



Life Matters

Discussing life matters,
because life matters

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**We welcome newcomers
to our meetings and
events**

Holidays, then January!

This time of year is busy all around. Holidays keep people busy. But we keep busy planning pro-life activities for January. January marks the anniversary of the legalization of abortion in our nation. There are events all over the place, and we want to make sure you have a chance to attend them.

We are working together with other organizations to have a bus for transportation to the Washington D.C. March for Life in January. Sign up as soon as possible to secure your spot. Our bus to Des Moines for the Midwest March for Life offers a chance to attend an event within Iowa on a Saturday. We would love to see a large number of pro-lifers from our area make it!

If you would like to make a year-end donation to our organization, you may send a check or contact us. It's tax-deductible, and it's a good time to give.

During the holidays, remember to spend time with family.

- Coalition for Life of Iowa Board

Upcoming Events

Tue, Dec 15

7 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

CFLI Board & Working Meeting

Get involved in the decisions that guide our organization!

Where: St. Patrick's Common Grounds Coffee Shop
120 5th St NW, Cedar Rapids, IA

More info: coalitionforlife@gmail.com

Tue, Jan 12

7 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

CFLI Board Meeting

Get involved in the decisions that guide our organization!

Where: St. Patrick's Common Grounds Coffee Shop
120 5th St NW, Cedar Rapids, IA

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Sat, Jan 16

7 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Midwest March for Life

Bring the pro-life message to our state capitol this January!

Where: State Capitol Building; bus leaves from Cedar Rapids, IA
Details coming soon

More info: <http://www.iowartl.org/midwest-march-for-life/>

Sun, Jan 17

2 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Cedar Rapids March for Life

Bring the pro-life message to Cedar Rapids this January!

Where: St. Matthew's Church to Planned Parenthood and back
2310 First Ave NE to 3425 First Ave SE, Cedar Rapids, IA

More info: http://lifeiowa.org/March_for_Life.html

Jan 20 – Jan 24

7 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

National March for Life

Bring the pro-life message to our nation's capitol this January!

Where: National Mall; bus leaves from Cedar Rapids, IA
Details coming soon

More info: coalitionforlife@gmail.com

Tue, Jan 26

7 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

CFLI Working Meeting

Get involved in planning the activities for our organization!

Where: St. Patrick's Common Grounds Coffee Shop
120 5th St NW, Cedar Rapids, IA

More info: coalitionforlife@gmail.com

Wed, Feb 10

7 a.m. – 7 p.m. daily

40 Days for Life Starts

Join us in prayer!

Where: Sidewalk outside of Planned Parenthood
3425 First Ave SE, Cedar Rapids, IA

More info: http://lifeiowa.org/40_Days_for_Life.html

**Don't miss out! Reserve your place on the March for Life buses!
Registrations are accepted until buses are full.**



Going Pink has Changed

For many years, most products that have gone pink have put the money toward organizations that support Planned Parenthood or unethical forms of research. One of the most common organizations is the Susan G. Komen Foundation.

For several years, pro-lifers have boycotted any of the pink campaigns that benefitted Susan G. Komen. Some companies are starting to change. Yoplait yogurt has their pink lids again. However they are placing the choice of which organization to benefit in our hands.

Each pink lid of Yoplait yogurt has a special code. When you go to the website on the container, you may direct 10 cents toward any of three organizations. The options include:

- Bright Pink
- Living Beyond Breast Cancer
- Susan G. Komen

If you choose to buy such a product, this allows you to make sure Susan G. Komen doesn't get as much as the other organizations. This change might bring them more business than the past several years.

But it's not clear how Yoplait will proceed after this year. If Yoplait makes a similar amount in sales as they made in prior years, they might just pick the one that has the most votes this year. They might simply drop the one that gets the fewest votes. Of course they could keep all three and maintain the voting system.

But if they bring in significantly more sales, it wouldn't surprise me if they have votes every year. If enough pro-lifers try to direct money away from Susan G. Komen, then they might choose to keep that option available, just to keep pro-lifers buying yogurt. It's hard to tell what will happen.

Keep an eye out for other "pink" products. I almost chose not to buy yogurt when I saw the pink lids were back. But when I realized what was going on, I decided it wouldn't hurt to buy their yogurt.

The Susan G. Komen Foundation became unpopular a few years ago when they announced the termination of funding Planned Parenthood. After their charity was nearly destroyed by attacks from people who wanted them to fund Planned Parenthood again, the foundation resumed funding them.

Planned Parenthood supporters thought Susan G. Komen was not on their side. But pro-lifers felt betrayed. Some people showed support for the pro-life shift, just to find out their donation might go to Planned Parenthood after all. They lost the trust of lots of people.



Government Update

Iowa

As mentioned in last month's newsletter, some lawmakers could introduce a bill in the 2016 session to legalize assisted suicide, which denies human dignity and sends mixed messages about the value of human life.

Hopefully there won't be attempts to force pregnancy resource centers to promote abortion against their consciences.

Several people have contacted our governor and other lawmakers to ask them to end funding and any contracts with Planned Parenthood of the Heartland.

We will watch what happens in the months ahead. It's important to convey your thoughts on such matters to your lawmakers.

