



Life Matters

Discussing life matters,
because life matters

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

Respect Life Month

October is Respect Life Month, and we have just a little time to prepare for it. We engage in prayer for the 40 Days for Life throughout October. We also take part in the National Life Chain.

The National Life Chain has been moved to the last Sunday in October, which is October 28th, due to another major prayer event on the first Sunday of October that many of our members intend to take part in.

There are a variety of other events on the next page of this newsletter to check out.

In future issues of this newsletter, we hope to include some other pro-life resources you may wish to check out. When one of us was asked to speak at a men's conference earlier this year, such podcasts and other resources were shared with participants. It makes sense to share them with each of you.

Upcoming Events

Sept 26 – Nov 4
1-hour time slots
24 hours/day

40 Days for Life Prayer Vigil

Join us in praying for an end to abortion in a peaceful prayer vigil!

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

More info: <https://40daysforlife.com/local-campaigns/cedar-rapids/>

Sat, Sep 29
1 p.m. – 4 p.m.

Bridgheaven Dance for Life

Spread the pro-life message in as long of a chain as possible!

Where: Stonebridge Church
1829 Stoney Point Rd SW, Cedar Rapids, IA

More info:

<https://secure.ministrysync.com/ministrysync/event/website/home/?e=12448>

Wed, Oct 10
6:30 p.m. – 8 p.m.
&
Thurs, Oct 11
7 p.m. – 9 p.m.

America's Deadliest Hoax

Learn the deceptions that led to the legalization of abortion in America!

Where: On Oct. 10: St. Mary Catholic Church
1749 Racine Ave NE, **Solon, IA**

On Oct. 11: St. Wenceslaus Catholic Church
630 E. Davenport St., **Iowa City, IA**

More info:

<https://stwenc-ic.com/parish-headlines/330-journeys-in-faith-speaker-coming-oct-11>

Sun, Oct 28
2 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

National Life Chain

Spread the pro-life message in as long of a chain as possible!

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

More info: <http://lifechain.net>

Sun, Nov 4
5 p.m. – 7 p.m.

40 Days for Life Finale Rally

Join us to conclude our 40 days of prayer and fasting!

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

More info: <https://40daysforlife.com/local-campaigns/cedar-rapids/>

Second Tuesdays
7 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

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

Fourth Tuesdays
7 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

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

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New Planned Parenthood CEO

After months of looking for a new CEO, Planned Parenthood named Leana Wen as the replacement for Cecile Richards as CEO of Planned Parenthood and their political action committee. She fills Planned Parenthood's needs right now.

Planned Parenthood hasn't managed to get a doctor to lead their business ever since the Roe v. Wade ruling. It's been at least half a century! They want to appear like a real medical business, so they wanted a doctor leading them. Leana has worked in emergency rooms before. In her introductory video from Planned Parenthood, she tells of a story of a girl who performed a home abortion who was afraid to seek help. The girl died. Sadly, webcam abortions carry that

same risk; and yet Planned Parenthood pushes to spread the use of webcam abortions. She was the Health Commissioner of Baltimore and wanted to help the most vulnerable. Yet, she promotes the killing of the most vulnerable children in the womb.

In a time period when immigration issues have been front and center, they chose an immigrant. Her family was poor when they arrived, so they depended on government programs, including Planned Parenthood's services. It seems a bit unusual that Planned Parenthood would have services for their family.

It's sad that she supports abortion, considering she came from a country that uses

abortion as a weapon to control the population from opposing the government. Abortion has caused so many problems in China.

When the government cut funds for sex education programs that aren't good, she led the effort to sue the government to force those programs to get funding. Planned Parenthood almost always sues the government to force them to continue funding. So she also fits the mold for leading Planned Parenthood's legal battles.

New faces often bring renewed energy. We need to remain strong in our promotion of life-affirming, ethical approaches to real health options.



Government Update: Supreme Elections

Supreme Court

After the hearings for Judge Kavanaugh's appointment to the Supreme Court, allegations were made a few days apart attacking his character. All allegations involved sexual activity.

The first focused on high school years with vague details. The second focused on college years, but with no one willing to testify. And the third escalated the claims to even more bizarre behavior, but even some major media outlets refused to include that content, due to lack of evidence.

Both the women making the allegations and the Kavanaugh family have faced death threats. Lawmakers have been bribed in the form of being told that if they vote in favor of his appointment, their opponent in the upcoming

election will get \$1 million. Lawmakers have been threatened with rape. The way people have reacted to this nomination has gotten out of control. Please pray for everyone involved. Pray for truth and justice.

