

LIFELINE

Spring 2025

A Change in Momentum: The Tide Has Turned

By: LC Board of Directors

OK pro-lifers – do you remember the feeling of darkness that seemed to descend over the United States for the past four years? Do you also remember waking up on Wednesday, November 6th, and feeling that the dark sheet covering our country had been lifted and bright sunlight had finally broken through?

There are many who would say that the United States – with the results from our last presidential election - has “dodged a bullet.” This is an actual reality when one considers that President Trump actually did dodge a bullet.

From our pro-life preeminent priority – saving the lives of unborn children – we have come from what was a very dark time in our nation to a time of positive and uplifting energy.

For openers, we have rediscovered that there are only two genders (actually most of us have known this forever) – male and female. We have found that peacefully protesting for pro-life is not a crime. Women and girls will no longer have to compete against men and boys who claim to be women and girls. Women and girls will no longer be expected to share bathrooms with men and boys who also claim to be women and girls.

And then there was this information released today (14Feb 2025), a day after RFK Jr. was confirmed as Secretary of Health and Human Services:

RFK Jr.: *"I agree with President Trump that every abortion is a tragedy. I agree with him that we cannot be a moral nation if we have 1.2 million abortions a year ... I serve at the pleasure of the President—I'm going to implement his policies."*



What does all of this mean? We have just experienced what you sports guys would call a change in momentum. After getting pounded in the first half of the game, suddenly with the kick off and beginning of the second half our team has pulled itself together and has taken control of the game.

The sports guys would tell us that now we must press forward with our advantage and renewed energy. It is time to “put the game away.” We pro-lifers must do the same.

Now is the time to press forward with our pro-life message and educate, inform, persuade and motivate our neighbors. We must create and distribute useful educational materials that reflect our renewed vision. We must conduct meetings, training sessions and focused events that communicate our message and inspire our audiences. We must engage in social and other forms of communication to bring the message to everyone.

We have experienced trying to deliver the pro-life message when the world seemed to be deaf and blind to what we were saying. Momentum is currently on our (pro-life) side. **We must not waste this opportunity.** We must take advantage and press our pro-life message.

See Page 9 for ways that Livingston County Right to Life is spreading the message and reaching our community!

2025 Livingston County Right to Life Calendar

Ongoing (Happening now) 2025

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March 2025

March 27 | Making Life Disciples Class. See Page 3

April 2025

April 15 | RTL Livingston Board Meeting.
April 21 | Billboard posted. See Page 9
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May 2025

May 2 | Anniversary of SCOTUS decision Dobbs overturning Roe.
May 11 | Mother's Day Carnation Sale.
May 13 | Legislative Day in Lansing. See Page 6
May 15 | High School Essay Contest winners announced. See Page 9
Student Statesmanship Institute Scholarship awarded.
May 20 | Livingston RTL Annual meeting. See Page 6
Election, Board of Directors.
May 31 | RTL Gathering at Grumlaw Church – Howell, MI. See Page 3

June/July/August 2025

RTL Board Meetings, TBD.

August 2025

August 17 | Precious Baby Contest Begins See Pages 3 & 8

September 2025

Fall Newsletter mailed.
RTL Gathering, TBD.
New Making Life Disciples Class begins. See Page 3
September 21 | Precious Baby Contest ends. See Pages 3 & 8
September 25 | RLM Conference – Owosso, MI

October 2025

October 14 | Focus on Life Dinner. See Page 10

November 2025

November 6 | March for Life - Lansing.

Church & Community Outreach

By: Eliisa Seigle, RTL Church Outreach

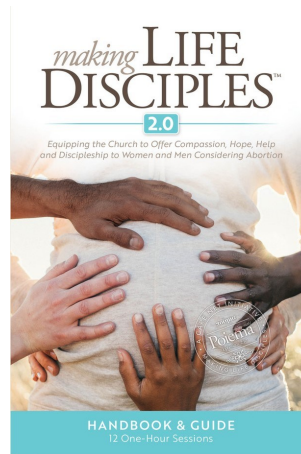
To make abortion unthinkable, it is the hearts of people that need to be changed. Educating them with the truth that a baby is the image bearer of God from the moment of conception can make this happen. Those of us who have been in this fight for many years know this to be true. Our passion needs to be passed on and captured by young people. They are the ones who are the influencers of their peers as to this beautiful truth about life in the womb. The question is, how do we make this happen?

