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PREACHING MINISTRY

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Connect the Dots

The world stopped. Everyone's attention was turned to one individual. There was blood. You're expecting Jesus right? Not yet. It was my granddaughter. She cut her finger on the play house, but the tears and cries had me in a panic because that much commotion must mean a completely severed finger. I expected the worst. We ran to meet the emergency needs of and comfort a three-year-old. Truth be told, the blood was very minimal. The tears stopped with a Band-Aid and a hug. And she quickly returned to playing. I, on the other hand, needed therapy.

Open the Bible anywhere and it bleeds. Blood plays a imperative part of God's story. What happens in the beginning of the Bible is connected to the middle and then to the end. Blood is everywhere. Blood is important to God. To us too!

Testing our blood helps physicians determine what's wrong. Donating blood can help save a life. Just the sight of blood can cause some to faint. And what can wash away my sin? Nothing but the Blood. Right?

Anyone attending church for the first time could walk away thinking we're a bunch of vampires. We sing about blood. We talk about blood. We pretend we're drinking blood. What does it all mean?

Throughout the Old Testament, the blood of the Passover lamb is central to early Jewish worship. Jesus then becomes our sacrificial lamb and his blood is shed for all. Then, in the book of Revelation, we see all of heaven singing about the Lamb's blood.

And now currently, it's the blood factor at work in our baptisms and it's the blood of Jesus we remember each Sunday in communion. If we start connecting the dots, all this blood in the Bible is, in one way or another, about Jesus. What is God doing here?

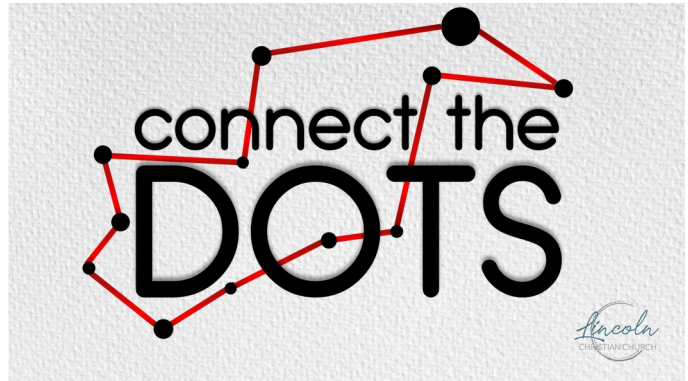
To close out our summer sermon series, we're going to connect the dots on all this blood stuff. God is weaving a story that requires blood to be a part of it. Odd to many. Confusing to some. But important to each.

Now to those of us being saved? I hear the lyrics:

"Oh precious is the flow, that makes me white as snow. No other fount I know, nothing but the Blood of Jesus."

Come as we connect the dots starting in August.

Upcoming Sermon Series: *Connect the Dots*



08/13 Blood / Lamb of God / Sacrifice / Cross

08/20 Baptism

08/27 Communion



Welcome New Members!

By Transfer:

06/11/23—Mr/s Patrick & Ashley and
Dawson & Autumn Kilmartin Family

By Baptism:

06/25/23—Skyler Hoefs

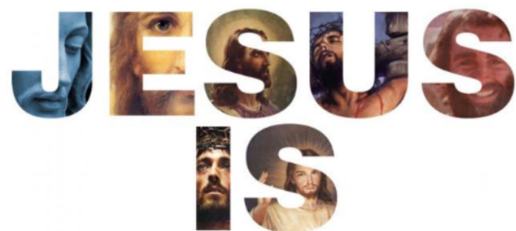




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Church-Wide Study LifeGroup Experience

Join us for a Five-Week LifeGroup!

This October, our church will be walking together through a five-week study on "Jesus is." We are inviting everyone to be part of a LifeGroup during this five-week all-church study. LifeGroups are groups of 3-10 people who meet together, usually in a home or restaurant. Groups have discussion questions based on Sunday's sermon, pray together, eat snacks and build friendships.

If you were part of a LifeGroup last semester, *existing* LifeGroups resume meeting the week of Sunday, September 10.

If you are *new* to LifeGroups, stop by the Adult Discipleship table on Sunday, August 20 or 27 and fill out a sign-up card. Then we work to place you in a group for the five-week study in October. There's even an option for you to sign up to lead a group of your own choosing! You can also sign up at: lincolncchristianchurch.org/groups

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 in the Family Room starting Sunday, August 20.



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Ladies Bible Study



Mondays at 6:30 pm
Begins September 11
Cost \$20

Ladies Bible Study

The fall semester of Ladies Bible Study will explore the series "When You Pray" by Best-Selling Author, Kelly Minter. In this 7-session study, join with six beloved Bible teachers who will help you study prayers in the Bible that can inspire your own. Sign up in the Family Room beginning Sunday, August 20. Cost is \$20. Scholarships available. The study begins Monday, September 11 at 6:30 pm.

