

## 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.



April 29th, 2018

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



**Today's Sermon: God of Re...God Returns**  
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

Jesus says he is the vine and we are the branches. Sometimes branches grow neatly together; other times they get tangled up! However you feel about the "branches" next to you, greet one another in peace as we prepare to worship our True Vine.

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**Order of Service**

**April 29th, 2018**

Welcome/Call to Worship: Lisa Janes **Psalm 116: 13,14**

Song: Song: The Lion and the Lamb

Song: Even So Come

Scripture Reading: **1st Thessalonians 2:19,20**

Song: Great is Thy Faithfulness (Beginning to End)

Pastoral Prayer: Bill Young

Offering: Learning to Be the Light (Bill - special music)

Sermon: God of Re...Christ Returns Dr. Doug Kindle

Song: At The Cross

Announcements:

Doxology

Dismiss: Steve Scott

Greeters: Lisa Janes

Ushers: Alberto and Jay Valdez

Worship Team: Doug, Amy Jo, Carter, Bill, Steve

Nursery Staff: Small Group, Anna Kindle

Morning Worship, Anna Kindle

Computer Tech: Brad Larson

Sound Tech: Skylar Scott

Camera Tech: Mark Ellis

LiveStream Tech: Mike Janes

Counters: Pam Ellis,

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Preparation for Worship

As spring blossoms all around us, may our hearts also bloom with love and peace.

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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
- The Well Tuesday and Thursday Evenings 5:30pm—6:30pm
  - May 6th - Next Communion
  - May 6th - Next Church Board Meeting after Church
  - May 12 - Mother/Daughter Luncheon, Noon-2pm
  - June 16 - Father/Son Luncheon, Noon-2pm

The Magnificence of Love in a Marriage

A writer, Herbert O'Donnell, told about returning to Ireland to visit his family. He had not been able to attend his grandmother's funeral which had occurred a year before. On this trip, he was sitting in a car's back seat next to his grandfather on a journey to visit relatives. As they drove by the cemetery where his grandmother was buried, O'Donnell noticed his grandfather, thinking he was unobserved, pressing his face against the window, then with a small motion of his hand, waving toward his wife's grave.

It was the old fellow's way of saluting his beloved wife with whom he had shared countless numbers of life's joys and challenges. Later, in writing about what he observed, O'Donnell said, "It was then that I came to my first understanding of the majesty and vulnerability of love."

That true story reminds one of words found in Proverbs 31:

A good wife who can find?  
 She is far more precious than jewels,  
 The heart of her husband trusts in her, and he will have no lack of gain.  
 She does him good, and not harm, all the days of her life.  
 Her children rise up and call her blessed;  
 her husband also, and he praises her.

Totals for 4/22/18

Tithe: \$382  
 Total: \$382  
 Total for April: \$3511.75  
 Given for Tech Upgrades: \$2623

***The Well, (Fighting Hunger Feeding Wellness)*** has been growing. Over 2200 have been distributed since January 4th. This ministry takes place every Tuesday and Thursday evening from 5:30p-6:30p. Let Tracy Young know if you would like to help support this vital ministry.

***Tech Upgrades.*** We are close to making our next purchase which will be a big screen TV for the front here (behind the stage). This will improve the brightness and contrast over our current projection method, and improve the experience of our in person and online attendees. If the Lord is leading you to help in this area you can designate your contribution on your check made out to Living Well Church and writing (tech upgrade) in the memo.

## Spuds & Splits

Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church in Dixon will present their 5th annual Spuds & Splits fundraiser on Saturday, May 5th, 2018. Serving time will be from 4pm to 7pm. The event will feature a baked potato bar and banana splits.

Potato toppings include: Chili, Cheese Sauce, Broccoli, Bacon, Shredded Cheese, and Butter. Split toppings include: Hot Fudge, Strawberries, Pineapple, Chocolate Sauce, Whipped Cream, Chopped Nuts, Cherries, and Bananas. Beverages to be served are Coffee, Lemonade, and Water.

Advance tickets are \$7 for adults and \$4 for children 10 and under. At the door tickets are \$9 for adults and \$5 for children 10 and under. Advance tickets can be purchased at the Church. Call 284-4554 for more info. Church office hours are 8am to noon Monday thru Friday. Limited number of tickets available. Get them while they last.

Proceeds from this event will go towards the "Comfort Dog" program. Christ Our Savior Lutheran is located at 2035 N. IL Rt. 26, Dixon IL. (about 1-1/2 mile north of Shopko)

## Christian Symbol — Phoenix

According to ancient legend, the phoenix lived for 500 to 1,400 years (depending on the version of the myth), at which time it would set its nest ablaze and be consumed in the flames. After three days the bird would be reborn and was said to repeat this cycle, "rising from the ashes" again and again. Early Christians saw in the phoenix a symbol of Jesus' resurrection and of eternal life.



## Following God's Lead

Jazz musician Thomas Dorsey traveled an unlikely road to become the "father of black gospel music." At age 11, he dropped out of school to be a vaudeville performer and blues pianist. While Dorsey recovered from a nervous breakdown at age 21, his mother urged him to serve the Lord with his talents. It took several years, but the musician committed to composing spiritual songs — rejected by many mainstream churches as "the devil's music."

In 1932, after Dorsey's wife and infant son died during childbirth, he channeled his grief into the piano, writing "Precious Lord, Take My Hand." Known to be a favorite song of Martin Luther King Jr., it ends with these lyrics: "Through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light. Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home."

**Mother/Daughter Luncheon** will be Saturday, May 12th from 12p-2p. Ladies we will be decorating a table for the evening and our time together will include a delightful lunch, games and a photo Op. Tickets are on sale now, so please see Tracy for more details and tickets for those special ladies in your life.

**Ladies Group** will begin May 19th at 10:00am. Please sign up at the information table if you are able to attend. We would be meeting at Jeanette's office here at the church.

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*We could use some help this morning to help us set up for The Well:*

- *Move the brown folding chairs in the front out of the way*
- *Move the next 3 rows of chairs up to the platform*
- *Stack the back 2 rows of chairs up front over to the right.*
- *Set up 8 round tables*
- *Set up 6 folding chairs around the round tables.*

"Radical obedience to Christ is not easy... It's not comfort, not health, not wealth, and not prosperity in this world. Radical obedience to Christ risks losing all these things. But in the end, such risk finds its reward in Christ. And he is more than enough for us."

— David Platt, *Radical: Taking Back Your Faith from the American Dream*