



# Life Matters

Discussing life matters,  
because life matters

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## Shake-up Ahead

With the changes in the past year and months ahead, and with some things having become a bit routine, and with some leaders needing some help, expect some changes in this coming year. We may make more of a shake-up in what we do than ever in our history.

**But we need your help—your time, more than money.**

When Roe was decided, pro-lifers spent decades to reverse it. Now that things have flipped, others will spend decades trying to undo it, and they already made it open season on children in the womb in some states. We need people who can help out, and those who are willing to organize activities, and those who are willing to invite their friends and families to get involved with them.

I'm working on a special edition of the newsletter on the subject of the abortion pill. I will step through its past, the present court cases, and possible future.

# 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)

**Sun, May 13-14**  
Various times

**Roses for Moms [on Mother's Day]**

Honoring women with real roses for Mother's Day!

**Where:** Local Churches

**Sat, June 24**  
1 p.m. start

**Iowa March for Life [in June]**

Celebrate the anniversary of the end of Roe!

**Where:** Iowa State Capitol, outside on the West Steps  
1007 E Grand Ave, Des Moines, IA 50319

**More info:** <https://pulseforlife.org/iowa-march-for-life/>

Will you help us organize activities?  
If so, please email us.



## Recent Pro-Life Events

We closed out our **40 Days for Life** with a rally. We prayed the stations of the cross, which seemed rather fitting to kick off Holy Week. The rally was one week before Easter.

There was a man who pulled up in a car and blasted music really loudly. It took him a while to realize he was getting the brunt of the noise. When our prayer time ended, most people were at a significant distance from him by the time he finally decided to shout what was on his mind. The music was still too loud to easily make out what he was saying.

He seemed to have a false impression of us, and he had a troubled life. Let us pray for him.

**Bridgehaven** celebrated 40 years of serving women in Cedar Rapids.

The keynote speaker was Dr. William Lile, who practices in Florida and Alabama. He also instructs medical students.

His presentation was very engaging and done quite well. He stepped through how he uses very simple methods to help students recognize that the child in the womb is a patient, too, deserving care.

**Dubuque County Right to Life** (DCRTL) had the same speaker as Bridgehaven had, just a week later. Their events are always good, but I didn't attend it this year. The Cradle of Hope pregnancy resource center in Mt. Pleasant had him a day before Bridgehaven did.

The **Culture of Life Dinner** was a bit different this year, but still provided great information to educate us, a brief testimony of the benefits of NaPro, and an abundance of great home-cooked food.

Normally, the grant recipients present some of what they have learned before receiving their grant. But this year was focused more on the subject of Abortion Pill

Reversal (APR). We still heard from a woman who spent six years trying to get pregnant, and then was pointed to NaProTechnology, and had a baby a year later. If you do the math, NaPro worked very quickly for her, since she had to get pregnant very soon after seeking NaPro help.

The doctor went into many details about the APR protocol. We also heard from a woman who had a few children before seeking out an abortion via the abortion pill. But she changed her mind and the doctor at the event was the man who helped her reverse that abortion. That saved a life.

The event raised roughly \$5,000 to help others receive grants in the future to become trained in NaProTechnology. This was the 10<sup>th</sup> Culture of Life Dinner in Iowa City, and they have given out over \$70,000 over those years. 🙏



## Government Update

### **Iowa**

We don't anticipate any pro-life laws to get passed in this year's session. Iowa's Heartbeat Law has been appealed, having the hearing in the Iowa Supreme Court earlier in April. We hope to have a ruling in June or July.

If it goes in our favor, we will protect most lives in the womb. If it doesn't, there's a chance there could be a special session to pass a new Heartbeat Law, or it may wait until next year.

I had my doubts about the arguments the pro-life side could present. But there was more case law than I expected, and admittedly, I'm not a lawyer. As is the case in many cases, both sides had good points, so this could go either way.

### **Texas/National**

U.S. District Judge Matthew Kacsmaryk ruled against the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) in a case involving how they approved the RU-486 abortion pill. The U.S. Supreme Court has

allowed the pills to be distributed while courts handle the appeals. Another district court judge made an opposite ruling, which now places the districts in conflict. That makes it easier for the U.S. Supreme Court to accept such a case.

### **North Dakota/Minnesota**

North Dakota's governor signed a new heartbeat law this week that went into effect upon signing. There was a court case regarding their prior law, since it lacked exceptions for serious health conditions. The new law includes such provisions.

Lawyers for the abortion industry have yet to identify their intentions with the new law. It also has less of an effect in that state, since they only had a single site where abortions were committed at the time of the Dobbs ruling. With the existing North Dakota law at that time, the Red River Women's Clinic moved across the river into Moorhead, Minnesota, where they could legally continue to operate.

Earlier this year, Minnesota's governor signed into law a bill that declared abortion a fundamental right. So abortions will continue without significant challenges just a few miles from their old site. The main difference is where the killing takes place.

### **Nebraska**

Nebraska's legislature voted in favor of their heartbeat bill in their first vote of the three required to send it to their governor. LB 626 held JUST enough votes to allow it to come to a vote. One fewer lawmaker would have allowed the bill to avoid a vote. In their second vote, senator Riepe was present, but chose not to vote, thus ending hope of it passing this year.

This was in stark contrast to the way Minnesota's senate felt they had a mandate to make abortion a fundamental right, also having exactly enough votes to pass their bill that became law. Even when lawmakers vote pro-life once, it is important to contact them to show that pro-life votes matter to you. 🗳️

## Pro-Life Challenge



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

Çantana (pro-lifer); Rockford, IL abortion site; Central Minnesota's PP sites; UNI Students for Life; lawmakers & judges; for the Iowa heartbeat law to go into effect; for the repose of the soul of abortionist LeRoy Carhart

## 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!



Video screenshot from Operation Rescue

# LeRoy Carhart Died

LeRoy Carhart has died.

LeRoy “Lee” Carhart has been one of the most recognizable abortionists who performed abortions regardless of the stage of pregnancy/development. A child could be born a week later, and he would still abort the child.

He committed abortions in Bellevue, Nebraska for many years. He also did the same in Bethesda, Maryland. In 2010, he announced his intentions to spread his practices to Iowa and our nation’s capital. When the Dobbs ruling occurred, it was clear to him that Nebraska was going to make it harder to get away with killing children in the womb. So he started to consider other locations, which included Colorado. He failed to expand or move beyond Nebraska and Maryland.

On multiple occasions, Carhart admitted that he recognized that children in the womb were babies—living human beings. He even admitted it to the BBC.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=W8WkOybCOBE>

There were times he seemed to blame his female clients for making him do abortions. They would present him with their issues, and he thought abortion was the solution. Since it was legal and he knew how to perform abortions, he would do it, as if it was helping them. But we know killing is NOT a good solution to such circumstances.

Carhart challenged abortion laws all the way up to the U.S. Supreme Court. For instance, in *Stenberg v. Carhart*, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled Nebraska’s ban on partial-birth abortions was unconstitutional. Only later was partial-birth abortion able to be banned at the federal level and upheld as enforceable.

In recent months, we’ve asked you to pray that Carhart wouldn’t open up a practice in Colorado. We would rather he had chosen to stop doing abortions because it’s wrong. He could even have just retired. It was just last year, he was looking for a successor to take his place. At this point, the killing he did has come to an end, peacefully. Let us pray for the repose of his soul. 🕊️

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