that a family sent me recently. Such a great family time! If you have not received your book, please come down to the Children’s Ministry area and I will give you a copy.



In the Children’s Ministry we are setting aside time to pray every time we are together! The above photos are examples of our kids praying at our prayer wall.



1. Please pray for Bible stories to stick in kids’ hearts and for courage for them to live out their faith in their schools and homes.
2. Please pray for our Sunday School teachers and leaders—for energy, patience, joy, and wisdom as they prepare each week.
3. We could use more tissues and tea light donations, please.



## WORSHIP MINISTRY

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## Help Move That Bus! In March!

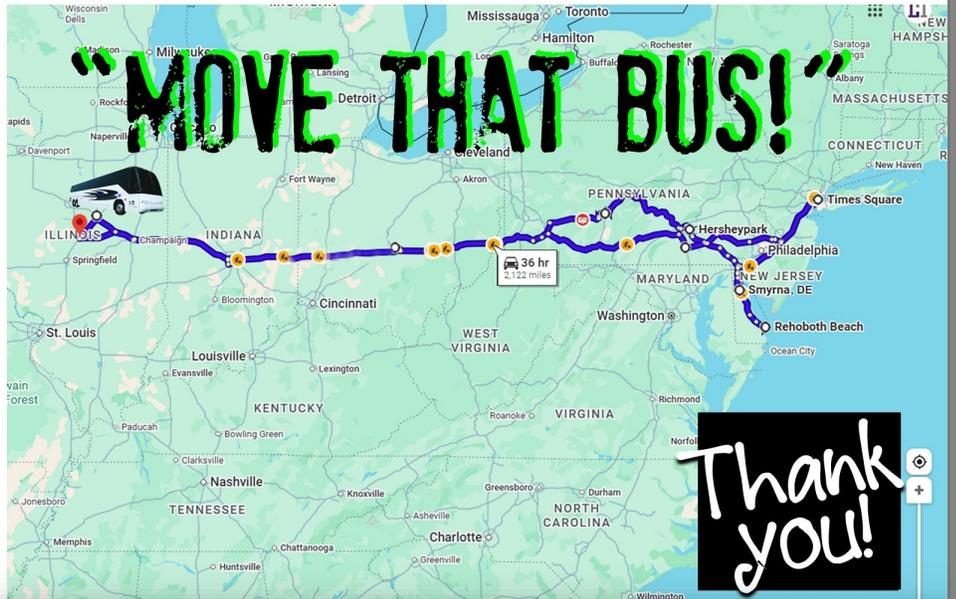
You can help Move That Bus! for GOOD NEWS' tour in June by sponsoring a mile for \$2.68 of our 2,122-mile trip! Sponsor one mile, ten miles, 50 miles, 100 miles . . . Your choice! Every mile counts!

You can mail a check to the church made out to LCC and put MTB in the memo line. Thank you for your help as we share the GOOD NEWS of Jesus!

Sponsor a mile for \$2.68 of our 2,122-mile June tour!  
We only have four weeks in March to "Move that Bus!" all the way home.  
Track our progress each week at the big map in the Family Room!

## GOOD NEWS TOUR 2026 JUNE 9 - 16

- Monday, June 8 | 7:00 pm HOME CONCERT  
Lincoln Christian Church Lincoln, IL
- Tuesday, June 9 | 7:00 pm  
Columbus, Ohio area concert
- Wednesday, June 10 | 6:30 pm  
First Church of Christ Altoona, Pennsylvania
- Thursday, June 11  
Hersheypark Hersey, Pennsylvania
- Friday, June 12 | 7:00 pm  
Delaware area concert
- Saturday, June 13  
New York City and Broadway Show
- Sunday, June 14 | 9:00 & 10:30 am  
Stillmeadow Church of the Nazarene York, Pennsylvania
- Monday, June 15 | 7:00 pm  
Indiana area concert
- Tuesday, June 16 | 7:00 pm CLOSE-TO-HOME CONCERT  
College Park Christian Church Normal, Illinois



