



South
Wood
County

MOBILIZING LOCAL CHURCHES TO
TRANSFORM LIVES AND COMMUNITIES
IN THE NAME OF CHRIST



2023
IMPACT REPORT

OUR MISSION

Mobilizing local churches to transform lives and communities In the Name of Christ.

OUR VISION

Bringing Hope to our world by connecting people to the Body of Christ every day!



2023 PARTNER CHURCHES

- Baker Street Wesleyan
- Bethlehem Lutheran
- Christian Life Fellowship
- Church at Wazeecha
- Crossroads
- Crossview
- Faith Reformed
- First Baptist
- Grace Lutheran
- Immanuel Lutheran
- Lakes Area Christian Fellowship
- Light of Christ
- Port Edwards United Methodist
- River Cities Christian Church
- St. Luke's Evangelical Lutheran
- Saint Lawrence Catholic
- StoneBridge Bible Church
- The Journey
- Wisconsin Rapids United Methodist
- Woodland Lutheran



OUR TEAM



Pastor Eric Hambrock
Executive Director



Dawn Liebherr
Office Ministry Assistant



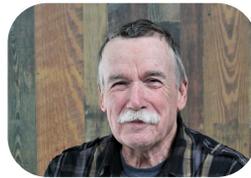
Janet Giese
Client Care Co-Coordinator



Deb Skerven
Client Care Co-Coordinator



Jean Sorenson
President



Pastor Chuck Bradbury
Vice President/Treasurer



Sue Siewert
Secretary



Nicole Stachurski
Board Member



Pastor Eric Wenger
Board Member



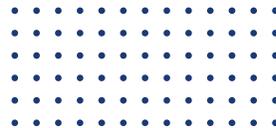
Rick Merdan
Advisory Member



Tom Brey
Advisory Member



JR Siewert
Advisory Member



SPECIAL THANKS

to other 2023 ministry team members:

Staff: *Larry Daughenbaugh, Maribeth Crawford, Jodi Lubeck, Jan Fisher, and Robin Ireland*

Board of Directors: *Milt Van Natta*

CONNECTION CENTER

The foundation of our ministry is the Connection Center. Trained volunteer Intake Specialists receive requests for help on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays. Requests are screened for extent of need and legitimacy, and referred to appropriate local church ministries, church volunteers, or community agencies. Volunteers continue to follow-up to ensure the needs are met and to offer support.

2023 HIGHLIGHTS

- Total incoming calls - 1,889
- Number of people requesting help - 374
- Total number of requests - 436
- Number of needs met by partner churches, non-partner churches, community agencies, other resources, out of town resources - 434
- Families Benefitting - 229

Our Connection Center is staffed with trained volunteers on every Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 10am to 2pm. When calling Love INC at 715-424-LOVE (5683), if no one answers, please leave a message. Our volunteers will return your call in the order it was received.

FINANCIALS

Love INC files an IRS Form 990 annually and it is public record. If interested, please contact the IRS.



TESTIMONY by Ida Winker

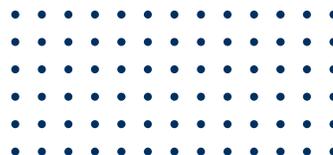
Love INC, as you may know, provides support for many people in need. I believe that praying for its clients, staff, partner churches, as well as individuals who request prayers is its most important ministry. Prayer is the very foundation and focus for everything.

Until recently, I was part of a prayer team that meets at Love INC on Monday mornings. But in December, due to a then unknown illness, I was unable to participate, but continued to pray from home. I knew that prayer warriors were praying for a diagnosis for my rapidly declining health. At the end of January, thanks to the care given at Mayo clinic, I was diagnosed with Acute Myeloid Leukemia. Finally, I had an answer. I continued to be a recipient of the prayers from the prayer team and staff at Love INC. I am so thankful for them, and for the many people “standing in the gap” to pray for me.

