

The image features three lit candles of varying heights on the left side, casting a warm glow. Two strings of warm white string lights are draped across the scene, one in the upper left and one in the lower right. The background is a dark blue gradient with a subtle bokeh effect. The title 'The Crusader' is written in a large, elegant, gold-colored cursive font, and 'CHRISTMAS 2016' is written in a smaller, gold-colored sans-serif font below it.

The Crusader

CHRISTMAS 2016



IT'S THE MOST
Wonderful Time of the Year

This great song—written in 1963 and made famous by singer Andy Williams—depicts many of the activities associated with our Christmas season, focusing on get-togethers with family and friends. Some the activities mentioned in the song's lyrics are hosting parties, spontaneous visits from friends, spending time with loved ones, sledding, kissing under the mistletoe, roasting marshmallows, sharing stories about previous Christmases and singing Christmas carols in snowy weather. All good things, but still not "The Most Wonderful" thing!

It definitely seems like there is always an abundance of "things" to do, but never enough "time" at Christmas. So, what is this time of year really all about? Simple. At Christmas, God became material. He became stuff—He became flesh and dwelt among us. "It's the

Most Wonderful Time of the Year" because God amazingly and miraculously came to earth!

As Lincoln Christian students and staff, we are connected to the school and greater community through giving, sharing, visiting the elderly and singing hymns of our Savior's birth. However, we must never lose sight of The Most Wonderful Thing: The GOSPEL of Jesus Christ. Jesus came to die and be the salvation of our souls and our bodies. A joyful celebration of the Incarnation is a must for every believer!

Please take the time with family and friends to fully celebrate the child who is also our Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father and Prince of Peace.

Merry Christmas!

FROM THE LINCOLN CHRISTIAN
SCHOOL FAMILY



MARK YOUR CALENDAR



7th through 12th Grade CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Tuesday, December 13
Jr. High at 6:30 PM
Senior High at 7:00 PM



Elementary Christmas CONCERT

Thursday, December 15
7:00 PM

Christmas Break

Thursday, Dec. 22, 2016
THROUGH
Tuesday, Jan. 3, 2017

ALUMNI BASKETBALL NIGHT

Saturday,
January 7, 2017

STUDENTS PARTICIPATE IN *Student Voting Day*



Lincoln Christian high school students had their own voting experience on Wednesday, November 2. They were able to vote and track their results, as well as see results from other schools across the city of Lincoln.

HONORING OUR *Grandparents*

Jared Teckmeyer, LCS Senior

Grandparents' and Friends' Day at Lincoln Christian School is a wonderful tradition where honoring and respecting grandparents is valued and reinforced. *"Grandparents' and Friends' Day is when we get to honor and celebrate our grandparents and thank each of them for being a blessing to our students, parents and the school,"* said Mark Powell, Director of Development for the Lincoln Christian School Foundation. The day begins with grandparents visiting classes where they see how God is interwoven into all areas of instruction. Then, they go to the elementary gym for chapel and worship. This year, we were blessed to have 540 grandparents enjoy the day with us.

"Grandparents Day has always held a special place in my heart," said Sharon Bowen, grandmother of seniors Bryce and Jared Teckmeyer. *"It has been fun to follow them through the school for the past 13 years and to just have a day where we can be with our grandchildren."*



STARTING YOUNG

ELEMENTARY STUDENTS TAKE STEPS TOWARD SERVANT LEADERSHIP

Lincoln Christian School is doing much more than simply teaching content. We are committed to developing well-rounded leaders that can go out into the world and become transforming influences. To understand leadership, you have to understand how to serve. Each month, elementary students participate in leadership training with Dr. Kassebaum. Students are being challenged to grow as leaders and, ultimately, to grow in the image of the ultimate leader, Jesus Christ. Students are being involved in intentional leadership and service opportunities throughout this school year.

SCHOOL SERVICE PROJECT BY GRADE:

Kindergarten:

Sweep rocks off
of sidewalks

1st Grade:

Rake leaves and
lawn work

2nd Grade:

Explore recycling
program

3rd Grade:

Letter of
Encouragement
(1 Thess. 5:11)

4th Grade:

Playground cleanup and assisting
in cleaning hallway floors

5th Grade:

Flower garden
care

6th Grade:

Lunchroom table
set up and grounds
upkeep on the West
side of school.

GOAT CHALLENGE

The Junior High Student Council sponsored a fundraiser to buy goats for families in third world countries. They raised \$221 and were able to buy three goats through Compassion International.

