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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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Harvest of Talents



39th Harvest of Talents for World Hunger Saturday, October 22, doors open at 7 am

WELCOME to "HARVEST DAY IN LINCOLN"!

- ~ Outdoor tent seating, limited indoor seating
- ~ Food Packing event for all ages, free-will offering
- ~ Live Auction at 2:00 pm: Unique Handcrafted Items
- ~ Silent Auctions Facebook Auctions Gift Cards
- ~ Carry-out Cinnamon/Caramel Pecan Rolls
- ~ Carry-out H.O.T. Vegetable Soup, sold by ½ gal containers
- ~ Indoor Booths for handcrafts, jewelry, missions, Christmas décor and ornaments, vintage linens, babies, fashion accessories, "Man-Cave" one-of-a-kind items, baked goods and breads, jam/jellies, handcrafted candies/sweets, wreaths

Don't miss our X O Café with specialty Gourmet Treats,
I.D.E.S. Walking Tacos, Homemade Breakfast Burritos &
Fried Potatoes, Smoked Meat & Sloppy Joes Sandwiches,
Homemade Pie, Beverages, Photo Ops, & Fireside chats



Thank you for your support!



Join us for Celebration Sunday, October 23!

All funds raised will be presented to International Disaster Emergency Service (IDES) to aid hunger victims around the world during Worship Services at 8:15, 9:30, and 10:45 am at Lincoln Christian Church

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Running on Empty

I take care of my wife's vehicle fuel 99% of the time. I bring two important acts of service to her as she sees it: I kill bugs and I keep her car gassed up. (Whatever it takes to keep her working! LOL) I'm happy to do it; I only ask her to tell me when she's down to a quarter tank. But that must be way too boring!

As we all know, people are different; especially the way they treat a fuel tank on a vehicle. Some are extra cautious and as soon as that tank is half empty, they seek to fill it up. These are the kinds of people with a bomb shelter in the backyard. Me, I like to fill up when the tank is at the quarter mark. (My dad taught me that keeps the fuel pump lubricated.) Sure, why not! But some are adventurers. You push it down to the bottom. "Let's see how far we can go on empty!" You like to push it till you get caught or you barely make it to the gas station. You love the rush. That is the usual state of my wife's car. The idiot light is not only on but is quickly dimming from it's pending death due to fuel starvation. Bonnie likes to bet on if I can make it to the gas station or not.

Which brings us to our October Sermon Series titled, "Running on Empty." This is really a series about hope. Hope to the soul is like fuel to the tank. Keeping our tank full isn't easy these days. Everyone will, from time to time, experience something that is draining our tanks. We all have an emotional tank. We have a spiritual tank. We have a confidence tank, a relationship tank, and a strength and vitality tank. Any good driver knows we need to be intentional about checking our gas gauge and keeping our tank full so we don't become stranded and alone and empty. But how does one keep a full joy tank these days when so many troubles are contributing to our emptiness?

Unfortunately, many are fed up, burned out, weary, mad, strained, stressed, and discouraged. What do we do when life becomes too busy, too troublesome, too painful, too irritating, too crazy? What do we do when our tanks are dangerously low?

Ignore it? Try harder? Fill our lives with things we know will fail? No. There is a better way. Join us in October as we look at "Running on Empty!"

Upcoming Sermon Series: Running on Empty



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| 10/02 | <i>Keeping Our Tanks Full</i> | Col. 2:6-7 |
| | -Dr. J.K. Jones, guest speaker | |
| 10/09 | <i>What's Weighing Me Down</i> | I Kings 18-19 |
| 10/16 | <i>Lightening the Load</i> | Mt. 11:28-30 |
| 10/23 | Harvest Sunday @ LCChurch | Lk.10, Mk. 6 |

JOLLY SENIORS MEETING

DATE: Wednesday, October 26
@ 10:00 am—12:30 pm

PLACE: Fellowship Center @
Lincoln Christian Church
204 N. McLean St.
Lincoln, IL 62656

PROGRAM: Dennis Stremmel!

DEVOTION: Paul Boatman!

LUNCH ENTRÉE: Baked Ham!

