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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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# Experience the Harvest



**42<sup>nd</sup> Harvest of Talents for World Hunger**  
**Sat., Oct. 25, 7 am – 1 pm, auction 2 pm**

### Shop

7 am - 1 pm – Shop handcrafted items, homemade treats, and unique experiences from spacious sales floor and silent auctions.

2 pm – Join in a spirited live auction.

### Snack

7 am - 1 pm – breakfast burritos, breakfast rolls, fried potatoes, vegetable beef soup, sloppy joes, pulled pork, Italian beef, tacos, mac & cheese, apple sundae bar, hand pies, assorted desserts, hot cider, assorted drinks, and a flavored sweet tea stand

### Service/Experience

7 am - 1 pm – campfire, s'mores kits, live music, mission moments, henna, balloon artist, dog show, tractor display, car detailing, LEGO® Experience

7 am - 10 am – spa

9 am - noon – GAP food packing, knife sharpening

*Join us for Celebration Sunday, October 26!*

*All funds raised will be presented to International Disaster Emergency Service (IDES) to feed the hungry around the world in Jesus' name during Worship Services at 8:15, 9:30, and 10:45 am at Lincoln Christian Church*



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### ***Raising the Sail***

*"Now set your heart and your soul to seek the LORD your God."* I Chronicles 22:19

The truth is, everything I know about sailing I have either read about in a book or seen in a movie. You can learn a lot from "Pirates of the Caribbean" or "Master and Commander" (one of my all time favorite films). But I have never really sailed. Don't get me wrong, I have been on the ocean many times, in smaller boats, medium sized boats, and large cruise ships. Each were propelled by an engine and propeller, not by a gust. However, I do know that to get the most out of sailing, we need two things: wind and sails.

A sailboat doesn't get movement without the wind. Therefore, the wind is the most important element in sailing. If you have no wind, you have no movement, and you aren't going anywhere.

The same is true in our spiritual journey. No movement can happen without the wind of the Holy Spirit. But something else is also true. Even when there is plenty of wind, if our sails aren't up, we're still not moving. If we want to go sailing, we not only need the wind, we need to raise the sails. We cannot control the wind of the Holy Spirit, but we can control whether our sails are raised to catch it.

In the Bible, the Holy Spirit is often compared to wind. It is a metaphor rich with meaning and depth. The wind is invisible yet powerful. It's unpredictable. Jesus said, *"The wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit"* (John 3:8). When the wind gets blowing, it is exciting, refreshing, and moving.

Life is like a vast ocean, full of surprises and changes. The winds can be strong or gentle, foreseeable or unpredictable. But what truly matters is how we choose to set our sail.

In the month of October, we will be talking about the Holy Spirit and how He moves us in our spiritual journey to greater and greater discoveries, and to greater and greater adventures. Join us as we explore "Raising the Sail."



### **Upcoming Series**

- 10/5     Catching the Wind of God's Leading
- 10/12   Finding True North in a Lost World
- 10/19   Chasing the Horizon . . . And Holding Fast
- 10/26   Harvest of Talents Sunday

## ***Jolly Seniors***

**Wednesday, October 15**

**10 am – 12:30 pm**

**Lincoln Christian Church  
Fellowship Center**

Program: Brandon Davis  
Devotions: Ryan Edgecombe  
Lunch: Baked Ham  
suggested donation \$4

Please bring cookies or  
sweet treats to share!



### **Family Section**

### **Welcome New Members By Baptism**

- 8/24     Elizabeth Schneider, Kent Schneider,  
Josh Sendra, Barbara Stinson, Noah Wingo
- 8/31     Quinn Kerns
- 9/7      Henry Cosby
- 9/14     Tim Eilts



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## Adult Sunday School

A great first place to connect with new friends and to learn the Bible is in one of our five adult Sunday School Classes. We have classes for all adults. Our classes are fun places to study the Bible with friends. Stop by the Welcome Center or visit [lincolnchristianchurch.org/next](http://lincolnchristianchurch.org/next) for more info about class options.

## Beacons

Family Room 1 | Seniors | 9:30 a.m.

## Crusaders

Room 16 | Empty Nesters | 9:30 a.m.

## Encouragers

Room 15 | Seniors | 9:30 a.m.

## Open Door

Room 305 | School-Age Parents | 9:30 a.m.

