



Love INC

Love In the Name of Christ

SOUTH
WOOD
COUNTY

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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

Why do Communities Need Love INC?

Throughout the nation, government-funded community social service organizations are overwhelmed by current and growing levels of need. Neighbors in need who have exhausted these resources often turn to churches for help. Individual churches help many people but then wonder if it really does any good or even wonder if it does more long-term harm than good. For the neighbor in need, negotiating the social service system requires time that could be used for paid work; going from church to church is often demeaning. A third arm – neither government nor church – is needed to coordinate helping efforts 1) between social service organizations and churches and 2) among the Christian churches of all denominations.

The Defining Difference

- Our love
- Our source of strength
- Our motives
- Our relationships
- Our methods
- Our objectives

Christian churches, unified and coordinated, are poised to be the perfect catalyst in changing how we address and answer the cries of our neighbors in need. The defining difference is not so much what we do, but how and why we do it.

Ultimately, developmental compassion restores dignity and grows positive behaviors. It is more difficult to administer, but it is necessary for breaking the cycle of poverty.

Why do churches need Love INC?

- Jesus gave us the Great Commandment to love one another. Love INC helps churches turn that love into action.
- Many people never find an appropriate place to serve within the church building. Love INC uses all the skills and talents a congregation has to offer to help their neighbors in need outside of their own congregations.
- Love INC provides long-term self-help solutions for those who are chronically in need or have multiple needs and prevents churches from building dependency in those they assist by discovering and solving problems at the root level.
- Love INC offers a unified witness of God's love to the community as Christian churches work together in the Name of Christ.

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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 (formerly
Woodlands)
 - **Faith Reformed**
 - **First Baptist**
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 - 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 a New Board Member

Diane O'Connor is passionate about unity in the Church, and is excited to see Christians working together to make a significant impact in South Wood County. Diane loves investing in leaders who add value to others, and she is pleased to serve on the Love INC Board of Directors. She looks forward to seeing relationships strengthened and thousands of lives transformed through Christ.



- To all those that have contributed and prayed for the Love INC ministry
- To Dave Mueller from First English for taking up a free-will offering for Love INC at an organ concert on August 20 and collecting \$412 for our work.
- To the dance team dancing for Love INC for Sunrise Rotary



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Dates to Remember

Friday, October 6th

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Christian Life Fellowship, Port Edwards, Doors Open at: 7:00 am
Start Time: 7:30 am -11:30 am
Register Below:

www.leadertoleader.network

Tuesday, October 17th

Meeting of the Ministries

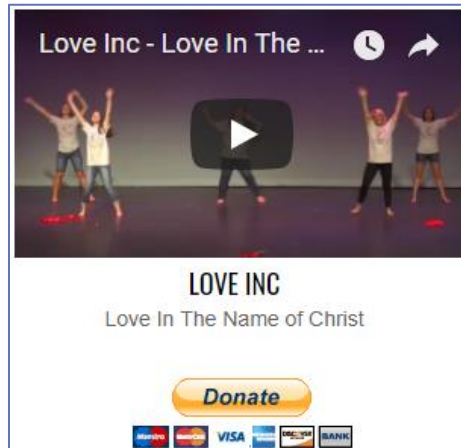
1:00-3:00 pm, location TBD

Friday, October 20th

Sunrise Rotary Dancing for a Cause

Fundraiser for Rotary and Love INC. Support Love INC by voting for the Dance Team now at:

www.dancingwithsunriserotary.com



Opportunity to Serve

Do you have a passion for Christ and our community? Interested in sharing your God given gifts and talents? Do you have a background in finance or accounting? We are looking for someone with those skills to help us. If you are interested in being a part of the exciting ministry of Love INC or want to learn more about these opportunities, please [click here to contact us](#).



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

Prayer:

Move in us, Holy Spirit, that we may with one heart and mouth glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Give us endurance and encourage us toward unity in the Body of Christ, Amen.