It naturally begins with each of us.

To this end, our RTL gatherings have speakers who inform and educate about the truth as well as resources, legislation and more. **THIS IS WHERE YOU COME IN!** Let your Youth Pastor know. Invite the young people in your church and in your family to attend. The next meeting focuses on the youth and how they can help win this fight. We are excited to have **Haili Gusa** from Protect Life Michigan as our guest speaker. Their mission "is to end abortion by (1) recruiting and training young people for pro-life leadership, (2) educating youth on life issues and pregnancy resources, and (3) networking young people within their communities to strengthen their impact." It will be on **Saturday, May 31, 2025, from 10-12 at Grumlaw Church in Howell. WE NEED YOU!!**

Haili's presentation will be Pro-Life Apologetics 101. Learn the essential tools to confidently engage in conversations about abortion. This presentation equips attendees with effective strategies, including finding common ground, using analogies, and asking thought-provoking questions. It also addresses common objections to the pro-life position and how to respond with clarity and compassion. Perfect for clubs or groups looking to build foundational pro-life knowledge and inspire meaningful conversations with friends, family, and peers. All are welcome!

What would you say to someone experiencing an unplanned pregnancy? The church needs to be **THE** place that offers compassion, hope, help, and discipleship to women and men facing pregnancy decisions. Livingston County now has 19 churches who offer this type of ministry. We have a goal to have at least one Life Disciple who is available to



minister to those in need in **EVERY** Livingston County church. To this end, we continue supporting the Pregnancy Help Clinic's **Making Life Disciples** classes. This course is ideal for anyone who wants to gain tools to help their church care for those considering abortion.

The 2025 Spring class began March 27 at PHC and runs for 10 weeks. Call Pregnancy Help Clinic - *you may still be able to join* (810) 494-5433. If you missed out then keep your eyes open for information on the Fall class to start in September.

The Precious Baby Contest Fundraiser will run 6 weeks, beginning **August 17 and ending September 21**. We are asking every church to have **AT LEAST** one entry and then to support that entry with votes (donations) collected during that 6-week period. *All it takes is for ONE PERSON in every church to step up, take charge and promote this in their church. You could be that one person!* Our next newsletter won't be out until AFTER we start so here is the registration form: <https://righttolifelivingston.org/events-2/precious-baby-contest/>.

Also, a kickoff with more details will be given at the May RTL Gathering, giving you plenty of time to find **YOUR** church's baby. Be sure to attend! Watch our Facebook page and website as the time grows closer so you can share the information and ask all your friends and family to **VOTE!** Let's make this another successful fundraiser in support of LIFE!

Stop by our office and grab some of the many resources we have for you to use. We cannot fight this fight for LIFE alone. **WE NEED YOU!**

Church Reps & Leaders Column

RTL Gathering - January 11, 2025

We started 2025 with a great gathering of supporters of LIFE. Thank you to Pastor Sam Fink and Heart of the Shepherd Lutheran Church in Howell for hosting us and for the delicious breakfast.

Annette Longtine of RLM updated us on some legislative issues, particularly on physician-assisted suicide SB681, that was introduced in 2023. It carried over to 2024 but NOT to 2025. We still need to stay in touch with our legislature and let our voice be heard. Check out rtl.org for downloadable brochures on this (and other) topics.

Pastor Christopher Thoma of Our Savior Lutheran Church inspired us to get involved and to encourage Pastors to be bold and speak about abortion from the pulpit. He also touched on how the government and the church relate - the two Kingdoms. (Check out his YouTube "Reverend Christopher I Thomas - The Two Kingdoms and the Tragic Assumptions.")

