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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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# Harvest of Talents



## 38<sup>th</sup> Harvest of Talents for World Hunger Saturday, October 23, doors open at 7 am

*WELCOME BACK in person to the Harvest  
with just a few temporary adjustments*

- ~ NO Harvest Run
- ~ NO Indoor Dining    Outdoor tent seating
- ~ Outdoor children's activities at 9:00 am
- ~ Live Auction at 2:00 pm: unique handcrafted items
- ~ Silent Auctions Facebook Auctions Gift Cards
- ~ Carry-out Cinnamon/Caramel Pecan Rolls
- ~ Carry-out H.O.T. Vegetable Soup, sold by ½ gal
- ~ Indoor Booths for handcrafts, jewelry, missions, Christmas, vintage linens, babies, accessories + more
- ~ Outdoor snack tents and seating

**X O Café with Gourmet Treats, I.D.E.S. Walking Tacos,  
Homemade Breakfast Burritos & Fried Potatoes,  
Baked Goods, Homemade Pie**



See updates and information  
on our website:

[www.harvestoftalents.org](http://www.harvestoftalents.org)



*Join us for Celebration Sunday, October 24!*

*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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## God's Math

When I hold a tennis racket, it's just a tennis racket. But put that racket in the hands of Serena Williams and it becomes the instrument of 39 grand slam titles, seven-time Wimbledon champion, six-time US Open champion, three-time French Open champion and the seven-time Australian Open champion.

When I hold a football, it's just a football. But put that ball in the hands of Tom Brady and it becomes the instrument for seven Super Bowl Championships, four Super Bowl MVPs, three NFL Most Valuable Player awards, 14 Pro Bowls, numerous records...plus one super model wife.

When I hold a pen, it's just a pen. But put it in the hands of Danielle Steel and you end up with 179 books, 146 novels, and over 800 million copies sold.

When I hold a basketball, it's just a basketball. But if you put that ball in the hands of LeBron James, it multiplies into two NBA Championships, four league MVPs, and two Olympic gold medals.

A paintbrush and a chisel in my hand is still just a paintbrush and a chisel. But put them into the hands of Michelangelo and you get the priceless ceiling of the Sistine Chapel and the statue of David.

How is it that the same things can bring about such dramatically different results simply by putting them into the right hands? It all comes down to who is holding them.

2,000 years ago, a young boy puts his lunch into Jesus' hands and kaboom, something miraculous was about to happen. 5,000 people fed with one small lunch from one small boy. Wow!

All this brings us to the Harvest of Talents. People making and bringing a small gift to be sold. Whatever your contribution is, compared to the number of starving people in the world, what is such a small contribution among such a big need?

Truth? We didn't give it to the church, and we didn't give it to Harvest of Talents, we gave it to Jesus.

Have you noticed that our government can give billions of dollars away to underprivileged countries and it doesn't even make a dent in their suffering? But we can give a few thousand to a missionary and before long they'll build a church, a school and a hospital, have fresh water wells dug, and teach farming techniques, and the list goes on and on. How can we explain that?

Jesus...period! During the Harvest this year, you just give your best gift. And then watch! The real miracle comes after the Harvest and what Jesus will do to multiply it.

## Current Sermon Series:

### ***Jesus. The Gospel According to John***



Oct. 3	Heaven Comforts	John 14:1-6
Oct. 10	Promised Holy Spirit	John 14:15-31
Oct. 17	Vine Parable	John 15:1-8
Oct. 25	Harvest of Talents Sunday at Lincoln Christian Church	



## Brandon Boyd Adult Ministry

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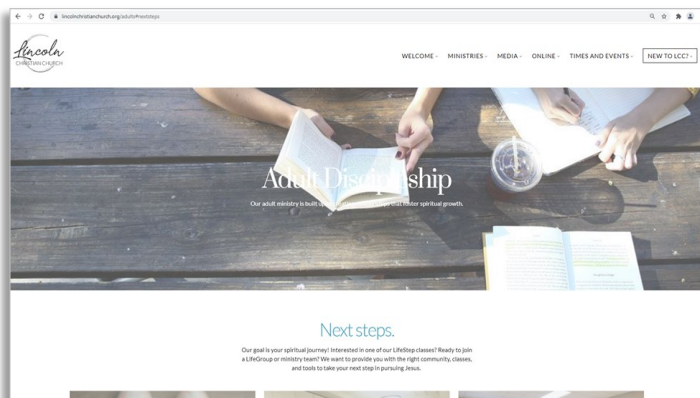
### Newcomers Reception

On Sunday, October 17, 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" for attending. (It's cool. I would go just to get the gift!) No signups necessary.



