



Life Matters

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Mostly Good Momentum

September is the month we start to get back into 40 Days for Life and ramp up pro-life activities!

More than 40 Planned Parenthood closures have been announced so far this year. Louisiana will close their last two Planned Parenthood facilities at the end of September. Thus, in October, Louisiana should become the next state with zero Planned Parenthood sites. Yet, abortions have returned to both remaining Iowa Planned Parenthood sites.

KEEP PRAYING! DO NOT STOP! When an organization shrinks, there's room for further collapse. We await the day a For Sale sign can go up, and really look forward to a Sold sign. But until then, we will pray outside the gutted building.

Costco has chosen to NOT distribute the abortion pill. This is a great victory. We wish CVS and Walgreens would do the same, but they continue to sell abortion pills in the states where it is legal.

Let us keep up the prayers and other activities so we can keep this momentum going!

Upcoming Events

<p>First Mondays 7 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.</p>	<p>CFLI Board Meetings (1st Mondays) Get involved in our organization! Where: Contact us. More: coalitionforlife@gmail.com</p>
<p>Sun, Sept 14 1 p.m. Start</p>	<p>Day of Remembrance for the Unborn & 40 Days for Life Kick-off Rally Join a memorial service to commemorate millions of abortion victims! Where: Xavier High School, by Angel of Hope 6300 42nd Street NE, Cedar Rapids, IA More: https://www.40daysforlife.com/cedarrapids</p>
<p>Sept 24 – Nov 2 1-hour time slots</p>	<p>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: https://www.40daysforlife.com/cedarrapids</p>
<p>Sun, Oct 5 2 – 3:30 p.m.</p>	<p>Cedar Rapids Life Chain Take to the streets and spread the pro-life message! Where: Meet at St. Matthew's parking lot, then spread out 2310 1st Ave, Cedar Rapids, IA More info: https://lifeiowa.org/events/life-chain/</p>
<p>Sun, Nov 2 4 p.m. – 6 p.m.</p>	<p>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</p>
<p>Sat, Nov 22 Doors Open: 5 p.m.</p>	<p>Pulse Life Advocates Christmas Gala Hear from Students for Life founder Kristan Hawkins! (\$100) Where: Marriott Downtown Des Moines 700 Grand Ave, Des Moines, IA 50309 Sign up Link: https://interland3.donorperfect.net/weblink/WebLink.aspx?name=E343960&id=23</p>



Abortion Pills

We have seen many good things happen in the past few months. However, the abortion pill remains available throughout the country, with no enforcement of the Comstock Act, nor any new restrictions of shipping abortion-inducing drugs.

Because the pills get shipped into states that prohibit abortion, it undermines the laws of those states and the sovereignty of those states. It also undermines the Dobbs ruling, which allowed states to address abortion laws as they see fit. But a group of pill pushers end up overriding those states.

Coastal states like Florida now have billboards on boats off their shores that promote websites where abortion pills are accessible. It reminds me of the boats that used to sail off the coast of Ireland when abortion was illegal there, and the boats would provide abortions in international waters to undermine that nation.

Although some states now claim zero abortions occur in their states, all they can really say is that no abortions are performed by abortionists or are officially

reported. The abortion industry values access to abortion over safety, legality, or anything else. Although they kept trying to say they didn't want back-alley abortions, they are doing everything they can to provide do-it-yourself abortions without any accountability to the law, medical standards, etc.

Abortion pills are available online without consulting a doctor and without a prescription. This has allowed several men, sexual predators, and others to order abortion pills. They can then use the pills against women of their choosing. This expands the availability of a form of control by men over women and their children. The original feminists opposed abortion, knowing the harm it would bring to women and the relation between the sexes. The movement was later hijacked by two men seeking to make abortion legal and profit from the abortions that would be performed.

There are some interesting developments associated with abortion pills, however. Men are starting to sue women who have killed those men's children via abortion.

Texas is attempting to do something about the pills coming into their state, as mentioned in our Government Update article. But most states have yet to pass any meaningful legislation. Even Texas hasn't passed any bills into law.