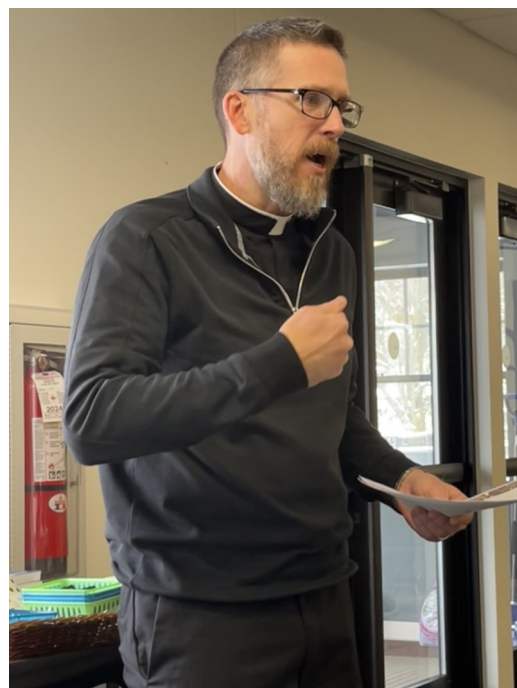
Our main speaker was Joseph Cecil of Student Statesmanship Institute (SSI). "Empowering teens to change their world. Inspiring them to find their ultimate identity in Christ and their highest calling as His ambassador." SSI offers unique hands-on Biblical worldview and leadership programs for high school students featuring legislative, media, business, campaign and judicial tracks. The real-world professional career simulations and dynamic faith-filled environment combine to develop character, instill purpose and equip young people with highly relevant life-skills. SSI is a fun and exciting learning experience that prepares teenagers for every aspect of their future." (From: ssionline.org)

SSI has developed programs for high school students to experience real-world leadership simulation training in law, public policy, legislative affairs, business and journalism grounded in Biblically based, traditional values. What an inspiration for us to work towards actively engaging the young people in our churches and our families. If you know someone who is between 13 -19 years old be sure

to share this with them!

Our focus this year is to FIND those young people who are pro-life and find ways to get them involved. Knowing WHO they are is not enough. We need to then BUILD RELATIONSHIPS with them. To find out what they are facing in their day-to-day life when they express pro-life beliefs and be there with answers and support. This, of course, requires all of us to STEP UP.

Be sure to watch for information on the our NEXT RTL Gathering coming up on **Saturday, May 20, from 10-12, at Grumlaw Church** (8457 E. Highland [M-59] Howell.) **Pastors can connect with one another for encouragement to speak out for LIFE. Everyone can connect with others who support and fight for life. All are invited to attend. (See page 3 for more information!)**



ABOVE:
Joe Cecil
addresses
guests at our
RTL
gathering .

LEFT:
**Pastor
Thoma** of
Our Savior
Lutheran
Church
encourages
holy
boldness as
we dwell
amongst
two
kingdoms.



Pastors' Corner

Stay the Course!

Pastor Paul Clark
President, Lutherans For Life of Michigan

I don't know about you, but it seems that our nation has reversed course just in time to avert disaster. The past few months have been much like the reversal of a ship's engines and quickly changing direction. We who hold dearly to the sanctity of human life rejoiced at the pardon of 23 pro-life people who had been arrested outside of abortion facilities. We were also thankful for the President's and Vice-President's remarks at the March For Life. And we rejoice at the clear proclamation that there are two genders – male and female. The good ship of America is changing course. The muddy and murky waters of this sinful world may make it hard to know what is in store for America in the future, but the lights have grown brighter, hearts have been stirred in hope, and the sound of freedom has never sounded more glorious.

We know that the war on the unborn is far from over. We here in Michigan live under the shadow of Proposal 3, and the constitutional amendment that stripped away all protection from defenseless unborn babies in this state. Our message, our work, and our prayers continue. We will not cease our advocacy for human life, born and unborn, male or female, young or old, healthy or sick, at the beginning of life or end of life – until every human life receives the dignity and protection it deserves in a nation that sprung out of the understanding that we are endowed by the Creator with certain unalienable rights, most especially the right to life.

