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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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## CHOCOLATE COVERED PRETZELS!!

*Available Feb. 5 & 12 in the Family Room  
Prepackaged! 1 for \$1 OR 6 for \$5*

*Proceeds benefit the LCC PRESCHOOL*



## DADDY DAUGHTER Dance

For princesses 3 to 103 and dads  
Friday, March 10  
Lincoln Christian Church  
Fellowship Center

**SAVE THE DATE!**  
More details coming soon!



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## PREACHING MINISTRY

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### Contrast

Imagine with me: an evening in our home, two grandkids, Papa and Bonbon, and a storm. There were loud booms of the thunder and bright flashes of lightning and two little, scared kids cuddled up to my wife. I sat alone and across the room (no one cared to cuddle and calm me). Grandma Bonbon doing her best to still the anxiety of our grandchildren, suddenly spoke a contrast into their young minds. "You guys are scared, but look at Papa, he's not scared. Don't you want to be more like Papa?" To which the youngest answered, "No way...he's old!" (I'll remember that, kid, when your birthday rolls around!)

Jesus, the master storyteller, often used contrast to make his point. Much of his life in the Gospel of Luke is a story that moves from one contrast to another. For example, during a dinner, Simon the Pharisee, with all his pride and judgment, is suddenly contrasted by a sinful woman who is broken and humble. Jesus often used contrasting figures to teach us to put a mirror up against us and ask us, "Which one is more like you?" It is a master way of teaching.

More? Jesus' use of light versus darkness. Good and evil! Things of worth versus things that are worthless. The wise and foolish builder... one builds on rock and one on sand. (Is there anyone reading this that thinks this is going to work out for the builder on the sand?) Jesus used these contrasts to make his sayings more vivid and memorable. He also uses them to add layers of subtle meaning.

Another example would be the two thieves on the cross. One is trying to side with the crowds by joining their verbal abuse of Jesus. The other wants to connect to Jesus and get the life after. Following the crowd is contrasted with standing apart from others. "Which one is more like you?"

There are several more. Why does Jesus do this? Why is this needed for my spiritual journey?

Our February and March series will answer these questions. This series on "Contrast" will take us deep into the teachings of Jesus, and hopefully change us in profound ways. My excitement level is high for this series. Please join us!

### Upcoming Sermon Series: Contrast



02/05	Simon the Pharisee vs. Sinful Woman	Luke 7
02/12	Priest and Levite vs. Good Samaritan	Luke 10
02/19	Martha vs. Mary	Luke 10
02/26	The Elder Son vs. The Prodigal	Luke 15

**JOLLY SENIORS MEETING**

**DATE:** Wednesday, February 22, 2023  
(Back to our usual meeting on the 4th Wed. of the month!)  
@ 10:00 am – 12:30 pm

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

**PROGRAM:** Dick Skelton & Shirley Klink!

**DEVOTION:** Mark Weber!

**LUNCH ENTRÉE:** Baked Chicken from Guzzardo's! \*  
\*Remember to bring sweets to share!

**NEXT MEETING:** Wednesday, March 22, 2023 @10am!

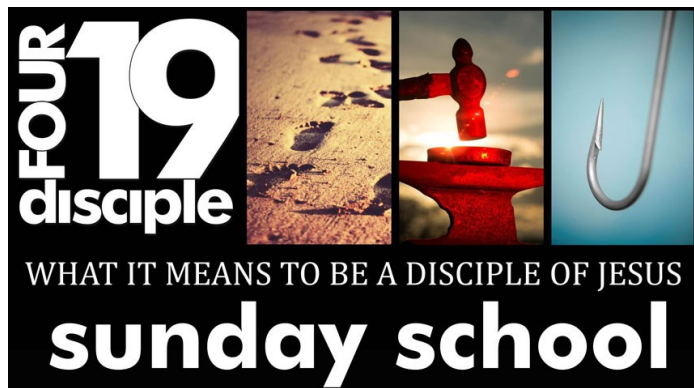




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### Sunday School

A great first place to connect with new friends and to learn the Bible is one of our five adult Sunday School Classes at 9:30 am. We have classes for all adults! Stop by the Welcome Center or visit:

[lincolinchristianchurch.org/connect](http://lincolinchristianchurch.org/connect)