### Next Steps Website

For the latest information on the Adult Discipleship Ministry, joining groups, classes, and studies as well as finding a place to serve in ministry, check out the website: [lincolinchristianchurch.org/next](http://lincolinchristianchurch.org/next)



### Adult Sunday School

#### Beacons

Room 15 | Seniors | 9:30 am

#### Crusaders

Room 16 | Empty Nesters | 9:30 am

#### Encouragers

Family Room 1 | Seniors | 9:30 am

#### Little Lambs

Room 300 | Mixed Ages | 9:30 am

#### Open Door

Room 305 | School-age Parents | 9:30 am

#### SonSeekers

Room 304 | Mixed Ages | 9:30 am

A great first place to connect with new friends and to learn the Bible is one of our six adult Sunday School Classes. We have classes for all adults. Our classes are fun places to study the Bible with friends. Stop by the Welcome Center!

### Welcome to the Family!

#### New Members by Baptism:

Melissa White 9/22/2021



### Jolly Seniors

The Seniors monthly gathering will meet at LCC on Tuesday, October 26 @ 10 am. If you're not already signed up for their newsletter, call the Church Office at 217.732.7618!

### Jolly Seniors October Meeting

DATE: Tuesday, October 26, 2021  
10:00 am

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

PROGRAM: The Gospel Messengers

DEVOTION: TBA

LUNCH ENTRÉE: Meatloaf

NEXT MEETING: November 23, 2021



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**Facebook—**[/lccsm](https://www.facebook.com/lccsm)

### 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>.*

### High School Post<sup>2</sup>

A special two hour Post squared will be at Pastor Ron Otto's house! Join us Friday, October 8 @ 7-9 pm. We will have s'mores by the fire, hot cocoa, and a hay ride!! Dress in layers!

### Jr. High Fall Retreat – 7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Graders

Join us Friday-Sunday, October 15-17 as we head to Little Galilee Christian Camp & Retreat Center. We will have small group time, group games, capture the flag and tons more! The point of the retreat is to get away from the distractions in life and focus on God. Sign up by Sunday, October 3 online or at the Student Info Desk. The retreat costs \$40, but space is limited!



### 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Bash

Friday, November 3, from 6-8 pm for a great night of games, dodgeball, and food! Only \$5 @ the door!

### Mission Dominican Team Meeting

1st Team Meeting will be Monday, November 15 @ 7 pm in Rooms 15 and 16.



### Harvest of Talents for Students!

We encourage youth 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'd like to get involved.

### Need Money for Trips?

### Buy Gift Cards, Earn Cash Back!

Families! Family Fundraising Accounts help you raise funds through physical gift cards or electronic/online gifts cards that earn cash back rebates for you to use for trips. You pay for the value of the gift card and a percentage of that money goes to your account at the Church. You can buy gift cards at the Student Info Desk in the Family Room or online! For more info come see us at the Student Info Desk in the Family Room or go to [lccstudents.com/parents](http://lccstudents.com/parents).



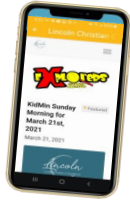


## Marcia Wells *Children's Ministry*

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### SIGN UP EARLY! USE THE APP!

Thank you to those who have been using the app to sign up your kiddos! This is a great help to us in planning for adequate spacing, volunteers, and supplies. AND it helps speed up the check-in process! It's always there for you whenever you have a moment to sign in for the next event. Doing it early in the week helps even more! If you haven't started using it yet, it's really easy. Just get the LCC App, click on Events and Sign-Ups, and then click on the event your child will be attending!



### KIDS CLUB TREASURE SEEKERS! Wednesdays 6:30-7:45 pm

Kids fall mid-week programming is off and running! Our first week found us **discovering** God's power in creation. We heard the creation story and praised Him for all that he has made! There was a LOT of colored sand all around as kids made pictures representing the days of creation. And some crazy games about some of the cool animals God created! We learned Psalm 9:1 together, "I will praise you, Lord, with all my heart. I will tell all the miracles you have done." It's not too late to join us on this adventure to **discover** who God is and the amazing ways in which His character and actions can make a difference in our lives today!



