

THE CRUSADER

FALL 2017

I personally welcome each of you to Lincoln Christian.

2017 THEME VERSES:

"...for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus."

Romans 3:23-24



Redeemed and Transformed. These words, our school theme, will resonate in our halls as we focus on Paul's words in Romans 3:23-24: *"...for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus."*

It will be emphasized that we ALL fall short of the glory of God and that it is solely by His gift of grace that we are justified and **redeemed** in Jesus Christ. Once we are redeemed in Christ, then we desire to be **transformed** in Christ. It is our privilege to partner with you as we walk alongside our students in this transformational process.

This year's theme verses are especially exciting and special as our seniors helped guide the selection of the verses. They have stepped up to the calling of leaving a lasting legacy at Lincoln Christian School. We are truly privileged and honored to partner with you in your calling to raise your children in the Lord and to serve at a school that stands on the foundation of God's Truth. I believe that God has incredible things in store for LCS and, most importantly, in the lives of our students. God is currently blessing our school with strong enrollment, waiting lists in our preschool program and other financial blessings — blessings that have come through many of you that have been called to give abundantly. Thank you! Through God's blessing, we will continue to expand our influence for the Lord and enhance the opportunities provided to our students.

DR. ZACH KASSEBAUM *Superintendent*

SOLAR ECLIPSE



When the moon completely blocked the sun for almost two minutes in the middle of the day on August 21, our students erupted in praise! At the center of our study and preparation for the solar eclipse was the recognition and awe of our great God who orchestrated it all. Behind their protective eyewear, students watched the partial eclipse. As dusk-like darkness covered the school property, students were signaled to remove their glasses. A chorus of gasps and cheers rang out as the moon swallowed the sun in the time of totality. It's difficult to capture in words the goodness of being in a place where God was revered during this celestial scientific event. This once-in-a-lifetime event was an experience of worship for students and staff alike.

2017 ACT Average Scores

DR. ZACH KASSEBAUM *Superintendent*

At Lincoln Christian, we pursue excellence to the glory of God. We aspire to reflect Christ in everything that we do. While the teaching of God's Truth remains at the forefront of everything we do, we also desire to provide our students the highest level of education.

A Christian school has the unique opportunity to instill wisdom — in addition to knowledge — in our students, as wisdom is given and governed by God. We are encouraged that our ACT scores continue to illustrate the excellence in education that is taking place at Lincoln Christian School. In every success we celebrate, we will turn back our praise to the only one worthy of our praise. We will continue to give God our efforts, and our school, to use for His glory!

THE COMPOSITE SCORE INCLUDES AN AVERAGE OF STUDENT PERFORMANCE ON ENGLISH, MATH, READING AND SCIENCE. A PERFECT SCORE IS 36.

2017	
Lincoln Christian	23.5
Lincoln East	23.1
Lincoln High	19.1
Lincoln Lutheran	24.2
Lincoln Northeast	19.0
Lincoln North Star	18.3
Lincoln Southeast	21.8
Lincoln Southwest	22.5
LPS Overall	20.7
State Overall	21.4
National Overall	21.0

2017-2018 LCS LEADERSHIP TEAM



God has assembled a diverse group with unique talents specific to the calling of each role on our Leadership Team. Outside of the giftedness each person brings to the table, our hearts are unified around the mission and vision of Lincoln Christian School in a way that has created cohesiveness and momentum.

Early on in the summer, several members of our team attended the Best Practices Conference at Wheaton Academy in Chicago. This was an opportunity to network and learn from other Christian schools while discerning what we are doing well and where we will focus new efforts. In mid-summer, our team spent three days together at a Leadership Retreat to plan, pray and prepare for the school year. During this time, we identified core values that we have committed to embrace and emulate as a Leadership Team.



One of these core values is joy. Serving our school is a high calling, and one we do not take lightly. Yet, by God's grace, we are intentionally choosing joy at every turn. We are reminded that the greatest joy is when the hearts and minds of our students are impacted in ways that will impact the Kingdom. We count it a privilege that we get to see the vision of Lincoln Christian, a life-changing education, fulfilled by God, in the lives of so many of our students. He truly has *"filled our hearts with greater joy"* (Psalm 4:7).