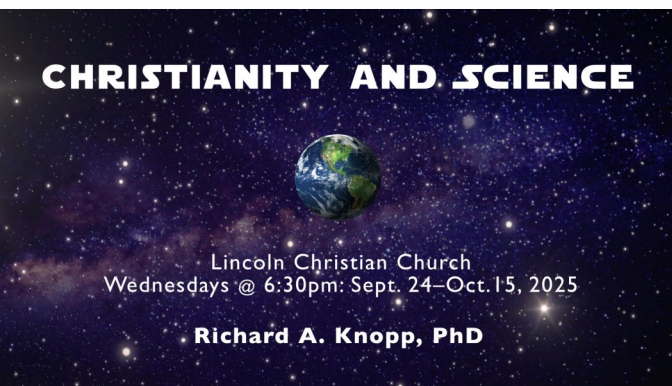
## Lamb Seekers

Room 304 | Mixed Ages | 9:30 a.m.



## Join us for Newcomers Reception

On Sunday, October 5, 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 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 and bring them along. We have a small gift for you as a way of saying "thanks" for attending. No signups are necessary.



This four-week study led by Dr. Rich Knopp explains why we should recognize a *positive* relationship between Christianity and science. The series will cover the history and nature of modern science; interpreting Bible passages on creation; scientific pointers to God; and dinosaurs and Darwin. It's designed for high school youth and adults. Register at [lincolnchristianchurch.org/events](http://lincolnchristianchurch.org/events).



## 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/next](http://lincolnchristianchurch.org/next).

## Next Steps Website

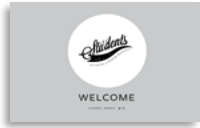
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## STUDENT MINISTRY

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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>.



### 5th Grade Bash is coming!

Just for 5th graders! We'll have tons of games and surprises and eat pizza! We'll see you here at the church building on October 3! Get ready for fun!

### 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Graders

Join us for **OnMission** our own retreat for jr. highs, November 7-9 at Little Galilee Christian Camp.

It is going to be an incredible weekend of serving people in central Illinois. The cost is \$55 for all supplies, food, fun activity, and lodging. We can't wait! Sign up by Oct 5 at [lccstudents.com/events](http://lccstudents.com/events).

8<sup>th</sup> Grade Students who attend **On Mission** can apply for a \$100 scholarship for CIY Move.



### Harvest of Talents for Students!

We want to encourage 5<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders to get involved in the Harvest of Talents. Maybe you have a talent that you would like to share. If not, that's okay, 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 really 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 (217. 871.6054). They especially need help in the spa!



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

Families! Family Fund-raising 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](http://lccstudents.com/parents).



### Mark Your Calendar – Discipleship Trips

**SuperStart!** 5<sup>th</sup> Grade **SuperStart**, Jan 30-31

**move** 8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Grade—**Move**, July 6-11



## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

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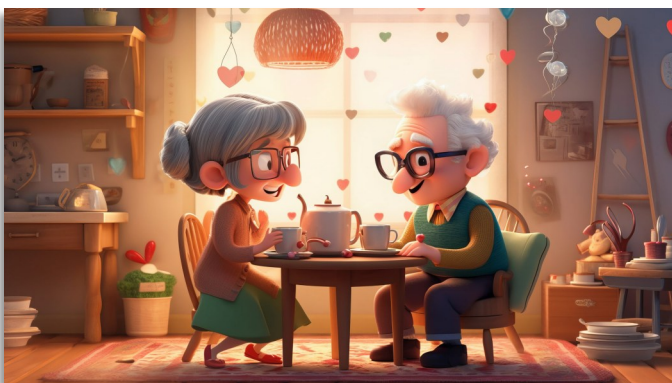
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A big thank you to all the grandparents that came and spent time with their grandkids on Grandparents' Sunday.

We all had fun creating a remembrance jar together. The grandparents were able to fill their jars with stories and scriptures to remember together, or just "I love you" statements for their grandkids to read when they miss them. It was awesome watching everyone interact with each other, laugh, and grow closer together.

It did my heart good to hear everyone talking about the past with their grandkids. We reminisced about the cost of things when the grandparents were younger compared to today. Then we had a quick lesson together where we read Deuteronomy 6:5-7. "Love the LORD your GOD with all your heart and all your soul and with all your strength. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up." We talked about how it is important to talk with your grandchildren about all that GOD has done for you, and that as grandchildren we need to listen, listen, and listen. Our grandparents have amazing wisdom to share with us and need to listen to them. They have stories about their faith that we need to hear.

Thank You



We love our grandparents!!! I would like to thank you all for being such an amazing example to the kiddos that come and worship in the children's department. We can see your effect on their lives!



### October 25

The Children's Ministry will be hosting the LEGO® Experience again for the Harvest of Talents on Harvest Day, October 25. From 7:00-11:00 am, anyone can come down to the Children's area and just build with LEGO® bricks. We will have example projects to build, a landscape to add your build-ins to, DUPLO® blocks for our younger builders, and even a boat building area where you can see if your creation floats!!

