



Love INC

Love In the Name of Christ

SOUTH
WOOD
COUNTY



"You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and first commandment. And the second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets." – Jesus, Matthew 22:36-40

FEBRUARY 2018

Plethora of Progress

Love INC of South Wood County has made tremendous progress since the concept of a "city-wide transformation model" was first considered for our area to activate the faith community.

You can see the progress from 2015 to 2018 in the timeline below. We are now an official 501c3 organization with a board representing ten different denominations. With a physical office, phone line, newsletter we are on our way to officially "opening our doors" later this year.

We are heavy into relationship mode, building connections and learning about all of the different ministries that our various partner and friend churches provide. Once we have a solid

foundation from our faith community we will augment that with knowledge and introductions to the various secular service agencies in our area as a way to leverage each other's capabilities.

This progress would not have been possible without the work and prayers of many of you including your financial support of this ministry.

We are going where God is leading us, to love our neighbor as ourselves. Keep the prayers coming!

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Love INC
*Love In the Name of Christ
of South Wood County*

Mission: To mobilize local churches to transform lives and communities in the name of Christ.

Love INC of South Wood County
Board of Directors

Chuck Bradbury, President
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Paul Liebherr, Treasurer
Lottie McDermott, Secretary
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Becky Winter, member
Donna Dewitt, member
Jonna Kronholm, member
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Rita Nessman, member

New Phone #:
715-424-LOVE (5683)



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Accomplishments to Date

- 2015 Meetings with SWC churches and organizations
- 2015 First city transformation meeting, 5 people present
- 2016 Love INC Development Team formed with 7 different churches
- 2016+ Meetings with and presentations to churches
- 2017 Executive Director named and Board of Directors
- 2017 Communication tools created (website, Facebook, newsletter)
- 2017 Sign lease for office on 8th Street South, WR
- 2017 Partner churches sign formal agreements, other churches take notice
- 2017 Obtain phone number 715-424-LOVE
- 2017 Donor appeal sent out
- 2017 IRS federal 501(c)3 tax exempt status acquired
- 2018 Board of 10 members representing 10 different churches

Meet Board Member, Lottie McDermott



Lottie McDermott started in May 2016 as a member of the Development Board for Love INC of South Wood County. She has lived in the area since 1981. She is thankful Christ led her to Love INC and is filled with hope for what God can do to transform lives when the churches join together. In the Name of Christ much can be accomplished.

Partner Churches

(That have signed the SOU "Statement of Understanding" with Love INC)

- Christian Life Fellowship
- Faith Reformed
- First Baptist
- Light of Christ
- Port Edwards United Methodist
- Victory Christian Outreach Center

Friend Churches

(That support our mission)

- Church at Wazeecha
- Crossview Church
- First English Lutheran
- Grace Lutheran
- Highland Church
- Lakes Area Christian Fellowship
- River Cities Church
- St. Lawrence Catholic
- St. Luke's Lutheran
- St. John Lutheran
- Trinity Lutheran

Upcoming Events

Saturday, February 3rd, Brat Fry with music from Cowboy Union Jam at Faith Reformed Church, noon – 2, 1321 32nd Street South, W.R.

Sunday, February 11, Chili Cook-Off at Faith Reformed Church, 11 – 12:30, 1321 32nd Street South, W.R.

Friday, February 16th, Valentine dinner at St. Lukes, 6 pm. 2011 10th St South, W.R.

Saturday, March 10th, "See How Youth for Christ is Changing Lives", 9-10:30 am at Mid-State Technical College, Stevens Point Campus

Dementia Friendly Service



First Congregational Church United Church of Christ, 311 Second Street South Wisconsin Rapids, WI 54494 715-423-0350



Dementia Friendly Worship. Third Sunday of each Month.

11:00 a.m. – 20 minute service designed for

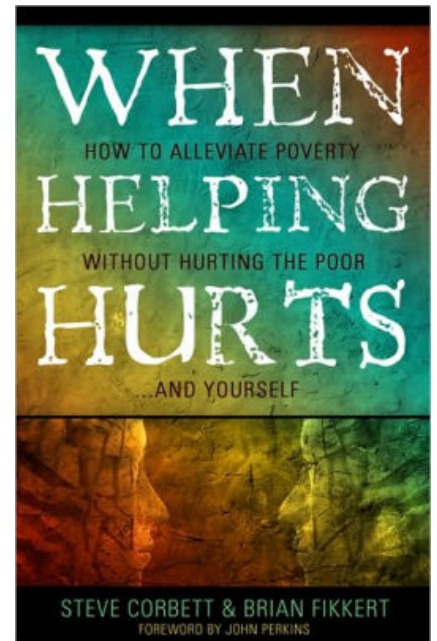
those with dementia and their caregivers. Open to all!

No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you're welcome here.

Prayer:

"They who despise their neighbor sin, but blessed are they that are kind to the needy." – Proverbs 14:21

Lord, open our eyes to the opportunities that Love INC can provide our Christian churches. Amen.



Empowering not Enabling

One of the tenants of Love INC from the guide "When Helping Hurts" is to never do for someone what they can do for themselves. In the work of repairing broken relationships with God, self, others, and the rest of creation we as the church must be careful to check our assumptions and assure we are working for the true long-term good of our neighbor and not just to stroke our own God complex. Love INC works on the long-term relationship-based model to truly help people with the root cause of the broken relationship.