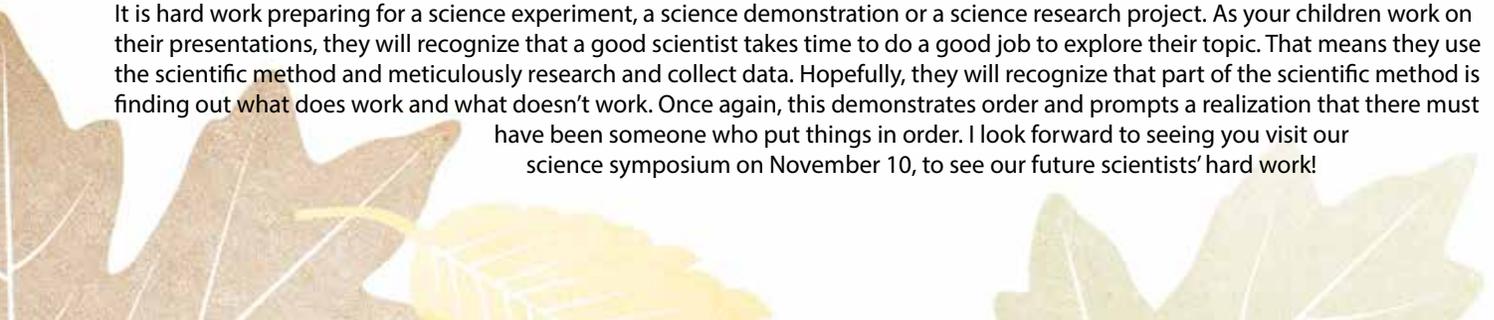
STUDY SCIENCE AND DISCOVER GOD

THOUGHTS FROM ELEMENTARY PRINCIPAL MR. MARTY RILEY

I love thinking about words. As I think about the Elementary Science Symposium coming up on November 9-10, it is interesting to think about the connection of the words science and conscience. The origin of conscience means “to know”; which shares the same root word as science (knowledge). It shouldn’t surprise us that both science and our conscience point us to God. When we study science, we notice God’s *“invisible attributes, His eternal power and divine nature.....being understood through what has been made”* (Romans 1:20). In our first chapel, I was able to show how amazing the moon is and how important it is for helping sustain the Earth’s tilt. The tilt is responsible for our seasons, which helps regulate our climate.

Viewing the eclipse last month was a perfect example of seeing God’s handiwork. There is order in the universe and that is why we can make accurate predictions of when and where the next eclipse will occur. I was excited that there was even a Solar Eclipse Timer app that would allow me to best orchestrate when to remove glasses and when to put them back on. When we see that kind of order, we know there has to be someone who put it in order. Even in *The Life and Letters of Charles Darwin*, he stated *“The impossibility of conceiving that this grand and wondrous universe, with our conscious selves, arose through chance, seems to me the chief argument for the existence of God. I am aware that if we admit a first cause, the mind still craves to know whence it came, and how it arose.”*

It is hard work preparing for a science experiment, a science demonstration or a science research project. As your children work on their presentations, they will recognize that a good scientist takes time to do a good job to explore their topic. That means they use the scientific method and meticulously research and collect data. Hopefully, they will recognize that part of the scientific method is finding out what does work and what doesn’t work. Once again, this demonstrates order and prompts a realization that there must have been someone who put things in order. I look forward to seeing you visit our science symposium on November 10, to see our future scientists’ hard work!





SATURDAY
SEPTEMBER 30, 2017
9:00 AM - 12:00 PM



Art by Katie Watson, 1st Grade

**BE A PART OF THE FUN AT THE
LCS OUTDOOR AMPHITHEATER:**

Pancake Feed	Field Flower Crowns
Coffee Bar	Donut On A String
Pick-A- Pumpkin	Tug-Of-War
Football Toss	



Art by Sara Morden, 10th Grade

*This event is hosted by the PTF. The purpose of this event is to build school community, providing a fun-filled atmosphere for all ages.



ALUMNI CORNER

Danielle Hancock
Class of 2005

She's a new teacher at Lincoln Christian, but she's no stranger to this school. Danielle (Manley) Hancock attended LCS from 2nd through 12th grade. Every year, with the exception of her senior year, her family commuted from Weeping Water — a 45 minute commute one way. Danielle remembers the sacrifices her family made in order for her to attend LCS. She looks back on the experience as playing a critical role in her own spiritual formation, as well as that of her siblings.

Following high school graduation, Danielle attended NE Wesleyan College and graduated with a double major in Elementary Education and Special Education. She married J.D. Hancock and they went into Youth Ministry for 3 years. Simultaneously, in 2009, Danielle began teaching at Campbell Elementary in Lincoln. She taught Special Education K-5 at Campbell for 8 years. When asked about what prompted her move, Danielle shared, *"My husband and I always wanted our kids to attend LCS because of what it meant to me and my faith. Working at a public school, I loved the students, but I felt I was missing out on so many daily opportunities to incorporate the gospel into my teaching. When you can see that what a student needs is Jesus and you can't share openly, it's hard. When an opening was posted at LCS, my mom encouraged me to apply. My husband and I decided I should apply and let God take it from there. God opened all the right doors, in His timing for the school and for our family."* Danielle is now teaching 6th grade at Lincoln Christian. Her entire family is still closely connected to the school. Danielle's father, Dan, has faithfully assisted with a variety of volunteer projects over the years and continues to contribute to the overall upkeep of the school. Her mom, Annette, has been an employee of the school for 15 years. Danielle's brother, Ben, is a school teacher and currently coaches high school football at LCS. Her sister, Hannah, works part-time for LCS while attending Nebraska Wesleyan and participating on the Track and Field team there. Abby, the youngest of the Manley family, is a senior at LCS and a TA in Danielle's classroom. She will be the seventh Manley sibling to graduate from LCS.

