



Life Matters

Discussing life matters,
because life matters

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Getting Interesting

Things are getting interesting. The local Planned Parenthood is starting to see more activity from employees stopping by at times, including a manager. We have also seen them renovating the facility, just as they promised their supporters earlier this year. They renovated in 2020 and got little benefit out of that. Are they wasting their money again, or doing something that will benefit their business, or are they preparing for sale? Time will tell.

When we look around the state, there have been some other changes, both good and bad. I hope to share that news at the 40 Days for Life closing rally. The good news is better than the bad news.

In a matter of days, ballots will be counted for the 2024 election. This election has abortion measures on ballots in many states, and the choice of lawmakers and judges could also play a major factor in determining how many lives are protected by law and how many aren't protected.

Cedar Rapids Planned Parenthood remains closed, but they still want to reopen. 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.

Upcoming Events

First Mondays
7 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

CFLI Board Meetings (1st Mondays)
Get involved in our organization!
Where: Contact us.
More: coalitionforlife@gmail.com

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>

Sun, Nov 3
4 p.m. – 5 p.m.

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*Join us for the 40 Days
Closing Rally on Sunday!*

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Abortion in Social Media

I have seen many things on social media in recent weeks by people trying to sway the election. People who consider themselves pro-choice, but not pro-abortion keep promoting Planned Parenthood (PP) and trying to challenge the pro-life movement in general.

At times, there is the common thing where people complain about pro-lifers not adopting children, and sometimes pointing out how they wouldn't want anyone to have to experience the foster care program. In their experiences, they don't know anyone who is pro-life who adopted even one child. I couldn't help but think of several of our members who have adopted children, or the time we had a rally outside of PP and someone asked how many children any of us have adopted. One person holds up 4 fingers, and the person driving by asks if she really meant four, and she said yes.

As for the foster care program, killing children doesn't fix anything. There are still people who end up unable to parent their children for various reasons, such as those who

end up in prison. The system exists for the good of children, even if it has some serious issues. We shouldn't "solve" the problem of children not having parents to care for them by killing children, born or unborn.

There are the posts about how a girl just hopes that she might have as many rights as a gun. Well, guns don't have rights. But the rights involved allows people to buy and sell guns. I don't think she meant to suggest that girls should be bought and sold. The government regulates several things with regards to guns. If a gun is used to take the life of an innocent person with intent and without provocation, the person who used the gun in such a way usually goes to prison. This post didn't make much sense.

Another post focused on how wearing pink doesn't provide breast cancer screenings, but PP does. Well, yes, self-exams are taught. But mammograms became a sticky issue a few years ago, because they didn't have even one machine. They later bought at least one somewhere in the country,

maybe more. The Susan G. Komen Foundation intended to stop donating to organizations that just referred for mammograms, since they wanted to have the most effective results with their spending. That meant NOT funding PP. They later went back to funding them, making many pro-lifers lose trust in the Komen organization forever.

Each day or two, I see another post or two that could lead me to spend countless hours replying, if I thought it would do any good. I've decided to let some of my thoughts out here, rather than online, before an election, when it would just go nowhere.

Most productive discussions about life matters are done face to face and/or verbally. Online textual discussions rarely offer major benefits. You can't read body language in online posts. Sometimes a person may use sarcasm, but a reader might not recognize it. There are onlookers. Things go wrong far too often. I have had positive results online before, but not at times like this. 🍷



Government Update

Election

As mentioned last month, the upcoming election is critical for the pro-life movement, more than ever before. Many candidates for office want to codify Roe v. Wade. Pro-life states neighboring Iowa have ballot measures to create a false right to abortion. The states include Missouri, Nebraska, and South Dakota. Several other states farther away also have votes on such measures, including: Montana, Colorado, Arizona, Nevada, Florida, Maryland, and New York.

The election could also make a huge difference in terms of Planned Parenthood (PP) sites. PP has admitted that Iowa's laws have had a significant impact on their business in this state. If those who are favorable to their business get into office, then many PP sites may remain open. If things go the other way, they may decide to close sites.

Abortion advocates are using deceptive stories to get people to support abortion ballot measures. They also use vague language that can make ALL abortions legal. If

they went into more details, they would lose in most cases. Only by focusing on the rights of mothers with no mention of the child do they stand any chance to get voter approval.

Iowa

In Iowa, we vote whether to retain judges. Of the Iowa Supreme Court justices, only one justice appears on the ballot. Normally, judges don't draw much attention. However, the Supreme Court Justice up for retention ruled in favor of Iowa's Heartbeat Law, and it was decided by a narrow 4-3 ruling.

Thus, the media and abortion advocates are trying to oppose his retention, while pro-lifers tend to push to keep him. There is a push to get lawmakers to protect life at conception, like many states in the South have already done. The courts could likely uphold such a law, if passed into law. But if any changes occur to the court, it could lead to unknown outcomes.

Nebraska

The only state in the country daring to include a ballot measure that's more pro-life is Nebraska. They will have constitutional amendments proposed where one is pro-life and the other is pro-abortion. The pro-life amendment protects life beyond a certain point of gestation, which isn't as much as one might hope. But it might be all they can get passed.

Single-Issue Voting?

We are fortunate to live in a state that isn't having to vote against pro-abortion amendments. Some states have already passed them. Hopefully there won't be more, soon. When the majority of people demand a government that protects the taking of human life, one cannot expect good things to result.

Keep Praying

Pray for the protection of human life throughout the states. Pray for the closure of the businesses that kill for money. Pray for the protection of life to prevail in the upcoming election. 🙏

Pro-Life Challenge



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

For life to be protected in states surrounding Iowa;
Students for Life in Iowa;
lawmakers & judges;
religious leaders

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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!



Recent Activities

Life Chain

We had our annual Life Chain, and we also had Dr. Haywood Robinson speak in Cedar Rapids.

On the first Sunday of October, we had our Life Chain. We had lots of people holding pro-life signs along 1st Avenue. It was a great day!

We really want to spread out to cover more of the city each year. The year the Dobbs ruling came out, we intentionally shrunk to make a shorter chain with more people per block. We make sure we have good police coverage during the event, which our participants notice and appreciate that sense of security. We can still do good things while spanning more blocks if we get more people involved in the future.

One house on the route had people who made their own signs to counter ours. But when people come out at the same time we are there, and people have seen so many signs for such a long distance, it's easy for passersby to think they were part of

our group, not realizing the message was the opposite.

There was a woman at the very end who wished our descendants would be raped. Wishing evil on others is not good. I hope pro-lifers never do this, but I'm sure some of them do. When someone says such a thing as she said, it can arise from a few things. She may think it takes something that extreme to justify abortion. It could also be a revenge mentality. I'm not sure which drove her actions the most, but we were going opposite directions as we were returning to the kick-off spot, since the event was over.

Dr. Haywood Robinson

Former abortionist, Doctor Haywood Robinson spoke at the African American Museum just a few days later. We had great turnout, and filled the rather large room.

The doctor and his wife had many things to say. He didn't go into the details of abortion as much as many other former abortionists. Yet, there was plenty for him to talk about. 🗣️

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