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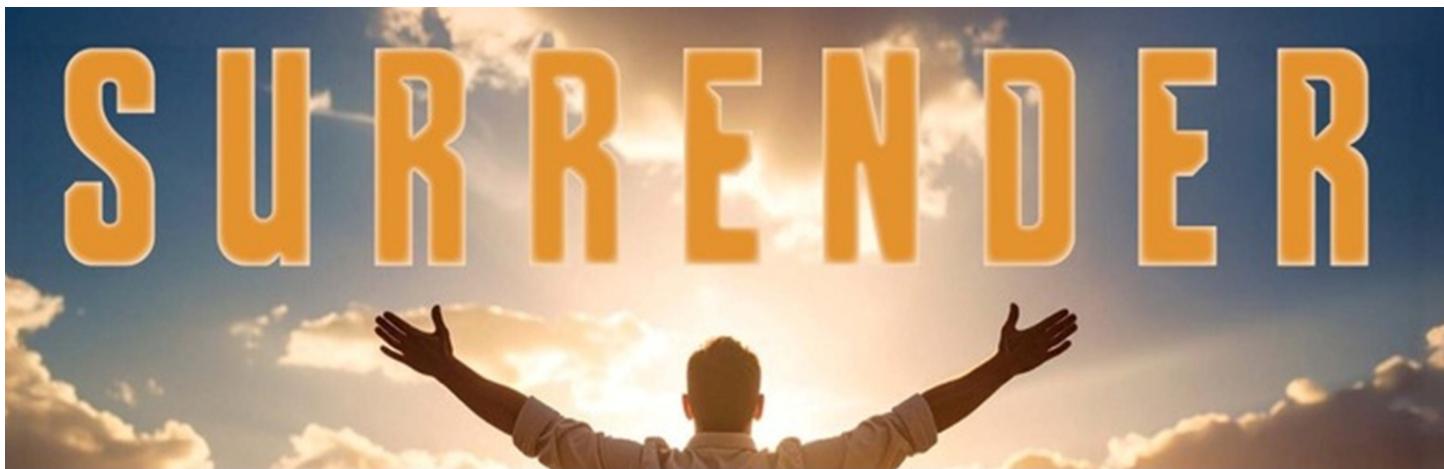
GOD FAMILY OTHERS

# The *Christian* Call

## Worship Services

- 8:15 am | Sanctuary
- 8:15 am | Fellowship Center
- 9:30 am | Fellowship Center
- 10:45 am | Fellowship Center

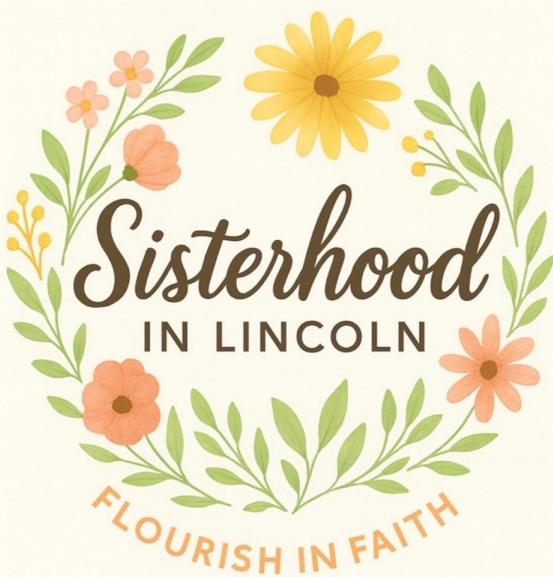
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No Regrets Men's Retreat Conference & Cornhole Tourney sponsored by Men on Fire

February 7 | 8am - 3pm Cost: \$25 @ Lincoln Christian Church, 204 N McLean St

To sign up visit: [lincolncchristianchurch.org/events](http://lincolncchristianchurch.org/events)



Friday, March 27, 6:00 - 9:00 pm  
Lincoln Christian Church Fellowship Center  
\$25 (light dinner included)



**Register today!**  
[lincolncchristianchurch.org/events](http://lincolncchristianchurch.org/events)



An evening of encouragement, connection,  
and faith for women (high school and older)  
**with guest speaker, Candace Payne**



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## PREACHING MINISTRY

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### Dinner with Jesus

Have you ever accepted an invitation to someone's home expecting dinner and they expected that you ate before you arrived? I have! A sweet family invited Bonnie and me in, and asked us to sit down. The conversation began and went on and on and on. I started asking, "We're not burning anything in the kitchen are we?" (I was starving). Our hosts offered drinks . . . water!

