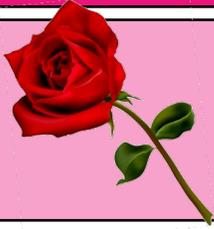


# LIFELINE

## Spring 2026



### The Ancient Practice of Child Sacrifice Continues Today

Abortion, the destruction of pre-born life, has existed before Christ was born. A publication named, *The Shiloh Excavations*, written by Associates For Biblical Research, an article speaks of **The Parallels of Abortion and Child Sacrifice**.

Like child sacrifice in ancient Israel, the practice of abortion by Christians is spiritual sacrifice to an idol. God alone is the Author of life and it is not our “right” to question the Creator’s wisdom in bringing to life a fellow human being at conception. “Whenever men disregard their Creator’s wise judgment by destroying His innocent creation, they are serving another god. They are, in fact, spiritually prostituting themselves to the idolatrous self whom they believe is wiser” than God. The mother’s right to choose, which is placed at the top of the pyramid of values by those who call themselves pro-choice, not only attempts to justify abortion, but shows the depth of idolatrous “self”.

The article continues, “Many Christians who accept or take part in the practice of abortion have not made a conscious decision to sin and bring dishonor to God by condoning idolatrous values. Regardless of the motive, however, these Christians are unacceptably serving God. Indeed God hates the detestable sin of abortion.”

Scripture throughout teaches that children are a blessing from the Lord and that lovingly nurturing children is the godly response of parents toward their offspring.

“Abortion is the rejection of the God-given role to parent His creation. For an unmarried woman unable to cope with the doubly difficult role of single parenting, the child may be God’s gift through her to a barren couple within the community. Whether God’s blessing is received and lovingly nurtured by the biologic parents or given to adoptive parents, the birth of a child is a

blessing to the family and community.” (a)

**Not only does abortion disregard God, abortion disorders His creation and plan for salvation.** If the product of conception is no longer valued, (life can be disposed of) then the act of conception is no longer a sacred union. Relationships meant to honor one another and honor God (Eph 5) become self-centered for self-gratification. What was once sacred is now “whatever feels good with whomever, whenever.”

God established the family as an example of His love for us and His church. Women are to love and respect their husbands. Husbands are commanded to love and serve their wives, giving his life for her just as Christ gave His life for His bride - the Church. This is not “old fashioned and outdated”, this is God’s order for humanity. Under the protection of the husband, a family is safer and secure. When a husband doesn’t fulfill His God-given leadership role with love and respect, the family doesn’t thrive. When men and women treat sex as a “right” and simply for pleasure, their offspring are sacrificed. When humans think they know better than God, we are no longer under His protection. When we fail to yield to His authority, He can no longer save us from our sin. We must “repent, therefore, and turn back, that your sins may be blotted out” (Acts 3:19.)

Abortion is the *only* “healthcare” in which someone surviving is considered a failure.



(a) Excerpts from **The Parallels of Abortion and Child Sacrifice**. Read the full article here: [https://biblearchaeology.org/a7860\\_/zl83o/4623](https://biblearchaeology.org/a7860_/zl83o/4623).

**RTL - Livingston**  
Defending Life from Conception to Natural Death.

## Resolved: Let's Make Livingston County A Pro-Life County

Right to Life Livingston County (RTLLC) is embarking on a long term project to increase the pro-life culture in our county. We want to become known as a Pro-Life County.

The goal is to have every church in the county self-identify as a "Pro-Life Church". If all our churches are pro-life, our county will be pro-life.

Francis Schaeffer stated, "**Abortion in our country will end when the Church says so.**" The Church has the power to bind the evil on earth, and to change our culture of death. (Matt 18:18.) Failure of Christians to submit all areas of their lives to the Lordship of Christ (individually and corporately) has led to the moral decline we are experiencing today.\* Let us stand up to the evil of our day with the power of the Holy Spirit and His Word in our Churches.

**What is a Livingston County Pro-Life Church? There is not one specific definition of what constitutes a pro-life church. We think that each church will have its own definition of what comprises their pro-life church.**

**In simple terms a pro-life church may have the following characteristics:**

**Is a welcoming church.** It is a place of refuge and continuing support for all women and men seeking help with pregnancy decisions. It is also a place that welcomes and provides support for all women who may have suffered through an earlier abortion experience.

**Holds to and teaches a biblical perspective on the sanctity of life.** Life begins at conception and ends at natural death. All life is sacred. Pro-life churches articulate and teach this biblical worldview with the Creation of man in the image of God.

