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The Christian Call

Worship Services

8:15 am | Sanctuary

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10:45 am | Fellowship Center

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Harvest of Talents



40th Harvest of Talents for World Hunger Saturday, October 28, doors open at 7 am

WELCOME to "HARVEST DAY IN LINCOLN"!

- ~ Outdoor Tent Seating, Indoor Dining, Fireside Chats
- ~ Food Packing event for all ages, Free-will Offering
- ~ Live Auction at 2:00 pm: Unique Handcrafted Items
 - ~ Silent Auctions Facebook Auctions Gift Cards
- ~ Cinnamon/Caramel Pecan Rolls, Dine-In or Carry-Out
- ~ Dine-In H.O.T. Vegetable Soup (sold by ½ gal containers at 11 am while supplies last)
- ~ Cultural Passport Experiences ~ Children's Activities 9-11 am
- ~ Indoor Booths for Handcrafts, Jewelry, Missions, Wreaths, Christmas Ornaments, Baby Gifts, Fashion Accessories, Baked Goods, Breads, "Man-Cave" one-of-a-kind items, Jam/Canned Goods, Handcrafted Candies, Chair Massages
- ~ Harvest Handcrafted Soft Tacos ~ Fried Potatoes
- ~ Smoked Pulled Pork & Sloppy Joes Sandwiches
- ~ Homemade Breakfast Burritos ~ Homemade Pies
- ~ Outdoor Beverage Station with H.O.T. Spiced Apple Cider, H.O.T. Chocolate, Water, Soda, & 40th Anniversary Ruby Red Punch!



Thank you
for your support!



Join us for Celebration Sunday, October 29!

All funds raised will be presented to International Disaster Emergency Service (IDES) to aid hunger victims around the world during Worship Services at 8:15, 9:30, and 10:45 am at Lincoln Christian Church

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Jesus Is

Few years back, I took the wife shopping at the mall. I'm not the marathon shopper she is, and after a while I found myself outside Macy's in one of those sitting areas where old men go to wait. There were four of us sitting there waiting on our wives. (I was the youngest, but once they were all young too when they first sat down. Giggles.) I suggested we each throw \$5 on the table and the first wife to come out, that man wins the money. They all laughed, but not one of them was willing to gamble \$5. Thirty minutes later, the oldest man there, his wife came out. He looked at us with a huge smile and said, "Hey, I win!" We all laughed. As he stood up to leave, he said over his shoulder, "Losers!" We all lost it.

Interesting thing: some people also treat Jesus as if they were shopping in a store for only the things they wanted and nothing more. I want Jesus as my Savior, but I'm not looking for a Lord. Why is Jesus "Savior" something we want, but Jesus "Lord" is something we don't want? I think we all know the answer to that. I want Jesus to heal me today, but I'm not interested in someone I need every day. I want a little of this, but I'm not shopping for that. Are you starting to see the problem?

Even further, I don't want to go to hell, but I'm not interested in having a Master. I want to be saved, but I'm not wanting a King. In other words, take me to heaven, but while I'm here on earth, I want to be in charge. Jesus is both, not either/or. If you take the one, you get the other, and it's the lacking of the other that is causing so many problems in our world.

Our October sermon series will dive into this issue a lot deeper and challenge our way of looking at Jesus. Looking closely at who Jesus is and why we need both, is exactly what this world needs right now. It's what we need. It's having all of Jesus, all of who He is, that helps to bring control. Problem? A world that throws off Jesus, even part of who He is, will soon become out of control. Look around. You can see this can't you?

Upcoming October Sermon Series: *Jesus Is*



- 10/01 ...Savior and Lord
- 10/08 ...Healer and Sustainer
- 10/15 ...Grace and Truth
- 10/22 ...Love and Discipline
- 10/29 Harvest Sunday! (HarvestOfTalents.org)



JOLLY SENIORS MEETING

- DATE:** Wednesday, October *18, 2023
(Oct.'s meeting will be the *3rd Wed. due to H.o.T!)
@ 10:00 am — 12:30 pm
- PLACE:** Fellowship Center @
Lincoln Christian Church
204 N. McLean St.
Lincoln, IL 62656
- PROGRAM:** Brandon Davis!
- DEVOTION:** Zach Ramsey!
- LUNCH ENTRÉE:** Baked Ham from Guzzardo's!*
- *Remember to bring treats to share!
- NEXT MEETING:** Wed., Nov. 15* (3rd Wed. due to holiday)

Welcome New Members!

