



# Life Matters

Discussing life matters,  
because life matters

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events and meetings**

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## Forward and Back

We see a nation where good makes one step forward, and evil creates an emotional overreaction and makes things worse than before. We need to continue to spread the pro-life message and to pray.

We saw the local Planned Parenthood temporarily close last year. But 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.

Who can you invite to events or prayer? How might you go about it? These are things that could help move things in the right direction, so you are ready for opportunities when they arise.

# 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)

**May 11-12**

## Real Roses for Moms on Mother's Day

We give real roses to mothers on Mother's Day for a freewill donation

**Where:** Various Churches

**More info:** [coalitionforlife@gmail.com](mailto: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:** <https://coalition-for-life-of-iowa.square.site>

**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



## Looking Forward

### Iowa March for Life

The Iowa March for Life will occur in June this year. We plan to have a coach bus to bring people to and from the event. You can reserve your seat on the bus by following the link on the prior page.

We will communicate the details about when and where to catch the bus and the time and place it will return at a future date. But the bus is reserved, already.

This is a statewide event, so you can see people from across the state gather for this event. Many of our members just see the same local people at events, but this may broaden your view of the pro-life movement in this state.

The date shifted to June to mark the anniversary of the Dobbs ruling, since Roe is no longer in effect. Thus, January made less sense. Besides, it is easier to travel in June.

### Linn County Fair

This year, we hope to have a booth at the Linn County Fair. We would like to interact with more of the public that might not otherwise hear or see our message. It can also offer us an opportunity to make use of our pro-life apologetics training that we've taken. If you are interested in helping, especially if you have taken the pro-life apologetics lessons we have offered in the past or online, let us know of your interest.

We have often had our tables at events where people are more likely to be pro-life. But we need to reach people beyond those who already share our views.

We really want to reach people with differing views, people who are in the middle, and people who haven't thought about the issue enough to choose sides.

### 40 Days for Life

We are working to get Dr. Haywood Robinson to speak at one of our 40 Days for Life events this fall. Dr. Robinson is a former abortionist. Some of his books have been awarded in the drawings we have at our 40 Days for Life closing rallies.

Yes, if you haven't attended our closing rallies where we share a meal of pizza, you've been missing out on prizes, too. We don't tend to promote the event by pointing out the prizes, but many people have begun to get a feel for how a former abortionist sees things.

We want to keep abortion out of Cedar Rapids, and while Planned Parenthood has been temporarily closed for over half a year, they still plan to reopen. Invite friends to pray with you outside of Planned Parenthood this year! 🙏



## Government Update

### **Iowa**

We continue to wait for any news about Iowa's Heartbeat Law.

### **Florida**

The Florida Supreme Court issued multiple rulings on the same day. The news was a bit mixed.

They ruled that their 15-week protection could remain in effect. Their heartbeat law depended on that ruling. Thus, the court approved of the heartbeat law.

Florida was the last of the Southern states that allowed abortion after 12 weeks, but the heartbeat law will go into effect on May 1 of this year in that state.

Their other ruling allowed abortion advocates to continue forward with their attempt to put abortion to a vote of the people. That was done in Ohio with grave consequence.

There is a glimmer of hope in Florida. Like most states, Florida requires more than a mere majority to amend their constitution. It takes at least 60% approval to amend their constitution. People in Ohio

had the chance to protect their constitution from a slim majority modifying the foundational layer of law in their state, but they chose to keep it easy for anyone to change their law or even change it back.

Although Florida could still approve practically unlimited abortion like people in Ohio did, current estimates suggest that the effort to make abortion unlimited in Florida will likely fail this year. The tactic of making it a major issue is seen as a way to build support for pro-abortion candidates on the ballot. They expect a majority of voters to support abortion, but not enough to hit the needed threshold. But they can always bring it to a vote, again.

### **Arizona**

The Arizona Supreme Court also ruled favorably for protecting life. They ruled that a law that was in place before Arizona became a state can still be enforced. That law will become enforceable again in June.

Sadly, the protective effect of that law will likely remain short-lived. The Arizona House of

Representatives passed a bill that revokes that law. It's like the way Alabama's government acted with haste to protect the In-Vitro Fertilization industry from nearly all charges when a court there ruled in favor of life. Evil reacts emotionally and swiftly. Three lawmakers crossed party lines to support the killing of children in Arizona.

The bill will continue on to the Arizona Senate, but cannot be voted on until May. Sadly, the balance of power is razor thin, and at least two lawmakers have crossed party lines to push a bill to favor abortion in the past. That would give the pro-abortion side a majority.

Their governor is of a party that supports abortion, and she has taken actions to support abortion in the past. Once signed into law, it would take 90 days from whenever their legislative session ends for the law to take effect. So, children may be protected for a month and a half or two, likely. Then it could become far worse, again

**Pray for the protection of human life throughout the states.** 🙏

## 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

## 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!



# Abortion Pills


The pharmacies at CVS and Walgreens have begun distributing abortion pills. They began in very limited locations, but will expand with time.

It will be interesting to see how the side effects of abortion pills affect the distribution and public perception. At least 1 in 20 women taking an abortion pill have complications. It was bad enough when Planned Parenthood failed the women who went to them for an abortion, had complications, and Planned Parenthood told them to go elsewhere for help, since they don't clean up the problems they cause. They also instructed women to claim they are just having a miscarriage. It never helps to withhold information from doctors, who would be better able to treat you if they knew more about the circumstances they observe. It made abortion pills appear safer than they really were.

What happens when women go to a pharmacy, take some pills, and then face the consequences? Will these pharmacies further degrade their morals by stooping to the moral lows

Planned Parenthood has had for many years? Might they treat women with more respect and care by making sure women get help when the pills the companies distribute cause problems for women (and not just their children)? If they do, it could make it even more obvious that the abortion pills were not appropriate to approve for such distribution.

What liabilities might pharmacies have if things go wrong and they either do something to cover up their problems or do their best to help, which makes the side effects more public? I'm not sure how much they considered the consequences of distributing something dangerous that the government approved.

It seems like lawyers could eventually end up with ads to call out the abortion industry the same way we see lawyer ads for other drugs and occupational situations. Many lawyers favor abortion, but money is at hand, and many lawyers who are pro-life. It seems like the rate of side effects is rather high, and the industry has lots of money. I expect lawyer ads, eventually. 

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