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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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# LIFE'S COMEBACK

E A S T E R 4 . 1 7 . 2 2

**Most of us love a good comeback story. So do kids: Cinderella, Beauty and the Beast, Lion King are all comeback stories. The Bible is full of them too: Joseph, Moses, King David, Ruth, Mary Magdalene, Apostle Peter are all comeback stories. If there was a comeback award, who would you give it to? Jesus certainly has one of, if not the most, amazing of all comebacks: beating death with resurrection. His story can now be our story. Jesus is in the business of comebacks and is writing yours as we speak! Join us this Easter!**

Easter at Lincoln  
CHRISTIAN CHURCH

8:15 am | Sanctuary

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

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### Great Comebacks!

Most of my childhood was watching NASA launch rockets. My first memory of answering the question, "What do you want to be when you grow up?" I answered, "An astronaut!" However, God didn't give me the math or engineering skills I needed for that. Not even close!

In 1957, the Soviet Union launched a satellite named "Sputnik" and although it was only the size of a beach ball, the American psyche was deeply damaged by it. We felt spied on and unsafe. Our first attempt was called the Vanguard rocket, but because it only lifted four feet off the ground before exploding, it was nicknamed "flopnic."

Later, President Kennedy announced a new course for America: "We go to the moon, not because it's easy, but because it's hard." It was a move to reclaim space. When he announced that, we had just had our first successful mission; a man in space for 15 minutes. Now we're going to leapfrog to the moon?

It was called the great space race against the Soviet Union, and we were behind in every way. They beat us to having a working rocket. They beat us to space. They beat us in putting the first man in space.

And now, we're in a race to the moon? Can we get a man there and back safely? This was my childhood.

First, the Mercury Program: reach space and return to earth safely.

Second, the Gemini Program: testing man's ability for long flights in space.

Third, the Apollo Program: landing a human on the moon.

It took 10 years from our first failed rocket to the day we accomplished it. But America had it's comeback. How many things had to go exactly as planned for that to happen? Millions of things!

Catch this: the cross of Jesus and his resurrection was planned out in more detail than anything NASA did. God's plan from the beginning of time was for

us to have Easter. To move Jesus from a tortuous death back to a resurrected life, everything had to go as planned. And it did! In a world full of great comeback stories, Jesus is the greatest comeback of all time. His comeback is the beginning of ours!

### Current Sermon Series:



#### John

4/03	Appearance to Thomas	20:19-29
4/10	Appearance to the Disciples	21:1-14
4/17	Easter/Jesus Reinstates Peter	21:15-23
4/24	The Purpose and Conclusion	21:24-25

**JOLLY SENIORS MEETING**  
*\*Now meeting the 4th \*Wed. of the month*

DATE: \*Wednesday, April 27  
 @ 10:00 am— 12:30 pm

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

PROGRAM: Paul & Sunny Boatman

DEVOTION: Tracy Thomas

LUNCH ENTRÉE: Turkey from Guzzardo's

NEXT MEETING: \*Wednesday, May 25



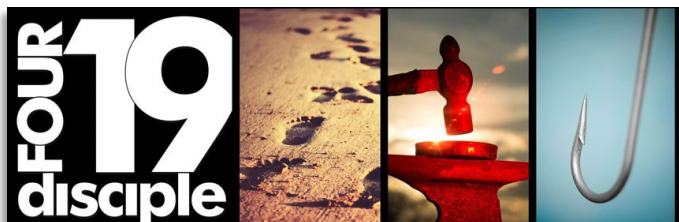
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### Newcomers Reception

On Sunday, May 1, 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 will introduce ourselves 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 signups necessary.



