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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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Hometown Christmas
AT Lincoln CHRISTIAN CHURCH

FREE!
DEC 5
5-7 pm

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

December 7 | Kids Choirs, Handbells, Sanctuary Choir
December 14 | Celebrate! Christmas
December 21 | The Misfit Toys, Sanctuary Choir
December 28 | The Return of the King!

THE COMING KING

Christmas begins what Easter celebrates. The child in the cradle becomes the king on the cross. December messages will explore the kingship of Jesus and why his birth matters.

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

Countdown to Christmas with Lincoln CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Celebrate! CHRISTMAS

Sunday, Dec 14 | 8:15, 9:30 & 10:45 am | Fellowship Center

featuring our Student Choirs: Good News & HeartSong; Combined Worship Choir, Orchestra & Worship Band

Christmas Eve
Carols & Candlelight

4:00 & 6:00 pm | Sanctuary

Lincoln CHRISTIAN CHURCH



We are partnering with Center for Youth and Family Solutions in Lincoln to serve 100 children with Christmas presents.

Giving Tree Tag Distribution is Sunday, Nov. 30, between services by the Welcome Center.

All gifts are due Sunday, Dec. 7 in the gift bag provided.



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The Coming King

If I asked you to name a well-known king, who comes to mind first? Martin Luther King? Stephen King? King Charles? King Arthur? King Tut? Elvis? Burger King? Any chance the name of Jesus came to mind?

Genealogies can seem dull. Most Bible readers skip them. We might wonder why God would devote so much space in the Bible to recording a boring list of difficult to pronounce names of people who lived thousands of years ago. Why is it relevant to us?

The Old Testament clearly prophesied that the promised Messiah would come from the line of King David. In other words, the Messiah would be of a royal blood line. The genealogies were important in proving that line.

All of us have two genealogy lines; a mother's and a father's. Even though Jesus was born in a miraculous way, both his mother's line and his father's line prove that Jesus was of a royal line. Joseph was Jesus' legal line and Mary was Jesus' blood line. Amazingly, both Joseph and Mary could trace their genealogies back to King David. It wouldn't matter which parent anyone used; they could trace Jesus' lineage back to King David which allows Jesus to be declared king. Jesus was doubly the son of David.

In that same vein, the wise men came looking and asking, "Where is he born King of the Jews." Jesus would speak often of his "coming kingdom." The soldiers placed a crown of thorns on his head and mockingly declared, "Hail, King of the Jews!" When Pilate was questioning Jesus, he asked, "Are you a king?" Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not of this world." Pilate said, "So you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You are right in saying I am a king." And a sign was placed above Jesus' head on the cross that read, "King of the Jews."

From his birth to his death, Jesus was and is a king. But not like any king we have ever known. Our Christmas Series this year will dive into the kingship of Jesus and what the birth of the King means to us. You are a witness to the Coming King!



Upcoming Series

- 12/7 The Birth of the King
- 12/14 The Kingdom of the King
- 12/21 The Invitation of the King
- 12/28 The Return of the King



Jolly Seniors

**Wednesday,
December 10**

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

*Program: Tim Searby
& Friends*
Devotions: Michael Mallick
Lunch: Roast Pork
suggested donation \$4

Please bring cookies or
sweet treats to share!



Welcome New Members By Baptism



- 10/26 Cohen Ingmire
- 11/02 Cory Farmer, Addie Farmer, Falyne Farmer,
Finley Farmer
- 11/10 Willow Merritt
- 11/16 Joshua Martin



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Join us for Newcomers Reception

On Sunday, December 7, 2025 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 necessary.

Spring Sign-Ups

In January, you will have the opportunity to take some important next steps in faith. There will be opportunities to sign up for LifeGroups, Sunday School Classes, and Bible studies. We will also be having sign-ups for ministry teams where you can join with others in making an impact in our church and in our world.

