



Livingston County RTL - Lifeline Summer 2024

From the Director: Kathy Ogorek

Summer is upon us. If we're blessed with health and loved ones, this "season" is quickly filled with travel, outdoor gatherings, and time enjoying family and friends. Still, the work of defending life continues, even in our busiest seasons!

As a non-profit organization, Right to Life - Livingston County relies on faithful volunteers in our ongoing efforts to defend all stages of life, from conception to natural death. Webster defines "volunteer" as a person who voluntarily expresses a willingness to undertake a service stressing an awareness of an end to be achieved. Our local affiliate is served by such people - from our Board of Directors, to the office volunteers and many others out in the churches and community.

One such volunteer is Eliisa Seigle, our new Church Representative Coordinator. Under her direction, the Spring Pastor / Church Rep meeting was held at St. Patrick's Church. Beautiful geraniums (from Meier Flowerland) served as center pieces and door prizes. The main door prize included a ticket to the Focus on Life Dinner in October as well as other gifts. It was won by Julie Snurka from St. Augustine's Respect Life group. The Respect Life Ministry from St. Pat's provided us a wonderful array of delicious food!

Pastor Ken Stevens did a great presentation that was inspiring as well as entertaining. He showed us how we can learn "Lessons in Cooperation, Teamwork and Synergy" by observing the flight of geese. The overall lesson - with the spirit of teamwork, regardless of our differences, we can meet the challenges and reach our goal much more efficiently.

If you would like to represent your church in the pro-life movement, please contact Eliisa at eliisaseigle@gmail.com.

At our Annual General Membership we welcomed Wendy Taylor and Jerry Weyand as new members of our Board of Directors. We are delighted to have them as part of our Board! We are grateful to John Kerr and Denise Thorton who have stepped down

from the board but are still active office volunteers - joining Sandy Bennett, Charlene Dibble and Rick Snurka.

Our Board meetings are generally the 3rd Tuesday of the month at our office. If you'd like to attend, please call or send an email to RTLLC@SBCglobal.net.

We would be remiss in not mentioning the other "behind-the-scenes" volunteers who help in the fight for life. As the Focus on Life (FOL) Dinner is quickly approaching, we couldn't have accomplished the successes over the years without the leadership of our FOL Chairs, Cary & Barry Davis. We are in the busy summer/fall season where organizing our largest fundraising event is in full swing. This is an area where extra hands are **always** welcome. Let us know if you can help in any way.

Special thanks to Karen Jewell, our new "Editor-in-chief" of Lifeline. We extend our appreciation to the 7th Day Adventist Church in Brighton for allowing us to use their facility to distribute the beautiful Mothers Day carnations, which we got from The Four Seasons Florist on Grand River in Brighton.

We are also called to great work on behalf of the voiceless! Prayerfully consider volunteering in the office, promoting the Precious Baby Contest, helping a pro-life candidate, and daily prayer. Call the office or email us to get started!

The goal of defending life takes a lot of time and energy. Without the support of those who step up to the call to assist in the fight, nothing would happen to share the message with our community. As Pastor Ken Stevens said at our meeting, "Life will be easier and more fulfilling when we share our concerns with one another through action."



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Right to Life-Livingston County, Inc. Mission Statement

Right to Life-Livingston County, Inc. is a nonpartisan, nonsectarian, nonprofit organization of diverse and caring people united to protect the precious gift of human life from fertilization to natural death.

We strive to achieve the passage and ratification of a Human Life Amendment, to educate people on identified Right to Life issues, to motivate them to action, to encourage community support for and participation in programs and legislation that foster respect and protection for human life.

We work on behalf of defenseless and vulnerable human beings, born and unborn, within our identified issues of abortion, infanticide, euthanasia and assisted suicide.

2024 - 2025 Board of Directors

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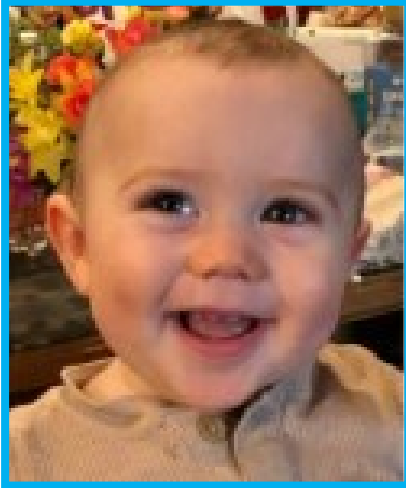
Wendy Taylor

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**What a GIFT
you are in
this Battle for
Life!**

Precious Baby Contest 2024

June 2 - Sept. 29th



Sponsored by
Right to Life
Livingston County
 The Three babies with the
MOST VOTES WIN!!!
 Vote as often as you'd like!
\$1.00 per vote

Great Prizes!
 Entrants must be 2 years or younger!