The prices are \$3 for 5 minutes of building or \$5 dollars for 10 minutes of building. I can't wait to see what you build on that day.



### October 30

#### Light the Night Event

We will host first responders on Thursday, October 30 from 6:00 to 7:30 pm. Kids will get to walk around and interact with all the men and women that help us and keep us safe, and they'll also get a ton of candy!!!

This is an amazing event, so make sure to mark your calendars for that night.





## WORSHIP MINISTRY

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### *It's Almost Time to Sing!*

You have a couple of opportunities to sing!



The first opportunity is to be a part of the carolers for "Hometown Christmas" on Dec 5, 5 to 7 pm. We sing outside for 20 to 30 minutes at the top of each hour. Dress warmly! No rehearsals required. Just email me to sign up so I know how many books to have available.



The second opportunity is to sing with the **Worship Choir** for *Celebrate! Christmas 2025*. We will combine adults with the Fellowship Center vocalists, and our students from Good News and HeartSong together for a dynamic multi-generational worship leading ensemble! *Celebrate! Christmas* is during our three services on Sunday morning, Dec 14, at 8:15, 9:30 and 10:45 am in the Fellowship Center accompanied by an orchestra.

You'll be provided with the music and the listening songs as early as Nov 5 to memorize three

songs on your own. The listening songs are available both online or a CD. There are some short rehearsals you can join if you like, but be ready and memorized by dress rehearsal.

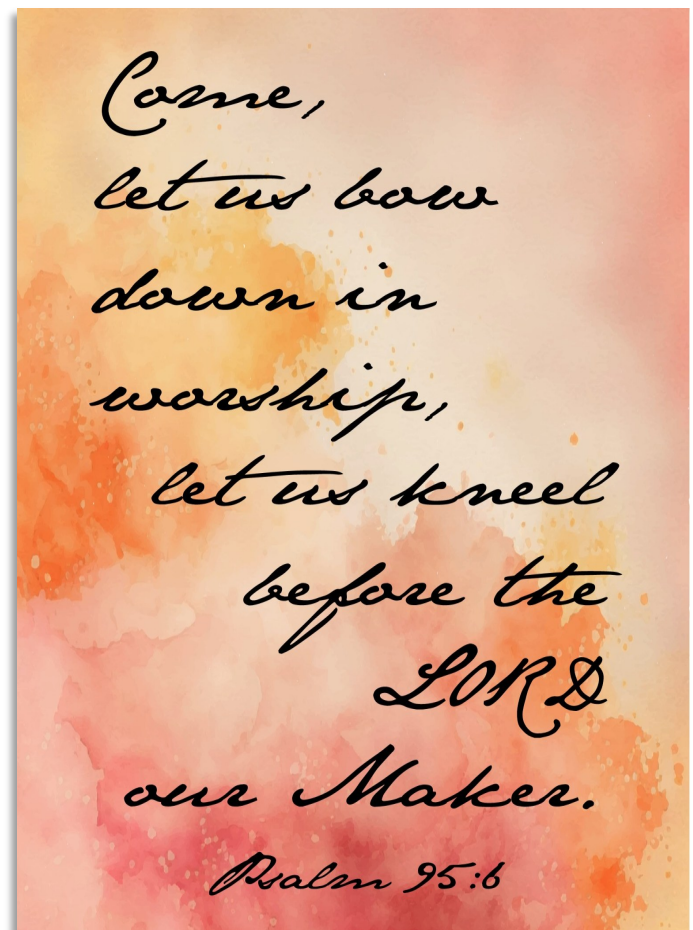
- Wed, Nov 5: 7:30–8:00 pm
- Sun, Nov 9: 5:35–6:00 and/or 6:00–6:25 pm
- Wed, Nov 12: 7:30–8:00 pm
- Sun, Nov 16: 5:35–6:00 and/or 6:00–6:25 pm
- Wed, Nov 19: 7:30–8:00 pm
- Sun, Nov 23: 5:35–6:00 and/or 6:00–6:25 pm
- Wed, Dec 3: 7:30–8:00 pm
- Sun, Dec 7: 5:35–6:00 and/or 6:00–6:25 pm

Not optional:

Wednesday, Dec 10 (DRESS REHEARSAL)  
from 8:10–9:00 pm

Sunday, Dec 14 in all three morning services in the Fellowship Center (the first 25ish min. of each service)

Please email me to let him know of your interest in the *Celebrate! Christmas* Worship Choir at [laurin.hill@lincolnchristianchurch.org](mailto:laurin.hill@lincolnchristianchurch.org).



