



LOVE IN THE NAME OF CHRIST OF SOUTH WOOD COUNTY



OCTOBER 2020

HELPING CHURCHES HELP PEOPLE



St. Luke's Lutheran Church has been

designated as a site to host Powerful Tools for Caregivers by the Wisconsin Institute for Healthy Aging. This class gives you the skills to take care of yourself while caring for someone else. This 6-week course will be hosted at St. Luke's starting on October 15, 2020, 10:00 - 11:30 am COVID pre-cautions including social distancing and cleaning will be followed. Space is limited; please call the church office to reserve your spot or with any questions at (715) 423-5990. The cost is \$20.00 if you want to buy the class book. For additional information on this class, please follow this [link](#).

Event Information

Wednesday, October 14
Love INC National hosts:
Together, a Virtual Gathering
of the Love INC Movement
from noon - 2:30 pm

Thursday, October 15
Love INC
Informational Sessions
at noon & 6 pm

Tuesday, October 20
Ambassador's Breakfast
7:30 - 9:30 am

If you are interested in attending the first 2 events listed, please contact Wendy at 715-424-LOVE (5683) or volunteer@loveincswc.org.

Volunteer Recognition Success Story



On August 25, 2020, we spent the day appreciating our Love INC of South Wood County Volunteers! Even though we had to hold this event "COVID-19 style", we still had a wonderful time sharing fellowship with over 50 of our volunteers and friends in Christ. We enjoyed a wonderful home-cooked meal and desserts prepared by our staff and board members. The relaxed open-house nature of this event allowed staff

and board members the opportunity to walk around chatting with our volunteers and thanking them personally for their loving and dedicated service to our clients.

Our event theme was "Chalk It Up to Our Volunteers", and in that spirit youth groups from Christian Life Fellowship and St. Luke's churches came out to decorate our sidewalks and parking lot with colorful chalk-art, only to have a surprise downpour erase all their hard work! Fortunately, our Client Care Coordinator, Tricia, had walked around and snapped some photos minutes before the rain started!



At the end of the day, volunteers who served over ten

hours in the past year were given a t-shirt as an expression of our thanks. We are sincerely grateful for all the ways our volunteers have helped Love INC, our clients, and our community; even throughout a pandemic! It was a privilege for us to take this time to honor them for their selfless service.

A VOLUNTEER LOVE STORY

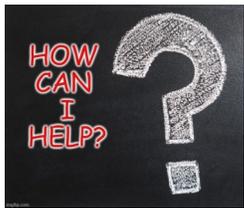
By Steve and Jeanne Grant



It was recently our 36th wedding anniversary, so Jeanne and I have had lots of adventure opportunities. We love to travel, bike together, and so many more hobbies that they're hard to list them all. We've grown together in our faith as well. Jeanne and I have been members of Grace Lutheran for 30+ years and this has allowed us many opportunities to volunteer, sometimes together, other times on our own. We've volunteered at SWEPS together, been on a cooking team to stock the freezer for emergencies, and co-chaired committees.

As for a memorable client interaction for me, it would be meeting "Billy", giving him rides to Sand Valley, and learning his history as a caddie on the PGA and LPGA tours. Because I'm a golfer, Billy and I had a lot in common and we're looking forward to having him over for dinner before he leaves for California.

One of God's purposes for us in our lives is to take opportunities as they come along to help people in need. We're grateful to Love INC that it has allowed us to live out our faith more fully in Wisconsin Rapids. A big plus is meeting and making connections with people that we would normally never have come to know. Without the volunteer opportunities that Love INC has provided, we would be missing out on a deeper connection with God and with the people we've met.



Current Volunteer Opportunities

We currently have the following volunteer opportunities available and we will continue to add to this list as needs arise.



We are in need of drivers for clients. Right now we have a client who is asking for an occasional lift to SWEPS and Walmart.



We are also in need of someone who would be willing to interview and take pictures or short video clips of individuals as needed. In most instances, these photos/videos would be used on social media or in our newsletter when highlighting volunteers. No experience is needed other than the ability to use your cell phone camera. We can be flexible with your schedule and provide you a list of questions to ask volunteers!

If either of these opportunities interest you, please email our Volunteer Coordinator, Wendy, at volunteer@loveincswc.org or call 715-424-LOVE (5683).

"The Lord is gracious and righteous; our God is full of compassion." – Psalm 116:5



Prayer: O Lord, may those in our community who are hurting and without hope experience Your love and compassion through the Body of Christ. Amen



Household Items Ministry



We are developing a ministry to acquire, evaluate, inventory, and deliver limited household items for clients in need. We have been gifted limited storage space to start this ministry, and we are designing a process to efficiently function as a ministry.

Paul Jeltema (Christian Life Fellowship) is serving as the Household Items Ministry Leader, and his wife Sandy will head up the Inventory Team. Shirley Wussow (St Luke's Lutheran) is heading up the Assessment Team which will meet with clients to make a plan, assuring items are appropriate and will fit the space. Jim Chase (Grace Lutheran) previously served on the Love INC Moving team, and will now oversee the Household Items Moving Team that schedules, picks up, and delivers items—both to storage and to clients.

We hope to be functioning by early October. This is an identified community service gap, and our goal is to establish our first limited inventory of household items. We will accept beds, new or very gently used mattresses, smaller upright dressers, small couches or loveseats, comfortable chairs, small kitchen tables and chairs, and basic kitchen items (pots, pans, utensils, dishes, silverware). At this time we cannot take anything else. Our clients have value and we want the items donated to be clean, very good quality, and in good repair. If you are interested in donating an item, or serving on the Inventory, Assessment, or Moving Team, please contact Wendy for additional information at volunteer@loveincswc.org.

If you have not volunteered at LOVE INC before, but are interested, please contact our Volunteer Coordinator, Wendy, at 715-424-LOVE (5683) or email her at volunteer@loveincswc.org. For more information on volunteering at Love INC of SWC, please visit our [website](#).