

# Helping Churches Help People In South Wood County



LOVE IN THE NAME OF CHRIST

## The Blessing of Serving

by Pastor Eric Hambrock

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Matthew 22:37&39 state: "Jesus replied, 'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind...and the second is like it: Love your neighbor as yourself.'"

One way to love others is by serving. When we love our neighbors like Jesus loves us, we serve them. Not only are the ones we serve blessed, but we are as well.

Have you ever thought that loving your neighbor is equal to loving God? I can see how we would place more weight on loving God. He is greater! He is higher! He is sovereign! But Jesus is asking us to love others in the same way that we love Him. We can't really say we love Him if we don't love others. How do the people around us know we love God? "They will see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven." (Matthew 5:16) Loving and serving others is important to our Christian walk in faith. It is half of the greatest commandment. Are you reserving time to serve the people around you right here in Wisconsin Rapids? Love INC can give you opportunity to do that.

Current serving opportunities:

- Pick up furniture for delivery to the Love INC warehouse
- Block Party on Saturday, August 2nd from 2-6 pm (food/games/cleanup)
- Table leaders to lead discussion at New Hope Life Skills classes
- Fundraiser team to plan events
- People to help clients in their homes with various tasks

Each item listed above is an opportunity to love someone, so they can see Christ through your service of love. And so, it turns out the greatest commandment can be read this way: Love God with everything you have and lead others to do the same. Let me challenge you. Love others in such a way so they too, will love others and love God.

SAVE THE DATES

**BOOK SIGNING EVENT**  
FOR WISCONSIN RAPIDS RESIDENT  
AND FRIEND OF LOVE INC,  
**Jacalyn Bohman Race**  
Thursday, July 10 at 5:30 pm  
HELD AT: Love INC of SWC

See the next page for information!

**Praise & Worship** Coffee Break  
July 24  
4-6pm  
  
RCCC Originals

More Information to Follow Soon!

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August 2nd  
2PM TO 6PM  
@ LOVE INC OF SWC  
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## LOVE IT AGAIN

I first want to say 'thank you' for shopping with us at the Love it Again Thrift Store. Your support of Love it Again is making a big difference in our community through the vital work and mission of Love INC of South Wood County.

Our volunteers at the store are not only fun and amazing to work with, but committed in all that they do to make Love it Again so successful. We are currently in need of volunteers, and I ask you to consider volunteering with us. There are openings in the sorting area, at the cash register, or in the

warehouse. Should you have interest or any questions, please email Larry at [LarryLIAMgr@loveincswc.org](mailto:LarryLIAMgr@loveincswc.org). Thanks again and Blessings! ~ Larry Daughenbaugh, LIA Store Manager

## BACKPACK MINISTRY

Love INC is excited to be partnering with two churches to carry on the Backpack Ministry with people being released from the Wood County jail. The two churches will be splitting the duties so that the burden will not be so heavy on one group. The women's group from Immanuel Lutheran called "Evening Guild" will deliver the first set of backpacks to the Wood County jail. The Evening Guild will handle the inventory, the assembling, the delivery, and the storage of the items. There will be opportunities for the Love INC community to donate items and keep this valuable program going. We will introduce you to the other congregation that will be participating in the Backpack Ministry in a later newsletter. Thank you and God bless Immanuel Lutheran Church!



## BOOK SIGNING

### UP TO HIGHER GROUNDS



*A resilient story of faith, grieving with children, and finding God's love through trauma and loss.*

Jacalyn Race, from Wisconsin Rapids, was living a regular Wisconsin Rapids life. Then, one day, tragedy struck when Jacalyn's abusive ex entered the family bakery and took the life of her beloved husband, Chris. "Up To Higher Grounds" is the title of Jacalyn's book about faith, loss and redemption; how she and her children felt God's embrace through the time of their loss.

Love INC is honored to host a book signing event on Thursday, July 10th at 5:30 pm. At 6 pm, Jacalyn will briefly share her thoughts and then spend time signing books during the reception.

Coffee and treats from Jacalyn's bakery will be provided. Books can be purchased online at [Amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com) (recommended) or at the event. (Inventory is limited.) Graciously, Jacalyn has offered to donate \$5 per book to support Love INC. This is a unique event for the faith community of Wisconsin Rapids. We are excited to share this event with you!