CITY IMPACT GIFTS OF LOVE

On December 7, Brad Bryan from City Impact spoke at the Elementary Gifts of Love chapel. Teachers and staff did a Bike Fund and new bikes were presented to City Impact. Also, other new gifts were collected at the school.

KIDS HELPING KIDS

In November, students donated clothing that was sent to LPS for a "free clothing" event. This event was open to families in need.





DRAMATIC *Happenings* Makayla Schmick, LCS Senior

This year, the fall drama production consisted of two acts. The first involved a brief skit—Angel Vision—which gave a fictional idea of the angel’s perspective the night Jesus was born. After the skit, there was a reading of authentic letters sent between a Nebraska WWII soldier and his wife. The second act contained the centerpiece of the production titled *“Not On This Night.”* Jadyn Olesen played Jacqueline Brulet, a poor French girl living in the midst of WWII; Alex Bond played Reinhold Sholtz, a young Nazi soldier; and Joel Tuveson played Eddie Miller, a drafted American soldier. The story takes place in Jacqueline’s home and deals with the hard truths about war and what it means to overcome the boundaries of diversity and tragedy.

In November, the Lincoln Christian Drama Team spent two days participating in the Drama Festival hosted by Dordt College. The festival involved drama workshops and joining other area high schools in performing a one-act play. Our student actors had a lot of fun and did a great job in their performances. It was exciting for them to share the one-act with the other schools. LCS garnered the “Most Bilingual” and the “Christmas Before Thanksgiving” awards for their efforts.



VOLLEYBALL

"Volleyball is a unique sport because it is so inter-dependent," said head volleyball coach Vikki Power. After starting with a serve and pass, it becomes more complicated, incorporating unique skills such as setting, blocking and digging. These actions often determine the outcome of the game. *"If you don't start with good basic fundamentals you usually don't move on to the fun stuff."* Coach Power shared, *"I'll take our tough schedule every year as the tight matches during the year prepare you for post season."* The Crusaders went 23-6 during the 2016 season. *"I was pleased with our fight and our season as the players worked hard in the off-season months to prepare for this fall."*

BOYS TENNIS



The boys tennis team, under the coaching of Mike Gay, competed hard at the state tournament this past October.



GIRLS GOLF

It was a great season for the first year of girls' golf. The team qualified for the two-day state tournament in North Platte. The state course was one of the toughest the team had to face. Elizabeth Nunnally shared, *"We played with lots of rough and intricately sloped greens."* Chloe Dworak added, *"I kept getting caught in the long grass."*

The second day had very cold and foggy weather. Taylor VanOstrand commented, *"The weather was something we knew everyone had to endure, so we decided we would not complain."*

Golf has been a wonderful new learning platform and sport for our girls, and Taylor provided a good wrap up of the season: *"It's not all about winning, because no matter how we play, we know that God has already won for us."*

CROSS COUNTRY



Take risks, move fast, stay smart. The Lincoln Christian Cross Country teams were all about strategy this year, competing consistently against some of the toughest and fastest teams in the state.

The boys' cross country team had eight returning runners and one new team member. They had another great year, becoming faster and stronger as the year progressed. At the district meet, our boys averaged a sub-19:00 minute pace with two runners, Caleb Canfield and Jackson Hueser, qualifying for the state meet in Kearney, Nebraska.

The girls' cross country team had very committed runners who stuck to the hard and disciplined workouts. The girls placed 7th as a team in one of the toughest districts in the state with an average time of 23:43 at the meet.

Looking back on the 2016 season, Coach Canfield shared, *"One thing I've enjoyed most is getting to know our kids and building a deeper relationship with each student-athlete. The number one thing I'll miss is our seniors and the great relationships with each of them. It will be tough to compete without them next year."*

FOOTBALL



The 2016 football season was certainly a memorable one for the school. Kurt Earl started his first season as head coach after serving as the team's offensive coordinator for the past 10 years. The Crusaders finished second in their district and posted an improved record of 4-5. On Friday, September 16, the Crusaders hosted and won their first on-campus varsity home game in school history against the Falls City Tigers. Pre-game festivities started with a team meeting at the Joan Robinson Amphitheater which was open to everyone. As Coach Earl was finished addressing his team, fans lined the path back to the field to greet and cheer on the players as they headed off to start warm ups. This same game was Coach Earl's 100th career game at LCS, as well as his first career win as our head coach.

Busy Fall for the Squad



The Lincoln Christian School Cheerleaders had a very busy fall supporting our many teams. They have already begun cheering for our winter sports. Seniors Eva Anderson and Brianna Hanson were selected to participate in the 90th Macy's Day Thanksgiving Parade in New York City over Thanksgiving break! We are grateful for our cheerleaders and all their hard work and encouragement.

