



MISSION RAPIDS

Crossview Church, one of our 15 partner churches, hosted a free community event on Friday, June 14th featuring four ministries; Immanuel Lutheran School, Three Bridges Recovery, Hannah House, and Love INC. We provided brats and hot dogs thanks to a Thrivent Action Team project, Pete's Meat Market, and our expert griller Herb Kronholm (see below). We served over 300 people even with the event being moved inside due to wind and rain. It was a great event with lots of fun and fellowship. Thank you to Crossview for the opportunity to participate!



July 2019



(Names have been changed)

Prayer is a crucial component in helping those in need. At the end of each conversation, volunteers have a chance to pray with our clients on the phone. At Love INC we have seen the power of prayer at work in our daily serving of those in need.

We received a call from Deloris who is legally blind in one eye. She was unable to take care of the mowing and snow removal in her current apartment. She was approved for Section 8 new housing but needed financial assistance with the security deposit. She had saved money for the first month's rent. With the money she saved and the financial assistance she received from the Wisconsin Rapids Housing Authority, she was able to move into a new apartment.

Deloris contacted Love INC and left us a voice message. She thanked Love INC for putting in the effort to help her but she no longer needed financial assistance with the security deposit. She also asked us to give her a call and say a prayer with her because "God is good". GOD BLESS EVERYONE AT LOVE INC AND ALL THE CHURCHES. AMEN."

Deloris is correct: God is good...God is good all the time! What a great reminder.

MAY DATA

For the month of May, the Connection Center received 103 calls with 28 new requests for assistance. There were a total of 11 referrals back to our partner churches helping to mobilize the "people in the pews"!

The top needs were:

- Financial Assistance – 15
- Service Needs – 10
- Material Needs – 2
- Transportation – 1

LOVE INC 101

Would you like to learn more about Love INC of South Wood County? Please consider attending a **one-hour** informational session which includes a **building tour**.

Sessions are held the **third Thursday of each month** at the Love INC building, 710 20th Avenue South in Wisconsin Rapids. For your convenience, we have sessions scheduled for both **Noon and 6:00pm**. Coming sessions are;

- **Thursday, July 18th**
- **Thursday, August 15th**

If one of these months doesn't work for you, plan to come to another session in the coming months.

MEET OUR NEW BOARD MEMBER



Penny Antell is our newest board member. She is the principal of Mead Elementary Charter School and attends Crossview, a partner church. They have a home here and in Tomahawk where they spend a lot of time and attend Northwoods Vineyard Church. She is also planning to use her gifts and talents on the Love INC Personnel Committee.



DONATION OPTIONS

Donorbox is our new giving platform that utilizes both Stripe and PayPal for the donation processing. We have heard from donors who desire more options to give; specifically sustained giving options (monthly, etc.) Based on some input from fundraising experts we have set up an account. This will allow ACH (Automatic Clearing House – direct bank transfers) from any financial institution. Click on the link below to explore these new options!

[Donorbox Giving Options](#)

DONOR APPEAL

We celebrate a number of new donors from our mid-year donor appeal. There is still time and opportunity to contribute and help us meet our goal of \$30,000 which would help support our operations. We also celebrate the success from our business outreach efforts including the May business dinner. This has resulted in \$10,000 in contributions which will support Connection Center operations for approximately four months. You can provide support via the DonorBox link (below left) which allows a number of donation options including monthly sustaining contributions which are incredibly important for budgeting.



AMBASSADORS

How do we nurture relationships with our fifteen partner churches? Through our Love INC Ambassador representatives. Each partner church has named one or more ambassadors to be a central conduit for information, engagement, and response to community needs. Their responsibilities include to ensure their Church members know they are the Love INC Ambassador, stay informed of Love INC happenings by reading updates and monthly newsletters, attending meetings, participating in events, and engage in trainings, and share Love INC Volunteer opportunities, upcoming events, and announcements encouraging their Church members to volunteer. Stay in communication with Love INC Volunteers from your Church.

The first Ambassador meeting was June 7th. Items addressed included the concepts of “Redemptive Compassion”, the Love INC model, and prayer.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Thursday, July 18th, Partner Church Breakfast, 7:30-9:30am

August 14-17th, Love INC National Gathering in Chaska, Minnesota

Tuesday, August 20th, Ambassador Breakfast, 7:30-9:30am

Tuesday, September 17th, Love INC Partner Church Breakfast, 7:30-9:30am

Prayer

“For He will deliver the needy who cry out, the afflicted who have no one to help. He will take pity on the weak and the needy and save the needy from death.”

– Psalm 72:12-13

Lord, there are so many people around us who are hurting physically, financially, emotionally, and spiritually. Thank you for the privilege of serving You through serving them. Move our hearts with the same kind of compassion that You have shown each of us. In Your holy and blessed name we pray.
Amen.

Partner Churches

Bethlehem Lutheran
Christian Life Fellowship
Crossview
Faith Reformed
First Baptist
Grace Lutheran
Highland
Immanuel Lutheran
Lakes Area Christian Fellowship
Light of Christ
Port Edwards United Methodist
Saint Lawrence Catholic
St. Luke’s Lutheran
Wisc. Rapids United Methodist
Victory Christian Church