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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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Countdown to Christmas at



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Saturday, Dec 2
Hometown Christmas
4-7 pm

FREE
Family Event!

Horse Drawn Carriage,
Christmas Train, Carols,
Hot Cocoa & Cookies,
Santa's Workshop & Crafts,
Photos with Santa

Sunday, Dec 3
Make Room
Message Series Launch

8:15, 9:30 & 10:45 am
Fellowship Center Services
8:15 am | Traditional Service
Featuring the Sanctuary Choir
& Handbells

Sunday, Dec 10
Celebrate! Christmas
A worship celebration of carols!

8:15, 9:30 & 10:45 am
Fellowship Center Services
Featuring our Student Choirs:
Good News & HeartSong,
Worship Choir & Worship Band

Sunday, Dec 17
Make Room series continues

8:15, 9:30 & 10:45 am
Fellowship Center Services
Featuring Kids Choirs & Handbells
8:15 am | Traditional Service
Featuring the Sanctuary Choir
& Kids Choirs

Sunday, Dec 24
8:15, 9:30 & 10:45 am
Fellowship Center Services
8:15 am | Traditional Service

Christmas Eve
Carols & Candlelight
4:00 & 6:00 pm | Sanctuary

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MAKE ROOM

As you may know, I ride a Harley-Davidson classic motorcycle. It's the new love of my life. Let me also point out, it's far from a "new bike," but new to me and new to my garage. Wanting to store it indoors meant a bunch of things had to go. (Not my stuff . . . my wife's stuff!) For most couples, what to save and what to let go is a minefield of argument opportunities just waiting to blow up; am I right? Only a brave biker would even consider it. LOL. My point? I needed to MAKE ROOM for something new.

The biblical Christmas narrative is filled with people who were challenged to MAKE ROOM for Jesus. They are making room for the new things God is bringing into their lives. Some do it well like Joseph and Mary, the shepherds, the wisemen. Others not so well, like Herod and the infamous innkeeper.

The Christmas story is an invitation from God to MAKE ROOM, create some space for God to work. God is inviting all people into a richer, more fulfilling and adventurous life with His Son Jesus. Not everyone will MAKE ROOM for this. We all know there was an innkeeper who failed to MAKE ROOM. That was his big loss that night. He didn't get to see the arrival of Jesus. Others, however, did MAKE ROOM and are woven into one of the greatest stories of all time.

God comes into our lives with an offer you can't refuse. He offers grace and forgiveness, a fresh start, adventure, renewal, love and acceptance, a promising future, reward, heaven, and eternal life. Sounds great, right? But, every invitation of God comes with a need to MAKE ROOM. To let go of some things.

MAKE ROOM is our December sermon series. Creating space for God to work. I wonder what surprises God has in store for those of us who will accept this invitation? I wonder how many lives will be changed, marriages will be enriched, families strengthened, and lives enhanced? This could be a new beginning or a major turning point in our spiritual journeys. Who knows what marvelous things can happen as we each MAKE ROOM for Jesus. Come join us!



- 12/03 Make Room for God's Authority—Joseph
- 12/10 Make Room for God's Timing—Mary
- 12/17 Make Room for God's Community—Shepherds
- 12/24 Make Room for God's Son—Innkeeper
- 12/31 Make Room for God's Calling—Wisemen

JOLLY SENIORS are taking a bus trip!

Lancaster Show, Pennsylvania Dutch Country including Philadelphia & Hershey | April 14 - 20



\$965* (*double occupancy) includes motorcoach, lodging, 10 meals & admission to attractions

**Reserve your spot & pay \$75 deposit by Dec 1
Contact Judy Kukuck**



JOLLY SENIORS MEETING

DATE: Wednesday, December **13, 2023
(*Dec.'s meeting will be the **2nd Wed. due to Christmas!)
@ 10:00 am — 12:30 pm

PLACE: Fellowship Center @
Lincoln Christian Church
204 N. McLean St.
Lincoln, IL 62656

PROGRAM: Tim Searby and Friends!

DEVOTION: Michael Mallick!

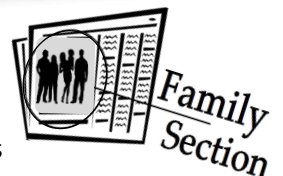
LUNCH ENTRÉE: Roast Pork from Guzzardo's!
*Remember: bring treats to share & To-Go containers!

