



# Life Matters

Discussing life matters,  
because life matters

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## Upcoming Events

Tuesday, CFLI Board Meeting  
Dec 9

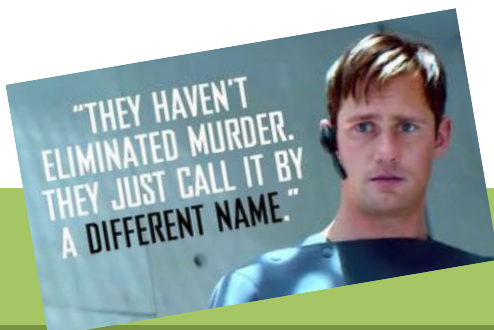
Tuesday, ~~CFLI Work Meeting~~  
Dec 23 (Cancelled)

Tuesday, CFLI Board Meeting  
Jan 13

Saturday, Midwest March for  
Jan 17 Life, Des Moines

Sunday, Cedar Rapids March  
Jan 18 for Life

**We welcome newcomers  
to our meetings**



## Enjoy Family

It's that time of year when families get together for multiple holidays. November has Thanksgiving. December has Christmas. January has New Years Day. Enjoy time with your families.

Also remember people who have lost members of their families recently, or people who may not have any living members of their families anymore. Some people are merely separated from their families. If you know anyone in such situations, a little charity goes a long way.

Don't let people feel alone during the holidays.

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## 40 Days for Life



We thank everyone who participated in 40 Days for Life this fall. We had a wonderful evening. We were able to pray together. We had time to talk to

each other. And we had a chance to gather for a great meal after we finished praying.

We thank Godfather's Pizza for hosting our celebration meal, and for making the pizzas. We also thank everyone for your generous freewill donations.

We traditionally had major accomplishments to

announce at our closing rally. We don't always see major results. Most people don't see the results we've had in recent years. If God did everything we asked for when we asked for it, wouldn't we be the all powerful ones? God hears our prayers, but makes even better things happen in his time.

## Prayer Flash Mobs

We resumed our prayer flash mobs. Although we don't just do such things on days with nice weather, the weather was rather nice. After the unseasonal cold weather, there was a nice day, allowing us to more comfortably pray.

We chose a Friday, and had at least 17 people present. Fridays are very slow days for the Cedar Rapids

Planned Parenthood. At times, it's a wonder that they remain open on Fridays.

We will pick more days in the next two months.

But 40 Days for Life begins again in February, and we put the prayer flash mobs on pause until that ends, due to the large prayer

activity that already goes on during the 40 days. So after December and January, the flash mobs will continue again in April.



# Twisted Language

In discussing the Brittany Maynard case with others, I've heard from multiple people that what she did was not a suicide. Most of the people saying this are in the medical field. I asked what it was. I either get no answer or I get told that she was choosing the time and circumstances of her death.

Each commonly used definition of suicide includes the terms:

intentional, killing, and oneself. Her actions led to the intentional killing of herself. This is clearly a suicide.

It seems like many people include significant baggage when denying existing definitions of words and choosing new words to describe what's already easily described.

We have prayed for an end to abortion. There is a move in the abortion industry to stop using the word abortion. Some discussions with

women leaving a Planned Parenthood kept using the phrase, "voluntary miscarriage" after hearing the term used consistently inside of Planned Parenthood. Even when describing webcam



abortions, Planned Parenthood of the Heartland kept saying women would be sent home to complete the "miscarriage experience."

Planned Parenthood knows the abortions they perform are not popular. But now they will disrespect many women. Real miscarriages are very traumatic, but there is no intent to take the life of the child. Using miscarriage to describe something Planned Parenthood knows is unpopular could lead to

women who will feel the stigma of something they did nothing to cause.

They have already abandoned use of pro-choice as a way of describing their pro-abortion views. Perhaps the

most humorous and ironic attempt to change their vocabulary became obvious a while ago. Abortion providers didn't like how users of iPhones that searched for the

nearest abortion provider would only find abortion alternatives. None of the results led women to abortionists.

Planned Parenthood's efforts to redefine everything unpopular and avoid using unpopular words made it so the iPhones didn't even know Planned Parenthood provided abortions. They use unpopular or irrelevant terms now, so no one can find them!

## Creating a Culture of Life

The more I pray for an end to abortion and the closing of facilities where referrals for abortions occur or abortions are performed, the more a sad reality comes to light.

