

**April's Child Abuse Prevention Month** challenges our community to examine the impact of child abuse and what we CAN do to prevent it. Help the CAN Council transform the Great Lakes Bay Region by getting involved. Below are a few ideas to help get you started!

- Build your worship/prayer service around themes of supporting families and caring for children.
- Plant a Pinwheel Garden.
- Honor those who lead and support family in your congregation.
- Set-up a table with information about child abuse prevention from the CAN Council.
- Include parenting tips in your newsletter/bulletin or host a parenting workshop.
- Invite the CAN Council to speak to your congregation or to an adult Sunday School class.
- Host a resource drive collecting items from CAN Council's "Wish List".
- Provide CAN Council volunteer opportunities to your congregation.
- Pray for victims and those who care for them on *Blue Sunday* or each Sunday in April.

**National Blue Sunday is April 29, 2018.** All across Michigan, efforts are being made to raise awareness about the impact of child abuse and neglect and to elicit the participation of community members. *Blue Sunday* is one initiative to inspire others to create their own prevention efforts. We know if everyone did a little, we would see BIG results for children.

**Blue  
Sunday**

### **Blue Sunday Prayer**

Lord, thank you for our children  
For them we kneel and pray.

Help us teach them of your kindness  
Of your mercy and your way.

Help us show them of your love,  
Your strength and safety, too.

Help us show them who you are.  
Help us treat them like you do.



### **We'd love to hear from you!**

Give us a call: (989) 752-7226 or send us an e-mail: [cancouncil@cancouncil.org](mailto:cancouncil@cancouncil.org).

*Thank you* for helping us build communities where children are free from abuse and neglect.