



Life Matters

Discussing life matters,
because life matters

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our meetings and events**

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Respect Life

October is Respect Life Month! This is a very busy time of year for pro-life activities.

I really want to write about the David Daleiden case, but there's so much to say that it might become a special edition by itself.

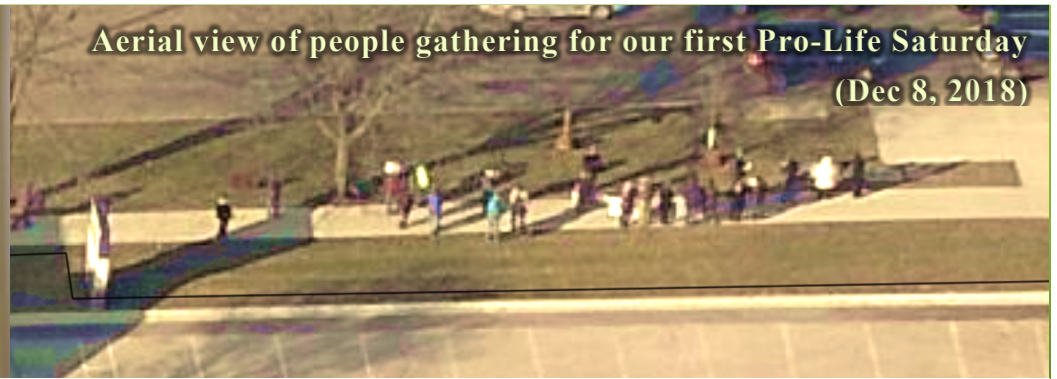
We still have one board position open if anyone is interested in serving to help guide the local pro-life movement.

We're pleased to see such a great response to the pro-life apologetics course offering we provided. At this rate, we may get more people registered than any other organization! But what matters most is that we will be more equipped to convert the culture one conversation at a time.

- Coalition for Life of Iowa's Board of Directors

Upcoming Events

<p>Second Tuesdays 7 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.</p> <p>Fourth Tuesdays 7 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.</p>	<p>CFLI Board Meetings (2nd Tuesdays) & CFLI Working Meetings (4th Tuesdays) Get involved in 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 25 – Nov 3 1-hour time slots 24 hours/day</p>	<p>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/</p>
<p>Thurs, Oct 3 6 – 9:30 p.m.</p>	<p>Iowans For Life's 9th Annual Banquet Gloria Purvis speaks on Racism, Abortion, and Medical Care! Where: Prairie Meadows Ballroom 1 Prairie Meadows Drive, Altoona, IA 50009 More info: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/9th-annual-iowans-for-life-fundraising-banquet-tickets-59338719708 (Buy tickets before the event)</p>
<p>Sat, Oct 5 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.</p>	<p>Unplanned Movie Showing Last spring's wildly successful Unplanned film is showing! Where: St. Jude's Community Center 50 Edgewood Road NW, Cedar Rapids, IA More info: https://container.parishesonline.com/bulletins/02/0088/20190929B.pdf#page=4</p>
<p>Sun, Oct 6 2 – 3:30 p.m.</p>	<p>National Life Chain Raise awareness and spread the pro-life message with signs on 1st Avenue! Where: Sidewalk outside Planned Parenthood & along 1st Ave 3425 First Ave SE, Cedar Rapids, IA More info: https://NationalLifeChain.org</p>
<p>Sun, Nov 3 5 – 7 p.m.</p>	<p>40 Days for Life Finale Rally Come help us finish strong with 40 Days for Life! Pizza afterward! Where: Sidewalk outside Planned Parenthood 3425 First Ave SE, Cedar Rapids, IA More info: https://40daysforlife.com/local-campaigns/cedar-rapids/</p>



Evil Silence

Leana Wen says she's being silenced by Planned Parenthood (PP) after her departure from her CEO position of their organization. With how badly they treated her and how much they are trying to silence her, we will keep watching to see if they turn her into a new Abby Johnson. She could bring even more information from inside PP, since she headed the organization at a time they were facing serious legal challenges.

PP chose not to participate in Title X because they insisted on performing abortions. Yet, they claim they are now under an unfair "gag rule". Title X doesn't keep them from talking about abortions. They just can't refer for them or provide them. They are treating this as if they were under an old rule that aimed to silence mention of abortion. But they aren't being silenced. They just chose to opt out of a source of income and now play victim.

