

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: Communion, Luke 2:1-20
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.

Words of Welcome

As Mary and Elizabeth found strength in togetherness, may we nourish one another. Welcome to worship as Advent borders on Christmas.

Order of Service

December 24th, 2017

Welcome/Call to Worship: **Isaiah 61:6** Lisa Janes

Song: Do You Hear What I Hear

Song: While Shepherds Watched

Scripture Reading: **John 3:34-35**

Song: Away In A Manger

Pastoral Prayer: Pastor John

Offering: Video or Special Music

Sermon: Communion, Luke 2:1-20 Pastor Trotter

Song: Go Tell It On The Mountain

Closing / Announcements: Jeanette **Luke 2:10-11**

Doxology

Dismiss: Steve Scott

Greeters: Tina Maldonado and Jay Valdez

Ushers: Jay and Alberto Valdez

Worship Team: Bill, Alyssa, Carter, Steve

Frindship Café Leader(s):

Computer Brad Larson

Sound Tech:

Camera Tech: Mark Ellis

LiveStream Tech: Mike Janes

Counters: Pam Ellis, TBD

Preparation for Worship

It's here, God — Christmas Eve day. But for a few more hours, may I be content in the waiting time, like the quiet excitement of early labor.

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
 - January 7th - Next Communion
 - January 11th - Next Church Board Meeting

Everlasting Joy

In a Chicken Soup for the Soul sampler, Karen Asire tells of a particularly difficult Christmas after her husband left and began divorce proceedings. As Karen and her three young children set up their tree, she fought tears and secretly tucked aside certain ornaments, such as one announcing "Our First Christmas Together."

Several days later, a neighbor stopped by with a gold decoration proclaiming JOY. "We've hung this ornament on our tree for several years," she explained, "but this year we wanted you to have it." When Asire hung it on the tree and stepped back, "all the other ornaments seemed to fade into the background, and all [she] saw was the shimmering gold of the JOY ornament." She allowed herself to cry then, grateful for the reminder that amid grief and heartache, God's love shines.

Pain fades in time, while God's Christmas gift — Jesus — brings joy that lasts forever.

Merry Christmas

Totals for 12/17/17

Tithe: \$855

Water: \$20

Tech: \$58

Total: \$933

Total for December: \$3028.01

Given for Tech Upgrades: \$298

Santa Needs Help Loading the Sleigh

We will be loading up the sleigh for the Christmas Family we adopted. If you would like to help us load up our suburban immediately following morning worship we would certainly appreciate it.

The Well

The Well will be starting Thursday January 4th and following every Tuesday and Thursday nights here at Living Well. I believe the time will be 5:00pm-6:30pm. This new ministry is a partnership with KSB for us to serve as a distribution point for food to the community. Thank you for all who have come forward to volunteer or donate items for this ministry, you continue to be a blessing. Please let Pastor John, Jeanette or Tracy know of your interest.

Wednesday Night prayer Meeting at 7:00. We pray because Jesus prayed and taught us how. We pray for the needs of patients presented by Chaplain Larry Jones from KSB. We pray for the needs presented in the Prayer Request Basket on Tech Table. We pray prayers of healing for the sick and injured and intercession for those lost in darkness and sin. We read a chapter of the Book of Acts and pray. We pray because Jesus taught us that prayer is a priority. We pray for our missionaries, leadership, families and each other. If you are reading this, you have been prayed for. We pray because some problems can only be resolved as God's people pray. We pray for God's will to be done on earth as it is in heaven. We pray because heaven is real and so is hell.

Someone Took Jesus



A couple of days after Christmas, the Nativity scene was still up in the chancel of a San Francisco church. Walking by it, the pastor noticed that the baby Jesus was missing from the manger. Shortly afterward, as the pastor walked outside the church, he saw a small boy pulling a new wagon. In the wagon bed was a doll that looked very much like the missing baby Jesus. The pastor greeted the boy and asked him about the doll. "I got it in the church," the boy replied. "Why did you take it from the church?" "Well," the boy answered. "I prayed for a new wagon and told the Lord Jesus that if I got one, I would give him a ride. I got the wagon, took him for a ride and now I'm bringing him back to the church."

Tech Upgrades for Christmas!!!!

We are ready for several technical upgrades.

- Necessary now - Main Computer to run programs during worship \$550
- Necessary as soon as possible - Flat screen TV for front of Church, monitors (nursery and platform) \$1000
- Necessary sooner rather than later - Computer for Live Streaming and Switch box to Transition between cameras / necessary computer software \$2000

These special needs can be given to (in addition to our regular giving), by writing a separate check and placing (tech upgrades) in the memo of your check.

...As it is written: "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!"
Romans 10:15(NI V)

New Sermon Series Beginning in January :

The God of Re (creator and painter of light)

Re: again, anew, retell back, recall... God is a God of Re
God...re-members, re-news, re-fills and the list goes on and on of all the re He can do in our lives and in this world...but when God re... may also include some things that we do not usually think of as pleasant...like when God...re-fuses, re-bukes or re-quires...we may be tempted to recoil.



R U READY FOR RE?