



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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CHURCH FAMILY PICNIC
Saturday, June 20, 4:30-6:30 pm
at Lincoln Christian Church

FOOD GAMES FUN CONTESTS

HOT DOGS, HAMBURGERS, AND BEVERAGES PROVIDED
 LAST NAMES A-G BRING FRUITS & VEGGIES
 H-M BRING SALADS & SIDES N-Z BRING CHIPS & DESSERT
 BRING LAWN CHAIRS OR BLANKETS AND ENJOY THE FUN!

VBS Kick Off
 EPIC Ministries
 7:00 pm

Father's Day

Bacon Sunday is June 21!

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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Hang on! Life in this world can be a wild, unpredictable, scary ride. Regardless of the ups and downs, you can still maintain a high level of joy through it all. Our summer sermon series will be through the book of Philippians. Paul wrote this book while he was in prison. Not from a comfortable little life. Not from beach front property. Paul was in prison, accused of treason against Roman culture. It's from here, falsely accused and imprisoned, that Paul writes a letter of joy? How do you do that? Somehow, Paul had learned the secret to having joy, no matter what the circumstances.

Everyone knows there is a difference between joy and happiness. Happiness comes from outside circumstances, and joy comes from within. Happiness is a feeling—it's surface level. Joy is like a deep root that brings up nutrients from deep down. Happiness is like helium. It lifts you for a short time, but like helium in a balloon, it slowly leaks away. Joy is like oxygen. It's in you and around you constantly. Joy can be shared with others. Joy is not the absence of sadness. Joy doesn't mean there's no pain. But even when there is hardship, we can still maintain a high level of inner joy.

Adversity comes with life. Learning to live with it is part of living in a sinful and broken world. Most people ask, "Why is this happening to me?" Christians ask, "What will God do with this?"

The prophet of old, Habakkuk, spoke of joy to a people who had been through a great number of setbacks.

Though the fig tree does not bud and there are no grapes on the vines, though the olive crop fails and the fields produce no food, though there are no sheep in the pen and no cattle in the stalls, yet I will rejoice in the Lord, I will be joyful in the God of my salvation.

Habakkuk 3:17-18

And the Apostle Paul gives this command in the book of Philippians: "Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice!" (Philippians 4:4).

Welcome to our **Joy Ride!**



Upcoming Sermon Series

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| 6/7 | Enjoying the People in Your Life! | Phil. 1:3-11 |
| 6/14 | Being Joyful in Life's Storms! | Phil. 1:12-26 |
| 6/21 | Reducing Conflict with Others! | Phil. 2:1-8 |
| 6/28 | Shining Like Stars in This Darkness! | Phil. 2:12-30 |
| 7/5 | Maintaining Your Joy! | Phil. 3:1-11 |
| 7/12 | Succeeding in Life Joyfully! | Phil. 3:12-21 |
| 7/19 | Reducing Stress for More Joy! | Phil. 4:1-9 |
| 7/26 | Finding the Secret to a Satisfying Life! | Phil. 4:10-20 |

Jolly Seniors

Wednesday, June 17

(3rd Wednesday)

10 am - 12:30 pm

Lincoln Christian Church
Fellowship Center

Program: His Strings

Devotions: Jeff Mayfield

Lunch: Meatloaf from Guzzardo's

suggested donation is \$4

Please bring cookies or sweet treats to share!



Welcome New Members By Baptism

4/26 Rhonda Skelton,
Dennis & Heather
Williams

5/10 Nick & Shelby Allen,
Skylin Wombles





ADULT MINISTRY

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STARTING POINT EXPERIENCE
 BOOST YOUR SPIRITUAL JOURNEY FOR NEWER PEOPLE
 SIGN UP AT LINCOLNCHRISTIANCHURCH.ORG/EVENTS
SUNDAY, JUNE 7, 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.

Sunday School

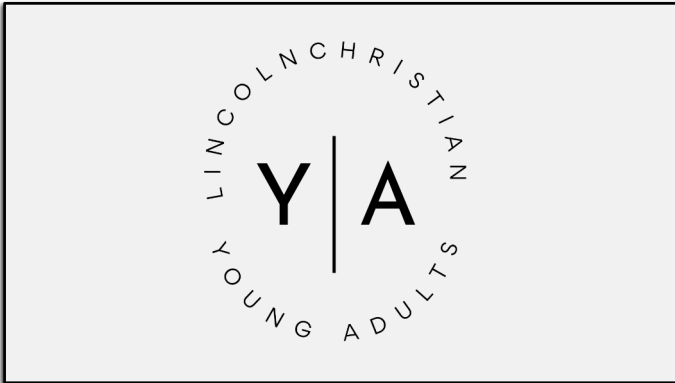
Looking for a Place to Grow Your Faith?

