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GOD FAMILY OTHERS

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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FUEL
WEDNESDAYS 6:30-8:00 | 5TH-8TH GRADERS

Kids Club
Preschool to 4th grade
Wednesdays 6:30-7:45 pm

Questions Christians Hope They Don't Get Asked
Wednesdays 6:30pm starting August 26

Men on Fire
Wednesdays at 6:30 pm

Sanctuary choir
Wednesdays 6:30-7:45 pm beginning September 9
Open to high school students and adults
Questions? See Laurin Hill
Register at lincolnchristianchurch.org/worship

The Gospel Ground
Ladies Bible Study
Mondays at 6:30 pm Begins September 14 Cost \$20

fall KICKOFF

GOOD NEWS
9th - 12th grade
[student choir] [T.R.A.S.H.] [student drama team]
SUNDAYS 5-6 PM

heartsong
5th - 8th grades
[student choir] [T.R.A.S.H.] [student drama team]
SUNDAYS 6-7 PM

Kids Choirs
3 years old thru 4th grade
Kickoff is Sep 13!
Sunday 6-7 pm

THE GATHERING
sundays 6:00 pm | high school students

Lincoln LifeGroups
CHRISTIAN CHURCH Resume meeting September 13



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PREACHING MINISTRY

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The Moon People

I was watching the old movie *The Right Stuff* when my wife walked in, grabbed the remote, and changed the channel. Wait! What?

That's right men! She. Changed. The. Channel! Can you believe it? I went from watching one of the all-time great "dude" movies to suddenly wondering if some girl would say yes to the dress. My wife just doesn't get me!

The Right Stuff is a movie about the early days of the American space program. It focuses on the lives of the first astronauts and the struggles they faced as they risked it all so our nation could reach the moon.

I've always been fascinated with space. I have always enjoyed astronaut movies and TV shows and documentaries on space. Fiction or non-fiction, it doesn't matter. I love it! Most of my childhood was spent watching NASA launch rockets. The first time any teacher asked me what I was dreaming of becoming one day, I didn't say "preacher." In my youth, preaching wasn't even on my radar screen. No, I was just like many other boys back then, I wanted to be an astronaut. There was one major problem—when it came to math skills, I didn't have the right stuff. When it came to engineering skills, I didn't have the right stuff. Courage? Sure! Desire? Yes! But skills? Nope! Not even close! But that doesn't mean I lost my appetite for everything space. It's still in me.

Our fall sermon series might seem a little out there at first, but it's actually solid. I'm basing it on an old sermon illustration that preachers have used for many years: *"The moon has no light of its own, it only reflects light from the SUN. We have no light of our own, we only reflect the light the SON is shining in and through us."*

Jesus said, "Let your light shine . . ." All of this begs the questions: "What do others need me to shine most to them?" What characteristics of Jesus do I most want to reflect to others?" I will be focusing on the following four: Unconditional Love, Merciful Forgiveness, Uncompromising Truth, and a Joyful Hope.



Upcoming Sermon Series

- Sep 13 Unconditional Love
- Sep 20 Merciful Forgiveness
- Sep 27 Uncompromising Truth
- Oct 4 Joyful Hope

Jolly Seniors

Wednesday, September 23

10 am – 12:30 pm

Lincoln Christian Church
Fellowship Center

Program: Mike Anderson
The Dulcimer Guy
Devotions: Ryan Edgecombe
Lunch: Baked Chicken
suggested donation \$4

Please bring cookies or
sweet treats to share!



Welcome New Members By Baptism

- 8/2 Adalynn Meserole, Gray Davison
- 8/3 The Kornnick Family: Josh, Vanessa, Karson, Kane, & Reece
- 8/9 Crystal Davis



ADULT MINISTRY

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Wednesday Study: Questions Christians Hope They Don't Get Asked

Join us on Wednesday evenings starting August 26, for a series on tough questions Christians get asked (along with some biblical answers), including: Why should I believe in God? Why should I trust the Bible? Why does hell exist? And more! Led by Brandon Boyd, Minister of Adult Discipleship



Ladies Bible Study

Ladies Bible Study meets on Mondays this fall, starting on September 14, at 6:30 pm in Rooms 15/16. The cost for the book is \$20. Scholarships are available.

Men On Fire

Meets on Wednesdays at 6:30 pm. All men are invited to attend and be part of this group pursuing what it means to be godly men.



