

## Thought provoking issues...

### Muskegon Pregnancy Services and the Ultrasound Machine IS “Life-sustaining” and Saves Lives!!

The importance of giving a woman the ability to see her pre-born baby on an ultrasound scan is so critical and “life-sustaining!” When they clearly see the undeniable truth of the first signs of human life, movement, and human form even at its early stages of gestations, your views and perspective changes.

•80% of women who see an ultrasound of their baby’s heartbeat will choose life.

•90% of dads who see an ultrasound of their baby’s heartbeat will choose life.

Science proves the heartbeat starts approximately between 18-28 days after conception. Currently, you can see a heartbeat on an ultrasound about 5-6 weeks, but as technology improves, pregnancy centers may be able to show life earlier. It is a window into the womb, and that truth, saves lives!

At the annual banquet for Muskegon Pregnancy Services last October, I announced that our current ultrasound machine was not showing the clarity necessary for clients to see the heartbeat of an 8 week baby, and that the need was critical for a new machine.

**The Knights in shining armor came to the rescue!** That is, the Knights of Columbus Council #15337 - Prince of Peace Catholic Church “team” including: Scott & Cathy Edgar, Scott Greiner, Steve Haworth, Teresa Steward, and Sue and Kevin Lloyd. Over the course of several months, they organized, coordinated, and hosted an elegant Valentine’s dinner-dance fundraiser event called “My Heart-Beats For You.” Over 260 people attended and enjoyed music, food, raffles, & silent auctions. All the proceeds going to the new ultrasound for MPS! Adding to those funds raised at the event, they had also hosted a Walk/Run fundraiser last August, along with generous donations from various Knight of Columbus councils, sponsors and raffle donors. In addition, several local businesses, churches and many other donors stepped up as well! To top it off the State of Michigan Knights of Columbus had matching funds to reach the goal of the ultrasound machine!

The new ultrasound is a Samsung HS50, valued at \$90,000 dollars, is capable of both 2D and 3D imaging. On March 18th, Tim Donovan, of the State Knights of Columbus arranged the demo of the machine for our medical team at Muskegon Pregnancy Services and afterwards it was mentioned the resolution was so clear and amazing that not only could they see the heartbeat, they could also see the compartmental lobes of the little human brain within the womb!

Recently, Governor Whitmer stated that abortions are an essential “life-sustaining” procedure. If that were true, then why is it that abortion clinics don’t show women their ultrasound scan or encourage other life-affirming pregnancy options, like adoption? Is it about money? Are they afraid to give women the truth to what they are carrying? Truth is, “They don’t want them to SEE their baby,” according to Abby Johnson (Unplanned

Movie) a former Director of a Planned Parenthood abortion clinic. Even with technology today, the abortion industry continues to tell women the fetus is not a baby “yet”, a blob of tissue, with no feeling. However, when they can clearly see their baby on an ultrasound it makes a difference. **The difference is that at Muskegon Pregnancy Services, two people walk into the center, and still two people walk out. THAT is “life-sustaining”!**

At Muskegon Pregnancy Services, we are committed to providing clinical life-saving services



“My Heart-Beats For You” fundraiser for Muskegon Pregnancy Services NEW ultrasound machine hosted in February by the Knights of Columbus Prince of Peace Council #15337. Standing: Scott Edgar, Scott Greiner, Steven Haworth, Teresa Steward, & Kevin Lloyd. Seated: Cathy Edgar, Muskegon Pregnancy Services Executive Director, Deb Null, and Sue Lloyd.

and empowering life-changing decisions. We value women holistically, spirit, soul, and body. It is not about money for us as we are a non-profit. Women are precious to us, and they deserve the right to know! If we trust women, they should be given all the information about their pregnancy options, and to understand about the risks, and long-term effects of abortion. And... women deserve the right to see their baby on an ultrasound scan! A picture



Muskegon Pregnancy Services Nurse Manager, Darci Ryke, volunteer nurse, Cindy Hunter, and Nurse Trainer, Kim Hardy, demos the NEW Samsung HS50 ultrasound machine with a client. Funds to purchase the ultrasound were raised with the help of the Knights of Columbus POP Council #15337.

IS worth a thousand words. Then, considering everything they SEE and learn they would be empowered to make an educated decision based on facts. Our hope is they choose life! But, regardless of their decision we have services to help them. We do not want any woman to say, “I wish somebody would have told me!”

This gift of a NEW ultrasound machine, with the help of the Knights of Columbus, will impact lives for generations to come. We humbly thank ALL who partner with us in defending life and coming alongside women facing unplanned pregnancies. This truly is a gift and blessing that has been given to our community. It is a “life-sustaining” Mother’s Day gift!

Below is a summary of services that Muskegon Pregnancy Services provided to our community this past year. ALL of our services are FREE because of donor partners and fundraiser events.

### What are Real “Life-Saving” Actions?

submitted by Michigan Right to Life

With a hot mic and the cameras rolling, Michigan Governor **Gretchen Whitmer** passionately explained that all of her actions “will save lives.” So... Governor Whitmer...why would you close down virtually every single surgical and outpatient facility in the state of Michigan except abortion clinics? Why would you position yourself as one of the most radically pro-abortion governors in the entire country if your goal was to “save lives”?

### Babies to Adopt

First Congregational Church of Fruitport  
3212 Pontaluna Road

We may be joining a group of churches interested in finding homes for babies from unplanned pregnancies. If you are interested in offering your home through adoption of a baby, please call Pastor Mike Scott at 231-865-3822.

### Returnable cans & bottles

First Congregational Church youth group activity fund could use your deposit cans and bottles. You can drop them off at the church (3212 Pontaluna Rd.) if you would like or you can call 231-288-9873, leave your phone number and address, and someone will pick them up.

### Covid-19 and Vaccine Considerations and Concerns

by Elizabeth Munson

Many are waiting for a Covid-19 vaccine in the hope that it will be the solution to this viral public health threat, could they be waiting in vain?

Covid-19 is a disease caused by the virus SARS-COV-2, which mutated from an animal host to enable it to invade and replicate in human cells. It is a highly contagious virus which in recent findings has been spreading much more rapidly and sooner than was known to be the case two months ago. It continues to mutate and there are now over 20 identifiable strains since it was first identified in Wuhan, China. Graphs which are updated daily can be found on nextstrain.org. Producing a vaccine that is current to mutations circulating when the vaccine is ready for market will be difficult, as we would always be one step behind the virus, if not more.

Other human coronaviruses, including the common cold, induce an immune response but do not produce long-term immunity, as many other types of viruses do. Preliminary reports of Covid-19 antibody testing indicate that some people do not develop much of an antibody response and their antibodies also wane quickly. If infection with the virus does not produce immunity, it is unlikely a vaccine will induce immunity.

The virus is impossible to eradicate and waiting in quarantine for a near-impossible-to-manufacture vaccine is an obsequious effort to lull the population into a false sense of hope and security by local authorities and governments around the world. We should explore other options for dealing with Covid-19. We The People have the right to assess risk for ourselves and those in high risk categories can be enabled to isolate if they so choose.

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- 1,468 total visits
- 971 clients
- 215 pregnancy tests
- 112 ultrasounds
- 94 STD tests
- 628 RiseUp program
- 55 cribs
- 60 car seats
- 13,980 diapers
- 315 students reached for (SRA) - prevention

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Our LIFEWALK 2020 “VIRTUAL” fundraiser is going on now! Find out more at: Website: [www.muskegonpregnancyservices.org/donor](http://www.muskegonpregnancyservices.org/donor)

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