NEXT MEETING: NO Jan. Mtg! (Watch mail for Feb. Mtg:)

Welcome New Members!

By Baptism:

- 10/08/2023—Owen King,
Shannon Moore, Tracy Watkins
- 10/15/2023—Michael Watkins
- 10/19/2023—Baileigh Shehorn





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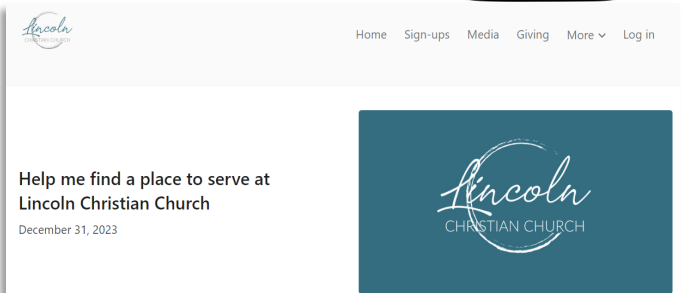
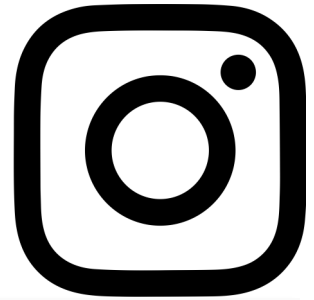
Men On Fire

Meet with other men as they study ways to apply the powerful truths of the Bible to daily life. Join this group in learning on how to live as a godly man. Fire meets Wednesday evenings in Room 300.

Lincoln Christian Church Young Adults

Follow us on Instagram at:

[/lincolnchristianyoungadults](https://www.instagram.com/lincolnchristianyoungadults)



You Can Make an Impact

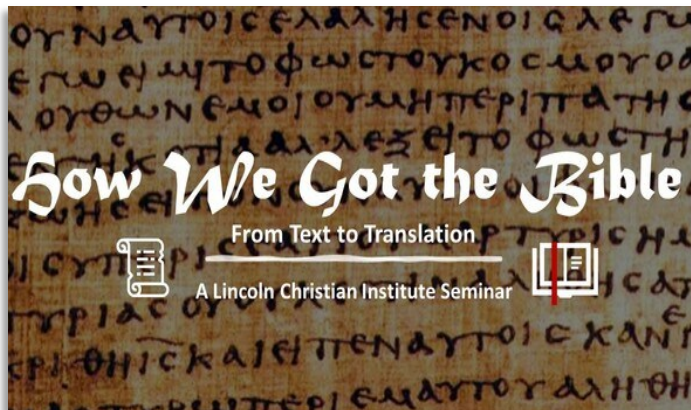
A key step in your spiritual growth is to join a ministry team to serve our church family, our community, and our world. You can serve as a greeter, kitchen worker, groundskeeper and more. We have a place to serve for everyone! Find more information at:

lincolnchristianchurch.org/impact



Newcomers Reception

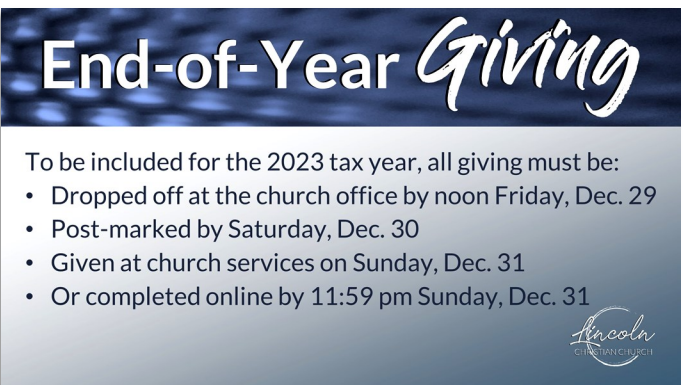
On Sunday, January 21, following each morning service, we will be holding a Newcomers Reception in the Fireside Room. If you are newer with us, we would like to take about ten minutes of your time. We would like to introduce ourselves to you and give you some information about next steps. (This will 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. We have a small gift for you as a way of saying "thanks"!



