

# the MESSENGER

COUNTRYSIDE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

SEPTEMBER 2023

**Sunday Morning Services:**  
9:30am Sunday School\*  
10:15am Breakfast  
10:45am Worship\*  
\*Nursery is provided  
Children's Church (4yrs-4<sup>th</sup>  
grade) during Sermon Time

**Wednesday Activities:**  
3-5pm Kids Club (K-5<sup>th</sup>)  
4-5pm Impact (Jr High)  
6:30pm Small Groups

**Church Office:**  
309-523-2834  
**Church Email:**  
cccportbyron@gmail.com  
**Church Website:**  
www.countrysidecc.org

**Live Streaming Info:**  
Paste the links below into  
your browser:



[shorturl.at/CIM08](https://shorturl.at/CIM08)



[shorturl.at/wBVY4](https://shorturl.at/wBVY4)

## From Steve's Desk...

*It's hard to believe that Kids Club is going to be starting its fourth year. In the Fall of 2020, we began the program and ran it nonstop until the Spring of 2022. Now we are looking forward to our big Kick-Off event on September 20th from 5:30-7:00 PM! This is a new event to kick it off.*



*We will have four large inflatables and games and food in the gym. We are inviting the entire Elementary and Middle Schools of Riverdale to participate. We would love to have over 100 people participating in our Kick-Off event. The next week September 27<sup>th</sup> will begin the after school program.*

# KIDS CLUB



## IMPACT MIDDLE SCHOOL

*Please begin to pray as we look forward to meeting new families in the community that need to know Jesus. What Jesus did on the cross is why Kids Club exists. We want to meet families so that we might introduce them to our church family...so that they can be introduced to our Savior. Also, please be on the lookout for sign-up sheets in the church lobby for ways you will be able to help with the Kick-Off event and Kids Club. Thank you for praying and helping wherever you can with this outreach event!*

**Steve**



**Steve Allison, Minister**

*"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*

# NEW BIBLE STUDY THIS MONTH

In this twelve-session small group Bible study, *Twelve Women of the Bible*, Lysa TerKuerst, Elisa Morgan, Jeanne Stevens and other leaders look at the spiritual lessons learned from twelve biblical women and what they mean for your life today.



## TWELVE Women OF THE BIBLE

LIFE-CHANGING STORIES FOR WOMEN TODAY

Tuesday mornings at 9:00am beginning September 5th  
**COUNTRYSIDE CHRISTIAN CHURCH**

The Women's Bible Study that meets Tuesday mornings at the church (9:00am) is going to be starting a new series called **TWELVE WOMEN OF THE BIBLE** on September 5<sup>th</sup>.

In this twelve-session small group journey, taught by six acclaimed Bible teachers, you will meet a group of women in the Bible whose lives teach us about ourselves and about who God is. We will hear the raw and revealing stories of frailties, struggles, brokenness, and victories of real women from both the Old and New Testaments.

**PLEASE JOIN US ON TUESDAY MORNINGS @ 9:00AM!**

#### Sessions include:

1. Eve: Finding Lasting Contentment in the Truth (Lysa TerKuerst)
2. Rebekah: Breaking Free of Feminine Stereotypes (Jonalyn Fincher)
3. Leah: Overcoming Rejection and Insecurity (Naomi Zacharias)
4. Hannah: Surrendering in Waiting (Amena Brown)
5. Abigail: Dealing with Confrontation in Relationships (Elisa Morgan)
6. Gomer: Learning to Accept Unconditional Love (Jeanne Stevens)
7. Mary, Mother of Jesus: Moving from Comfort to Courage (Jeanne Stevens)
8. Mary Magdalene: Transforming from Outcast to Follower (Jonalyn Fincher)
9. Mary of Bethany: Putting Our Faith into Action (Elisa Morgan)
10. Martha: Finding Our Identity in Jesus (Amena Brown)
11. The Woman at the Well: Turning Our Messes into Messages (Lysa TerKuerst)
12. The Syrophenician Woman: Approaching God with Persistency and Boldness (Naomi Zacharias)

*"The LORD is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth." Psalm 145:18*



# ANNUAL TALENT SHOW

October 8th

6:30pm

**THE STAGE**  
*is waiting  
for you*



C C C ' S A N N U A L

## **TALENT SHOW**

Share your awesome talents with us!  
Contact Kathy Kohrt to be part of this  
year's program.