With sin, we tend to see consequences and symptoms of the problem that are meant to make us want to avoid future sin. With abortion, businesses like Planned Parenthood come about when people are open to abortion. But Planned Parenthood promotes abortion. This turns a symptom into a cause.

This is why it helps to get abortion providers out of a community. But simply reducing demand just enough to make them close down leaves many people in a community who perpetuate the pro-abortion mentality. In some communities there are people who want to lead public pro-life activities like 40 Days for Life, but they don't know where to hold such events or activities.

Anyone who has stood along 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue in front of Planned Parenthood knows there is still much support for abortion in

the area, despite the significant support for pro-life alternatives. It would be great to see Planned Parenthood close for good. But if it closed, how active would pro-lifers remain?

While I would love to see the local Planned Parenthood close, I see it more as a place of opportunity to spread the pro-life message and help women turn to a culture of life. This is most easily done in a place where a culture of death is promoted. This has worked well for Dubuque, since the Planned Parenthood facility there is a money pit.

We need to reach out to others on personal levels to spread the culture of life or we will forever struggle in a culture of death. We must foster the culture of life within our families. The realm of life and death matters is very broad and contains many twists that arise from large numbers of details that differ from one case to another. How can anyone create a defense for life affirming ways? It's easier than you may think.

The foundation of a good argument regarding life focuses on life affirming principles.



With a small number of principles, one can apply them to a wide range of situations. Part of the mission of Coalition for Life of Iowa includes educating people about respecting human life. In the year ahead, we will try to assist you in making the case for life when you are out on the sidewalks or when you encounter people promoting “solutions” that do not affirm life.

When people get experience by defending life, it becomes easier to bring up the issue in more situations. The culture of death depends on our silence. We cannot allow ourselves to remain silent. If there are things you want to know about, please contact us. You can email us using the email address on this newsletter, or you can talk to us at our events.

Let us all aim to change this culture to one that affirms life. Imagine if people were prepared for the end of their own lives, while helping to affirm the dignity of life in all other cases.

## Pro-Life Challenge



### Love Family

Spend time with family during the holidays. Build even stronger bonds with family members, and try to end divisions and forgive each other.



### Treat Others Well

Make people feel like family.

# Three-Parent Embryos

The British government may soon approve three-parent embryos. As we know, conception brings together half the needed DNA from each parent to form the nucleus of cells in offspring. But mitochondrial DNA gets passed along from the mother.

Mitochondria are the power plants of cells. In the same way nuclear DNA may have mutations that lead to problems, mitochondrial DNA can lead to problems on a cellular level.

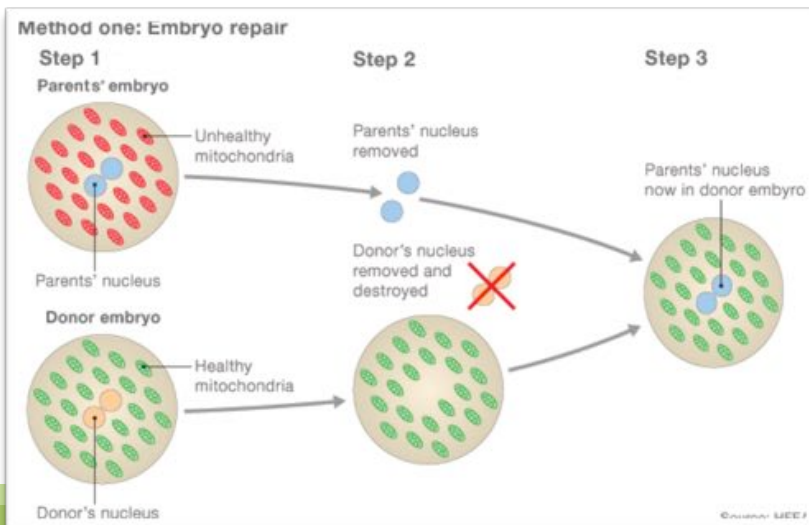
Unethical cloning techniques have spawned yet another unethical action. Researchers have been able to remove the nuclear DNA from donor eggs, and replace the DNA with the DNA of the mother

or which resulted from the joining of the two parents. The result is a three-parent embryo.

The intention to have healthy children is good. But the methods are bad. It takes the unity out of the procreative act. It also moves us one step closer to a very eugenic approach to having children, where the traits of the child are chosen, and anything else is considered inferior.

While science promotes the survival of the fittest, science often leaps at the opportunity to decide what is fit, and engineer the unfit out of existence. As members of the body of Christ, we each have our unique traits. We don't need to find ways to make our

children just like everyone else.



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