### Volunteer

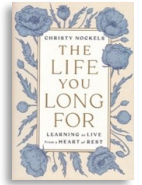


If you would like to find out more about how you can connect and serve in Kids Ministry, email Marcia at

[marcia.wells@lincolnchristianchurch.org](mailto:marcia.wells@lincolnchristianchurch.org). Our kid's team is the best, and we have awesome kids eager to learn about Jesus!

## MOMs Group

The kids are back in school. Routines are back! Moms, don't forget to plan some time to refresh your soul. It's not too late to join MOMs Group on Wednesday nights as they recharge and study together! MOMs meets from 6:30-7:45 pm. For those attending, there is childcare for infants, toddlers and 2's, then kids 3 years old through 4<sup>th</sup> grade can attend Kids Club. This fall MOMs will be studying "The Life You Long For", by Christy Nockles. (Books can be purchased for \$15 each.) Moms will meet in Room 305.



**THANK YOU** to everyone who helped make this year's College Welcome Dinner a success! We are grateful to everyone who donated food and to those who served and cleaned up the kitchen. You are a tremendous team and together you provided a great meal and a warm welcome to many students! Thanks, too, to everyone who wrote notes of encouragement for students to open during the semester. Please continue to pray for students that this will be a great and growing year for them!

**ALOHA!** ...to these awesome kids as they were promoted to Jr. High Ministry! We were sad to see them go, but so excited for the new adventures they will have in discovering and connecting in the Student Ministry at LCC. If you see them around, make sure to congratulate them on moving up!



**LCC PRESCHOOL** is off to a great start this fall! Mrs. Janet and Mrs. Funk report that they have lots of eager-to-learn preschoolers! They are already learning so many new things; how to line up, what "recess" means, how to sit on a square and listen at story and Bible time, and that it is very cool to bring birthday treats! The pictures below give a glimpse into a day at LCC Preschool!





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## 50 Year Reunion Concert for Good News

...is May 28-29, 2022! All former Good News students, sponsors, directors, and youth ministers, please go to [lincolinchristianchurch.org/GN50](http://lincolinchristianchurch.org/GN50) to update your contact information, tell us when you were in Good News, share memories, and photos, and keep up to date with all of the Reunion Concert details!



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# Harvest of Talents



*Because we have a guaranteed HOPE as God's children, we make choices of faith as we continue the Harvest of Talents with confidence, resting in HIS wisdom and power. Thank you for helping 'build bridges of hope in Jesus' name' through the Harvest ministry and for joining us in celebrating the 38th Harvest!*

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## Volunteers are needed and appreciated ~

- ❧ to make candy for the Candy Booth  
(Call Judy at 217-871-1387)
- ❧ to help make breakfast rolls, no experience necessary  
(Call Jackson at 217-314-0740)
- ❧ to help greet guests at the entry doors
- ❧ to help set up, decorate, and clean up
- ❧ to donate beautiful fall decorations  
for outdoor/indoor use
- ❧ to donate handcrafted items suitable for gift-giving  
(nothing used or needing cleaning/repair)  
~ for Christmas, babies, home décor, jewelry,  
accessories, gardens/pets, needlework,  
original new art, woodcrafts, mission field, etc.\*
- ❧ to donate vintage linens in excellent condition
- ❧ to make fresh baked goods (including pies)  
from your favorite recipes
- ❧ to help create a 'Photo-op' area
- ❧ to help design/layout a prayer labyrinth

## Check-in donated items at the Welcome Center:

- ❧ Tue, Oct 19, 4-7 pm
- ❧ Wed, Oct 20, 12-7 pm
- ❧ Thu, Oct 21, 12-7 pm  
(Need all handcrafted items by this date)
- ❧ Fri, Oct 22, 9-7 pm (Fresh baked goods, and  
last-minute donations from out-of-town)

Thank you for your faithful support and prayers!

- ❧ 30 Days of Prayer Calendar;  
copies at the Welcome Center and online
- ❧ Musical Offering for World Hunger, Sunday,  
October 10, at 2 pm, Sanctuary
- ❧ Filling a blue IDES Fish Bank and turning it in  
before October 23
- ❧ Your Monetary Donations of any size;  
every penny spent at Harvest goes  
for hunger relief!

