



# Love INC

## Love In the Name of Christ

SOUTH  
WOOD  
COUNTY



May 2018

*"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*

## THRIVENT MEMBERS

Thrivent Financial is a Christian Fortune 500 not-for-profit financial services company. As a member-owned fraternal benefit society, it operates under a chapter system, serving nearly 2.3 million members. Two ways that Thrivent members can give back to their community is through Action Teams and Choice Dollars.

**Action Teams** – Each Thrivent member can sponsor two \$250 action teams per year which could be used to help Love INC programming.

**Thrivent Action Teams**

Pick a project and start a team today!

Approved projects receive seed money toward a fundraising event, building supplies, and other start-up costs.

Contact us to find out how you can pitch in at camp!  
541-998-6444 | [callin@lutherwoodoregon.org](mailto:callin@lutherwoodoregon.org)



**Choice Dollars** – Thrivent members are designated "Choice Dollars" based on insurance premiums, contract values and Thrivent volunteer leadership. Members then can direct those dollars to enrolled charities of their choice such as Love INC of South Wood County.



**THRIVENT CHOICE®  
ENROLLED  
ORGANIZATION**

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## NEW LOCATION!

We have closed on our new location at 710 20<sup>th</sup> Avenue South, the former New Hope Community Christian Reformed Church. We are now moving expeditiously to get ready for our open house in June (see the opposite page). And, we are on track to open the Connection Center in August. To accomplish that we need a lot of help. We are seeking volunteers for the positions listed below. Don't worry, all positions come with required training:

- *Intake Specialists*
- *Clerical Work*
- *Data Entry*

## LOVE INC SUNDAYS

Does your church need more information about the Love INC movement and Love INC of South Wood County in particular? How about scheduling a "Love INC Sunday"? This is where information is shared, people get a chance to learn about the ministry, and an opportunity is given to support the mission with prayer, as a volunteer, and financially.

To schedule a Love INC Sunday call the office at 715-424-LOVE (5683).



**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**

**Staff**  
DaNita Carlson, Executive Director

**Board of Directors**

Chuck Bradbury, President  
Rick Merdan, Vice-President  
Paul Liebherr, Treasurer  
Lottie McDermott, Secretary  
Dave Mickelson, member  
Becky Winter, member  
Donna Dewitt, member  
Jonna Kronholm, member  
Paula Graves, member  
Rita Nessman, member

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

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## MEET BOARD MEMBER PAULA GRAVES



Paula Graves became a board member in January 2018. Paula has served alongside her pastor husband for twenty years and was frustrated that giving to those in need only seemed to put a band-aid on their situation. Paula is excited that Love INC provides a way to meet the needs of the community through relationship. She says, "I think it's great that the churches can come together to be the hands and feet of Jesus."

### PARTNER CHURCHES

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

- Christian Life Fellowship
- Crossview Church
- Faith Reformed
- First Baptist
- Grace Lutheran
- Highland Church
- Lakes Area Christian Fellowship **NEW**
- Light of Christ
- Port Edwards United Methodist
- St. Luke's Lutheran
- Victory Christian Church

### FRIEND CHURCHES

(That support our mission)

- Church at Wazeecha
- First English Lutheran
- Immanuel Lutheran
- River Cities Church
- St. Lawrence Catholic
- St. John Lutheran
- Trinity Lutheran

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### ONE WAY CAFE

Every 3rd Friday of the month River Cities Christian Church hosts a Christian Coffeehouse with live music, food, and beverages. All are welcome, no admission or other charges but donations appreciated. Check it out at 869 Hwy 73 South Wisconsin Rapids, WI 54494.

### ASCENTION DAY SERVICE

Ascension Day is celebrated forty days after Easter Sunday on Ascension Thursday. This date is also ten days before the celebration of the Pentecost. An Ascension Service will be held at St. Luke's on Thursday, May 10, at 6:15 p.m. This will be a combined service of St. Luke's, Immanuel, St. John and Trinity. Choirs from all four churches will participate in this celebratory service.

### COMMUNICATION NEWS

Learn more about Love INC from an interview on WFHR Morning Magazine at the link below:



[http://bit.ly/LoveINCswc\\_WFHR](http://bit.ly/LoveINCswc_WFHR)

Also, watch for another interview broadcast on Wisconsin Rapids Community Media, Public Access Station. You can find us in the Community Connection segment.



**Saturday, June 16, 2018**

**10:00am - 4:00pm**

That's right! Soon we will be moving into our new location at 710 20<sup>th</sup> Avenue South, Wisconsin Rapids thanks to the tremendously generous legacy gift from New Hope Community Christian Reformed Church. We have scheduled our open house with a painting party to coincide with Cranberry Blossom Fest this year. Make sure to put this on your calendar. You can register for the painting party at

<https://goo.gl/forms/8SiqL4etVXKpCy6A3>



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### Prayer:

*"Whatever you do, work at it with your whole heart, as working for the Lord, not for men."*

– Col. 3:23

Dear Lord, we pray that excellence is reflected in all that we do as we seek to form Love INC of South Wood County. Amen.