**Promotes and pursues active steps of faithful engagement.** The pro-life church will find ways for its members to live out a pro-life ethic and worldview. A pro-life church will seek to support – at an organizational level – faithful partnerships and efforts that reflect God's perspective on the pro-life issue.

**Our plan:** We will provide any assistance needed to pastors and church leaders regarding their commitment to being a pro-life church. Pro-Life churches will be identified on our website and our newsletter communications. We will become a pro-life county - one church at a time.

We know there are MANY pro-life churches in Livingston County. We are just beginning to reach out with a resolution to identify and name these churches. If you / your leadership would like to join this collective effort to charge our culture for LIFE through Christ and His Church, please contact Jerry Weyand, Church Coordinator for Right to Life – Livingston County, by leaving a message at the office (810) 227-5788. Jerry will contact you during his non-working hours.

\*Please see "A Christian Manifesto" by Francis Schaeffer (1982) at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RBI5IPYNdzs>



Church Representative & Right to Life Board Member, Eliisa Seigle, presents Pro-Life Resolution to her Pastor at Place of Refuge Church.

## Right to Life - Livingston County Direction for 2026

We had outstanding success in 2025 with our billboard slogan of “Choose My Life” – which we shortened to “Choose Life” in our communications. We will continue to “Choose Life” in 2026 – re-energizing our commitments to educate our county and increase the pro-life culture.



### Some of our planned projects include:

- Increase our direct support of churches and organizations with the pro-life literature and materials that they request and need.
- Encourage church pastors and leadership to resolve or declare their churches to be “Pro-Life Churches.”
- Actively and solidly promote adoption as the third-option for women with pregnancy decisions. Establish connections to adoption agencies.
- Provide pro-life speakers and displays to pastors and church leaders to further supplement the pro-life movement in their congregations.
- Establish RTLLC Student/Youth representation. Deliver presentations and materials to existing church youth groups; encourage membership in RTLLC Student/Youth group.
- Introduce prenatal educational video in our church faith formation or religious education classes. Six states already require this training in all public schools that provide human development education. The Live

Action “Baby Olivia” is the current video of choice for this education.

- Increase the frequency and content of our pro-life focused email and other messages to all RTLLC members.
- Increase RTLLC membership and the number of pro-life advocates in the county.
- Improve our RTLLC member benefits to include: quarterly newsletter, discounts on state events, discounts on merchandise, Right to Life Michigan newspaper, discounts at RTLLC sponsor businesses.
- Engage our county House and Senate Representatives (1 State; 4 House); present the pro-life position and acquire their active support for our pro-life work.

Your active, paid membership helps make this work possible and effective. Please see the article regarding Membership on page 7.

Your prayers are also needed and appreciated. We not only battle against flesh and blood, but Eph 6:12 reminds us that “we wrestle against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places.” Apathy, anger, resistance to change (even for good!) and limited thinking regarding our God-given potential and mission can make us stuck in the ordinary rather than God focused and dependent.

*“For we ARE His workmanship,  
created in Christ Jesus  
for good works,  
which God has prepared  
beforehand,  
that we should walk in them.”  
Eph 2:10*

## Abortions Increase In 2024 – But Is That The Whole Story?

In January 2026 the Pro-Life online news publication LifeNews.com posted the results of abortions in the U.S. for 2024. The headline of the article was disappointing, “Abortions Hit Recent High, 1.12 Million Babies Killed as Abortion Pills Flourish.”

The article summarized Guttmacher Institute information from 2023 and 2024:

2023 - 1,060,880 abortions (including 25,520 telehealth abortions)

2024 - 1,126,970 abortions (including 76,310 telehealth abortions)

These are unfathomable numbers. Consider if you will a different perspective.

The National Center for Health Statistics reported births for these two years:

2023: 3,596,017 births

2024: 3,628,934 births

In 2024, 23.7% of infants who started out in the womb did not make it out alive. Nearly one in four babies did not survive their time in their mother’s wombs.

The womb of a mother may be the most dangerous place to be in the U.S. as nearly 25% of the inhabitants do not make it out alive.

**Pray and work to end abortion in our nation.**

### Considering Adoption?

If you are a pregnant woman thinking about placing your baby for adoption, you are not alone. There are caring agencies and support services in Livingston County that can guide you every step of the way.

Information and links are available on our website:  
[righttolifelivingston.org/adoption](http://righttolifelivingston.org/adoption)

## Pro-Life Education: Prenatal Training – “Baby Olivia”

**Background.** In the summer of 2025, Indiana and Iowa joined the states of Kansas, Idaho, North Dakota and Tennessee in requiring their public schools to teach students about human development in the womb. This required training specifically requires that the materials used be truthful and be scientifically accurate. Several of the states are meeting their state legal requirements by deploying the [Baby Olivia](#) video that was prepared and distributed by Live Action.

