



# Life Matters

Discussing life matters,  
because life matters

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## Things are Heating Up

So many things have been happening on the political side of the pro-life movement. Pray that as much good can come of this as possible. The next main focus is the funding of abortion providers. There are other matters that could also make a great difference, such as addressing the abortion pill. But the funding is the main one at this time.

There's an event regarding the funding coming up very soon. We also have the closing rally of 40 Days for Life coming up in April. Please invite friends to join you and to join us!

# Upcoming Events

<b>First Mondays</b> 7 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.	<b>CFLI Board Meetings (1<sup>st</sup> Mondays)</b> Get involved in our organization! <b>Where:</b> Contact us. <b>More:</b> <a href="mailto:coalitionforlife@gmail.com">coalitionforlife@gmail.com</a>
<b>Mar 5 – Apr 13</b> 1-hour time slots	<b>40 Days for Life Prayer Vigil</b> Join us in praying for an end to abortion in a peaceful prayer vigil! <b>Where:</b> Sidewalk outside Planned Parenthood 3425 First Ave SE, Cedar Rapids, IA <b>More:</b> <a href="https://www.40daysforlife.com/cedarrapids">https://www.40daysforlife.com/cedarrapids</a>
<b>Wed, Apr 2</b> 12 noon start	<b>Defund Planned Parenthood Rally</b> Join us to rally in support of defunding Planned Parenthood! <b>Where:</b> Sidewalk outside Planned Parenthood 3425 First Ave SE, Cedar Rapids, IA <b>More:</b> <a href="mailto:coalitionforlife@gmail.com">coalitionforlife@gmail.com</a>
<b>Sat, Mar 29</b> 5 p.m. start	<b>Culture of Life Dinner</b> Raise funds and learn the best kept secret in reproductive healthcare! <b>Where:</b> St. Wenceslaus Parish Hall 618 E Davenport St, Iowa City, IA <b>More:</b> <a href="https://stwenc-ic.com/ways-to-get-involved/kofc/culture-of-life">https://stwenc-ic.com/ways-to-get-involved/kofc/culture-of-life</a>
<b>Sun, Apr 13</b> 5 p.m. – 7 p.m.	<b>40 Days for Life Closing Rally</b> Join us to conclude our 40 days of prayer and fasting! <b>Where:</b> Sidewalk outside Planned Parenthood 3425 First Ave SE, Cedar Rapids, IA; then Godfather's Pizza at 3647 1st Ave SE <b>More:</b> <a href="https://www.40daysforlife.com/cedarrapids">https://www.40daysforlife.com/cedarrapids</a>



## What's Happening?

### **40 Days for Life**

We will conclude our 40 Days for Life on Sunday, April 13 at 5 pm. We still have plenty of praying to do prior to that closing rally. The site might be boarded up, but they had plans to grow, not close. If we want a closing rally to celebrate the closing of the site, rather than the conclusion of a season 40 Days for Life, we need to call upon God and make God present!

We see they now have a banner saying they are still there for their clients. It's really a call for help that their clients might be there for them. If business was good through their tele-services, they wouldn't need to erect banners outside of a boarded-up business. No one pulled up to a business with plywood over the entryway, wondering if they might be open. They've been closed for about a year and a half at this point. The longer they remain boarded up, and the less funding they receive, the better the chance is of permanent closure. But this doesn't happen by itself.

Join us on the sidewalk in prayer in the weeks ahead, and on April 13!

### **Culture of Life Dinner**

Each year, there's a great dinner in Iowa City to raise money to provide training to people who seek to become doctors or practitioners in NaProTechnology. I was pleased to see several people from the Cedar Rapids area at this year's event.

NaProTechnology addresses the root causes of many reproductive issues, rather than masking them. It's extremely effective. It's vastly superior to most of what is in the reproductive healthcare system, today. Most medical students aren't even taught about what it is, much less that it's so effective. One speaker asked that we pray for more NaPro-trained surgeons, especially since Iowa lacks any of them. That means many women may not seek surgical treatments, when appropriate, since they have to travel and seek out-of-network surgeons.

Thousands of dollars were raised. Those funds help train doctors and practitioners in the NaPro methods. Dr. Monica Minjeur was the masters of ceremonies, and she was their first recipient 12 years ago.

