



Life Matters

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because life matters

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

Setting Our Course!

We often take some time each summer to consider the best path forward for pro-life efforts in our community. We elect our leadership in July at our annual meeting. The annual meeting occurs during the time of our monthly board meeting each July.

We have to deal with a Planned Parenthood facility that now contains most of the equipment from the recently closed Dubuque facility. Fortunately, much of that equipment is just in storage. But having extra equipment handy can only help them.

This newsletter issue will continue an examination of the tree of death.

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Upcoming Events

<p>Tue, July 12 7 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. Tue, Aug 9 Tue, Sep 13 Tue, Oct 11 Tue, Nov 8 Tue, Dec 13 (tentative)</p>	<p>CFLI Board Meeting (2nd Tuesdays) 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</p>
<p>Tue, July 26 7 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. Tue, Aug 23 Tue, Sep 27 Tue, Oct 25 Tue, Nov 22 Tue, Dec 27 (tentative)</p>	<p>CFLI Working Meeting (4th Tuesdays) 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</p>
<p>Sep 28 – Nov 6</p>	<p>40 Days for Life</p>
<p>Sun, Oct 2</p>	<p>National Life Chain</p>
<p>— 2017 —</p>	
<p>Tue, Jan 10</p>	<p>CFLI Board Meeting</p>
<p>Sat, Jan 14</p>	<p>Midwest March for Life in Des Moines, IA Featuring Kristin Hawkins from Students for Life</p>
<p>Tue, Jan 24</p>	<p>CFLI Working Meeting</p>
<p>Fri, Jan 27</p>	<p>National March for Life in Washington, D.C.</p>



Iowa's Safe Haven

One method of combatting abortion arose several years ago in the form of Safe Havens. A mother recently chose to let her child live by using the Safe Haven law. It was the 26th time someone in Iowa took advantage of the option. The law resulted from a case in 2001 in which a teenage mother killed her newborn.

The law allows parents to hand over custody of their children up to 14 days after birth. They can leave their child at hospitals or health care facilities. The parents do not face abandonment charges.

Some states combine the safe haven laws with a baby drop box. A pastor in Korea was featured in a documentary

last year called “The Drop Box.”

Pastor Lee Jong-Rak saw a large number of children being abandoned and left for dead. He decided to create a small delivery door on the side of his home, where parents could leave their child if they would otherwise abandon the child on the streets. He rigged it up with an alarm to notify him whenever a child is placed on the platform in the box inside his home. It was kept at a comfortable temperature for the child, and he responded in seconds.

Laws vary in different countries and states. But some states are now getting baby drop boxes. They

don't depend on someone having to be near it constantly. They automatically call emergency responders, such as you get when you dial 911. It makes it even easier to remain anonymous and trust that the system works.

It's usually preferable to keep a child and parents together. But in a world where even safe haven laws don't prevent the killing of newborns, these options offer some hope for children.

The laws/rules for safe haven in Iowa would have to be updated if drop boxes were used in places other than the currently approved safe havens.



Government Update

The biggest news in the nation comes from a Supreme Court ruling regarding the Texas abortion law. The decision was handed down on Monday, June 27, 2016. Pro-lifers hoped for at least a 4-4 ruling, which would have upheld the law in that district of the nation. It would have left some uncertainty, since the court could reconsider it when it reacquires a full slate of justices. However, the ruling struck down the main parts of the law in a 5-3 ruling.

The ruling limits states from enforcing laws that require surgical abortion facilities from having to meet the minimum standards that are required of any facility that performs surgeries that aren't abortions. Texas has had several women die from abortions. Now that abortion providers know they don't have to rise to any standards, it's unlikely that the results will improve. But

another provision struck down would have at least ensured that admitting privileges were in place. This would provide consistency in care and better handling of clients. Such improved care was also considered an undue burden.

