



The Christian Call

Worship Services

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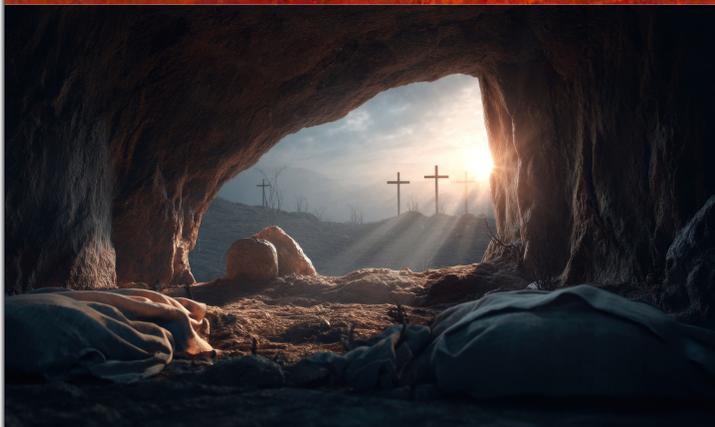
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Journey to the Cross

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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Marriage Math: 1 + 1 = ONE

Marriage wasn't invented by Hollywood, Hallmark, government, social media, or that couple on Facebook who posts 47 anniversary selfies. Marriage was created by God—before sin, before what culture said marriage is, before arguments about where to spend holidays. God looked at Adam and said, "It is not good for man to be alone" (Genesis 2:18, NIV). Translation? "This guy needs supervision." So, God created Eve.

Then God proclaimed, "The two shall become one flesh" (Genesis 2:24, paraphrase). When God joins two people, heaven does math differently.

I was never great at math, but I know $7 - 3 = 4$ and $5 \times 5 = 25$. And $1 + 1 = 2$. Right? But God uses a different calculator. In God's marriage math, $1 + 1 = ONE$. That's not arithmetic. That's spiritual algebra! Somewhere between the wedding cake and the first argument about the thermostat, we discover—this is supernatural. "Two shall become one flesh?" That's not math. That's a miracle!

Oneness doesn't mean you both like all the same food, watch all the same shows, do laundry the same, or agree on how to load the dishwasher (she does it wrong by the way!). Marriage is two flawed people deciding: "I will love you even when you leave the toilet seat up." And "I will love you even when I'm pushed to the last eight inches of the mattress edge, clinging on like a mountain climber."

At the wedding, two become one instantly. In real life? It takes years. Two schedules. Two habits. Two personalities. Two sleep patterns. Becoming one isn't automatic—it's intentional.

The real miracle isn't that two people fall in love. The miracle is: two sinners, with two tempers, two opinions, two backgrounds, two stubborn streaks, can become ONE. That only works if Jesus is in the middle. Without him: one plus one equals conflict.

The week after Easter, we will do a short sermon series on Marriage. Maybe you know someone who would benefit from learning Marriage Math with us.



Upcoming Sermon Series

- 4/5 Easter Sunday Celebration
- 4/12 Lord of the Rings: Creator of Oneness
- 4/19 Love and Respect: Keys to Oneness
- 4/26 Lifelong Laughter: Realistic Expectations



Jolly Seniors
Wednesday, April 22
 10 am - 12:30 pm
 Lincoln Christian Church
 Fellowship Center

Program: Bob & Judy Accordion Duo
 Devotions: Mike Cahill
 Lunch: Turkey from Guzzardo's

Please bring cookies or sweet treats to share!



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Welcome New Members By Baptism

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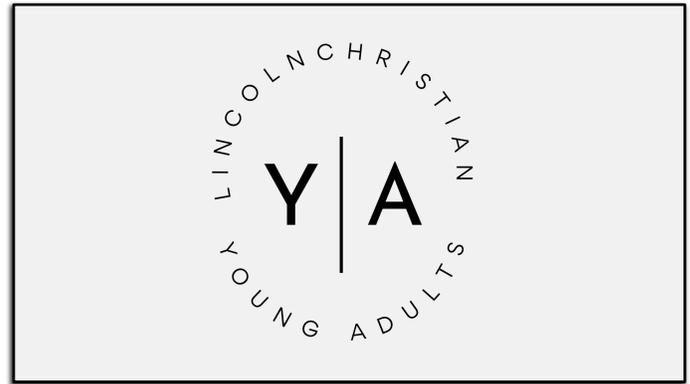




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Young Adult Summer Study

Adults ages 18-28, we have a gathering place for you! Beginning Sunday, March 22, at 9:30 am in Room 300, Lincoln Christian Church Young Adults will meet for prayer, a life-application lesson, and friendship. Led by Mattea McFadden. For more information go to:

lincolnchristianchurch.org/youngadults.

More Information Online

Please visit lincolnchristianchurch.org/next for information on groups, classes, studies and ministry teams,

we PRAY

or text PRAY to 844.926.6693

lincolnchristianchurch.org

L.H. APPEL scholarship

Applications are available in the church office.

