



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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STUDENT SUNDAY IS MAY 3!

Student – Led Worship
Student Speakers
Graduates Recognized
Good News will sing

All services in the Fellowship Center
8:15, 9:30 & 10:45 am



HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!

MAY 10 WE'LL ENJOY AN ASSORTMENT OF
SAVORY BITE-SIZED QUICHES
BETWEEN SERVICES!



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PREACHING MINISTRY

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Welcome Home

Repent, Return, Restore. This theme runs throughout scripture. It is a snapshot of every generation, and a call to every person throughout history. We read over and over of a people who fall away from God, repent, return to him, and receive restoration. Repentance is a big church word meaning "to make a U-turn." Our bad decisions take us away from God. We repent, make a U-turn, and come back to him.

Years ago, I was introduced to a retired missionary from Africa who was responsible for translating scripture into a specific tribal language. I asked him what the most difficult word to translate was. Without hesitation, he answered, "Repent." The tribe he served didn't have a word for U-turn. He spent two years with them, then one day, he was invited to share a seat next to the tribal chief. During the meal, the chief called his son to him and sent him to do a chore. As the boy was walking away, the chief called to his son and said a word the missionary had not heard before. "Pen-du-ka!" And the boy turned around and came right back to his father. When the missionary asked the chief what "pen-du-ka" meant, the chief explained it was a word only a father could speak. It literally meant, "Come back, child, to your chief/father." This became the word the missionary used for repentance.

One of Jesus' most well-known parables is the story of the prodigal son. In it we see a son who left his father, ran off to a far land, wasted his inheritance, and then regretted it. The prodigal came to his senses. He repented, returned, and received restoration. This is the prodigal's story. This is our story, as well.

In May, we will unpack more of what repentance means with a series entitled, "Welcome Home."

As the prophet of old was told by the Lord to announce to ancient Israel, "Therefore tell the people: This is what the LORD Almighty says: 'Return to me, and I will return to you,' says the LORD Almighty," (Zechariah 1:3).



Upcoming Sermon Series

- 5/3 Student Sunday
- 5/10 Mother's Day
- 5/17 Exiled from the Father
- 5/24 Land without God
- 5/31 Repent, Return, Restore

Jolly Seniors

Wednesday, May 27
10 am - 12:30 pm
Lincoln Christian Church
Fellowship Center

Program: Aaron Hinton
Devotions: Zach Ramsey
Lunch: Roast Pork from Guzzardo's
suggested \$4 donation

Please bring cookies
or sweet treats to share!



Welcome New Members By Baptism

- 3/29 Tiffany Palmer,
Shana, Wyatt, and
Ashlyn Altman
- 4/12 Hanna Curto





ADULT MINISTRY

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Young Adult Summer Study

Adults ages 18-28, we have a gathering place for you! Beginning Sunday, May 24, 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.



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, landscapers, handymen and women, and many more. Information is available at: lincolnchristianchurch.org/serve



Our **LifeGroups** will be taking a break for the summer, but there is still a great opportunity to learn the Bible, meet new friends, and serve our church through our Adult Sunday School Classes.

This summer we have six classes for adults that meet every Sunday morning at 9:30 am. Our classes are taught by smart, committed teachers and are led by a dedicated team of leaders who plan class parties and service projects.

We invite you to join one of our classes during the summer! Visit several classes and pick the one where you feel most comfortable.

Beacons	LambSeekers
Mixed Ages	Mixed Ages
Family Room 1	Room 304
Crusaders	The Open Door
Empty-Nesters	School-Age Families
Room 16	Room 305
Encouragers	Young Adults
Senior Adults	Adults 18-28
Room 15	Room 300

Thank you to the Discipleship Team

As this semester draws to a close, I want to say thank you to all of our Sunday School teachers, LifeGroup Leaders, Bible study leaders, Ministry Team leaders, and Guest Relations team members. Thank you for investing your lives into hundreds of people each week. God bless you all!



More Information Online

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



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>.

STAR WARS PARTY
MAY 4TH 6-7:30PM
PRE-K TO 8TH GRADE
BRING YOUR FAMILY!

CREATE A CRAFT \$5 EACH
 \$5 ADMISSION
 DRESS UP AS YOUR FAVORITE CHARACTER

WELCOME FRESHMEN PARTY
 INCOMING FRESHMEN-GRADUATING SENIORS
 COOKOUT, GAMES, AND MORE!
 MAY 27 ● \$10 ● 6-8 PM

LITTLE GALILEE
 CHRISTIAN CAMP & RETREAT CENTER

Camp Scholarships Available!

We still have some 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.

