



Life Matters

Discussing life matters,
because life matters

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events and meetings

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Thankful for This Year

We are nearing the end of this year. We had a great 40 Days for Life closing rally. We look forward to marches for life in the year ahead. We are grateful for this year's announcement of closures of Planned Parenthoods, including the one in Cedar Rapids.

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 preparing the building for sale after being 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 (1st Mondays)
Get involved in our organization!
Where: Contact us.
More: coalitionforlife@gmail.com

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Jan 23, 2026
All Day

National March for Life
People across the nation march for life in our nation's capital!
Where: Washington D.C.
More info: <https://marchforlife.org/national-march-for-life>



News and Moving Forward

40 Days for Life Rally

We had a wonderful closing rally for our fall 40 Days for Life campaign. We gathered for a final hour of prayer. We joined together for a meal. Then we played a game of pro-life Jeopardy. This time, I sat out to help identify which team was first with an answer.

I remember when I led 40 Days for Life. It felt rewarding, but I knew there was other work to be done. As I have seen the changes in the last few years, I'm really grateful for those who have succeeded me. The event is even better now. Thank you Pat and Vanessa!

I love seeing people use their time and talent to help where they can. It benefits the movement through their volunteering. It also helps the person giving of themselves, as they find fulfillment in what they do. It also helps others have a better experience.

We anticipate doing this again in the spring and as long as PP is there.

Pulse Christmas Gala

Pulse Life Advocates had their annual Christmas Gala in Des Moines on the Saturday before Thanksgiving, as usual. This year's keynote speaker was Kristan Hawkins, the leader of Students for Life of America. To me, her talk was the highlight of the evening.

Under her leadership, Students for Life spread across the country, equips students to drive change in the country to end abortion. When the Dobbs ruling struck down Roe vs. Wade and Planned Parenthood vs. Casey, Students for Life was uniquely positioned to make a difference, because they had organizations throughout the states. Although some national organizations existed, they weren't structured the same way. Other organizations may have affiliates that could get some materials from them, but they weren't organized in ways to coordinate action in each state. I hadn't heard her in person before, and was glad to hear her.

Looking Forward

Many of our events in the past were heavily focused on prayer and education. These are key parts of our mission, and I fully expect us to continue to do these things. Many of our prayer activities center around the local Planned Parenthood site. With the potential of that site to go away in the future, we may need to pivot. We may need to adapt our prayer activities, especially with regard to the location whenever PP sells that site.

Our culture has far too many people who favor "solutions" that incorporate intentionally causing death. We have often focused on the abortion issue, but there are other concerns. It is also important to grow the number of people who can defend life effectively.

A few of us on the board of directors already recognize the changes that are coming, along with the need for some goals to address the future. 🙏



Government Update

National

The government shutdown has ended. Some lawmakers had referred to people as leverage, and the day after the election, there was finally an openness to start working to end the shutdown. The leverage served its purpose to put those in power who were of the same party as those treating voters as leverage. That was disappointing.

Virginia

The elections in Virginia put pro-abortion lawmakers in power over that state. They hope to make their state's constitution support abortion, so the South would have one state with constitutional rights to take the lives of children, since the others protect life to various degrees. One of the people they elected said he wanted to see the death of his opponent, plus his opponent's children die in the arms of their mother. It's sad to think such a person would still get elected to a statewide office, but he did.

New York City (NYC)

The mayor-elect of NYC has promised to do what he can to go after pro-life pregnancy resource centers. The city is already friendly with the abortion industry, and will soon aim to eliminate dissenting organizations.

Nebraska

The governor of Nebraska signed an executive order to defund abortion providers in their state. Since the Planned Parenthood affiliate that operates in Iowa, Minnesota, and the Dakotas also operates there, this provides yet another level of defunding that affects their profitability in ways that can put a strain on the affiliate. It also affects other abortion providers that operate just across the border from Iowa.

Florida

The Florida Attorney General is suing Planned Parenthood for false claims. PP has often claimed abortion pills are safer than Tylenol, but they are not. This appears to violate Florida Deceptive and Unfair Trade Practices.

North Dakota

North Dakota's Supreme Court ruled 3/5 to overturn their state's abortion ban. However, they needed four justices to do that. Thus, their **abortion ban is upheld!** One justice recused himself, and a district judge filled in for this case.

Active Abortion Cases

Wyoming and Utah have abortion addressing constitutionality, with **Wyoming's ruling expected at the end of the year, so PLEASE pray this month!** 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. Pro-life lawmakers help, but don't always 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; success for other pro-life groups

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!



Wisconsin PP

Wisconsin's Planned Parenthood (PP) stopped performing abortions at the start of October. They couldn't afford to lose Medicaid funding, since at least half of their funding comes from the government. They consulted their lawyers to see how they could function going forward. Before the month of October ended, they resumed abortions.

They believe they could continue to receive funding as long as they dropped their status as an Essential Community Provider (ECP). Being an ECP requires medical insurance companies to include coverage at their sites. It will be interesting to see if insurance companies keep or drop coverage for PP in that state.

If this successfully allows them to maintain funding, it would appear this would be a good thing to alter in future budget-related bills. The PP affiliate in Arizona figured they would be safe, as long as they accepted no more than \$800,000 in Medicaid funding per year. This is yet another concerning exception.

Although the Wisconsin PP has resumed abortions, they have continued closing sites. Earlier this year, they closed one site. But within the last month or so, they closed three more sites. The sites include: West Bend, Wisconsin Rapids, and Portage. I have yet to see any press releases or news coverage of the closures. This is a quiet set of closures, where they aren't drawing attention to the closures.

If their funding is cut off in the future, several more sites would need to close to become sustainable. The existing closures are some of the smaller cities with PP sites in Wisconsin. It removed PP from the central part of the state. It leaves most of the remaining sites along Lake Michigan, suburbs of Milwaukee, some of the cities near Green Bay and Lake Winnebago. The only two sites in the western part of the state are La Crosse and Eau Claire. One is on the border with Minnesota, and the other is roughly an hour's drive away from the Twin Cities, where it's easy to get abortions. 🌱

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