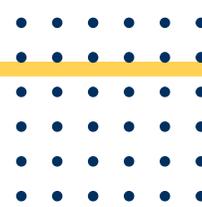
There are many challenges ahead. My prognosis is not good. The only chance for cure is a bone marrow transplant. I can feel the prayers of many who are praying for wisdom as I make health care decisions. I know that God will provide a perfect peace as we move ahead in this unexpected challenge.

A friend shared her personal experience with cancer early on in my illness, and it has helped me so very much. Maybe it will help you too. She said that as a Christian, she perceived her diagnosis as a “win-win” situation. It sounds strange, at first, right? How can a terminal illness possibly be regarded in this way? But I have embraced this perspective and do believe it’s true.

Should I survive this illness and experience healing, it’s a win. This is what I pray for. But, if I do not, that too, is a win. Heaven is a real place, and I know it is my final destination. It is the biggest win of all! It is well with my soul, and I am not afraid. God is good, all the time.



SERVING OTHERS



Love INC volunteers are the backbone of our operations. With 177 active volunteers, Love INC stands as a testament to the power of collective service, and compassion. Yet, this number only scratches the surface of the vast network of individuals whose contributions go beyond the visible by providing assistance, prayers, and support to families engaged in various ministries, including our ongoing Life Skills classes, and Love it Again Thrift Store.

Among our Love INC volunteers, age and physical ability are vast and wide. Each volunteer brings something unique and special to our cause. Your age or physical ability is no barrier to making a difference, as is evidenced by Ida's story on the previous page. Something as simple as being part of a prayer group and praying for others, brings rewards to our clients and our volunteers. Over and over again, we receive messages of "thank you for praying with me or for me" from our clients or friends of Love INC.

Ida Winker's story stands as a poignant example of the profound impact volunteering can have on both the recipient and the volunteer. Despite recent health challenges, Ida eagerly continues on with one of her volunteer roles at Love INC from her home. She is driven by a deep-seated desire to pray for others in their time of need, and finds a sense of fulfillment herself. Her words resonate deeply with us, "I believe that praying for its clients, staff, partner churches, as well as individuals who request prayers is its most important ministry. Prayer is the very foundation and focus for everything."

Ida, you inspire us all to embrace life with an open and serving heart, a faith that can move mountains, and a willingness to give back, even when going through your own challenges.

As Love INC continues to advocate the spirit of service and compassion, we would like to invite all who desire to join in the ministry of Love INC to contact us at 715.424.LOVE (5683.) We have many volunteer opportunities available in which you can make a difference in our community.



Our
Prayer
Warriors



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PASTOR
ERIC HAMBROCK

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Greetings in the name of our savior, Jesus Christ. This past year has been filled with landmarks and challenges. But, through it all God has been faithful to Love INC of South Wood County. Through His guidance and the opening and closing of doors, God has guided us through some very deep waters.

As I will be completing my first year as Executive Director, I am keenly aware that our current accomplishments are built upon the toils of the 2 previous Executive Directors.

If it were not for the labor of DaNita Carlson, Love INC of South Wood County would not be in existence today. It was her vision casting and laboring on that vision that brought Love INC into existence over 5 years. Larry Daughenbaugh's vision for the Love It Again store has given us a financial foundation. No longer are we teetering every month with the question, "Will we make it to next month?"

But, even with these foundation stones laid, Love INC of South Wood County can do nothing apart from those who give financially, those who volunteer their time, and churches that promote both. Thank you.

Because of what has been accomplished in 2023, (shown in previous pages) there will be more opportunities in 2024, and with more opportunities, comes the need for more volunteers and donations.

Pray the Love INC staff will be good stewards of the resources that God has entrusted us with. Pray for churches to establish needed ministries in our community that we can refer people to. Pray for volunteers to step forward and become workers for the Kingdom of God so the love of Jesus can be felt in this world. Pray for people to generously give so this can be accomplished. Lastly, pray and ask God which role He is calling you to.



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