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, November 16, 2022
*(NOTE: meeting 1 week earlier than usual for this!)

Welcome! New Members by Baptism:

Maria R. Givan	8/28/22
Hattie A. Roland	9/4/22
BrettBradley J. Rawlins	9/13/22





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Newcomers Reception

On Sunday, October 16 following each morning service, we will be holding a newcomers reception in the Fireside Room. If you are newer with us, we would like to take about ten minutes of your time! We would like to introduce ourselves to you and give you some information about next steps. (This will really help us put a name with a face.) Please pick up your kids from the children's ministry before you come to the reception. We have a small gift for you as a way of saying "thanks" for attending! No sign-ups necessary.

You Can Make an Impact

A key step in your spiritual growth is to join a ministry team to serve our church family, our community, and our world. You can serve as a greeter, kitchen worker, groundskeeper, and more! We have a place to serve for everyone. Find more information at lincolnchristianchurch.org/impact.



Adult Sunday School

A great first place to connect with new friends and to learn the Bible is one of our seven adult Sunday School Classes. We have classes for all adults! Our classes are fun places to study the Bible with friends. For class options, stop by the Welcome Center or visit lincolnchristianchurch.org/next.

ready for your next step?

LIFESTEP 1

Discover Lincoln Christian Church



Wed, Oct 26 – Part 1

Wed, Nov 2 – Part 2

6:30–7:30 pm

sign up at lincolnchristianchurch.org/lifestep or stop by the Welcome Center

Ready for LifeStep #1

Join our LifeStep 1: Discover Lincoln Christian Church. Explore your faith and the beliefs of Lincoln Christian Church in a relaxed setting with Ron Otto and Brandon Boyd. You'll get to ask any questions you have as well as meet others who are exploring the same journey. Part 1 of this class meets on Wednesday, October 26 from 6:30-7:30 pm. Part 2 of this class meets on Wednesday, November 2 from 6:30-7:30 pm. Sign up at the Welcome Center or at lincolnchristianchurch.org/lifestep.

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LIFESTEP 2

Connect to Your Spiritual Growth



Wed, Nov 9 – Part 1

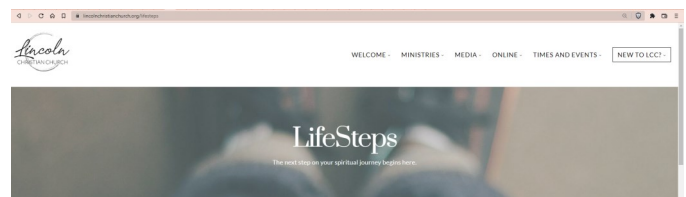
Wed, Nov 16 – Part 2

6:30–7:30 pm

sign up at lincolnchristianchurch.org/lifestep or stop by the Welcome Center

LifeStep #2

At Lincoln Christian Church, we want to help accelerate your spiritual growth by introducing (or re-introducing) you to five important spiritual habits. With these habits, you can begin to really experience the abundant life and spiritual health that Christ wants us each to have. This is one of the two classes that we would like each of our adult members and attenders to take along their spiritual journey, but you can take them in any order. Part 1 of this class meets on Wednesday, November 9 from 6:30-7:30 pm. Part 2 of this class meets on Wednesday, November 16 from 6:30-7:30 pm. Sign up at the Welcome Center or at lincolnchristianchurch.org/lifestep.





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Facebook—[lccsm](https://www.facebook.com/lccsm)

Stay informed with Text Updates from the Student Ministry

For Jr. High, text **jhfuel** to 97000.

For High School, text **thegathering** to 97000.

You will receive text messages from Lincoln Christian Church. No purchase necessary. Message & data rates may apply. Message frequency varies. Reply STOP to stop, HELP for help. Terms: <http://97000.co/t>. Privacy policy: <http://97000.co/p>.

5th Grade Bash!

Date change; now October 14! Join us that Friday, from 6-8 pm for a great night of games, dodgeball, and food! \$7 at the door for food and supplies. It's going to be a great night. Invite a friend to join in on the fun!



