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8:15 am | Fellowship Center

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Winner on
FOOL US with
Penn & Teller

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The End!

I agreed to meet my family for lunch. Son, daughter and grandkids, Grandma Bonbon and Papa. When my children asked what time, I said "11:45 and the last one there has to pay." When Bonnie asked the kids what time we were meeting, they told her noon. My kids are hilarious. Bonnie showed up late and unprepared to pay.

Have you ever forgotten your wallet and didn't discover it until the restaurant bill came? You reached for it and suddenly had the empty feeling that you were unable to pay your bill. A man in front of me just this past week couldn't get his debit card to work. He was unable to pay. You could see the anxiety in his face, the emptiness of not knowing what was happening, and the questions that filled his mind. He was forced to step out of line and call his wife to see what he was doing wrong. You could see the embarrassment. You could feel the tension.

That's what the end times will be like for many when Jesus returns. Unbelievers will have the immediate empty feeling of knowing they wasted a life and now have a bill that they're not equipped to pay.

Unbelieving people in ancient times mocked the idea of a coming Messiah. Unbelieving people of our day mock the idea of a second coming of Jesus.

We were told there would be mockers at the end: "Above all, you must understand that in the last days scoffers will come, scoffing and following their own evil desires." (II Peter 3:3)

Got questions about the end of days? It's tempting to debate. Even though some ideas are filled with landmines, and Scriptures can be confusing, we can find some basic information and instructions.

Following Easter, we will dive into end time teachings and what it all means for us. Our April series is titled "The End: What Happens Next?" This series will help unpack simple guidelines to end time understanding.

I'd bet many of your friends could benefit from a short series like this. If you've been meaning to invite someone, this could open the door you were hoping for. Try it. Let's see what God does with it.



- 04/07 End Times Events...Curious & Want to Know
- 04/14 Importance of Living Readily
- 04/21 Second Coming (It's a Love Story)
- 04/28 Life After His Return

JOLLY SENIORS MEETING

DATE: Wednesday, April 24, 2024
(back to meeting on the usual 4th Wed. of the month!)
@ 10:00 am – 12:30 pm

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

PROGRAM: Heaven Bound Gospel Quartet!

DEVOTION: Don Green!

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

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, May 22, 2024 @ 10 am!
(back to our usual meetings on the 4th Wed. of the mo.!)

Welcome New Members!

By Baptism:

- 02/11/24 – Rylan Cusey and Cooper Freitag
- 02/17/24 – Wade and Ashley,
Kamryn and Kollin Kaesebier
- 02/18/24 – Bill Benner



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Join the Team!

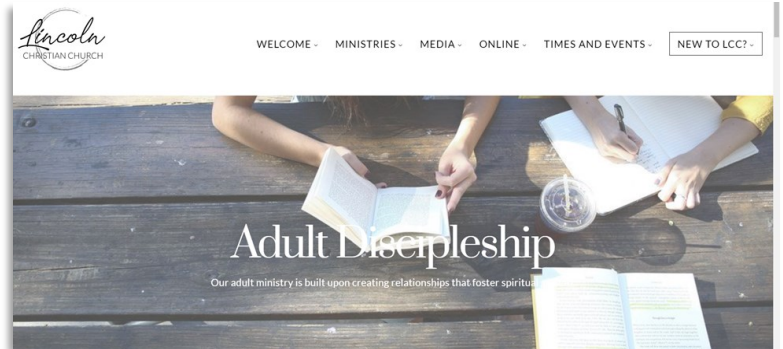
Ministry Teams serve our church family and our community. There is a place for everyone to serve—we need over 400 people every week to carry out God’s work for Lincoln Christian Church. We have roles for greeters, kitchen workers, landscape team, handyman team, and many more. Information available at:

lincolnchristianchurch.org/next

NEWCOMERS RECEPTION
 APRIL 7 FOLLOWING EACH SERVICE
FIRESIDE ROOM

Newcomers Reception

On Sunday, April 7, following each 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 area before you come to the reception. We have a small gift for you as a way of saying thanks for attending.