When they left to prepare the drinks, I whispered to Bonnie, "I don't think they're going to feed us."

She responded quickly, "Shhh."

"But I'm hungry," I whispered back.

She said it again, "Shhh!!!!"

They returned with the water, sat down, and the conversation continued. When we left that night, we thanked them for everything . . . water! And we headed straight to McDonalds!

We are going to enter a unique sermon series entitled, "Dinner with Jesus." Throughout the Gospels, numerous stories are shared of Jesus dining with people. In just about every one of them, Jesus reveals a part of who He is, and He also reveals a part of who His host is.

Imagine. Dinner with Jesus. There are several who had that experience. The dinner table is a place for stories, laughter, friendship, family, and honest conversation. When Jesus was at the dinner table, He shared more than just meals. He shared grace. He shared wisdom. He shared a closer look at who He was. Jesus had dinner with His disciples, dinner with friends, dinner with skeptics, dinner with the unclean, dinner with the elite, dinner with His enemies, and even dinner with His betrayer. If you could have a meal with Jesus, what would you take away about Him? Even more, what would we learn about ourselves?

This series isn't just about meals; it's about the transformative encounters that happen when we make space for Jesus in our lives. Each meal becomes a window into His heart and ours. Jesus shows us the beauty of connection—with God and with one another. Welcome to dinner with Jesus! This is going to be amazing!



### New Sermon Series

1/25	Wedding at Cana	Jn 2:2-12
2/1	Jesus and Levi	Lk 5:27-32
2/8	Jesus and the Pharisees	Lk 11:37-44
2/15	Jesus, Mary, and Martha	Lk 10:38-42
2/22	Jesus, Pharisee, Sinful Woman	Lk 7:36-50
3/1	Jesus and the Pharisee	Lk 14:1-14
3/8	Jesus Great Banquet	Lk 14:15-24
3/15	Jesus and Zacchaeus	Lk 19:1-10
3/22	Jesus and the Last Supper	Mt 26:17-30
3/29	Jesus and the Disciples	Jn 21:1-17
4/5	Jesus and the Marriage Supper	Rev 19:7-9



## Jolly Seniors

**Wednesday, February 25**

10 am - 12:30 pm

Lincoln Christian Church  
Fellowship Center

Program: Robert Sampson

Devotions: Mark Weber

Lunch: Baked Chicken from Guzzardo's  
Suggested donation \$4

Please bring cookies or  
sweet treats to share!



### Welcome New Members

By Baptism



1/18 The Kennett Family: George, Ashley, Audrina, Eden; Winter Schafer; Harper and Paisley Gilmer; Jake Fuller



## ADULT MINISTRY

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### 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, or for those who have spiritual questions. Hosted by Brandon Boyd, Minister of Adult Discipleship.

Register at [lincolnchristianchurch.org/events](http://lincolnchristianchurch.org/events).

### Workcamp for Lincoln 2026

is just a few months away. Teenagers from all over the country will be coming to Logan County this summer, June 21-27.

We need more homes for these 300 students to repair.

Free materials.  
Free Labor.

Apply today at [workcampforlincoln.com](http://workcampforlincoln.com).

Call Todd Henry, 217.871.3515 with any questions, or for help with the online application.



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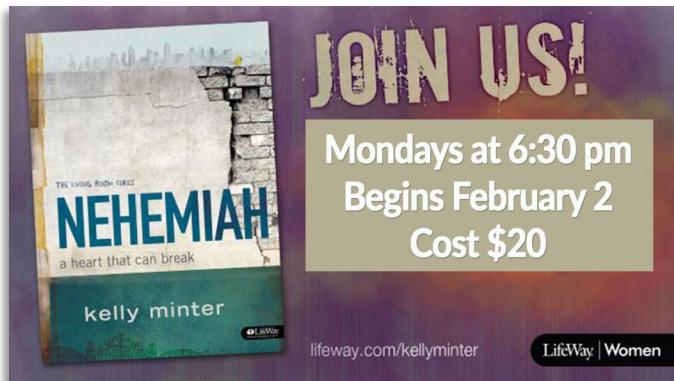
ROMANS 12:1

# SURRENDER



### Men's Retreat Presented by Men on Fire

Join us for a morning of study of God's word and an afternoon of (semi-competitive 😊) cornhole on Saturday, February 7. See more info on front cover. Sign up at [lincolnchristianchurch.org/events](http://lincolnchristianchurch.org/events).