The federal government has done many things that have helped protect life and stopped many assaults on life. However, they have yet to do anything about the abortion pill. Recent studies have brought to light many of the bad things regarding the abortion pills. We now see just how common negative side effects are. The rates of complications are many times higher than officially claimed in the past.

The abortion pill was made available around the year 2000. It became a bit easier to get about a decade later. Then it was heavily deregulated a decade after that. Each decade brings a continued slide into making death by pill easier to acquire. At the same time, they had stopped tracking non-lethal side effects and anything else that would help to shed light on any concerns. The pill must go! 🇺🇸



Government Update

National

In-Vitro Fertilization (IVF) gained lots of attention last year. The current President even showed major support for it while campaigning. This troubled pro-lifers. The administration now appears to be backing off of pushing to expand IVF. Unfortunately, at least one former presidential candidate has since pointed out his support for it. Hopefully real health can prevail over IVF rhetoric.

The federal government still hasn't done anything to prevent the shipping and delivery of abortion pills into states where abortion is illegal. The federal government is responsible for regulating interstate commerce, and the Comstock Act remains on the books, but is not enforced.

Texas

The Texas House recently passed a bill addressing the delivery of abortion pills into their state. It will head to the Texas Senate, next. The bill would allow people to sue those who ship the pills into the state, and they would get some of the money.

Maryland

A while back, pro-lifer Mark Crosby was attacked outside of a Baltimore Planned Parenthood by a man. He suffered a shattered eye socket, temporary blindness in that eye, and severe head trauma. After the original trial, the case underwent a retrial. In the retrial, the attacker was sentenced to home arrest and three years of probation. When one looks at the severity of the injuries and the violence of the attack, this ruling seems abnormally light.

Colorado

Colorado had a law prohibiting abortion pill reversal. This was challenged in court. The Colorado Supreme Court ruled in favor of allowing abortion pill reversal.

Unfortunately, the Colorado House has advanced a bill to fund Planned Parenthood via their state's Medicaid program. If passed, this would keep the PP sites in Colorado funded, regardless of what happens at the federal level. That affiliate spans Wyoming, Colorado, and New Mexico.

Iowa

The 2026 election will determine who will fill the seats being vacated by our current governor and one of our U.S. Senators. Both of them said they would not seek another term. Both have many pro-life votes.

Active Abortion Cases

North Dakota, Wyoming, and Utah each have abortion addressing constitutionality. In each of those states, the cases could decide if life is protected from conception or not.

Keep Praying

Pray for the protection of human life throughout the states. Pray for an end of the culture of death. Pray for the protection of life to prevail in governments in our nation and world. 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. The abortion industry adapts. It's important to achieve results this year! 🙏

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!



Fall Preparations

We are less than a month away from the start of our next 40 Days for Life activities. We pray outside of the Cedar Rapids Planned Parenthood (PP). Yes, it will have been closed for roughly two years in the midst of our praying out there, but PP still owns the property. We need prayers to bring their presence to a conclusive end! We will continue to engage in prayer at that site as long as PP owns the property.

While we want to pray for them to leave Cedar Rapids, and we should, we should also pray for other sites while we are out there. I strongly recommend praying for the closures and end of abortion in Iowa City, at both the Planned Parenthood and Emma Goldman sites. One may also consider praying about the Des Moines Planned Parenthood, which is the only other PP site in Iowa.

If I may ask for people to pray for some other sites, please consider praying about the Minnesota PP sites in St. Cloud, Moorhead, and Duluth. Lincoln, Nebraska is also another good site to pray about.

In early October, we will again participate in the Life Chain, where we hold signs with life-affirming messages. We line up along 1st Avenue. This activity works best if people spread out. If you have children with you, obviously you may need to keep smaller children close to you. But if people pray and hold signs, standing many feet apart from each other, that allows the chain to span miles. It's so impressive to see that long of a chain. It is much shorter if we have groups of 5 or more all gathered within a few feet of each other. You can always chat with friends afterward.

I remember when our chain only filled a single block or two. I've also seen it span miles. When you are driving along and you keep seeing people, mile after mile...women who are looking for a sign or support can see it loud and clear!

This is a great time to invite friends and family to join you in our activities. We expect PP to leave town at some point, so it's just a matter of time to see total victory. 🙏

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