Adult Discipleship Website

For the latest information on the adult discipleship ministry, visit the website:

lincolnchristianchurch.org/next

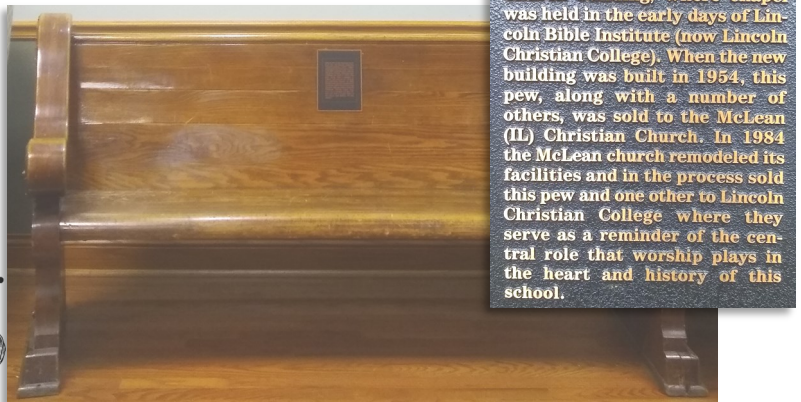


Wednesday Men's Group

Join with other men and learn to live of a life of “No Regrets” as we seek to build friendships and learn more about applying the Bible to our lives.

Wednesdays at 6:30 pm up in Room 300.

This is one of the deacon's pews from the old Lincoln Christian Church building, where chapel was held in the early days of Lincoln Bible Institute (now Lincoln Christian College). When the new building was built in 1954, this pew, along with a number of others, was sold to the McLean (IL) Christian Church. In 1984 the McLean church remodeled its facilities and in the process sold this pew and one other to Lincoln Christian College where they serve as a reminder of the central role that worship plays in the heart and history of this school.



Original LCC pew made is way back home from LCU!

One of LCC’s historical pews from the first building when it was across the street by the library lived at Lincoln Christian University for a long time. Recently, it was graciously given back to LCC to continue living in our cozy Fireside Room. Check it out there, give a sit, and read the plaque of when LCChurch gave it to LCCollege back in the day!

End Times Q & A
 with Dr. Jim Estep
POSTPONED
 Wednesday, May 1, 2024
 6:30pm
 Family Room #1

Bring Your Questions About End Times

*Note: this seminar has been postponed. More TBA.



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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.

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Recognizing our High School Seniors at The Gathering and on Student Sunday!

Graduation is around the corner, and we want to celebrate this milestone at The Gathering and on Student Sunday in our Worship Services. Please let us know if you would like to have your High School Senior recognized. To sign up your senior for Senior Celebration and/or Student Sunday **by Sunday, April 7**, go to: lccstudents.com/seniors



Our church is taking a group of 13 high school students and adults to Santiago, Dominican Republic to work with GO Ministries July 16-23. Pray that God will use our team to further His Kingdom in the DR. Pray that we will aid the work of the churches around Santiago. Pray also that team members will be able to raise the necessary funds. Thank you for being a church that values mission work in the USA and around the World!

Team Members are Kristina Allen, Jayden Brown, Makayla Curry, Tracy Curry, Aiden Frye, Chuck Gunning, Becca Heitzig, Kim Heitzig, Willow King, Lory Maricle, Betsy Ramsey, Zach Ramsey, and Lauren Tedrick.

Camp Scholarships Available!

We have 10 scholarships available for Jr. High and High School students to help them attend camp at Little Galilee. Applications are **due Sunday, May 5** and can be picked up at the Student Info Desk or at: lccstudents.com. If you would like to use your Family Fundraising Account funds for camp, call the office **by Sunday, May 5** at: 217.732.7618.



Ribeye Sandwich MOOOVE Fundraiser!

Sunday, May 5, we will have our Carry-Out Ribeye Sandwich MOOOVE Fundraiser for CIY Move! These carry out meals are a great lunch! You can purchase tickets in two ways. To help individual students pay towards their fees, buy tickets directly from them starting **Monday, April 15 through the Sunday, April 28**. The second way to purchase tickets is to pick them up from and pay in the main church office during that same period. Office hours are open Monday through Friday, from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm (closed for the noon lunch hour), then from 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm. You may also buy at the door the day of on Sunday, May 5. However, the proceeds from this second option will not benefit individual students, but will still go toward the overall trip cost. Thank you for supporting the students of our church!