## GLOBAL IMPACT

David and Sharon Filbeck live in Chiang Mai, Thailand where they are engaged in a variety of projects as part of Thailand Sustainability Ministries. Their focus is to train and develop national leaders who can lead self-supporting churches.



San Pa Ha Christian Church is growing. The church uses their new sport fields for community outreach. Over 200 young people have attended outreach events. The church is working to finish an electrical upgrade so they can expand to evening activities.

Ban Nam Ri Phatana Christian Church has grown so much they need to purchase additional chairs. They have also celebrated



numerous baptisms. Their cocoa orchards continue to grow. All income is currently invested back into the orchards. They anticipate that soon the orchards will produce an income of about \$200 per month. Brook Falls Deli is looking to transition to a small coffee shop/café. This café provides additional opportunities to witness to the community.

On a personal note, David and Sharon welcomed two new grandsons to their family this summer! Mark your calendars and join us on Sunday, October 12 to enjoy a potluck and hear David Filbeck report on the ministry in-person.

Leslie Starasta  
Global Impact team leader

## LOCAL IMPACT

### Hope on 5th (Regional Housing and Supportive Services, Inc.)



Imagine for a moment what it would be like if you did not know where you were going to sleep tonight. Perhaps your cousin or your friend might let you stay on their couch another night, maybe your car would have to do, or perhaps a spot under a tree at a local park.

For some folks in our community this is the most pressing question they face on a daily basis. Hope on 5th exists to help address the needs of those who are at risk of homelessness through offering supportive services and housing on an emergency, temporary, transitional, and permanent basis. The underlying philosophy of the organization is to wrap the individual who is at risk for homelessness or currently unhoused with a place to stay as they transition to a more permanent housing situation through providing services and support that will help them overcome the barriers to housing stability they are experiencing.

Presently there are 22 people living in the facility. There is a waiting list with many more seeking help. In addition to a place to stay, they are offered mental health and substance abuse counseling, legal services, wellness classes, a chance to attend computer literacy and career counseling classes, and support groups for those in recovery.

Our roots are firmly planted in serving veterans, and so we offer supportive services directed toward those who have served, with the Veterans Center providing care through their mobile unit every week and a support group regularly meeting to address the needs of the veterans community.

We regularly post specific needs and opportunities to contribute on our Facebook page and would welcome monetary contributions from those interested in helping out. Together we can make Lincoln a place where everyone has a safe place to stay!

Tom Funk  
Local Impact team member

## Widows of Wisdom

WOW will meet October 3 at 11:30 am at Arcadia (formerly The Christian Nursing Home) 1507 7th Street. They are providing lunch, so please RSVP to Sharon (217.737.9834) by September 30. This is a good time to invite your friends. We will be in the Grace Point dining room, so use the main drive to the nursing home.





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# Harvest of Talents

## Every hand grows the Harvest

Thank you for helping in the 42<sup>nd</sup> Harvest of Talents with your prayers, talents, time, and resources!  
Contact the Church Office (217.732.7618), Natalie (217.737.7254) or Bethany (217.871.6054)

### Volunteers needed

- to make candy for the Candy Booth (please label if it contains nuts or peanut butter)
- to help make breakfast rolls, no experience needed (Call Jackson, 217.314.0740)
- to help set up/take down booths and clean up (Call Bethany, 217.871.6054)
- To donate new, handcrafted items suitable for gift-giving (nothing needing repair)
- To donate experiences or services to be sold
- To donate pumpkins, hay bales for outdoor décor
- To make fresh baked goods and pies
- To help chop vegetables, wash dishes, serve food

### Donation check-in times in the Family Room

- Mon., Oct 20, 4 - 7 pm
- Tues., Oct 21, noon - 7 pm
- Wed., Oct 22, noon - 7 pm (Please check-in all handcrafted items by Wednesday evening; note no Thursday hours.)
- Fri., Oct. 24, 9 am - 7 pm (Fresh baked goods, pies, and donations from out-of-town)

### Other ways to prepare for the 42<sup>nd</sup> Harvest

- 30 Days of Prayer Calendar; copies at the Welcome Center or sign up for daily email delivery at [www.harvestoftalents.org](http://www.harvestoftalents.org)
- Fill an IDES SonFish Bank and return it to the church office by Oct. 10
- Sponsor GAP with a financial donation to cover supply expenses, sign up to pack food on Harvest Day
- Soup, roll pre-orders Oct. 5 - 15 at the Welcome Center, Sundays; church office, weekdays

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