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The Christian Call

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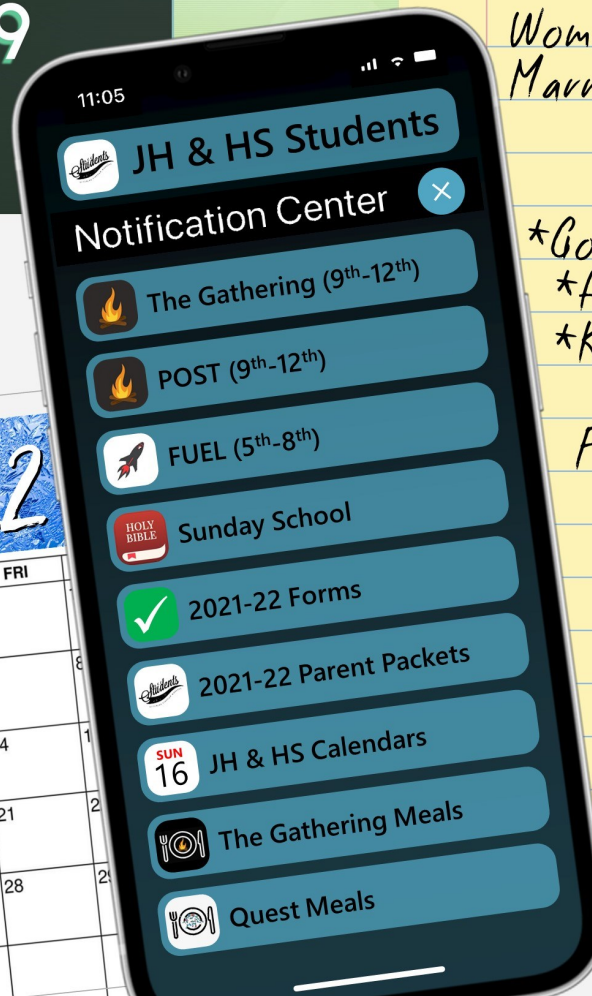
Spring Sign-ups

for groups, classes, and studies

January 2
January 9

Children

Kids Club
Kids Sunday School
Kids Sunday Worship
MOMs Group
Weekday Preschool



Adults

LifeGroups
Men on Fire
Sunday School
Women's Bible Study
Marriage Study

Worship

*Good News (9th-12th)
*HeartSong (5th-8th)
*Kids Choir (1st-4th)
Sanctuary Choir
FC Band & Vocals
Tech Team
Handbells
Instrumentalists

*Open enrollment through
January 30, 2022

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New Year Resolutions

A wife watched her husband weighing himself on the bathroom scales, sucking in his stomach. She thought to herself, "He thinks that he will weigh less by sucking in his stomach?" So, she said sarcastically, "That's not going to help." Her husband said, "It's the only way that I can see the numbers!" Guess what the number one New Year's resolution is? If you said losing weight, you're correct.

We're always told "no one keeps New Year's resolutions." That's not true! I kept mine last year. I'm not bragging (well, maybe a little). I committed to losing weight, working out, and getting in better shape. And no joking, ask anyone, I did it. It took me all year, but I did it. I'm only telling you this because I want to be an encouragement. Not everyone gives up by February. It can be done. Things can change.

Did I ever cheat on my diet? Of course...some! I don't diet on vacation or holidays. But the rest of the time I was able to keep my resolutions.

So what would you like to be different this coming year? Be realistic, but why not make a few New Year's resolutions that will better your life? Here are a few I consider to be worthy of our energy:

- Spend more time with family
- Exercise more/Lose weight/Eat healthier
- Quit smoking or some bad habit
- Stick to a budget/Save money/Reduce debt
- Find a better job
- Take up a new hobby
- Put down technology/Get outdoors more
- Travel to places you've never been before
- Be more spiritual/More Bible/More prayer
- Join my church community more

We make resolutions because we are dissatisfied, because we want something different, something more! It's okay to want changes.

If God is the center of your New Year's resolution, it has a good chance for success. Remember, Philippians 4:13 reads, "I can do everything through Him who gives me strength." When we invite Jesus

to join us in our resolutions, He gives us the power to see them through.

Upcoming Sermon Series: Back to...



1/2	Enduring the Hostility Against Us	16:1-15
1/9	Christ's Certain Triumph Over	16:16-33
1/16	Christ's Prayer—Part 1	17:1-19
1/23	Christ's Prayer—Part 2	17:20-26
1/30	The Betrayal	18:1-11

Jolly Seniors, a Thank You, & a Welcome!

Jolly Seniors monthly gathering will meet at LCC on Tuesday, January 25, @ 10 am. If you aren't already signed up for the monthly Jolly Seniors newsletter, call the Church Office at 217.732.7618 to be added to the monthly mailing list!

