



Life Matters

Discussing life matters,
because life matters

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Swapping Roles

The board elections for our organization led to a swap of the president and vice president roles. Jim prefers the vice president role, and Lisa was willing to fill the role of president.

After decades of most abortions being legal, the Heartbeat Law protects lives from most abortions from Monday, July 29th at 8 A.M. Thus, the law's handling of life in the womb has also swapped.

Cedar Rapids Planned Parenthood remains closed, but we have information indicating they are making plans to reopen. This is a time we need to remain prayerful and vigilant. As I've said before, it's easier to keep a place closed than to close an abortion provider. This is something we hope doesn't swap, since we believe lives will be saved and women's health can be served better if Planned Parenthood remains closed.

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, Aug 3
10:30 – 11:30 a.m.

Pro-Life Story Hour

After many library story hours that aren't pro-life, **Iowa City** has one!

Where: Iowa City Public Library

123 S Linn St, **Iowa City**, IA 52240

Sep 25 – Nov 3
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>

Tue, Oct 8
6:30 p.m.

40 Days for Life Midpoint Rally

Come and hear former abortionist Dr. Haywood Robinson!

Where: Radiant Clinic

3705 River Ridge Dr. NE, Cedar Rapids, IA

More info: <https://www.40daysforlife.com/cedarrapids>

Tue, Nov 3
4 p.m. – 6 p.m.

40 Days for Life Closing Rally

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>

Death → Life

Iowa's Future

Some people have been trying to claim that Iowa has a history of harming women and that women will die because of pro-life laws. The analysis was rather crude, however.

They cite cases over a century old involving cases with speculation. One case involved miscarriage, which was dangerous for any women back in the day. Keep in mind, anti-biotics came into common use in the middle of the last century. Medical problems were much harder to treat before that time. Some other cases were speculated to involve abortions, but it's not certain. Although it's not the government's responsibility to make it safer for someone to kill other people, it still stands that pregnancy-related complications were harder to treat more than a century ago.

After advances in the medical field, including the use of anti-biotics and other things, even the former head of Planned Parenthood stated back in 1967, "Today it is possible for

almost any patient to be brought through pregnancy alive, unless she suffers from a fatal disease such as cancer or leukemia, and if so, abortion would be unlikely to prolong, much less save the life." Since then, medical science has advanced much further, making it even less likely that doctors would need abortion to save the lives of mothers. Yet, every state allows abortion to save the life of the mother—EVERY state.

Chapter 146B.1 of Iowa Code of law states: "Abortion" means the termination of a human pregnancy with the intent other than to produce a live birth or to remove a dead fetus.

Many states passed laws protecting human life from conception. Abortion advocates expected lots of women to die. Where is the news of their deaths if they are so widespread and numerous? Yet, providing abortion pills into states where abortion is illegal, and thus women don't receive the exam needed to prevent death from

abortion pills could send the number of deaths up. But that's because people are trying to provide abortions where they aren't allowed, and abortion pills are known to be lethal in cases of tubal pregnancies.

When other states prepared to enforce their laws, many doctors made it sound like the law was too confusing or that they wouldn't be able to do their job. The laws tend to be simple. You can't kill children in the womb, anymore. If they weren't able to do their job, it's because they were killing children unnecessarily.

When the Iowa Heartbeat Law was set to go into effect, those defending abortion thought it would take a week to get news to people who might perform abortions that they can't do them anymore. Considering how much Planned Parenthood and Emma Goldman got the word out to the public, that seemed like nonsense, but it was a minor delay.

Women don't have to die. 🗣️



Government Update

The U.S. Presidential race took a turn when Joe Biden ended his candidacy for President. Although the party that caucused and primaried for him to become their candidate has favored a particular alternative candidate, the national convention doesn't occur until August, when the candidate will be chosen, officially.

Elections for federal offices are important. There have been promises to do away with the filibuster in order to attack protections for human life in the U.S. Senate. Candidates for President still differ greatly, since one prefers to keep it a state matter, while others tend to favor making abortion legal in practically all cases with a new federal law, if they can get one passed.

This consistent push for the most extreme removal of the most fundamental right—the right to life—of some people helps to motivate pro-lifers who are paying attention. But it's too easy for some people to treat abortion as an issue of the past, if they live in a state

where abortion is illegal in most cases. It's important to keep protecting life, especially in the case of abortion. Yet, there are other attacks on human life that we must also keep in mind and address.

Iowa

Iowa's Heartbeat Law is finally enforceable as of Monday, July 29, 2024. This is the greatest shift in the state of Iowa to protect human life in at least half a century.

The Heartbeat Law will continue in a lower court, but the injunction has been lifted, and the law is likely to remain in effect until such time as the law is altered.

Many people hope Iowa will pass a law to provide protection from conception, like many other states. An election must take place, and then lawmakers would have to act.

Nebraska

Nebraska's supreme court ruled in favor of enforcing their 12-week abortion law. This allows them to enforce their law protecting children in the womb after 12 weeks of

pregnancy. Incremental progress has allowed other states to protect increasing numbers of children's lives. Perhaps they might pass a Heartbeat Law in the future, and eventually protection from conception.

Utah and Other States

Please pray for the protection of human life throughout the states, especially Utah and Wyoming.

Some states have a similar path to full protection, while others need prayers to protect from going the other way. Utah's Supreme Court has yet to rule on a case they heard last year. The ruling will make the difference between protection of human life from conception and still allowing the vast majority of abortions. This should be the next state with such an important ruling that is pending. Please pray fervently for the protection of life in Utah.

Wyoming has been dealing with abortion in their courts, but it looks like that will take a while. Still, prayer might speed that up and bring protection for human life. 🙏

Pro-Life Challenge



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

Rockford, IL abortion site;
Minnesota's PP sites;
Students for Life in Iowa;
lawmakers & judges;
religious leaders

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 Trafficking

Iowa Abortion Access Fund (IAAF) will work with the Chicago Abortion Fund to provide money to women in Iowa so they can seek abortions outside of the state. Although the term “trafficking” usually deals with illegal transport, it does not necessarily need to involve something illegal. However, when women are transported across state lines and/or funding is provided to move them to where abortion is legal, when it would be illegal if they stayed where they live, that seems like the kind of situation that deserves the term, “Abortion Trafficking”. That is what the IAAF and the Chicago Abortion Fund aim to do.

In their view, abortion is needed by many women. They may think of themselves as heroes by helping women get out of an area where they cannot access what they have been convinced is healthcare. Yet, we know abortion is NOT needed. Women's reproductive healthcare is best provided from NaProTechnology doctors. Women who have needs during pregnancy can acquire significant help at Pregnancy

Resource Centers. If unable to raise a child, there are options including: adoption, safe havens (fire stations, hospitals, etc.), and even baby boxes.

We have prayed during some of IAAF's past fundraisers. They typically provide roughly \$450 per woman to make it easier for them to commit abortions. The IAAF is there just to subsidize the abortion industry. Donations to them does nothing to help women with real healthcare.

Since abortion providers in Iowa will make much less money in the future, abortion providers in neighboring states have been preparing for the increase in abortions from Iowans crossing borders. Since Minnesota and Illinois protect human life far less than other neighboring states, those two states have prepared more for the influx of abortions.

With IAAF pairing with the Chicago Abortion Fund, and Eastern Iowa has a large percentage of Iowa's population, it's likely that the Chicago area will profit in the future, and thus why they would pay for more clients. 🇺🇸

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