

AUGUST 2018 TO AUGUST 2019



christ lincoln
A LUTHERAN MINISTRY

2019

ANNUAL REPORT



Dear Fellow Believers in our Lord,

The work of our Savior continues. Not a day goes by when there isn't clear and wonderful understanding that God yet builds His Kingdom. As this year moves toward its end, it can be said among us here at Christ, that saving faith has grown and deepened; that acts of generous Christian care have impacted lives; that there are increasingly more among us who love the Lord as we do. What, then, can be rightly said of 2019? Our saving God has surely been at work among us, through us, and within us. We praise His Name, rejoicing that this will only continue . . .

Rev. Dr. Luke Schnake



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As I finished my first year at Christ Lincoln, I'm very thankful for our staff. They are so talented, committed, and work very hard to serve our congregation. In addition, we couldn't accomplish all that we do without the expertise and engaged volunteers that serve all of us. You will read more about the staff and volunteers in the following pages.

Also, I'm thankful to LLB Members (Tony Saeger, Lloyd Wagnitz, Valerie Dorfmeier, Heidi Cuca, Tim Geisert, Tom Lorenz, Korinna Rodencal, Rick Stowell, Ryan Wittmann). Their leadership made this a good year. Specifically, we're thankful for their work on the:

SABBATICAL POLICY

SUCCESSION PLANNING OF THE DIRECTOR OF MINISTRY

VOTERS MEETINGS FOR BUILD FOR CHRIST CENTRAL

REVISION OF THE SURVEY

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Mike Milbourn". The signature is fluid and cursive, written on a white background.

Mike Milbourn
Chief Operating Officer



MISSION STATEMENT:

CONNECTING
PEOPLE TO
CHRIST,
AND TOGETHER
GROWING IN
HIS WORD.



CHURCH STATS

AVERAGE WEEKLY ATTENDANCE

760

Sanctuary
Worship

983

211 Worship
Sumner

301

211 Worship
Yankee Hill

2,044

Total Average
Weekly
Attendance

1,011

1st-Time
Guests



2,623

Total Members

52,416

Total Cookies
Served



288

Songs Sang

CHRISTMAS 2018

“

There are many things Christ does that I look forward to every year. But, mainly I look forward to Christmas. We have a beautiful Church, especially at Christmas time. I love our many traditions: music, concerts, decorations, banners, the Nativity sets. And our gifted leaders. But I most look forward to the peace that I have listening to the Christmas story and sermons. We have been so blessed by God!!

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SANCTUARY WORSHIPER

1,091

**Sanctuary
Worship**



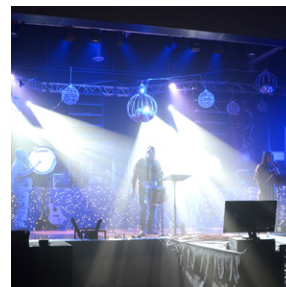
1,780

**211 Worship
Sumner**



295

**211 Worship
Yankee Hill**



EASTER 2019

“

It was so fun! From the beginning, everyone was so friendly. Pastor gave a great message, walking us from the gravity of Jesus' death into the celebration of His resurrection. What a celebration it was! We loved the songs, the atmosphere, and the community of believers. He is risen!

”

211 WORSHIPER



1,406
**Sanctuary
Worship**



1,673
**211 Worship
Sumner**



577
**211 Worship
Yankee Hill**

LIFE CHANGE

“

I can't even tell you how instrumental 211 has been in my life, ever since a friend from work brought me in. For the first time, I felt like I had a relationship with God, it wasn't just something I read in a book. You are an amazing teacher and I appreciate you so much!

”

211 YANKEE HILL WORSHIPER

Baptisms

45

Sanctuary
Worship

42

211 Worship
Sumner

8

211 Worship
Yankee Hill



139

New Adult
Members





MISSION STATEMENT:

Committed to Leading our Children to Love Jesus,
Love Others, and Love Learning.

CHRIST LINCOLN SCHOOLS

Elementary

146 Students

34 K-5 Scholarships
Representing
\$70,000 in
Financial Support

73% Christ Lincoln
Members

23% Other Church
Membership

4% No Membership
in a Church

Child Care

158 Students

55 School-Age
Care

47% Christ Lincoln
Members

53% Lincoln
Community

SPECIAL NOTE:

Yankee Hill Childcare Opened
September 30, 2019
with **35 Students**



Received National Lutheran Accreditation in August 2019



Children

474

**Kids Served in
Sunday School
and Wednesday
Night Live**

102

Volunteers

10

**Unique Family
Events with
1,210 Attendees**

VBS

396
Kids



122
Volunteers

YOUTH



“

While at NYG, the relationships I formed and continue to grow, inspire me to be a better person. The people made this trip life-changing. The daily sessions pushed my mind in a new direction. You can struggle to love God, but he doesn't struggle to love us.

STUDENT

”

Middle School/Confirmation

150

Students

22

Adult Leaders/
Volunteers

48

2018
Confirmands

High School

104

Students

28

Adult Leaders/
Volunteers

16

Student
Leaders

47

Students Attend
the National
Youth Gathering

CARE

“

When baby Jaxon was born prematurely, we sent one of our NICU care baskets. I received a call from the mom who wanted to express her gratitude after receiving a note I had signed in the care bag. She told me that she wanted to personally thank our church and come visit. I wound up visiting her in the NICU, and she visited our Yankee Hill Campus. God is good!