#### Beacons

Senior Adults  
Meets in Room #15  
Current Topic: Standard Lesson Series

#### Crusaders

Empty-Nesters  
Meets in Room #16  
Current Topic: Galatians

#### Encouragers

Senior Adults  
Meets in Family Room #1  
Current Topic: Acts of the Apostles

#### Lamb Seekers

Mixed Ages  
Meets in Room #304  
Current Topic: Revelation

#### The Open Door

School-Age Families  
Meets in Room #305  
Current Topic: Faith in the Workplace

### Offering Envelopes/Boxes

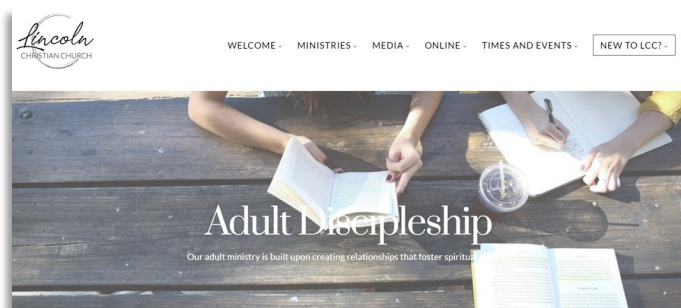
If you've used designated offering envelopes in the past and haven't picked them up, please stop by the church office! If you'd like to have a box of offering envelopes, please email our Financial Secretary at:

[linda.mourning@lincolinchristianchurch.org](mailto:linda.mourning@lincolinchristianchurch.org)

### 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, landscape team, handyman team, and many more. Information available at:

[lincolinchristianchurch.org/serve](http://lincolinchristianchurch.org/serve)



### Adult Discipleship Website

For the latest information on the adult discipleship ministry, check out the website:

[lincolinchristianchurch.org/next](http://lincolinchristianchurch.org/next)



### No Regrets Men's Conference

**Pursue Men's Retreat & Cornhole Tourney Sponsored by Men on Fire**  
**February 4, 2023 8:00 am—3:00 pm Cost \$20**

Join us for a morning of study of God's word and an afternoon of (semi-competitive :- ) cornhole tournament! As we gather for this simulcast, we will explore exactly how to build your life on the solid foundation of God and His Word. There will be group worship, compelling messages from leading pastors and teachers, testimonies of how other men have done it and lively discussion of relevant topics. Take advantage of this day to avoid the distractions of life and renew your dependence on Christ, the solid rock on which we stand. Sign up online at:

[lincolinchristianchurch.org/events](http://lincolinchristianchurch.org/events)



## STUDENT MINISTRY

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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>.



### Spring Calendar

Head to [lccstudents.com/events](http://lccstudents.com/events) to see the Student Ministry Calendar. Pick up a hard copy at the Student Info Desk in the Family Room!



### High School Super Bowl Party

Come watch the Big Game with us on our MASSIVE 20x12 foot screen at LCC. We'll have yummy food, games, Ping-Pong, 9 Square, and more! Sunday, February 12 from 5-9 pm. \$7 at the door.



### Presidents' Day Dodgeball Tournament

Monday, February 20, we'll have a 6 on 6 Dodgeball Tournament in honor of our Presidents. Show up with a team or without one! We will make teams on the spot too. We also will serve lunch! \$5 per person at the door.

Jr. High (5-8th) 10:00 am – 12:30 pm  
High School (9-12th) 12:00 pm – 2:00 pm



### Current 8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Graders

Hey 8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Grade students, CIY Move is Monday-Saturday, July 10-15!

Wheaton, IL

Theme: **NEVERTHELESS**

Verse: Galatians 2:20

\$415 plus 3 meals. **Non-Refundable deposit of \$130** due Sunday, February 19.

### Scholarships for Move

8<sup>th</sup> Grade Students who attended *OnMission* this fall can apply for a scholarship for \$100 for Move. That means that what you paid for *OnMission* is taken off the cost for Move. How sweet is that?

### Read Books, Raise Money for Move

Every High School Student can raise money for Move by reading a book from the Student Ministry Bookshelf and writing a 1-page reflection. \$15 per book and you can read up to 4 books! That's \$60 off the price of Move! The Student Ministry Bookshelf is at Fuel and the Gathering.

### Need Money for Trips?

#### Buy Gift Cards, Earn Cash Back!

Families! Family Fund-raising Accounts help you raise funds through physical gift cards or on-



line 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:

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# UPcoming EVENTS

## CRAZZZZY HAT DAY!

Take a look at all the fun we had on Crazzzy Hat Day! There were lots of smiles all around. Pastor Ron even joined the fun! The best part is that kids (even with crazy hats on) were spending time with friends learning to know and follow Jesus!



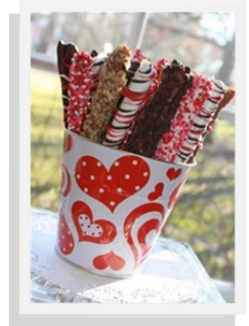
## Valentine Party!

Wednesday, February 8

Plan to join us for a Family Fun Night at Guest House! There will be treats for kids and a special coffee for parents. There will be valentine activities for families to complete together. Make sure to invite some friends to join you; they will receive the same treats! Watch for details to come.

## Valentine Pretzels Are Here! Sundays, February 5 and 12

LCC Preschool will offer chocolate covered Valentine Pretzels on Sunday mornings February 5 and 12. Make sure to get some for that someone special, or for someone you would like to show some appreciation! They are yummy and go fast! Pretzels will be packaged for convenient pickup. All proceeds will benefit LCC Preschool.



