



# Life Matters

Discussing life matters,  
because life matters

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## Wrapping Up

40 Days for Life comes to conclusion at the end of this month. Our closing rally will occur a few hours earlier than usual to allow people to return home and participate in whatever way in trick-or-treat activities. So make sure to come and pray at 2 pm so we can finish strong! We will still share a meal together afterward.

Life Chain went great this year. Thanks to everyone who participate and especially to those who helped organize the event this year.

Lots of things have been happening in the pro-life realm on the government side of things. We need to pray for good outcomes.

- Coalition for Life of Iowa's Board of Directors

# Upcoming Events

**Second Tuesdays**  
7 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

**Fourth Tuesdays**  
7 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

CFLI Board Meetings (2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesdays)  
& CFLI Working Meetings (4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays)

Get involved in our organization!

**Where:** Contact us.

**More info:** [coalitionforlife@gmail.com](mailto:coalitionforlife@gmail.com)

**Sept 22 – Oct 31**  
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://www.40daysforlife.com/cedarrapids>

**Sun, Oct 31**  
2 p.m. - 4 p.m.

40 Days for Life ~ Finale Rally

Gather to conclude our prayer activities and then for pizza!

**Where:** Sidewalk outside Planned Parenthood (to start)

3425 First Ave SE, Cedar Rapids, IA

**More info:** <https://www.40daysforlife.com/cedarrapids>

**Sat, Nov 6**  
Starting at 6 p.m.

Culture of Life Dinner in Solon

Hear great speakers while raising funds for moral healthcare training!

**Where:** St. Mary Hall of St. Mary Church

1749 Racine Ave NE, Solon, IA

**More info:** <http://www.solonstmary.org/culture-of-life-events.html>



## Culture of Life Dinner

The Culture of Life Dinners spent at least a year without having in-person dinner events. One went virtual last year. But St. Mary Church in Solon will resume having the Culture of Life Dinner on the first Saturday of November this year.

They do ask you to RSVP. The QR code on this page or the link on the prior page brings you to their event page, where one can sign up.

But what is the Culture of Life Dinner? It's a dinner that raises funds for the training of NaProTechnology practitioners and doctors. The Knights of Columbus in Iowa City started it several years ago, and it has now spread to also happen in Solon.

NaProTechnology is a morally good approach to reproductive health. MOST people don't know about it. If one isn't careful about how it gets brought up among people on the other side of the abortion issue, it's likely to get opposed by them, even if they don't know what it's all about. But it not only avoids the

unethical approaches to reproductive health, but it uses science better to serve women and men to restore their reproductive function to full health.

So much of modern health falls short in this area. Symptoms of serious problems often get masked with a one-size-fits-all approach that often involves dispensing birth control pills for matters that aren't focused on what birth control is intended for. It also accomplishes what birth control seeks to accomplish, but it does so without artificial hormones that are foreign to the body. Natural methods are used, hence the "Na" part of NaPro. NaProTechnology stands for Natural Procreative Technology.

For diseases that have surgical solutions, the NaPro approach aims to preserve fertility as much as possible, respecting women's bodies beyond what the rest of the industry does. If a woman appears to be infertile, things that many doctors overlook are considered. I was amazed when I heard one of the

event speakers tell of a case where a couple was just about to start In-Vitro Fertilization (IVF), which costs a 5-figure dollar amount. The woman found out very quickly after visiting a NaPro practitioner that she was just deficient in some vitamin B. This is BASIC health that any doctor should recognize, but no mainstream doctors caught this. She took a vitamin supplement and was pregnant very soon afterward.

The scholarships that this fundraiser pays has helped grow the number of practitioners in Iowa. The demand grows quickly once this starts to get practiced in a given area. Women and couples who felt like doctors couldn't help them all their life usually find solutions here. The blessings that result fill them with gratitude. That leads to referrals and more people interested in helping others by becoming a practitioner.

Not everyone can afford training. These events always include amazing testimonies. Check it out!





