



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/>

September Ramp-up

Our fall events start in September and continue through November. Check out our upcoming events so you don't miss any opportunities.

We may reduce how often we engage in 40 Days for Life. With abortion returning to Cedar Rapids, it's not the best time for that to happen. But we need more people to participate to get the full effect of it. We could use help in organizing it. It also helps if people invite friends and family so we can have more people filling the time slots. With time, they can choose to fill some of the empty time slots, even if they start out by joining you during your time slots.

The pro-life movement is finally on a level playing field with the abortion industry, after half a century of serious restrictions. If valuing life and protecting lives from death matters to you, please invite others to join in our activities and we invite you to join us in doing something more than you have done before so you can experience the additional rewarding work that comes with doing life-saving work.

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

Sun, Sept 10
1 p.m. start

National Day of Remembrance of Aborted Babies

Join a memorial service to commemorate millions of abortion victims!

Where: Mt. Calvary Cemetery

375 32nd St. Dr. SE, Cedar Rapids, IA

More info: Contact us

Tue, Sept 12
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Beginning and End Stages of Life Seminar

Learn about early and late stages of life!

Where: St. Patrick's Church

120 5th St. NW, Cedar Rapids, IA

More info: See next page

Sat, Sept 16
8:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Lutherans for Life of Iowa Fall Conference

Come for the Issues as We Age Workshop!

Where: Bethany Lutheran Church

2202 Forest Dr SE, Cedar Rapids, IA

More info: <https://lutheransforlife.org/event/issues-as-we-age-workshop-cedar-rapids-iowa/>

Sept 27 – Nov 5
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 info: <https://www.40daysforlife.com/cedarrapids>

Sun, Oct 1
2 – 3:30 p.m.

Cedar Rapids Life Chain

Take to the streets and spread the pro-life message!

Where: 1st Ave, Cedar Rapids, IA (specific blocks coming soon)

More info: <https://lifeiowa.org/events/life-chain/>

Sat, Nov 4
Save the Date

Culture of Life Dinner (Solon)

Learn about real reproductive healthcare while raising funds!

Where: St. Mary's Church

1749 Racine Ave, Solon, IA

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

Sun, Nov 5
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>

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life ADVOCATES**EXCLUSIVE EVENT BY THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**
Beginning and End Stages of Life Seminar**Guest Speakers:**

Maggie DeWitte

**Executive Director
of Pulse Life
Advocates**

Timothy Wozniak

**Director of Support
for Disability and
Long Term Care**

Everyone is invited to this live and in person event with two very special guest speakers from Pulse Life Advocates and Knights of Columbus for Extended Care Planning.

- Mass by Fr. Dennis Miller at 5:15 pm
- Social hour beginning at 6:00 pm
- Speaker: Maggie DeWitte at 7:00 pm
- Speaker: Timothy Wozniak at 7:30 pm
- Closing: 8:10 pm

Tuesday, September 12th
Free will offering appreciated for
Pulse Life Advocates
St. Patrick's Church Parish Hall
120 5th St NW
Cedar Rapids, IA 52405

Something for everyone!
RSVP appreciated. Include the number
of attendees and "Cedar Rapids" to:
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Seminars & Workshops

There are some very informative events in the middle of September. We like to share pro-life events in the area. This time there are events at Catholic and Lutheran churches.

The details for the event at St. Patrick's are in the image at the top of this page. Speakers include the Maggie DeWitte from Pulse Life Advocates (formerly Iowans for Life) and Timothy Wozniak, who is the director of Support for Disability and Long-Term Care. They would appreciate knowing how many people plan to attend.

Lutherans for Life will host an event just days later to deal with matters at the end of life. The main speaker is Pastor Saleminck, who has spoken

at some of our Coalition events before. He's a great speaker.

The topics for the Lutherans for Life event include:

- Sweet Names of Death
- 15 Things a Funeral Director Won't Tell You
- Funeral Worship Guidelines
- Beholding the Gospel at Life's Twilight
- Affirming the Sanctity of Life in Situations of Pain, Impairment, and Advancing Age
- Family Conversations
- Review of Christian Advance Directive
- Q & A

This event has a registration deadline of September 1st, so you may need to register ASAP. The registration helps them plan for the light lunch. The registration form and ways to contact them are at the link on our Upcoming Events page (see prior page).

