



Love INC

Love In the Name of Christ

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"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

New Hope Gives New Hope for South Wood County

"Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends."
– John 15:13

Laying down your life is an extreme act of love. Another is exemplified by a decision by New Hope Community Christian Reformed Church in Wisconsin Rapids. In a tremendously generous gesture of faith, trust, hope, and love, they have decided to gift their building at 710 20th Avenue South to Love INC of South Wood County.

New Hope was established in Vesper in 1898. The congregation relocated to Wisconsin Rapids in 1973. For one hundred and twenty years the congregation has spread the gospel of hope and love to the community. Like many other organizations, membership has declined to the point where they had to decide how to proceed and continue the work of the gospel, loving God and their neighbors. Faced with only a few options, they decided to leave a legacy to the community.

Love INC of South Wood County was officially established in 2017 as a local Love INC affiliate, one of over 130 in the nation, second in Wisconsin. It is a non-emergency ministry seeking the root cause of difficulties in people's lives. Love INC connects neighbors in need with existing and new resources within the community while establishing a lasting relationship with volunteers from partner churches.

Love INC of South Wood County currently has nine partner churches from nine different denominations working collaboratively to love our neighbors (see list on the next page). The current plan is to move into the new location in April and prepare for the opening of the Connection Center in August of this year.

We are eternally grateful for this wonderful, generous gift which will accelerate our progress at establishing this ministry in our community.

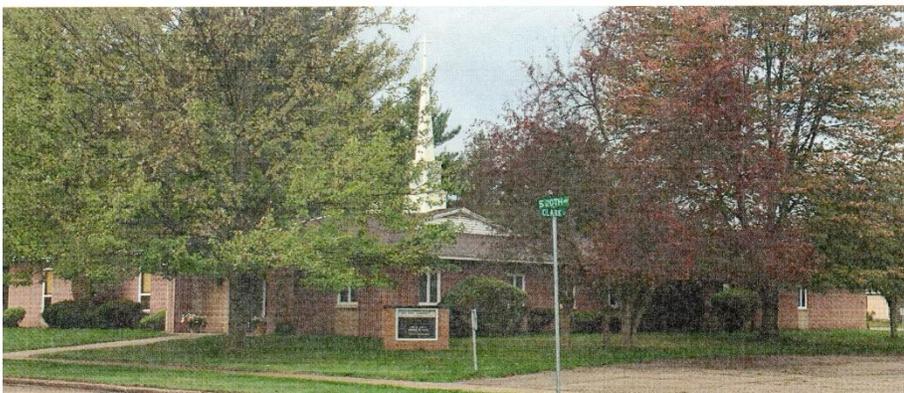


Love INC
Love In the Name of Christ
of South Wood County

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

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Meet Board Member, Paul Liebherr



Paul Liebherr was a member of the original Love INC of South Wood County Development Board. He believes Love INC will be used by God as a catalyst in our communities, uniting churches in a purposeful way and transforming the lives of people living in South Wood County.

Partner Churches

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

- [Christian Life Fellowship](#)
- [Crossview Church](#)
- [Faith Reformed](#)
- [First Baptist](#)
- [Highland Church](#)
- [Light of Christ](#)
- [Port Edwards United Methodist](#)
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Friend Churches

(That support our mission)

- [Church at Wazeecha](#)
- [First English Lutheran](#)
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- [Lakes Area Christian Fellowship](#)
- [River Cities Church](#)
- [St. Lawrence Catholic](#)
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Upcoming Events



Friday fish fry through March 23rd, 4:00 – 7:00 pm at St. Lawrence Catholic Church, 530 10th Ave. North, \$8.50 for adults, \$8 for seniors, \$6 for kids, carry-out available.



"The Last Resort" Dinner theater comedy at Grace Lutheran, March 9, 10, & 11. Call 715-423-2330 for details.



Saturday, May 6th, "Spring into Action" day. Crossview Church is coordinating a service project day at Mead Elementary School. Contact the church for details 715-424-0800.

Prayer:

"May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you a spirit of unity among yourselves as you follow Christ Jesus, so that with one heart and mouth you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ." – Romans 15:5-6

Move in us, Holy Spirit, that we may with one heart and mind glorify our lord and savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

Darci's Story – A Love INC Example

Darcie reached out to a Love In the Name of Christ affiliate in Kenai Peninsula, Alaska after she lost everything due to a meth addiction.

When partner church volunteers listened to her story, Love INC began coordinating resources to help Darcie and her family. Emergency lodging was provided to Darcie, allowing her children to return home to their father. A partner church provided the family counseling. Darcie was also referred to a faith-based transitional housing facility after treatment. During this time, Darcie's spiritual life grew. She now attends weekly Bible studies, meets with a mentor, and is a volunteer at Love INC. She is also reunited with her husband and children. What addiction stole, God restored!

There are "Darcies" everywhere. That's why we've established a Love INC affiliate here in the South Wood County community, giving God the space to make the restorations in the Darcies who are in our own neighborhoods.



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