### Sunday School

A great first place to connect with new friends and to learn the Bible is one of our seven adult Sunday School Classes. We have classes for all adults! Stop by the Welcome Center or online at: [lincolnchristianchurch.org/connect](http://lincolnchristianchurch.org/connect)



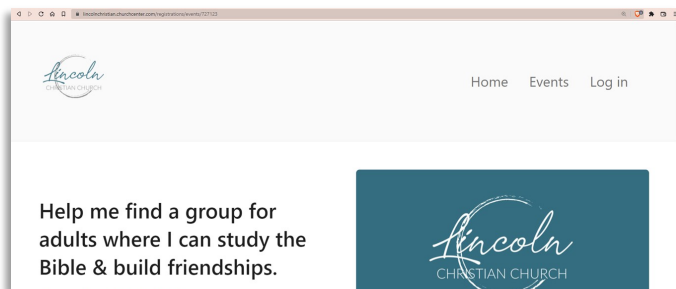
### Grounds & Landscaping Team

...is a great first place to service at Lincoln Christian Church! Each summer, church attenders step forward to take a small section of landscaping and keep it weed-free and looking sharp throughout the summer and fall. Sign up at the Welcome Center.



### Men on Fire Study

Join with other men as they study ways to apply the powerful truths of the Bible to daily life. Join Tim Becke as he leads *Men on Fire* on Wednesdays from 6:30-7:45 pm in Room #300.



### More Information Online

For information on groups, classes, and studies, you can find more online at: [lincolnchristianchurch.org/connect](http://lincolnchristianchurch.org/connect)





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Instagram—[@lcc\\_stumin](https://www.instagram.com/lcc_stumin)

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>.



### WE STILL HAVE SPACE, although not much!

8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Graders, C.I.Y. Move is July 11-16 in Wheaton, IL. Sign up ASAP by paying at the Student Info Desk or online at: [lincolnchristianchurch.org/events](http://lincolnchristianchurch.org/events)

### 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Scholarships for C.I.Y. Move

8<sup>th</sup> Grade Students who attended *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**.

### Camp Scholarships Available!

We have 16 scholarships available for Jr. High and High School students to help you 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, call the office 217.732.7618 M-F 8-12/1-5 by **May 8**.



### Appel Scholarships Available!

For LCChurch immersed & active members who are or will be attending a Restoration Movement Christian College/University full time, the L.H. Appel Scholarship applications are now available in LCC's Office M-F 8-12/1-5! Due **April 12** in the church office. Packets will have more details.

## 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. Go to [lccstudents.com/seniors](http://lccstudents.com/seniors) by **April 10** to sign up your Senior for Senior Celebration Sunday, April 24 and/or Student Sunday, May 15!



### Ribeye Sandwich MOOOVE Fundraiser

Sunday May 1, 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 between April 10-24:

- 1) Help individual students by buying tickets directly from them.
- 2) Purchase tickets from
  - a) the church office (M-F 8-12/1-5) or
  - b) at the door on May 1.

However, if tickets are not bought directly from the students, then the proceeds will not benefit that individual student, but it will go toward the overall trip cost!

Thank you for supporting the students of Lincoln Christian Church!!



## Marcia Wells Children's Ministry



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### SPECIAL KIDS SERVICE

Thursday, April 14, at 7:00 pm, Kids Ministry will host a special event for kids three years old through fourth grade. While Moms and Dads attend the *Service of Shadows* in the Sanctuary, kids are invited to join us in Kids Ministry where we will have special activities. We will learn about Jesus' last supper with the disciples and His betrayal and more! Make sure to sign up at the Kids Ministry check-in area so that we will have enough supplies prepared. We are looking forward to seeing you there!



### PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION OPEN

We have open spots for the 2022-2023 school year, and we would love to save one for your preschooler! Pick up an application packet from the Office, Children's check-in area, or online at:  
[lincolnchristianchurch.org/preschool](http://lincolnchristianchurch.org/preschool)

### LITTLE GALILEE CHRISTIAN CAMP



Sign-ups for Little Galilee are now available! You may go online to register. Ask about our LCC scholarships! Some camps fill up quickly, so don't delay! Don't miss this opportunity to connect with other kids at camp. Sign up today! You will need to ask Miss Marcia for the amount of scholarship money that would be available to you.

