



Life Matters

Discussing life matters,
because life matters

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Bearing Light

As we are in Holy Week, we look forward to celebrating the resurrection. Let us really celebrate the victory over death! God is the creator of all that we have ever known, including ourselves. God gave us life and created us in His image.

We live in a fallen world, and Jesus came to redeem us. We see death in abortion and other threats to human life. We must bring the light of God to the world to extinguish the darkness. We need to be aware of what lurks in the darkness, but focus on bringing light.

If the local Planned Parenthood reopens this summer, abortions will return to our city. It's easier to motivate pro-lifers to action when abortions take place in our midst. But it's much better to keep an industry of death out.

Having fallen, ourselves, we know the additional struggles and pains that arise from sin. It can make it easier for us to pray and help others. Let the thoughts of Jesus, who has healed and made whole countless people prevail. Knowing the depths of pain, but seeing the hope and healing that God can provide should keep our focus on God as we intercede for those in need.

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

Sat, Jun 22
Save the Date

Iowa March for Life

We plan to offer a bus trip to the Iowa March for Life; stay tuned!

Where: Iowa Capitol

Des Moines, IA

More info: Coming Soon

Fri, Jun 28
Save the Date

Linn County Fair: Community Day

We hope to have a table/booth at this year's fair; stay tuned.

Where: Linn County Fairgrounds

Central City, IA

More info: Coming Soon



When Abortion is Local

Abortions could return to Cedar Rapids this year. If Planned Parenthood reopens this summer, abortions will almost certainly be provided. Walgreens and CVS could, but might play it safe, depending on Iowa's laws.

Planned Parenthood announced their intention to do abortions again in Cedar Rapids last summer. A few months later, they temporarily closed. They currently plan to re-open at the start of July of this year. It's easier to keep a business closed than it is to stop them while they earn lots of revenues. **The next few months are critical to fighting abortion, locally!**

Walgreens and CVS announced that they will both begin dispensing abortion pills this month. Walgreens released a statement that indicated that they were already dispensing it as of at least

March 12th, but that they are gradually rolling it out to new sites.

If either or both businesses make abortions available in Iowa, it will greatly increase the number of abortion providers in the city and the state. I already stopped doing business with them. Even if they don't kill Iowans, the idea that a business will kill innocent human beings where they face no legal consequence, but only don't do it because of state laws is repugnant.

Over a decade ago, the head of CVS focused the company on health by discontinuing the sale of tobacco products. The current leadership of CVS muddied the waters, because they are okay with ending the life of people using abortion drugs. Walgreens sells products that help or hurt one's health.

Both businesses could face legal issues if enough women have

serious complications. I've seen statistics as high as 1-in-5 women having complications from the abortion pill. The pill has killed women before. If a few serious cases happen very early, it would be tragic for the lives lost, but could also help more people see the deadly reality of abortion.

Iowa City's 40 Days for Life rally helped our pro-lifers see what things are like when praying outside of an abortion provider. It's different when you know the women going in are all pregnant and that they will all leave the same day with their children being dead.

One man drove by and said things ignorant of what pro-lifers do. But he thought we were mentally sick. Then he said how we could use an assassin. I think a man needs mental therapy if he thinks killing peaceful people who oppose killing is a good idea. 🙏



Government Update

Iowa

We continue to wait for any news about Iowa's Heartbeat Law after the Iowa Supreme Court has agreed to hear the appeal.

California

The California legislature is now considering a bill that would legalize euthanasia. They already have assisted suicide. They want to remove some safeguards. Like many places that allow assisted suicide with "strict" protections, those protections get weakened over time. Then, outright killing through euthanasia gets pushed. Canada has euthanasia, and there are many issues that arose from this. California seems likely to protect even fewer lives in future years, regardless of whether they pass this bill this year or not.

Minnesota

The Minnesota legislature has introduced a bill aiming to legalize assisted suicide this year. This past year, they stripped practically all protections for life and health for the child and mother in cases of

abortion, making Minnesota radically pro-abortion in law. Now, they aim to do the same with matters at the end of life.

Sadly, the majority of people support this. They are won over by "death with dignity", even if killing denies our dignity. They don't want people to suffer or to be a burden. But they take away opportunities to love more deeply.

Pray for States

Pray for states to keep their constitutions from denying the most fundamental right to life of pre-born children. There is pressure in many states to amend constitutions to create a "right" to abortion. Ohio's results emboldened abortion advocates to spread to other states.

Please pray for legal cases in: Iowa, Florida, Arizona, Utah, and Wyoming. These states could protect life from conception or 6 weeks, depending on the state. Otherwise, the laws could revert to protecting very few pre-born lives.

Alabama (IVF)

Alabama rushed to pass a bill into law that provides an exception in the protection of human life for those providing In-Vitro Fertilization (IVF) services. They felt pressure to protect the industry after an Alabama court ruling recognized preborn children as having rights, thus allowing a wrongful death case prevail.

Although the ruling didn't outlaw IVF, some major IVF providers in the state stopped performing IVF, for fear that what they do on a regular basis might be illegal. Not only did SB-159 get signed into law, but it provides a blanket exemption for IVF providers. The limit of their liability is the cost of that cycle of IVF that is affected. There is no mention of intent, so even if an IVF provider intentionally killed all of the children in their care, they would only owe the money they collected for those IVF cases. 🇺🇸

Pro-Life Challenge



Please pray for God to work in the lives of 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

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Selling Body Parts

The Center for Medical Progress (CMP) that has been led by David Daleiden for many years released some news in the past few weeks. Although the lawsuit against David led to an outcome where he would have to pay Planned Parenthood millions of dollars, CMP has been requesting information using Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requests.

The information provided by the government is making it appear that Planned Parenthood has been involved for at least 15 years in the trafficking of baby body parts for profit. Some key regions being brought to light are Pittsburg and San Diego. Just like other instances of people shedding light on what Planned Parenthood has done in violation of the law and moral conscience, what was previously revealed is just the tip of the iceberg.

This paragraph rehashes some of the darkest and hardest to read concerns. Not only is the sale of human body parts illegal, but taking from a child without their consent is not okay. On top of that, when the company selling

the parts made money killing the victim, that's even worse. But the organs and tissues need to avoid being tainted by medications. So pain killers and other medications are not allowed. Even worse, some of the organs and tissues must be harvested either while the donor is alive or within very few minutes following death. This provides an incentive to deliver a child, whole. This is what motivated the creation of partial-birth abortions. But the organs and tissues that need a live or nearly live donor creates the incentive to kill an infant, but with no pain killers. This is infanticide. This is vivisection—a term not used often outside of horror films.

While the businesses that interacted with Planned Parenthood in the rather small cases previously uncovered by CMP had to deal with their illegal actions, Planned Parenthood remained free from justice. There are calls for investigations of Planned Parenthood. The truth must be made known. It was covered up by judges and attorneys general who protected their favored industry. Government documents finally reveal the truth. 🌐

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