### **Iowa March for Life**

We are tied into the planning for the Iowa March for Life, which occurs in June. We travelled as a group in a bus last year. We hope to continue to do what we can to make that event a success again this year.

Last year, we heard from several pro-life lawmakers and other speakers. After hearing some great speeches, we proceeded to march for life from the Iowa Capitol Building to the Iowa Supreme Court and back. The buildings are neighboring properties, but we use a route that makes it more meaningful. It's not just crossing a street and back.

We also watched some pro-life video content along the bus ride. We really need to avoid the common mistake that usually happens. The most common mistake is to allow people to see a little success, and focus their attention elsewhere, just as opposition grows.

Watch for updates in future newsletters for more about the upcoming March for Life in Des Moines. 🙏



## Government Update

### National

An executive order led to the freezing of a small portion of the funds Planned Parenthood would otherwise have received. The majority of government funds for Planned Parenthood come through channels controlled by Congress. Thus, there is an effort to defund Planned Parenthood. Investigations are beginning to finally determine the extent of what David Daleiden uncovered over a decade ago.

In-Vitro Fertilization (IVF) is back in the news again. There is a move to make IVF more affordable, despite its moral issues, but no plans are in place, yet. This happens as a case in Israel drug on for at least two years places. The latest in that foreign case led to a recent ruling that sided with granting custody of a child to their birthmother, but not the biological parents. This is one of the complications that can arise when IVF enabled surrogacy. IVF has many concerns, many of which were laid out in our special edition newsletter last year in February.

### Iowa

Iowa bills of interest include:

- HF807: Compassionate Care for Medical Challenge Pregnancies
- HF775: Informed Consent for Medication Abortion
- SF400/HF423: Making Abortifacients a Controlled Substance
- SF175/HF76: Fetal Development Education Bill
- HF666: Human Life Protection Act

The horrible bill NUMBER of 666 for the bill that would protect human life from conception was noted even by national pro-life groups. The numbering of the bill was put off until that number was next.

### Missouri

Planned Parenthood failed a lawsuit, arguing that they should have a right to traffic children across state lines so they can acquire abortion in other states. They claim the vote of the people to approve abortion in

their state included words that would give them the power and right to engage in human trafficking for the sake of abortion.

### Pennsylvania

The governor of Pennsylvania already cut funds to pregnancy resource centers (PRCs). He is now funding a program to directly compete with them, but with abortion being added. This will make things difficult for PRCs, while confusing women, and dedicating that state's money to the direct killing of children.

### 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 legislative sessions across the country. Even when pro-lifers are in positions to set public policy, it's possible that others will prevent them from achieving good things. We need to pray and to contact lawmakers to let our voices be heard. 🙏



## Pro-Life Challenge



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

For people to prioritize the value of human life;  
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!



# Defund PP Rally

The effort to defund Planned Parenthood of federal taxpayer funds is kicking into high gear. Join fellow pro-lifers on Wednesday, April 2 at 12 noon on the public sidewalk outside the Cedar Rapids Planned Parenthood.

Planned Parenthood takes in over a billion dollars per year. Over \$700 million comes from the government. Unlike pregnancy resource centers, they charge their clients. They also depend on donations, much of which comes from some of the world's wealthiest people. Some of their affiliates, like the one that include the local facility have massive endowments worth tens of millions of dollars, which can feed into their business, when needed.

If you could fund a business where people are healed of medical problems or one where even 3% were intentionally killed, I believe you would rather fund the first option and not the second. Planned Parenthood kills children through abortion. Beyond that, when they mess up and women face medical complications, they say not to go back to Planned

Parenthood, because they can't address the problems they cause.

They continue to cut many of their more popular services, while they build up their legal team and increase the pay of their top executives. Their legal team is growing to figure out how to use the law to keep their funding and make sure their killing services are legal by law.

Abortion is still legal in Iowa, and the federal government still funds the affiliate that covers this area. If they didn't have such funding, perhaps they would have already closed the local site, rather than trying to renovate it for future business.

Many women who have abortions suffer mental health issues afterward. Planned Parenthood really abandons their clients by claiming post-abortion syndrome doesn't exist. When women regret their abortions, they are led to believe they are irrational.

We have an old list of issues at: <https://lifeiowa.org/learn/say-no-to-pp/>

Join us on Wednesday the 2<sup>nd</sup>! Show support for cutting waste! 🇺🇸

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