



# Life Matters

Discussing life matters,  
because life matters

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## Ready for Lent?

It's that time of year again when people focus on prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. 40 Days for Life aligns nicely with this. For 40 Days for Life, we pray and fast for an end to abortion. This is regardless of laws. It appeals to the power of God.

It helps to have people sign up on the online vigil calendar. If you have problems signing up, contact the national group using the contact us links on their site.

Up in Minnesota, Planned Parenthood shut down due to bad weather on the first day of 40 Days for Life. They usually don't let weather shut them down. They remained open in 2020, while most other businesses were shut down by their governor. Yet, the first day of 40 Days for Life was different. Pro-lifers showed up, but abortionists did not.

# Upcoming Events

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

## CFLI Board Meetings (2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesdays)

Get involved in our organization!

**Where:** Contact us.

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

**Feb 22 – Apr 2**  
1-hour time slots  
each 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, Apr 2**  
5 – 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;  
then Godfather's Pizza at 3647 1st Ave SE

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

**Fri, Apr 14**  
4 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

## Bridgehaven's 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

Celebrate Bridgehaven serving women for 40 years!

**Where:** DoubleTree Exhibition Hall 1st Floor  
350 1st Avenue Northeast, Cedar Rapids, IA

**More info:** <https://secure.fundeasy.com/ministrysync/event/home.php?e=24589>



## Pregnancy Resource Center Backlash

With the fall of the Roe legal precedent, Planned Parenthood and other abortion advocates are going on offense. One of the biggest threats to their business model for abortion sales is the local pregnancy resource center (PRC). Although they do many things upstream in the business sales model to sell abortions, PRCs outnumber abortion providers and are doing good work in a related field.

Bridgehaven has been one of their primary targets. Reports have overgeneralized PRCs, however. When they claim that PRCs don't have medical staff, that's not true about Bridgehaven. In the early years of PRCs, many of them were just volunteers. Over many decades, PRCs have added services. Many of them now have ultrasounds. As PRCs have adopted a medical model, many of them also made sure they had medical staff. Some PRCs have had

medically-trained staff long before offering ultrasounds.

Interestingly enough, former Planned Parenthood manager Sue Thayer had alleged that Planned Parenthood was using untrained, non-medical staff to operate the ultrasounds that they use to determine how far along a pregnancy was. That helps them determine the price they can charge.

They also like to point out that PRCs are not medical clinics. PRCs do try to make clear what services they provide. Yet, like the last point, none of the Planned Parenthoods in the state of Iowa (or Minnesota, for that matter) undergo the medical inspections that surgical sites are supposed to have. The state has a website where you can search the inspection records of sites they have inspected. NONE of the Planned Parenthoods, nor the

Emma Goldman abortion business in Iowa City show up in that database. They like to claim abortion is healthcare, and they sling allegations against PRCs, but even places performing surgical abortions avoid inspections.

Bridgehaven also provides the abortion pill reversal (APR) protocol. When a woman takes the abortion pill, there's still a chance to keep the pregnancy going, thus saving the life of the child. In recent years, abortion advocates have cast doubts into the APR protocol. But the protocol has increased in effectiveness over time, and the mechanism of action is understood. When they've claimed that APR incorporates off-label uses of hormones, they seem to forget that the abortion pills are commonly used in off-label ways.

PRCs continually improve and do good things. The abortion industry does what they admit is bad. 🇺🇸



## Government Update

### Iowa

Iowa's Heartbeat Law awaits an appeal in April. We hope to have a ruling in June or July.

Other pro-life laws have been proposed. However, some lawmakers would prefer to allow the state courts to rule on the Heartbeat Law before altering the laws regarding abortion. There could be various reasons for this. But one that stands out to me is that if any of the law that's involved in the heartbeat law, then lawyers trying to strike down the heartbeat law could try to get the case dismissed, since the laws would no longer be in effect as they were when passed. Then, they could challenge the new laws immediately, and we wouldn't have good laws in effect while waiting for that to take effect.

But, if laws are passed that don't alter the parts of law that the heartbeat law dealt with, then there could still be benefit in passing pro-life laws.

### Texas/National

A Texas judge could prohibit the sale of abortion pills nationally. U.S. District Judge Matthew Kacsmaryk is now at the center of the abortion issue as he considers this case against the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA).

### Nebraska

Nebraska's Heartbeat Act advanced out of committee. We hope to see that bill eventually get voted on and approved. Time will tell. Nebraska only has one legislative chamber, and it has the concept of a filibuster that tends to exist in senate chambers. The heartbeat bill in Nebraska is very tight on votes. It's important for them to keep every vote in favor of the bill, or it might not get brought up for a vote.

With Nebraska being a neighboring state, it helps to bring consistency to the region by having more heartbeat

laws in place or anything that is more protective of life. States like Illinois and Minnesota make it easier for women seeking abortions to just cross a border to get an abortion. That minimizes the benefits of having pro-life laws in one's own state. When neighboring states are drastically more protective of life, that can also send abortion clients to our state. So, we hope our heartbeat law can take effect, this year.

In addition, the city of Bellview, Nebraska has people petitioning their city government to prohibit abortion in their city. Bellview is the location of LeRoy Carhart's late-term abortion business.

With the state of Nebraska considering a heartbeat law and with the city where he does business today both making attempts to change laws and ordinances that would shut down Carhart's work, he's already considering moving to Colorado. Although it would be nice to see him retire, it also helps to have him move farther away from Iowa. 🍷

## 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; UNI Students for Life; lawmakers & judges; for the Iowa heartbeat law to go into effect; for LeRoy Carhart to stop doing abortions

## 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!



# Walgreens in Kansas

National pharmacies still seek to sell the abortion pill. But there has been some positive news. It's just not as big of news as one would hope.

Walgreens has announced that they will NOT sell the abortion pill in the state of Kansas. That's only one state, and the population of that state isn't among the larger states. But it shows that the pharmacies can change their minds, whether state-by-state or nationally.

In the case of Kansas, the change is thanks to their state attorney general. He made sure Walgreens was aware of Kansas laws. Their laws are such that Walgreens would have to violate Kansas laws to dispense the abortion pills. Walgreens even intended to provide the pills through the mail before the Kansas Attorney General stepped in. If Walgreens dispensed the abortion pills in any way, the company would have faced lawsuits from the state of Kansas.

Other states have followed suit in communicating their state laws. Hopefully, more states will be exempted at the very least. But it

would be better for them to stay out of the abortion business in the first place.

The Attorney General of Kansas has followed up with CVS suggesting that they follow the lead of Walgreens. Both companies were initially contacted with the explanations of the illegal activities that both companies indicated they were planning to engage in. Kansas has a law that requires a physician to be present in the same room as the client when administering the abortion drug.

Federal law still clearly states that it is illegal to knowingly mail drugs that are intending to cause an abortion. The letters mentioned how the current federal administration has made it seem unclear what the law is. But the letter goes on to say that the law is quite clear—the pharmacies would violate the law if they continue with what they stated they intended to do.

It helps to have pro-life governors, attorney generals, and other offices. But you never know what might make the difference. We still encourage respectful letters these businesses. 🙏

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