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THE CONNECTION

Love INC Mecosta County's Monthly Newsletter

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The Wait Is Over.
The Work Begins.

In Luke 2, there is a story that often gets overlooked in the traditional readings around Christmastime. However, considering where God has brought Love INC Mecosta County, it is a fitting story to reflect on during this season.

In Luke 2:25–35, Luke shares the story of Simeon, a righteous and devout man who had been promised by the Holy Spirit that he would not die until he had seen the Lord's Messiah. Although Scripture does not tell us how long Simeon had been waiting, he faithfully anticipated the fulfillment of God's promise.

Beginning in verse 27, Scripture states:

"That day the Spirit led him to the Temple. So when Mary and Joseph came to present the baby Jesus to the Lord as the law required, Simeon was there. He took the child in his arms and praised God, saying, 'Sovereign Lord, now let your servant die in peace, as you have promised. I have seen your salvation, which you have prepared for all people. He is a light to reveal God to the nations, and he is the glory of your people Israel!'" — Luke 2:27–32 (NLT)

On that day, Simeon's wait was over. God had been faithful to His promise. Jesus had come, but His arrival was not the end of the story. It was the beginning of something much greater.

As 2026 comes to a close, Love INC Mecosta County is approaching the end of its own season of waiting. God has blessed the ministry with faithful donors, dedicated volunteers, and committed church partners who have helped make this moment possible.

On January 4, 2027, the wait will be over!

While this milestone is worth celebrating, opening the doors was never the ultimate goal. The mission is to mobilize the local church to transform lives and communities In the Name of Christ. The opening marks a new chapter in training volunteers, strengthening community relationships, and walking alongside neighbors toward lasting transformation.

Now comes the challenge: What role is God calling each individual and church to play? Whether through volunteering, giving, praying, or encouraging others to get involved, everyone has an opportunity to participate in what God is doing throughout Mecosta County.

The season of waiting has prepared the community for a season of serving. Now is the time to put prayers into practice, faith into action, and the love of Christ on display throughout the community.

The wait is over. The work begins.

Are you ready to take a leap?

As we wrap up 2026, we are busy celebrating our Savior's birth with friends and family. Over the next few weeks we eat a lot, laugh a lot and sleep a little. Then when January arrives, and many will take a leap towards a New Years resolution.

Taking leaps can be scary. Sometimes, we don't know where we will land, but when we step out in faith, God can use our actions to make a lasting difference.

Would you consider taking that leap before January by prayerfully making a year-end donation to Love INC Mecosta County?

We have raised $3,000 of our $10,000 goal. With your generosity, we can reach that goal and help support the launch of our ministry in January.

So...are you ready to take a leap?

Prayer Requests

- Pray for the final remodeling to be complete and the volunteers using their gifts to complete it.
- Pray that the Love INC Movement continues to spread into the local churches .
- Pray that our church congregation members are able to use their skills in new Gap Ministries.
- Pray for the final financial needs to be met for a great launch into 2027!

Upcoming Events

December 1st - Mecosta County Giving Day
December 31st - Last giving day for 2026
January 15th - Love INC Trivia Night
April 26th - Amplify Hope...Turning up the volume on Love INC- More information to come!

Needs

If you can assist with any of these, please reach out at (231)390-5412 or info@loveincmecosta.org

- 3 Individuals who are willing to commit to cleaning the Love INC building one week a month
- ~~Individuals who have the skill of painting for future projects in the Love INC office~~ THANK YOU!
- ~~10 New or like new sitting chairs that can be used for our Mentoring Rooms and lobby area~~ THANK YOU!!!
- 2 Smaller tables (2x5 or 2x6)ish for our Meeting Rooms, they can be retangular or oval
- 1 Coffee Table for sitting area

Connecting the Dots with John

Hello, Love INC Family!

Merry Christmas! One of my favorite things to do in the morning during Christmastime is to brew a cup of coffee, turn on the Christmas tree lights, and just sit. What a peaceful moment it is to sit in silence and reflect on the reason for the season. It reminds me of Luke 2:19, which says, "But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart."

Like many of you, I look at my calendar and see how quickly things are piling up between parties, my kids' concerts, and everything in between. I think that is why, the older I get, the more I enjoy that quiet cup of coffee on a Saturday morning.

Over the next four weeks, I pray that each of you finds time to sit in your favorite spot at home with a cup of coffee, tea, or cocoa and simply reflect. Enjoy the calm before the crazy. Take time to treasure the moments, ponder them in your heart, and reflect on the real reason for the season.

Most importantly, take the opportunity to share with others about the greatest gift ever given on Christmas Day... Jesus Christ.



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