By Baptism:

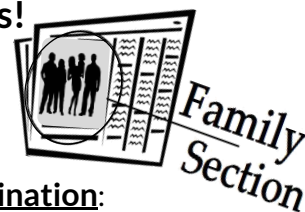
08/20/23—McClane Awe
08/27/23—Chris Slaby

By Transfer:

8/20/23—Johnny Horn

Ordination:

08/27/23—Chuck McFadden





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Church-Wide Study LifeGroup Experience

Short-Term Small Group Bible Study

In October, Pastor Ron will be preaching a series called "Jesus Is". Join Brandon Boyd on Wednesday evenings from 6:30-7:30 pm in Family Room 1 for a smaller group discussion on the sermon's themes. If you have ever wanted to try a LifeGroup, this is your chance to try one with a short-term commitment! This group will meet for 5 Wednesdays, October 4, 11, 18, 25 and November 1.



Adult Sunday School

A great first place to connect with new friends and to learn the Bible is one of our adult Sunday School Classes. We have classes for all adults. Our classes are fun places to study the Bible with friends! For class options, stop by the Welcome Center or visit:

lincolncchristianchurch.org/next

Need a Fresh Start on Your Bible Reading?

Our goal for every person at Lincoln Christian Church is to spend time each day reading the Bible, and then listen to God in prayer. That's a challenge, but here are a couple of resources to help you start (or restart) your Bible reading.

The Bible App (bible.com). This is a phone app and a website. This site contains several Bible reading plan guides to help you feel more comfortable in prayer. And it's FREE!



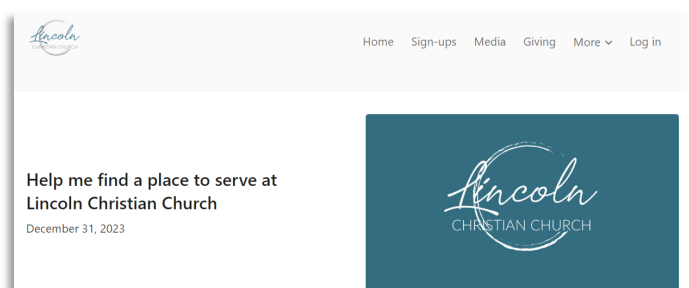
Our Daily Bread (odb.org). This is an app, website, email subscription, and paper copies are at the Welcome Center. There is a brief devotion each day, a verse or two of the Bible to read, and a sentence or two to help you begin to pray. It's also FREE!



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:

lincolncchristianchurch.org/impact



Lincoln Christian Church Young Adults



Follow us on Instagram at:

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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>.

6th-8th Graders join us for *OnMission*, our own service retreat for Jr. Highers, Oct 20-22, at Little Galilee Christian Camp. It is going to be an incredible weekend of serving people in central Illinois! \$100 for all supplies, food, and lodging. We can't wait! Sign up by Sunday, October 1.

8th Grade Students who attend *On Mission* can apply for a scholarship for \$100 for CIY Move. That means that what you pay for *OnMission* is taken off the cost for CIY Move. How sweet is that?



6th-12th Grade Fall Fest!

Wednesday, October 25, from 6:30-8:30 pm, we are heading out to the Mauhar's house for 2 hours of fall fun! We hope you can make it!!

Harvest of Talents for Students!

We encourage you 5th-12th Graders to get involved in the Harvest of Talents. Maybe you have a talent that you would like to share. If not, that's fine, 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 the gifts or the money; it's feeding hungry people around the world for Jesus! How cool is that?! Contact Bethany Henry if you're interested!



5th Graders join us Friday, October 13, from 6-8 pm for a great night of games, dodgeball, and food! \$10 at the door for food and supplies. It's going to be a great night. Invite a friend to join!

Mark Your Calendars – Discipleship Trips



5th Grade CIY—January 26-27



8th-12th Grade CIY—July 8-13



Hey Juniors and Seniors!

Check out LCU's LEAP Program!

Lincoln Christian University's Early Achievement Program (LEAP) is a great opportunity for high school juniors and seniors to take Bible and Christian Education classes. Plus most are online so its super accessible! More info at:

lincolinchristian.edu/academics/programs/dual-enrollment/



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY



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There is a lot of fun happening in the children's department! We have started a new incentive program for 4-year-olds to 4th graders. Your child will receive a ping pong ball for many different reasons, such as bringing a Bible to church or bringing a friend to church. They also have a Memory Workbook, and they will receive a ping pong ball for each verse they memorize. After their class ping pong box is full of ping pong balls their class will receive a donut party!



So, kids, don't forget to invite your friends to church each week and to work on your memory verses! Parents, your child should have a memory verse book so they can work on their verses with you throughout the week. It is going to be so fun watching the kids learn and memorize the WORD OF GOD!!

Last month we also had Grandparents' Sunday. There were 20 grandparents who came and spent time in the children's department, and we had a blast! We did some crafts, learned about what life was like when the grandparents were the age of their grandchildren, and had lots of laughter.



