

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

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



**Today's Sermon: Returning to Give Thanks, Luke 17:11-19**  
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

Prayer Service—7pm

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Mission Statement

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

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Words of Welcome

Children of light, we live in trust and joy, for God has destined us not for wrath but for salvation. Welcome! (Based on 1 Thessalonians 5:5, 9.)

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**Order of Service**

**November 19th, 2017**

Welcome/Call to Worship: **Psalm 100: 4,5** Lisa Janes

Song: Sing to the King

Song: On Jordan's Stormy Banks I Stand

Scripture Reading: **Matthew 4:4**

Song: How Great is Our God

Pastoral Prayer: Thomas Higgins

Offering: Special Music ( Lisa and worship team )

Sermon: **Returning to Give Thanks Luke 17:11-19** Pastor John Trotter

Closing Song: Ever Be

Doxology

Dismiss: Steve Scott

Greeters: Deb Jensen and Tina Maldonado

Ushers: Alberto and Anthony

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

Frindship Café Leader(s):

Computer Brad Larson

Sound Tech: Devin Scott or Tod Carlock

Camera Tech: Mike Janes

LiveStream Tech: Mike Janes

Counters: TBD

← My Take Away for Today →

Preparation for Worship

Thank you, Lord, for being “our dwelling place in all generations”  
(Psalm 90:1).

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Coming Events

- Men's group Sat. mornings @ 6:30 at John's Barbershop
  - Prayer Service - 7:00pm on Wednesday nights
    - December 3rd - Next Communion
  - December 14th - Next Church Board Meeting

Exercising our Gratitude Muscles

Expressing gratitude isn't just a good thing to do; it also appears to be good for us! Indiana University researchers found that participants who performed gratitude-focused writing exercises felt uplifted, and were more likely to express gratefulness through generosity, even weeks later.

Furthermore, brain scans revealed increased gratitude-related activity even months down the road (New York Magazine).

Though the study was small, we seem to have a "gratitude muscle" that can be strengthened through exercise. If so, there may be more than we thought to the popularity of gratitude journals and Mom's insistence that we write thank-you notes. Not to mention the biblical call to "give thanks to the LORD, for he is good" (1 Chronicles 16:34, for example).

Might God have hardwired us for gratitude — not only at Thanksgiving but year round — because it's good for us as well as for those we thank? To that, we respond, "Thanks be to God!"

TITHES &  
OFFERINGS



Totals for 11/12/17

Tithe: \$660

Total: \$660

Total for November: \$2016

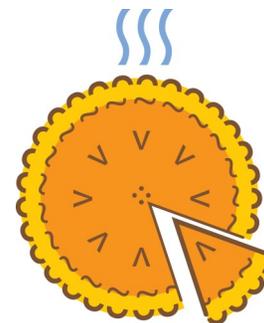
## All The News At Living Well

- ◆ **Thank Offering for World Evangelism is today!** We must fix our sights on places where the church is not yet, engaging in intercessory prayer, sacrificial giving, and physically going to and mobilizing others to go to these places. Each time we give to the World Evangelism Fund, we send the message of the gospel into areas where “the church is not yet.” Please use the small white envelopes in the bulletins.
- ◆ We will be having a **Pathways to Faith and Action Meeting** (Church Operations Meeting) following our morning worship service today. If you would like to gather in the cafe area about 15 minutes after we dismiss the service. We’ll pray a blessing for our sack lunches at the conclusion of the service and you can go ahead and eat whenever you and your family are ready. All who are interested in learning more about our Pathways of Faith and Action here at Living Well Church are invited to attend. In this meeting you will learn about our church vision, ministries and systems to accomplish the Mission God has for us as a Church.
- ◆ Work Nights have been scheduled for Tuesday’s and Thursday’s from 6p-8p throughout the month of November. We have scheduled these to help prepare us for the Christmas Walk and our Children’s Ministry spaces. There is a need for skilled labor to construct, run electrical, drywall and mud. There is also a need for unskilled labor to go for this or that, vacuum and clean as we go, so the space looks presentable while under construction.
- ◆ Friday, Dec 1st is the Annual Downtown Dixon Christmas Walk! In past years we have hosted over 1000 people from the community on this evening. It is a great way to introduce our community to our church. Please mark your calendars now and plan to attend and help in hosting our community here in the Living Well Community Room. In preparation for the event, your help is needed with construction of props, decorations, baking of cookies and greeting all who stop by!
- ◆ Advent Prayer begins Wednesday Night November 28th. During our prayer time on Wednesday nights we will observe the season of Advent, inviting God to prepare our hearts for His coming!
- ◆ Christmas Open House at the Trotter’s Thursday Night December 14th 6-8p

*“An optimist is a person who starts a new diet on Thanksgiving Day.” —Irv Kupcinet*

## Free Thanksgiving Dinner

The Dixon Knights of Columbus council #690 will once again be serving Thanksgiving Dinner on Thursday, November 23rd, 2017 at the Kay Cee Club hall, 506 West Third Street, Dixon, IL from 12:00 - 3:00pm. This dinner invitation is being extended to everyone in the Sauk Valley area free of charge. Lee County Council on Aging will be providing transportation to and from the dinner in the Dixon area for those that need a ride. Arrangements can be made by contacting Jennifer at 815-288-9236 by November 21, 2017.



### “Time to Thank, Time to Share”

Thanksgiving is a time to share.  
A roasted turkey stuffed with care,  
potatoes, yams and buttered rolls  
are passed around in festive bowls.  
But first we thank our God above  
and share with others his great love.  
The dish served last is always best —  
a slice of pie for every guest.

—MaryAnn Sundby

### Christ our Feast

Christ is not only a remedy for your weariness and trouble, but he will give you an abundance of the contrary, joy and delight. They who come to Christ do not only come to a resting place after they have been wandering in a wilderness, but they come to a banqueting house where they may rest, and where they may feast. They may cease from their former troubles and toils, and they may enter upon a course of delights and spiritual joys.

—Jonathan Edwards

