



**The Family LIFE Center**  
— of West Michigan —

# NEWSLETTER

Spring 2019

## **Mission:**

*To demonstrate the love of Christ to young women experiencing unplanned pregnancies by equipping them for the challenges of life.*

## **Board Members:**

*JR Prah  
Chris Benczkowski  
Sue Glashower  
Tom Lothamer*

## **Upcoming Events:**

*May 12: Mother's Day*

*May 21: Prayer meeting at the Family LIFE Center @ 7pm*

## **Staff:**

**Becky Steiner**  
*Executive Director*

**Steve & Lynn De Boef**  
*Houseparents*

**Rochell Prah**  
*Program Coordinator*

**Ardy Barens**  
*Volunteer Coordinator*



A mother's heartbeat is shaped in the image of her Creator the moment her tiny heart, nestled inside the womb, beats to life. First beat. Second beat. Third beat. It thumps to life like a beginning drummer. For several months, the Lord fashions woman with a heart that beats just like His own.

A mother's heart pulses nurturing love. A mother's heart throbs compassion. A mother's heart thumps with the fierceness of a warrior, protecting the life she brought into the world. The

rhythm of a mother's heart beats in tune with God the Father's will. The purity of a mother's heart is what makes her beautiful. The valves, arteries, and veins of a mother's heart make her near, always accessible to her child. The heart of a mother produces hands that work tirelessly to care for the needs of her family. There are very few things in all creation that compare with the God-designed heart of a God-honoring mother.

Though Mother's Day has come and gone, let us continue to celebrate moms.

Moms who are with us today, and the sweet ones who've passed on from this world. We celebrate the mothers who symbolize the Lord's gift of a true mother's heart. At the Family LIFE Center, we celebrate the gift of life that women courageously choose to bring into the world. Women from all walks of life, women who are strong, and endowed with a fierceness to care for the life inside of them. And they are blessed with a house mom, Lynn De Boef, who loves on them and provides them with a Christ-like example of what it means to be a godly woman of faith, blessed with a true mother's heart.

It is our sincere hope that you all had a blessed Mother's Day. May God bless each of the mothers in our lives!



# Praying on the Mountainside

[Jesus] went out to the mountainside to pray, and all night he continued in prayer to God. ~Luke 6:12

[Jesus] is able to save to the uttermost those who draw near to God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them. ~Hebrews 7:25

There are times in my morning meditation, or during worship, when I close my eyes and picture myself kneeling beside a lush tree of life. As I'm kneeling, I find myself on a mountainside, hands outstretched toward a wide open vista overlooking blue skies, deep valleys, snow capped peaks, and nature in all its created fullness. A short ways from me sits Jesus. He

is praying, interceding on behalf of all I say to him.

He intercedes my worship and praise of God the Father. He intercedes my repentance of sins, and abolishes them with nail pierced hands. He intercedes my pleas on behalf of so many people I care about, and so many heart-breaking situations that plague our world today. He intercedes the blessings I ask for on behalf of others. He listens ever so attentively, ever so compassionately, and then intercedes my heart's hurts and desires.

Jesus spreads out his hands, pushing forth the worship, the prayers, the pleas, the desires, and all that I just asked of Him, all in His name.

And across the great earthen terrain, power and majesty rein down upon all of creation. There is truly, TRULY power in the name of Jesus.

Prayer is the power of God at work in our lives, and in this world. The Family LIFE Center simply could not exist without the prayers of so many of you. We ask that you continue to keep us in your prayers, or that you would consider hosting a prayer gathering at your church on our behalf. All of us here at the FLC thank you for your faithful prayers, and for standing with us on the mountainside with Jesus.

To host a prayer time for the FLC at your church or small group please call us or email [info@familylifecenterhome.org](mailto:info@familylifecenterhome.org).

## Ministry Needs

In addition to your prayers, the FLC has other needs you, your small group, your business, or your church may be able to help us with:

- Monetary donations (Click here for our donation page)
- A refrigerator
- Pavers for the fire pit
- Household repairs (Need new HVAC system)
- Landscaping
- A ministry center space to conduct meetings, trainings, prayer events, after-care programs.



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# Volunteer Appreciation

On April 27, the Family LIFE Center celebrated our wonderful volunteers with a brunch and time of fellowship. Our volunteers, and all who faithfully donate, are truly the heartbeat of the Family LIFE Center. We could not exist without your generosity and support. On behalf of all of us at the FLC, we thank you, we value you, and appreciate all that you do to help women face the uncertainties of an unplanned pregnancy.

If you are not involved with the FLC, but would like to be, please contact our volunteer coordinator:  
[vc@familylifecenterhome.org](mailto:vc@familylifecenterhome.org)





# A special Thank You for the donated time, talent and treasures.

**Donating Lawn Care:**  
*Jim Van Farowe*

**AAA Air Duct Cleaning**  
*Jesse*



**Vruggink & Son**  
**Snowplowing**

**PotLuck Pick UP**



I'm Becky Steiner, and am so excited to be serving the Family LIFE Center as the new executive director. I often wonder when the "new" part of the title comes off. New is such an awesome name given to a journey we set off on, and yet, I don't know that there ever comes a time when we don't experience something new—especially in service to God's kingdom work.

When women come to stay at the FLC, they are experiencing new life inside of them. When they give birth to their babies, new life has entered the world. When women and their babies come to know the salvation of Christ, they experience new life. Does the "new" ever go away?

My journey to the Family LIFE Center has definitely experienced its share of "new." I am passionate about sharing my salvation story, along with the other areas of my life where God has redeemed my old self, and in its place, created something new. Something powerful. Something that only the hand of God could do. I have new life because of Christ's redemptive work in me. I'm certain there will come a day, soon enough, when I will just be the executive director of the Family LIFE Center, minus the new. But, undoubtedly, there will be another new in my life. God's mercies, and our days on earth, are new everyday.

If you'd like to know more about my story, or about the Family LIFE Center, don't hesitate to contact me: [director@familylifecenterhome.org](mailto:director@familylifecenterhome.org).