A more realistic silencing is seen in social media with Facebook's handling of Lila Rose and Live Action. They reach far fewer people when Facebook censors them. Facebook uses fact-checkers, but

they keep hiring and consulting with people with a one-sided bias. If they had people with opposing bias weigh in, they could at least spot contentious issues where people with opposing views differ. If they were good and yet opposed, they would concur on most posts. But instead, they take the word of people who gain from abortion being legal, and then claim pro-lifers are posting untrue things, even though the posts addressed the points the fact-checkers got wrong.

Men really get shut out when the opposition claims that men should have no opinion on the matter, since they can't get pregnant. The Equipped for Life online course provides a great response for that, which one can adapt several ways.

We see people on the other side shouting down pro-lifers at rallies. A notable situation where this happens is when Silent No More has post-abortive women tell their stories about how abortion caused problems in their lives. Sometimes this is at the National March for Life and sometimes it's elsewhere. Women will silence other women who have personal experience,

rather than hear them out! They drown out truth and facts that could help inform them better regarding abortion. It's bad enough that they try to silence men. But they prove they won't let ANYONE speak and be heard if they have anything to say that shows even the slightest issue with abortion.

Even here in Cedar Rapids, Planned Parenthood called the police on a Saturday. Since they are now open on the second Saturday of each month, they found out there have been dozens of people praying at 10 in the morning each Saturday. A speaker system is used to help people hear over the traffic. The city code does have noise ordinances, but we even tested the speaker volume levels and found we tend to remain within the legal limit even within the public right of way. But they are claiming a violation at the site of their building, which is an entire parking lot's distance away! The traffic on 1st Avenue is often louder than the speakers!

Evil divides and silences.



Government Update

Federal Government

The process of passing bills to become laws can confuse some people. [H.R. 962](#) is the Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act. The bill seems doomed to die in committee, which allows lawmakers to avoid a vote so they don't have to be on record as opposing even the most basic care for newborn children, necessary to sustain the life of a child who survives abortion. Dozens of efforts to pull it out of committee have been made. The best chance it has is a discharge petition. The [discharge petition](#) for the resolution ([H.Res 102](#)) that provides consideration of the actual bill gained a few more members of the House supporting it. The petition is up to 203 signers of the 218 needed to officially pull the bill out of committee for consideration on the House floor. The petition still needs 15 more lawmakers. Iowa only has one U.S. House member who has signed onto it, and he represents a district

in the western part of the state. So there are three members of Congress from Iowa who have not signed onto the petition.

Lawmakers like ours often respond by claiming that the law already makes infanticide illegal. But this is a lethal neglect of a child. It's the loophole the bill is trying to close. Doctors aren't allowed to kill the child outside the womb the way Kermit Gosnell did. But hospitals have all sorts of patients that reach a point where care is no longer provided. In the case of abortion survivors, even healthy babies are denied the minimum care that any child would require to survive. Without warmth, nourishment, etc., the child dies.

Missouri

The Saint Louis Planned Parenthood's court case was pushed back to late October. We will continue to follow any developments in their case. They will continue to perform abortions

for now. The extension adds so much time after the expiration of their license to operate that odds are high that another woman will be sent to the hospital at some point. If they only delayed one month, they may have had a chance to avoid more problems. But with so many months passing, the judge should hope no women die or experience any lasting harm in this time period. Of course, abortions typically have many lasting side effects.

California

SB24 is on the desk of the Governor of California. This is the bill that would mandate that the state colleges and universities in California would all need to provide abortions on their campuses.

The governor of their state previously indicated interest in signing it into law. If he does so, it will bring significant cost and liability to each of the state-funded colleges and universities.



40 Days for Life & Life Chain

40 Days for Life

We had an amazing kick-off event for our 40 Days for Life campaign. Luana Stoltenberg spoke about her life's circumstances that led her to have multiple abortions. Those led her into a downward spiral full of bad decisions. She also spoke about the transformation in her life that brought her to oppose abortion and promote life.

Luana also told us about several pro-life activities that took place in the Quad Cities to hold back the abortion industry. After an abortion provider moved in, pro-life efforts eventually prevailed.

We had a wonderful event inside on a rainy day. Great music filled the hall. We brought in pregnancy resource centers to share a bit about what they do.

40 Days for Life primarily uses prayer and fasting to bring an end to abortion. It has united communities in the cause for life, and it has brought about the closing of many abortion businesses.

With the local Planned Parenthood expanding their hours this summer, and with their continuing decline in clients, we know they are experiencing some strain. Their hiring of people who are willing and able to participate in abortions still concerns us.

It's hard to have an effect if we don't do something. It's great to see you out on the sidewalk praying during 40 Days for Life. Could you invite some friends to join you? We will do great good when we cover the hours Planned Parenthood is open like they did in Dubuque before their Planned Parenthood closed. We would love to see more people out there during the times when traffic brings greater visibility to the pro-life message.

