

## 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.

#### Lead Pastor

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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: From First to Last - Mark 9:30-37  
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

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Words of Welcome

Brothers and sisters in Christ, welcome to worship, Christian fellowship and a time, we pray, for your faith to be rejuvenated.

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**Order of Service**

**October 1st, 2017**

Welcome/Call to Worship: **Ezra 3:11**, Lisa Janes

Song: In the Hands of God

Song: Your Love Oh Lord

Scripture Reading: **Hebrews 4:15-16**

Song: The Cross has the Final Word

Pastoral Prayer: Bill Young

Offering: Video, Life on Mission

Reception of New members

Sermon: **From First to Last - Mark 9:30-37** Pastor Trotter

Communion

Closing Song: God With Us

Doxology

Pastoral Blessing/Dismiss: **Philippians 2:1** Steve Scott

Greeters: Mike and Lisa Janes

Ushers: Jase and Jayden Valdez

Worship Team: Steve, Bill, Rob, Amy-Jo

Friendship Café Leader(s): TBD

Computer Tech: Brad Larson

Sound Tech: TBD

Camera Tech: Mark Ellis

LiveStream Tech: Mike Janes

Counters: Pam Ellis, TBD

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Preparation for Worship

For beautiful fall days, I thank you, Lord! Help me find reason to praise you every day.

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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 the 1st and 3rd Wed. of the month
  - Oct 12 - No Church Board Meeting
  - October 21st - 8:30am - Ladies Breakfast at Lost Lake
    - October 22nd - Pastor Appreciation Dinner
- October 22nd - 4:30pm - Chili cook off /Trunk-or-Treat at Lost Lake
  - Oct. 22 - Nov. 11 - Food Drive for food pantry
- October 28th - 8:00am-1:00pm - Halloween Downtown Dixon Trick-or-Treating
  - November 5th - Next Communion

**Community Coat Give – Away**

Grace United Methodist Church has begun collecting new or gently used coats and winter outerwear to be given to those in need. All sizes are needed – especially children's sizes. Along with the coats; boots, mittens, hats, scarves, snow-pants are also being collected. The collection will continue all through the month of September. The Give-Away will take place on Saturday, October 14th at GUMC (921 E. Chamberlin) from 8 am – Noon. During the Give-Away there will be other activities to participate in...the Lee County Health Department will be giving flu shots (bring your insurance card); the Dixon Fire Department will be promoting fire safety; there will be free hair-cuts for kids; make and take crafts and activities for the children; snacks and lots of other information and things to do. A great emphasis on community helping community....be sure to participate in some way. For further information, please contact Grace United Methodist Church at (815) 288-1505. If you know of an individual or family who needs warm winter wear, be sure to pass the information along. This may be a good opportunity to thin out your closet while helping someone in need.

**TITHES &  
OFFERINGS****Totals for 9/24/17**

Tithe: \$716.57

Total: \$716.57

**Total for September: \$3411.71**

## Preparation for Discipleship

We have completed the training for discipleship by working through the Each One Disciple One material over the last 20 weeks. The teens have been matched with their discipler, so we are ready to take the next steps in making discipleship intentional.

**Adults** - Please begin working out the details of when you will be meeting with your disciple. If anyone needs further instruction on how to begin a discipleship relationship please meet see Jeanette for some guidance. If you are discipling a teenager, please let Jeanette know, so she can help you obtain the material you need.

**Youth** - Please see Jeanette to get your No Limits Discipleship binder and the name of the discipler who agreed to disciple you, so you are prepared to begin meeting with them. You will need a No Limits Discipleship binder, notebook and pen and a Bible when you meet with your discipler/mentor.

*"The Reformer is always right about what's wrong. However, he's often wrong about what is right."*

—G.K. Chesterton

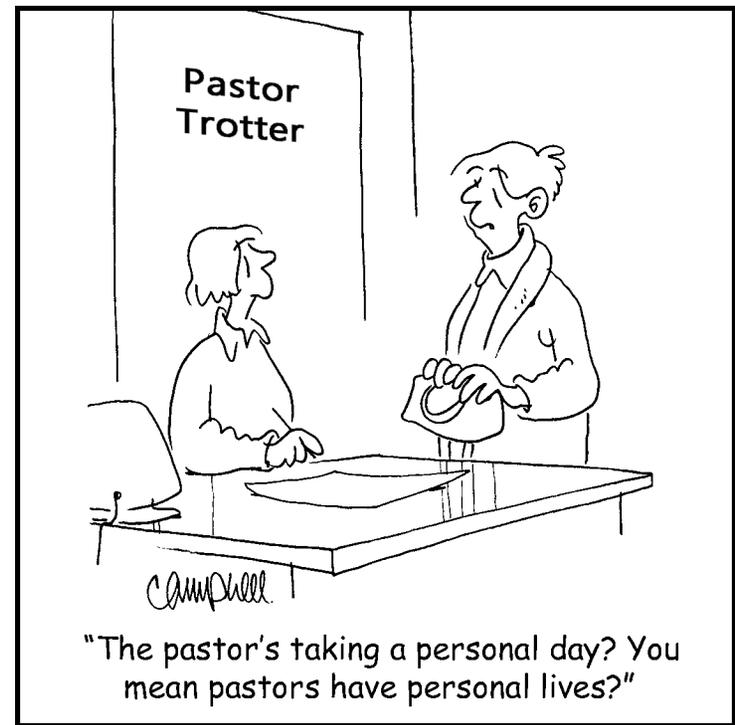
## Appreciate — and Act

October is Pastor (or Clergy) Appreciation Month, reminding church members to thank their hardworking ministry leaders. But the people in the pews — though they might lack official church titles — also play important roles in doing God's work.

In User Friendly Churches (Regal Books), researcher George Barna compares the behavior of people in growing vs. stagnant or declining churches. Members of growing churches actively participate in the church's ministry. "They did not divorce their faith from their lifestyle; their faith was their lifestyle," Barna writes. "They took seriously the classical Reformation doctrine of the priesthood of all believers."

By contrast, laypeople in stagnant churches tend to observe rather than participate. "They perceived their role as being in the audience in the stands," Barna notes, "nodding approvingly in efforts to demonstrate religious behavior as the clergy went through their paces."

Appreciate your pastors, but then follow their example by living out your beliefs!



All kidding aside, Pastor John and Jeanette will be on vacation from October 2nd - October 16th. Pastor Bob Clardie will be preaching the morning message for the next two weeks. We wish Pastor John and Jeanette safe, problem-free travels and a great time of restoration. May the Father reveal Himself to you through the beauty of His creation and majesty, and breathe into you His plan for the life of Living Well Church and its members. We look forward to seeing you again on October 22nd.



**Crisis  
Care  
Kits**

Thank you to all who contributed to the Crisis Care Kits - we have collected 24 plus kits to send off. Well done! Thanks to all who collected supplies, donated money for shipping and packed the boxes!

"Do not pass by a man in need, for you may be the hand of God to him"  
Proverbs 3:27(Paraphrase)