There was a fun-filled evening in our children's department at our special KidMin event on Wed., Sept. 13! We had an Angry Birds night where there was a lesson on not being an angry bird that uses angry words. We talked about using kind words and being patient, and we also prayed for people who have had angry words spoken to them. Then we played a life-sized version of the game!

UPCOMING KID EVENTS...

Sunday, October 1—DONUTS WITH DADS!

Bring your dads or an adult man you look up to like grandpa, big brother, uncle, or friend to Sunday School at 9:30 am! Enjoy a donut and look around the children's department.

Wednesday, October 11—PUMPKIN NIGHT!

Wednesday night at 6:30 pm, come and enjoy some pumpkin activities with your family, open house style, until 8:00 pm!

Sunday, October 15—SINGING IN WORSHIP!

KidMin will be singing in all four services! Be on the look out for more information coming your way on this event.

Sunday, October 29—SPECIAL FAMILY EVENT!

We will be hosting a special family event this evening from 7 to 9 pm. Much more information coming your way soon!

**Chuck's
corner**

Come find me with the answer to this question and get a prize:

What animal creates their own sunblock so they don't get sun-burned in the blistering African Sun?





WORSHIP MINISTRY

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It's time to sing! The first opportunity is caroling for *Hometown Christmas* on Dec. 2, from 4 to 7 pm. We sing outside for 20 to 30 minutes at the top of each hour. Dress warmly! We are caroling outside. No rehearsal 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 2023*. We will combine adults with the Fellowship Center vocalists, and students from Good News and HeartSong for a dynamic multi-generational worship-leading ensemble! *Celebrate! Christmas* is during our three services on Sunday, Dec. 10, at 8:15, 9:30, and 10:45 am in the Fellowship Center.

You'll be provided with the music and the listening songs as early as Oct. 4 to memorize three songs on your own. The listening songs are 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! (No printed music or words on the platform during dress rehearsal or the services—the words will be on the confidence monitor on the back wall.)

- Sun., Nov 12: 5:35 – 6:00 and/or 6:00 – 6:25 pm
- Wed., Nov 15: 6:30 – 6:55 pm
- Sun., Nov 19: 5:35 – 6:00 and/or 6:00 – 6:25 pm
- Wed., Nov 29: 6:30 – 6:55 pm
- Sun., Dec 3: 5:35 – 6:00 and/or 6:00 – 6:25 pm

Not optional:

- Wed., Dec 6 (DRESS REHEARSAL) 8:10 – 9:00 pm
- Sunday, Dec 10 in all three morning services in the Fellowship Center (the first 25ish minutes)

Please email me to let him know of your interest in the *Celebrate! Christmas* Worship Choir!

GLOBAL IMPACT—



Mission Trip Opportunity

Tim Shields, Executive Director of Hisportic Global Christian Mission, is taking two groups to Guinea-Bissau, West Africa in February 2024, and there is room for a few people from Lincoln Christian Church! Each trip would be approximately \$3,800. February 1-13 would be joining another church to do a VBS in Guinea-Bissau, and the trip from February 16-28 would be a construction-focused trip to build part of a perimeter wall around the school and seminary campus. (See pictures below of past trips!) Three members of our congregation traveled to Guinea-Bissau 2015 and would be glad to sit down and share with anyone who interested. For more information, email:

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~Barb Messner, GI Team Leader



API, or Asia Pacific International,

is dedicated to nurturing leadership within Indonesian churches and fostering the growth of the Church throughout the country. Their mission involves traveling to encourage and train leaders, as well as organizing a significant national conference that promotes training, encouragement, and fellowship among believers. They are also deeply involved in relief work, women's training initiatives, preschools, and parent training, all of which have a positive impact on local communities. Lincoln Christian Church directly supports two church planting teams through our partnership with API.

API's history traces back to its establishment in 1970 by American missionaries Carl and Grace Fish, and Chuck and Nance Winegarner. Notably, their language teacher, Gideon Tanbunaan, played a pivotal role in the organization's success and leadership development.

Indonesia, as the most populous Muslim country globally, presents unique challenges for church planting. While the law theoretically allows for the freedom to choose the Christian faith, the country maintains a predominantly pro-Muslim stance, making the maintenance and growth of churches a demanding endeavor. Despite the constitutional provision for religious freedom, Christians in Indonesia can face persecution at any time.

We are enthusiastic about supporting API's ministry because of its unwavering commitment to church planting. API consistently trains and sends out church planters to predominantly Muslim communities. While they do receive financial support from other countries, such as the United States, it's important to highlight that the mission is entirely run and staffed by dedicated Indonesians.

