

LIFELINE

Summer 2025

We Are MOVING!

It was just a few weeks ago when we sent out fliers to our best supporters, asking for help identifying places for rent in Livingston County. Our current office has seen far better days, and is requiring too much maintenance for our landlord to keep up. He admits, it's just too much repair! It was very affordable, and we had been there for years - but YES - it was time to move!

Led by our fearless leader, Kathy Ogorek, board members toured several facilities, from Brighton to Howell to Fowlerville. Some landlords really didn't want us, which we appreciated knowing up front. Some spaces were affordable, but just too small. One required too much build-out to "make it work". Another was "out back" and cave-like, requiring the taller ones to duck to avoid hitting their heads as they moved about. We prayed that God would open a door for us, and lead us to a central location where we'd have good signage and exposure, where we'd be more centrally located, and where volunteers would be comfortable and excited to come to work.

While our fearless leader was finally out of town for much deserved R & R, co-chair Ann O'Reilly rallied available board members to take a look. She had spotted a sign on Grand River near Dorr Road on a building that looked promising.



While this suite was a bit more than we wanted to spend, the location, signage (exposure) and space (3 rooms) was the best fit we had seen. The landlord (Jim) was willing to work with us.

On Monday, July 28 we signed a three year lease! 6241 Grand River Ave, Suite 200 is our new office!

While our mailing address is still Brighton (48114) - we are much closer to Howell - and only 1 mile from the Grand River I-96 WB exit by Kohl's on Grand River. Our hope is that this location will make it more feasible for supporters to volunteer a few hours each week, providing more opportunities to engage with residents in our community.

Focus on Life Dinner -

Will Be Here Before WE Know It!

...And Before the Next Newsletter!

Reserve your table, get your tickets

TODAY!

See Pages 9 & 10

Things are happening really quickly. Our largest event - the Focus On Life Dinner - is Oct. 14th, with many details to be addressed.

We're packing, cleaning and moving while addressing volumes of details - but we're thrilled!

The suite comes with a good deal of office furniture, most in far better shape than we've had. We're still learning what works and what we'll still need.

As you might imagine, there are expenses in making any business move. Moving the copier, the internet network, hooking up new phones - keeping the same phone number! First month's rent, security deposit - refreshments for volunteers... We'll need new letterhead, a new sign (on busy Grand River!) We're looking for a used conference table with 10 chairs and a new vacuum cleaner. A large white board in the conference room for visuals...

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2025 Livingston County Right to Life Calendar

Ongoing (Happening now) 2025

Greenhouse Gift Card Sales - Page 7

Membership Drive - Page 11

Interested in volunteering? Let us know your availability! Our hours can expand based on YOU! Call (810) 227-5788 and let us know what day and hours work for you!

August 2025

August 11 - 15 | RTL Office CLOSED for our move! Pages 1 and 3

August 17 | **Precious Baby Contest** Begins. Pages 4 & 10

Aug 19 | Board Meeting 5:30PM

September 2025

September 5 | Reservations due for Right to Life of Michigan Conference. Page 6

September 11 | Making Life Disciples Class begins. Page 4

September 13 | National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children. Page 5

September 21 | **Precious Baby Contest** ends. Pages 4 & 10

September 25 | RLM Conference – Owosso, MI. Page 6

September 27 | RTL - Livingston Gathering Page 4

October 2025

October 1 | Reminder - Get your **Focus on Life** Tickets! (If not already sold out!)

October 5 | Life Chain Sunday. See below!

October 14 | **Focus on Life Dinner**. Pages 8 & 9

November 2025

November 1 | Pregnancy Help Clinic Gala

November 6 | March for Life - Lansing. Page 5

Life Chain-2025 Sunday, October 5, 2025



Not a picket...not a march...but a prayer chain!

The Life Chain is an annual event where pro-life supporters gather to stand in silent prayer and witness against abortion. It has been held since 1987, with participants holding signs that convey messages about the sanctity of life and the impact of abortion. The event aims to raise awareness and promote a culture of life through peaceful demonstration and prayer. Signs will be available at each location!

Brighton (East)	Brighton (West)	Howell	Pinckney	Fowlerville
1:00 - 2:00	2:00 - 3:00	2:00 - 3:00	2:00 - 3:00	2:00 - 3:00
Grand River at St. Patrick's Church	Grand River in front of Stillwater	In front of the Historic Courthouse	Pickney Town Square	Grand River Ann St. - East St "Four Corners"

Continued from page 1 We're Moving!

If you feel called to help launch this next chapter, opportunities are available to sponsor the new sign, moving expenses, security deposit, or even a month of rent. Every gift - large or small - makes a lasting impact. Please reach out if you'd like to be part of this mission. Contact Kathy at RTLLC@sbcglobal.net.

