



Love INC

Love In the Name of Christ

SOUTH
WOOD
COUNTY

JANUARY 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

It is Finally IRS Official!

Love INC of South Wood County has received a determination letter from the Internal Revenue Service officially confirming that Love INC qualifies as a non-profit in accordance to IRS regulations specifically section 501c3. We received this news right before Christmas and what a wonderful gift it was. So far our Love INC board and volunteers have logged over 2,000 hours in the development of this ministry, good things come to those who wait...and work hard!

This means that all donations to Love INC since February 17, 2017 are tax deductible as the law allows. This was a long and arduous process. We thank Nick Abts for his help with all of the requisite legal paperwork in the process.

We also want to thank one of our partner churches, Christian Life Fellowship for being our organizational 501c3 fiduciary in the interim.



Can Your Church Save?

One of the necessary monthly expenses is the monthly electric bill. However, there may be an option to dramatically reduce your monthly bill.

One area church had their energy usage analyzed and determined that they can save 23% per month if they switched to "Time of Day" billing which is a program that benefits customers when their electrical consumption is highest during off-peak power times. Water Works and Lighting Customers for instance instead of the \$0.11 per kilowatt normal rate pay \$0.055 during off peak hours and \$0.145 during peak hours. Contact your utility to determine if they have a similar program.

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

Love INC of South Wood County 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

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Thank you for the opportunity to speak with your group.

- Bethlehem Lutheran
- Catholic Deanery
- **Christian Life Fellowship**
- Church at Wazeecha
- Cranberry Clergy
- Crossview Church
- **Faith Reformed**
- **First Baptist**
- First English Lutheran
- Grace Lutheran
- Lakes Area Christian Fellowship
- Lutheran Circuit
- Nekoosa United Church of Christ
- New Hope Christian Reformed
- **Port Edwards United Methodist**
- River Cities Church
- St. Lawrence Catholic
- St. Luke's Lutheran
- St. John Lutheran
- Sunrise Rotary
- Trinity Lutheran
- United Way of Inner Wisconsin
- **Victory Christian Outreach Center**
- Wis. Rapids United Church of Christ

Bolded churches have signed the Statement of Understanding

Meet Board Member, Becky Winter



Becky Winter became a member of the Board in September 2017. Becky first heard about Love INC through her involvement with Leader to Leader Network and excitement grew inside of her. Becky says "I want to take the life changing love of Jesus with me everywhere I go. Being apart of Love INC is a great opportunity to share God's love with our community."

Learning Opportunity

What if you knew where your money was going each month? What if you were debt-free? With Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University, you CAN take control of your money and start planning for your future. St. Luke's Church will be offering this class on Tuesdays at 6:30pm starting January 9, 2018. If you're interested, the class link is www.fpu.com/1051547 You can register on this website or call the church at (715)423-5990.



Love INC is a non-emergency ministry and the Connection Center is not open yet for referrals.

Upcoming Events



SATURDAY, JANUARY 27TH
SUNDAY, JANUARY 28TH

Dakota Road concert at Grace Lutheran Church, Saturday, January 27th, 6:30 pm, \$10 for adults. Worship Sunday January 28th at 10:30. Saturday concert tickets are available at Grace Lutheran, 1530 Whitrock, 715-423-2330.



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Thrivent Action Teams

With the engagement of one Thrivent Action Team, Love INC was able to purchase brochures to assist in the promotion of this new ministry. Love INC is honored to have volunteers who are also Thrivent members. Here's how it works. Thrivent Financial provides \$250 in seed money for any project that meets the community impact and/or educational guidelines established. If you are a Thrivent member, you can organize two Action Teams annually. Just contact your Thrivent representative to learn how you can meet needs in your community or go to <http://bit.ly/LoveINCSWC>.



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

Values:

- Prayer
- Unity of the Body of Christ
- People in need
- Transformation in the lives of people and communities
- Churches living out the two great commandments to love God and love their neighbors
- Building Christ-like relationships
- Connectedness of the Love INC movement
- Excellence
- Continued growth in our capacity to meet people's needs



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Prayer:

"Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men." – Colossians 3:23

O Lord, we pray that our excellence is reflected in all that we do as we seek to form this Love INC ministry. Amen.