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COUNTRYSIDE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

MAY 2021

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After graduating from high school, I supported myself for three years as a carpenter before deciding to go into full-time ministry. I often tell people I quit doing the Lord's work (carpentry) to become a preacher. Eventually I became a bus driver.

Driving a bus is awesome. Everyday you head down the road, pick up a variety of people from a variety of backgrounds, and help them to get where they need to be. You build relationships with the passengers, learn their story, and more than likely meet several members of their family. If you drive the bus long enough you will watch as they age out of the bus, get their own license, and are able to get themselves to where they want to go on their own.

This pretty much sums up ministry. All of us are called to make our way through life looking for opportunities to pull alongside people. Pick them up build a relationship create a friendship and help them to get where they need to be. The destination is always near Jesus. If you are able to stay in that relation long enough, you might have the privilege of watching someone grow in Christ to the point that they are able to stand on their own. They become a new kind of ministry driver that heads out looking for others to pick up helping them get close to Christ.

Maybe the question for every good Christian is... are you driving the bus? Are you looking for opportunities to pull alongside people and encourage them to get closer to Christ? We all make a lot of stops each day. At work there can be a lot of stops, in our neighborhood, social gatherings, and even in our home.



Take the time to look for opportunities to transport people to Jesus. With a kind word, smile, or act of kindness we can load up a bus and all get closer to Christ together.



"Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain."

1 Cor. 15:58



In Christ,



CINCO DE MAYO PARTY!



Family Dinner

Tacos 4
Nachos prepared kiddos!

Wednesday May 5th after tids Club 5pm

Games and Music!

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Every good thing given and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shifting shadow." - James 1:17

OUR GRADUATING SENIORS

RECEPTION MCATION HIGHLIGHT SUNDAY, JUNE 13 FOLLOWING THE **WORSHIP SERVICE** Countryside Christian Church I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans to give you a hope and a future. Nathan Johnson Baccalaureate Service: May 15th – 5:00pm ongratulations,

Eli Mueller

2021 Graduate Riverdale High School

Baccalaureate Service: May 23rd - 7:00pm

2021 Graduate Erie High School

Graduation: May 16th

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Graduation: June 6th

MISSION HIGHLIGHT: Lincoln Christian University

"Lincoln Bible Institute, 'LBI' was born in the mind and heart of Earl C. Hargrove in 1944 as the result of a God-given vision. From the very beginning unto this very day, countless people have sacrificially provided the resources to carry out this God-given vision of supplying dedicated and well-trained workers for the Kingdom."

Lincoln Christian University (initially Lincoln Bible Institute, then Lincoln Christian College and Seminary, now Lincoln Christian University) was launched on May 4, 1944, to help prepare people to carry out God's effort through the church. For decades, LCU has trained servant leaders to serve the church and world. Mr. Hargrove, LCU's founding president, stated: "We need Kingdom workers." In addition to supplying churches with preachers, LCU has trained worship ministers, youth ministers, church secretaries, Christian education directors, small group leaders, elders, Sunday school teachers, mission committee members and a host of other roles in the church. We are thrilled that God has used so many who took classes at LCU to help build His Church.

For over 75 years, LCU has been educating Kingdom-minded leaders to serve in the church and the world. More than 16,000 have studied there. Hundreds of men and women are currently studying at Lincoln Christian University, learning how best to communicate the Word of God to this generation and the next.

The spring of 2020 brought about unexpected changes due to the Corona Virus. Classes on campus were suspended at spring break and became learning virtually. The spring brought a new president to LCU as Don Green retired. Silas McCormick became the new President. With changes coming about virus restrictions being lifted the plans are for more in person learning happening this fall.



Dr. Silas McCormick, President



The Covid virus has impacted the financial situation of LCU in a very dramatic way. Students were being taught virtually and the enrollment declined. They ask for prayers for the finances to improve as the situation returns to more normal in the fall of 2021.



Countryside Christian Church offers scholarships to students attending full time at LCU or other Christian Universities. LCU provided interim ministers for us during our time of our preacher search. We are so grateful for this assistance. If you want more information about LCU check the booklet on the mission shelf by the office.

2021 CAMP INI

ROCK RIVER SUMMER CAMPS

It's Camp Time!! (See the church lobby for brochures)

EARLY BIRD DISCOUNT: \$20 off if registered by May 1st for full week youth camps (\$10 for one to three night youth camps)

BRING A FRIEND DISCOUNT: Campers who "Bring a Friend" (who has never been to RRCC) will receive a \$30 discount (\$15 for one to three night youth camps) for each new camper that registers for youth camp. The camper that does the inviting will receive the discount. CCC SCHOLARSHIPS: Our church also supports kids who would like to attend a camp by helping with part of their registration fee.

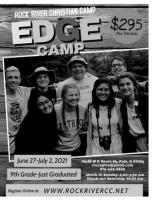






SUMMER CAMPS AVAILABLE





Camp Teddy Bear Camp First Chance Camp Embark Camp Elevate Camp Boys' Paintball Camp Adventure Camp Edge Camp

1st-2nd grade 3rd-4th grade 4th-6th grade 6th-8th grade 7th grade-just graduated

Ages

graduated p 7th-10th grade 9th grade-just graduated







"You are the light of the world. A city on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead, they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven." Matthew 5:14-16

S J M E R Kitchen Staff

ROCK RIVER CHRISTIAN CAMP

Must be 16 to apply; some positions must be over 18.