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY



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I hope and pray that everyone has had a wonderful **Easter season**. I am thankful for the new life that Jesus made possible through his death and resurrection. Easter, in my brain, is always the start of spring. I always enjoy springtime. I am excited to see new life beginning to spring up: flowers popping up all over town, green grass beginning to grow and leaves starting to bud on trees. A new season with new life. Amazing things to see, so **Happy Spring** to everyone!



Now that Easter season has come, and we get to see all the new life in nature, we celebrate the new life that we have in Christ.

In Kids Ministry, we will be offering a **"Becoming a Christian"** class that begins on Monday, April 8 thru April 29 from 5-6 pm for 2nd through 4th Graders. We'll be talking about:

Week 1: Who is God?

Week 2: What is a relationship with Jesus?

Week 3: How do I keep in step with the Spirit?

Week 4: A family discussion (Parents, please attend!)



Becoming a Christian Class

for 2nd - 4th Graders

Begins April 8 for four weeks

5:00 - 6:00 pm

Sign up @ Kid Min Check-In



We ask that you please sign your child up for this event in Children's Check-In Area or by calling Chuck at the Church. We also ask that you try to attend each week as will build on the previous weeks. This is one of greatest privileges of serving in the kids ministry; coming beside parents and helping show our children what a personal relationship with our Lord and Savior is! I am excited about these events and what God will do with these classes. Who knows, we may have some more new lives through HIM in the making!



The **Daddy Daughter Dance** in March was a super fun event! Thank you so much to all of you that prepared food, help decorate the church and then tear down after the dance was over. We couldn't have done it with out your help. To the dance committee, you are outstanding! To the rest of the congregation thank for praying for the event! It continues to be an amazing outreach event for our community. Thank you, everyone! For more details and pictures, please check out the archives of our awesome local independent e-news:

LincolnDailyNews.com

Chuck's
REPORT

Algae grows on my fur to help camouflage me better. I am motionless between sleeping and eating for up to 20 hours a day! I am an extremely good swimmer. What am I?

Answer from last month: ostrich!



WORSHIP MINISTRY

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Thank you! Good News and HeartSong hosted our annual fundraising breakfast on Saturday, March 9, from 7 am to noon. The Ultimate-All-You-Can-Eat Breakfast Fundraiser was a great success! We served 759 people all you could eat pancakes, sausage, bacon, scrambled eggs, biscuits and gravy, fried potatoes, orange juice and coffee. Thanks for supporting our students as we prepare to share the Good News of Jesus Christ on HeartSong tour in April and Good News tour in June!

Lincoln Christian Church • Lincoln, Illinois
presents

heartsong

[jr. high choir]

[T.R.A.S.H.]

[drama team]

IN CONCERT



Sunday, April 21

4:00 pm

Lincoln Christian Church

204 N McLean St | Lincoln, Illinois

HeartSong Home Concert is April 21 at 4 pm!

HeartSong, our jr. high choir, will be on our annual ministry tour April 19-21, 2024.

The 2024 message of HeartSong is entitled "Sticky Notes and Bible Quotes." Through a collection of worship songs, brief drama sketches, and scripture, HeartSong's message is relevant for all ages that will encourage and uplift you. The songs are great arrangements from such Christian recording artists as Cody Carnes, TobyMac, Maverick City Music, and Pat Barrett. The concert is approximately 35 minutes in length.

HeartSong consists of 33 students – 5th thru 8th grades, which includes Choir, T.R.A.S.H., (a percussion ensemble which creates unique and amazing rhythms using found objects made of plastic and metal sort of like STOMP), and Drama Team. With sponsors, the total group will be 44.

We will be on tour to the St. Louis area visiting the zoo, as well as singing a concert at nursing home in Godfrey, Illinois, and two concerts Sunday morning and leading worship at Community Christian Church in Alton, Illinois before heading back to LCC for our home concert! Thanks for praying for us as we travel!