Men On Fire



MEN ON FIRE

Join with other men as they study ways to apply the powerful truths of the Bible to daily life. Join the MOF team as they teach on how to live as a Godly man. Men on Fire meets Wednesday evenings this fall. Get more information in the Family Room starting Sunday, August 20.

Join a Community of Faith!

We have five Adult Sunday School classes whose goal is to be a fun place to study the Bible with friends. Learn the Bible, make new friends, and serve together. Try several classes and join the class where you feel most comfortable! The following are Adult Sunday Schools at 9:30 am:

Beacons | Seniors | moved to Family Room 1
Crusaders | Young Retirees | Room 16
Encouragers | Seniors | moved to Room 15
LambSeekers | Mixed Ages | Room 304
Open Door | School-Age Parents | Room 305

More on Adult Discipleship at:

lincolncchristianchurch.org/adults





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Stay informed with Text Updates from the Student Ministry...

For Jr. High, text **jhfuel** to 97000.

For High School, text **thegathering** to 97000.

You will receive text messages from Lincoln Christian Church. No purchase necessary. Message & data rates may apply. Message frequency varies. 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 Sunday, August 13 on Promotion Sunday! See you then!



The Gathering (9th-12th Grade Youth Group) kicks off Sunday, August 20 from 6-8 pm. We will kick off our fall with a dodgeball tournament and cookout. You don't want to miss it!



Fuel (5th-8th Grade Youth Group) kicks off Wednesday, August 23 from 6:30-8:00 pm. Don't miss our first week with a cookout and dodgeball!

MISSION DOMINICAN

Mission Dominican 2024

Any student entering high school in the fall of 2024 through Adults are eligible to go to the Dominican Republic July 2024. We will be serving with GO Ministries doing construction and VBS! It is going to be an amazing trip. We will have an informational meeting on two different days to choose from: **Sunday, July 30 and August 6, both at 6:30 pm in Rooms 15-16.** Join us if you would like to learn more about this **Impact** opportunity!

Church! Help the Student Ministry by buying Walmart and Cracker Barrel Gift Cards

You can buy gift cards at the Student Info Desk in the Family Room on Sundays mornings between services or in the church office during the work week (Mon.-Fri. 8-12/1-4* during summer) to help students take part in discipleship events. You pay for the value of the gift card and a percentage of that money goes to the Youth Fund to help students who need financial aid!



Christ In Youth MOVE Conference 2023

We had a great week at CIY MOVE at Wheaton College in Wheaton, IL. God is moving in the lives of our HS students! It was great to see the students grow. Thanks for your support and offerings that make discipleship trips like these possible.



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LCC's New Children's Minister Starting Soon!

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We hope you were able to meet and greet our new Children's Minister, Chuck McFadden, at the reception in the Family Room between services on Sunday, July 23!

Chuck's official start date will be Monday, July 31. If you'd like to catch him in his new Children's Ministry office, he's the first door on the right in LCC's "business/education" wing addition, past the Copy Room off the Sanctuary side entry doors.

The Children's Minister's hours will be like the other Senior Staff/Ministers: Sunday through Thursday (Sr. Ministers take Friday off since they're busy getting ready for and making sure Sundays run smoothly for everything that goes on)! Ministers' typical open office hours are Mon.-Thurs. between 8am-12pm—break during the noon hour for lunch—then 1pm-5pm (*4pm during summer)!

You may also call Chuck at his LCC phone extension at 217.732.7618 ext.114. If you just missed him, he'll also have a voicemail where you could leave a detailed message! This alerts him via email as well, where you may also reach him at: chuck.mcfadden@lincolnchristianchurch.org!

Make sure to warmly welcome our new Children's Minister! He even has a Children's Ministry inbox in the main church office if/when you'd like to leave him a note, drop something off or mail his way!

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR YOUR FAMILY!

Mark your calendars today, and invite your friends!

Aug. 11, @ 5:30-8 pm **Back-To-School Bash @ LCC!**

*Parents must accompany their PreK-4th Graders!



Save the date, Sunday, August 13th, 2023 at 9:30am! We'll be celebrating our kids' leap forward to their new Sunday School classes. Toddlers through fourth graders will be promoted to the next grade/class. This is an exciting time so make sure your family will be with us that day!



More on all at: lincolnchristianchurch.org/events!

SUMMER FUN PICS!





WORSHIP MINISTRY

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Sabbatical

I have been approved by the elders for an eight-week sabbatical July 10 - September 5. I am really looking forward to a time of rest and rejuvenation for my soul and body as I begin my 14th year at Lincoln Christian Church! My wife, Sheri, and I will be traveling to area churches over the next eight weeks. Please join us in prayer during this season of renewal. Thank you! See you in September in time for fall kickoff!