We asked Danielle how her first year at LCS was going. *"It's even better than I thought. Ministry has always been close to our hearts and I'm thrilled to be in a place where I can speak the truth that is needed in any given moment. Being able to have conversations with 6th graders about who Jesus is and what He means to them and just be a part of their process is absolutely my favorite part about teaching here."*



Danielle and her husband J.D. have 2 daughters. Easley, age 4, started Preschool at LCS this year. Everly is 2 years old.

NEW FACULTY AND STAFF for the 2017-2018 School Year



FROM LEFT TO RIGHT...

Adam Hunt *K-4 Physical Education*

Danielle Hancock *6th Grade*

Amy Hansen *Elementary and High School Nurse*

Julie Strode *Elementary Office Administrative Assistant*

Emily Grosse *5th Grade*

Michelle Mertens *High School Science*

Dorinda Allen *High School Math*

Sarah Opp *Preschool*

Jenae Bauer *High School Spanish*

Jenni Dallmann *Development Office*

Administrative Assistant

Katie Roehr *Assistant Director of Stewardship
and Advancement*



ENTIRE 2017-2018 LCS TEAM



RAISING THE BAR

Science and Technology Wing Creates Ideal Space for Scientific Discovery

Through God's provision, our students and teachers are in year two of the new Science and Technology Wing, which includes state of the art technology and brand new laboratories. Our teachers are committed to implementing current and effective research-based teaching practices in the science classroom while students are experiencing inquiry-based, hands-on science experiences. Students are developing a deeper conceptual understanding of science content, and classes emphasize critical thinking through the use of the scientific method including: observation, hypothesis, data collection, data analysis, conclusions, support for conclusions and applications. From microscopes and petri dishes to dissecting hearts, lungs and spinal cords, students will have no shortage of educationally sound, hands-on activities that support the rigorous curriculum of our science classes.



High School MediaTech Reaching Potential

NICK ORDUNA BIBLE AND TECHNOLOGY TEACHER / COACH

HS MediaTech is a self-paced, independent learning environment, which means the students choose projects and master learning based on their own gifts and effort. I facilitate and push them to reach their set goals and assist where I can to help them reach their potential. I love being able to walk around the room and sit with them and have them explain and demonstrate what they are learning. We have an application (Seesaw and OneNote) that we use to archive all of the work being done and the projects completed so the students can share their creativity and be inspired.

Everybody is wired differently, and the learning has to be differentiated in the class to meet individual needs. The students love that it is self-paced and that they get to have some say in what they want to learn and master. Some love computer programming and have a mind for these languages. Others have a creative eye and love to learn about photography, graphic arts or 3D animation. We align our learning with the ISTE Standards and the students are encouraged weekly to provide evidence of their own learning as well.

Last spring, the technology department participated in the Nebraska Recycle Electronics fundraiser to raise money for a 3D printer. We were able to purchase the MakerBot Replicator2 printer and the students will be using it this school year. We use web-based software, such as Tinkercad and Blender, to create 3D models and then we use 3D printing software (Cura, Splicer) to produce their designs. It's been fun to watch them use their creative minds to problem solve and think critically as they understand and use advanced technology systems.



LCS Helps Lead **International Bible Curriculum Movement**

LCS continues to make changes to the Bible curriculum this year. The reason for these changes was to find curriculum that not only teaches the Bible as the foundation of the student's learning, but challenges their thinking and worldview. The world is rapidly changing in the culture that students are facing at all grades and thinking through the Scriptures in such a way that meets these challenges is essential. The curriculum allows teachers to do just that, so that God's promises are not just something to know, but truths that will guide a student's choices in life with wisdom. Teaching methods help students learn to be critical thinkers and analyze their world through the lens of a Christ-centered worldview. The Bible Department began this process last year in the high school and, after a time of adjustment, witnessed fruit from this work with students. Some have faced situations with renewed confidence in their faith, where several others have professed new faith in Christ. The high school curriculum has been expanded to include a few new courses for the upper grades and new curriculum is being introduced in most of the elementary grades, as well as 8th grade.