Camp provides housing, most meals, and pay for the summer

Apply today at WWW.ROCKRIVERCC.NET



Zip Line Facilitators



Paintball Ref



rrccoffice@gmail.com 815-493-6622

Location: 16486 W IL Route 64 Polo, IL 61064

WOMEN IN THE BIBLE



Do you ever wish you were stronger in your faith? During the month of May, we want to explore the courageous spirits of women of the Bible, women in history, and women of our world today whose lives embolden us to have strong faith in God — no matter the twists and turns life throws our way. God wants you to be brave. You can be strong and courageous! If you would like to receive a short daily devotion highlighting a different woman of faith each day, would you contact the church office? (309-523-2834 or cccportbyron@gmail.com) The first one will start Saturday, May 1st.

	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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Just for her in May

Every woman needs a day of pampering!
Learn how to make your own spa
treatments and go home with a gift
set just for you. We will also be serving
a special Mother's Day tea luncheon.

\$10 a ticket

May 8th 10am-1pm

Sign up at the church or call the church office to reserve your spot.

"And that you be renewed in the spirit of your mind." Ephesians 4:23



REMEMBERING THOSE WHO SERVED

"Whoever dwells in the shelter of the Most High will rest in the shadow of the Almighty." Psalm 91:1

Honoring Christ on Memorial Day

This coming Memorial Day, thousands of churches will pay tribute to our country's fallen heroes, recognizing the liberties and freedoms we enjoy, and remembering the brave men and women who have given their lives for our country. Memorial Day is focused upon those who have fallen in the service of our country, but at the same time it is an opportunity to focus on Christ. Here are three ways to observe Memorial Day, and bring honor to the King of kings and Lord of lords.

1. Our coming PEACE!

Those who have given their life for our country have experienced the tragic bloodshed that conflict brings. Our world is rocked by strife and division. But one day there will be peace. The author of that peace is Jesus himself, who is described in Scripture as the Prince of peace. Memorial Day recognizes the valor of those in military combat, but a day is coming when we will live in a time of unparalleled peace, brought about by King Jesus.

2. Our HONOR and GLORY!

It is only right that we remember our nation's military heroes, both past and present. We recognize, honor, and thank those men and women who are involved in the service of country. One day all believers will receive honor for their service. Although not all of us will enlist in the armed forces of our country, we will nonetheless hear the "well done," from Jesus. This is another opportunity to glorify Christ during Memorial Day.

3. Our true GRATITUDE!

After the death of thousands of soldiers following the Civil War, our country's leaders instituted this as day to remember, in solemnity and heartfelt gratitude, the ultimate price that was paid. We hold the deepest gratitude for the hundreds of thousands of soldiers who have given their lives over the ages, defending our freedoms and families. As we remember them, let us also remain aware that Jesus, too, gave the ultimate sacrifice. He laid down his life to secure a freedom which transcends any earthly freedom. Jesus gave his life to gain spiritual victory over sin, death, and hell. Memorial Day gives us a chance to praise our Lord for the price he paid, and the triumph he secured. As you commemorate our fallen heroes this year, take the opportunity to remember the day's significance while also honoring



OUR GIVING THIS MONTH

Last October, we, as a congregation, promised \$35,550 to go toward the expenses of the seven missions we support. This year's goal is \$40,000. This "COVID year" has been a difficult one for our missionaries. Most have had to curtail portions of their ministries due to limited funds. But God has been faithful to our members of Countryside, and our members have been faithful in their Faith Promise giving. Our missionaries are very grateful to Countryside for sharing God's blessings with them.

Countryside supports a wide variety of ministries including:

- Christian higher education
- · Youth and adult camping experiences
- · Global disaster relief and evangelism
- Ministry to the Chinese people in the U.S. & China
- · Church plants in Mexico
- · Bible translation in Papua, New Guinea
- · Ministry to recruit and support missionaries around the world

May 1st is the beginning of the next Missions Year. We collected our faith promises for the coming year during our "Mission Not Impossible" Sunday on April 25th. Thank you for supporting the work of missions!

Remember our missionaries can only continue the important work of sharing the good news of Jesus with the prayerful and monetary support of churches like Countryside!



YTD Offering Budget: \$48,461 YTD Offering Actual: \$46,994 YTD Faith Promises: \$35,361

MY FAITH PROMISE TO WORLD MISSIONS

After a period of much prayer and discernment, I/WE promise to support the worldwide missionary program of the Countryside Christian Church over the next year. In total dependence upon God for HIS provision, it is our promise that "As God Gives, So Shall We Give." By faith, I/We promise the following amount of money:

\$ Annual Total

Note: This is a faith promise, a covenant between myself and God. It is my voluntary offering for the evangelization of the world.

