

About Living Well Church

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 / give" ~ Jesus



Today's Sermon: **Light in the Darkness, Matthew 5:14-16**
by Rev. Renee Kindle

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

Prayer Service—7pm

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Mission Statement

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

Words of Welcome

Welcome to worship! In a world — and a church — that's always changing and reforming, we trust in the constant and sure love of God.

Order of Service

October 29th, 2017

Welcome/Call to Worship: **Psalm 9:1-2**, Lisa Janes

Song: Open the Eyes of My Heart

Song: Here I am to Worship

Scripture Reading: **Ephesians 4:29-30**

Song: Nothing Without You

Pastoral Prayer: Gelacio Valdez

Offering: Video (This Place)

Sermon: **Light in the Darkness, Matthew 5:14-16** Rev. Renee Kindle

Closing Song: Here with Me

Announcements: Lisa

Doxology

Pastoral Blessing/Dismiss: Steve Scott

Greeters: Gelacio and Jayden Valdez

Ushers: Gelacio and Jayden Valdez

Worship Team: Carter, AmyJo, Bill, Steve

Computer Tech: Brad Larson

Sound Tech: Tod Carlock

Camera Tech: Mark Ellis

LiveStream Tech: Mike Janes

Counters: Pam Ellis, TBD

Preparation for Worship

Where we are rightly following you, Lord, keep us strong; where we are in the wrong, healing Spirit, please reform us.

My Take Away for Today



Coming Events

- Men's group Sat. mornings @ 6:30 at John's Barbershop
 - Prayer Service - 7:00pm on Wednesday nights
 - Oct. 22 - Nov. 11 - Food Drive for food pantry
 - November 5th - Next Communion
 - November 9th - Next Church Board Meeting

Humble Reformer

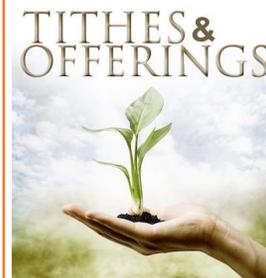
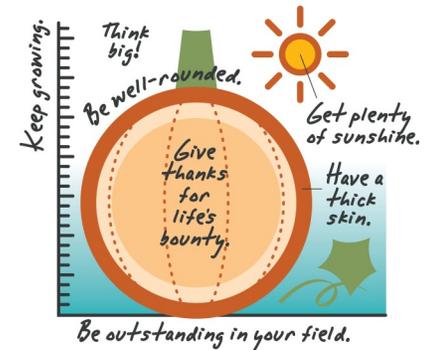
The first thing I ask is that people should not make use of my name, and should not call themselves Lutherans but Christians. What is Luther? The teaching is not mine. Nor was I crucified for anyone...How did I, poor stinking bag of mag-gots that I am, come to the point where people call the children of Christ by my evil name?

—Martin Luther

Advice From a Pumpkin

Be well-rounded.
Get plenty of sunshine.
Give thanks for life's bounty.
Have a thick skin.
Keep growing.
Be outstanding in your field.
Think big!

—Ilan Shamir



Totals for 10/22/17

Tithe: \$656

Water: \$10

Total: \$666

Total for September: \$3616.75

Today's Message

Today we welcome Rev Renee Kindle as she brings this morning's message from God's Word. Renee currently serves as our NWIL District Missions Chairman and is the former pastor of our Kewanee Church. Most recently she served on staff at Princeton New Hope as Children's Pastor.

Community Praise Night 2017

Community Praise Night 2017 will be held at Dixon High School on Sunday, November 12th at 6:30pm. Doors open at 5:30pm. This is a community wide event for all churches to come together to worship as ONE. This year we are inviting everyone to bring some items for Samaritan's Purse/Shoe Box. Please bring any of these new items.....comb/hairbrush, washcloths, bar soap (no liquid), colorful adhesive bandages, blanket and place in the box provided in the foyer at DHS auditorium.



You are invited to our Prayer meeting Wednesday nights here at 7pm. We sing a couple of songs, read scripture and pray. We pray for the requests sent to us by Chaplain Larry Jones at KSB, we pray for those who don't yet know Christ as their personal Savior. There are prayer request cards on the tech table along with a basket for you to write down prayer requests and place them in the basket and your requests will be lifted to God in prayer!



Dixon Christmas Walk is Friday Dec 1st! Please mark your calendars now and plan to attend and help in hosting our Community here in the Living Well Community Room. We will need help with construction of props, decorations, baking of cookies and greeting all who stop by!

Building God's Kingdom

On this Reformation Sunday, as we think about Martin Luther, the 16th-century reformer of the church, we rejoice that God raises men and women in every era to lead movements which serve the kingdom of God. According to Luther, "Faith is a living, daring confidence in God's grace, so sure and certain that a man could stake his life on it a thousand times."

It was faith that helped Luther become such a daring and courageous leader. Columnist Walter Lippmann once wrote: "The final test of a leader is that he leaves behind him, in other men, the conviction and the will to carry on."

Of course, that applies to both men and women — and it certainly applied to Luther.

God calls men and women out of the world to learn the meaning of commitment, love and service. God then sends those men and women back into the world to put their commitment, love and service to work. That's how the kingdom of God is spread and how God's church remains alive and healthy.



What Attracts People to Church?

Why do people select a particular church? A convenient location? Yes. A good speaker in the pulpit? Yes. Inspiring music? Yes. An attractive building? Yes.

But a more essential element in attracting visitors, newcomers and prospective members is friendliness — both in the pew and throughout the community. Where there is a warm, dynamic congregation with an enthusiasm that's contagious, visitors will usually be found, and will return.

A church can buy many advantages with money, such as nice buildings, trained leadership, effective advertising and an abundance of supplies for spiritual and social use. But old-fashioned friendliness, of which the world is sorely in need, can't be purchased with money. It comes only from the hearts of dedicated people who love God and enjoy helping others feel at home in their church.