## Government Update

### National

The U.S. Supreme Court agreed to hear the *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization* case that will directly challenge *Roe v. Wade*. Please pray about this case until the ruling. We want the best preparations beforehand, the justices to hear the best arguments, and the most justice in the ruling that they will work on through June.

Also, a case that would normally have been attributed to California could become more of a national matter. When the Centers for Medical Progress revealed some of the unethical things going on at Planned Parenthood sites a few years ago, the California Attorney General appeared to collude with the abortion giants to try to crush any attempts to reveal the truth of what goes on in the abortion industry. Evidence is emerging that is making for a significant case. This becomes a more national matter, since the person who was at the heart of this is now our nation's vice president.

### Texas

As of September 1<sup>st</sup>, Texas has successfully enacted a pro-life law that protects life from the moment a heartbeat is detected. Several other states passed Heartbeat Bills into law before, including Iowa. Multiple challenges to this law have been made. Some have been made from a relentless effort by our federal government. This means our federal taxes are paying to try to put a stop to the protections of human life in Texas.

This is yet another case that could use significant prayer. With the way things are right now, we might just want to take a moment to dedicate ourselves to regular, if not daily prayer for the next year. Not only are many powerful efforts being made on both sides, and we can't back down now, but this coming year is a milestone year. *Roe vs. Wade* was decided in 1973, and that makes January 22, 2023 the 50<sup>th</sup> year anniversary of legalized abortion. But just as our celebration of our first birthday marks the END of one year passing since our birth,

this means that on January 22<sup>nd</sup> of 2022, we will mark the 49<sup>th</sup> anniversary of *Roe vs. Wade*, but the START of the 50<sup>th</sup> year of abortion being legal in the United States, and thus the lack of the equal protection of human life in its earliest stages.

With the most significant challenges to the *Roe vs. Wade* precedent, we could see abortion grow even more entrenched or seriously curtailed. With the 50<sup>th</sup> year taking place most of the year ahead, that's the major milestone. With the Texas case also providing other states a template of a new approach to abortion policies, it will be important for a solid precedent to pave the way ahead.

### Iowa

The Iowa legislature approved the second version of the maps for the redistricting that occurs each decade. It will now go to the governor for her approval. 🇺🇸



## Pro-Life Challenge



Please pray for God to work in the lives people, in particular:

Jenifer (pro-lifer with health issues);  
Çantana (pro-lifer);  
Northern Minnesota's PP sites; a good start for UNI Students for Life; lawmakers & judges

## 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!



This year's Life Chain in Cedar Rapids spanned nearly 2.5 miles along 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue and Williams Boulevard on the west side of Cedar Rapids this year! We would love to see this continue to grow in the future. We spread more than a mile beyond what we covered last year.

We reached more churches this year, which helped us get a few more blocks covered. We made sure to have many more signs available for participants this year. Some blocks only had a few people, while others had a few dozen people on them. But we also had blocks that were both small and large.

The most densely packed block is pictured above. St. Patrick's Church helped fill this block with a few dozen people. While most blocks weren't like this, it only takes a few families to fill a block like this. A video we posted to YouTube used the Trinity Lutheran Church block for the preview image, since that also looked great. These two churches have served as anchor churches along our route.

With more churches and groups participating, and if we try to recruit more people within our churches, we could fill blocks like this from one end of town to the other.

While driving along the route, it's just amazing to see people stretch along such a great expanse. If a block or two has fewer people on it, people might think the chain is about to end. But then they see even more ahead. Then as one goes around a bend or two in the road, the people just keep lining the roadside. One almost wonders if the line of people will ever end.

Before next year's Life Chain, we want to do even more to recruit more churches. We also hope to see more of the existing churches and groups reach out to even more people to bolster the number of people per block. Such a combination could make next year's chain even more powerful than the chains we've done in recent years.

Thank you to everyone who helped make this year's Life Chain a success! 🙏

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