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.

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

Join one of our classes during the summer! Visit several classes and pick the one where you feel most comfortable.

Our Daily Bread is a free resource for those who are looking for a short daily devotional. Printed booklets can be picked up at the Welcome Center quarterly. Visit the Our Daily Bread website (odb.org) to find digital options and additional resources.



Young Adult Summer Study

Adults ages 18-28, we have a gathering place for you! Lincoln Christian Young Adults will meet for prayer, a life-application lesson, and friendship through mid-August at 9:30 am, in Room 300. Mattea McFadden leads the group and is excited for you to join them! You can find more information at 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

Need some help getting started in your prayer life? Click on the QR code or text PRAY to the number above to sign up to receive daily prayer prompts to encourage you in your daily habit of prayer. If you need help signing up, please call the church office, and we will be happy to assist you.

For even more fuel for prayer, we have a prayer newsletter. You can sign up to receive it weekly at lincolnchristianchurch.org/fuelforprayer.



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>.

Families Matter

Parents, I hope that you have a great summer and get a chance to relax! "Yeah, right!" you may be thinking. Summer has a lot of joys: traveling, nice weather, the pool, etc. But there are headaches, too. Our family gets hit with the question, "What are we going to do with the kids without school?!" and we freak out. It's stressful getting into a new routine, but take advantage of the upcoming moments. According to the Fuller Youth Institute, Gen Alpha (birth years 2010-2024) prioritizes family and believes that their family is the greatest influence in their life. I realize that most of Gen Alpha are elementary school kids, but there seems to be a new focus on family, whatever that family looks like. The "normal" family is that there isn't a "normal family." Each one is different, but your unique family for your kids is the biggest influence in their lives. So my encouragement is to take some time this summer to intentionally pass down the priorities of Jesus and His community, called the Church. Your kids love you and are learning life from you. Keep up the hard work! You got this! Don't doubt yourself; you are making an impact. And LCC is in your corner!



Summer Sunday School Starts May 31

Incoming 6th-8th grade students will be combined for the summer in Family Room 2. Incoming 9th grade students-graduated seniors (grads) will be combined in Room 12.



Greenhouse

This summer, Greenhouse (Bible Study for junior high and high school students) will be online. Videos will be posted on YouTube on Wednesdays starting in June.

Shindigs in the Park!

Bring a lunch and maybe a yard game to Kickapoo Park. There's not much better than hanging out in a park in the summer with your friends!

June 4—Noon-2 pm for incoming 9th graders-grads

June 11—Noon-2 pm for incoming 6th-8th graders

Hiking Trip

On June 18 we will be headed to Starved Rock State Park to hike! This is for incoming 6th graders-grads. We'll explore God's creation and have a picnic together! You can sign up online at lincolnchristianchurch.org/events.



Hey, incoming 6th graders-grads! Join us this year at Six Flags St. Louis, on June 30! Sign up online at lincolnchristianchurch.org/events!





CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

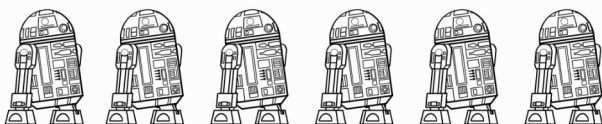
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Summer is here!!! And I could not be more excited! As the weather warms up and schedules start to shift, our church is gearing up for some incredible opportunities to gather, laugh, and grow together! But before we jump into what's ahead, I can't help but smile thinking about what we've just experienced. Our mother-son game night was intense! It was full of energy, competition, and truly memorable moments. From the games to the laughter, it was a powerful reminder of how important simply spending time together is. Here are a few images from that night:



And then . . . there was **Star Wars Night**. Wow!! From lightsabers to games to creating your own droid, it was a night where we all enjoyed some much needed fun and excitement! More importantly, it gave us a fun and creative way to connect with families and remind our kiddos that even in the middle of adventure and imagination, truth and hope still shine through. Moments like these matter. They build relationships, create memories, and open doors for deeper conversations about faith. Check out a few pictures here: →



And now we look we look ahead! Mark your calendars because we have two big events right around the corner. The **All Church Picnic** is June 20. It is a perfect way to kick off the summer! Food, games, and time together as a church family! Stay tuned for more details to come. This event will lead into a kick off for VBS with special guests EPIC Ministries! They will bring a TON of energy, laughter, and maybe even some pies to the party. This is something that you do not want to miss!!



