

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: **In the Beginning was the Word**
By Bill Young

Meeting Sunday Mornings

Downtown Dixon

116 East First Street

Dixon, Il. 61021

Small Groups—9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

Friendship Café—10:30 a.m. to 10:55 a.m.

Worship—11:00 a.m. to 12:00

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Mission Statement

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Words of Welcome

As Mary did on learning she would bear God's Son, may we magnify the Lord and rejoice in God our Savior (Luke 1:46-47). Welcome!

Preparation for Worship

When we suffer doubt, we're in good company; even John the Baptist questioned whether Jesus was the Messiah (Matthew 11:2-3). Lord, help us see your work before our very eyes.

Order of Service

December 11th 2016

Preservice music: In the Beginning

Welcome and Announcements: Lisa Janes

Scripture Reading: Zephaniah 3:17

Song: Angels, from the Realms of Glory

Song: Oh Holy Night

Scripture Reading: Genesis 1:3-4

Song: Hark! the Herald Angels Sing

Pastoral Prayer: Lisa Janes Ephesians 4:12

Offering: (Special Music: How Many Kings) Steve Scott

Sermon: In the Beginning was the Word Bill Young

Closing song: Christ Be All Around Me

Doxology

Pastoral Blessing/Dismiss: Steve Scott John 10:27-30

Greeters: Stephanie Scott and Pam Ellis

Ushers: Jace and Jayden Valdez

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

Friendship Café Leader(s):

Computer Tech: Brad Larson

Sound Tech: Devin Scott

LiveStream Tech: Mike Janes

Counters:

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
 - Next Church Board Meeting December 15th
- Audience Of One at Lost Lake, December 25th 9:30am
 - Next Communion January 1st
- Spark Retreat for Children's Leaders - March 2-4, 2017
 - General Assembly - June 13-21, 2017



ON THE SERMON HORIZON



Today - The Word John 1

December 18th - The Life and Light John 1

December 25th - Audience of One, The Word Became Flesh John 1

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

“The Advent mystery is the beginning of the end of all in us that is not yet Christ.”

—Thomas Merton

~ Stewardship Update ~

Totals for 12/04/16

Tithe: \$356.81

Water: \$20

Total: \$376.81

Total for December: \$376.81

Today Pastor John and Jeanette are ministering at the Lost Lake Church for the entire morning. This is their first Sunday there so it is a little atypical for them and us. On ordinary Sundays Pastor John and Jeanette will be here at 11:00 to share in the service with us. This Sunday they are spending the morning with the Lost Lake congregation. Please pray for Pastor John and Jeanette as they spend time getting to know the members of our sister Nazarene Church better.

This morning we welcome Bill Young as our speaker. Bill and his family have been members of Living Well from our beginning days in 2005. Bill is a PTA and works at KSB's Physical Therapy Urgent Care Clinic on Dixon's South end by Walmart. Bill leads our Adult Small Group at 9:30 on Sunday mornings and also serves as our Head of Trustees on our church leadership team. Bill is passionate about pursuing intentional personal growth as a follower of Jesus Christ and seeks to help and support others in their spiritual walk with Jesus as well.

Combined Christmas Service at Lost Lake Community Church

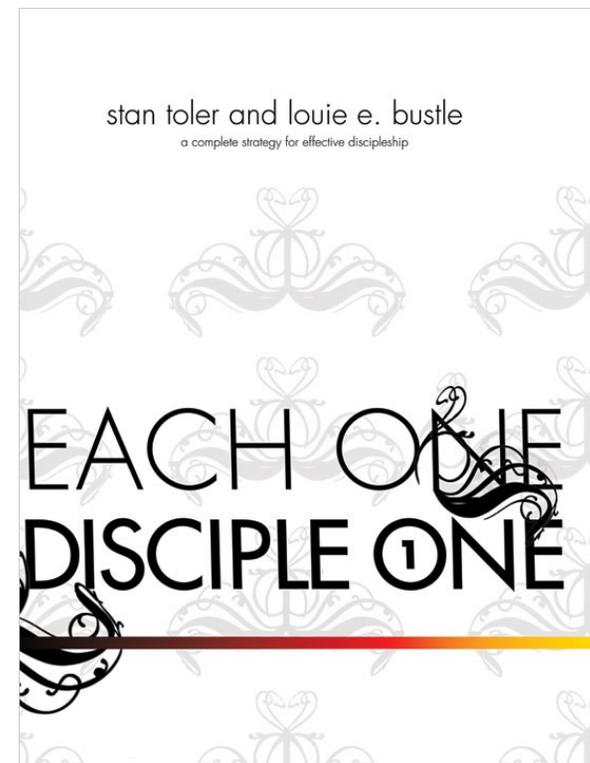
We are planning a combined service on Christmas Day at 9:30 at Lost Lake Church where we plan to be livestreaming to an anticipated record number of online participants. While we are still working out a high speed internet connection at Lost Lake to make that possible, the plan now is that we here at Living Well will join Lost Lake Church there at Lost Nation at 9:30a Christmas Morning for the live concert with our own Audience of One! The church is located just east of Lost Nation at: 90 W Flag Rd, Dixon, IL 61021

Gift-Giving Solutions

Trying to find gifts for certain people — or letting others know what you want — can be quite challenging. After all, most of us don't need anything.

Realizing that the best gifts aren't material items offers a new perspective on giving and receiving. Consider these insights from author Charles Swindoll:

“Some gifts you can give this Christmas are beyond monetary value: Mend a quarrel, dismiss suspicion, tell someone ‘I love you.’ Give something away — anonymously. Forgive someone who has treated you wrong. Turn away wrath with a soft answer. Visit someone in a nursing home. Apologize if you were wrong. Be especially kind to someone with whom you work. Give as God gave to you in Christ, without obligation, or announcement, or reservation, or hypocrisy.”



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