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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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Help Feed a Hungry Child



**Pick up your fish bank in
the Family Room March 6**

**All proceeds go to
International
Disaster
Emergency
Service**



Happily Ever After **DADDY DAUGHTER** *Dance*

For princesses 3 to 103 and dads
Friday, March 11
6:00 - 8:00 pm
Lincoln Christian Church Fellowship Center

\$5 per person

Tickets available in the church office 217.732.7618

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website — www.lincolnchristianchurch.org





Ron Otto Preaching Ministry

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Top Heavy?

In the early 1600s, the war was raging across Europe and the King of Sweden knew he needed a strong naval presence in the Baltic. He commissioned the Vasa ship to be built with two gun decks, 64 bronze cannons and a crew of 450 men. She would be the pride of the sea.

On August 10, 1628, the ship set sail on its maiden voyage, but only barely offshore. As everyone watched, disaster struck, and the ship keeled over and sank with the loss of about 150 men.

What happened? How could a new ship just off shore already sink without seeing one full day at sea or fighting in a single battle? Sabotage? Hidden reef? For many years, there were no answers.

Then, in 1962, the ship was salvaged and brought to the surface. The intricately beautiful carvings and miraculous state of preservation were a wonder to behold. However, it was clear that the reason the ship sank was from a fatal flaw in its design. It was so top heavy that even a light breeze would have pushed her over.

You can see the ship today. It's on display in its own museum in central Stockholm. Images are stunning. She is still a major attraction but not for her service in battle or for her sea travels, but as an illustration of building flaws and failed life.

The lessons are many I'm sure, but the first one that jumps out to me is beware of building a life that is too top heavy with nothing of substance below the water line. It's important: who we are deep down inside, who we will be in our core, what holds us grounded when storms come. That's more important than the ornate decorations everybody can easily see.

Jesus said, "Good people do good things because of the good in their hearts, but bad people do bad things because of the evil in their hearts. Your words show what is in your heart." ~ Luke 6:45

Who we are deep inside comes out in our actions and words. Who we are deep down comes out when we face storms. Be careful to give attention to not only the outside, but make sure we are people of value, character, and substance deep down below.

Current Sermon Series:



John

3/6	The Crucifixion of Jesus	19:17-27
3/13	The Death and Burial of Jesus	19:28-42
3/20	The Empty Tomb	20:1-10
3/27	Mary Magdalene Sees Jesus	20:11-18



JOLLY SENIORS MEETING

***Now meeting the 4th *Wed. of the month**

DATE: *Wednesday, March 23
@ 10:00 am—12:30 pm

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

PROGRAM: Linda Storm

DEVOTION: Janet Shaw

LUNCH ENTRÉE: Ham from Guzzardo's

NEXT MEETING: *Wednesday, April 27, 2022



Brandon Boyd
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Thanks To All Who Serve!

Special thanks to all who stepped forward during our serving emphasis to join a ministry team. We know that God uses our service to **impact** the world for Christ and to help us become more like Jesus. For more information on how you can make an impact, navigate to:

lincolnchristianchurch.org/impact

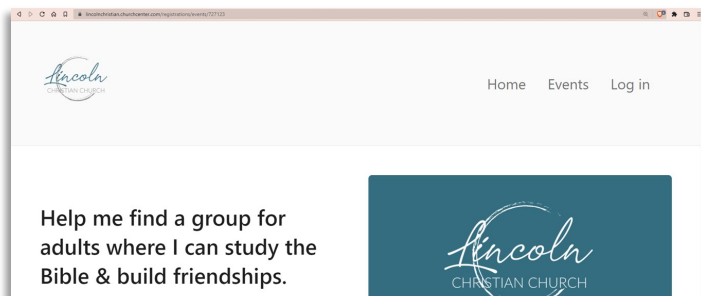
Here are some areas that are a great “first serving” opportunity as well as some important needs for the church family.

- **Grounds and Landscaping Team**
You will be responsible for an assigned area around the church building to keep the grounds weed-free and looking sharp all spring and summer
- **Door Greeters**
You will greet people entering the building or a worship service about one Sunday per month or whenever you’re available to sign up

For information, feel free to fill out the **Impact** form (see website info mentioned above) or give me a call at the church office at:
[217.732.7618 Ext. 103](tel:217.732.7618)

More Information Online

For Information on Groups, Classes, and Studies, you can find more information at:
lincolnchristianchurch.org/connect



Four:19 Discipleship

As Christians, it is important for us to remember that Jesus wants to change us on three levels: The Head Level (“come and follow me”), the Heart Level (“and I will make you”), and the Hands Level (“fishers of men”). As 2022 gets rolling through winter and into spring, take time to evaluate your growth in these three areas.



Men on Fire Study

Join Tim Becke and other men as they study ways to apply the powerful truths of the Bible to daily life. This entire study is FREE. Additional materials will be available also at no cost. This will be a manly lifetime game changer for every man so bring another guy and join us! Men on Fire meets Wednesdays from 6:30-7:45 pm in Room #300.