6th-8th Graders join us for *OnMission*, our own service retreat for Jr. Highers, October 28-30 at Little Galilee Christian Camp! It is going to be an incredible weekend of serving people in central Illinois and around the world. \$100 for all supplies, food, and lodging. We can't wait! Sign up by Sunday, October 9.

8th Grade Students who attend *OnMission* can apply for a scholarship for \$100 for CIY Move (High School Summer Conference). That means that what you pay for *OnMission* is taken off the cost for *Move*. Now how sweet is that?!



Harvest of Talents for Students!

We encourage you 5th-12th Graders to get involved in the Harvest of Talents on Saturday, October 22! Maybe you have a talent that you would like to share? If not, that's fine; the Harvest always needs help with set-up and tear-down. There are countless ways to get involved. One of the best ways is to go up to an adult who has been serving for years and ask them if you can be their apprentice. Learn from them; help them! You will learn the reason for the harvest, which isn't the gifts or the money; it's feeding hungry people around the world for Jesus! How cool is that?! Contact Bethany Henry if you would like to get involved.



This year the Harvest team has an incredible hands-on way for you to get involved. They are bringing IDES (International Disaster Emergency Service) food packing to Harvest Saturday, October 22. We need you to help assemble meal kits and pack them up so that they can be used to help hungry people around the world. This experience will change you. It's a great way for you to really join God in His mission to redeem the world. Sign up for the StuMin texts (more info at the top left) for info about signing up to pack meals.

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

Parents! Family Fundraising Accounts help you raise funds through physical 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 visit lccstudents.com/parents.





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Glad you came! Come back soon!

Thanks to all of the grandmas and grandpas who visited with us on Grandparents Day! We loved having you visit, and hope to see you again soon. Here's just a few fun pictures!



>>>OCTOBER 5, 6:30—8:00 pm

Meet me at Top Hat and bring your teacher! We'll celebrate National Do Something Nice and National Teacher Day at the same time! Bring your teacher and we will buy you and your teacher a scoop. If your teacher can't come, come anyway and get your scoop!



>>>OCTOBER 15, 10 am—12 pm

Meet me at the Patch Day! Explore with Miss Marcia at Gail's Pumpkin Patch in Beason!

KIDS CLUB FOOD TRUCK PARTY PART 2
Kids K-4th Grade

We've had so much fun at Food Truck Party Part 2, and there's more to come! We are about to finish the first part of our study about the Fruits of the Spirit (on September 28). Our second series will be October 26, November 2, 9, 16. Then we will dive into the last five Fruits of the Spirit! There's plenty of room for you to join us on Wednesday evenings from 6:30-7:45 pm. You can register online or when you arrive. Each time we will have more fun learning what the Bible says with interactive Bible stories, skits, games, crafts and more. It's sure to be wild and wacky as we **discover** what the Bible has to say and what it means to us today!



FUN AT THE PARK!

The rain came, but we played anyway!!! Here's a few snapshots of the day. Make sure to join us for more fun upcoming events (see column to the left)!



LCC Preschool's sliding right in to our fun Fall semester!



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**The 50-Year Reunion Concert for Good News
is now May 27-28, 2023!**

Plan to join us Saturday and Sunday, May 27-28, 2023!
All former Good News students, sponsors, directors, and
youth ministers, go to lincolnchristianchurch.org/GN50
to update your contact info, tell us when you were in GN,
share memories and photos, and keep up to date
with all of the details!



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GLOBAL IMPACT

TCM began as a church planting organization in 1957. In 1961, TCM began offering assistance to churches and pastors behind the Iron Curtain, providing them with food, clothing, Bibles, and other Christian literature. Responding to the changing needs in a post-Soviet environment, TCM transitioned to a ministry training institute in 1991, offering graduate degrees in practical theology to Christian leaders, believing that equipping national leaders is an affordable, practical, and strategic path to carrying out the Great Commission.



TCM's offices in the United States are in Indianapolis, Indiana, and its main European campus, Haus Edelweiss, is in Austria. Incremental and consistent growth has taken the ministry in the last eight years from a student enrollment of 1,232 to one of over 2,000 and from a vision that focused on Eastern Europe and Central Asia to a vision that encompasses any nation in the world, wherever the Lord leads.