We'd love to host a Volunteer Orientation in September. We need office volunteers, event helpers, membership updates, data entry, etc. If you can volunteer a few hours each week or even monthly, or be an on-call volunteer - please give us a call. Should you reach voice mail - please do leave a message - we will call you back! (810) 227-5788!

Special Thanks to Our Office Volunteers and others who are helping us pack and move! You're the Best!

Sandy Bessert; Mitchell Carroll; Charlene Dibble; John Kerr; Wally and Michael Ogorek; Amber and Val Pierce; Sharon, Dave and George Sweet.

Photos from
our new
suite!



We thank God for opening doors for us, for directing us and providing for His work through His people!

Spring RTL Gathering

By: Eliisa Seigle

On May 31, 2025, Grumlaw Church in Howell hosted our Spring RTL Gathering. A huge thank you to Wendy Taylor and her family for setting it all up and providing great refreshments. Including coffee from Thread Creek Coffee in Hartland, a coffee shop that is fighting human trafficking. (You can go to livingstondaily.com and type "pastor starts coffee shop" in the search bar to get the details.)



Photos from our
May Gathering

Our guest speaker was HAILI GUSA from **Protect Life Michigan**, an organization of young people reaching out to young people to educate them on abortion. She educated us on "How to Defend Your Pro-life Beliefs" by, e.g. finding common ground, giving an analogy and ending with a question. It was very apparent that Haili has a passion for connecting with the younger generation to challenge them as to what they believe when it comes to abortion. You can look them up at www.protectlifemi.org to learn more. Perhaps you know some young people and they are pro-life but don't know what to say to their friends. Please see Haili's video link at RightToLifeLivingston.Org

Our next RTL Gathering will be September 27th at The Well Church in Brighton. We'd love to see you there!

Church & Community Outreach

By: Eliisa Seigle, RTL Church Outreach

Here in Michigan, abortion is available for *any* reason, which for many of us is unthinkable. That is why we all need to take a STAND FOR LIFE.

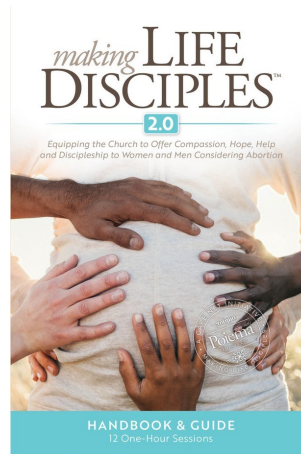
Your involvement with Right to Life Livingston County helps us empower our community to become effective communicators for life. We educate people on the reality of abortion and euthanasia in light of our inherent value as image bearers of our Creator God.

We really NEED THE CHURCHES and her members, (followers of Jesus), to stand with us in this moral battle.

There is a growing group of "disciples" who have chosen to stand and serve with us by learning how to communicate with those facing a pregnancy decision, and to assist those who have yet to find peace from a previous abortion. These "Life Disciples" are just like you and I - someone who is a member of a church and wants to make an eternal difference. They want to be part of our growing network of churches that are safe places for someone to go to for help. They want to be a person (or part of a team) in their church able to help individuals faced with unintended pregnancy. Having taken Pregnancy Help Clinic's **Making Life Disciples Class** (MLD), they are better prepared to do just that.

RTLCC wants to educate, encourage and support people to see the beauty of life and the very real, redemptive and practical love of Christ for each life He has made. This is how abortion becomes unthinkable. Right to Life Livingston County supports this ministry as we all work together to the same goal. For more information on **Making Life Disciples** you can go to friendatphc.org. **The 2025 Fall class begins September 11th at PHC and runs for 10 weeks.** Call Pregnancy Help Clinic at (810) 494-5433.

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. Will you be that disciple in your church? Let us know! (810) 227-5788!



When this newsletter goes out, our **Precious Baby Contest** will be starting, running August. 17- Sept. 21. This is just one of the ways YOU can get involved and get your church involved.

It is a **fun way** for us to raise funds to help with this grave moral battle we face. The bonus is seeing those precious,

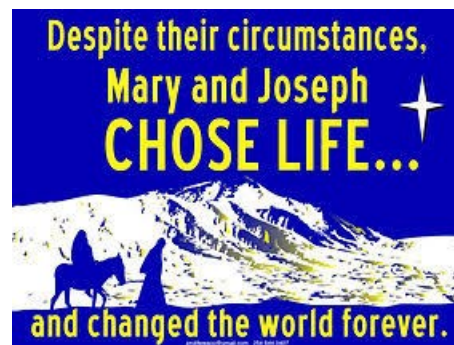
beautiful babies' faces as we cast our votes. **HAVE YOU ENTERED AT LEAST ONE PRECIOUS BABY FROM YOUR CHURCH? IS YOUR CHURCH ALL CASTING THEIR VOTES FOR "YOUR" BABY?** (See Page10.)