How We Got the Bible Seminar

Saturday, January 27, 2024 from 8:30 am—1:00 pm
Led by Dr. Jim Estep of Lincoln Christian Institute. Jim talks about how we got our Bible, why we have the books that we have and other important questions. Doors open at 8 am. Donuts, coffee, and snacks provided. No cost, but please pre-register at:

lincolnchristianchurch.org/events



To be included for the 2023 tax year, all giving must be:

- Dropped off at the church office by noon Friday, Dec. 29
- Post-marked by Saturday, Dec. 30
- Given at church services on Sunday, Dec. 31
- Or completed online by 11:59 pm Sunday, Dec. 31





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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>.



Jr. High Christmas Party

Hey 5th-8th Graders, join us on Wednesday, December 6, from 6-8 pm for an amazing Christmas Party! We'll have a Christmas movie, fun games, cookies, and hot chocolate. Please bring a plate of cookies to pass, but remember: NO PEANUTS OR NUT PRODUCTS!

High School Christmas Party

Hey 9th-12th Graders, come Sunday, December 10, from 6-9 pm for our Christmas Party and celebrate the birth of Jesus with us! We'll have cookies and hot chocolate, a movie, and an opportunity to serve our community. How awesome is that? Please bring \$5 to help buy gifts for those in need and a plate of cookies to pass, but remember: NO PEANUTS OR NUT PRODUCTS!

Mark Your Calendar – Discipleship Trips



5th Grade CIY

Friday-Saturday, January 26-27, 2024

\$85 plus 2 meals

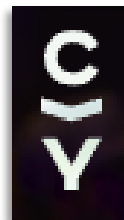


8th-12th Grade CIY

Monday-Saturday, July 8-13, 2024

\$460 plus 3 meals

More info on each at: lccstudents.com/ciy



OnMission

We had a great time at OnMission this fall! A group of 6th-8th Grade students went to Little Galilee Christian Camp in Clinton, IL, where we did a variety of service projects around the camp grounds. We also helped prepare a meal for one of our visiting missionaries, Felix Mathew, and learned about how God is working in India. Each student worked hard and learned more about what it means to be OnMission for God. This fall's theme was "An OnMission Identity" where we learned how God made us to be serving saints. Thanks, Church, for your support of students! Your tithes and prayers produce fruit in the lives of students every week!





CHILDREN'S MINISTRY



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On Sunday, November 5, in the Children's Ministry, we had **Muffins with Moms** (or grandmas, aunts, etc.)! We had 80 people participate. Here are a few pictures from that event. Lots of laughter, good conversations and of course lots of good muffins!

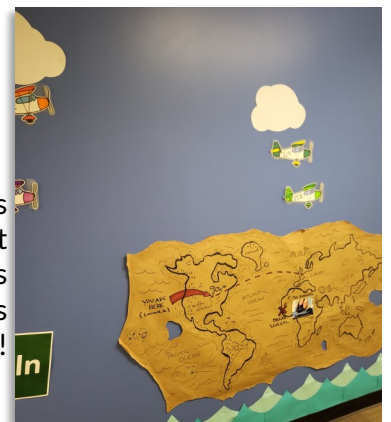


Here is a **Missions Reminder** that the Kids Ministry is collecting money to buy books for Matthew and Sydney Barker. The kids' classes collect money, and then when they have raised enough to buy a book, they go down and pick a picture of a book off the "buy me" side of our missionary wall and put it on the "bought" side. It is a visual representation of why they are bringing money to help out an area where books are not easily assessable. Here are some pictures of our missions wall!



The "buy me" side shows the book options. Each class has its own plane that shows on it how much money they have raised so far!

Here are some planes flying over a map that shows where the books are going. Some planes are zooming along!



Here is a picture of all the books "bought" so far. The kids are doing amazing! A big Thank You to all for supporting the kids in bringing money to help the Barkers deliver books to other kids that need them. You all are awesome!

Question of the month:

**Chuck's
corner**

What animal has an extra wrist bone that helps them hold and eat their food?

Hint: it is named after the animal.

Another hint: they eat 16 hours a day and sleep the rest!

Answer from last month: REINDEER!