Lincoln Christian Church • Lincoln, Illinois presents  
**heartsong**  
[jr. high choir] [T.R.A.S.H.] [drama team]  
IN CONCERT



# ONLY ONE NAME

**Sunday, April 19 4:00 pm**  
**Lincoln Christian Church**  
204 North McLean Street | Lincoln, Illinois

## GLOBAL IMPACT

Did you know that Lincoln Christian Church supports the International



Conference on Missions (also known as ICOM)? ICOM began in 1948 as a conference for missionaries to meet together, and over the years it has become an annual conference held each November in different cities around the United States. Thousands of people of all ages, locations, churches, and nationalities gather to worship the Lord, pray, and share what God is doing around the world through the global Church as we work together to fulfill Jesus's great command to make disciples of all nations who obey and follow Him (see Matthew 28:18-20).

The LCC Global Impact team is excited to share that ICOM 2026 will be held at the convention center in downtown St. Louis, November 12-14, and we are going to pay for our church to go! This is an opportunity for individuals or families to go for a day or for the entire conference. When you get to ICOM, there will be a huge exhibition hall to walk through, with dozens of booths that highlight different ministries, organizations, schools, and projects connected to God's mission work around the world. There are daily worship sessions and workshops on a variety of topics that participants are encouraged to attend. And there are special children and youth group activities—something for everyone! To learn more, visit [www.theicom.org](http://www.theicom.org), or contact Leslie Starasta on the Global Impact team. Will you join in prayer that Christ will be greatly magnified and God will bless each participant at ICOM this year?

## LOCAL IMPACT

Little Galilee Christian Camp celebrated its 70th birthday in 2025!



Their first year of summer camp was in 1955 and they hosted 83 campers that year. In the summer of 2025, they had ten weeks of camp, 49 different sessions, led by 474 volunteers, and they had a record breaking 2,161 campers! Praise God that 102 campers made the most important decision of their lives and were baptized. On top of that their campers gave over \$15,101 to missions.

In 1955, the Executive Board, acting on faith, decided to only charge half of the actual cost for a camper to attend camp. They did that so that parents could afford to send their children to hear the good news about Jesus. Little Galilee is happy to say that they still only charge about half of the actual cost. This is possible because of the wonderful financial support they receive from churches, Sunday School classes, and individuals who believe in the ministry of Little Galilee! We are praying that 2026 will be another record breaking year!

Our church is tasked with helping to supply the camp with toilet bowl cleaner for this camp season. Please bring your donations to the table in the Family Room on Sundays, March 22, March 29, and April 12. Thank you for your ongoing support for Little Galilee!

### Widows of Wisdom

WOW will meet Friday, March 6, at 11:30 am at Deep Roots Bakery & Café. Order your food and come to the back room to eat together. Questions? Call Reva (217.828.0924) or Sharon (217.737.9834).



## LOOKING TO SERVE? START HERE.

Meet the immediate needs of our community, by joining the Love Thy Neighbor Crew.

Do you need help with a small task? Contact the Church Office or Local Impact Team

LOOKING FOR SOMETHING ELSE?

WE WILL HELP YOU FIND THE PERFECT WAY TO SERVE  
CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE FOR MORE INFORMATION

BE THE HANDS AND FEET OF JESUS

  
LOVE THY NEIGHBOR  
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# Lincoln Christian Church Presents

## Comedy Night with:

# Jonnie W

## featuring Adam Bush

### April 10 7pm

### Tickets \$15



## Harvest of Talents Spring for Tea

Sat, April 18 at 11:30 am  
LCC Fellowship Center

\$30/Ticket

Sales Feb 15 - Mar 20  
at the church office or online at  
[lincolnchristianchurch.org/events](http://lincolnchristianchurch.org/events)  
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Funds raised by this  
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