



Love INC  
Love In the Name of Christ

## Notes From The Neighborhood

March 2011

### From the director's desk:

**“The first duty of love is to listen.”** I was caught by that quote in February when I was able to attend a Barnabas Caregiving Program held at Trinity Lutheran Church in DeKalb. I opened the program booklet and notes and knew I would be enjoying the time by the quote that was on the first page. “The first duty of love is to listen.”

It struck me as that is basically the first thing that takes place at Love In the Name of Christ as the individual in need calls. The intake workers here at the Clearinghouse do more than just record information--they also listen to those who are calling. They are listening to hear what the needs are and to the situations that are surrounding them. As they listen, they are able to understand prayer needs and offer to pray with the caller. They are seeing people as God sees them: people made in his image that are in need of help. Through their listening, we are able to start to encourage those in our community. For some we are able to share hope.

We are in need of listeners here during the week. Are you willing to fill the need as an Intake Volunteer? This role does not require decision making, just recording of information and being a friend to the person on the other end of the line. To love through listening is something you may be able to do to help bring transformation to individuals and our communities. Our intake hours when you may be able to assist are Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to noon. If you can fill one of those shifts and have a heart to take part, please contact us.

-Nathan Scott, Executive Director

### Speaking Available...

Nathan would enjoy the opportunity of sharing the ministry with you in your Sunday School, church service, small group, home group, or special gathering. You can contact him by calling the office or emailing at [loveincdk@gmail.com](mailto:loveincdk@gmail.com). He is also available for speaking at your mission conference. He is a graduate of the Moody Bible Institute in Chicago and has served in various ministry roles before coming to Love In the Name of Christ as Executive Director.

### Love Story...

It is good to see individuals fill specific roles here at Love In the Name of Christ DeKalb/Sycamore. One of the roles we have been trying to fill is that of our Prayer Coordinator. Janet Miller from the Waterman Bible Church has agreed to fill that role.

Before Janet and her husband were called to serve at the Waterman Bible Church they were on the mission field in Canada for a number of years. We appreciate her commitment to fill this role and relay to our prayer supporters request on a regular basis.

If you would like to be part of our prayer team, and receive requests for clients, the ministries, and our churches, please send us an email at [loveincdk@gmail.com](mailto:loveincdk@gmail.com) with the word “prayer” in it and we will add you to the list. Thank you for partnering with us in this way.

**“Our mission is to mobilize the churches of DeKalb/Sycamore to transform lives and our communities In the Name of Christ”**

## Needs

Specific items mentioned below will be given to the church that oversees that specific ministry in working with those in need.

- Gas vouchers
- Diapers
- Intake Volunteers for one shift a week (9:00-noon). Thursday and Fridays are the most needed.
- Moving Teams (a family, small group, youth group and/or college group ministry)
- Financial gifts for Love In the Name of Christ DeKalb/Sycamore
- Lamps
- Refreshments for our Annual Meeting

## Spring Cleaning...

It is that time of the year when many clean out their basements or storage areas, and some replace things in their home. If you have things you would like to get rid of, please remember Love In the Name of Christ. We will find a home in need for your unwanted or unused items.

If you would like to donate your items, please call the Clearinghouse to arrange a pick up or drop off time. After receiving your donation, a tax letter is mailed to you for your item(s).

## Have you visited?

Do you “like” Love INC of DeKalb/Sycamore on Facebook? Have you visited our website recently ([www.loveincdeksyc.org](http://www.loveincdeksyc.org))? You can find our updated prayer calendar, needs, and happenings along with information on the ministry here. Special thanks to Debra Burgin from First Lutheran for her time in managing our website.

## Thank you...

- **Wayne Joslin** for faithfully coordinating the Furniture and Moving ministries.
- **Hearts of Gold** for thinking of us and sponsoring us in February with your financial contribution to Love In the Name of Christ. Your generous gift will have many benefits as we work with those in need.
- **Pastor Roy Nelson** of First Lutheran Church in DeKalb. You will be missed by Love In the Name of Christ and many others. He was part of the development team and led by encouraging people to engage with partnership ministries. He has accepted a ministry position in Wisconsin. Thank you for helping Love INC help churches help others. You have been a blessing to the ministry and our communities!

## Upcoming Events

- **March 21: Intake Training**. If you would like to take part in this part of the ministry and can spend three hours one morning a week, please RSVP for this training session and start making a difference in our communities.
- **March 24: Annual Meeting** at The Church in DeKalb at 7 p.m. It is located at 122 S. First St. Come hear what has happened, what we will be doing, and come approve and meet our new board of directors.
- **May 1: Annual Banquet** at St. Mary's Memorial Hall in Sycamore. (RSVP required)



“In the same way let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in Heaven.” Matthew 5:16