There is another way to spread the pro-life message that occurs during 40 Days for Life that could provide a great opportunity to invite new people to join us. That's National Life Chain. After people join us for that, they should find it even easier to join us for 40 Days for Life.

National Life Chain

We bring pro-life witness and prayer to our community so people will turn away from abortion and the pro-abortion mindset. National Life Chain uses pro-life messages and an impressively long chain of pro-life witnesses can transform hearts and minds.

Annually, on the first Sunday in October, Life Chain invites the churches in each city and town across North America to stand on a designated local sidewalk and pray for **90 minutes**. In 2018, over 1,530 cities and towns held Life Chains.

The more we spread out, the longer our chain grows. Unless you have children to tend to or other needs to be very close to others, we want people to stand at least 10 feet, but preferably 25-50 feet apart. This allows people to read our signs and see as long of a chain of pro-life witness as possible. This video helps you see how impressive it is when people spread out for miles.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yPGmbfECv8c>





Another Abortionist's Secrets

Ulrich Klopfer, an abortionist who performed abortions in South Bend, Indiana recently died. After his death, his family started going through his things where he lived in Illinois. To their credit, when they found 2,246 bodies of aborted children, they contacted authorities who could deal with the situation, rather than hiding what they found. Many people try to hide things, just like abortionists often do during their lifetimes.

Many people have likened this to the numerous bodies of aborted children Kermit Gosnell had at this abortion business and his home. Gosnell was convicted of hundreds of crimes, including killing newborn children. It's not clear what all was done by abortionist Ulrich.

We need to be a bit careful being a 501c3 organization considering how we report the politics that

surround this situation. We know the Illinois governor just signed into law the bill that denied all rights to children in the womb, and thus abortion victims. But South Bend is also led by an avid abortion supporter. Since he is running for President, we won't mention him by name. But the mayor has since voiced his concern that this situation might hurt access to abortion. He wants to make sure abortion is still accessible. He previously opposed a pregnancy resource center trying to open up next door to an abortion site. Locating so nearby makes it easy for women to choose life, and there are rarely other issues. But the mayor opposed it anyway.

With Illinois having passed a law that denies children rights and tossed out most restrictions on the abortion industry, it's hard to say if any legal action will be taken in this case.

As more abortionists grow older, how many more cases like this might we discover? There are already several cases where abortionists kept souvenirs of some sort. Some places now require the disposal of the victims of abortion to be the same as other human beings, so treating them as medical waste is inadequate. It seems likely that some abortionists might attempt to avoid disposal at all by keeping them.

Ulrich was plagued with various legal charges against him in the past. His medical license was suspended back in 2016. He failed to report the statutory rape of a girl in time, but avoided a criminal record by paying a fee and serving a minimal amount of community service. In 2016, he faced charges of not abiding by state laws regarding abortion.

Pro-Life Challenge



Prayers

Please pray for God to work in the lives people.

In particular:

Jenifer (pro-lifer with health issues);

Çantana (pro-lifer);

St. Louis, MO PP;

Cedar Rapids, IA PP;

University of

Minnesota pro-life group

VOLUNTEER



Help Us!

Use your skills to help pro-life efforts, and invite friends and family to attend our events. Invite them to help us out. Many hands make for light work!



PP's App

Planned Parenthood has an app for smartphones. Many people found out when the local news had a story about it. But it's been around since last year. It's rolled out into more states as months passed. The Right to Life: Life Report podcast mentioned in our newsletter within the last year brought it up a few times in the past year, specifically calling out Iowa as a place where they were trying it out.

With Planned Parenthood closing sites around the country, they continue to innovate. We know that for every action, there is an equal and opposite reaction. Each time an abortion site closes, the communities around the closed site lose some of the push to view things the way Planned Parenthood does, and that tends to bring improved conditions over time. But it also makes them try to figure out how to reach women without their sites. This is all the more reason we need to convert the culture and the society, and not just depend on closing sites where the abortion industry operates.

Planned Parenthood has distributed contraceptives via the postal service for several years. It even became a point of concern in Sue Thayer's lawsuit against Planned Parenthood in Iowa, since she alleged that they would send pills to Medicaid patients and some of those shipments would get returned to them if the person moved or under other conditions. They would then resell the same items to other clients, per her allegation. That's fraud.

With an app, they could dispense pills the same way, possibly compounding their liability. They could just as easily dispense abortion pills that way. This is serious. We know how bad it was when webcam abortions brought the risks of abortions to areas far from any help that could spare the lives of women with complications. Just imagine what an app could cause.

It's time to talk about what the abortion industry is doing, Planned Parenthood in particular, and just how bad that is.

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