

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](http://www.livingwellchurch.org) and click on the Livestream tab.



*"Drink from the water I give" ~ Jesus*



**Today's Sermon: It is Time to Plant!**  
By Pastor John Trotter

Downtown Dixon  
116 East First Street  
Dixon, Il. 61021

### Sunday Mornings

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

### Wednesday Evenings Every Other Week

Prayer Time—7pm

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Mission Statement

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Words of Welcome

On this second Sunday of Easter, we hear how doubt and belief are woven into faith for the disciples — and for us. Welcome to worship.

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**Order of Service**

**April 23rd 2017**

Welcome/Call to Worship: Isaiah 61:11, Lisa Janes

Song: Open up the Heavens

Song: Jesus Only Jesus

Scripture Reading: Acts 4:11-12

Song: The Last Word

Pastoral Prayer: Pastor Trotter

Offering: Special Music

Sermon: It is Time to Plant! Mark 4:1-20, Pastor Trotter

Closing song: Be Thou My Vision

Doxology

Pastoral Blessing/Dismiss: Matthew 28:18-20, Steve Scott

Greeters:

Ushers:

Worship Team: Steve, Rob, Jeseña, Carter, John, Bill

Friendship Café Leader(s): Stephanie Scott and Shelly Long

Computer Tech: Brad Larson

Sound Tech:

Camera Tech: Mark Ellis

LiveStream Tech:

Counters: Pam Ellis, Deanne Carlock

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Preparation for Worship

I don't blame Thomas; I probably wouldn't have believed the other disciples either. Jesus, please bless me with faith to believe in you, even when I fail to see.

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← My Take Away for Today →

Coming Events

- Men's group Sat. mornings @ 6:30 at John's Barbershop
  - April 22nd - Ladies Day at Olivet
  - May 7th - Next Communion
  - May 11th - Next Church Board Meeting
- June 13-21, 2017 - General Assembly - in Indianapolis
- July 5-8 - Kids and Pre-Teen Camp - Lake Williamson
  - July 24-28 - Teen Camp - Lake Williamson
  - September 30th - Team Day at Pekin First

Lacquered With Love

Japanese artisans practice a 500-year-old Japanese art called kintsugi, or “golden joinery,” to reassemble broken pieces of pottery using a lacquer mixed with gold, silver or platinum. The premise is that brokenness doesn't render something useless or ugly. Indeed, another Japanese term, wabi-sabi, means “to find beauty in broken or old things.”

We come to Jesus broken, but he doesn't discard us. He heals us, though our scars do often remain visible — just as the spear and nail prints remained in his own body when God raised him from death. The Holy Spirit coats our wounds and fractures with the lacquer of divine love, and we become uniquely beautiful, appealing to others so they can find support for their own healing. Our scars tell them they aren't alone, while the brokenness that's part of another's faith journey assures us that we, too, have companionship along the way.

**~ Stewardship Update ~**

Totals for 4/16/17

Tithe: \$714

Easter: \$268

Love Offering to Jony and Amber Cruz: \$500

Total: \$1482

Total for April: \$3884

Discipleship 2017 – Begins this Wednesday, April 19th at 7pm at Lost Lake Church 4

To be good stewards of time and resources Pastor John and Jeanette will lead Discipleship Training alternating every other Wednesday at Lost Lake and Living Well. Training will begin April 19th and end August 30th with a party.

- Wednesday’s – 7:00pm with Pastor John and Jeanette, beginning April 19th
- Saturday’s – 6:30am at John’s Barber Shop in Polo with Pastor John, beginning April 22nd
- Sunday’s – 9:30am at Living Well with Bill Young, beginning April 23rd
- Sunday’s – 5:00pm at Lost Lake with Greg Langelier, beginning April 23rd
- Tuesday’s – 12:00pm at Jeanette’s Counseling Office in Dixon with Jeanette, beginning April 25th

**Wednesday’s 7pm – Discipleship Training Schedule:**

DATE	CHURCH	WEEK	LESSON
April 19th	Lost Lake	Intro	Intro to Discipleship
April 26th	Living Well	#1	Pursuing Holiness
May 3rd	Lost Lake	#2	Private Worship
May 10th	Living Well	#3	Public Worship
May 17th	Lost Lake	#4	Observing the Sacraments
May 24th	Living Well	#5	Witnessing
May 31st	Lost Lake	#6	Discipling Other Believers
June 7th	Living Well	#7	Stewardship
June 14th	Lost Lake	#8	Church Membership
June 21st	Living Well	#9	Casting the Vision
June 28th	Lost Lake	#10	Develop Intentional Relationships
July 5th	Living Well	#11	Identifying Spiritual Understanding
July 12th	Lost Lake	#12	Supply a Support System
July 19th	Living Well	#13	Contact Regarding Spiritual Progress
July 26th	Lost Lake	#14	Inc. into Life and Ministry of Church
August 2nd	Living Well	#15	Pray Daily for Spiritual Growth
August 9th	Lost Lake	#16	Look for Spiritual Gifts
August 16th	Living Well	#17	Enlist in Ministry
August 23rd	Lost Lake	#18	Prayer Cells
August 30th	Living Well	#19	Commitments Party

**Children’s Ministry Dream Session**

May 23, 2017 at 7:00pm-8:30pm  
At Living Well

Anyone who has ever worked with children or would like to work with children is invited. We will be looking at ideas of how to structure Children’s Worship and Small Groups in our new space. The hope is to have 4 Dream Sessions (1 a month finishing in August) to plan and prepare for a fully staffed nursery and children’s ministry by Fall. Come with ideas and dreams to help us care for our children.

If you would like more information talk with Jeanette.



Guest Preacher Next Week

Next week Pastor Bob Clardie will be here to bring God’s message to us. Pastor Bob, an experienced and highly effective voice in the pulpit, is the founding Pastor of the Lost Lake church. Pastor Bob being here will allow Pastor John and Jeanette to hang out at Lost Lake after the service and build some relationships.

Christian Symbol — Paschal Candle

This large, white candle is an ancient symbol for Christ, the light of the world. The candle contains a cross and/or an Alpha and Omega to symbolize that Jesus is eternal and always present with his people. Also called the Easter candle, it plays a prominent role during Easter vigils and celebrations. Some churches also use the candle during baptisms and funerals.

