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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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new message series begins Nov 2



November Highlights

i ♥ my church

end-of-year offering | Nov 23

- Investing in new life – baptistry reno
- Investing in the next gen – KidMin restroom reno
- Investing in our welcome appeal – exterior signage
- Investing in our community – park project
- Investing in our future – reduce mortgage



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Pacing the Gate

"Pacing the Gate" is a phrase my grandfather used to describe his times of waiting. He was a godly man so he knew Jesus said, "Don't worry." In order to not violate that command, he expressed himself as pacing the gate.

The first time I ever heard the phrase, I was standing next to grandpa watching a horse pacing back and forth. My grandfather explained, "That horse is nervous about something . . . he's pacing the gate." Who knew that would be a phrase that would follow me into adulthood?

You see, like most humans, I too have paced the gate. I was extra nervous waiting for my son to come home from the war. I was nervous waiting for my daughter to finally hear the words she wanted to hear so desperately, "You're pregnant." I have paced the gate for a prodigal, and I have paced the gate for a sick child. If we're being honest, don't we all pace the gate at times? But the words of Jesus echo through time, "Do not worry about tomorrow." Really, Lord?

There is a world somewhere between worry and waiting. Throughout scripture, we are encouraged not to worry. However, within those same pages, we are encouraged to "wait on the Lord." Wait, but don't worry? How do we do that?

The message from God is this: waiting leads to hope; worry leads to anxiety, panic, stress. Who doesn't want less stress and more hope? But as we all know, worry is easy to slip into. Most humans have worried about something. Many of us are under a worry or two right now. After all, have you seen the threats that plague our world? Physical threats, mental or emotional threats, threats to our peace of mind, threats to our finances, threats to our loved ones or our children, threats to our marriages. This is one big scary world and we have to navigate it without losing our minds. How do we do that and not worry?

I'm glad you asked. Our sermon series for the month of November is on the subject of worry. How can I move from worry to waiting? I'm pacing the gate as I'm writing. Is it anxiety? OR is it waiting? We'll find out together.

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Upcoming Series

11/2	Breakthrough of Praise	Genesis 29
11/9	Singing at Midnight	Acts 16
11/16	The Wait Test	John 11
11/23	Things Are Looking Up	Acts 1
11/30	Global Impact Sunday	

Jolly Seniors *Happy Thanksgiving*

**Wednesday
November 19**

**10 am – 12:30 pm
Lincoln Christian Church
Fellowship Center**

Program: Heaven Bound
Devotions: Jim Allen
Lunch: Turkey
suggested donation \$4



Please bring cookies or sweet treats to share!

Welcome New Members By Baptism

9/20	Bob Bregar, Monica Bregar, Jonathan Bregar, Carleigh Bregar
9/21	Darrin Worth
9/28	Ava Bunn
10/14	Tom Bunn, Cole Bunn





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STARTING POINT EXPERIENCE

BOOST YOUR SPIRITUAL JOURNEY FOR NEWER PEOPLE
SIGN UP AT LINCOLNCHRISTIANCHURCH.ORG/EVENTS

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2025 10:45AM

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 designed to be your **very first step** beyond attending a worship service, and it 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.



Pacing the Gate

DISCUSSION GROUP

Wednesday Evening Discussion Group

Ron will be preaching a special message series in November called "Pacing the Gate" (see Ron's article). If you're interested in exploring further, we will be gathering on Wednesdays at 6:30 pm in November to dig deeper into how to deal with worry and anxiety. The group will meet November 5, 12, 19 & December 3. There is no registration necessary.



NEWCOMERS RECEPTION

DECEMBER 7  FOLLOWING EACH SERVICE

FIRESIDE ROOM 

Newcomers Reception Coming in December

On Sunday, December 7, 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.

Men On Fire

Join with other men as they study ways to apply the powerful truths of the Bible to daily life and discuss how to live as godly men. Men on Fire meets Wednesday evenings this fall at 6:30 p.m.



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 for everyone to serve! Find more information at lincolnchristianchurch.org/next.

