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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

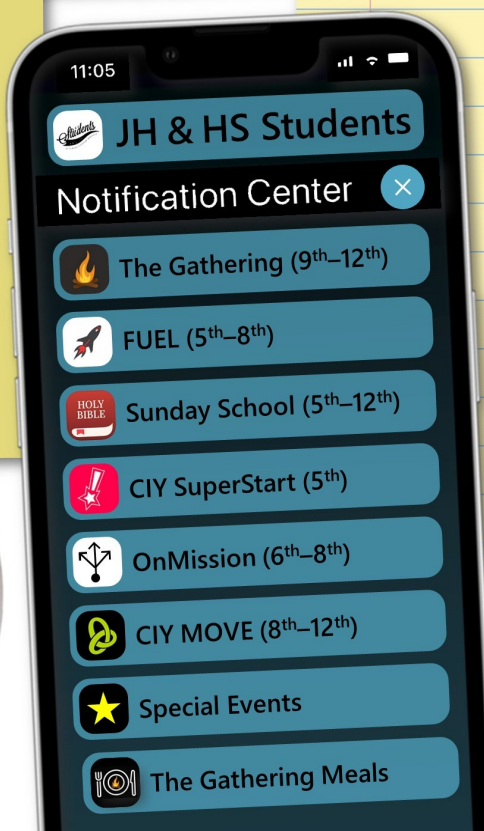
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fall MINISTRY SIGN UPS

August 17 and August 24

KIDS MINISTRY

Kids Sunday School
Kids Sunday Worship
Kids Club
Weekday Preschool
Special Events



ADULT DISCIPLESHIP

Life Groups
Sunday School
Men on Fire
Ladies Bible Study
Local Impact Ministry Team
Global Impact Ministry Team
Harvest of Talents

WORSHIP MINISTRY

*Good News (9th-12th)
*HeartSong (5th-8th)
*Kids Choirs (3yrs-4th)
Sanctuary Choir
FC Worship Band
FC Vocal Team
Tech Team
Handbells
Instrumentalists

*Open enrollment thru
September 28, 2025



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PREACHING MINISTRY

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Prepare to Leave

Before a long trip, I start packing early. Before my recent vacation, I was gathering things and packing well in advance. Putting things off has never served me well. If I feel unprepared, it begins to affect me by causing strange dreams and sleeplessness.

That's why I have to attack my sermon preparation early; I'm usually 90% done with my sermon by Tuesday evening. It allows me to sleep peacefully. I'm the same way before a trip. This idea isn't hard to apply to our spiritual lives is it?

Are we prepared to leave? Or are we telling ourselves we've got plenty of time and waiting until the last minute to pack? It is interesting how many of us PROCRASTINATE even when we KNOW the time of our departure. We often do the same in our spiritual journey. What are we waiting for?

Some have suggested there is a sin of procrastination—"putting off doing something." It may not be very significant in little things. But in the spiritual realm, putting off important things can cause immense consequences.

In the Old Testament, the Lord often accused the Israelites of putting important things off, ignoring His interest for their own. They ignored the House of the Lord. They ignored the work of the Lord. They ignored the people of the Lord. Their procrastination brought many consequences down on them.

During Jesus' ministry, he did much to prepare his followers for his departure. He told them to spread the word, to do the ministry, to teach and to baptize, when He was gone.

In our upcoming series, we will begin to make sure we are prepared to leave—to make sure we are ready to follow Jesus, ready to take our faith to others, ready to step out of this world and into the next.

Prepare to Leave is a special short series to evaluate our preparedness for ministry to those around us. This is not the time to be caught putting things off, to be caught procrastinating; it's time to **Prepare to Leave**.



Upcoming Series

8/10	Leave the Boat	Faith
8/17	Leave the Crowds	Follow
8/24	Leave the 99 Sheep	Evangelism
8/31	Leave this Earth	Death

Jolly Seniors

Wednesday, August 27

10 am – 12:30 pm

Fellowship Center



Program: Salty Strings
Devotions: Jeff Mayfield
Lunch: Guzzardo's Choice
suggested donation \$4

Please bring cookies or sweet treats to share!



Family Section

Welcome
New Members
by Baptism

5/25	Charlotte Roland, Thalia Turner
6/1	Emma Melton
6/22	Kyle Marten
6/29	Devon Rempe
7/10	Logan Burger
7/11	Julius Siltman
7/12	Karoline Finley
7/13	Ellie Hake, Abbie Snellen



ADULT MINISTRY

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Build Faith & Friendships In a *LifeGroup*!

LifeGroups are groups of three to ten people who meet together, usually in a home or at a restaurant. Groups have discussion questions based on Sunday's sermon or other Bible study, pray together, eat snacks, and build friendships.