Vacation Bible School—June 21-25

VBS is one of the highlights of the year! Five nights of high-energy fun, engaging Bible lessons, immersive music, games, snacks, and moments that can truly impact our children's lives forever. If you've never experienced VBS at Lincoln Christian Church, you don't want to miss it! This year's theme is "Illumination." Jesus is the **LIGHT** of the world. We will be talking about Jesus every night and how we can shine and point people to Him.

Summer gives us a chance to reconnect with each other and, more importantly, with God. Whether it's through laughter at a game night, imagination during a themed event, or worship and learning at VBS, each moment is an opportunity to grow in your faith.





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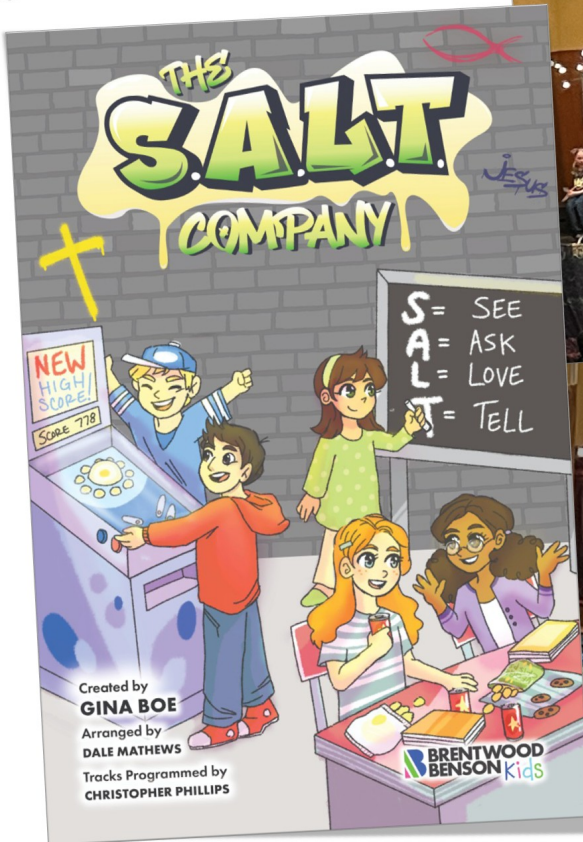
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Monday, June 8 7:00 pm
Lincoln Christian Church
204 North McLean Street | Lincoln, Illinois

The 1st-4th grades Kids Choir sang in all four services on Sunday, April 26, and then presented their musical, along with the Cherubs, "The S.A.L.T. Company" on Sunday evening, May 3, at 6:00 pm! They did a fantastic job leading us in worship and reminding us how important it is to S.see, A.sk, L.ove, and T.ell everyone about the love of Jesus!

Thanks to the kids and their families as well as the directors Sheralyn Bolton, 1st-4th graders; and Stephanie Bing, Cherubs; and their assistants Emily Bakken, Kim Ayars, and Ashley Boulb, Cherubs; and Jodie Merritt and Brian Bolton, for the 1st- 4th graders.

THE S.A.L.T. COMPANY

S = SEE
A = ASK
L = LOVE
T = TELL

Created by **GINA BOE**
Arranged by **DALE MATHEWS**
Tracks Programmed by **CHRISTOPHER PHILLIPS**

BRENTWOOD BENSON Kids

Global Impact

Mission Ecuador

We need your help! Our Church is taking a group of 18 high school students and adults to Quito and Otavalo, Ecuador, July 18-25, 2026, to work alongside Pan de Vida Ministries. This ministry serves the less fortunate in Ecuador by spreading the Gospel of Jesus Christ and meeting their immediate needs. In cooperation with other organizations, Pan de Vida provides hunger relief, education, health assistance, shelter, microbusiness training, and emergency relief. These six areas of focus fall under three ministry areas. Relief meets the people where they are with hunger and emergency relief. Rehabilitation helps to improve their quality of life with educational supplies, health assistance, and shelter improvements. Development is the entrepreneurship program that includes their Life Farms and Shark Tank programs.

One of the ways we will serve in Ecuador is by offering a VBS time for the families we will be serving. One piece of VBS is sending kids home with school/hygiene supplies to help them thrive. We are happy that the Global Impact Team has chosen to partner with our team by facilitating the collection of these kits.