**Local Efforts.** Right to Life Livingston County (RTLLC) will be working directly with county church religious educators and parochial school administrators to have this important material made available and delivered to their students.

**Just Do It.** Our RTLLC thinking is profoundly simple: If six states can require prenatal training in their schools, then we can institute this training in many of our church and school education programs.



<https://www.liveaction.org/videos/a-never-before-seen-look-at-human-life-in-the-womb-baby-olivia>

**Goal.** Much of the success of the pro-life effort, (the winning of hearts and minds), depends on educating people to the fact that life does begin at conception. This educational activity is significantly impacted by visibly showing young students that life in the womb both exists and is as precious as life outside the womb.

### 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

### A Gift was Given in Loving Memory of

**Monroe M. Schkade**

By Beatrice Schkade

**Hilda Bowen Griffith**

By Emily McNally Brown

**Byan D. Reed**

By Robert & Barbara Judge

**Al, Fran, Sandy and John Adams**

By Jeff Adams & Colleen Gurczynski

### A Gift was Given in Honor of

**Mom & Dad Markraian**

By Brittany Markraian

**Dr. James J. McNally**

By Emily McNally Brown

**Wren & Cash Flynn**

By Ann Jaeger

### Thinking of You! Order Now! SPRING Decorations and Gifts

#### GREENHOUSE GIFT CARDS

**BORDINE'S Gift Cards**

# \_\_\_ @ \$20 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

# \_\_\_ @ \$50 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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# \_\_\_ @ \$20 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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# \_\_\_ @ \$50 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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**Gift Cards**

**Flower of the Month**

# \_\_\_ @ \$30 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

# \_\_\_ @ \$50 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL DUE**

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email: rtlc@sbcglobal.net

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**Name** \_\_\_\_\_

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## Adoption: A Different Viewpoint

Aug 1, 2024. The following article “A Different Viewpoint” is published courtesy of the Right to Life Grand Rapids blog. Full text is available at: <https://www.grrtl.org/2024/08/blog37/>

While on vacation recently in Hawaii, I wore my favorite Grand Rapids Right to Life T-shirt; “I protect babies. What’s your superpower?”

A woman approached me and asked, “What does your shirt mean?”

I eagerly shared with her my story that, in a condensed version, goes something like this ...

My mother was 15 years old when she became pregnant with me, and her parents insisted that she could not keep me.

A decision was made and, fortunately, the choice was adoption, not abortion.

I told the woman about all the blessings in my life: family, friends, laughter, sunsets, vacations, smelling flowers, a life of service to others, ice cream ... all the things I never would have experienced had a different choice been made.

We stood silently for a moment as the woman absorbed all that I had just shared with her. When she opened her mouth to speak, I was not expecting what I heard.

“Thank you for sharing your story with me. I had never considered the right-to-life versus the right-to-choose topic from the viewpoint of a child who had not been aborted.”

She then admitted, “I will never think of it the same way again.”



## 2026 Billboard Campaign

Our 2026 billboard campaign kicks-off in October with two displays on the west side of US-23 just south of M-36. We will be using the same “Vote PRO-LIFE” messages that we used in our 2024 billboard campaign (above).

The response and feedback on our 2024 “**Vote Pro-Life Campaign**” were outstanding, based on the results of the election of pro-life candidates at the November 2024 ballot box. (Right to Life Michigan endorsed candidates won in 87% of the races where there were endorsed candidates.)

Each billboard costs about \$3500 to rent at these two high-traffic locations.

We are starting our “RTL Livingston County 2026 Billboard Fund Drive” immediately. Help us make our 2026 Billboard Campaign a success. Donate early and often. (Donations made for “political action” are NOT tax deductible - but go a long way to impact LIFE!)

## New & Renewing Memberships Nov 2025 - Feb 2026

### Gold (\$200)

Bruce & Carol B  
Marshall & Jody B  
Kenneth D  
Jeannie M  
Jeffrey & Laura P  
Beatrice S  
Rick & Julie

### Silver (\$100)

Nancy A  
Sam & Charlene D  
Garry & Maria J  
Timothy & Jeane Ann J  
Pat & Karen S  
William S

### Family (\$50)

Glen & Gloria A  
Tim & Sandy B  
Elizabeth B  
Clyde & Donna B  
Jay & Debi D  
Fred & Joyce G  
Michael & Linda M  
Thomas & Agnes M  
George & Diane O  
Edward & Linda P  
**Family (\$25)**  
Andy & Daina A  
James & Emily B  
Mike & Michelle C