It is not enough to reverse the engines and change course. We must firmly plot and hold to a new course. We must navigate the tumultuous seas, until journey's end, and we reach the safe and peaceful harbor of our destination.

The truth needs to be spoken now as much as ever. The evil shadow of abortion distorts everything it touches, including the very fabric of our nation and the principles and ideals that make this country great. We need to make a case for life by steadily and *faithfully sowing the seeds for the sanctity of human life --- in every place and in every circumstance. That means exposing the lies, as we also engage people with the truth.*

We ARE going in the right direction, even when it seems like we are going against the flow, maybe especially when we are going against the flow. And thanks be to God - there has already been a reversal of engines to avoid disaster and turn this ship of America around. **PRAY FOR THAT TO CONTINUE. WORK FOR THAT TO CONTINUE.**

What is it that makes America so worth fighting for? Is it not freedom? But freedom with responsibility? Is it not for this land of liberty set forth so splendidly in the founding documents of our nation, where we recognized the right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness? Is it not for the fact that all men are created equal – and that means what it says – all people - born and unborn?

**BE STRONG.
BE COURAGEOUS.
FIGHT THE GOOD FIGHT.**



Pastor Paul Clark – St. Paul Lutheran Church Fowler, MI (Excerpts from January 30, 2025.)
Email rllc@sbcglobal.com for a copy of his entire speech.



Tuesday May 13

SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER

Dr. Catherine Stark is a board certified OB/ GYN, who has been a practicing prolife physician for 30 years in southeast Michigan. Throughout her career, Dr. Stark has worked with several prolife pregnancy medical centers in the Detroit area.



RADISSON HOTEL | Lansing, MI

Parking \$10 valet or self-parking in same ramp.

Registration includes beverage and pastries for breakfast and a plated luncheon.

8:45 am Registration 9:30 am First Session
Optional tour of the Capitol 2-3 pm

SPECIAL PRICING

In appreciation to our members

Special Rate: **\$25 ADULTS** **\$10 STUDENTS**

Right to Life - Livingston County

Please call email us at rtlcc@sbcglobal.net for additional information on how to take advantage of this special offer for affiliate members.

Right to Life Livingston County Annual General Membership Meeting

Please join us
on Tuesday, May 20,
at 5:30.

802 E. Grand River Brighton
Light refreshments will be served!

The following members have been nominated to
the Board of Directors for 2025:

Michelle Carroll
Karen Jewell
Ann O'Reilly
Kathy Ogorek
Eliisa Seigle
Rick Snurka
Kim Weeks

Julie Snurka
Wendy Taylor
Jerry Weyand

Active members are eligible to vote for the
2025 Board of Directors. If you or
someone you know are interested in
serving on the board, please call the office
for more information.

Thank You

Four Seasons Florist Brighton

For their assistance with carnations for
Mother's Day - 2025.



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.

In Honor of - Your contribution can also be made to commemorate birthdays, new arrivals, graduations, or any other special occasion.

An acknowledgment card will be sent to the family or person you designate. The contribution amount will be kept confidential.

Enclosed is my (our) gift of
 \$100 \$50 \$25 Other

Make check to "RTL-Livingston"
Mail to: PO Box 934 Brighton, MI 48116

Made in memory of: _____

Made in honor of: _____

Occasion: _____
Please notify: _____

Name _____

Address-City-State-Zip _____

My (our) name is _____

I would like a notice of this gift in the next newsletter:
 yes no



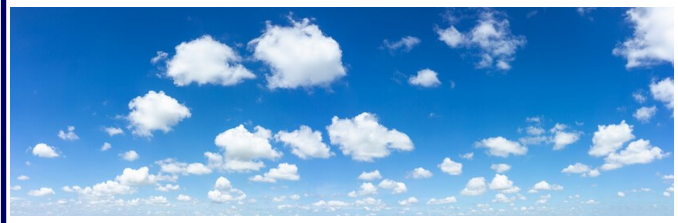
In Loving Memory

A Gift was Given In Loving Memory of

Our firstborn grandson
Ryan Gabriel Maiden
who we lost tragically to suicide on
August 12, 2023.