**COUNTRYSIDE CHRISTIAN CHURCH**

It's time again for our annual Talent Show! Have a rare talent? A unique hobby collection? Do you love to spend a Sunday night as a family being entertained, laughing, and enjoying some fellowship with others? **Our Talent Show is October 8th at 6:30pm!!** Please mark your calendars and plan to attend! It's going to be fun!

If you would like to be part of the program, please contact the church office (309-523-2834) or Kathy Kohrt very soon!



*"Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert." Isaiah 43:19*

*you are invited to*

# connect

October 13<sup>th</sup> 6:30pm – 8:30pm    October 14<sup>th</sup> 9:30am – 12:00pm

## WOMEN'S CONFERENCE 2023

We are so excited to have a Women's Conference coming up in October! Mark your calendars for this amazing weekend full of powerful worship, dynamic teachings, and meaningful moments with God! More details will be coming soon!



*"From them will come songs of thanksgiving and the sound of rejoicing. I will add to their numbers, and they will not be decreased; I will bring them honor, and they will not be disdained."*

*Jeremiah 30:19*



BUMP! SET! SPIKE!!!

# FALL 2023 VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT SUNDAY, SEPT 17TH

12:00PM LUNCH AND CHECK-IN  
1:00PM TOURNAMENT BEGINS

**ENTRY FEE:** 1 canned good per person for the local food pantry

- Teams made up of 6-8 players
- Jr. High, High School, and Adult teams
- Tournament Bracket will be posted that day
- Lunch provided

**SIGN UP BEFORE SEPT 10<sup>TH</sup>:**

[www.countrysidecc.org](http://www.countrysidecc.org) or scan the QR code



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“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.” The mission statement is “to nurture and equip Christian leaders with a biblical worldview to serve and lead in the church and the world”.

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.



*“This fall we are bringing the classroom to the congregation via Lincoln Christian Institute in three different states. Check out a complete list of where you can find us and what we will be exploring here. And this is just the beginning. September in Columbus and Angola, IN, October St. Joe, IN and Springfield, Watseka, Dix, Lincoln and Olney, IL”*  
*(Newsletter August 2023)*

*“The new model captured in “LCU to You” seeks to fulfill the same purpose that was stated in the original Purpose and Policy drafted in 1944 and the current mission statement that has guided us since 2006. In spite of all that has changed over the last 78 years and will be changing in coming years, LCU is still committed to playing our part in fulfilling God’s purpose of making disciples of all the nations and the generations until Jesus comes.*

*We believe that our historic mission matters and that Lincoln alumni are still making a difference. In fact, our world desperately needs Lincoln Leaders more than ever, so we are unashamedly asking you to partner with LCU as we seek to continue fulfilling our purpose. The impact you make is significant as your gift will help equip our campus for the future and will subsidize the total educational cost of deserving students.” (Newsletter 2022)*



Many changes are occurring at LCU as the result of the impact Covid has had on the economic situation at the University. If you want more information about LCU check the booklet on the mission shelf by the office.





# GAP FOOD PACKING

# MISSION HIGHLIGHT



**IDES FOOD PACKING**  
SEPT 9TH, 7:30-11:30AM

*"For I was hungry, and you gave me something to eat..." - Matthew 25:35*

God Always Provides (GAP) is an opportunity for people of ALL ages to serve together and pack nutritious meals for those who are suffering from malnutrition and hunger around the world. **The set up and unloading of the truck will occur at 7:30 A.M. Then, we will begin filling the bags and work until finished filling the bags (4-5 hours).** During the set-up we will need approximately 10 people who can lift boxes, move tables and take directions for set up and for being a crew leader. Each crew of 10 will need a leader who can give the crew instructions and oversee their line in bag filling. We are hoping to have six crews, three from Erie, and three from CCC. Thirty-five people from CCC will be needed to be crew members and will require extended periods of standing. We plan to be finished by 11:30am - that will be determined by the number of workers. Snacks and water will be provided. A sign up list is in the church lobby. Even if you can only work for a short period of time, sign up as workers will need rest periods.