Donald & Susan E  
Louis & Cynthia G  
Karen J  
Gary & Denise M  
Paul & Alison M  
Wally & Kathy O  
Richard & Judy P  
Cathy R  
Russ & Hilda S  
Jim & Kim W  
**Office Donors**  
Anonymous  
Wendy Taylor  
RJ Telecommunications

### Monthly/Quarterly/Escrow

Gerald & Darlene B  
John & Marrison B  
Lawrence & Mary E  
James & Leigh M  
Jeanne S  
St. Augustine Catholic Women  
Rick & Kathy T  
Elaine W

### Senior & Students

Patricia O  
Chris & Lucy P  
Fred & Rosalee P  
Tom & Karen W  
Wendy T

## NEW Livingston County Membership Categories!!!

**Membership in Right to Life Livingston County** (RTLLC) is a simple but powerful way to clearly state that you stand up for life. You will be advocating for life in Livingston County and be responding to life issues in the public square. Your membership connects you to county and state-wide communities committed to protecting life and sharing the truth.

Your membership enables the creation of our educational materials, creation and distribution of quarterly newsletters, the development and deployment of pro-life displays, hiring of relevant state and national pro-life speakers, support of pregnancy health clinics, support of emergency care for pregnant women or women with small children, production and display of our annual billboard campaigns and creation and distribution of social media messaging.

### **The benefits that you accrue with your membership include:**

- ✦ You are registered as an active member of both RTLLC and RTL Michigan
- ✦ Quarterly RTLLC newsletter emailed to your address (NOTE: pdf formatted copy and archive copies always available from RTLLC website)
- ✦ Timely communications about local and state pro-life events so that you can see how your support is making an impact
- ✦ Educational information about the pro-life movement
- ✦ Timely and clear updates on Michigan pro-life related legislative activities
- ✦ \$25 Off Legislative Day Registration
- ✦ \$25 Off State Conference
- ✦ 10% Off RTLLC Merchandise and Promotion Items
- ✦ Savings on purchases from selected RTLLC sponsors

When your annual membership expires you will be notified by RTLLC office staff by both email and US mail (postcard) of the expiration. There will be a three-month grace period for which benefits will continue. You will be reminded when this grace period has ended and your active membership suspended. Suspended members will continue to receive some of the RTLLC email notifications.

**The mailing label on this newsletter lists your membership expiration date.** If there is no date listed, you have received complimentary newsletters for your past participation. **Beginning with our next newsletter (June 2026)** we will no longer be mailing newsletters to non-members or those expired.

*Please call (810)227-5788 if you need assistance, or call Membership Coordinator, Karen at (810) 923-4829.*

**Consider making your pro-life values and voice official by becoming a PAID member of Right to Life Livingston County. Together, we make a greater impact FOR LIFE! (Students are free 1st year.)**

\_\_\_ \$15 Sr (65+) / Student    \_\_\_ \$25 Individual    \_\_\_ \$50 Family    \_\_\_ \$100 Silver    \_\_\_ \$200 Gold  
 \_\_\_ \$300 Rose\*    \_\_\_ \$500 Crystal\*\*    \_\_\_ \$1000 Platinum\*\*\*    \_\_\_ \$1500 Diamond\*\*\*\*

**\*Rose:** The cost of one week's rent at the office. Choose a week from the calendar to sponsor. Come in for a photo & tour, be featured on Facebook. Includes one paragraph listing **why you're a supporter** and / or **why you selected the week**. I.E. "In honor of my parents who taught me the importance of respecting every human life."

**\*\*Crystal:** \*\*Includes ROSE (above) AND 2 tickets to our Annual Dinner (Oct. 15, 2026) Deadline 10/1.

**\*\*\*Platinum:** Includes Rose and FOUR tickets to our Annual Dinner AND a Platinum listing in RLM Conference Book Single-line listing underneath affiliate heading in the book – value \$100. (2026 Conference Book deadline June 1st.)



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**Volunteer Opportunities Available!**

### Save the Dates!

March 10th - Board of Directors Meeting  
April 21st - Board of Directors Meeting  
May 1st - 1916 Project - see our website!  
May 19th - Annual Membership Meeting  
Oct. 15th - 2026 Celebrate Life Dinner

### PLEASE NOTE!

See expiration date above—if no date listed, you have received complimentary newsletters for past participation.

**PLEASE send in your  
membership soon!**

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**Right to Life - Livingston County  
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Eliisa Seigle

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Rick Snurka  
Wendy Taylor  
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Jerry Weyand

\*Meeting location to be determined