The Maiden Family

In Loving Memory of Patricia Huebert



SPRINGTIME, EASTER, and MOTHER'S DAY ORDER NOW!!!

GREENHOUSE GIFT CARDS

BORDINE'S Gift Cards #___ @ \$20 \$_____
#___ @ \$50 \$_____

CHRISTIANS Gift Cards #___ @ \$20 \$_____

MEIER FLOWERLAND
Gift Cards #___ @ \$30 \$_____
Flower of the Month #___ @ \$40 \$_____

TOTAL DUE \$_____

Mail to: RTL-Livingston
810-227-5788

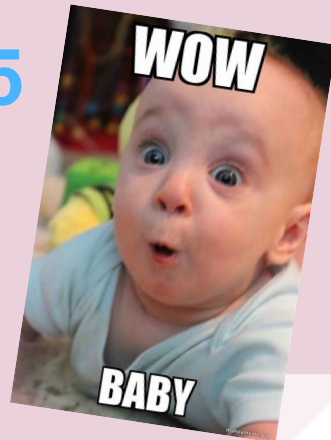
PO Box 934 Brighton, MI 48116
email: rtlc@sbcglobal.net

Send gift cards to:

Name _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Phone _____

PRECIOUS BABY CONTEST 2025

At least One
Precious Baby
from every church!



It's only May which gives you plenty of time to search for those Precious Babies in your church!

1. Pray
2. Start Planning
3. Get permissions needed
4. FIND YOUR BABIES TO ENTER



It's So Easy!

1. **CHOOSE** at least one baby from your church from birth - 2 years old.
2. **SUBMIT** a picture(s) & application with permissions to RTL /Livingston beginning in August (you can submit more all the way up to September 21.)
3. **PRINT** out the picture(s) for your church, &
4. **ANNOUNCE** that they are entered in the PB contest.
5. **ASK** for support. (Don't forget weekly reminders, too.)
6. **COLLECT** donations: Every week place a jar out with the picture(s) for people to drop in their change and make a donation. (You will need someone to put it out each Sunday, put it away in a safe place for the week and intermittently collect the money and send it in to RTL Liv. keeping a tally as you go along.)
7. **SEND** in the final money in by September 24

PRECIOUS BABY CONTEST
THIS IS A FUND RAISER FOR
RIGHT TO LIFE LIVINGSTON
HELP RAISE MONEY TO EDUCATE
PEOPLE. SHOW THE WORLD THE LOVE,
JOY AND MIRACLE THAT EACH HUMAN
BEING IS CREATED TO BE.

RIGHTTOLIFELIVINGSTON.ORG
Go to the website and cast your
vote(s). (\$1.00 is 1 vote)
**ALL VOTES ARE GREAT
BUT PLEASE VOTE FOR BABY # _____
(THAT'S "MY" BABY)**

For More information and Registration Forms Visit:
<https://righttolifelivingston.org/events-2/precious-baby-contest/>



Watch For Our Latest Billboard (which will be displayed shortly!)

Hint: it is NOT on a major expressway!)

When you see it, let us know where you saw it and what you think. Send us an email at rtlcc@sbcglobal.net and be entered into a drawing for a Pro-life Prize Package.

THANK YOU to Alice Johnson, Peg & Jerry Martin, Jeni & Travis Porta and Elaine Webb for donations to our Escrow Fund which made this billboard possible. Ask us how you can be a part of our next billboard outreach."

THANK YOU To our faithful office volunteers:

Sandy Bennett
Charlene Dibble
Lynne Heslip
John Kerr
Sharon Sweet
Denise Thornton



Dear Pro-life Partner,

Once again you have an opportunity to join us in one of our annual fundraisers. We invite you to join us in the Life battle by taking part in **Right to Life of Michigan's Annual Conference Book Ad Sale**.

The conference books will be distributed to all statewide attendees at the September Convention. We will also be listing our patrons, businesses and churches on our website and in our Fall newsletter.