Widows of Wisdom

WOW will meet Friday, November 7, at 11:30 am in Room 15 at the church building. Turkey, dressing, potatoes, and pumpkin pie will be served. Please bring a dish to pass to complete our special Thanksgiving meal. Cheryl Hall will contribute a Christmas craft project and Reva McFadden will continue the lesson series of Women in the Bible. RSVP to Reva (217.838.0924) by October 31.





STUDENT MINISTRY

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Student Ministry Website

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>.



All parents of students in our Student Ministry and Children's Ministry are invited to a night of food, youth group games, fun, and an encouraging talk from special guest, Chris Sandel of West Side Christian Church. It's going to be awesome! Please register yourself along with any kids who need childcare. For more info use the QR code or visit lincolinchristianchurch.org/events.



We are pumped for this event for high schoolers. It's a trip/lock in. We will roundabout Bloomington and Lincoln, hitting different stops along the way, and ending up back at the church building to hang out for the rest of the night. It's going to be fantastic! \$50, November 14-15, 6:00 pm-6:00 am.



Hey 5th-8th Graders, join us on Dec 10 from 6:00-8:00 pm for our Christmas Caroling Party. We are going to play some Christmas games, watch *A Charlie Brown Christmas*, and eat yummy cookies. Please bring a plate of cookies to pass. No peanuts or nuts products, please!

Mark Your Calendar – CIY Discipleship Trips

SuperStart!

5th Grade
Jan 30-31
\$75

move

8th-12th Grade
July 6-11
\$470*

*8th Grade Students who attended *On Mission* can apply for a scholarship for \$100 for CIY Move. Scholarship details are available in the Spring.



Join us on Dec 14 from 6-9 pm for our Gathering Christmas Party. We are going to serve our community by buying gifts for those in need. Please bring \$10 toward the gift and a dish to pass for our potluck.



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

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I hope everyone is excited for this quickly approaching Thanksgiving season! I always look forward to Thanksgiving Day because I have so many memories of being with family and all the fun traditions during this month of thankfulness. Every Thanksgiving my family watches a parade on TV, cooks dishes together, and, of course, there's football.



Here are a couple of questions for you to discuss with your family: First, what are some of your favorite Thanksgiving traditions, things you look forward to every year? Second, what is your favorite dish on Thanksgiving? My favorite is homemade noodles. Every year someone from our family makes noodles from scratch for us all to enjoy. It is a real labor of love. I am so thankful for them.

We have so many things to be grateful for. Take some time this month and thank God for all the blessings in our lives.

If you've ever thought about volunteering to serve in the Children's Ministry at LCC, we have a few needs opening up soon. Here are a couple of the ways you can help in the coming weeks:

- stuffing bags for the Christmas Parade and for the Christmas Eve Service
- teaching and leading worship for Children's Sunday programs.

Please come find me and we will can talk about these and other ways you can serve.



Books of the Bible Study in Kids Club

This semester at Kids Club we have been discussing all the genres and individual books that make up the Bible, the importance of reading the Bible, and a couple ways to study the Bible. We have even created two different ways to remember the books of the Bible and their order. The first way is the construction of a wooden structure that has each genre displayed. Below is a photo of one in progress:



The second thing we're doing is learning hand gestures for every book of the Bible. We review all of the hand gestures numerous times each lesson. It is a lot of fun seeing the kids working so hard every Wednesday night to remember which book is next as we recite them all. They are working so hard!



Favorite Worship Songs

I have been asked quite a few times what songs we sing downstairs in Children's Ministry. Here is a list of the kiddos' favorite five songs:

1. Church Clap by Lecrae
2. Your Way Is Better by Forrest Frank
3. The Best Book of the Bible Song by Jumpstart 3
4. Great Are You, Lord
5. Lord, I Need You

Hearing and watching our kids sing these songs every week fills my heart with awe! The way they worship and sing their hearts out and dance for God has got to be a glimpse of what worshipping God in Heaven will be like!



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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! We are caroling outside. 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 Heart-Song 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 on 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 me know of your interest in the *Celebrate! Christmas* Worship Choir at laurin.hill@lincolinchristianchurch.org.