### Ladies Bible Study

Ladies Bible Study resumes Monday, February 2, at 6:30 pm. This semester's study is Nehemiah: A Heart That Can Break by Kelly Minter. The cost for the book is \$20. Join with ladies from around the community in building friendships and Bible knowledge.



### Board Game Night

Calling all adults! Carve out an evening for fun, and come and play board games and build friendships! Join us on Friday, March 6, from 6:30-8:30 pm. Bring your favorite board game to share. Adults only—no child care available.



## STUDENT MINISTRY

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**Student Ministry Website**  
[lccstudents.com](http://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>.

### Spring Calendar

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



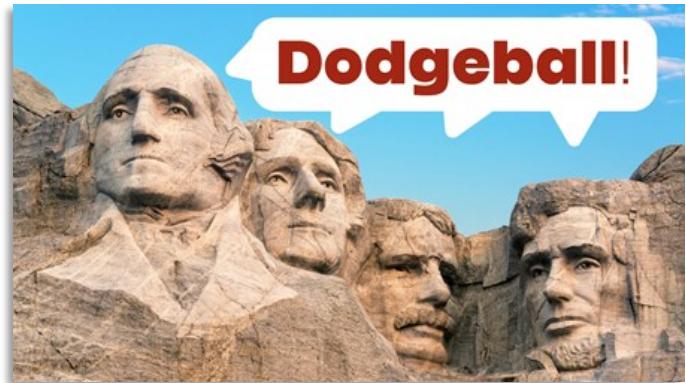
### High School Super Bowl Party

Come watch the Big Game with us on our MASSIVE 20x12 ft screen at the church building! We'll also have yummy food, games, Ping-Pong, Nine Square, and more! February 8, 5:00-9:30 pm. Cost is \$10.

### Need Money for Trips?

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

The Family Fundraising program helps you raise funds through physical Walmart gift cards or other online gift cards that earn cash back rebates for you to use for trips. You pay for the value of the card and a percentage of that money goes into your account at the Church. You can buy gift cards at the Student Info Desk in the Family Room or online. For more info, please visit the Student Info Desk or go to [lccstudents.com/parents](http://lccstudents.com/parents).



### President's Day Dodgeball Tournament

On February 16, we will have a 6 on 6 Dodgeball Tournament in honor of our Presidents. This is for 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Graders, from 12:00 to 2:00 pm. Show up with a team or without one. We will make teams on the spot, too. \$5 per person.



### Current 8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Grade Students

Hey, 8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Graders,  
Move is July 6-11.

We're going to Wheaton, Illinois. They cost is \$470, plus 3 meals. Your **non-refundable deposit of \$160** is due on Sunday, February 22.

#### Scholarships for Move

8<sup>th</sup> Grade Students can apply for a \$100 scholarship for Move. Applications can be picked up at the Student Info Desk in the Family Room.

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





## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

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Get ready for a month filled with salty treats, happy feet, lots of smiles, and hearts filled with joy! Our church has two exciting events in February that remind us how fun it is to be part of a community that helps us grow in faith and gives us opportunities to fellowship together. This month we have The Lincoln Christian Church Preschool's Annual Pretzel Fundraiser and our Fifth Annual Daddy Daughter Dance.

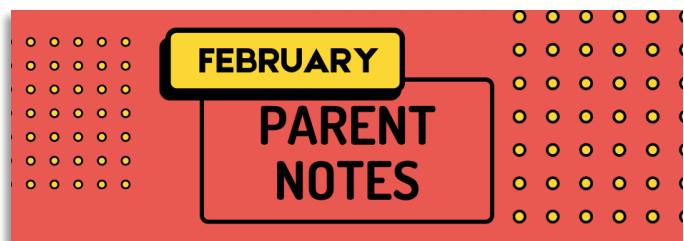


The pretzel fundraiser is a delicious way to support our awesome preschool! It amazes me how supportive our church family is every year during this event. We always sell out! The money from this fundraiser helps keep our preschool going. I am reminded again and again that God takes the simplest things, like pretzels, and does amazing things. Don't forget to bring cash on the February 8 and February 15 so you can purchase your bags of pretzels. They are \$5 for a bag of five or \$1 per pretzel. Thank you all so much for helping make this event a success each year!



As parents, we know how quickly seasons fly by and how meaningful the moments are in between. The much anticipated Daddy Daughter Dance is a sweet evening—an example of one of those moments before a season flies by and our little princesses are off to college. The Daddy Daughter Dance is designed to give fathers (or father figures) and daughters a chance to slow down, connect, and create lasting memories. It is an opportunity to show our daughters how they should be treated as they grow older. So dads, take this opportunity, help choose the dress, buy some flowers, take them to dinner (we are partnering with Guzzardo's Italian Villa again), and step out onto the dance floor together. These moments speak volumes to our daughters about love, attention, and worth. It's a beautiful reflection of God's love for us—steadfast, joyful, and full of grace.

