



Life Matters

Discussing life matters,
because life matters

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

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<https://coalition-for-life-of-iowa.square.site/>

Busy Month Ahead

April is a month when many pro-life groups have events. Check out page 2 and 3 for more information about upcoming events.

We continually seek to be more effective in what we do and to reach more people. If there's any way you would like to help us achieve our mission, we would love to hear from you. We would appreciate whatever help we can get.

- Coalition Board

Upcoming Events

Second Tuesdays
7 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

CFLI Board Meetings (2nd Tuesdays)

Get involved in our organization!

Where: Contact us.

More: coalitionforlife@gmail.com

Mar 2 – Apr 10
1-hour time slots

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: <https://www.40daysforlife.com/cedarrapids>

Sun, Apr 10
5 p.m. – 7 p.m.

40 Days for Life Closing Rally

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

Where: Sidewalk outside Planned Parenthood
3425 First Ave SE, Cedar Rapids, IA;
then Godfather's Pizza at 3647 1st Ave SE

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

Sat, Apr 23
5:15 p.m. start

Culture of Life Dinner

Discover the best kept secret in women's health care!

Where: St. Wenceslaus Parish Hall, Iowa City
618 E Davenport St, Iowa City, IA

More: <https://stwenc-ic.com/kofc/culture-of-life>

Fri, Apr 29
5 p.m. doors open

Life Dinner

Hear former abortionist Dr. Anthony Levatino at DCRTL's fundraiser!
RSVP due by Monday, April 18.

Where: The Grand River Center, Dubuque
500 Bell Street, Dubuque, IA

More: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/28th-annual-life-dinner-tickets-272183126057>



What's Going On?

40 Days for Life

We still have some time left for this spring's 40 Days for Life. It concludes on Sunday, April 10th. We will gather once again at 5 PM on that day outside of Planned Parenthood. At 6 PM, we will proceed to Godfather's Pizza in the Town & Country Shopping Center, just one block away. We recommend parking there for the duration of the event, due to the larger parking lot, and the fact that we will do business there.

We love seeing all of you at this event as we share pizza and drinks. We accept a freewill donation at the event. Come and join us!

PP Closures

The Pro-Life Challenge section of our newsletters has asked us to pray for Northern Minnesota Planned Parenthood sites for a while, seeing them as low-hanging fruit. I neglected to check on the progress, but two of the three sites

have closed. The Minnesota towns of Grand Rapids and Virginia both no longer list a site there.

I don't know when they closed, but it's great to see such progress. The next sites I'd like to see us pray for are in the Minnesota towns of Bemidji, Willmar, and Alexandria.

Culture of Life Dinner

Imagine if you had the option to go to one of two doctors. One notes your symptoms and prescribes the same thing they prescribe for all sorts of conditions, but it only masks the symptoms. The other one has you track some easy to identify markers that help to diagnose the underlying causes of the symptoms, and then deals with the underlying causes of the problems. Which would you choose? Most people would probably choose the latter of the two. That's what NaProTechnology does for reproductive health.

The Knights of Columbus in Iowa City are once again raising money for people who will train to become NaProTechnology practitioners. Their Culture of Life Dinner always has great food, great testimonies about how NaPro has helped people, and some education about it. Page 2 of this newsletter has information about the date, time, and location, and a link to a page where you can sign up to attend the event.

Life Dinner

Dubuque County Right to Life will feature Dr. Anthony Levatino at their annual Life Dinner. The doctor is a former abortionist, and even played an abortionist in the Unplanned movie about Abby Johnson's conversion on the life issue.

There is more information on their website, which we link to on page 2 of this newsletter. They require an RSVP by Monday, April 18th. 📧



Government Update

National

On Monday, February 28th, the U.S. Senate failed to get enough votes to end debate on the inappropriately-named bill called the Women's Health Protection Act, H.R. 3755. If it had passed, it would have eliminated all health protections for women and their children in the cases of abortion, making abortion legal nationwide up to the moment of birth for any reason. So it was good that it failed in the Senate. It's very disappointing that it passed the U.S. House.

Please continue to pray for a good outcome of the *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization* case.

Texas

Also pray regarding the Texas law that allows anyone to report an abortion that takes place beyond a certain gestational period. The state of California decided to create a bill that uses a similar enforcement mechanism regarding weapons, challenging the Supreme Court to treat the two the same, even though

the constitutional rights differ greatly between the two.

Iowa

HF 2389 replaces HF 2119 as a bill that would require abortion pills to be dispensed in person. This attempts to counter the federal rule that allows abortion pills by mail and webcam abortions that began in Iowa. Without this, the number of abortions in Iowa could skyrocket.

No ruling has been made in the Iowa Supreme Court case involving a challenge to the *Planned Parenthood of the Heartland v. Kim Reynolds* case from a few years ago. The former case led to the declaration by the court of a fundamental right to abortion in the state of Iowa. If this challenge fails, then the law will continue to view abortion as a fundamental right, putting all other pro-life laws at risk. If the challenge succeeds, then the legislature will again be able to make laws as the constitution lays out. We will keep an eye on this.

The Protect Life Amendment cannot have progress until next year, but then must pass either in 2023 or 2024.

It's still a few months away, but the primary elections occur in Iowa on Tuesday, June 7th this year. Due to the redistricting that occurred following the 2020 census, districts are different, both the areas contained in a single district and the number assigned to the districts.

Some lawmakers are trying to move up to a higher office, while several are not running for reelection. So this year could bring several new names to the ballots. Still, there are more seats with only one party represented. Time will tell if more candidates appear on the general election ballot in November.

Remember to pay attention to who is running for which office, and to learn where they stand on important issues. This is a good year to help candidates get into office, especially since so many seats have new candidates running. 🗳️

Pro-Life Challenge



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

Jenifer (pro-lifer with health issues);
Çantana (pro-lifer);
Central 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!



Corporate Abortions

The corporate world continues to reveal more companies that will support abortion as our nation's laws and people become more pro-life. Citigroup is the most recent company making news, although several others have done bad things in recent months.

In September, we learned that Apple would pay its Texas employees to get abortions in other states. Uber, Lyft, Tinder, and Match also have done things to side with the abortion lobby.

The Citigroup news came out in an awkward way. They first told their investors, "We believe all parents deserve time to adjust to parenthood and bond with the newest member of their family." They increased their maternity leave to 16 weeks or 4 weeks of parental leave.

Right after doing that, they announced, "In response to changes in reproductive healthcare laws in certain states in the U.S., beginning in 2022 we provide travel benefits to facilitate access to adequate resources." They avoided using the term "abortion", but this is offering to

pay for travel to states that will perform abortions if you live where the lives of unborn children are protected from such harm.

Many companies recognize that abortions cost them very little in comparison to the time off of work that accompanies giving birth and raising a child. However, what might save them a little money in an individual case is catastrophic on a large scale.

Look at Toys-R-Us. It went out of business a few years ago after many decades of selling toys for children. Oddly enough, the company thought it was a good thing to donate to Planned Parenthood, who makes tons of money killing the children that Toys-R-Us depended on for their bottom line.

A company like Citigroup that deals with finance should recognize that population growth is in their own interests, even if they don't recognize the inherent value of each human being. The actions of so many corporations should have the effect of aborting the corporations. 🙏

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