With dozens of abortion facilities closing for failing to meet those minimum standards, they managed to convince the court that it's somehow better to subject women to substandard surgical facilities than to maintain the same standards the medical community meets. If one or two had closed, but the others tried to meet the standards, it might have only made a few facilities look shady. Instead, it made the law look unreasonable, because most of the industry was collectively shady.

We consider it critical to convert the culture. Yes, laws need to change to protect all human life from intentional harm. Political

groups could always use help in promoting life. Our group may report what's happening in government on this issue, but we focus our efforts on the culture side of things.

If laws get passed that the majority of people oppose, they will demand lawmakers change the laws, or else they will change their lawmakers in the next election. We see the pendulum swing back and forth regarding the Mexico City Policy. Each time a President from a different party takes office, they reverse the policy, either putting it back in effect, or nullifying it.

California has passed a law, and Illinois has a similar bill in the hands of their Governor. The laws reveal the worse attacks made through laws if abortion providers are few in numbers. They attempt to force all hospitals to provide abortions or at least refer for them. Let's convert the culture!



“Panned” Parenthood

A minor piece of pro-life news made it clear that Planned Parenthood doesn't recognize the things that real parents do. They have panned the idea of parenthood more than they have promoted it.

The Planned Parenthood in Sarasota, Florida recently called for help. Help included a HAZMAT team to deal with a suspicious substance the Planned Parenthood employees encountered. They called because several people had some unusual reaction to something.

So what was the substance? It was baby food! An organization with “Parenthood” in its name should have employees who recognize baby food. The reactions people experienced resulted from lots of cleaning materials.

A nearby school was put on lockdown until the issue

was addressed. When I first read the news, I wasn't sure how close the school was. But I visited the Planned Parenthood in early June and learned plenty about the facility.

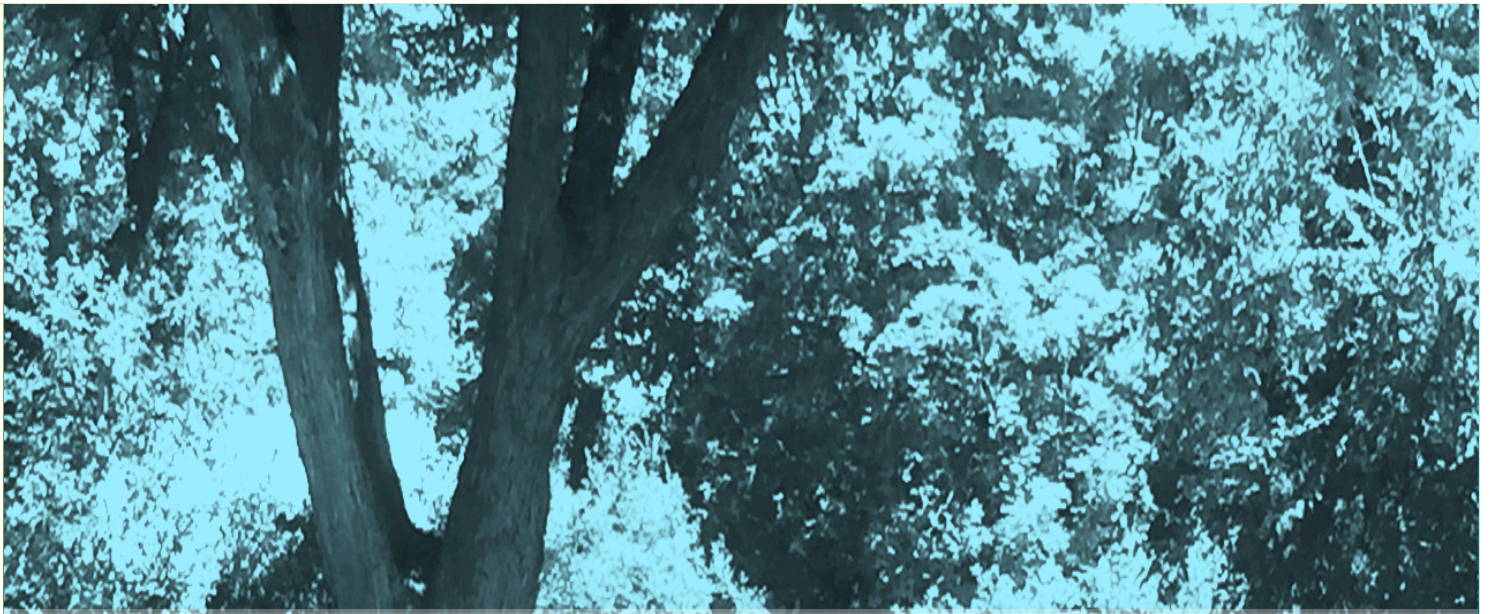
The Planned Parenthood abortion facility was placed very near a school. Less than one block away is the parking lot for a military academy high school. The school is on the other side of the parking lot. Planned Parenthood loves to have access to our youth.