We want to say a huge heartfelt Thank You to Jack & Ruthetta Getchel for serving as the LCC Jolly Seniors Coordinators since October 2006! We appreciate all the work and years put in. We will miss your touch, but we are glad you'll still be around to see (and tell jokes with)!

And in with the next leaders, we'd like to warmly welcome Dean & Judy Kukuck! Thank you for taking the lead, and we look forward to the future with you!

HELP WANTED!!!

LCC is looking for 2-3 new Wedding Liaisons. If you or

someone you know would be interested in this part-time paid ministry position of being the go-between for LCC and wedding parties, please call the church office at 217.732.7618!





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Newcomers Reception

On Sunday, January 23, 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 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! No sign-ups necessary.



Interested in Membership? Ready for your Next Step?

Join our LifeStep 1: Discover Lincoln Christian Church. Explore your faith and the beliefs of Lincoln Christian Church in a relaxed setting with Preaching Minister Ron Otto and Adult Minister Brandon Boyd. You'll get to ask any questions you have as well as meet others who are exploring the same journey. This class meets on Sunday, February 6 from 5:00-7:00 pm in Family Room 1. It's free, it's casual, and we provide dinner (but not childcare). Sign-up at the Welcome Center or online at:

lincolnchristianchurch.org/events

Next Steps Information

To find more information about your next spiritual steps visit:

lincolnchristianchurch.org/next



Offering Envelopes

If you requested boxes of offering envelopes for your 2022 giving, they're now available at a table in the Family Room. If you'd like to sign up, please email our Financial Secretary:

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Marriage Enrichment Class

Any couples are welcome to join us on

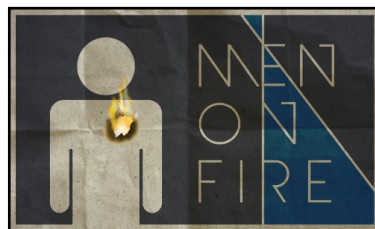
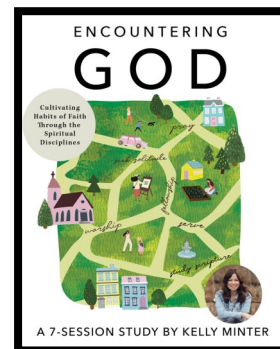


Wednesdays starting January 12, 2022 for a 5-week video-based class on growing in your marriage. There will be fun, laughter, thought-provoking questions, and an opportunity to grow in your marriage! A more vibrant marriage is possible when it's built on a foundation of active faith. Costs \$15.00; scholarships available. Register at:

lincolnchristianchurch.org/events

Ladies Bible Study

Join Kelly Minter in this 7-session Bible study as she unpacks the biblical foundation for these sacred habits along with approachable ways to practice disciplines like prayer, study, worship, rest, simplicity, generosity, celebration, and many more! Instead of being just one more thing on your to-do list, you'll find that these habits of faith can actually create more margin in your life—providing peace and rest as you walk closer with Jesus. Monday evenings. Cost is \$15.00; scholarships available. Sign up in the Family Room starting Sunday, January 2.



Men on Fire

Join with other men as they study ways to apply the powerful truths of the Bible to daily life.

Men on Fire meets in Room 300 Wednesdays at 6:30. Find more information online at:

menonfire.org

Sunday School

A great first place to connect with new friends and to learn the Bible is one of our five adult Sunday School Classes. We have classes for all adults! Stop by the Welcome Center or visit online at:

lincolnchristianchurch.org/next

Welcome to the Family!

New Members by Baptism:

Zac W. Mehn 12/26/2021



Family Section



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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>.



Spring Calendar

Head to lccstudents.com/events to see the Student Ministry Calendar. Pick up a hard copy at the Student Info Desk.

Ski Trip – High School



Join us skiing on Sunday & Monday, Jan. 16-17. We will head up to Chestnut Mountain in Galena, IL, and stay at a hotel Sunday night on the way up. High

Schoolers and their families can come along! Cost is \$85 plus two meals. Sign up by Sunday, Jan. 9.

The Gathering

(9th-12th grade youth group) resumes Sunday, Jan. 9 from 6-8 pm. Meal is at 6 pm. Starting this spring, each Sunday, High School students can hang out after The Gathering until 8:30 pm for Open Gym! The Gathering still officially ends at 8 pm.



Fuel

(5th-8th grade youth group) resumes Wednesday, Jan. 12 from 6:30-7:50 pm. Doors open at 6:15 pm!



Post – High School
We will have Post 8-9 pm after The Gathering Sunday, Jan. 30. We will play some games, hang

out, and have a few surprises!

5th Graders Only!