CSN CRUSADER
Sports Network

Catch your Lincoln Christian Crusader boys and girls basketball teams on the Crusader Sports Network at striv.tv/channel/lincoln-christian. All home games will be televised for free.

SURVEY BRINGS CHANGES TO CHAPEL



This fall, some significant changes were made to the Lincoln Christian secondary school chapel services. Two peer surveys were conducted, and the students overwhelmingly wanted this time each week to be more impactful, more worshipful and eliminate many of the distractions that were occurring during chapel.

The survey was administered by the Student Leadership Team of Nathan Mills, Josh Matthews, Ty Schrader, Ashlyn Power, Emma Grothaus and April DeHaan. Their key findings showed that students wanted chapel to address the attributes of God, as well as emphasize specific applications of the Gospel to everyday life. Chapel speakers will be chosen by this group and George Lockyer, Coordinator of Spiritual Development. Then, the speakers will be given specific topics to address (rather than random topics being selected by our guest speakers each week).

Students have also taken on the responsibility of planning the weekly chapel from start to finish. To eliminate some of things that were inhibiting this time of worship, students realized that they must be more prepared for each chapel. Setup and practice became key components of making this time more impactful. Students are picking the music with an emphasis on being prepared to lead worship, as well as teaching the students new songs.



The first chapel that was completely student led occurred just before Thanksgiving. Historically, the Thanksgiving chapel has been open microphone for a few students to share what they are thankful for. This year, the students switched it up and everyone was able to participate by attaching a note to a cross that shared how they have been blessed by God.

For the Love of Music

Makayla Schmick, LCS Senior

Band is a group of musicians who come together to play a variety of instruments in unison. But, the practical process of mastering an instrument, learning the music and synchronizing beat and sound with the team is a much more exciting process than the official definition implies. Around 200 students are involved in band at Lincoln Christian School under director Mrs. Emiley Bond. She says, *"The band's theme has always been 'One Body, Many Parts.' We talk...about how all the instruments have to work together for the whole band to function."*

One of the most important elements of creating a good band is the preparation, and like many disciplines, band isn't always easy. April DeHaan, a band student since fifth grade at LCS and teacher's assistant for Junior High band says, *"One of the most challenging things about band is working as a team... We depend on each other to accomplish our goal just like any sports team depends on the other players to win the game."*

Since music is such a powerful art, the role a band plays in a school is important. *"We are a very visible group on campus and in the community. We have played on 10/11 and on B107.3 and we perform at many venues throughout the state in different capacities. We are ambassadors for Christ and for the school,"* Mrs. Bond points out. The band is also visible in competition, earning

superior ratings in both the Ashland-Greenwood Band Competition and the State Marching Band competition.

When talking about one of best times during the year for band, April DeHaan says, *"Definitely Class C All-State. That is always one of the highlights of the year. It's a super fun weekend where our band gets to fellowship with each other, and also have the opportunity to play our instruments with other bands from Nebraska. It is always really fun and it is also a great chance to be witnesses for Christ!"*



ALUMNI CORNER

PATTI MAGEE, CLASS OF 1988

"88, 88, 88!" Patti Magee, age 47, passed away peacefully in October after a courageous battle with cancer. Patti loved the Lord Jesus and was an avid reader of Scripture. She loved her family, horseback riding, the Dallas Cowboys, the Duke Blue Devils, wearing crazy socks, bowling and joking around with pretty much anyone. Patti was a very loyal friend to many.

Patti was also Lincoln Christian's most loyal and enthusiastic fan. She never missed a home game and rarely missed Lincoln Christian road or playoff games. Patti and her good friend, Mark Travis, would come fully dressed in Lincoln Christian booster gear, ready to avidly cheer on the Crusaders. To honor Patti's memory, we have placed a marker in the home bleachers where she would always sit. The marker states: ***In loving memory of Patti Magee, Lincoln Christian's most loyal and enthusiastic fan.*** Patti is home with the Lord now and is greatly missed by the Lincoln Christian School family. However, as believers in Christ, we know the separation is temporary and someday we will again hear Patti Magee shout ***"Crusaders are the Best!"***

MEDIA TECHNOLOGIES

One new and unique elective class offered this year is Media Technologies, taught by Mr. Nick Orduna. The class is self-paced, and the students get to choose what they want to do for a project based on how they learn and where their interests lie. ***"I love being able to...sit with them and have them explain and demonstrate what they are learning,"*** says Orduna. ***"It has been really cool to see collaboration happening between our students as they combine their experiences and knowledge with each other."***

Orduna and the Lincoln Christian School administration set out to have a class for students who enjoy working with technology (photography, graphic arts, and 3D animations, etc.). You can follow the progress of the students on Twitter (@LCSTechnology) and Instagram (lcstechnology).