Fred Hansen began working with TCM January 1, 2012 as Assistant Professor of Biblical Studies and Global Outreach Representative. He teaches courses from both the Old and New Testaments, including introductory courses in biblical languages. When he is not teaching in Europe, he and his wife Cindy and children Madeline and Parker reside in Minnesota. There Fred travels in the Midwest to meet with churches and individuals to raise awareness of TCM's ministry as well as to establish and deepen partnerships. Cindy continues to serve children and families through her roles as principal of Pine Island Elementary School and adjunct faculty member at Bethel University. Madeline is a sophomore at Harding University double majoring in Bible and political science with plans to go to law school. Parker is finishing his senior year in high school before heading to Harding next fall to study molecular biology and biochemistry.

Please keep Fred in your prayers as he has a vigorous teaching load this fall. Ask God to protect his health and his family while he is away.

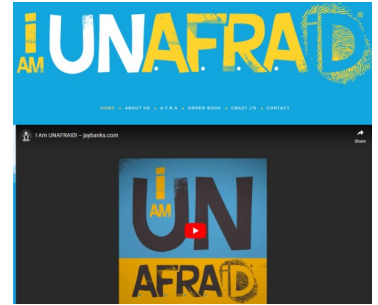


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LOCAL IMPACT

iamunafraid.com



The "I Am UnAFRAid" anti-bullying program came to elementary schools in Lincoln, funded by Lincoln Christian Church, thank you!

Dr. Jay Banks (speaker), stated "I saw a piece of research that said about 85 to 90 percent of the students who commit violent crimes in school were bullied. Now, it is not an excuse for what they did. Absolutely not an excuse. So, this program is not just important in creating safe classrooms, but it may save some lives."

Bank says, "It's a self-empowerment program that teaches them how to be empowered via a research-based acronym which is unA.F.R.A.id." It teaches kids to:

- 👉 Avoid bullies
- 👉 Find a friend
- 👉 Report bullying
- 👉 Act confidently

All three schools, Central Elementary, West Lincoln-Broadwell, and Chester-East Lincoln, gave nothing but the highest praise for this program!

Thank you for your support, financially and prayerfully, to LCC's Local Impact Team throughout the year!

Larry Simonson, L.I. Team Leader

For more information and details on any of Lincoln Christian Church's missionaries or ministries, please contact us from the information below that is most convenient for you:

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Harvest of Talents



Because we have a guaranteed HOPE as God's children, we make choices of faith as we continue the Harvest of Talents with confidence, resting in HIS wisdom and power. Thank you for helping 'build bridges of hope in Jesus' name' through the Harvest ministry and for joining us in celebrating the 39th Harvest!

Volunteers are needed and appreciated ~

- ✂ to make candy for the Candy Booth
(Call Judy at 217-871-1387)
- ✂ to help make breakfast rolls, no experience necessary
(Call Jackson at 217-314-0740)
- ✂ to help greet guests at the entry doors
- ✂ to help set up, decorate, and clean up
- ✂ to donate beautiful fall decorations
for outdoor/indoor use
- ✂ to donate handcrafted items suitable for gift-giving
(nothing used or needing cleaning/repair)
- ✂ to donate vintage linens in excellent condition
- ✂ to make fresh baked goods (including pies)
from your favorite recipes
- ✂ to help create a 'Photo-Op' area
- ✂ to help design/layout a prayer labyrinth

Check-in donated items at the Welcome Center:

- ✂ Tue, Oct 18, 4-7 pm
- ✂ Wed, Oct 19, 12-7 pm
- ✂ Thu, Oct 20, 12-7 pm
(Need all handcrafted items by this date, please)
- ✂ Fri, Oct 21, 9-7 pm (Fresh baked goods, and
last-minute donations from out-of-town)

Thank you for your faithful support and prayers!

- ✂ 30 Days of Prayer Calendar; copies at the
Welcome Center and online
- ✂ Filling a blue IDES Fish Bank and turning it in
before October 22
- ✂ Your Monetary Donations of any size; every
penny spent at Harvest goes for hunger relief!

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