**THIS IMAGE!  
IT MAKES  
ME STOP!**

This image, and several very similar ones have floated around for a long time. Yet, every time I see it,



over and over again, it causes me to pause, question, and reflect. There are parts of our lives and our children's lives that must be filled. Some refer to it as the 'God-shaped hole.' As God's creation, we have a need for Him; our children have a need for Him. But how do we fill that space? This picture is a reminder that filling the space happens by intentionality. It happens by intentionally pouring into our kids. It may be at home, reading the Bible together, having family devotions or praying together. It may be through times when the Church gathers, and kids join with their peers to discover what the Bible says to them about how to live their lives as Christ followers. It may be by kids witnessing the actions of others in the Christian community. I wrestle with 1 John 3:18. The Amplified Bible states it this way ...

*Little children (believers, dear ones), let us not love [merely in theory] with word or with tongue [giving lip service to compassion], but in action and in truth [in practice and in sincerity], because practical acts of love are more than words.*

It is said many of the most important things we learn in life are more "caught than taught." When I see the above picture, it always initiates a time of self-reflection, a time when I must ask: what are kids catching from me? How are they learning to follow Jesus because of what they see in me? Is Jesus reflected in the way I love and serve others? Do my actions and words match?

It takes parents, volunteers, and the church together to fill our kids. The world will seek to lead them away, but we can be the fuel to fill them with Jesus. Know that your role, whatever it is (parent, volunteer or believer), whenever you encounter each child, it matters. Our kids are watching! Thanks for investing and making a difference!

~ Miss Marcia





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### TUA-Y-C-EBF Thank You! Good News and HeartSong fundraiser a success!

Thank you so much to all of you who came to eat at the Good News and HeartSong Ultimate All-You-Can-Eat Breakfast Fundraiser on Saturday, March 5! We fed 590 people breakfast! Thank you for supporting our students as we prepare to head out on our choir tours this spring and summer.

HeartSong will be headed to the St. Louis area April 22-24 with our home concert on Sunday, April 24 at 4:00 pm!

Good News' home concert is Monday, June 6, at 7 pm. Then Good News will be touring to Orlando, Florida and back with concerts in South Carolina, Florida, Georgia, Tennessee, and Illinois, June 7-14!

Please continue to pray for our students as we prepare to share the Good News of Jesus Christ in concert!

**GOOD NEWS**  
PUBLISHING  
COMPANY  
SINCE 1971

**CELEBRATING**  
**50 YEARS**  
OF  
**STUDENT**  
**CHOIR**  
**MINISTRY**  
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](http://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!



**heartsong**  
[jr. high choir] [T.R.A.S.H.] [drama team]



**Sunday, April 24**

**4:00 pm**

**Lincoln Christian Church**



*Service of  
Shadows*

relive the Last Supper and the events that led to the cross

*7:00 pm*

*Thursday, April 14*

*Sanctuary*

*There is also a service for children 3 years to 4<sup>th</sup> grade in Kids Ministry*



## GLOBAL IMPACT

**David and Sharon Filbeck** continue to serve in Thailand but with Thailand Sustainable Ministries (TSM), a new organization they have formed along with another missionary couple. This organization is committed to establishing church communities that are financially and spiritually self-sustainable and do not rely on foreign support. TSM focuses on evangelism among the Lua and Lahu people, the San Pa Ha church plant, and an emphasis on Family Life Ministry. To help support these projects, David has started cultivating cocoa. The goal is for the cocoa cultivation eventually to fund the ongoing work in Thailand. To help with the cocoa cultivation, Lincoln Christian Church's Global Impact Team recently sent funds to purchase a moisture meter used during the cocoa bean drying process. They are currently drilling a deep well on the property for the critical task of irrigating the cocoa trees. David notes that cocoa cultivation is a long and slow process requiring patience and diligence much like ministry does.

Recently, one of the Lua churches had eight baptisms and is experiencing increased attendance. COVID has increased the number of homeless people in Chiang Mai. The San Pa Ha church raised funds to buy and prepare boxed meals they hand out to individuals as a ministry.

### Prayer Requests:

Prayers as they prepare to teach a course on marriage and family in April to Thai students from all over the country.

