



Monthly Newsletter



July 2025



A CRC SERVE TEAM HELPED WITH HOUSE PAINTING

Here's what has happened in the last month and what's to come!

Summer at Love INC has been filled with moments of celebration, connection, and Kingdom impact!

We're excited to share that Peace Lutheran Church will soon be home to a new Belgrade Personal Care Closet, opening with the support of Light of Christ Fellowship, Belgrade Seventh-day Adventist, and Belgrade United Reformed Church. On July 9th, pastors and volunteers gathered for the first time to pray, plan, and dream together about meeting tangible needs in the Belgrade community, and we look forward to sharing more details in next month's newsletter.

July also brought a successful 50/50 Raffle at the Valley View Rodeo, raising \$615 to further the mission of meeting needs and sharing Christ's love across Gallatin County.

We were once again blessed by the faithful service of Bethel CRC and Manhattan CRC, who hosted high school mission teams from across the country. These students worked tirelessly through Love INC to complete landscaping projects, run donation drives at Walmart, prep and paint two trailer homes, clear overgrown yards, and assist a neighbor with packing and moving. These practical acts of love truly transform lives.

Our staff has also continued to build stronger partnerships, meeting with ZoeCare and Bienvenidos to better understand and connect community resources. We're excited to continue meeting representatives from even more organizations and agencies in the coming months too.

Finally, a huge thank-you to Connect Church for graciously hosting our 2025 Volunteer Appreciation BBQ! We are continually in awe of the hundreds of volunteers whose time and talents make the work of Love INC possible.

As we reflect on all God is doing, we're reminded of 1 Peter 4:10: *"Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms."*

Thank you for serving alongside us as we extend Christ's love in word and action throughout Gallatin County.

Blessings,

Love INC Team

Upcoming Events

www.loveincgc.org/events2/

4x4x48 Challenge

August 21
<https://tinyurl.com/thechallengemt>

Pickleball Tournament

August 23
Hope Lutheran Church

Current Volunteer Needs

www.loveincgc.org/volunteer/

Connection Center

Bilingual Volunteers (English & Spanish)

Clothes Closet

Prayers & Praises

- A woman wants prayers for her brother who's struggling with addiction and instability since their mothers' passing when he was young.
- A woman who is not in stable housing is having a hard time finding a job so that she can afford a place to live.
- A young boy has Osteogenesis Imperfecta and has related hardships.
- A man was finally diagnosed with the cause of his leg pain, and it's been responding well to medication.
- A woman had a stroke and was able to receive medication in time to avoid permanent paralysis! She's now waiting on surgery to repair a pinhole hole in her heart.
- A woman needing to pay for car repairs came into unexpected money and had enough to pay for the repairs, and had a little extra left over!

Ministry Highlights



BELGRADE PCC VOLUNTEERS

Connection Center

In July, the Connection Center remained a lifeline for neighbors seeking hope, prayer, and practical support. Volunteers and staff answered 588 calls, walking alongside neighbors through 738 closed cases, with 213 cases still in progress as volunteers continue to provide guidance and care. Every conversation is an opportunity to reflect Christ's love, offering not only resources but also encouragement and the assurance that no one walks alone.

Personal Care & Linens

The Personal Care & Linen Closet at Peace of Christ Church continues to be a place where practical help meets Christ-centered compassion. In July, volunteers served neighbors through 21 appointments and brought hope directly to doorsteps with 58 deliveries for those unable to come in. Each towel, blanket, and bar of soap is a reminder that our community cares. Plans are well underway to reopen a Belgrade location this fall, expanding access for even more families in need.

Ministry Needs

- Lotion
- Razors
- Tissues
- Laundry Detergent
- Towel Sets
- Queen Sheets
- Frying Pans & Skillets
- Boys 2T-5T Summer Clothing
- Summer Shoes
- Maternity Clothes
- PACKAGED Adult Underwear
- Kitchen Tables & Chairs
- Sofas / Couches
- Dressers

Clothes Closet

The Clothes Closet continued to meet practical needs with dignity and care throughout the month, serving 520 adults and 401 children through scheduled appointments. 37 volunteers faithfully greeted shoppers, assisted them in finding clothing that fit their needs, and created a welcoming environment. Each interaction goes beyond clothing, it's a moment to share Christ's love, restore dignity, and remind our neighbors that they are deeply valued.

Change Your Life Classes

Change Your Life (CYL) Classes continued this summer with the 3-session Faith & Finances course, with 5 participants actively engaging in biblical principles of money management. The final session will wrap up in August, and planning is already underway for the fall semester, which will include Trauma Reboot, and run for 12 weeks beginning in August. This course provides a supportive environment for growth, community, and lasting transformation. If you're interested in serving or participating, contact changeyourlife@loveincgc.org.

Furniture

In July, the Furniture Ministry continued turning empty spaces into welcoming homes by delivering 31 furniture items to neighbors in need. Volunteer teams from St Anthony the Great, The Bridge at Belgrade, and Journey Church worked together to move beds, tables, and dressers, meeting practical needs with the love of Christ. Each delivery not only provides comfort and stability but also reminds families that they are seen, cared for, and supported by their community.

Vehicles

Reliable transportation can mean the difference between isolation and opportunity. In July, volunteer mechanics at the monthly Car Clinic worked on 5 vehicles, helping neighbors get to work, school, and appointments safely. Behind the scenes, we're looking for more vehicle assessors: volunteers who can check client cars before Car Clinic and inspect donated vehicles to ensure they're ready for gifting. These quiet but crucial roles make it possible for every repaired or donated car to become a tangible answer to prayer for a family in need.