IDES provides nutritious meals which are sent to countries that have experienced disasters. Each bag contains the equivalent of 6 meals which can be reconstituted with water. Each meal contains vitamins, minerals and rice. In Sept. of 2018 we prepared 4000 bags or 24000 meals. If you have any questions please see Connie Curry.

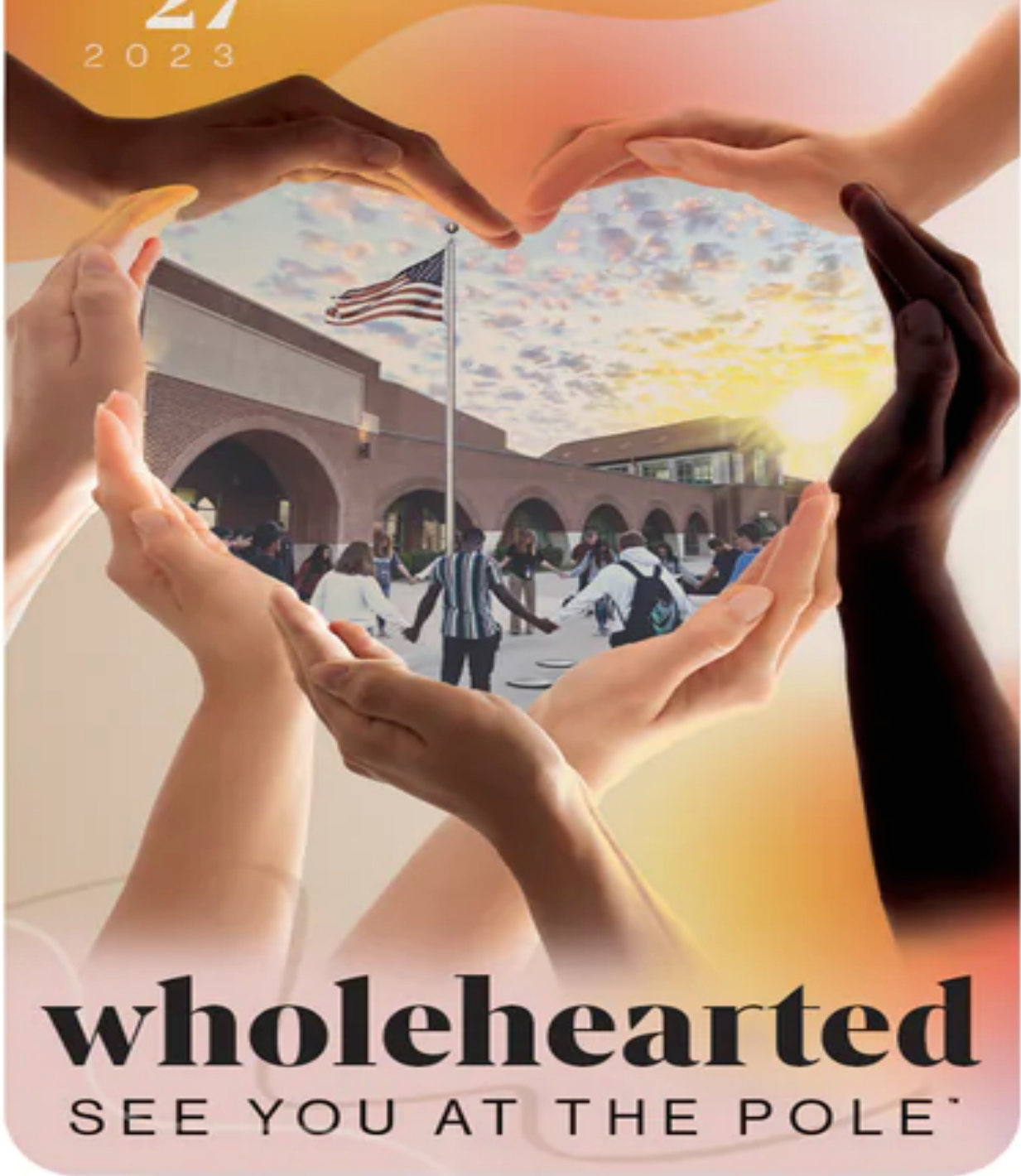
**On Saturday, Sept 9th, Countryside and Erie Christian Church, along with volunteers from the community, are hoping to pack at least 24,000 GAP meals. Join us at Countryside, beginning at 7:30am. We'll package meals, helping to feed the hungry, and to transform lives around the world.**



