

# Summer Newsletter 2023

## 2023 BABY BOTTLE BLITZ

Baby Bottle Blitz 2023 is coming to a close. If you still have a bottle at home please get it to your church or to the Center at your convenience.

***We thank you so much for your support of the ministry at LPCC!***

*And I will be a Father to you, and you will be sons and daughters to me, says the Lord Almighty.*

*- 2 Corinthians 6:18*



## OUR FATHER IN HEAVEN

For those of us who trust in Christ something amazing happens to us, we are adopted into the family of God (Eph. 1:5). As Paul instructs us in 2 Corinthians 6:18, he combines several Old Testament texts (2 Sam. 7:14 & Isa. 43:6) and then writes: "and I will be a father to you, and you shall be sons and daughters to me, says the Lord Almighty." What an amazing reality for Christians, we have God as our Father: the creator of the universe, the Savior of sinners, the first person of the Trinity! We have been reconciled to the Father through the Son and now are adopted children (brothers & sisters) into God's family. This new family status gives us great hope because God is a perfect father.

Jesus, in Luke 11:11-13, spoke about the hope we have in our perfect heavenly Father. He seeks to give us good gifts, and therefore, we should be confident that he will always do what is best for us, even if it is difficult. Our heavenly Father is perfectly good, loving, and patient toward His children. We can go to him in prayer, asking Him to bless us according to His will, and He hears and answers our prayers as our perfect loving Father. Go to him today in prayer, cast all your cares on him, he is for you and not against you (Rom. 8:31-39). He is our Father in heaven, hallowed be His name!

***-Mike Kooy, LPCC board Member & Pastor of Providence Presbyterian Church in Manistee, MI***

# Father's Day...

## **Banks Dishmon, Board Treasurer**

My dad did not give a lot of verbal instructions, but he did teach me by his actions and examples. There are some who did not have a father/dad at home as a role model, but we all have a heavenly Father who gives us examples in the Bible, teaching us how to be a great father and dad. If you grew up with a father or dad who was not nurturing, it may be hard for you to accept that God is a good, loving, and nurturing Father. Trust in Him. Let Him love you and teach you how to be the nurturing father your children need. You are setting an example to those children that will make a lasting impression on them as they become adults and generations beyond.

On June 18th, we celebrated Fathers and Dads. As I sit here thinking about what to write, my thoughts turn to my earthly father, who passed more than 20 years ago.

# Volunteer Spotlight

## **Ron Zajac**

We're very thankful for our new volunteer, Ron Zajac! Ron is keeping the lawn mowed, raking leaves, and doing other handyman jobs around the center. A native of Manistee, Ron graduated from Manistee Catholic Central and West Shore Community College, majoring in the nursing program. Many of us have appreciated Ron's caring and kind nature when receiving care at the ER at West Shore Hospital where he was employed for 35 years. He and his wife, Kathy, have been married for 30 years and worship at Divine Mercy. They are both retired and enjoy spending time in the winter in Arizona and hunting and fishing while home in Manistee.



*While the majority of our clients at Lighthouse are women, we care about and appreciate the men that come in! Please pray for these fathers, as they are important to their children, to us, and to their Father in Heaven.*

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