Summer Calendars

Bible study and summer events information will be in the Summer Calendars, available online, and at the Student Info Desk on May 17.

Summer Bible Study Online

This summer, Greenhouse will be online. Zach will walk through a book of the Bible and post the videos on YouTube. Videos will be posted on Wednesdays, starting in June.



MISSION ECUADOR
JULY 18-25, 2026

This summer we are taking a group of high school students and adults to Ecuador to serve alongside Pan de Vida. We will serve by offering VBS for kids and by building life farms for families to grow food. We ask that you would pray for our trip and that God would be glorified as we serve His people in South America.

Mission Ecuador Team members

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| Colleen Ayars | Lillian Manuel |
| Shelly Jones | Maggie Manuel |
| Charlotte Judd | Chloe McFadden |
| Kennedy Kerns | Ellie McFadden |
| David Last | Zach Ramsey |
| Deb Last | Hailee Rempe |
| Addisynn Mauhar | Lauren Tedrick |
| Arrington Mauhar | Brian Thomson |
| Jason Mauhar | Sofia Thomson |

Need Money for Trips? Buy Gift Cards, Earn Cash Back!

Our Family Fundraising Program helps you raise funds through physical gift cards, or online gift cards, that earn cash back rebates for you to use for trips. You pay for the value of the gift card, and a percentage of that money goes to your account at the Church. For more info, come see us at the Student Info Desk in the Family Room or go to lccstudents.com/parents.





CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

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We had an amazing April! We started with old bathrooms and ended with brand new ones! If you visit the kids area, you will notice the smell of fresh paint and see our kid-friendly bathrooms. They are officially finished!! (check out the photos) →

This project was possible because of all of you! What started as an idea, quickly became a church-wide effort filled with generosity. Every wall that was painted, every screw that was tightened, and every dollar donated was a reminder that this church isn't just a building. It is people working together for a shared mission. This new space may seem like a small thing, but ministry often happens in practical ways. Families feel welcomed, kids feel comfortable, and guests feel cared for. Something as simple as a clean, updated bathroom quietly says, "We are so glad you are here!"

Speaking of new, we had an incredible time at our Seder meal this past month. Watching 75 people experience the story of God's faithfulness in a new way, through hands-on learning, questions, and meaningful moments around the table was truly special. They didn't just hear about God's rescue plan for his people. They tasted, saw, and experienced the story in ways they'll remember. From dipping herbs in salt water to asking big questions about the roasted lamb. The evening was full of curiosity, joy, and powerful teaching moments.

None of this happens without volunteers. To everyone who prepared food, guided conversations, and cleaned up afterward (the real heroes!), thank you! Thank you for creating an atmosphere where kids can grow in faith. In a short time, we have seen two beautiful reminders of what makes Lincoln Christian Church special:

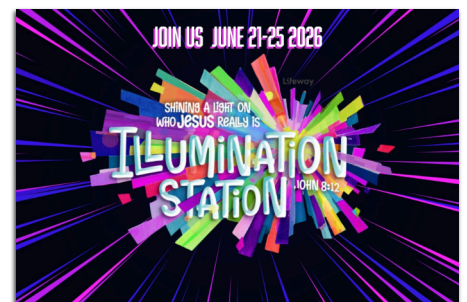


1. People willing to help create a physical space that serves others.
2. People willing to invest spiritually in our children.

One project improved our building. One event strengthened young faith. Both showed the same truth—when God's people serve together, amazing things happen. Thank you for giving your time, energy, finances, and love so freely. Because of you, our church continues to be a place where families are welcomed and where kids feel seen, loved, and most importantly, they learn about Jesus.

I am grateful for you all! And I'm excited to see what GOD builds next!

In June we will have VBS! I am extremely excited about it!! I love VBS! Be on the lookout for ways to volunteer. We will be having sign-ups soon. And registration is open now! If you can join us in prayer for VBS, we would appreciate your prayers. Pray for the kids, the teachers, and that God would raise up more volunteers to help with this amazing event.





WORSHIP MINISTRY

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MARK YOUR CALENDER!



Lincoln Christian Church
Lincoln, Illinois presents

GOOD NEWS

[Student Choir] [T.R.A.S.H.] [Drama Team]

IN CONCERT

MADE FOR MORE



Monday, June 8 7:00 pm
Lincoln Christian Church
204 North McLean Street | Lincoln, Illinois



Heartsong TOUR April 17-19, 2026!



Wesley Village Retirement Center
Macomb, Illinois

Fun at Elevate in East Peoria!

The Elms, Macomb, Illinois

Thank you to our directors Miss Lisa & Mr. Joe!