## Questions:

- ❧ Call the church office at 217.732.7618 or Carolyn at 217.737.9170
- ❧ Email: [harvestoftalents@comcast.net](mailto:harvestoftalents@comcast.net)

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INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTE

The full name for TCM is TCM International Institute. When TCM was founded in 1957, it was "Toronto Christian Mission," a church-planting organization in Toronto, Canada. Gene Dulin was the founder and the headquarters were based in Toronto. While there, Mr. Dulin met many Christians from Eastern Europe and learned of the needs of Christians behind the Iron Curtain and felt led to minister to those people. Consequently, he began to make trips to Eastern Europe, and the need there was so great, the mission of Toronto Christian Mission was expanded to serve Christians in Eastern and Central Europe. In 1971, Haus Edelweiss was purchased in Austria to serve as a base of operations in Europe from which trips were made behind the Iron Curtain to serve the Christians there and to provide benevolent assistance to them. The headquarters of the mission was moved to Indianapolis in 1975 and the name was officially changed to TCM International. At that time, the *slogan*, "Taking Christ to the Millions" was used, but TCM was *not* an acronym at that time.

Then after the fall of the Iron Curtain, and it was easier to travel to the Communist countries, the Christians there were asked what their greatest need was, and their answer was "leadership training." So once again the focus of the mission of TCM was changed to provide leadership training and benevolent assistance to the Christians of Eastern and Central Europe. Thus, TCM International Institute was established to provide training for Christian leaders in Europe, and currently in Central Asia. Later the official name of the organization was changed to TCM International Institute, with the mission being to develop Christian leaders to serve in their own countries and cultures. The *slogan* used was changed to "Training Christians for Ministry," but again this was a slogan and *not* the meaning of an acronym.

Currently both slogans are used – "Taking Christ to the Millions by Training Christians for Ministry." *However*, TCM is not an actual acronym with the letters standing for anything specific. TCM was well established when the focus of the mission changed, and was recognized by the official three letters "TCM" so the official name was changed to "TCM International" and then "TCM International Institute," and just referred to as TCM.

Carol J. Fields, TCM Director of Operations

TCM's ministry provides a response to Jesus' command to make disciples of all nations. Their vision statement is that every nation will have effective leaders of disciple-making movements, impacting their churches, cultures, and countries for Christ.

With almost 2,000 students and graduates in nearly 50 nations in Europe, Central Asia, the Middle East, Africa, and the United States, TCM students and graduates are national Christian leaders actively focusing on becoming better equipped to serve in their ministries and to be better disciple makers.

Since 1991 TCM's mission has focused on equipping nationals to reach their own people with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Throughout the last two years TCM continued to grow and expand its mission of Developing Christian leaders for significant service through higher learning. This is illustrated through:

- Forty-six students completed the requirements for their TCM diplomas in 2020 and dozens more in 2021.
- 50 students from Kenya are well on their way to achieving their Master of Arts degrees from TCM – fully delivered in Nairobi, Kenya.
- TCM's program in the United States continues to grow alongside our program in Europe, Asia, and Africa. American students serving in vocational and bi-vocational ministry are admitted to the program three times a year in Indianapolis and Arizona.

TCM's academic classes are delivered through a "Hybrid Model." This Hybrid Model includes 80% of each course being completed through distance education. The remaining 20% delivered in person at what we call "Mentoring Retreats" where the course professor, such as Fred Hansen, and the students meet face to face at either Haus Edelweiss or at one of TCM's 26 other Mentoring Centers.

Due to the Covid pandemic, many of the mentoring retreats in 2020 and 2021 have needed to be converted to 100% online due to the travel restrictions imposed. Thankfully, because of TCM's experience with distance delivery not one class has been canceled due to the pandemic! Since the start of the pandemic, some of the mentoring centers have been able to meet face-to-face. We continue to monitor the health/safety situation for each country we work in and remain flexible yet committed to completing the needed ministry training courses in the most effective way possible.

TCM is grateful to Lincoln Christian Church for your ongoing prayer and financial support of TCM's efforts to further develop disciples who make disciples, thank you!

Carolyn Neal, LCC Global Impact Team Member

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