2023 SEE YOU AT THE POLE

Sept  
27  
2023

7:30am Riverdale Schools



***What is See You at the Pole***

SYATP is a grassroots student-based prayer movement that began over 30 years ago. Every fourth Wednesday in September, students all over the world gather at their school flagpoles to pray for their schools, friends, families, nation, and the world. SYATP is simply a student-led prayer rally, held before school begins for the purpose of asking for God's help and guidance.

WORSHIP HIGHLIGHT



# OUR GIVING THIS MONTH

## 2022-2023 Offering Budget

(Starting 11/1/2022):

\$104,326

**YTD Offering Actual: \$110,811**

## 2023-2024 Mission Year

(Starting 5/1/2023)

Faith Promises Goal: \$52,390

YTD Actual: \$6475

*We can't always see how God will provide for us. When your account balance is barely in the black, it's easy to question if God will really provide. But our circumstances do not change God's faithfulness or His promises. We can trust Him even when it doesn't seem to make sense.*

*Tithing is not just a command, it is a gift within an instruction. God promises that when we tithe, He will not only provide for us but will also bless us immensely. God doesn't want to take from us; He wants to bless us.*

*Deuteronomy 15:10 says when we give generously, God blesses our work. And in Malachi 3:10, God Himself tells us to put tithing to the test and see if He won't pour out so much blessing that there will not be room enough to store it.*

*As we partner with God in ministry and trust Him for our provision, we experience His presence and faithfulness in ways we didn't before. And that experience of God's presence brings the biggest blessing of all — the deep and lasting peace of knowing we can trust God with everything.*

Reflect:

- Do you trust God to provide for you?
- Do you manage your money like it's a gift from God?
- Is there a particularly uncertain area in your life where you can choose to trust God's promises?



### 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.***

*"You will be enriched in every way to be generous in every way, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God." 2 Corinthians 9:11*

SEPTEMBER  
Anniversaries

- 4 – Brandon & Alicia Simms
- 10 – Tim & Holly Trout

SEPTEMBER  
Birthdays

- 8 – Greg Jones
- 8 – Arlys Koepping
- 15 – Becki Winger
- 16 – Connor Kohrt
- 18 – Angela Heydeman
- 19 – Bill Courter
- 19 – Nancy Dufur
- 19 – Sydney Collis
- 20 – Gail Horst
- 27 – Cathy Lotz
- 27 – Larry Cullison
- 30 – Alec Simms

I CAN'T BELIEVE IT!  
HOMEWORK ALREADY!  
I JUST GOT BACK TO  
SCHOOL!



I HAVE TO WRITE A  
PARAGRAPH ON WHAT  
I DID OVER THE SUMMER!  
**A WHOLE PARAGRAPH!!**





# VOLUNTEERS THIS MONTH

## Childrens Ministry

Sunday School (9:30-10:15)			Worship* (10:45-12:00)				
Date	Teacher's	Nursery	Date	Teacher	Helper	Leader	Helper
			*Children's Church Teacher & helper are dismissed from service after the worship communion / offering *Nursery workers are scheduled for the entire church service from 10:40-12:00				
September			September				
3	Connie Curry Judy Millies	Cathy Lotz	3	Criss Evans	Gail Horst	Shanie Bird	Sarah Denekas
10	Connie Curry Judy Millies	Becki Winger	10	Criss Evans	Laura Schmidt	Shanie Bird	Kathy Kohrt
17	Connie Curry Judy Millies	Sarah Denekas	17	Criss Evans	Amber Bird	Shanie Bird	Addison Tiesman
24	Connie Curry Judy Millies	Kathy Kohrt	24	Criss Evans	Cheryl Gipson	Shanie Bird	Kristina Rogers

