

We believe God is the source of life and all truth and that we were lovingly created to live in relationship with Him. We believe the Bible is the Word of God and offers help and healing to people in every area of life including the spiritual, physical, emotional, mental and relational. We believe that all truth is God's truth and value relationships with all people including Agnostics, Atheists, adherents of non Christian faiths and followers of Jesus. We believe the church is people not property. Currently we meet in the former Ames Furniture Building downtown Dixon IL., and have an active online community. We started Sept .11th 2005 in a hotel conference room, have held services in a movie theater, a cafe and have now moved to our current location in June of 2016. We do not claim the space we meet in as "ours" or "sacred" but rather see it as a neutral place we share with our community. We encourage you toward the life changing power of knowing Jesus and to experiencing the joy of being a catalyst of His help and healing in the lives of others.

What we do: Living Well Church exists to lead in the discovery and application of God's truth for every area of life. Seeking to live out the value God places on relationships in practical ways, we provide our community space for life skills training, relationship building and fun.

Getting To Know Us

LISTED BELOW IS OUR CHURCH STAFF. SHOULD YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT LIVING WELL, OR ANY OF OUR MINISTRIES PLEASE CONTACT US. WE WOULD BE HAPPY TO TALK WITH YOU.

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Now Live Streaming small groups and sermons on Living Well's website. Go to www.livingwellchurch.org and click on the Livestream tab.



"Drink from the water I give" ~ Jesus



Today's Sermon: Philippians 3:1-21 - Embrace the Race
By Pastor John Trotter

Meeting Sunday Mornings
Downtown Dixon
116 East First Street
Dixon, Il. 61021

Small Groups—9:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.
Friendship Café—10:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.
Worship—10:30 a.m. to 11:45
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Mission Statement

Lead in the Discovery and Application of God's truth in Every Area of Life.

Words of Welcome

Christ is King of all creation, all times and seasons, all that we do as individuals and as the church. Welcome as we gather to worship before the throne.

Preparation for Worship

I'm grateful to you for so many things: family and friends, shelter and food, life on this earth and life in you. Thank you, Lord!

Order of Service

November 20th 2016

Preservice music: King of Love

Welcome and Announcements: Lisa Janes

Scripture Reading: Psalm 86 : 9-10

Song: Because He Lives

Song: No Longer Slaves

Scripture Reading: Ephesians 4: 22-24

Song: Come Thou Fount

Pastoral Prayer: Gelacio Valdez 2 Timothy 2:15

Offering/Offertory: Special Music Renata

Sermon: Philippians 3:1-21 Confidence in Christ (Embrace the Race)

Closing song: King of Glory

Pastoral Blessing: Steve Scott Psalm 119:1-6

Doxology

Dismiss: Steve Scott

Greeters: Pam Ellis and Deb Jensen

Ushers: Jace and Jayden Valdez

Worship Team: Steve, Renata, Jeseña, Carter, Bill

Friendship Café Leader(s):

Computer Tech: Brad Larson

Sound Tech: Tod Carlock

LiveStream Tech: Mike Janes

Counters: Pam Ellis and Deanna Carlock

My Take Away for Today



Coming Events

- Men's group Sat. mornings @ 6:30 at John's Barbershop
- Women's Group Wednesday's at 6:30pm Community Room
 - Dixon's Annual Christmas Walk December 2nd
 - Next Communion December 4th
 - Next Church Board Meeting December 15th
 - Spark Retreat for Children's Leaders - March 2-4, 2017
 - General Assembly - June 13-21, 2017



ON THE SERMON HORIZON



November 20th - Philippians 3:1-21 Confidence in Christ
November 27th - Philippians Chapter 4 Giving Thanks
Dec 4th Advent Series Begins: For God So Loved John 3:16
December 11th - The Word John 1

Join us onsite, or via Live Stream @ livingwellchurch.org

The greatest thing is to give thanks for everything. He who has learned this knows what it means to live. He has penetrated the whole mystery of life: giving thanks for everything.

—Albert Schweitzer

~ Stewardship Update ~

Totals for 11/13/16

Tithe: \$453

Total: \$453

Total for November: \$1777

Each one, Disciple One!

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Each One Disciple One is our Ministry Theme for 2017. Please begin praying about personal spiritual growth in two areas: #1 your personal growth as a fully devoted disciple and #2 As one who then also follows the instructions of Jesus to make disciples; your role as you help others in their walk with Christ. Discipleship is important in the Nazarene Church. It is part of our core. We understand it as absolutely central to the Gospel. The mission of the Church of the Nazarene is: To make Christ-like disciples in the nations. If you attend any Northwest Illinois District events you will recognize it as a recurring theme. By God's grace and for His Glory as a district church we envision 3,000 disciple-makers gathering in 300 churches with 15,000 Christlike disciples and 30,000 worshippers by 2030. Please allow me to recommend a resource written by Stan Toler and Louie Bustle titled Each One Disciple One – it serves as A Complete Strategy for Effective Discipleship. The book is a wonderful resource designed to introduce new Christians to the essentials of the Christian life and also serves as a valuable tool for more mature Christians seeking to disciple new Christians.

The book can be purchased in printed form or as a download at our Nazarene Publishing House. www.nph.com

Blessings as we follow Jesus together,
Pastor John

46 million Turkeys are eaten on Thanksgiving in the United States

Always Thankful

Martin Rinkart, a German Lutheran minister, wrote the hymn “Now Thank We All Our God” in 1636. At the time, the Thirty Years’ War was ravaging central Europe, claiming millions of lives. Rinkart served as pastor in Eilenburg, a walled town that became a crowded refuge for starving fugitives. Although Rinkart was struggling to provide for his own family, he opened his own home to people in need.



After the plague entered Eilenburg, Rinkart conducted up to 50 funerals a day — including services for his wife and the only other two pastors in town. Amid the despair, he wrote many hymns, including “Now Thank We All Our God.” Originally intended as a table prayer, it’s now sung at Thanksgiving to remember God’s “countless gifts of love” — even during hardships.

Next Sunday—Thanksgiving Offering for World Evangelism⁵

We have all been blessed with many things that are truly priceless—the gift of salvation, friends, the very breath we breathe, etc. Let’s have fun with some of the other things we have been blessed with and give a “Thank You, God” offering like this: I would like to encourage everyone in our congregation to make a list of material things you have been blessed with and are thankful for. Here is an idea, give:* ◦ 5¢ for every song on your iPod ◦ 50¢ for every app on your Smart Phone ◦ \$1 for every pair of shoes you own ◦ \$2 for every room in your house ◦ \$5 for every car you have.

Use it all up

About two-thirds of Americans say eating Thanksgiving leftovers is more important than eating the actual holiday meal. That’s one of the few times people hope food is left on the table.

When it comes to giving out blessings, God doesn’t want any leftovers to remain. In Genesis 12:2, God blesses Abraham so he will be a blessing to others.

Charles Stanley writes: “A hoarded blessing is never enjoyed as richly as a shared one. Using your gift to meet someone else’s need glorifies God by demonstrating his grace at work in your life. Don’t let his generous provisions end with you. Pass them on and discover the joy of a never-ending cycle of blessings.”



Christmas Walk 2016

We are once again inviting the community into the Community Room during the Christmas Walk this year. The Walk will be held December 2nd this year. This is a great opportunity to show the community who, and where, we are. We will be providing cookies again and are in need of volunteer bakers. We would like to have a commitment for 1,000 cookies. If you, or any of your friends would like to be Living Well bakers please let Tracy Young know how many cookies you would be willing to provide. Thank you in advance for your participation.