API sends out a prayer newsletter via email that details recent developments and prayer requests for the many church planters API supports and trains. If you would like to know more about the ministry or sign up for their prayer newsletter, please reach out to the Global Impact Team at:

lccglobalimpact@gmail.com

~Jacob Payne, GI Ministry Team Member

LOCAL IMPACT—



So much has changed since 1965 when the Christian Village began its mission of empowering older adults in mind, body, and spirit through a faith-led ministry. Who but the Good Lord above could have envisioned the impact the Christian Village would have across the Midwest. The Christian Village has been and continues to be the heartbeat for all other Christian Horizons communities. From the foundation built in Lincoln so much has been done to ensure Godly care for seniors. The creation of Senior Care Pharmacy, two supportive living programs, Safe Haven hospice, Pathway Home, (housing and care for widows in war torn Myanmar), and last, but not least, a state-of-the-art community in St. Louis to meet the needs of many low-income seniors across that city. All of this to live out Psalm 71:9; "Do not cast me away when I am old; do not forsake me when my strength is gone."

A few weeks back, the heart-wrenching decision was made to close the skilled nursing neighbors in

Lincoln. It was with heavy heart and deep sadness and great concern for our residents this decision had to be made. While that decision was not easy, it was necessary as the Christian Village prepares for a bright and strong future ahead. Please know the demanding work has begun to add new levels of assisted living care. Please stay tuned as we await the State governing boards approval for our request.

Despite a devastating pandemic, soaring inflation, dramatic expense increases in general operating cost, Christian Horizons is strong. Why? It is because of our church partners who have faithfully provided prayer, financial, and physical support to help our sweet residents thrive! It is with thankfulness for all you have done that we humbly ask you to continue to support this ministry.

With God's blessing and His great help, we have been able to do more than any of us could ever have imagined. Thank you LCC church family; because of you and others like you, the love of Jesus is stronger than ever at Christian Village.

~Terry Davis, Director of Major & Planned Gifts
christianhorizonsliving.org



W.o.W. (Widows of Wisdom)

meets the first Friday of every month so mark your calendars! Join us Friday, October 6 at 11:30 am in Room 15 at LCC.

Please bring a sack lunch, but drinks will be provided, as well as, apple and pumpkin desserts! Reva will have a lesson on Jewish Feasts. Hope to see you then & there! Feel free to bring a friend too.

Questions and/or RSVP to Reva (217-828-0924) or Sharon (217-737-9834), thank you!

For more information and details on any of Lincoln Christian Church's missionaries or ministries, please contact us from the information below that is most convenient for you:

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Harvest of Talents



Thank you for helping "build bridges of hope in Jesus' name" as you participate in the
40th Harvest of Talents with your prayers, talents, time, and resources!

Contact the Church Office (217-732-7618), Natalie (217-737-7254) or Carolyn (217-737-9170)

Volunteers are needed and always appreciated!

- ✂ to make candy for the Candy Booth
(please label if it contains nuts or peanut butter)
- ✂ to help make breakfast rolls, no experience necessary
(Call Jackson at 217-314-0740)
- ✂ to greet guests at the entry doors on Harvest Day
- ✂ to help set up/take down booths, decorate outside,
and clean up during/after auction
- ✂ to donate beautiful fall decorations for
outdoor/indoor use (want to coordinate?)
- ✂ to donate new handcrafted items, suitable
for gift-giving (nothing used or needing repair)
- ✂ to make fresh baked goods (including pies)
from your favorite recipes
- ✂ to help create a 40th Anniversary 'Photo-Op' area
- ✂ to donate fresh pecans for caramel pecan rolls
- ✂ to donate toward the cost of supplies for the G.A.P.
food-packing event. Sign-up for a 1-hour shift!
- ✂ to donate cases of soda and water bottles
- ✂ to volunteer your tech savvy to record Harvest
stories during Harvest Day
- ✂ to sign-up to carry a flag on Celebration Sunday
at all three services

- ✂ to volunteer a service/talent for the live or silent
auctions
- ✂ to let us know if you are celebrating a 40th
birthday or 40th anniversary this year, also!
- ✂ to let us know who can refurbish our outdoor
Harvest sign
- ✂ to help where needed ~ Blessings all around!

Check-in donated items at the Welcome Center:

- ✂ Tue, Oct 24, 4-7 pm
 - ✂ Wed, Oct 25 & Thu, Oct 26, Noon-7 pm
(To allow for pricing and placement, please check in
all handcrafted items by Thursday evening.)
 - ✂ Fri, Oct 27, 11 am-7 pm (Fresh baked goods, pies
and last-minute donations from out-of-town)
- Thank you for your faithful support and prayers!
- ✂ 40 Days of Prayer Calendar; copies at the
Welcome Center and online
 - ✂ Filling a blue IDES Fish Bank and turning it in
before October 28
 - ✂ Your Monetary Donations of any size; every
penny spent at Harvest goes for hunger relief!

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