JPCOMING EVENTS

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5/1	MAY DAY
5/3	MONTHLY DEPARTMENT MEETINGS Evangelism/Missions (6:30pm) All Departments (7pm) Be Connected Be Heard Be Informed
5/5	CINCO DE MAYO KIDS CLUB DINNER 5:00PM
5/8	MOTHER'S DAY TEA & SPA DAY 10AM-1PM
5/9	HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY Mother's: Day
5/13	ELDERS' MEETING 9:00AM
5/16	ERIE HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION
5/23	RIVERDALE H.S. BACCALAUREATE SERVICE 7:00PM
5/30	FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION Items for the month are due this Sunday and will be delivered to the Food Pantry this week
5/31	MEMORIAL DAY

SIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIE

Birthdays 4 - Amber Ramos

- - 6 Joanne Wiklund
 - 11 Doyle Newton
 - 11 Tena Knapp
- 12 Logan Wheeler
 - 14 Tiffany Wheeler
 - 15 Dawn Ryden
 - 17 Jane Noyd
 - 22 Steve Allison
- 26 Dylan Trout
 - 28 Natalia Ramos
 - 29 Teagan Collis
 - 24 Jasper Denekas

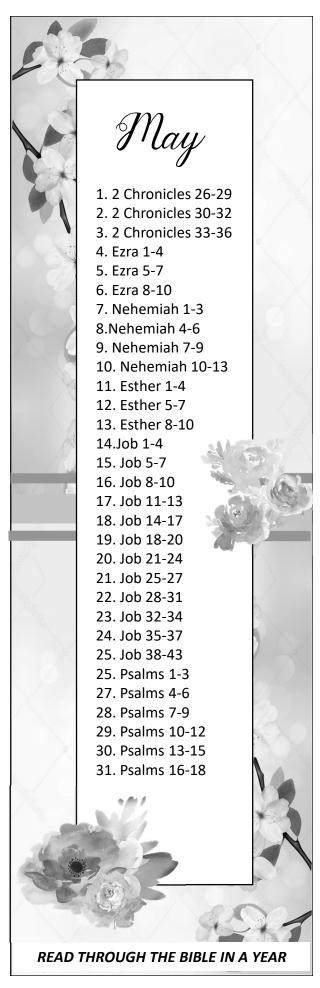


Anniversarie:

- 1 Becki & Mike Winger
- 6 Ruthie & Brock Coverdill
- 11 Jill & Norm Weatherhead
- 30 Katie Jo & Corey Chasek
- 31 Rock & Sandy Lawrence



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THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP!

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CHILDREN'S CHURCH

May 2	Cathy Lotz	Sarah Denekas
May 9	Cathy Lotz	Cheryl Gipson
May 16	Cathy Lotz	Connie Curry
May 23	Cathy Lotz	Donna Vickroy
May 30	Family Sunday	Family Sunday





May 2

Don Vickroy

May 9

Wayne Lotz

May 16

Teresa Garcia

May 23

Steve Allison

May 30

Hannah Herrman



Jerry & Nancy Dufur Wayne & Cathy Lotz Randy & Sarah Denekas

JUST FOR KIDS

KIDS CORNER



Jesus commands us to be his witnesses. This craft is a reminder to reach out to all our "circles."

What you need:

- 5 bowls or cups (assorted sizes)
- Construction paper
- Pencil
- Scissors
- Brad fastener
- Crayons or markers

What you do:

- Place the bowls and cups upside down, each on a different color of paper. Trace around the circles and cut them out.
- With a pencil, pierce a small hole atop each circle. Layer circles on each other from largest to smallest, aligning the holes. Insert the brad through all layers.
- 3. Starting in the center, label the circles *my house, my city, my state, my country, the world.* Draw a picture on each one.
- 4. Pray, asking Jesus how you can spread his message.



Acts 1:1 (NIV) reads: "In my former book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus began to do and to teach." What "former book" did the author write to Theophilus?

- A. Matthew
- B. Mark
- C. Luke
- D. John



Answer: C (See Luke 1:1-4.)

?? Bible Quiz ???

We know the name of only one of the two disciples to whom the risen Jesus appeared on the road to Emmaus.

Who was he?

- A. John
- B. Paul of Tarsus
- C. Joseph of Arimathea
- D. Cleopas



Answer: D (See Luke 24:18.)

?? Bible Quiz ? ??

As the Israelites wandered in the wilderness, they longingly remembered some of the foods they'd had in Egypt.
Which foods were not mentioned?

- A. carrots and potatoes
- B. onions and garlic
- C. fish and leeks
- D. melons and cucumbers



Answer: A (See Numbers 11:4-6.)

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WORSHIP SERVICE	All Depts. 7pm	6-8pm		6pm Geneseo – 6pm	•	9am-12pm	Spa Day 10am-1pm
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If you are not able to access the internet on your computer or mobile device, we will be able to download it to a DVD for you. Just contact the church office to obtain a copy.



Website. The sermon will be available in video or audio form on the church's website page (http://countrysidecc.org)



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Facebook.(<u>www.facebook.com/</u> <u>countrysidecc.org</u>) at 10:45am.



Youtube.(<u>https://www.youtube.</u> com/channel/UCOR73Sgh3zkzp







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