Newcomers Reception

On Sunday, September 20, 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.



Join us for the Next Steps Experience

Join us for a one-hour experience where we 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 designed to be your very first step beyond attending a worship service and 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.

Need a fresh start on your Bible reading?



Fall is a great time to renew good habits! The Bible App (bible.com) is free and includes several reading plans. You can download on your phone or tablet.



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>

Fall Calendars

Be sure to pick up Fall Calendars for both Jr. High and High School at the Student Info Desk or online at lccstudents.com/events



Sunday School for 5th-12th Grade

Sunday School meets 9:30–10:30 am every Sunday. Come learn more about Scripture!

5th Grade – Rm 17

6th-8th Grade – Family Rm 2

9th-12th Grade – Rm 12



Jr. High Bash for 6th-8th Grade

Hey 6th-8th Graders! The Jr. High Bash will be Friday, September 11 from 6:00 - 9:00 pm. The cost is \$10. We will have pizza, dodgeball, tons of games, and some surprises. It is going to be incredible!



The Gathering at the Otto's

On Sunday, September 27, we are going to have youth group at the Otto's! We will meet at the church building and head out in the vans. We will have hotdogs, hot cocoa, and other fall treats! You don't want to miss it!



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

Families! Family Fundraising Program helps you raise funds through physical gift cards or online gifts 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. You can buy gift cards at the Student Info Desk in the Family Room or online. 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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Summer may have come and gone, but the fun is still gonna keep rolling. We had an awesome summer making memories and learning about Jesus along the way. We got messy at **Color Chaos**. We all made a splash at our annual cannon ball contest at our **All Church Pool Party**. And we cooled off with plenty of smiles and ice cream at our **Ice Cream Night at Top Hat**. Thank you to everyone who joined us for the fun and excitement and thank you to all who helped make this summer so special! Check out all the pictures of all the fun we had this summer (below).

Now it's time to move on to the next season! During the fall, we have Kids Club every Wednesday night from 6:30 pm to 7:45 pm. Each week is filled with high energy games, creative activities, worship, and engaging Bible lessons. This

year we are learning about 13 very bad days and how God fixed them. As we talk about these 13 people and their super bad days we will find life changing truths tucked away in their stories. We will see God working in the lives of people in the Bible like Mary, Lazarus, Stephen, and others. Throughout the semester the kids will discover that the same God who helped during those bad days in the Bible watches over them now and He can help us during our bad days too.

It is going to be a great semester! Our goal is so much bigger than having fun, being wild, and making messes. We want every kiddo who walks through our doors to know that Jesus loves them, that they are uniquely and wonderfully made in God's image, and that they have a church family that loves them as well. We pray that every child grows in their faith, that they are introduced to Jesus and want to follow HIM, and discover that God has an incredible purpose for their lives. Of course, we are going to have a lot of fun along the way! Keep your eyes peeled for themed Sunday mornings coming up (wacky socks, cozy pjs, Hawaiian shirts, "future me" day, etc.). Get ready for these special Sundays where we can laugh together, build friendships, and more importantly, invite someone new to come and hear about Jesus. We can't wait to see what God will do this fall!





WORSHIP MINISTRY

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The **Sanctuary Choir** kickoff is Wednesday, Sep. 9, at 6:30 pm. The Sanctuary Choir rehearses each Wednesday night from 6:30 – 7:45 pm. We present feature music in the 8:15 am Sanctuary service. The Sanctuary Choir is open to high school age and older. Even if you worship in the Fellowship Center services, there are lots of ways to work out your Sunday morning plan to still sing with us! Let's talk! We need more voices! Jump in anytime! We'll begin our Christmas music in mid-October.



GOOD NEWS

Good News is for students in 9th thru 12th grades. Kickoff is Sunday, Sep. 13, at 5:00 pm. Good News consists of Student Choir, T.R.A.S.H.* **, & Student Drama Team. Good News includes relevant music, focused drama, and great service opportunities in a fast-paced, high-energy environment all leading up to a fantastic tour, June 8-15, 2027 to Dallas, TX! Invite your friends! Pick up a brochure! Open enrollment in September and January.