Check out one or both events! So many people don't plan enough for end-of-life matters, always figuring they have many more years before they have to worry about that. But we all die sometime, and death or seriously disabling conditions can happen unexpectedly and at any age.

The things we do to plan ahead can make things easier on those who we leave behind. 🕊️



Government Update

The abortion pill cannot be sent through the mail, but remains approved. The 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals ruled to revert the rules to what they were prior to 2016. This could still change with further appeals to the Supreme Court. But for now, the courts have ended this form of death by mail. This was the primary method of trying to kill children in states where that was made illegal. Now, doing this will also be illegal.

The Biden administration attempted to deny covering pro-life fertility awareness methods, but lost. The government is not supposed to pick favorite methods to prevent pregnancy. The government had attempted to only support contraceptive methods that could potentially cause abortions, but now must also allow women to avoid pregnancy using natural methods that aren't lethal.

The Biden administration is pushing to require employers to cover the costs of abortions in their benefits. They are accepting input during a 60-day period.

States

Ohio voters rejected changing their constitution to make it harder to amend their constitution. The effort to reject the change was heavily funded, and abortion advocates tried to make it about abortion, since they need Ohio to remain one of the easiest states to amend their constitution so they can get their way in November. Sadly, this makes it look more likely that Ohio voters may fall for amending so-called abortion rights into their constitution that could make their state like some others that allow virtually unlimited abortions with no safeguards.

But it can also make Ohio a target of every special-interest group that wants to get constitutional support for their causes. Even in this case, pro-life efforts could put a ballot measure on a future ballot and make their constitution experience whiplash every few years.

The South Carolina supreme court ruled in favor of their heartbeat law. This further strengthens protections for life in the South.

Pray About Legal Challenges

There are several states with legal challenges that could make a big difference if judges/justices end up siding with protecting life. The laws were passed to protect life, and it would help if people prayed for good outcomes.

If the pro-life side prevails in the states of Arizona, Utah, and/or Wyoming, then those states will provide full protections throughout pregnancy. If the pro-life side prevails in the states of Iowa, Ohio, and/or Florida, then those states will provide protections from the moment a heartbeat is detectable.

We have seen a win in Indiana. Therefore, Indiana can protect life throughout pregnancy.

The farther a woman must travel to get an abortion, the less likely she is to get an abortion. This seems intuitive, but is also backed up with statistics. Thus, the more states that add protections for life, the better the overall outcome will be. 🙏

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 again

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!



Take Action


With the push to require all employers to provide accommodations to employees to get abortions, we wanted to make sure our members had a link that would allow them to use their First Amendment right to let their voices be heard by their government officials. There are no exceptions for religious or pro-life organizations.

The federal government depends most heavily on rules and interpretations of law made by unelected people in jobs that are hard to eliminate. When a law is vague and doesn't explicitly prohibit something like abortion, people in the government who are governed by someone who repeatedly made it clear that he aims to do everything possible to make abortions available, the rules can so easily turn into a mandate that employers make it easier for their employees to kill their children.

No matter how much their employers and fellow co-workers might value life and care about them, this rule, if allowed to go into effect would force abortion into the benefits and policies of every company. Accommodations

have costs. Those costs come from insurance premiums or other benefits costs. So, this rule, would draw everyone who works into playing some part in the killing of children, whether it's paid for through their insurance premiums or something else.

This is a grave evil. This is an intrinsic evil. The administration cannot accept that there are many states that aim to protect life, rather than seeking killing or violence as a "solution" to difficult situations. In their ruthless and persistent aims to bring abortion back to the entire nation, they are trying to diminish the abilities of states to outlaw murder in effect, by forcing the businesses to make it possible to assist women to get to the places where killing is legal.

This reminds me of the ships that would remain in international waters near Ireland (when it was pro-life) or other nations like it, offering to kill the children of those who lived in nations who valued those children. It undermined the laws. Please visit the link below and take action, today! 

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