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Thank you for supporting Good News with the Carry-out Pork Chops. We served 306 dinners! Mark your calendars for The Ultimate All-You-Can-Eat Breakfast Fundraiser coming up Saturday, March 9, 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!

CELEBRATE! CHRISTMAS

HOPE AWAKES IN BETHLEHEM

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

featuring our Student Choirs: *Good News & HeartSong*; Worship Choir & Worship Band

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We are partnering with Center for Youth and Family Solutions in Lincoln to serve 75 children with Christmas presents.

Angel Tree Tag Distribution is Sunday, Dec. 3, between services by the Welcome Center.

All gifts are due Sunday, December 10 in the large gift bag provided.



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LOCAL IMPACT—

Thank you!

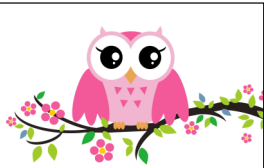
What Your 2022 Christmas Eve Offering Helped Accomplish in 2023!

Your gifts have made a positive *impact* in our community! LCC's Local Impact Ministry has helped in the following ways:

- Gave food to 59 families
- Helped 53 families financially
- Helped financially for the construction on one of the Tiny Homes for Veterans
- On two occasions, provided food for volunteers working on the Tiny Homes for Veterans
- On several occasions, provided food for people being housed by the Salvation Army

At this year's Christmas Eve Services, we will once again be collecting an offering to fund the Crisis Intervention portion of our Local Impact Ministry. Please consider not only attending this special service, but also giving to help families in need. When we help people, we always tell them this is a part of our ministry at Lincoln Christian Church, and that God's Word says we are to help those in need!

~Larry Simonson, LI Ministry Team Leader



W.o.W. (Widows of Wisdom)

meets the first Friday of every month so mark your calendars!

Join us Friday, December 1 at 11:30 am at Reva's house

(weather-permitting, or will be in Room 15 at LCC).

We'll be having a **Christmas Tea!** Everyone should bring a small gift for the nursing home residents (socks with grips, puzzles, books, lotions, etc.). We'll also do a craft to brighten the ladies restrooms by the Fellowship Center, as well as, a fun craft for you to take home!

Questions and/or RSVP ASAP to Reva (217.828.0924) or Sharon (217.737.9834), thank you! And feel free to bring friends too.

GLOBAL IMPACT—

The Chaplaincy Endorsement Commission (CEC),

an outreach of the independent Christian Churches and Churches of Christ, provides endorsement and pastoral care of chaplains and counselors in ministry



who serve in a variety of agencies such as the military, hospitals, prisons, and corporations. Chaplains faithfully extend the love of Christ to people who are beyond the outreach of our local churches. The CEC helps our ministers meet the requirements to become chaplains and encourages them in their work. The CEC expects that its endorsed chaplains and counselors will perform their chaplaincy ministry in a manner representative of local churches affiliated with the independent Christian Churches and Churches of Christ as they minister to all persons. Currently there are 265 Chaplains representing us worldwide and 35 Candidates preparing for ministry.



Kal McAlexander, a retired United States Navy Chaplain with over twenty seven-years of service, is the Executive Director of the CEC. He underwent surgery for a total knee replacement a few months ago, and he reports that he is doing exceptionally well. In fact,

he bounced back so quickly that he couldn't wait to hit the road as soon as his doctor gave him the green light. Please continue to pray for Kal, our chaplains and the CEC. They report that further financial support is needed as churches have had to lessen support over the past few years. The CEC newsletters, which are loaded with ministry photos, can be viewed at:

cec-chap.org/newsletters



Chaplaincy Endorsement Commission
Christian Churches and Churches of Christ

~Barb Messner, GI Ministry Team Leader

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

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Harvest of Talents

Our 40th Harvest Total for 2023:

\$127,019.21!

40-Year Grand Total: \$2,890,691.16!



Harvest of Talents

Cookie Walk

Saturday, December 9

8 – 11am

Family Room, Main Entrance Door C

Lincoln Christian Church | 204 N McLean St

\$8 per pound



All proceeds for Harvest of Talents to feed hungry people all over the world

**(Bakers Needed! Please bring cookies to Main Entrance, Door C
on Friday, Dec 8, 8am – Noon)**

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