Offering Envelopes

If you have used offering envelopes for your tithes/offerings in the past, we have a box for you! Please pick them up from the office. If you no longer need them, please contact Linda at 217.732.7618 or linda.mourning@lincolnchristianchurch.org. If you would like a set, please contact Linda as well.



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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>.

Spring Calendar

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

6th-8th Graders

OnMission

Join us for *OnMission*!

It is going to be an incredible weekend of serving people in central Illinois and around the world. We will pack food for people in need, help people with home projects, and so much more. March 25-27. \$100 for lodging, service supplies, and transportation.

Sign up by Sunday, March 6 at the Student Info Desk or online at:

lccstudents.com/events



Current 8th-12th Grade Students

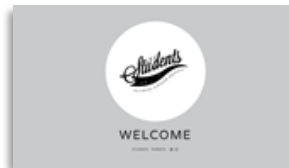
WE STILL HAVE SPACE, though not much!

8th-12th Graders, C.I.Y. Move is July 11-16 in Wheaton, IL. \$385 plus 3 meals. **Sign up ASAP** by paying at the Student Info Desk or online at:

lincolinchristianchurch.org/events

8th Grade Scholarships for C.I.Y. Move

8th Grade Students who attend *OnMission* can apply for a scholarship for \$100 for *Move*. That means that what you pay for *OnMission* is taken off the cost for *Move*! Limited availability! Due **May 8**.



Hey Lads! Bring your Dads to a night of Laser Tag and Go Karts at *The Edge* in Belleville, IL. It's going to be such a fun night! Friday, **March 18** from 4:30-11:00 pm. \$30 per person and only 45 spots available! Sign up at:

lincolinchristianchurch.org/events

The Vine - High School

The Vine is a weekend retreat at Lincoln Christian University to engage and challenge High School Students to own their faith and draw deeper into the Word. Its \$30 April 1-2. Sign up by **March 6**!

Camp Scholarships Available!

We have 16 scholarships available for Jr. High and High School students to help them attend camp at Little Galilee. Applications can be picked up at the Student Info Desk and are **due May 8**. If you would like to use Family Fundraising Account funds for camp, contact the office 217.732.7618 by **May 8**.

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 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!

Free Money!!!

Families! Family Fundraising Accounts help you raise funds through physical gift cards/certificates or online gift cards that earn rebate

percentages for students and families to use for trips. For more details, please visit the Student Info Desk in the Family Room or the Main Office during the week: Monday—Friday @ 8:00 am—12:00 pm (closed over the noon hour) 1:00 pm—5:00 pm.





Marcia Wells Children's Ministry



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2nd, 3rd, and 4th Graders

The "Becoming a Christian" class, for second through fourth graders is just around the corner. Sign up today by calling 217.732.7618! The first class is Monday, March 14. The class will also meet March 21, March 28 and April 4 from 3:30-5:00 pm each week. Sign-up sheets are also available at the Children's Check-In Desk. In this class we explore what the Bible says about becoming a Christian and living life as a Christ follower. For more information, call and ask for Marcia or email:

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Thank you!

Thanks to everyone who supported LCC Preschool at our annual Valentine Pretzel Fundraiser! Whether you purchased pretzels or helped us assemble them, we are grateful to each of you!



Join us for Kids Worship!



Here's a snapshot of a recent Sunday morning when we explored all that Nehemiah went through as he rebuilt the walls at Jerusalem! Nehemiah's job wasn't easy and neither was our climbing wall.

Plan to join us soon for more fun learning experiences! Our next series is titled "Arctic Antics", where we will find out about family life.



WHY PRESCHOOL?

The question is sometimes asked, "Why do preschool?" There are many reasons. It gives a boost to kids in preparing them academically and socially for Kindergarten. However, there's another reason for kids to join us at LCC Preschool! Besides all the important parts of getting ready for kindergarten, kids also learn who Jesus is and how much He loves them! Pictured above is one of our preschoolers with the Bible she received from Mrs. Janet and Mrs. Funk at Christmas time. Her mom tells us that her preschooler asked to read to her mom and baby doll from the Bible as mom cooked supper. When mom turned around, this sweet girl was praying, thanking God. That's a unique part of having your child enrolled in LCC Preschool; they get to hear about Jesus. If you or someone you know is looking for a quality preschool education where Jesus is a part of every day, call us at 217.732.7618, or go to:

lincolnchristianchurch.org/preschool



NEW STUDY FOR MOMS:
Exploring Your Child's (and your own) Motivational Gifts ~ Romans 12

Moms of all ages are invited to join MOMS study on how to help their kids (as well as themselves) grow using their gifts for God. Wednesdays from 6:30-7:45 pm (3yo-4th grade kids can attend Kids Club and 5th-8th graders can attend Fuel)!



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GOOD NEWS
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CELEBRATING
50 YEARS
OF
STUDENT
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MAY 27-28, 2023

50-Year Reunion Concert for Good News is May 27-28, 2023! All former Good News students, sponsors, directors, and youth ministers, please go to lincolnchristianchurch.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!

The Ultimate All-You-Can-Eat Breakfast Fundraiser

benefitting **GOOD NEWS & heartSong**

Sat, Mar 5 • 7 am-12 pm

Eat in • Carryout available • *NEW Drive up service @ Door E
@ Lincoln Christian Church, 204 N. McLean St.

