

# THE LUKE PROJECT 52 CLINIC NEWS



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## Preparing for the Unknown:

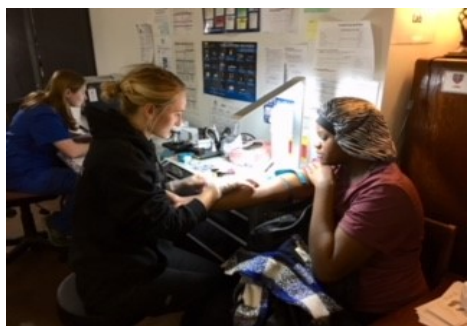
Although our reason for carrying out the work of The Luke Project 52 Clinic remains crystal clear (We want to save babies, change lives, and help or equip churches), the path we are taking to accomplish that is to a certain extent unknown and constantly evolving. No one has done this in Michigan before. We have launched into the river, but the current continually takes us in directions we were not expecting. So we must prepare for the unknown. In a letter to Meriwether Lewis, William Clark wrote *"This is an undertaking freighted with difficulties, but my friend I do assure you that no man lives with whom I would prefer to undertake such a trip as yourself."* Margaret Wheatley wrote in her book, **When Change Is Out of Control**, *"It is possible to prepare for the future without knowing what it will be. The primary way to prepare for the unknown is to **attend to the quality of our relationships**, to how well we know and trust one another."* Some awesome, verging on miraculous, opportunities (see news notes) to partner with organizations that will help us carry out our mission have recently presented themselves. Where they will take us, I don't know yet, but this I know. The quality of our relationships with one another, both staff and supporters, and with our patients, is the glue that will prepare us for the unknown and help our patients get the prenatal care they need to navigate this river of life in such a way that babies are saved and lives are changed.

## NEWS NOTES

- **Meeting with U of M Chair of OBgyn to discuss "How can U of M help more."** **Items discussed:** 1. We need additional providers 2. How can we deliver high risk care for patients who will come to us but won't go elsewhere? 3. How can we start to do 20 week anatomy scans? 4. Could we begin to use U of M for delivery? 5. Would U of M be interested in providing inventory and billing for vaccines, etc. 6. Would U of M be interested in a memorandum of understanding to staff our mobile unit? We were well received and a follow-up meeting has been scheduled with VP of Community Outreach.
- **Contacted by Director of Maternal & Infant health at the Detroit Department of Public Health.** They will bring vaccine to The Luke Clinic for not just children, but also the Family of God community. Scheduled a meeting for 2/20 to discuss partnership to bring numerous other services (mental health, STD clinic, lead testing, etc.) to The Luke Project.



Clinic on 2/15. Lots of activity in the reception area, teaching area, and social services area in the newly remodeled sanctuary of Family of God Lutheran Church



One of our Student Nurses from CUAA building relationship with one of our patients under one of our RN's supervision in the lab.

**Children's Room workers:** This continues to be an area of crucial need. If you or your church would be willing to help, you would be addressing one of the issues that prevent Moms from getting the prenatal care they need and you could be directly involved in saving a baby! Don't just march for women or life, serve for a woman and a life! 4 hours once every two months. CALL!