GOOD NEWS

[high school choir]

Carry-out Pork Chop Dinner

Sunday, November 9 10:30 am -12:30 pm

\$12 Menu: _____
Grilled boneless pork chop, candy glazed carrots, mashed potatoes with gravy and a roll with butter

Purchase your ticket from any Good News student through Nov 2 to directly support *that GN student*. Tickets can also be purchased in the office during the week.

GLOBAL IMPACT

God continues to work in amazing ways in Guinea-Bissau, a small Portuguese-speaking country in west Africa. Guinea-Bissau celebrated 52 years of independence this year. **Hisportic Christian Mission** has been ministering in this country for over 24 years. The following items shared by our missionary partners from Brazil who serve in Guinea-Bissau provide a glimpse of how God is working there.



Adriana Teixeira Lopes ministers to Muslim children in groups called cells. She recently shared that Abu first attended a cell 9 years ago. "Today, he is helping me get the kids and take care of other chores." Abu is just one of many Muslim children who are being reached with the

Gospel. Abu recently graduated from his school and invited Adriana to attend his ceremony. What a wonderful example of how God is moving among the people of Guinea-Bissau!

The churches in Guinea-Bissau come together to hold several events and conferences. In October they celebrated the 6th women's conference, a girl's conference, and the 5th teenage conference. These conferences provide opportunities for members from several churches to come together for teaching and encouragement.

Bethel Christian School is celebrating ten years and has over 300 students Pre-K to 11th grade. The school serves the community and adopts a method of teaching, Biblical Principled Education, where our students may know God through knowledge of all things. **Ana Paula Dourado** reminds us "when we combine education with the good news of Jesus, we plant seeds for eternity." She asks that we "pray for our students from Pre-K to 11th grade. Pray for our teachers and all the seeds we are sowing. May they bear fruit for the development of Guinea-Bissau and for the glory of God."

Tim Shields, director of Hisportic Christian Mission, leads a short-term trip to Guinea-Bissau that helps with building projects to expand Bethel Christian School and the Institute for Development and Evangelism, lead VBS, and more. The next trip is scheduled for January 2026.



LOCAL IMPACT



Founded in 1944 by Earl C. Hargrove, preaching minister of Lincoln Christian Church, and other leaders who shared his vision, Lincoln Bible Institute—later known as Lincoln Christian College and Seminary, then Lincoln Christian University—has prepared nearly 20,000 men and women for a lifetime of Christian service.

After facing challenges due to declining enrollment, LCU transitioned on May 31, 2025, gifting its seminary to Ozark Christian College and its library to Traviski Christian Institute in Ukraine. While the legal entity remains Lincoln Christian University, it now operates as **Lincoln Christian Institute (LCI)** to reflect its new mission and honor its heritage.

LCI's primary activities are:

1. Offering educational and formation courses and retreats
2. Offering encouragement to pastors and church leaders
3. Offering encouragement to pastors and church leaders
4. Providing pulpit supply and short-term church placement assistance
5. Offering consulting services such as conflict mediation and strategic planning

This past year, LCI offered three certificate programs enrolling about 70 students. Enrollment has nearly doubled for Fall 2025, with 41 new students across Bible and Theology, Ministry, and the Leadership Academy at Logan Correctional Center.

LCI provided pulpit supply to over 40 churches, covering nearly 100 Sundays, and continues to see requests from a growing range of churches and denominations. Three retreats last year drew around 120 participants and current retreats are on pace to surpass that number.

A new Encouragement Group, led by author J.R. Briggs, launched this year with 10 mid-career pastors for mentoring and coaching. LCI also welcomed Greg Taylor, former Lead Minister of Second Church of Christ in Danville, to its staff. Financially, LCI remains strong—with no debt, a balanced budget, and generous ministry partners ensuring a sustainable future devoted to strengthening the church.

Dr. Silas McCormick, Executive Director



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**Sunday, November 2
is time change.
“Fall” back one hour!**



FREE!

**DEC
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5-7 pm

Carolers 🌿 Hot Cocoa & Cookies 🌿 Horse Drawn Carriage
🌿 Christmas Train 🌿 Santa's Workshop & Crafts 🌿
🌿 Family Photos 🌿

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