All-You-Can-Eat Menu includes:
Pancakes, Bacon, Sausage, Scrambled Eggs
Biscuits and Gravy, Fried Potatoes
Coffee and Orange Juice

Adults - \$10
Kids (ages 4 - 11) - \$5

Tickets available from any Good News or HeartSong student through Feb 27.
Tickets available at the door.



Important Dates for Your Calendar!

- ⇒ Sat, Mar 5 – The Ultimate All-You-Can-Eat-Breakfast Fundraiser; 7 am – 12 pm
- ⇒ Thu, Apr 14 – Service of Shadows; 7 pm—Sanctuary
- ⇒ Sun, Apr 17 – Easter Sunday!
- ⇒ Apr 22-24 – HeartSong Choir Tour with Home Concert, Sun, Apr 24; 4 pm
- ⇒ Mon, May 2 – Kids Choir Musical; 6:30 pm
- ⇒ Mon, Jun 6 – Good News Home Concert; 7 pm—Sanctuary
- ⇒ Jun 7-14 – Good News Tour to Orlando, Florida



GLOBAL IMPACT

Pioneer Bible Translators

Jan Barczuk



Jan Barczuk (wife, Joanna) serves as the Poland Partnership Coordinator among other roles at PBT. He recently traveled to Poland and Ukraine. In Poland, he met with people from a deaf community. PBT and members of the deaf community are working together to translate the Action Bible into sign language for the deaf in Poland! In Ukraine, God used Jan to minister to Roma (Gypsy) people by bringing them Christmas gifts and sharing the love of Christ. PBT is involved in translation work with the Roma people as well. Pray for Jan, asking God to bless his family, ministry, and the Bible translation work. Pray that the Lord will draw the precious people of Poland, Ukraine, and the Roma people in Europe to a saving faith in Jesus Christ. And ask God to strengthen the faith of our brothers and sisters in Christ who live there.

~ Kim Ayars, GI Team Member

Rondal and Janice Smith



Pioneer Bible Translators is celebrating its 46th year, and Rondal and Janice Smith have begun their 41st year of serving the Lord through PBT. Our congregation has been a partner in this work nearly as long! When they began, PBT had 23 persons serving in six projects. The Smiths are thankful for

God's faithfulness: PBT now has a team of 593 adults (and 280 children) working in 28 countries in 108 languages that impact 102.5 million people! PBT's goal is to reach every Bibleless and churchless ethnic group, so please join the Smiths in praying that God's Word may become available in more languages through another 200 projects by the year 2050. 167 million people are without access to Scripture in their mother tongue (2,014 languages, including 400 sign languages). Rondal and Jan help organize and mobilize believers and churches here and in Europe to recruit, train, send and care for workers for the PBT field teams in translation and disciple making movements. They are very grateful for our prayers and partnership. ~ Carolyn Neal, GI Team Member

Pioneer
Bible Translators

Thank you to LCC

Last fall, Tim Shields, one of LCC's missionaries, was gravely ill and was in the hospital for weeks and then in rehab. LCC sent a gift in December to help with his medical expenses. Global Impact wanted to share his handwritten note of gratitude:

Dear Friends at Lincoln Christian Church,

Thank you for your prayers, encouraging words, and generous gift. Hearing from you while still in the hospital was a huge blessing to me. Praise the Lord I am back home and recovering well. You made me feel loved and cared for. Thank you!

"You will keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on You." ~ Isaiah 26:3

Much love, Tim

LOCAL IMPACT

The Heart of Inner City Mission (ICM)

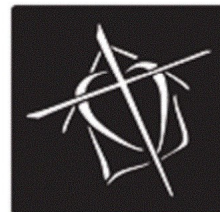
The rains came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against the house: yet it did not fall because it was built on the Rock. ~ Matthew 7:25

In the final illustration of the greatest sermon ever preached, Jesus tells us that the storms of life will come. We can count on it. But will these storms find us safe, secure, and living on the Rock, or will they find us struggling to survive on the sand?

At Inner City Mission, we house twenty families who are struggling in the sands of life by providing an environment in which they can grow relationally through experiencing the love of Jesus.

Every day your support helps us provide shelter, food, clothing, Christian guidance, and stability to homeless children, their parents, and single women while sustaining an environment that enhances the spiritual and mental transformation of the heart.

Scott Payne,
a minister
to the homeless



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giving what's needed

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4th Sunday of each month

Aluminum can recycling for Harvest of Talents

Bring all of your aluminum cans
to church to fill up pickup trucks
in the parking lots on the
4th Sunday of each month.

Please do not drop any aluminum
off at Lois Snyder's home.

By recycling, the Harvest Team
will turn them into rice and
beans for the hungry!



Harvest of Talents Spring for Tea

*Saturday, April 23
11:30 a.m.
LCC Fellowship Center*

Tickets available at the
church office
Feb 21-March 25, or
until sold out.

\$25/ticket

All proceeds go to Harvest of
Talents to alleviate world hunger.

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