



ANNUAL REPORT



JULY 2020
TO
JUNE 2021



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A LUTHERAN MINISTRY



To Our Christ Lincoln Family,

What a wonderful welcome I have received from the people of Christ Lincoln! I am thankful for this amazing community that desires to look up to God, grow in God's grace and share God's amazing love with Lincoln, with Nebraska, and with the world! I am humbled for the blessings of our campuses that partner together as one in ministry. We value the power of Christ-centered worship, the energy of hundreds of weekly volunteers and a committed leadership that equips us to partner with the Holy Spirit in extending the kingdom of God. We believe that God has begun and continues to call us to receive and share His love, word, and forgiveness. I praise God for our Lay Leadership Board that provides leadership and direction, and for our partnership with the Christ Lincoln Foundation that blesses this generation and will bless the generations to come. As we look at our past year together, I want to leave you with a question: how have you loved yourself, loved God, and loved others this past year? Together, we "thank the Lord, sing His praise and tell everyone what He has done!"

MICHAEL ECKELKAMP Director of Ministries

LOVE YOURSELF ▪ LOVE GOD ▪ LOVE OTHERS

LOVE YOURSELF



During a particularly difficult time for my family, I was oftentimes taken aback by the amount of love and support that was shown to me and my family by both the people of Christ Lincoln Church and Christ Lincoln Schools. Every time I encountered a member of our organization, I always received an offer of help. I never once felt judged by anyone, in fact, I felt nothing but love and support. Today, I shudder to consider how our lives would have been different without the love and support of our family at Christ Lincoln Church and Schools. I am forever grateful, and we truly never felt alone in what were some of the darkest days of our lives. One quote that got me through those days, "Faith isn't about asking God to stop the storm. Faith is about trusting God to help you through the storm." In my case many times God even carried me through the storm. Christ Lincoln is definitely our "happy place."



RYAN BATENHORST

LOVE GOD



About 15 years ago, Nancy and I were doing The Purpose Driven Life by Pastor Rick Warren. Our leader was having us focus on doing what God created us to do. Without any previous thought, I blurted out that I should tell Christian stories to kids. While I don't dislike kids, I am not what you would call a "kid person." The power of the Holy Spirit was so strong that I could not resist pursuing the calling. I went on to do Children's Ministry for about 5 years. It was very rewarding and fulfilling to me. On a few occasions during that time, I literally felt the power of the Holy Spirit. It was euphoric, exciting, fulfilling and satisfying. At the time I didn't understand the feeling. I thought I was being full of myself and a bit arrogant. But I was wrong. I was receiving grace. I thoroughly enjoyed the time I served.

TONY PEKNY



LOVE OTHERS



For two years, our family had been dealing with our son's diagnosis of chronic kidney disease. He would need a kidney transplant. We emailed Pastor Scheich the day we found out, and he immediately called us and asked to come over to pray with us. Pastor Scheich and DJ, a 211 band member, made our son's last Sunday at church before his surgery so special by bringing him on stage to play drums. The church family also came together and provided meals for our family for two weeks and even made some gift baskets for our other two kids. All the prayers and support made this process less scary, and we felt at peace and comforted during the surgery and recovery. We are so thankful for the Yankee Hill church family.



CANDI WOOSTER

REACHING PEOPLE



455 New Visitors



100 Baptisms



22 Weddings



107 New Members



1,080,295
Cumulative Minutes
Watched Live Online



70% OF OUR 474
Volunteers Served More
Than Once a Month



Volunteering gives me another reason to help serve God on another level. Putting on my volunteer shirt makes me feel that my time is being well spent serving my brothers and sisters.

ZACH STROUP



191 Sunday School (ages 2-5th)

184 Middle School (6th-8th)

113 High School (9th-12th)

39 Confirmands in 2020

VBS 209 kids +
144 childcare/summer care kids



Mission trips
(High School - Camp Luther
13 students/**2** adults)



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SCHOOLS

ENROLLMENT

142 Elementary

Child Care

67 Yankee Hill

89 Summer

27 Half-Day Preschool

71 Before & After School Care

at both campuses, 9 of whom were from Wysong (LPS)

Summer School Care

27 Yankee Hill

81 Summer

Mission Statement:

Committed to leading
children to Love Jesus,
Love Others, and
Love Learning.



Elementary students receiving Financial
Aid with tuition: **59 (43 families)**
totaling **\$83,000**



We are committed to Christ Lincoln Schools because they have given our family a community of friends, and they have created a love of learning and love of Jesus that will be with us for the rest of our lives.

CHRIST LINCOLN
SCHOOLS PARENT



2020-2021 BUDGET REPORT

Church Net Position \$826,402

School Net Position (-\$75,255)

Combined Net Position \$751,147



Thanks to the joyful giving of our congregation, we were able to fund meaningful ministry and impact the lives of God's children all over the world!

LOVE YOURSELF

👤 This year we took a look at our future and retirement. We soon realized we weren't meeting the marks needed to. We needed help. We joined Financial Peace University at church because nothing else was working. We are so glad we got over ourselves and our pride. We have been able to pay down a significant portion of our debts this year, build wealth for our future, and give more generously than we were prior to starting our FPU journey. God is SO good, and it is amazing the doors that are opened when you let go, let Him in, and have faith! 🙏

CORY & MICHELE HARMS

LOVE GOD

👤 High school ministry has helped me significantly throughout high school, and truly let me grow in my faith. I didn't take faith seriously until junior year, until I had a breakdown. Although only 16, I had a new understanding of life. HSM gave me a safe place beyond family to discuss fear and find comfort in Jesus. 🙏

ERICA HUNSBERGER

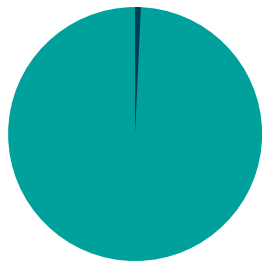
LOVE OTHERS

👤 I can't tell you how much receiving the cancer care bag meant to me. Knowing that others I don't even know follow the teachings of Jesus and want to raise my spirits is a blessing. Now that I am winning my battle, I will be here for my family for a long time. Thank you. 🙏

JEFFERY EDWARDS

BIBLICAL GENEROSITY

Participate 4 Growth



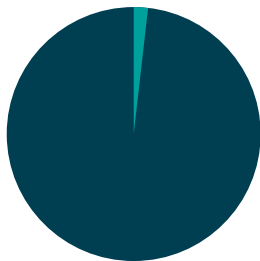
Commitments made:
\$3,261,850

Total Given:
\$3,174,444.99

Percentage Given:
97.3%

End Date:
October 31, 2021

Build for Christ Yankee Hill



Commitments made:
\$1,864,428.50

Total Given:
\$1,551,249.33

Percentage Given:
83.2%

End Date:
May 31, 2022

**Information on Phase 2
coming in 2022! Visit
christlincoln.org/updates
for more information
on our projects!**

Debt Paid Off \$310,035.83

*All numbers as of June 30, 2021



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FOUNDATION

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Grants Awarded

High School Ministry Space Improvements

Listen Anywhere

Welcome Desk

Crawford House Network Extension



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