**Thank you, parents,** for partnering with us, for supporting these events, and for investing in moments that will point our children, and those in our community, to our Heavenly Father long after the music fades and the pretzels are gone. Thank you.



1. Please pray for these two events this month.
2. Please pray for our Sunday school teachers and the impact they have on their Sunday morning classes.
3. Please pray that every kiddo that steps foot in our ministry feels seen, loved, and valued and that we can point them all to Jesus.
4. We have a need for more glue sticks and markers. If you're able to donate these items, please let me know.



## WORSHIP MINISTRY

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- Good Friday, April 3, 7:00 pm  
"Journey to the Cross"
- HeartSong Home Concert is Sunday, April 19, 4:00 pm
- Kids Choirs Musical, "The S.A.L.T. Company" is Sunday, May 3, 6:00 pm
- Good News Home Concert is Monday, June 8, 7:00 pm

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

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

at Lincoln Christian Church, 204 N. McLean St.  
All-You-Can-Eat Menu includes:

Pancakes, Bacon, Sausage, Scrambled Eggs  
Biscuits and Gravy  
Fried Potatoes

**Adults - \$12**

**Kids (ages 4 - 11) - \$5**

Tickets available from any Good News or  
HeartSong student through Mar 1.  
Tickets available at the door.



## GLOBAL IMPACT



Christ in Youth, more commonly known as CIY, is a premier organization that partners with churches to provide life-changing events for youth. In their over 50 years in existence, CIY has grown from Move, their signature summer event for high schoolers, to a host of events for pre-teens through young adults and resources for youth ministers. In addition to events in the U.S., CIY hosts events internationally and sponsors mission trips for high school youth. All their events focus on calling young people to be Kingdom Workers.

Lincoln Christian Church regularly sends students to participate in CIY SuperStart for 5th graders (January 30-31 in Normal, IL) and the high school summer Move conference (July 6-11 in Wheaton, IL). Many individuals at Lincoln Christian Church and other congregations point to CIY as a transformative experience in their walk with Christ.

In addition to their signature events, CIY also provides a variety of resources to continue to support students as they become Kingdom Workers. During summer 2025, CIY launched their new Follow Through app which helps connect students who make decisions at a CIY event with mentors and practical steps to continue growing as disciples.

Our church's financial support of CIY helps to support not only our own youth, but youth around the world as they decide to not just follow Christ but to be all in as Kingdom Workers. Your prayer support for CIY leaders and volunteers as they plan and create these amazing events and specifically for youth who attend is crucial to their impact.

Note: Registration for summer Move is due by February 22. See more details on the Student Ministry page.

Leslie Starasta, Global Impact Team Leader



## LOCAL IMPACT

**\$17,008.00**

Praise God!



Thank you, church family, for your generous

Christmas Eve offering. This year's offering is another record breaking "Love Our Community" offering—the most we've ever received! 100% of these funds will be used to help folks in the Lincoln area who are in need because of a variety of reasons. Our Local Impact Ministry Team is very excited, because this will make it possible for us to help many families in 2026.

The most common requests we receive are for help with electricity, water, sewer, rent, medical bills, food, car repairs, and clothing. God's Word is very clear—if we see someone with a need and have the ability to help, we must help them. Thank you for helping make it possible for Lincoln Christian Church to make a local impact for those in need.

LCC's Local Impact Ministry Team Members: Karrie Funk, Cathy Huerd, Ron Keller, David Martin, Anna Seefeldt, and Larry Simonson, Team Leader.

### Widows of Wisdom

WOW will meet Friday, February 6, at 11:30 am in room 15 at the church building. We will have a soup and Valentine luncheon. Bring a friend! RSVP to Reva (217.828.0924) or to Sharon (217.777.9834).



### 2026 Elders

The leaders below have been chosen to serve Lincoln Christian Church as Elders this year:

Jim Allen  
Paul Bone  
Will D'Andrea  
Jeff Davison  
Jeff Manuel  
Brian Messner  
Brad Neal, Elder Chair  
Brian Spencer  
Jeff Wunderlin



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## ~ SAVE THE DATE ~ Harvest of Talents Spring for Tea

Saturday, April 18  
11:30 am  
LCC Fellowship Center

More details to come soon!

Funds raised by this  
Harvest of Talents event  
provide global hunger relief



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