PASTOR JEFF SCHEICH

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321

Volunteers

3,847

People Served

Other Care Ministries

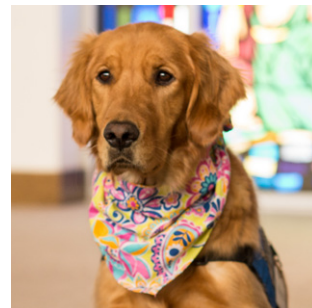
Cancer Care
Prayer Shawl
Quilting
Holiday Baskets
Funeral Ministry
Meal Ministry

NICU Ministry

18 Volunteers

240 People Served

170 Baskets



Comfort Dog

220 Visits

292 Hours

{Includes 19 out-of-town visits}



WE LOVE OUR VOLUNTEERS!

It Takes an Average of

326

Volunteers to Make a
Sunday Happen



“

My wife and I got married here in 2000 and had been attending on and off since then. About six years ago, I answered a call from the pastor to help with the parking lot ministry because I wanted to meet people. Since then, we became parking lot leaders, we help with chair setup, set up decorations, greet people Sunday mornings, and count the offering. Volunteering allows me to contribute, talk and meet people, while making friends along the way. I love it to death.

”



CECIL & JANE GRANT



SERVING

Serve Lincoln

December 2018

238

Volunteers

13

Agencies
Served

2,336

Pounds of
Food Donated

March 2019

279

Volunteers

8

Agencies
Served

4,100

Pounds of
Food Donated



Night to Shine 2019

81

Guests

500+

Volunteers



Lutheran Early Response Team

110,000 lbs

Supplies/Food Donated

\$38,142

Donations

520

Flood Buckets

392

Volunteer Hours



“

Thank you so very much for your overwhelming generosity during such a tragic time for many in our community. Your kindness positively impacted the lives of many.

”

MILLS COUNTY EMERGENCY
MANAGEMENT TEAM



OUTREACH

AIM

This year, 473 Sudanese gathered from Lincoln, Omaha, and Grand Island to worship at Christ Lincoln in our Sanctuary worship space.

Special Note: September 21, 2019, Pastor James Chieng Rieng was voted President of the Sudanese Lutheran Mission Society of North America.



Hispanic Ministry

30
Volunteers

74
Students

32
Kids

13
in Bible Study

“We are celebrating Ines who passed the citizenship interviews and test thanks to the ESL classes taught by Iglesia Luterana. She never would have dreamed of starting the process until she took one of these classes.”

CHURCH CELEBRATIONS

Bob Ewell
Celebrated
50 Years
of Ministry



Yankee Hill
Construction
Began 2018



MS#3 Remodeled

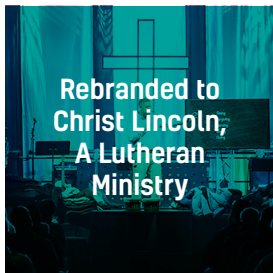
New Website



New Security
Measures

Outsourced IT
Support

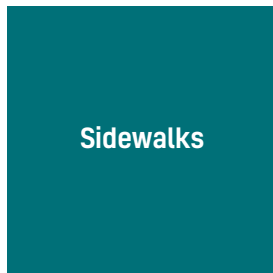
Rebranded to
Christ Lincoln,
A Lutheran
Ministry



Replaced Laptops
for Staff and
Worship Spaces



Sidewalks



Zoo Volunteer
Thank You
Event



GIVING (AS OF AUGUST 31, 2019)

Average weekly giving to the General Fund was \$52,552.75 vs targeted average weekly giving to the General Fund which was \$59,076.93.

Our revenue this year is better than last year, but does not fully fund the ministry we are providing.

Therefore, staff are working off a revised budget that matches our projected revenue through the end of the year.

Total debt retired in the past year
\$186,309.97 out of \$5,512,561.00

Total Participate 4 Growth raised
\$2,403,576.72 out of \$3,261,850.00

Total Build for Christ Yankee Hill raised
\$960,698.83 out of \$1,864,428.50

Total Build for Christ Sumner raised
\$78,310.72 out of \$9,635,000.00

CHRIST LINCOLN

Expenses January - August 31, 2019

Worship	486,355.56
Ministry <i>[Missions, Caregiving, Welcome Ministry, Family Ministry, Adult Education]</i>	475,192.53
Ministry Support <i>[Biblical Generosity, Facilities, Operations, Administration]</i>	961,576.25
Tuition, Fees & Scholarships	244,158.00
TOTAL EXPENSES (8 months total):	2,167,282.34

CHRIST LINCOLN SCHOOLS

Total School expenses for 8 months: <i>[Childcare and Elementary]</i>	\$1,456,317.27
Total School revenue for 8 months: <i>[Childcare and Elementary]</i>	\$1,520,630.31



Grants Funded

Night to Shine

Staff Training: Outward Mindset

Desert Retreat

Lutheran Education Foundation

Concordia University, Nebraska

Women's Ministry Fund

Staff CPR and First Aid training

Serve Lincoln Day

Gift Planning Services

Birkman Course

Stop the Bleed Kits

Volunteer Appreciation at the Zoo

BOARD MEMBERS:

ALLAN LIERMAN

AMY BLOMBERG

NOLAN HARMS

BARBARA JESSEN

JACI KLEIN

DAN MEYER

CATHY OBERMUELLER

MARK PANKOKE

BRAD PHILSON

RUTH PROBASCO

DUSTIN WILL





Construction of
Yankee Hill completed
in 2019



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