The 1st through 5th grades are doing a new curriculum design called Deep Roots. This includes an overview of the Bible through reading, memory work, developing biblical principles, connecting the stories to the storyline of Scripture and connection to Christ. Included also are apologetics and character development. In addition, parents have online access to what their child is learning so lessons can be reinforced at home.

The 6th and 8th grades are part of a new curriculum project that Lincoln Christian has joined with 7 other schools. The hope is to create a new middle school Bible curriculum that will be launched internationally next year. The course is titled *The Mission, the Promise, & the Kingdom*. This course invites students to examine their personal relationship with God, His Word and His world, as well as how to actively participate in His mission, respond to His promise and live authentically in His Kingdom.

The high school has moved to semester courses, which provides students several options in scheduling. Repeated courses from last year are *Foundations of Faith 1 and 2, Spiritual Formation, The Life of Christ* and *Philosophy and Theology*. New courses added this year are *Leadership, Evangelism, and Discipleship, Doctrine and Theology* and *Christ in Culture*.

As an added bonus for students and families, all the high school courses (except *Foundations of Faith*) are eligible for dual college credit through Colorado Christian University. This means a student may graduate from Lincoln Christian with 18 college credits which, for some students going to a Christian college, is nearly all their requirement for Bible at a fraction of the cost. Several of these courses may transfer also to other academic areas and are accepted by secular colleges and universities such as the University of Nebraska.

LAYING A CORNERSTONE FOR THE COMING GENERATION



As we teach the truth through learning about God's world in the light of God's word, students are experiencing a life-changing education. It's more than an excellent education because God is at the center of everything we do, shaping the hearts of students.

So many of you have asked about how you can be involved in partnering with Lincoln Christian to support gospel-centered education. Cornerstone is a new recurring gift support program that will allow families of every income level to become invested in the work that Lincoln Christian is doing in training up and equipping students to go out into this world as transforming influences. This program is for everyone who desires, through giving a designated monthly amount, to be involved in a ministry that is bigger than Lincoln Christian. LCS is developing well-rounded leaders ready to make a difference. Our graduates are impacting our city, state, nation and world.



Whether your own family has been directly impacted by Lincoln Christian — or you simply recognize the need in our world for young men and women who are grounded in truth with a selfless faith — we're inviting you to pray about how you might partner with us through this exciting new program. Your gifts, small or large, can be designated to The Family Education Grant, offering more students the opportunity for a life-changing education. Or, gifts can be designated towards the Capital Campaign and school improvements. If you feel led by God to be involved in Cornerstone, at any level, please contact Katie Roehr at katie.roehr@lincolnchristian.org. Your investment has the potential to not only impact current students and future generations, but eternity as well!

LINCOLN CHRISTIAN SCHOOL FOUNDATION 27TH ANNUAL GALA AND AUCTION



On Friday, November 17, 2017, Lincoln Christian School Foundation will celebrate its 27th Annual Gala and Auction. Last year, the Lord raised over \$200,000, and all the proceeds from the evening provided need-based grants to over 100 families and 230 students to attend Lincoln Christian School.

This year's theme, *Light to My Path*, comes from Psalm 119:105 which states, "Your word is a lamp to my feet, and a light to my path." A new location has been selected, and the Annual Gala and Auction will be held in the recently opened and remodeled Graduate Hotel in the Lincoln Haymarket. Doors will open at 5:45 PM with light appetizers being served and dinner to follow at approximately 6:30 PM.

Over 350 Lincoln Christian School supporters, friends and volunteers are expected to attend the much anticipated "annual Christmas party for Lincoln Christian School." There will be both a live and silent auction, as well as a full coffee bar, throughout the evening.

If you would like to support the Gala and Auction by being a corporate partner, providing an auction item or purchasing a table or tickets, please contact Mark Powell or Katie Roehr at the Lincoln Christian Business Office at **402-488- 8888 x255**. The Foundation will be accepting donations until Friday, October 20.



RAISING LEADERS IN TRUTH CAPITAL CAMPAIGN



With the gifts that have been received (the Lord has provided \$3.3 million of our \$5.5 million funding goal), the school has been able to make extensive improvements to our heating and cooling systems, update bathrooms and enhance our classroom technology. The Science and Technology Addition and the Joan Robinson Amphitheater are part of this current campaign and were added in Summer and Fall of 2016.

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



PROJECTS REMAINING

Parking Lot and Playground (\$1,000,000)

- New Parking Lot with a New Elementary Drop Off Lane
- New Activity and Play Group Playground
- Synthetic Turf All-Year Playground Area

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

- Restroom and Roof Renovations
- Classroom Remodel and HVAC Replacements
- Classroom Technology Advancements
- Window Replacements
- Mechanical and Electrical Upgrades



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