These scholarships are awarded annually to members of Lincoln Christian Church who will attend a Restoration Movement Bible college full-time in 2026-27.

Deadline for completed applications is **April 6**

If someone in your family is considering attending a Restoration Movement Bible college in the 2026-2027 school year, there is scholarship assistance available through Lincoln Christian Church's L.H. Appel scholarship fund. Applications are available in the church office now.

NEWCOMERS RECEPTION

APRIL 12 FOLLOWING EACH MORNING 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

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.



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>.



Moms and sons, come hang out with us and play games. Fun builds bonds! We're going to have playful competition! You don't want to miss the excitement. Games will be separated by age groups.



Pulled Pork Sandwich MOOOVE Fundraiser

On Sunday, April 19, we will have The Carry-Out Pulled Pork Sandwich MOOOVE Fundraiser for CIY Move! These carry-out meals are a great lunch!

You can purchase tickets in two ways. Help individual students, by buying tickets directly from them, March 23—Sunday, April 12. Or you can purchase tickets from the church office during that same timeframe, or at the door on April 19. Tickets purchased from the office or at the door will go toward the overall trip cost. Thank you for supporting the students of our church!



Camp Scholarships Available!

We have scholarships available to help jr. high and high school students attend camp at Little Galilee. Applications can be picked up at lccstudents.com or at the Student Info Desk and are **due May 3**. If you would like to use Family Fundraising Funds for camp, contact the office **by May 3**.

Graduation is around the corner!

We want to celebrate this milestone at The Gathering and on Student Sunday in our Worship Services. Please let us know if you would like to have your high school senior recognized.

Go to lccstudents.com/seniors by **April 12** to sign up for Senior Celebration and/or Student Sunday.





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And to everyone who joined us in prayer for this event, words cannot express how thankful we are for you! We could feel God's presence in the building. As Children's Minister, I get to see faith grow in small moments—laughter in the hallway, friendships forming, families connecting. This event is one giant example of what happens when a church works together. You helped create a space where families felt welcomed, kids felt seen and celebrated, and God's love was shown to all in the most fun way possible.



WOW!! Church family, what an amazing night! We had over 700 people join us at the fifth annual Daddy Daughter Dance—an evening filled with laughter, music, sparkles, and enough spinning to make even the bravest dads dizzy! We saw fancy dresses, big smiles, confident dance battles, and even some dads suddenly realizing they needed to stretch before attempting dance moves they haven't tried since 1998! Ultimately, the room was full of something really special: dads, grandpas, uncles, and fill-in dads slowing down long enough to simply enjoy being together with their princesses. These moments matter. They build memories, confidence, and communicate to every single girl that they are fiercely loved, they are seen, and they are wonderfully made.

One new feature this year was a special painting by a local artist. She painted a scene from the movie *Tangled*. At the dance, each family chose a lantern on the painting, and we wrote their family name on it. Our goal is to pray for these families throughout the year. Would you join me in praying for a family or two?

Now let's be honest, an event with over 700 people doesn't just magically appear (although we did consider recruiting the preschoolers' leprechaun for setup). This night happened because YOU showed up. A big THANK YOU to everyone who volunteered—decorated, set up tables, greeted families, ran sound, organized, cleaned up afterward, and did all the behind the scenes work. You all turned our Fellowship Center into a memory! And we must give a standing ovation to our incredible kitchen crew! The food tables looked like something out of a movie!

This amazing piece of art is located in the Children's Ministry area. Feel free to come see all the names and choose one or two to commit to pray for, that they would grow in love for one another, they would be safe, and most importantly, that they would join in a relationship with Jesus Christ.



APRIL 3 • 7 PM IN KIDS MINISTRY
*please sign up by March 31 at lincolnchristianchurch.org/events



WORSHIP MINISTRY

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Sing with us for Good Friday!

We will sing for the *Journey to the Cross* on Good Friday, April 3, at 7:00 pm. Please consider singing with the Sanctuary Choir for *Journey to the Cross*. Walk the steps of Jesus from the upper room to the cross in this very special heart-preparation service filled with moving music, congregational singing, communion, and gripping video images. You can work through the music on your own or you can rehearse with the Sanctuary Choir on Wednesday nights beginning March 11, from 7:30-8:00 pm for a few weeks. No memorization required, we use printed music for the service. You'll have to join us for dress rehearsal on Wednesday, April 1, from 6:30-7:45 pm. Contact me to sign up, so I can get the music and rehearsal tracks to you. Thanks for your prayerful consideration!

Thank you!

Good News and HeartSong hosted our annual Ultimate-All-You-Can-Eat Breakfast Fundraiser on March 7 and it was a great success! We served 602 people all you could eat pancakes, sausage, bacon, scrambled eggs, biscuits and gravy, fried potatoes, orange juice and coffee! Thanks for supporting our students as we share the Good News of Jesus Christ on HeartSong tour this month (April 17-19) and Good News tour this summer (June 9-16).