## Worship Ministry



### COMMUNION MEDITATION

### GREETERS

September 3 – Jim Kaecker  
 September 10 – Wayne Lotz  
 September 17 – Ryan Schmidt  
 September 24 – Teresa Garcia

*Please sign up for a Sunday that works for your family! Welcome people, direct them to the sanctuary, nursery, or restrooms if needed, and hand out bulletins.*

## Breakfast



### VOLUNTEERS

*New sign-up sheets are in the lobby. Please sign up for a Sunday that works best for you! Provide breakfast treats and help serve coffee and clean-up between Sunday School and Worship.*

## Church

BUILDING CLEANERS



Ruthie Coverdill & Linda Griffin  
 LeRoy & Laura Byers  
 Gail Horst & Kathy Kohrt

*"Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest." Matthew 9:37-38*

# September

# 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
<p><b>The grass withers and the flowers fall, but the word of our God endures forever. (Isaiah 40:8)</b></p>						1	2
<p>3</p> <p><b>SUNDAY SCHOOL</b> 9:30AM <b>COFFEE TIME</b> 10:15AM <b>WORSHIP SERVICE</b> 10:45AM</p>	<p>4</p> 	<p>5</p> <p>Men's Study 9am Women's Study 9am (Starting 12 Women of the Bible)</p>	<p>6</p> <p><b>Small Groups</b> Port Byron –6pm Geneseo – 6pm</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Worship Team 6:30pm</p>	<p>8</p> <p>Stamping Club (Bev Skelton) 9am-12pm</p>	<p>9</p> <p><b>GAP FOOD PACKING</b> 7:30am–11:30am</p> 	
<p>10</p> <p><b>SUNDAY SCHOOL</b> 9:30AM <b>COFFEE TIME</b> 10:15AM <b>WORSHIP SERVICE</b> 10:45AM</p> <p>Grandparents Day</p>	<p>11</p> <p><b>Evangelism/ Missions 6:30pm</b> <b>All Depts. 7pm</b></p> <p>Zuma Township Meeting</p> <p>Patriots Day</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Men's Study 9am Women's Study 9am</p>	<p>13</p> <p><b>Small Groups</b> Port Byron –6pm Geneseo – 6pm</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Zuma Home Extension 1:00-4:00pm</p> <p>Worship Team 6:30pm</p>	<p>15</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Women's Coffee 9:30am</p> 	
<p>17</p> <p><b>SUNDAY SCHOOL</b> 9:30AM <b>COFFEE TIME</b> 10:15AM <b>WORSHIP SERVICE</b> 10:45AM</p> <p><b>VOLLEYBALL TOURN</b> 12PM</p> 	<p>18</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Men's Study 9am Women's Study 9am</p>	<p>20</p> <p><b>KICK-OFF PARTY FOR KIDS CLUB &amp; IMPACT</b> 5:30 – 7:00pm</p> <p><b>Small Groups</b> Port Byron –6pm Geneseo – 6pm</p>	<p>21</p> <p>Worship Team 6:30pm</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23</p>	
<p>24</p> <p><b>SUNDAY SCHOOL</b> 9:30AM <b>COFFEE TIME</b> 10:15AM <b>WORSHIP SERVICE</b> 10:45AM</p> 	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p> <p>Men's Study 9am Women's Study 9am</p>	<p>27</p> <p><b>SEE YOU AT THE POLE 7:30AM</b> Kids Club 3-5pm Impact 4-5pm</p>  <p><b>Small Groups</b> Port Byron –6pm Geneseo – 6pm</p>	<p>28</p> <p>Worship Team 6:30pm</p>	<p>29</p> 	<p>30</p>	