

Christmas Newsletter 2023

LOOKING TO 2024!

- Celebrating 20 years of ministry in Manistee!
- Our building will be freshened up with a new coat of paint and new railings.
- New educational resources & Men's ministry!



**Lighthouse
Pregnancy
Care
Center**

*"When they saw the star,
they rejoiced with exceeding great joy."*
Matthew 2:10

This December we will be giving each Lighthouse family a board book about Jesus' birth for their little ones. A large star is prominent on the cover, representing the illumination that guided the searching wise men to the Messiah. The magi rejoiced upon seeing the star because they knew it would lead them to Jesus, the true Light.

As it says in Isaiah 9:2, "*The people who walk in darkness will see a great light. For those who live in a land of deep darkness, a light will shine.*" Our hope this Christmas is that God will continue to use this ministry as He did the star – brightly shining the way to Jesus, the Light of the world.

Sherry Curtiss & Sue Johnson

THANK YOU! Thank you to all who gave to LPCC this past year! We now have a new roof, exterior lighting for the building, and are well-stocked with our material goods. Financial gifts, baby bottle blitz, volunteer time, and material donations keep our doors open and welcoming to those in the community. At the time of this writing, *we have served 24% more folks in 2023 than we did in 2022.* As 2023 comes to a close, please remember us in your end of year giving. **Our continued thanks for your prayers for those who come in our doors, for our staff, and for our board, as we all work together in the ministry of our Lord.**

Board Spotlight

Kathy Sullivan

Kathy Sullivan has been involved at LPCC as a mentor for many years. Her kind nature and experience as a social worker in the Detroit area bless us and those she visits with when volunteering. Kathy, her husband, Ryan, and their children Ben and Emily, returned to the Manistee area from Kalamazoo 18 years ago. Homeschooling Ben and Emily, and being active with her family in our community and their church, Providence Presbyterian, has filled Kathy's days. With Emily's graduation this spring, we appreciate Kathy's continued willingness to give of her gifts and time as she has recently also joined the Board of Directors of LPCC.



Volunteer Spotlight

Jewel Richardson

Jewel and her husband, Rick, live in the Wellston area, where they have both been heavily involved in the ministry at Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church. Jewel started volunteering at the Center in 2020, after helping with various fundraising efforts for LPCC. We appreciate her willingness to do any task that is needed, from sorting donations to folding newsletters to helping fold baby clothes and everything in between. The last two Christmas seasons, Jewel used her organizational skills in setting up Christmas at the Center, where families come in and choose a few gifts to give to each of their children. Her willingness to serve and flexibility are a blessing to the ministry.



Center Needs

- We are in need of some volunteer help at the center especially with our receptionists! Answering the phone, greeting clients, and other light admin. work are all part of a normal day.
- We are also always in need of size 6 diapers.

“The pregnancy center is an amazing asset. Many lightly used adorable baby items, for free. Thank you to all who suggested them and to all who have donated. [My] grandson is growing fast, I'm glad I can return some and get more when he needs it!”

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Lighthouse Pregnancy Care Center of Manistee County is dedicated to sharing God's love and grace by providing individuals and families with education, resources, and supportive mentoring for life-affirming choices regarding pregnancy, pregnancy loss, childbirth, and early childhood parenting.