Raising Leaders in Truth CAPITAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE

With the gifts that have been received (the Lord has provided \$3.2 million of our \$5.5 million funding goal), the school has already been able to make extensive improvements to our heating and cooling systems, update bathrooms and enhance our classroom technology. The Joan Robinson Amphitheater and Science and Technology Addition are both complete as well.

While the Lord has provided more than half of the campaign goal, there is still much work to be done in providing the next generation of Lincoln Christian students an education firmly grounded in the gospel of Jesus Christ. Please prayerfully consider how you might partner with us in Raising Leaders in Truth by contacting Mark Powell at 402-488-8888 x224.

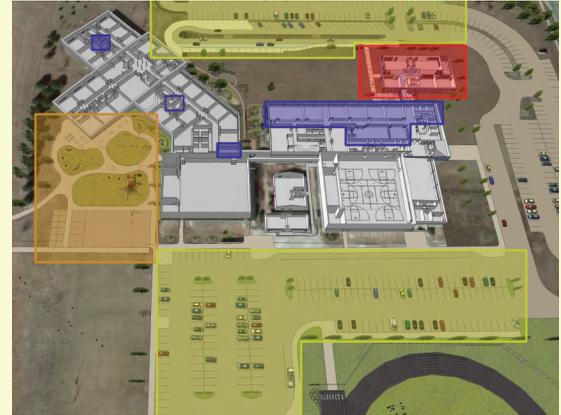
PROJECTS COMING UP:

School Facility Improvements (\$1,200,000)

- Restroom & Roof Renovations
- Window Replacements
- Mechanical & Electrical Revisions
- Classroom Technology Advancements
- Heating, Cooling & Ventilation Upgrades

Playground & Parking Lot Expansion (\$1,000,000)

- Parking Lot Improvement Including:
 - Safety Drop Off Lane
 - New South Parking Lot
 - Resurfacing of Parking Lot
- New Activity & Play Group Areas
- Synthetic Turf All-Year Playground





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HONORING OUR VETERANS

Clark Stelter, LCS Senior

A veteran himself, LCS Spiritual Development Coordinator George Lockyer helped organize the Veteran's Day assembly. Mr. Lockyer spoke about the set-up process for this annual thanksgiving to our military members. Several verbal recognitions of the attending veterans were made, and the well-known military anthems were played by the high school band.

"This event is centered around a thankfulness to God for these men and women," Lockyer says.

As a former Air Force officer, Mr. Lockyer experienced tough situations of war. He appreciates knowing that people are giving thanks for what he and others did. *"I served during the Vietnam War, and even though that wasn't a direct threat to our country, it was still war. Many of our modern day wars have been fought on foreign soil, and the Vietnam War was more of an ideological threat of communism spreading."*

We have been blessed with so many benefits from our veterans' sacrifices. In closing, Lockyer stated, *"This freedom didn't come because some guys signed a document. Freedom came because people fought for it, and they helped provide this blessing to us today."*

26th
ANNUAL

LINCOLN
CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

Gala & Auction

Jared Teckmeyer, LCS Senior



The 26th Annual Gala & Auction was another huge success for the Lincoln Christian School Foundation. The school netted just over \$200,000 (after expenses), which is approximately one-third of the fundraising goal for the year. The total proceeds will go toward need-based grants, providing for 44 students to attend this year. This is an example of God's continual faithfulness.

Under the direction of Emiley Bond, students had the opportunity to volunteer as door greeters, coat checkers, bead sellers, technology assistants and pianists.

A few of the many silent auction items included: a drone, concealed-carry classes, home decor, as well as tickets to multiple sporting and theater events. The renowned elementary and high school parking spots sold for a total of \$30,000! New this year to the live auction was "Teacher Day Off," which will bless three teachers with a day off and a gift card (this raised another \$10,500 for the school). The "Fund-a-Need" portion of the evening raised \$116,000.

Tom Teckmeyer was the emcee of the event, emphasizing the theme "Heart of the Matter" and the verse of the night, Psalm 86:11. *"The consistency of giving has been amazing to see throughout the years,"* he said. *"The faithfulness of God and how He is working through the auction has been a huge testimony to Him."*





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