ENTRIES and VOTES can be mailed to the address below and must be received by Sept. 30
 Winners will be notified by phone before October 4th
 And will be announced at the Focus on Life Dinner Oct. 8th

*The sooner your photo is entered, the sooner it will be posted on the website collecting votes!

PLEASE PRINT NEATLY!

Baby's Name: _____ Gender: ___ Date of Birth: _____ Phone: _____
 Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Rules: Photo should be 5x7 or smaller

By entering this contest, I give permission for this photo to be used at fundraisers, media & electronic media (including internet web page and email communications) as well as community events for Right to Life - Livingston County. I also agree that Right to Life - Livingston County may use the photo for press releases announcing the winner, and in subsequent newsletters, media & electronic releases. Right to Life - Livingston County is not responsible for loss or damage of photo.

Parent/Guardian Name: _____ Signature: _____ Date: _____

Questions: Call 810.227.5788 or
 Email: RTLLC@sbcglobal.net

Send completed entry form along with photo to:
 Right to Life - Livingston County
 PO Box 934
 Brighton, MI 48116

**Voting may also be done on our website:
 PayPal (using credit card) at
 RighttoLifeLivingston.org/Events**

**I want to purchase votes now!
 Enclosed is a check for:**

\$ _____ # of votes (\$1 each)
 Total donation amt.

Make checks payable to:
Right to Life - Livingston County

The Importance of Primary Elections

by: Karen Jewell

Have you ever looked at a ballot in November, disappointed in the candidates presented? It could be the “fault” of the Primary Election. The primary is where all the candidates for a “position” within a party square off for the “winner” to represent that party, the party platform and the people of the region. The winner of the primary runs against the other party’s candidate in the November “general” election.

If your “preferred candidate” doesn’t win in the primary, he or she will not be on the November ballot.

It’s that simple. And that hard.

You see, “the parties” don’t financially support a candidate until the general election - UNLESS that candidate has no challengers within the party OR the candidate is an incumbent. It’s financially tough for a new candidate to get in the race because of all the funding needed, and lots of volunteers!

A candidate can work really hard days, evenings and weekends, and not make it onto the November ballot if he / she doesn’t win the primary election. In August - when far fewer people vote. Meaning fewer “voices” are represented on the November General Election Ballot. **Absentee ballots are set to go out the week of June 24th!** Be sure to **VOTE in the primary** for the candidate you want to vote for in the November General Election!

As you research candidates’ positions, please consider **Right to Life of Michigan PACs policy on Incumbency**: *The RLM - PAC believes that a previously endorsed prolife incumbent running for re-election to the same seat - who has consistently stood up for the unborn despite possible retribution - deserves the unwavering support of the RLM-PAC, regardless of the opponent. Therefore, the RLM-PAC will endorse the previously endorsed prolife incumbent running for re-election, providing that incumbent has maintained an acceptable prolife voting record since their last election and successfully completed a current questionnaire.*

If *all candidates* for a seat qualify for RLM-PAC endorsement in the primary race, RLM-PAC will not make an endorsement. **However**, if one of the candidates is an incumbent, the incumbent receives the *endorsement.

For more information about RLM-PAC endorsement, visit: rtl.org/get-involved/elections/what-are-the-rlm-pac-endorsement-criteria/ For a personalized ballot, visit rtl.org/get-involved/elections/.
Your vote counts, now more than ever!



PASTOR'S CORNER
Pastor Bob Storey
Place of Refuge Church
Fowlerville, MI

To My Dear Friends in the Pro-Life Battle:

Let me start by thanking all of you for your years of hard work! I consider all of you "champions", in the Pro - life movement. I'd like to encourage you by using the precious words of God.

In Galatians 6:9, it reads: "Let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap if we faint not."

The word weary, here in this verse, means: "to be utterly spiritless, to be wearied out and exhausted," to name a few. The key element in scripture is to apply it correctly. I want to clarify here, my friends, that you are not "utterly spiritless" by no stretch! However, can we be wearied or exhausted at times? I believe we can. I know ministry, in any capacity, can be difficult and very taxing to say the least.

There is a story in 1 Samuel 30:1-20, where David and his men were coming back to Ziklag to find that the Amalekites had invaded and burned it with fire. Along with that they took their wives, and sons and daughters away. Verse 4 describes how they felt: "Then David and the people that were with him lifted up their voice and wept until they had no more power to weep." Afterwards, in verse 6, the word describes what David did through this terrible event: "David was greatly distressed, for the people spoke of stoning him because the soul of all the people was grieved, every man for his sons and daughters: but David encouraged himself in the Lord his God."

Here are a few words in Hebrew that describe the word "encourage" in this verse:

1. Be courageous
2. To strengthen
3. Make Firm
4. To withstand

This, my friends, is what we need to do today. There will be times when we feel greatly distressed and we will need to encourage and strengthen ourselves in the Lord. How? Prayer, God's Word - lift each other up. It works!!