Prayers for continued health for David and Sharon as they prepare to travel to the U.S.A. in June.

Prayers for their eldest daughter's upcoming wedding in early June.

~ Leslie Starasta, GI Team Member

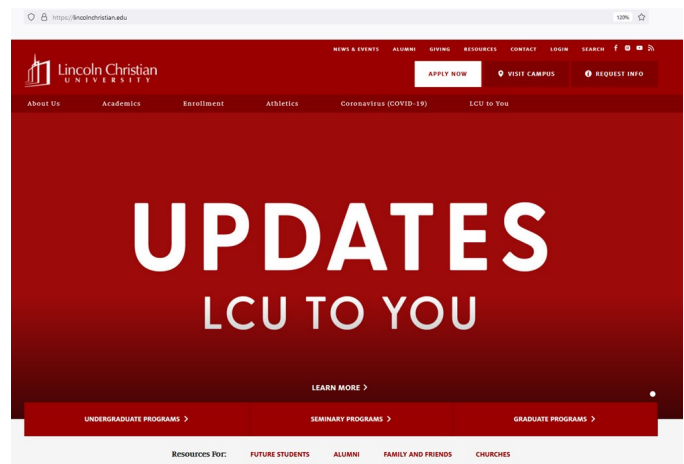


*Youth of San Pa Ha Church pray with the homeless and pass out box meals.*

## LOCAL IMPACT

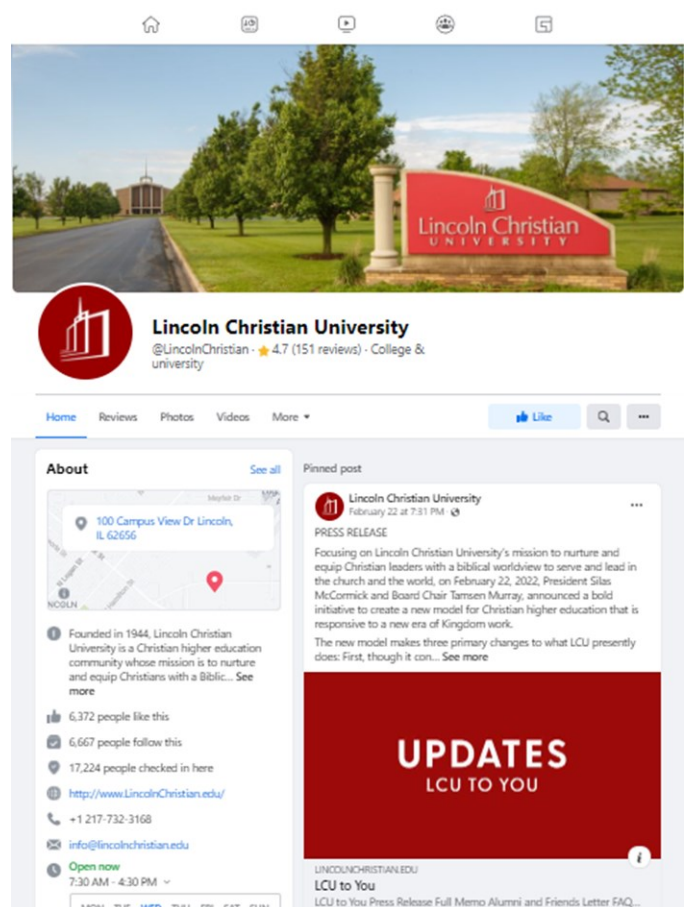
You may have heard about the changes that are going on at **Lincoln Christian University**. If you would like to know more about the updates at LCU, please check out their website at:

[LincolnChristian.edu](https://lincolncristian.edu)



If you have a Facebook account, please check out what LCU's President has shared at:

[Facebook.com/LincolnChristian](https://Facebook.com/LincolnChristian)



Lincoln Christian University Staff & Students,  
WE LOVE YOU, and we will continue to  
SUPPORT YOU!!

~ Cathy Huerd, LI Team Member





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4<sup>th</sup> 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  
4<sup>th</sup> 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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