It's possible some claims are totally fabricated. But it's also possible they are true. It's also possible that some women have been victims, but not at the hands of the nominee.

I've wanted to write a special newsletter issue regarding the MeToo movement and relate it to the abortion industry, but this year has been so full of pro-life activity. It's important that we not belittle abuse victims. Many victims remain silent for many years and some remain silent until the day they die.

One may note that one allegation came from a

woman who works for the company that makes the RU-486 abortion drug. One could point to the George Soros ties to the people making the accusations. Although such things might offer motive for making false allegations, it doesn't deal with the matter directly. Just like how many abortion arguments often get off topic with discussions of poverty and other matters that avoid dealing with the humanity of the unborn, we should let the process play out and let the people in the positions to seek truth do so.

Elections

We don't endorse candidates. Political Action Committees (PACs) like the Iowa PAC for Life do that kind of thing, and many of them have made endorsements and voter guides. We focus on non-political activities.



America's Deadliest Hoax

Terry Beatley reveals the promise she made to Dr. Bernard Nathanson, the father of America's abortion industry: to unmask the propaganda of how he and others deceived our nation with the lie that abortion is women's healthcare.

Dr. Nathanson performed tens of thousands of abortions before he became pro-life. He laid out the strategy he and others made to make abortion legal. It included everything from fabricating lies to creating division within the Church.

The methods were remarkably effective.

For people who listen to pro-life podcasts, they may remember Terry from her relatively recent appearance on the Love Will End Abortion podcast. This talk should go into many of the same things, and undoubtedly include other content.

One should quickly realize why abortion was accepted so quickly. It also reveals how so many other divisions in our culture have arisen.

“We can change the world for good and it begins by first uniting on the gift that God gave the human family – the unalienable right to life and the ability to love one another.”

- Terry Beatley



40 Days for Life

40 Days for Life has begun again! Many of you took us up on the offer where we provided you a 40 Days for Life book at no cost to you. We thank our donors who make it possible for us to provide our members with such resources.

For the people who read a chapter per day since we recommended reading it, you should be done with the book. We'd love to hear what you thought of the book. What were your favorite parts? If you started late or went at a slower pace, please continue reading. It's great to read it during the 40 days. Some people have chosen to read it on the sidewalk in the past.

Make sure you pray while you

are on the sidewalk. It can be nice to get to know the people you pray with better. But the primary purpose is prayer. If there are three or more of you at a time, it makes it easier to have someone continue in prayer while the other two talk briefly before returning to prayer. Having three people helps when someone comes up to talk to you as well. One person can talk to the visitor. One or two of the others can pray that the conversation goes well, and one could continue praying for the original causes, if desired.

We really want to bathe the site in prayer. It would be great to see people spend more time outside of Planned Parenthood. We lose some people over time when they move or other

reasons keep them from joining us. So an even more important thing we need is for people to invite others to pray. Otherwise we will all need to spend more and more time out there. But we welcome anyone who wishes to spend more time there as well. We have had people choose to pray for at least an hour each day during the 40 days before.

Now prepare for a 40-day journey like no other, where you will discover how God can use YOU to change hearts and Faith lives! Invite friends and family to join you during the next week of prayer. When they find out what it's like, they can come back anytime!

Pro-Life Challenge

VOLUNTEER



Help us out!

The pro-life movement is experiencing greater success than we've seen in the past several decades. But with success brings an even greater need for help. Please help us build a culture of life! Volunteer!



Invite Friends!

Invite friends and family to attend our events. Invite them to help us out. There are many needs. The harvest is plenty; harvesters are few. Many hands make for light work!



PP Supporters

Many businesses have fundraising campaigns for the United Way. Periodic auditing of the expenditures of the United Way of East Central Iowa has shown that they occasionally contribute money to Planned Parenthood. Their most recent activity was 2015.

Although that's a few years ago, keep in mind that information is not available right away. Non-profit organizations have until 5.5 months after the end of their fiscal year to report their finances. Then it takes a while for that information to become public. So it's common to only see data from as recent as two years ago.

It's good to give to help others. I love promoting giving to many causes, since

it helps the giver and the receivers. But I also think it's best to give more directly to people or organizations, rather than running it through umbrella organizations that dish it out to others. We should also consider how organizations use the money given to them. If you recognize the intrinsic evils that Planned Parenthood does, one may need to avoid giving to them. If the United Way gives to Planned Parenthood, you may need to avoid giving to them as well.

If you have an opportunity to give and choose not to, due to the way they spend their money, then it's often good to contact them to tell them why you do not give. So much good can be done with our limited resources; we shouldn't give to bad causes.

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