These school/hygiene kits will be a meaningful blessing to families who receive them. Many children begin the school year without the basic supplies they need. By providing these kits, we can help equip students with the tools they need to learn, grow, and succeed. We will need 150 kits so that every child receives one. Here is the list of items we would like to include in each of these kits:

- Cinch Bag
- Scissors
- Notebook
- Toothbrush
- Comb or Hairbrush
- Crayons
- Glue Sticks
- Folder
- Toothpaste

Please prayerfully consider donating items for these kits. Donations can be brought to the church office by July 12. Please pray for our team and the people of Ecuador! ¡Dios lo bendiga! (God bless you!)

Zach Ramsey and Lindy Manuel

Local Impact

Inner City Mission is a ministry in Springfield, IL that helps the homeless find their way Home by giving what is needed to bring about lasting joy, peace, and stability in people's lives. We serve homeless children, their parents, and single women, providing long-term transitional housing and stability programs within an environment of agape love. We offer shelter, sustenance, security, clothing, life-skills classes, Bible studies, and Christian mentorship in order to discover and expand lasting joy and peace in each person's heart, family, friendships, and community.

We believe that the root cause of homelessness is not the lack of a house, job, or material resources, but actually the absent, broken, lost, or rejected relational resources that often exist in a person's life. For this reason, we implement a three-pronged relational approach called *Stability for Life*.

The first stage is *Calming the Chaos* in which we provide a stable environment where the root cause of chaos in the individual's life can be understood and addressed together. Once the chaos has calmed, the second stage, *Promoting the Potential*, begins as we encourage holistic growth in each person, discussing their strengths and weaknesses as they pursue spiritual, emotional, and relational stability. The final stage is *Realizing the Reward*, during which we both come alongside individuals as they process what stability looks like in various areas of their lives, as well as discuss and exemplify how Jesus' love is the foundation for truly lasting stability.

We have 21 bedrooms for individuals and families, and we provide a home to an average of 33 people each night. Thank you for helping us provide the environment where those who were homeless can experience life transformation through the love and stability found in Christ.

If you're interested in learning more or partnering with us in homeless ministry, please visit our website www.innercitymission.net or reach out to our Director of Partnerships Isaac Payne at isaac@innercitymission.net.



Widows of Wisdom

WOW will meet on June 5, at 11:30 am at the home of Reva McFadden. Call or text Reva (217.828.0924) if you need directions. A lunch of summer picnic foods (hot dogs, potato salad, etc.) will be provided. Each in attendance will have the opportunity to design a 12 x 12-inch quilt square to be included in a spring-themed quilt. The finished quilt will be donated to Harvest of Talents. All materials, supplies, and instructions will be provided. No sewing experience is needed. RSVP to Reva or to Sharon Simonson (217.737.9834). Kevin McFadden will be present to lend a hand to those who need help maneuvering the steps.





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GOOD NEWS, the Student Choir from Lincoln Christian Church, Lincoln, Illinois, will be on our annual ministry tour heading to New York City, June 9-16, 2026, presenting six concerts in nine days in Ohio, Pennsylvania, Indiana, and Illinois. The 2026 message of GOOD NEWS is entitled "Made For More." Through a collection of worship songs, brief drama sketches, and scripture, "Made For More" takes a look at how God created us for a purpose and we can worship Him with all of our hearts, no matter where we have been or what we have done. The songs are great arrangements from such Christian recording artists and worship leaders as Brandon Lake, Josiah Queen, SEU Worship, Red Rocks Worship, Big Daddy Weave, United, Josh Baldwin, and Matthew West.

GOOD NEWS consists of 31 students – 9th thru 12th grades, including the Student Choir; T.R.A.S.H., which stands for "T.eens R.escued A.nd S.erving H.im;" and Drama Team. With sponsors, the total group is 43.

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- Monday, June 8 7:00 pm
Lincoln Christian Church
204 N McLean Street | Lincoln, Illinois
- Tuesday, June 9 7:00 pm
Eastpointe Christian Church
745 N Waggoner Road | Blacklick, Ohio
- Wednesday, June 10 6:30 pm
First Church of Christ
113 Good Shepherd Road | Altoona, Pennsylvania
- Sunday, June 14 10:00 am
Stillmeadow Church of the Nazarene
400 Stillmeadow Lane | York, Pennsylvania
- Monday, June 15 6:30 pm
Etna Green Church of Christ
206 W Broadway Street | Etna Green, Indiana
- Tuesday, June 16 7:00 pm
College Park Christian Church
116 N Cottage Avenue | Normal, Illinois



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