If you were part of a *LifeGroup* last semester, existing *LifeGroups* resume meeting the week of September 7. If you are *new to LifeGroups*, stop by the Adult Discipleship table on August 17 or 24 and fill out a sign-up card. We will work to place you in a group for the fall semester (there's even an option for you to sign up to lead a group of your own choosing!). You can also sign up for a *LifeGroup* at lincolnchristianchurch.org/groups

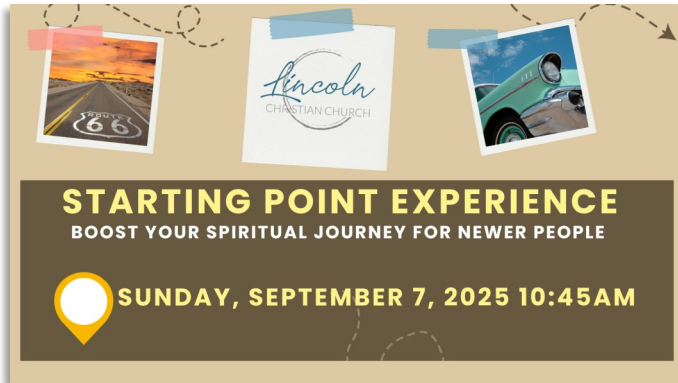
Men On Fire

Join with other men as they study ways to apply the powerful truths of the Bible to daily life. Men on Fire meets Wednesday evenings this fall. Get more information in the Family Room starting August 17 and join the MOF team as they discuss how to live as godly men.



More Information Online

For Information on Groups, Classes, Studies, and Ministry Teams visit our website: lincolnchristianchurch.org/next



Starting Point Experience

Please join us for a one-hour experience where we walk you through 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. No need to register, just make plans to attend in Family Room #1 at 10:45 am. Hosted by Brandon Boyd.



Ladies Bible Study

The fall semester of Ladies Bible Study will explore the series *James: What You Do Matters* by best-selling author Margaret Feinberg. In this five-session study, you will learn about what it means to find the abundant life. Sign up in the Family Room beginning August 17. The cost for the book is \$15. Scholarships are available.

Are you missing any dishes?

Please pick up dishes you've provided for funeral dinners and other gatherings from the kitchen in a timely manner. After thirty days, dishes may be donated or absorbed into our kitchen supplies.

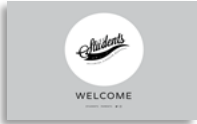




STUDENT MINISTRY

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Student Ministry Website

lccstudents.com

Text Updates from the Student Ministry



Jr. High—text [jhfuel](tel:97000) to 97000

High School—text

[thegathering](tel:97000) 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>.

Welcome 5th Graders!

Hey new 5th Graders! We can't wait for you to join the Student Ministry on August 10, Promotion Sunday!



Fuel (5th-8th Grade Youth Group) starts on Wednesday, August 20, 6:30-8 pm. Our first meeting will be a cookout and dodgeball game that you won't want to miss!



The Gathering (9th-12th Grade Youth Group) starts Sunday August 17, 6-8 pm. We will be kicking off the school year and the fall with an epic dodgeball tournament and cookout. See you there!



CIY MOVE 2025



We had a great week at CIY MOVE at Wheaton College in Wheaton, IL. God is moving in the lives of our students. We had five students decide to be baptized, five students who rededicated their lives to Christ, and five students who felt called to paid ministry in the Church or Mission Field! It was great to see the students grow! Thanks for your support and offerings that make discipleship trips like this possible.

Any student entering high school in the fall of 2026 and their parents are eligible to go to Ecuador in July 2026. We will be serving with Pan De Vida, making life farms, doing service projects, and leading VBS. It is going to be an amazing trip! We will have informational meetings **Sunday, August 3 and Sunday, August 10 at 6:30 pm in Rooms 15-16** if you would like to learn more about this Impact opportunity.

Mission Opportunity



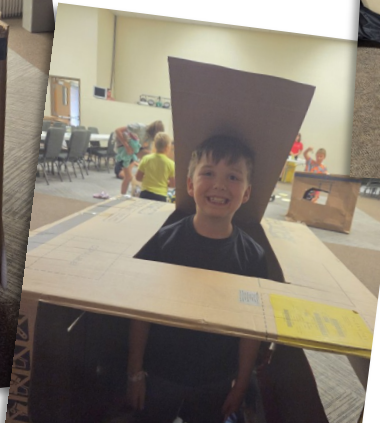


CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

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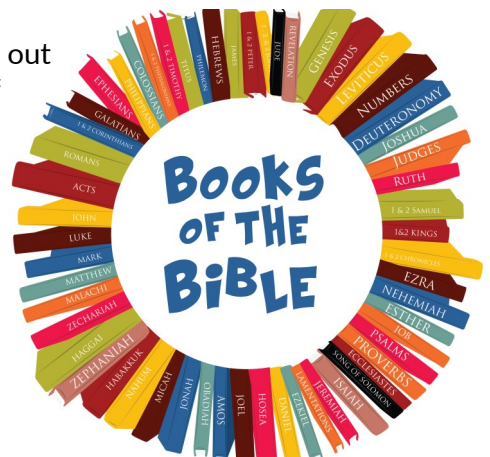
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We have had so much fun this summer!!! Thank you to all those who have helped at our summer events. You are absolutely AWESOME!!! All of our kids enjoy having all of you invest in their lives. Here a few pictures from the Drive-in Movie Night and VBS:



It is beyond amazing seeing our kids laughing and enjoying time together—but most of all, seeing them learn that they are loved and valued by all of us, and that Jesus loves them so much more!!