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[jr. high choir] [T.R.A.S.H.] [drama team]

IN CONCERT

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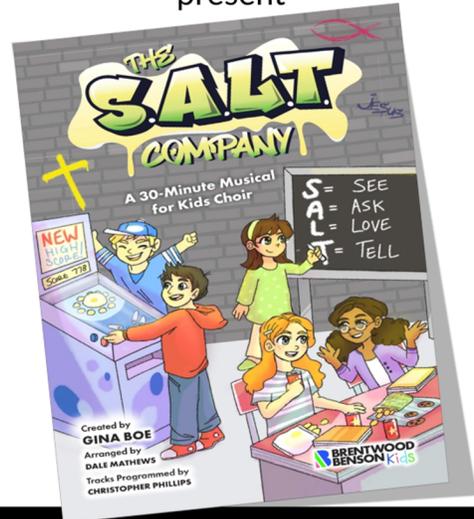
Sunday, April 19 4:00 pm
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Kids Choirs

present



Sunday, May 3 6:00 pm
Lincoln Christian Church
Sanctuary
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Global Impact

Children of Pokot Education Fund (COPE)

When the land of Israel was given back to the Israelites, they turned that wilderness into a garden. Barb O'Donohue, a woman from Lincoln, did the same in a little place called Kucheliba (West Pokot), Kenya. After hearing of the need, she traveled to Kenya to see firsthand that the children of West Pokot not only needed to hear the gospel, but they also needed a school to help educate them. In 1997, she bought 73 acres that were nothing but low trees, dirt, and shrub brush. With God's help and blessing, she turned that wilderness into a garden where children, many of them homeless or neglected, could hear the gospel, get an education, and have a home. Because of this, Barb gained the respect of male leaders in a society where women are not respected and are generally abused. Lincoln Christian Church and other churches in our area were instrumental in the building and sustaining of this garden which is called COPE. Michaela and Devane Amalla are the current Executive Directors. COPE's education center is called Tapadany Christian Academy.

Two and half years ago, I had the opportunity to visit this garden. I can tell you it is flourishing! There are buildings for various uses—classrooms, dorms, a sewing center, teacher's quarters, a small medical clinic with a nurse, a grist mill to feed the community, a dining hall, several outdoor kitchens, a bakery, and a water tower with a well. There is a concrete wall around the compound for security, and there are numerous water faucets coming from the ground, where anyone can get



water for drinking and bathing. There is also a large garden for growing food. I was able to witness children learning in a

classroom, playing together, eating together, having devotions, playing sports, and receiving medical care. While there, my group helped with COPE's feeding program, giving food out to the community. Some people walked many miles to get this food.

COPE is giving hope to the community in West Pokot through education, evangelism, outreach, and individual/community support. They are presently working on expanding the medical clinic, making improvements to classrooms, and adding another

restroom. You can follow COPE on Facebook at COPE Ministry or at www.children of pokot.org. Please keep COPE in your prayers.

Local Impact

Widows of Wisdom

What a great group of ladies! This ministry was started because a widow said,

"Somedays I don't talk

to anyone all day long. It is lonesome being alone."

We decided that maybe we could help alleviate that lonesomeness, at least a bit.

WOW meets at 11:30 am on the first Friday of each month, except in July. Occasionally, we have an additional special get-together at another time during the month. Our regular meetings always consist of eating! Some meals are prepared for us, and sometimes we meet at Deep Roots Bakery & Cafe in downtown Lincoln, where we each purchase our own meal. There are other times that each lady brings her own lunch, or a dish to pass. We usually have a lesson, a speaker, or some special music.

Many times we do a craft to help support other ministries in our community. His Hands Outreach was the recipient of some wonderful Christmas stockings made and filled by our ladies. We also made clothes pin snowflakes for the residents of Arcadia to sell at their vendor fair. The proceeds helped to buy the residents other crafting supplies. Recently we made valentines that were sent to various people, some ill, some grieving, and some who just needed some encouragement. Another time, we took a thrifting trip and many of the ladies bought spoons and other miscellaneous items for our church kitchen.

Next Widows of Wisdom meeting

Since Good Friday is the first Friday of April, we are moving our April meeting to Friday, April 10. We'll meet at 11:30 am in Room 15 of Lincoln Christian Church. Please bring a small dish to pass. Noodles with meatballs will be furnished. We hope to see you there! Bring a friend! We are always happy to welcome any widow that would like to join our group. If you or someone you know would like to know more, please call Sharon (217.737.9834) or Reva (217.828.0924).





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Lincoln Christian Church Presents

Comedy Night with:

Jonnie W

featuring Adam Bush

April 10 7pm

Tickets \$15



Aluminum can recycling for Harvest of Talents!

Bring aluminum cans to the truck with the Harvest sign in the parking lot outside Door C from 8 to 11 am Fourth Sundays April to Sept



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