## How do I become a Christian?



## 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Graders

Sign up for Becoming a Christian Class starting in March! Classes will take place on Mondays, March 6, 13, 20, & 27 from 3:30–5:00 pm in Room 119. We will discover the problem of sin and God's plan for us. Kids will discover what being a disciple of Jesus means and more. To sign up, email Miss Marcia at:

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## WORSHIP MINISTRY

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50-Year Reunion Concert for GOOD NEWS Saturday and Sunday, May 27-28, 2023! Registration is now open, so please visit [lincolnchristianchurch.org/gn50](http://lincolnchristianchurch.org/gn50) to register for the event (step 2). By registering, you'll let us know you are coming, what vocal part you'll be singing in the Reunion Choir, reserve your choice of concert riser (standing or limited seated risers), all free! Once you have registered for the event on step 2, you'll receive a link to download the printed music we'll be singing and listen to the songs. Register today and tell your fellow GOOD NEWS alumni you are coming and they should too!

REGISTRATION IS  
NOW OPEN!

VISIT  
[LINCOLNCHRISTIANCHURCH.ORG/GN50](http://LINCOLNCHRISTIANCHURCH.ORG/GN50)  
TO REGISTER (STEP 2)  
TO LET US KNOW  
YOU ARE COMING!



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OF  
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MAY 27-28, 2023



Sunday | May 28, 2023

6:00 pm

Lincoln Christian Church

204 N McLean St | Lincoln, Illinois

**The Ultimate All-You-Can-Eat Breakfast Fundraiser**  
benefitting **GOOD NEWS & heartsong**

**Saturday, March 4**  
**7:00 am to 12:00 pm**

Adults - \$12

Kids (ages 4-11) - \$5

*Get your tickets from any  
Good News or HeartSong student  
or from the church office*





## GLOBAL IMPACT

### January Spotlight—

#### Johnny & Janelle

Johnny & Janelle and their precious children (Will, Hope, & Zoe), moved to a neighboring country in Southeast Asia near the nation where they used to live this past fall. Johnny continues to work full-time with an entrepreneurial training program that helps young people to start small businesses that provide an income for their families. Janelle is homeschooling their children, and everyone is adjusting to living in a new location and culture.

Please pray that God will fill their family with His strength, wisdom, and joy as they continue to transition to living and ministering overseas in this new location with many changes and challenges. Keep Johnny, his teammates, and their families in prayer for safety and favor with authorities as they often travel between countries. Join in asking the Lord to bring His peace, justice, restoration, and healing to the people of the nation they dearly love and served in for 10 years before there was a traumatic change in the government. We thank God for what He is doing through their team, the business training program, and this season for their family!



## Thank You!

The Global Impact Ministry Team would like to extend heartfelt thanks and appreciation to Janet Shaw and Pat Snyder for their decades of tireless service to God, Lincoln Christian Church and our missionaries. We will miss having the two of you on the team and pray that God will continue to bless both of you and your ministries and service to God.

LCC's Global Impact Ministry Team Members:

Barb Messner (Leader), Jeff Manuel (Elder Liaison),  
Kim Ayars, Lindy Manuel, Jacob Payne,  
Carolyn Neal, and Leslie Starasta

## LOCAL IMPACT

### Christmas Eve Offering

**\$10,282!**



Thank you, Church, for your very generous Christmas Eve Offering! One hundred percent of this offering will be used to help folks in the Lincoln area who are in need because of a variety of reasons. This is the largest Christmas Eve offering we have ever received! Because of budget cuts, this is a tremendous blessing. Our Local Impact Ministry Team was really concerned about the number of families we would not be able to help in 2023. Because of your generosity, we should be able to help a majority of those with a true need!

Some of the requests we receive are for help with utilities, rent, medical bills, food, car repairs, and clothes. God's word is very clear: if you see someone with a need and we are able, we are to help them. Thank you for helping to make this possible.

LCC's Local Impact Ministry Team Members:

Larry Simonson (Leader), Chuck McFadden (Elder Liaison), Karrie Funk, Cathy Huerd, Ron Keller, Carolene Leslie, and David Marten

For more 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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## LCC Elders 2023

#	First Name	Last Name
1	Kenny	Golden
2	Ben	Roland
3	Tom	Mauhar
4	Will	D'Andrea
5	Jeff	Wunderlin
6	Paul	Bone
7	Jeff	Davison
8	Brad	Neal
9	Jeff	Manuel
10	Chuck	McFadden
11	Aaron	Roemer
12	Jim	Allen



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Thanks so much!



### The Christian Call

Our monthly newsletter is one way we keep you informed! Hear from Pastor Ron about upcoming messages  
series or from our other staff about what is coming up next in their ministries.



### E-Newsletter

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