Be on the look out for the start of **Kids Club**. We will be going through the **WHOLE BIBLE**. It's gonna be **EXCITING!!!**





WORSHIP MINISTRY

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August 17 and August 24

The **Sanctuary Choir** kickoff is Wednesday, Sep. 3, 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. 7, 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 9-16, 2026 to NYC! Invite your friends! Pick up a brochure!

Open enrollment in September and January.

*Laurin will be directing T.R.A.S.H. **Evaluation required

HeartSong is for 5th thru 8th grade students. Kickoff is Sunday, Sep. 7, 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.



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Kids Choirs

Kids Choirs will kickoff on Sunday, Sep. 7, 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 2026. Invite a friend or two or five!

Open enrollment in September and January.

GLOBAL IMPACT

Kerala Evangelistic Christian Mission



Kerala Evangelistic Christian Mission continues to grow God's kingdom in Kerala, India. Felix Mathew reports that the churches are growing. The Indian pastors continue to focus on spiritual growth, leadership development, and unity within their churches. Church planters are also busy planting even more churches. They have identified at least three new areas for church plants, but they expect fierce opposition to the spread of the Gospel. Pray for perseverance, strength, and endurance as they plant the Gospel in these new locations.

While thankful that physical violence against Christians has decreased, there are still many obstacles to following Christ. Those who become Christians must file new paperwork with the government at the police station. Some of the believers have been working for two years to complete the required documents. One enterprising believer used her time waiting in the police station to sing hymns.

Please pray for James Abraham, field director, who needed to have his leg amputated last year. Another pastor, K.C. Joseph, will be assisting James with visits to mission churches and encouraging ministers. Pray for both men as they work together to spread the light of Christ in Kerala.

Pray for Felix Mathew as he is currently visiting the churches and church leaders in Kerala, India. Pray he is able to encourage and support ministers and church planters in this field that is ripe for harvest.



Leslie Starasta
Global Impact Team Leader

**MOVING
SOON?**



Please let us know if your address changes so we can update our mailing lists. You can contact us through the website or by email:

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Thank you for helping us keep you informed about what is going on at Lincoln Christian Church!

LOCAL IMPACT

Christian Child Care

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you! For those of you who do not know us, Christian Child Care, Inc. is one of your Local Impact Missions. We have been a licensed childcare provider for the Lincoln community since 1989. We were founded through a vision from the leadership of five local Christian organizations which deemed quality childcare a high need in Logan County. These founding organizations were: Lincoln Christian Church, Lincoln Christian College and Seminary, Christian Homes Inc., The Christian Village, and Jefferson Street Christian Church. CCC has grown from 19 children on opening day in 1989 to our present enrollment of 102 children. We provide Christ-centered, quality care for children ages six weeks through twelve years old year-round. Our program is nationally accredited through the National Accreditation Commission and we have earned recognition of the highest level of quality childcare as a Gold Circle of Quality designee through the Illinois ExceleRate program. What does all that mean? It means children are supported in the best possible environments, taught by educated teachers who chose children as their passion, and parents are supported so they can work and meet the needs of their families. It also means that there is a connection formed between the parents and teachers. LCC, you help make this happen. These achievements could not have been possible without the generous support of your local impact ministry back in 1989 and still today. Your support is so very important to the children we serve. Your partnership with CCC is a blessing! You are helping your community thrive!



Heather McEvers,
Director of Christian Child Care, Inc.

Widows of Wisdom

WOW will have their next meeting on Friday, August 1 at 11:30 am in Room 15 at Lincoln Christian Church.

All widows are invited to come and learn about a very special quilt that made its way to the World's Fair. Lunch will be provided. Please bring a quilt, or piece of quilt, that you would like to tell us about. RSVP to Sharon (217.737.9834) or Reva (217.828-0924).





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BACK 2 SCHOOL



STUDENTS PRE-K - 4TH GRADE

AUGUST 8TH

6-7:30 PM



A night where hungry preteens collide with an epic dodgeball tournament. Who knows what will happen?

GRADES 5-8

FUEL COOKOUT

8-20-25

6:30-8PM

"You won't want to dodge us for
this grillin' good time!"

-Corny Youth Assistant

Grades 9-12

Gathering Cookout

8-17-25

6-8 pm

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