

Love In the Name of Christ of South Wood County



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

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God Conscience

Thoughts from Mike Kleiber

I have a friend that has worked with birds of prey. As I drive with him, he will suddenly point out a hawk circling, or an eagle's nest or an ever vigilant eagle perched on a branch far away. As I thought about this, I had this idea: we see what we are looking for.

Have you even purchased a unique vehicle only to realize there are quite a few just like yours on the road? Or maybe you start watching a movie and you recognize a favorite actor, reassuring you that you'll enjoy the movie? Why is it that some days you look around on your drive to work and you notice the beauty of the changing seasons, but the next day all you see is the dirty bumper of the vehicle in your way?

And so it is with God. Everyday things, everyday scenes, even everyday people take on a new meaning when viewed from a God-centered perspective. When seen through the lens of a sinner saved by grace, all things become significant.

The very essence of life is elevated. I see God's majesty and power in nature and man because I'm looking for it. I see hearts changed supernaturally. It's more than rose-colored glasses or positive thinking. It's a spiritual revival.

You have two choices: to hang your head and acknowledge man's divisiveness and corruptness, or lift your head and countenance to see the world God created, unadulterated, unblemished and pure. One day all men will have to acknowledge His grace! Know that all are fearfully and wonderfully made.

Psalms 139:14



Are you struggling with your finances? Do you desire to learn how to get them under control? **Starting Monday, June 9th**, Love INC will be offering a class called "Personal Finance." This class will be taught by Beth McKinney, a professional educator in our community. The class's main themes will be how to handle money and get out of debt. Classes will be held on Mondays for 6 weeks, beginning June 9th (no class on July 7th.) Educational materials will be provided. Class time will start at 5:30 pm. Snacks will be provided. Child care can be provided if requested. Call Love INC to register for this class and learn how to get your finances under control. It can change your life!

Attending the TRUE CHARITY SUMMIT

It was an awesome privilege to represent Love INC of South Wood County and Love INC National at the True Charity Summit held in Huntsville, Alabama in early April. True Charity is a national 501(c)(3) Christian organization that provides literature and training to independent organizations.

Once a year, True Charity brings groups together for what they call a “Summit”. This is a time of training and sharing what is happening across the country with organizations that use the model of “Redemptive Compassion” or “True Charity,” which is a Biblical model for raising people out of poverty. Ten years ago, the Summit was held in Missouri, with a smaller gathering of 25 people. In 2025, the Summit was moved to Huntsville, Alabama because that was more centrally located to the 270 registered attendees. There were approximately 15 attendees and 2 vendors represented from Wisconsin. This is a like-minded organization to collaborate with, to learn from, and to help us further our mission in Wisconsin Rapids and the surrounding area.

The Summit challenged me to be more proactive in educating our community as to what Love INC does, pointing individuals and families to Jesus demonstrating Jesus’ love in word and in deed.



Easter Blessings

Thanks to the generosity of those who donated various items, there were 27 Easter baskets assembled to give away this year!

The volunteer group who coordinates this, desires to connect the Easter celebration of Jesus’ resurrection with care and kindness to our clients.

We hope the Easter baskets were a joy and blessing to those who received them.

“Thank you to each and every one of you who contributed to make Easter extra special. Thank you for helping us navigate this difficult time!” - Anonymous client