Pioneer Bible Translators

GLOBAL IMPACT

P.B.T. was founded in 1976 to mobilize churches to send

missionaries who would use Bible translation for church planting and growth. The PBT team consists of over 600 workers who serve in 30 different countries. Our church joyfully supports two families who serve on the PBT staff:

Rondal & Janice Smith and



Joanna & Jan Barczuk
(pronounced Yon BARchuck).

LCC has partnered with the Smiths in Bible translation work for almost 40 years. Last fall, Rondal and Janice sold their house and moved to an assisted living apartment. Despite multiple hospital stays and health concerns for Janice, Rondal continues his ministry at PBT. Please pray for them as they tackle new challenges that lie ahead. They are a true testimony of Kingdom service!

Jan Barczuk lives in Illinois, but serves as the Poland Partner Coordinator and is involved in ministry to the Roma people and also with a project to translate the Bible into the Action Bible Sign Language in Polish Sign Language for the deaf. In the past five months, Jan has been able to lead 5 humanitarian trips into Ukraine to share food, clothing, and medicine.

Praise God for His faithfulness to see Bible translation projects come to completion so that many people will be able to read God's word in their native language. Please keep the Smiths, Barczuks, and PBT workers in your prayers. Ask God to give them wisdom and favor in translation work, and to bless and provide what is needed to finish translation projects. There are over 1,400 languages and over 200 sign languages that still need translation projects to begin. Jesus said, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest field." (Matthew 9:37-38)

~Kim Ayars, GI Team Member



LOCAL IMPACT

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pregnancy resource center

When the Lord parted the waters of the Jordan River for the Israelites to cross on dry land, He instructed one individual from each tribe to pick up a stone from where the priests were standing in the riverbed and carry it to their campsite for that night. They stacked the stones up as a memorial of what God had done for them that day. It was a declaration – TODAY IS THE DAY that the Lord has provided a way for us.

This year, we will be celebrating moments when a woman can declare TODAY IS THE DAY! We are so thankful for all that God is doing in Lincoln through the Pregnancy Resource Center. We are honored to provide excellent care, compassionate support and honest information to those facing pregnancy decisions through authentic relationships that display grace, honor life and foster community. We offer mentoring and parenting classes, ultrasounds, pregnancy testing and more! We have recently launched our Willow Story Program which serves families who have experienced loss through miscarriage, stillbirth, or a life-limiting prenatal diagnosis. If you are interested in learning more about how you can volunteer, participate in our upcoming Walk Fundraiser on Saturday, April 27, or simply want to know more you can reach us at lincoln@hopeforafuture.com, visit our website at laprc.org or give us a call at [217.735.4838](tel:217.735.4838).

~Becca Yantz, Assistant Director
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W.o.W. (Widows of Wisdom)

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

Join us at 11:30 am on Friday,

April 5 in Room 15 at LCC for a Spring Salad Luncheon! After a lesson on Heaven, we will make fabric flowers for the Ladies' Restrooms in the church. See you there, and invite your friends! Questions and/or R.S.V.P. A.S.A.P. to: Reva ([217.828.0924](tel:217.828.0924)) or Sharon ([217.737.9834](tel:217.737.9834)), thank you!

For more 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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MEAT UP FOR MEN



WHERE: 1230 1150 AVE, LINCOLN
WHEN: SATURDAY APR 6 3PM TO ??
BRING: FRIEND/CHAIR/FAVORITE AXE OR HATCHET
DETAILS: FOOD/DRINKS PROVIDED
EATING/AXE THROWING/YARD GAMES/
ARCHERY/SIGN MAKING/PLAY WITH FIRE/
BUILD RELATIONSHIPS

TEXT 217-220-9940 SO WE KNOW YOU ARE COMING!

L.H. APPEL scholarship

Applications are available in the church office.

These scholarships are awarded annually to members of Lincoln Christian Church who will attend a Restoration Movement Bible college full-time in 2024-25.

Deadline for completed applications is

April 9

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