



Life Matters

Discussing life matters,
because life matters

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Life-Saving Work

The past few weeks have been full of pro-life activities and good news in Iowa regarding pro-life matters.

We have had the temporary closing of the local Planned Parenthood site. We have had our 40 Days for Life kick-off rally coupled with the day of remembrance for the unborn. We invited people to various other pro-life events before our 40 Days for Life began. We have seen the grand opening of a clinic with pro-life fundamentals in how it operates.

We want this trend to continue!

We hope you join us in the various events we continue to have, especially 40 Days for Life, which is going on right now.

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

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>

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>



Interesting 40 Days

Just over 40 days ago, we found out that the Cedar Rapids Planned Parenthood that was supposed to begin doing abortions again was actually temporarily closed, instead. It could open at any time.

We began our normal 40 Days for Life efforts while it was closed. It's best to pray while they are closed.

Some people have pointed out that it's much easier to interact with Planned Parenthood's clients, since they show up to a building that is locked. They find themselves trying to figure out what is going on, and pro-lifers are not far away (assuming we have pro-lifers maintaining a consistent presence onsite). Thus, there is an opportunity to engage with people who otherwise wouldn't be talking with us.

We hope everyone keeps filling up time slots for 40 Days for Life.

Great fruit will result if we keep showing up and continue to pray.

After 40 days of Planned Parenthood being closed, the Radiant Clinic celebrated the grand opening of a clinic that specializes in reproductive health.

NaProTechnology is used to find natural and moral solutions to the various causes of infertility. This is in contrast to Planned Parenthood's approach, which tends to mask symptoms, not preserve fertility to the extent that NaPro surgeons do, and again, it focuses on moral solutions.

As typically happens with a new business, the clinic was open for a while before the grand opening celebration. At the grand opening, I heard the doctor say that four of the six practitioners who support her practice are already booked rather fully, and this is still very early in the clinic's operation.

With the Culture of Life Dinners that support the training of practitioners and doctors, it's even more critical to get more people trained, and to get more funds to train those practitioners.

In addition to the local Planned Parenthood being temporarily closed, at least two of the sites that Planned Parenthood had claimed would be temporarily closed ended up closing permanently. It seems their announcements for Cedar Falls and Council Bluffs were not entirely truthful. But if they are closed for good, that's a good thing.

We would love to see these trends continue. We hope the Cedar Rapids Planned Parenthood can transition from being temporarily closed to permanently closed, just like some of their other sites. But that doesn't happen without any effort. Please continue to pray, fast, and show up! 🙏



Government Update

An unintended effect of the bombing in Gaza was that a Planned Parenthood facility was damaged. A nearby building was struck by a missile and fell onto the abortion provider. As usual, Planned Parenthood used the opportunity to ask donors for funds so they can continue to kill Palestinians from their own land, with their permission.

During war, one usually doesn't seek to support those who aim to kill your children. Likewise, it makes sense that Israel would not choose to target Planned Parenthood directly, since they are killing the children of those they are attacking.

We do not cheer war or destruction. We prefer peace and the closing of abortion sites when there aren't people willing to do the work anymore or when they can't keep the doors open due to financial reasons.

National

The U.S. Supreme Court refused to hear the appeal of David Daleiden regarding his case. They can only take a few of the large number of

cases that are appealed to them.

David had to pay Planned Parenthood millions of dollars after he used standard, undercover, investigative reporting methods to reveal what Planned Parenthood was doing several years ago.

The judge who heard his case at the lowest level was a man who donated significant funds to the creation of the Planned Parenthood site involved in the case. He didn't think that was a conflict of interest. He prohibited the videos from being shown to the public, so no one would know what goes on at Planned Parenthood.

Some of the early videos revealed that they appeared willing to negotiate the prices of things that are required by law to be based entirely on cost, and are thus, non-negotiable. Later videos started to suggest what I believe was going to be clearer in a later video—vivisection (cutting open someone who is still alive at the time). It's disappointing that the videos remain censored. It's also disappointing that Planned Parenthood was paid.

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.

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.

There is still much to be done to protect human lives in our laws. We hope our states and nation will do what is right. 🙏

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!



Life Chain

We had our annual Life Chain at the start of October. The turn-out was great! Pro-lifers held signs with pro-life messages along 1st Avenue. The chain spanned a full mile.

Last year, we recognized that the fall of the Roe vs. Wade precedent could lead to more confrontations.

Therefore, we paid to have police officers patrol the length of our chain last year. Even though there has been more time for people to cool off, we decided it was still best to have a police presence again this year.

There were a few confrontations, but no violence. The police were able to explain to people that we have a right to be on the public property that exists between their properties and the public street.

This year, the weather was abnormally warm. It was over 90 degrees. We also chose to gather on the west/north side of 1st Avenue, which is the opposite side of 1st Avenue compared to our most recent years of organizing the Life Chain in Cedar Rapids.

I happened to be in my hometown on that day, and they had their own Life Chain. So, I chose to join their Life Chain. It's a much smaller town than Cedar Rapids, so the chain was much shorter. But I gained the experience of participating in a smaller town that doesn't have an abortion provider, and where a larger percentage of the population seems supportive of the pro-life cause.

The chain in my hometown spanned about a quarter mile or so. Despite being a state to the north of here, the temperatures there were also in the 90s. They also had a pro-life breakfast that morning.

The length of the chain in Cedar Rapids makes me proud to be part of the one here during most other years. I'm so grateful for the people who coordinate the Life Chain each year. Sue has done so much over the years, and there is a team of others who help get people involved.

This is one of the easier events for someone to join. It only happens once per year, and we normally don't interact with people, directly. 🌱

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