Maple Avenue Christian Church
Macomb, Illinois

8th graders!

Global Impact Update from Asia

Scott and Kerryn have been faithfully serving the Lord in Asia for over twenty years! They are involved with planting biblical churches among groups of people who have little access to hearing the good news of Jesus. They regularly meet with people to study the Bible, answer questions about Jesus, and help people grow in their faith and obedience to Christ.

Additionally, they are passionate about training and coaching expat and local community workers through a company that focuses on leadership development. This allows them to share biblical values and life skills that sometimes lead to deeper conversations and friendships.

They also intentionally come alongside new followers of Christ to help them learn how to lead others to become followers of Christ. As they meet together, the churches consistently pray that the Lord will raise up more local believers to go to other groups of people around their area who have even less access to the good news that Jesus is Lord. It is exciting that God recently provided a way for some of the Christians in their community to reach out and encourage Sudanese refugees!

It's a blessing that Lincoln Christian Church is able to partner with Scott and Kerryn in prayer and financial support, knowing that God is being glorified in the ministry they are doing and that many people are believing in Christ. Please pray the Lord will protect their family and churches and that their lives will bear even more fruit for the kingdom. And pray that new believers will be filled with the Holy Spirit and grow strong in the Lord!

Kim Ayars
Global Impact Team

International Conference on Missions 2026
Be watching for more information!



Local Impact His Hands Outreach

Dear Ministry Partners,

I am writing to provide an update on our ministry at Hope Grows Bible School for Children.



We currently serve two groups of children. Our core group attends faithfully five days a week and is eager to learn, share their faith, and are big fans of Christian music. We also have a second group that visits less frequently. While they are often less engaged initially, it is a joy to witness their transformation as they begin to connect with the Word of God. God is at work in both of these groups!

We are looking forward to our upcoming summer activities, including swimming, VBS, and Cooking Camp. A major highlight will be our trip to Resound Fest, a two-day music festival at a Christian Camp in Missouri. We have reserved a 40-bed cabin, and many families will be joining us.

Additionally, we have two exciting events approaching:

- April 15: Mitch McVicker will perform at Hope Grows, followed by a taco bar dinner.
- July 11: We will be traveling to Decatur to see Josiah Queen.

Thank you for partnering with us in this ministry through your continued prayers and support.

Blessings in Christ,
Edward P. Tibbits
His Hands Outreach

Widows of Wisdom

WOW will meet Friday, May 1, at 11:30 am in room 15 at the church



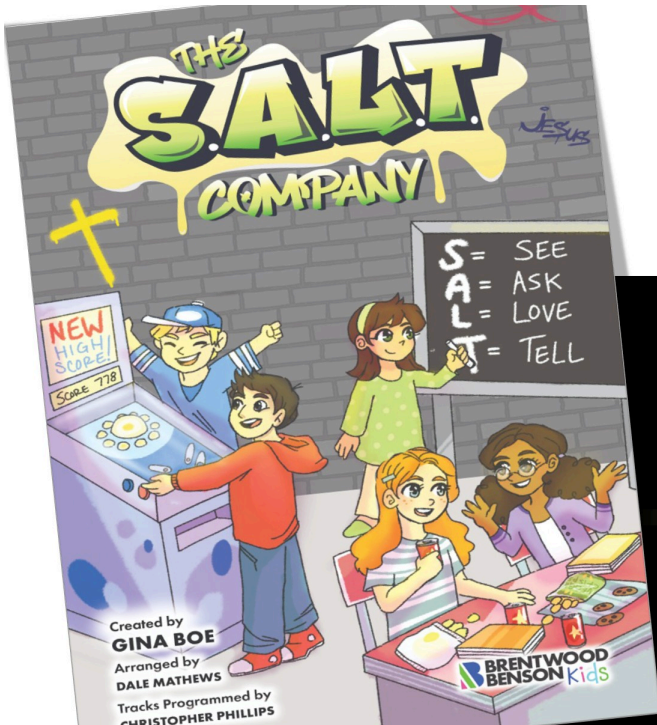
building. Main dishes will be furnished. In honor of spring, please bring a small green dish to pass. Our local fire chief will be the special guest speaker. He will answer any questions you have. All widows are welcome to attend! Contact Reva (217.828.0924) or Sharon (217.737.9834), if you have questions.



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Kids Choirs

present

Sunday, May 3
6:00 pm

Lincoln Christian Church
Sanctuary

JOIN US FOR VBS
JUNE 21-25

6:30-8:30 PM

SHINING A LIGHT ON
WHO JESUS REALLY IS

**ILLUMINATION
STATION** JOHN 8:12

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