These ads are a key source of revenue for our local affiliate and are a **tax deductible business expense**. Right to Life Livingston receives a rebate from these ads.

You can download your ad at rtl.org/conferencebook (designate Livingston County as your affiliate), or we can provide you with a contract either by mail or email.

God bless you for being a voice for the defenseless - born and unborn.

Livingston County Right to Life
2025 High School
Essay Contest

ATTENTION!!
HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS
There's still time to enter this year's Essay Contest and win **CASH PRIZES**.
Submit an 800-word essay on the issue of abortion, infanticide, euthanasia, or embryonic stem cell research before **April 30**.
Go to righttolifelivingston.org for rules, prize list, and application.

Focus On Life Dinner October 14, 2025

October 14th, we're hosting an event that will rally people of good will to take a stand for life. Michigan is currently one of the most pro-death places on Earth, but together, we can change that. We must motivate, educate, and make life the priority it should be — because no other issue directly and intentionally takes so many lives.



Our speaker, AJ Hurley, is a fiery torchbearer of the pro-life movement. As a national speaker, activist, and leader in the fight against the culture of death, AJ is an unrelenting force bringing change to America. AJ made national news when he and a group of activists exposed a box of unborn babies in Washington, DC, on March 25, 2023, outside of an abortion clinic. He co-founded the #JusticeForTheFive campaign to highlight late-term abortion and spent years uncovering a fetal organ trafficking ring funded by taxpayer money.

This is where you come in:

1. **Get Your Tickets & Sponsor the Event!** Visit: righttolifelivingston.com/FOC

We need strong supporters like you to sponsor and attend. When you do, you'll be helping us spread the truth about abortion and why it's the most critical issue facing our state and our nation.

2. **Secure a Table for Your Church or Organization**

Gather your community and bring them to hear from AJ Hurley, from the White Rose Resistance. AJ will inspire, educate, and call us to action. There is no other choice for people of good will but to stand up and be heard.

3. **Get Politicians to Hear the Truth.** Let's ensure that every leader in Michigan understands what's at stake. This event will serve as a platform for all of us to come together and make sure that Michigan's future is one of life, not death.

Mark your calendar for October 14th! The time for action is now. Let's take back Michigan — for life, for our children, for our future.

Together, we are making a difference!

For Life,
Your RTL LC Board



Right to Life - Livingston County 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 "LIFELINE". 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.

2025 Membership Drive & Donation Form

We need you! It's never too late to join. With your membership you will receive a subscription of *Livingston County Lifeline newsletter* 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.
Mail in the enclosed envelope. Thank you!

WELCOME NEW AND RENEWING MEMBERS!

(Nov - March 2025)

Platinum {\$200+):

- Bruce & Carol B
- Michael & Denise B
- Kenneth D
- Don & Mary D
- Alice J
- Jerry & Peg M
- Dale & Joan P
- Travis & Jeni P
- Elaine W
- Lance & Susan S
- Rick & Julie S
- Jeff & Tina T

Gold (\$100):

- Scott & Kim C
- Robert & Dawn G
- Joseph & Eleanor L
- David & Karen T
- Jeanne S

Silver (\$50):

- Kris B
- Jay & Debi D
- Marcia D
- Robert & Barbara J

Family (\$25):

- John & Drema B
- Marisa B
- Jim & Barbara H
- Mary H
- Laurie K
- Jose & Dixie L
- Evelyn M
- Leo & Jean M
- Brittany M
- Wally & Kathy O
- Fred & Rosalee P
- Jerry & Vicki W

Senior / Student (\$12):

- Janet & Jack L
- Cris & Lucy P

Monthly / Quarterly:

- Marshal & Jody B
- Marissa B
- Larry & Mary B
- Paul & Kathleen G
- E. Christine H
- James M
- Thomas & Agnes M
- Sandra M
- Jeanne S
- Cornerstone EPC
- Sisterhood of Catholic Women
- Gerald & Darlene B



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Two Wednesday afternoons
per month. Training and great
fellowship provided! Please
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