We encourage you, your Pastor and your friends to join us twice a year for our RTL GATHERING. Here we have the opportunity to join others of like mind, to find out what RTLCC is all about, what we are currently doing and to learn from great guest speakers. The next meeting is set for **Saturday, September 27** from 10 - 12 at The Well Church in Brighton. Watch for your RTLCC emails and our website for further details.

It is important that people learn the facts about abortion and euthanasia. **BE THAT PERSON** in your church who learns the truth about LIFE, takes a stand and speaks up!

Stop by our office and grab some of the many resources we have for you to use. We cannot fight for LIFE alone. **WE NEED EACH OTHER to impact our community with love and respect for human LIFE that GOD has made.**

See Page 3 for May's Gathering Summary!



Signs Available in our office - Suggested donation \$10.

Please call (810) 227-5788

National Day of Remembrance Saturday, September 13th

10:15 AM Service at
Holy Spirit Catholic Church - Cemetery
9565 Musch Road, Brighton, MI 48116

By participating in the National Day of Remembrance, **you are helping to humanize our aborted brothers and sisters** and deepening your own commitment to ending the injustice of abortion.

The National Day of Remembrance also offers hope and healing to women who have had abortions and others who have been hurt by abortion.

Now that *Roe v. Wade* has been overturned, it is crucial that we continue to mourn the millions of lives lost to abortion, and repent of the national sin of abortion, even as we begin the project of extending legal protection to unborn children in every state we can.

2025 High School Essay Winners!

First-Place winner: Emmalee Tougas, a 9th grade student from Hartland High School, received a \$300 cash prize and 4 tickets to the 2025 Focus on Life dinner (value \$240) and a scholarship to the Student Statesmanship Institute LEAD Summer Program (value \$450).

Second-Place winner: Meisha Ferguson, an 11th grade homeschooler, received a \$200 cash prize and 4 tickets to the 2025 Focus on Life dinner (value \$240).



#whywemarch #mimarchforlife

**keep
marching**
for life!



Right to Life - Livingston County will have a chartered bus stopping in Brighton and in Howell. For \$20 per seat, you can leave the driving, parking, construction, gas - and enjoy fellowship with like-minded neighbors!

Join Us:
Thursday, November 6th
10AM Pre-rally Concert
11AM Rally
Noon - March For Life!

The March will take place outside the Capital Building in Lansing.

For tickets call the office at (810) 227-5788.
"One voice on behalf of the defenseless!"

THANK YOU!!!

St. Patrick and Grumlaw churches for hosting our meetings!



Thank you, Steve, STW Investments and Ecto HR for over 18 years of support as a landlord at 802 E. Grand River in Brighton.

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Right to Life of Michigan 52nd Annual Conference

Please join us on Thursday, September 25, 2025, at the Comstock Inn and Conference Center in Owosso, MI for the 52nd Annual Right to Life of Michigan Conference. Reservations include a continental breakfast, luncheon/annual meeting, two general sessions, and workshops. We are pleased to announce our speakers Congressman John Moolenaar, Representing Michigan's Second Congressional District, and Rachel Schroder, prolife advocate and speaker. For more information, call (810) 227-5788 or e-mail RTLLC@sbcglobal.net. For more information: <https://rtl.org/event/conference/>

Event Schedule

Thursday, September 25, 2025

8:30 a.m. registration
9:00 a.m. program
3:00 p.m. closing

Reservations

\$30 per student
\$45 per individual

Special pricing available for up-to-date members of RTL-Livingston County.

Register by Friday, September 5th.

Livingston County - 2025 Annual General Membership Meeting

Our Annual Membership Meeting was held on Tuesday, May 20 at St. Patrick Catholic Church.

The 2025-2026 officers / board members are:

Kathy Ogorek and Ann O'Reilly, Co-chairs
Kim Weeks, Secretary
Michelle Carroll, Treasurer

Members-at-large:

Karen Jewell, Eliisa Seigle, Julie Snurka, Rick Snurka, Wendy Taylor and Jerry Weyand.

Special thanks to outgoing board member **Joe Hune** for his years of service to Right to Life-Livingston. He will be missed as he moves out of the area, but will be back to emcee our Focus on Life Dinner!

Awards for the High School Essay Contest were presented to: Emmalee Tougas and Meisha Ferguson. (See Page 5)

We appreciate those who were able to attend this annual event!

Thank you to Beauchamp Water Systems for providing water for the event.