This same David, earlier in scripture, was the man who killed Goliath. However, there is something in that story you may not have known. Let's read it: 1 Samuel 17:50, "*So David prevailed over the Philistine with a sling and with a stone and smote the Philistine, and slew him, but there was no sword in the hand of David.*"

The word "prevailed", here in this verse, is the same word for "encouraged" in 1 Samuel 30:6. That said, we can encourage ourselves in the Lord to slay the political agenda of the giants in our land!

God Bless you my friends and champions!!

Pastor Bob
 Place of Refuge, Fowlerville

P.S. Please read Proverbs 24:10-12



Church Rep's News!

By: Eliisa Seigle

Please join me in making the **PRECIOUS BABY CONTEST** (which is underway June 2 - Sep. 29) a super successful fundraiser!

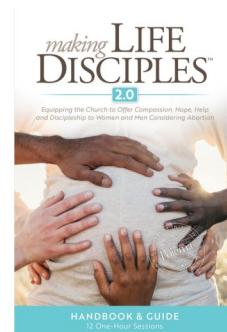
At the May Pastor and Rep. meeting I described how we can make this happen. (You will find all that information, including a presentation you can give at your church, on the righttolifelivingston.org website under "Church Reps".)

In a nutshell, we are encouraging **EVERY CHURCH** to enter at least one baby and stand behind that baby with votes! Together we can make this the best and most fun, fundraiser for RTL Livingston. LET'S DO THIS!

Keep your eyes open for information on the September Church Rep meeting. If you can host at your church, please let me know!

Our Pregnancy Help Clinic **Making Life Disciples** class is tentatively set to begin on Monday, September 9 from 6-7:30 and run for 10 weeks. This is a great opportunity for you to learn about and to understand those who face a pregnancy decision. You will be joining the 30 Life Disciples already in various churches in Livingston County.

For more information or to join the wonderful team of Church Reps, please contact :
 Eliisa Seigle eliisaseigle@gmail.com



Right to Life - Livingston Membership Drive

A Special THANKS to all of those who continue to send in their yearly membership donations.

THE DATE ON YOUR MAILING LABEL IS the EXPIRATION DATE of your last paid membership. If there is no date, you have been receiving COMPLIMENTARY mailings of "LIFE LINE" from Right to Life - Livingston County because of your interest in our prolife work. Due to rising costs (paper, copies, processing, postage) we are greatly reducing our mailing list.

Please use the form below to become a member or to renew your membership.

2024 Membership Drive & Donation Form

We need you! It's never too late to join. With your membership you will receive copies of our newsletter, *Livingston County Lifeline* as well as the *Right to Life of Michigan Newsletter*. Thank you for your support. **Together we are making a difference!**

Platinum - \$200 Gold - \$100 Silver-\$50 Family-\$25 Seniors/Students-\$12 Other-\$_____

Name _____ Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Phone _____

Email address: _____



Make checks payable to: Right to Life - Livingston County, Inc.

Mail in the enclosed envelope. Thank you!

In Loving Memory and Honor of

In Memory of—You may honor a deceased loved one by making a memorial contribution to Right to Life-Livingston County. This memorial gift is a fitting way to remember a lifetime of love for the unborn.

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Occasion _____

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- + Our computers are over 10 years old, and soon, the Windows operating systems will no longer be serviced. We are in need of three computers. Can you sponsor one with a gift of \$500.00.
- + Our software will also need upgrades. Could you sponsor one of the \$250.00 software bundles? (Still shopping!)
- + Perhaps you have updated and have extra computer speakers? Could you provide sound for one of our workstations?
- + We have had a HORRIBLE time with our internet service, and are considering switching our phones and internet to Comcast Business. It would be a great blessing to have someone cover the installation cost.
- + Sponsor prizes for the Precious Baby Contest!

Please call or email the office for more information! Thank you!



RIGHT TO LIFE LIVINGSTON COUNTY 32nd Annual Focus on Life Dinner Tuesday October 8, 2024 6:30-9:00PM



Keynote Speaker:
Pastor Paul Clark
President of
Michigan Lutherans
for Life
Emcee: Joe Hune



Crystal Gardens Banquet Center

- _____ Individual reservation \$60
- _____ Table of 10 for \$550 (Save \$50!)
- _____ Students \$30

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IMPORTANT - Primary Elections Aug. 6th

Tuesday, **October 8th.** See Page 7 



FOCUS ON LIFE

LIVINGSTON COUNTY'S LARGEST GATHERING OF PRO-LIFE PEOPLE

"Babies are people!! Abortion is a human rights issue, not a personal rights issue.

To concede that babies are in any way a choice, diminishes their humanity."

Barry and Cary Davis
Ann O'Reilly
Focus on Life Committee