Next Steps Website

lincolinchristianchurch.org/next

End-of-Year Giving

If you would like to give for the 2025 tax year, all giving needs to be post-marked by December 31, 2025, dropped off at the church office by noon on December 31, or completed online by midnight on December 31.



A Word of Thanks

I want to take the opportunity to thank all our ministry team leaders and members, our teachers, Life-Group leaders, coaches, and Bible study leaders. Your ministry is very important to the work of Lincoln Christian Church and our mission to influence Lincoln, Logan County, the United States and the world for Jesus Christ. Merry Christmas!



Christianity & Science Follow-Up

If you missed Dr. Rich Knopp's Science & Christianity class, he has made the class available for FREE online at: richknopp.com/lcc-science.

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 at 6:30 pm.



If you use numbered offering envelopes, the 2026 envelopes will be available at the Welcome Center starting December 21. If you haven't used envelopes and would like to do so, please contact our Financial Admin at:

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STUDENT MINISTRY

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Student Ministry Website

lccstudents.com

Text Updates from the Student Ministry

Jr. High—text [jhfuel](tel:3123456789) to 97000

High School—text [thegathering](tel:3123456789) 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>.



THE GATHERING
...ON THE ROAD: CHRISTMAS EDITION

Students will meet at LCC Church @ 6pm
We will be leaving the Church to go shop for our Giving Tree gifts. Please make sure to bring \$10 for the gifts.
StuMin leaders will be driving - taking the vans
Dinner will still be provided
Students will arrive back at LCC no later than 8:30 pm

December 7th
6-8:30 pm



Don't get caught missing out on The Gathering Christmas Party!

Dec 14th
6 - 9 pm
Please bring a dish to pass

I KNOCKED DOWN THE XMAS TREE

High School Christmas Party

Join us December 14 from 6:00-9:00 pm for the Gathering Christmas Party. Please bring a dish to pass for our potluck.



5th Graders Only!

SuperStart is January 30-31 in Bloomington, IL. The cost is \$75 plus money for two fast food meals. Sign up by paying \$75 by Dec. 21.



Current 8th-12th Graders

Move is July 6-11 in Wheaton, IL. The cost is \$470 plus three meals. **Non-refundable deposit of \$160** is due Sunday, February 22.

8th Grade Students who attended OnMission can apply for a \$100 scholarship for CIY Move. Scholarship details will be available in the spring.



ROCKIN' AROUND LINCOLN TOWN AS HAPPY AS CAN BE THEN WE GO BACK TO LCC AND ENJOY SOME COOKIES!
(TUNE BY ROCKIN' AROUND THE CHRISTMAS TREE)

FUEL CHRISTMAS PARTY
DECEMBER 10TH
6-8 PM

Jr. High Christmas Caroling Party

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



FAMILY SKATING

December 28, 2025 | 4:30-6:30PM
Nelson Center in Springfield, IL
\$3/person or \$10 for family of 4 or more

Fun for the whole family!

We have one more family event coming up before 2026! (That is wild to type!!!!) The Children's and Student Ministries are hosting our annual **FAMILY SKATING** night in Springfield the Sunday after Christmas! Sharpen those skates and mark your calendars!



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

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A big thank you to everyone that helped make **Light the Night** a huge success. Thank you to the first responders who spent time with the kiddos that night! Thank you to the generous members of our church that donated candy! Thank you to the people who stuffed all the bags for the kids to grab and fill with candy! Thank you to all the rest of the volunteers that came out to keep the candy flowing and made the children feel seen and loved! Thank you to Brew 66 for providing yummy hot drinks for the evening, as well! It was so much fun to be part of this exciting event! We were able to interact and chat with 400 kids and their families!

Thank You



We had a great semester of Kids Club!

We are wrapping up another outstanding Kids Club session. This fall we went through the whole Bible. We discussed the different genres of literature that are in the Bible and the different authors of each of the books. We were also able to point out how all the books have important truths for today.