*Laurin is directing T.R.A.S.H. **Evaluation required
T.R.A.S.H. = Teens Rescued And Serving Him

HeartSong is for 5th thru 8th grade students. Kickoff is Sunday, Sep. 13, at 6:00 pm. HeartSong includes service opportunities in music, worship, drama, and T.R.A.S.H.*! HeartSong will sing in *Celebrate! Christmas* as well as a three-day tour in April 2026. HeartSong rehearses each Sunday from 6:00 – 7:00 pm. Grab a brochure to invite your friends!

Open enrollment in September and January.

*T.R.A.S.H. = Teens Rescued And Serving Him



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Kids Choirs

Kids Choirs will kickoff on Sunday, Sep. 13, at 6:00 pm. Kids Choir is for 3 year olds – 4th graders. We have a blast learning about music, worship, and Jesus! Kids Choirs meet each Sunday evening from 6:00 – 7:00 pm. Come give it a try. We'll be working on some fun music for Christmas as well as our Spring musical in May 2027. Invite a friend or two or five!

Open enrollment in September and January.

Global Impact Pioneer Bible Translators Rondal and Janice Smith

Rondal's role, on the Church Partnership Mobilizer team, is to assist churches partnering with PBT. He contacts them by phone and then sends them monthly Prayer Letters focusing on special needs to reach every ethnic language with Scripture.

At the PBT Board Meeting this spring, Rondal was asked to present some key events celebrating PBT's beginning on the campus of Lincoln Christian College 50 years ago. They dedicated a large granite rock with a plaque of remembrance of that event that Tom Ewald, a long time Board Member, recently transported from Lincoln, Illinois to the Dallas Campus. PBT's President, Greg Pruett, also did a video interview about Rondal and Janice's roles in PBT history.

Janice has been keeping contact by phone with their partners and friends for updating and praying together with them. Rondal and Janice lead a Discovery Bible Study every Wednesday at 2:30 pm for residents at their senior living apartments. They also attend and sometimes lead a weekly Zoom Bible Study.

This year Janice has been hospitalized five times for a week each time. Currently she is finishing a 30-day course of strong antibiotics. Please pray that it will cure her persistent diverticulitis. Although inherited peripheral neuropathy affects Rondal's balance, he stays fit by walking and swimming 30 laps in the pool every day.

Following is a note from Rondal and Janice: "We praise God for the faithful prayer and support you, our partners, have given to help us meet the medical expenses in this stage of life. Even when known sources of income are not always certain, God continues in amazing and unexpected ways to provide for our daily bread as He always has. In our late 80's, in this epic of aging, we thank the Lord each day that we can love Him with all our hearts and our neighbors as our selves."

Barbara Messner, Global Impact Team Member



Local Impact Logan Lincoln Food Pantry

Lincoln Christian Church has been contributing support to the local food pantry for over 20 years. The pantry serves many individuals in Lincoln and Logan County each month.

Here are the average numbers per month, using data from March, April, and May 2026:

Individuals Served	1024
Households served	328
Children served	310

Lincoln Logan Food Pantry is under annual contract with Springfield Foodbank and Illinois Department of Human Services. We also receive food donations through Feeding America. Local contributing retailers are Walmart, Aldi, Sysco, and Starbucks.

The food pantry also supports local retailers with purchasing food items from Aldi and IGA stores. These purchases include food items that are not available through other resources.

Thank you for your support with providing for food insecure families. Individuals who would like to donate food may do so directly to the food pantry during the times below:

Hours:

Tuesday, 9:00 am – 11:00 am

Thursday, 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Lincoln Logan
Food Pantry
125 North Logan Street
Lincoln, IL 62656
217.732.6644



Anna Seefeldt, Local Impact Team Member

Widows of Wisdom

The next WOW meeting will be on Friday, September 4, at 11:30 am at Lincoln Christian Church. Our theme for this month is "Everything Apple." An apple lunch will be served. Reva will continue her study of Women of the Bible. Feel free to invite your friends. Please RSVP by commenting on the mass text. Questions? Call Reva McFadden (217.828.0924) or Sharon Simonson (217.737.9834).





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Children's Ministry
Hayride Bash @ The Otto's
Sept 26th 6-7:30 pm

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Families with kids pre-k to 4th grade.
Register online or via QR code below.



HARVEST OF TALENTS

Musical Offering
FOR WORLD HUNGER

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4
2:00 pm
SANCTUARY

A free-will offering
will be collected

Funds raised by this
Harvest of Talents event
provide global
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