Federal Actions

The Supreme Court will hear a challenge of a Texas abortion law that requires abortion doctors have admitting privileges at nearby hospitals, and for abortion clinics to meet the standards of ambulatory surgical centers. Probably a best-case scenario would be the Supreme Court allowing states to put common sense regulations of abortion procedures in place.

HR7 (No Taxpayer Funding for Abortions Act) still sits, waiting for the Senate to act.

National March for Life

The cost for the bus and transportation to the National March for Life is \$375. Follow the link below for information and to register. We'd love to see that bus fill up and do this every year!

<http://www.iowansforlife.org/march-for-life/>

Midwest March for Life

We will also have a bus to the Midwest March for Life in Des Moines on January 16th. The cost is only \$25 per person, which is hard to beat. You can sit back and relax while going both to and from our state's capitol.



What about Baby Hitler?

Sometimes pro-lifers point to the difficult circumstances of some of the people who have done the most good for the world in various areas of life. Although it's true that you shouldn't prejudge the lives of people, the argument is not effective. You can almost count on someone rightfully saying you might kill baby Hitler.

Baby Hitler came up in a recent debate. What if you could go back in time to the time when Adolf Hitler was a child; would you kill him?

The question aims to test whether you are willing to kill one person to save the lives of millions of other people. If you say yes, then you justify killing in certain circumstances. If you

say no, you permit the killing of millions more people. Never settle for two answers when posed with a false dichotomy.

What if you could help steer Adolf's view of the world in a good direction? He was a powerful leader, but unleashed great evil on the world. But what if he were raised and mentored to do great and wonderful things? Imagine a leader who could lift a nation from the rough times following World War I without dividing people, without war, and without killing people.

If the captain of the Titanic knew about the iceberg that would ultimately sink the ship, what would he do? Would he destroy the ship before it left? Would he simply not disembark? Or would

he simply alter his course earlier? Offering a positive influence for others is better than killing or allowing killing.

Besides, some people have considered the consequences of Germany with the strict limitations from the Treaty of Versailles. Stalin could have rushed across the same nations Germany defeated, just to wipe out a weakened Germany. Without a second front Stalin may have taken all of Europe, Northern Africa, and possibly the entire hemisphere.

No one wants millions of people dead. But killing Hitler as a child or in the womb isn't the best answer. Don't prejudge or fall for false dichotomies when you can find better solutions.

36th week of development

Author: Dr. Monica Minjeur

Stages of Life: Weeks 33 - 36

This month is all about growing in length and weight. Baby undergoes rapid weight gain, averaging about $\frac{1}{2}$ pound every week from now until birth. Skin gets less red and as the fat continues to develop, it stretches out baby's wrinkles. Full-length fingernails and toenails cover and protect the tips of fully developed tiny digits.

By 33 weeks gestation, baby's eyes are fully developed and pupils can constrict, dilate and detect light. Hearing is fully developed by 34 weeks and many mothers notice baby moving in response to music

or noises heard outside the womb.

Internal organs of kidneys and liver are fully developed as well and processing waste products throughout the body. Lungs are also fully developed by now and around 99% of babies born during this time survive, despite still technically being "pre-term".

If not already in the correct position, baby often times will start to turn head down, preparing for labor and delivery. The skull is still pliable with joints in the

head that will temporarily overlap during delivery to allow for easier passage through the birth canal. The rest of the bones throughout the body continue their hardening process and are ready for life outside the womb.

Mother's body is getting ready for labor with pelvic joints loosening and baby dropping lower into the pelvis. Breasts begin to fill with colostrum, preparing for the birth of baby and vital nutrients during the first few days of life outside the womb.

Pro-Life Challenge



Support Us!

We could use your time, talents and financial donations to achieve more great accomplishments in the year ahead!



Spend Time with Family!

Spend time with family during the holidays. Help others who might not have family of their own. Seek to heal broken relationships. Love life!



Causing an Effect!

Some people hate to ask for money, but I realized that when a cause is great and people cause great things to happen, it's hard NOT to invite people to play a part in doing good work! We trained members to discuss the abortion issue persuasively earlier this year. Very recently we heard about multiple lives saved from abortion and mothers who won't regret having abortions. Even men are affected by abortions, and we helped point to help in that area.

Through generosity beyond what we are used to seeing, we were able to coordinate a bus to a rally in Des Moines with little notice. We have a sound system to help everyone hear us at outdoor events. We also put the pro-life message into the community in the most visible approach we have used to date. It's been an amazing year!

Many organizations ask for money about this time of year, knowing

that it minimizes the time between your donations and receiving the tax deduction. That's a nice side benefit of giving. But I personally used to give very little, only to discover the joys of giving to important causes where great things happen.

The pro-life movement not only saves lives, but it also builds consciences that seek loving, non-violent solutions to problems. The Coalition for Life of Iowa defends the sanctity of human life from conception throughout all stages with prayer, education and raising awareness. We cannot do this without your help.

I can only imagine what we can accomplish with your help in the year ahead! Please consider us in your end-of-year donations. You may send a check to the address on the last page of our newsletter. Thank you for such an amazing year!

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