



# Life Matters

Discussing life matters,  
because life matters

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## Changing Times

We gathered for the annual Life Chain. We would like to extend the chain to make it increasingly longer in the future. That takes some effort to evangelize life. There are many pro-life topics, and this newsletter aims to draw some attention to some of those.

We are nearing the end of this fall's 40 Days for Life. Please consider praying for other sites and 40 Days campaigns while praying about the local Planned Parenthood site.

**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. They are cleaning out mold that developed while the building has been unused for the past few years. We will keep an eye on matters.

# Upcoming Events

**First Mondays**  
7 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

**CFLI Board Meetings (1<sup>st</sup> Mondays)**  
Get involved in our organization!  
**Where:** Contact us.  
**More:** [coalitionforlife@gmail.com](mailto:coalitionforlife@gmail.com)

**Sept 24 – Nov 2**  
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:** <https://www.40daysforlife.com/cedarrapids>

**Sun, Nov 2**  
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>

**Sat, Nov 22**  
Doors Open: 5 p.m.

**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>

# NaProTechnology

# Assisted Suicide

# Euthanasia

## Other Pro-Life Priorities

### Reproductive Health

There has been lots of attention on In-Vitro Fertilization (IVF) in the past year or two. The current administration is rolling out efforts to get employers to make IVF more accessible. I've recently become aware of a major employer in the area offering access to Carrot Fertility. It boasts benefits above the average, but FAR below the benefits of NaProTechnology. This is because it focuses on Assisted Reproductive Technologies (ART), like IVF, rather than Restorative Reproductive Medicine (RRM).

The first three services on Carrot's website include: freezing egg, sperm, and embryos; IVF or IUI; and surrogacy. There are moral issues with each of these. RRM restores health issues that caused the infertility. That leaves people healthier, usually at a lower cost and using moral means to achieve the desired result with a greater success rate than IVF. By every measure, RRM is better!

### Assisted Suicide & Euthanasia

There are groups of people who continue to put pressure on governments to spread assisted suicide and euthanasia to more states, provinces, and nations. At the same time, nations like Canada and the Netherlands continue to increase the number of their citizens who are killed by people in the medical field, protected by law because they stopped fully defending the most fundamental right—the right to life.

They use terms like Medical Assistance In Dying (MAID) as it's called in Canada, or they may call it compassionate. Roughly 1-in-20 deaths in Canada are due to MAID.

When such laws are passed, they initially promise plenty of safeguards. With time, they argue against one after another, claiming they discriminate against certain people. If you could only access it when you had 6 months to live, they argue that some people have such

gradual loss of capacities that they need more time before natural death. They expand it to people across more ages until children gain access. They go beyond physical conditions, allowing mental conditions, too. A person could be suicidal, and such laws would allow someone else to kill them, rather than needing to treat the disorder.

There was a recent case where a woman had anorexia, and assisted suicide was offered. It's bad enough that some laws in some places deny the dignity of people, but it's even worse that there are doctors who aren't focused on restoring optimum health and function.

### Conclusion

Abortion remains a concern across the nation and the world. We still have pills entering Iowa, and abortion providers. These are just a couple other topics that the pro-life movement needs to stay focused on addressing. There are others, and they could probably fill a book. 📖



## Government Update

### National

A generic form of the abortion pill was approved, which can lower the costs of abortions. This could increase profits for abortion providers and/or allow lower prices for abortions, which in turn could increase the number of abortions. The FDA claims they had to approve it, but many pro-lifers say otherwise.

Although it's not the only issue, abortion is one of a few things that seems to divide the two major parties regarding passing a continuing resolution to fund the government for a while longer. The U.S. House has already passed a bill to fund the government with the pro-life clauses. The U.S. Senate has voted many times, but fails to achieve the 60 votes needed. If an agreement isn't reached by November 1<sup>st</sup>, then programs like SNAP and others that help feed and provide for families who can't afford certain needs will cease. Some people claim there's still a way to fund such programs, while others say otherwise. The

administration has been sued for trying to use similar funds in the past, so it seems like partisan posturing of those who oppose the pro-life clauses at the expense of those who depend on existing programs to survive.

### Iowa

Iowa Senator Claire Celsi has died after a short time in hospice care. She has voted in favor of abortion quite consistently. Unlike the people who cheered the assassination of Charlie Kirk, we do not celebrate the death of people who oppose our views as if it makes the world a better place. Please pray for her. We obviously disagree with her abortion stance, but we respect all humans.

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.

### California

California is trying to provide funding to Planned Parenthood after

having made some cuts, since their government's favored mega-business is struggling after federal and state funding cuts. Days earlier, the affiliate in Orange and San Bernadino Counties announced the closure of 7 of their 11 sites.

### 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!



# 40 Days for Life

We are reaching the end of our fall 40 Days for Life activities. If Planned Parenthood manages to sell their property in the months ahead, this could be one of the last times we have a closing rally. I imagine they would still own the property when we do the spring 40 Days for Life, and if so, we still could have at least one more after this. But I would love as many of you who have ever participated in 40 Days for Life to show up at the closing rally on November 2<sup>nd</sup>.

If you have friends or family who have never participated, feel free to invite them for the final hour of prayer together at 4 pm that day. We welcome people, even on the last day and even the final hour of 40 Days for Life. Every prayer matters and has power!

Throughout the 40 Days for Life prayer vigil, we tend to gather in small groups. It's the closing rally where we gather in our largest group of the entire 40 Days. I love finishing strong, united in prayer together with others who value life. We also share any news we have at that time.

Please try to park at the Town & Country Shopping Center. Not only is there ample parking at that site, and it's just a block away from Planned Parenthood, but we gather to eat at the Godfather's Pizza there at 5 pm. We provide the pizza and non-alcoholic drinks. We do accept free-will donations at this event to help defray the costs. I always look forward to eating together in the warmth of the pizza place with fellow pro-lifers.

For those of you who continue to pray out there throughout the year, I thank you. That continued prayer continues to bring blessings. We need prayers to bring their presence to a conclusive end! We can also pray that any future business there is something good. We will continue to engage in prayer at that site as long as PP owns the property.

Please pray for other sites where Planned Parenthood and abortion providers remain. Our prayers can still do good for these other sites.

Please invite friends and family to join you in our activities! 🙏

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