Here are some examples: forgiveness, doing what is right even when it is hard, God is with us, and Jesus loves us more than anything. We discussed how it is important to invite friends to church because we want to tell them about who Jesus is and what he did for us. The kids took that lesson to heart and we had 89 different kiddos come to a Kids Club session this semester. Here is one of our favorite pictures from this semester of Kids Club! The last Kids Club of 2025 is December 10. We will resume next semester on January 14.





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Thank You!

Thank you for supporting Good News with the Carry-out Pork Chops. We sold 356 dinners! Mark your calendars for The Ultimate All-You-Can-Eat Breakfast Fundraiser coming up Saturday, March 7, from 7:00 am to 12:00 pm benefitting both Good News and HeartSong choirs. Thank you for helping our students go on choir tours as we share the Good News of Jesus Christ!

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GLOBAL IMPACT

Asia Pacific International

At the end of August, I visited our brothers and sisters with the Asia Pacific International (API) mission in Bandung,



Indonesia. Many of you know Gi and Mei Tanbunaan (API founders) from their visits to Lincoln and

from the Indonesian churches' donations of quilts to



the Harvest of Talents over the years.

API's ministry approach is one in which the spiritual, physical, psychological, and material needs of a person and his community are addressed by the gospel. To do this they:

- Developed a training school - MTS/STS (Mission Training School/School Theological Secondary) for church planting
- Started permanent and mobile medical clinics
- Formed a prison ministry throughout the country
- Created "Smart Point" preschools to teach children to read and write using computers with Christian programming

I traveled with five others from the USA to encourage our brothers and sisters. We met with many church planters in west and central Java (the main island of Indonesia) who told us their stories and their plans. These young men and women are quite inventive in the ways they establish and support themselves in the communities they serve. For example: one makes cakes to sell and people come from all over to buy her cakes; one works part-time for the government; one raises goats and rents out his main male goat for breeding purposes; one makes coffins to support his family while he does ministry. We listened and prayed for and with the church planters.

The biggest impact on me from the trip was seeing how closely they follow the pattern found in the book of Acts to spread the gospel. They are very successful and are blessed for it. Please keep the mission, their various mission outreaches, and all the church planters and their families in your prayers.

Chuck Gunning, Global Impact Team

Love Our Community Offering



ON CHRISTMAS EVE



LOCAL IMPACT

Last year's Love Our Community Offering, given on Christmas Eve 2024, helped us accomplish a lot and make a positive impact in our community in 2025! LCC's Local Impact has helped others in the following ways this year:

- Helped 54 families financially
- Gave food to 95 families
- Provided food on several occasions to the people building the tiny houses

At this year's Christmas Eve services, we will once again be collecting a Love Our Community Offering to fund the crisis intervention portion of our Local Impact ministry. Please consider not only attending this very meaningful service, but also giving to help families in need. When we help people, we tell them this is part of our ministry at Lincoln Christian Church because God's Word says we are to help people who are in need.

Larry Simonson, Local Impact Team Leader

Widows of Wisdom

WOW will meet Friday, December 5, at

11:30 am in room 15 at the church building.

Please bring a tray of your favorite finger food to share with the group and a wrapped Christmas ornament out of your stash for a "White Elephant" gift exchange. We will also be playing a fun Christmas trivia game. RSVP to Reva (217-828-0924) by November 28.



THANK YOU!

*to all of the our volunteers!
You are all making a difference!*



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Harvest of Talents

G.A.P. meals packed on Harvest Day: 14,688

2025 Harvest Proceeds: \$113,091.05

An estimated 188,485 meals will be served in Jesus' name
because you gave your talents to help feed the hungry. Thank you!



Harvest of Talents

Cookie Walk

**Bakers needed! Please bring holiday cookies
to Main Entrance, Door C on Friday, Dec 12, 8 am – noon**

Saturday, Dec 13, 8 – 11 am

Family Room, Main Entrance Door C

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\$10 per pound

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

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