But something stood out on the other side of the facility. Several years ago I was told that abortion facilities are often located in very close proximity to cemeteries. I took a panoramic photo that contains the cemetery on the left side of the photo, and the Planned Parenthood on the right side of the photo. One is diagonally across the street from the other.

Planned Parenthood bridges the geographical gap between children and the grave. The symbolism and metaphors were not lost on me as I left.

Their front door had two clinic escorts. A few pro-lifers had signs and prayed out front. One had a sign with the graphic image of the remains of a child who was aborted, and he preached to the escorts constantly. It seemed unlikely that his approach was going to have a huge impact.

I went to the parking lot entrance, where other pro-lifers had useful information for people going in. I saw an unmarked truck that appeared to be picking up their medical waste, by which I mean dead children. It was great getting to know the people there and see how things went. But I also offered some ideas to them.



Tree of Death: Trunk & Branches

In our last issue, we addressed the roots of the tree of death. We could have filled a book, but kept it brief. Contraception leads to abortion, and abortion forms the trunk of the tree. Numerous branches stem from abortion.

Abortion's most direct result is a dead child. But many women experience depression and increased risk of suicide following an abortion. Even if it's not full-blown depression, it can affect a woman greatly. A woman I once talked to said she had two abortions. I

never met her before finding this out. But I realized the abortions must have occurred decades earlier. Most women regret their abortions after a few years go by, if not right afterward. So I asked her about it, and she said it hit her hard. It took a while, but when it hit, it hit her hard.

Abortion devalued the life in the womb. Suddenly it became commonplace to perform research on fetal tissue. Some companies started making vaccines using tissue samples from

aborted children.

Prenatal tests can help identify medical conditions that could require treatment. But abortion creates a death sentence for children with special needs. At least 90% of children with Down Syndrome are never born due to abortion. Who knows how many other conditions might end up with life-saving treatments, but society has chosen to end life instead of seeking those treatments?

The decreased value of life

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Pro-Life Challenge



Pray for Our Leaders

Please pray for the leaders of our nation.

We also welcome prayers for our pro-life leaders. We could always use more leaders and more successes. Thanks for your ongoing prayers.



Pray for Conversion!

We pray for more people to be exposed to the good pro-life arguments. But even more important is to pray for them to be open to the pro-life message so they can have a conversion of heart.



Tree (continued)

quickly extends beyond birth. Child neglect and infanticide can result when people don't value life.

We normally provide a proper burial/funeral for the deceased, but victims of abortion are tossed into the trash, flushed down toilets, and have even been incinerated to generate energy.

The good news is that we can reverse RU-486 abortions if caught soon enough. There are also morally acceptable forms of medical research, such as adult stem-cell research. Hundreds of treatments and cures have resulted from

such research.

Abortion's devaluing life in the womb will justify the immoral methods used to achieve pregnancy through In-Vitro Fertilization (IVF). Since lab technicians fertilize multiple eggs, and only some of these new lives are chosen to live on, this yields further death in the name of bringing life into this world.

Our next issue will go into more details about this and the repercussions of scientific experimentation in the womb. There is still more to this tree of death.

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