Hey 5th graders, *SuperStart* is February 25-26 in Bloomington, IL. Cost is \$75 plus 2 meals. **Non-refundable deposit of \$35** due Sunday, Jan 23.



OnMission

6th-8th graders join us for our new serving retreat Friday-Sunday, March 25-27. It is going to be an incredible weekend of serving central Illinois and around the world! We will pack food for people in need, help people with home projects, and so much more. We also will have small group time to learn about how we can be *OnMission* for Jesus! Cost is \$100 for lodging, service supplies, and transportation. We can't wait for *OnMission*!



8th-12th Grade Students

Hey current 8th-12th graders, *CIY Move* is Monday-Saturday, July 11-16 in Wheaton, IL! Cost is \$385 plus 3 meals. **Non-refundable deposit of \$130** is due Sunday, Feb 20.

8th Grade CIY Scholarship

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

Help the Student Ministry by buying Cracker Barrel, Sorrento's and Walmart Gift Cards!

You can buy gift cards at the Student Info Desk in the Family Room or in the Office 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!

Student & Children's Ministries Caroling!





Marcia Wells
Children's Ministry



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M.O.M.s GROUP

Moms on a Mission
meet at LCC on

Wednesday evenings

from 6:30-7:45 pm. During the second semester, MOMs will continue their study of "The Life You Long For; Learning to Live from a Heart of Rest" by Christy Nockles. Start the new year with an opportunity to encourage others and be encouraged with other Moms. Kids can attend Kids Club (3yo-4th) or Fuel (youth group for 5th-8th)!

THEY'RE BACK!!!! VALENTINE PRETZELS



Available two Sundays only,
February 6 and 13, 2022.

Valentine Pretzel Sticks can be purchased to help LCC Preschool. They are a great gift for those you love and appreciate! These delicious chocolate covered pretzels won't last long, so make sure to stop by the table in the Family Room and pick some up for the special people in

your life! Pretzels will be prepackaged and ready to go. Thank you for helping our preschoolers!

PRESCHOOL CHRISTMAS PARTY!

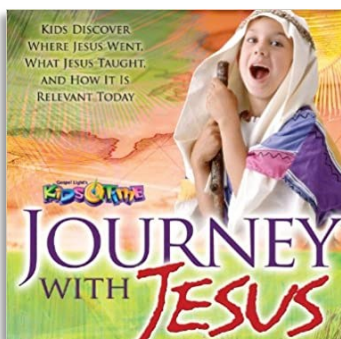
This joy-filled picture is just so great, we had to share! LCC Preschool students received a Beginner's Bible gift at their Christmas party. They were absolutely delighted! It was amazing to listen as they turned from page to page retelling the Bible stories they have learned this year. Thank you to Mrs. Janet (McFadden) and Mrs. (Karrie) Funk for investing in young lives!



2nd—4th Graders Becoming a Christian Class

We will be offering the Becoming a Christian Class for 2nd, 3rd, & 4th graders, on the following Mondays; March, 14, 21, 28 and April 4, 2022, from 3:30-5:00 pm each afternoon. If you want to know more about becoming a Christian and have questions, this class is for you! During this special four-week study, kids will discover the problem of sin and God's plan of redemption. We will look at what the Bible says about salvation and what it says about becoming a disciple that lives every day with Jesus as Lord of their life. Each child will complete a notebook that will serve as a reminder of their journey toward becoming a Christian. The final class will include an activity with parents! Sign-up sheets for kids who would like to participate will be at the January sign up tables and at the Children's Ministry Check-In area.

KIDS CLUB Wednesdays 6:30-7:45



Mark your calendar!!!! Don't miss it!! We will begin a JOURNEY WITH JESUS, at Kids Club on January 12. Kids, 3-years-old through 4th graders, will visit towns where Jesus taught and preformed miracles!

We will learn from Jesus' teachings how to put our confidence in Jesus, depend on His help, love others and share the Good News and more. Plan now to join us on Wednesday nights!

FOLLOWING JESUS!

This month, we celebrate the baptism of Zac Mehn! Zac confessed his belief in Jesus and desire to follow Him! Zac was baptized on Sunday, December 26. If you see Zac, make sure to welcome him and encourage him in his new walk with Jesus!