Thank you to all who are filling in for the Worship Ministry to make sure it continues smoothly!

In the meantime, if you need anything please contact the main office at

lcchurch@lincolnchristianchurch.org or 217.732.7618.



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LOCAL IMPACT

Hello from LCU

Though this time of year is usually a bit quieter for us, this summer we've been preparing for the fall launch of our first full academic year under our LCU to You educational remodel.

Though our educational delivery method has undergone many necessary shifts, our mission to nurture and equip servant-leaders remains unchanged. In light of all that is going on across Christian higher education right now, we are tremendously grateful to God and the LCU community to have the opportunity to launch this new way of growing Kingdom leaders. You can learn more about our approach at:

LincolnChristian.edu/LCUtoYou

As most of you probably know, LCU and LCC have been intertwined for the entirety of our history. LCC was THE primary supporting church from the founding of our school in 1944, and has been by our side for the good times and the hard times for nearly 80 years since. So thank you for your ongoing partnership in our mission; it means a great deal to us to have you on board.

As we launch this coming year with great anticipation, please join us in praying for:

- 1) God to connect us with the right prospective students at the right time, and lots of them! Students who love Jesus, want to know Him better, and desire the education and experience to make Him known to others too is the core of our being. Our is an engine that only runs if fueled by Kingdom leaders and the churches that nurture them.
- 2) Our faculty, that they will balance love of learning, the local church, and the life of each student, so that our students may be well-rounded and ready to think about our faith well and put it into action for the Kingdom.
- 3) The Holy Spirit to move our alumni, friends, and others, to generously support this ministry and give it the means to flourish.

On a daily basis, thousands of our students and graduates are preaching, teaching, leading churches and non-profits, and serving our Lord in all manner of other organizations here and around the world.

We praise God for the immense impact our school has had and is having for His world, and thank you for helping making it so.



GLOBAL IMPACT

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We treasure the longstanding partnership of our congregation with Fred Hansen as he has served and taught at TCM International Institute since 2011, helping develop international Christian leaders for significant service through higher learning as they reach their own people for Christ. He is deeply grateful for your prayers and financial support of his unique and significant opportunities at TCM for teaching, speaking, preaching, discipling, and faculty development while traveling extensively on assignment throughout the USA, Europe, and Central Asia. As a graduate of Lincoln Christian Seminary with many local friends, Fred always welcomes a chance to visit Lincoln.

This Spring, Fred and his wife, Cindy, celebrated the wedding of their daughter, Madeline, and the high school graduations of their son, Parker, who will join his sister and new brother-in-law, Will, at Harding University in Arkansas. They'll be empty nesters for the first time in 20 years.

Latest news: After a long and wonderful journey with TCM, Fred feels it's time to be 'home' and spend more time with his wife and family, as well as work on restoring his travel-weary health ~ so he has resigned his position as Director of Research and the Robert Lowery Chair of New Testament with TCM to settle down a bit and accept a position teaching biblical studies at Ozark Christian College this fall! Cindy has resigned as Principal in the Pine Island School District to become Superintendent of the Jasper, Missouri School District. Fred wants to continue his global ministry efforts, but with less travel, so he plans to continue his role as Visiting Professor of New Testament for the Estonia Free Church Theological Seminary and also develop the foundation of a nonprofit in Minnesota called "Nordic-Baltic Education".

Fred and Cindy thank you for loving their family so much and for being their friends in Christ, their partners in ministry. With their new positions in Missouri, the Hansens will no longer be among the missions receiving financial support from our church's global missions budget, effective August 1st. Thank you for joining your Global Impact Team in prayer for the Hansen family; we pray rich Blessings on their new ministry efforts as they serve the global kingdom of God with passion.

Sincerely,

Silas L. McCormick, LCU President

Carolyn Neal, Global Impact Team Member



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WOW (Widows of Wisdom)

Friday, August 4

11:30 am

Deep Roots, 127 S. Kickapoo

Guest Speakers: Karrie Funk & Todd Henry



COPE Mission Team is Collecting Supplies Through August 13

- Toys
- Dolls
- Deflated Soccer Balls
- Art Supplies (crayons, markers, coloring books, etc)
- Baby Clothes
- Baby Supplies
- Children's Clothing sizes 6 to 14/16
- Candy for children (not chocolate)
- First Aid Supplies
- Staplers/staples
- Envelopes
- Welding gloves
- Tool belts
- Small gardening tools
- Oven mitts
- Fabric
- Sonar Mouse Traps

Pick up a supply list from the Welcome Center

Bring supplies to church by Sunday, August 13

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