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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

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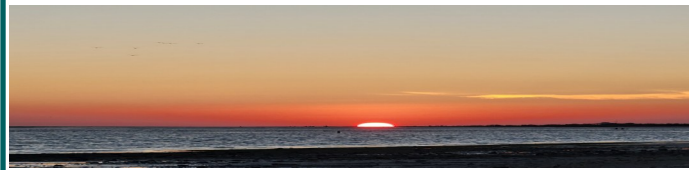
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I would like a notice of this gift in the next newsletter: _____yes _____no



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and Rose and Jim Petitpren**
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on the occasion of her 9th birthday
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Yard Signs Available!

The messaging of this sign is profound. There IS a 2nd heartbeat, and there is a choice. Help moms choose the life within her womb! These full color signs (and wires) are available at our office for a minimum donation of \$10. The signs are 18" x 24". October is Respect Life Month at many churches. Life Chain Sunday is Oct. 5th. Share YOUR heart for life!



**Thank You
To the Churches that participated in
The Carnation Sale!**

Brighton Assembly of God
Brighton Nazarene
Community Bible Church
Crossroads Church of God
Fellowship Bible Church
1st Baptist of Brighton
Green Oak Methodist
Our Savior Lutheran Church
SonRise Church
St. Agnes Catholic Church
St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Church
Tri-Lakes Baptist
Trinity Lutheran - Fenton
Trinity Lutheran - Gregory

RTL - LIVINGSTON COUNTY
33rd Annual
Focus on Life Dinner
Tuesday October 14, 2025
6:30-9:00PM
Crystal Gardens Banquet Center
Howell, MI

Keynote Speaker:

A.J. Hurley
White Rose Resistance



Please Print!

_____ Individual Reservation \$60

_____ Table of 10 for \$550 (Save \$50)

_____ Students \$30

I am unable to attend but would support the dinner with a gift of \$ _____

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip _____

Email _____ Phone _____

**Dinner reservations are not
tax-deductible.**

Registration begins at 6:00 pm

**For additional information call
810-227-5788 or email
rtlrc@sbcglobal.net**

**Register by mail:
Right to Life - Livingston County
P. O. Box 934
Brighton, MI 48116-0934**

You may use the enclosed envelope!

**Or Register At:
www.righttolifelivingston.org/events**

Focus On Life Dinner October 14, 2025

On Tuesday, October 14th, Right to Life - Livingston County is 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. 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 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. Invite your LOCAL 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! Buy your tickets soon - we are likely to sell out this year! YES! 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,

Right to Life - Livingston County
Board of Directors

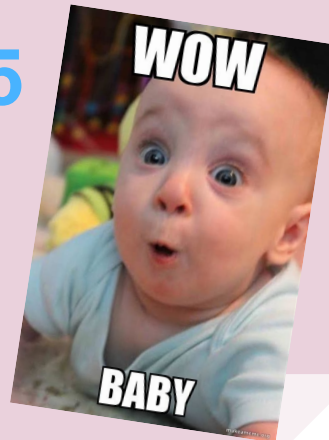


Our Emcee will once again be former Senator Joe Hune! Joe brings his humor, commitment and great communication skills to keep the program moving!



PRECIOUS BABY CONTEST 2025

At least One
Precious Baby
from every church!



It's time to enter those
Precious Babies in your
church!

1. Pray
2. Get permissions needed
3. ENTER YOUR BABIES!
4. Start voting – for life!



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 County beginning NOW (you can submit more all the way up to September 21st.)
3. **PRINT** out the picture(s) for your church &
4. **ANNOUNCE** that they are entered in the Precious Baby 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 the jar out each Sunday, put it away in a safe place for the week and intermittently collect the money and send it in to Right to Life - Livingston County, keeping a tally as you go along.)
7. **Send** in the final money by September 24

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

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BUT PLEASE VOTE FOR BABY # ____
(THAT'S "MY" BABY)

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.

Membership Drive & Donation Form

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

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

Mail in the enclosed envelope. Thank you!

Platinum - \$200 Gold - \$100 Silver - \$50 Family - \$25 Sr/Student - \$12 Other \$_____

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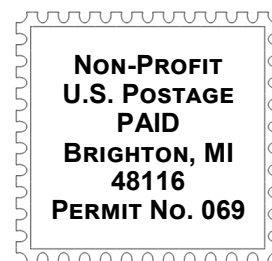
Carnation Sale
 May 2025

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***Pray, Work & Invest
to End Abortion***

Office hours:
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Needed: Office Volunteers

Our new office provides new opportunities! Call (810) 227-5788 to let us know *your* availability!
[Volunteer Orientation in September!](#)



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(Abortion / Euthanasia)
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Get Your Tickets!
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6:30 - 9:00 PM
Doors open 6 PM
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