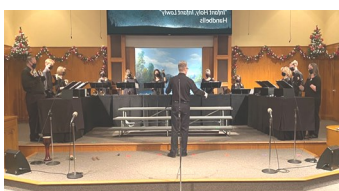
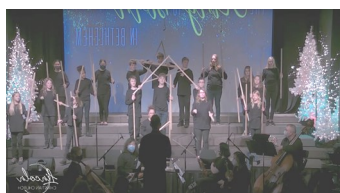


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Thank you to everyone who contributed to *Celebrate! Christmas 2021!*

Presenting *Celebrate! Christmas* in two parts, part 1 in the Fellowship Center on Dec. 12 and part 2 in the Sanctuary on Dec. 19 had its challenges, but it was all well worth it! What beautiful moments of worship!! As I reflect on my twelfth Christmas at LCC, with more than 120 musicians, even in the midst of an ongoing pandemic, what a blessing it is to work with each of you. I pray you were as blessed by participating as I was! Thanks to all of the choirs, the worship band, the string quartet (!), the handbells, and technical crew for your hard work and hours of rehearsal and preparation. Please join me in prayer for all who celebrated Christmas with us, that the joy and hope because of the birth of Christ Jesus will continue to draw us closer to Him. Hope you had a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!



**GOOD NEWS
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**CELEBRATING
50 YEARS
OF
STUDENT
CHOIR
MINISTRY**
MAY 28-29, 2022

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 to update your contact info, tell us when you were in GN, share memories and photos, and keep up to date with all of the Reunion details!



Good News and HeartSong meet again

January 9! Open enrollment thru January

Good News, for 9th – 12th grade students and HeartSong for 5th – 8th grade students will be taking a break for the holidays and resume rehearsing on Sunday, January 9. There is open enrollment until the end of January (Sundays - January 9, 16, 23, 30) to make a commitment to the tours. If you would like more info on either group, please contact Laurin Hill at 217.732.7618 or at laurin.hill@lincolinchristianchurch.org.

Good News meets each Sunday from 5:00 – 6:00 pm and HeartSong meets from 6:00 – 7:00 pm each Sunday. Now is the time to invite your friends to join us for our upcoming tours!

HeartSong tour is April 22-24, 2022 with our home concert Sunday, April 24, at 4:00 pm.

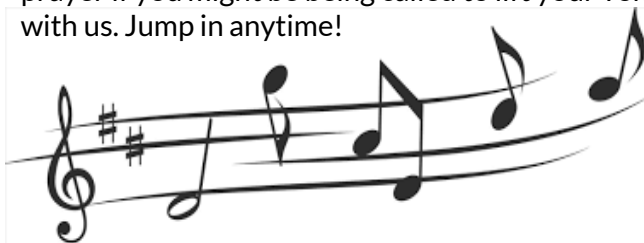
Good News' home concert is Monday, June 6, 2022 at 7:00 pm with tour from June 7-14, 2022, touring the southeast to Orlando and back.

Kids Choir resumes January 9!

Kids Choir (1st - 4th grades) rehearses from 6:00 – 7:00 pm each Sunday in preparation for our spring musical "The BIG Bible Idea Group" coming up Monday, May 2, at 6:30 p.m. We'll be working hard and having a ton of fun in the coming months. Open enrollment thru January 30. See you Sunday nights!

Sanctuary Choir open for more voices!

The Sanctuary Choir will resume rehearsing in January. We need some additional voices to join us! Wednesdays from 6:30-7:45 pm is our rehearsal time, meeting again in January 12. Please join us in prayer if you might be being called to lift your voice with us. Jump in anytime!



GLOBAL IMPACT

Guinea-Bissau

Luciano and Andreia Rodrigues

Luciano and Andreia Rodrigues are celebrating over twenty years of ministry in Guinea-Bissau. Located in West Africa, Guinea-Bissau is 50% animistic and 50% Muslim. Their ministry has expanded from a single church plant in Cacheu to nine churches and eight other preaching points with a total of 809 adult members and over 500 children. The Bethel Christian School currently has 228 students and needs additional classrooms. Students pay a small monthly fee, but additional funds are needed to educate and provide lunch for all of the students. There are plans to begin a second school in Cacheu and to plant new churches in other parts of this country. Luciano and Andreia currently reside in their home country of Brazil and provide leadership and direction to native church leaders through the wonders of technology. They ask for your continued prayers as the kingdom of God expands in Guinea-Bissau!

Are you interested in going on a short-term mission trip to Guinea-Bissau? Hispartic Christian Mission plans to take a trip in January or February of 2023 to help build the Training Institute which will provide professional and vocational training for church leaders in Guinea-Bissau. For more information about this project or about how to support a student at Bethel Christian School for \$30 a month, contact Global Impact member Leslie Starasta at her email: leslie.starasta@gmail.com.



LOCAL IMPACT

A Huge Heartfelt Thank You!!

We would like to thank everyone so very much who shared their time and resources to make sure what we asked for in donations was met! It was!! And then some!!!

Angel Tree

-51 kiddos were blessed through Center for Youth and Family Solutions

-6 kiddos were blessed through our local Salvation Army

Food for special meals

-6 kiddos' families received food baskets through our local Salvation Army

-Christmas in a Box went to over 31 homes



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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