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# A Sacred Trust

*God's Gift Of Life*

WELS Lutherans for Life, Metro-Milwaukee

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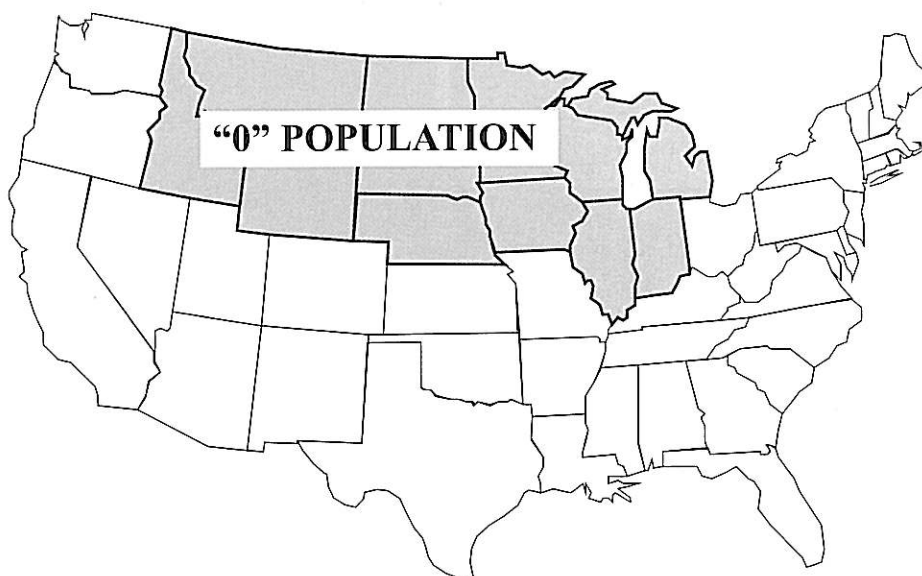
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*"To share the gospel of Jesus Christ through compassionate care, information, education, and support services while empowering women and men to make informed, life-affirming decisions about lifestyle and pregnancy issues."*

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# What If?

What if the lead article on the front page of this newsletter could not be written because the main character of the story was never born? In reality, there are more than \*54,559,615 life stories that were not written in the United States from 1973 until 2011, because their lives were cut short by the decision of abortion.



My frame was not hidden from you when I was made in the secret place. When I was woven together in the depths of the earth, your eyes saw my unformed body. All the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be.

*Psalm 139: 15&16*

\*Equivalent to the combined populations of: Wisconsin, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Michigan, Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota, Nebraska, Wyoming, Montana, and Idaho.

## What can we do? Pray, vote, and share your values with those you love!

### A Ministry Bigger Than Life

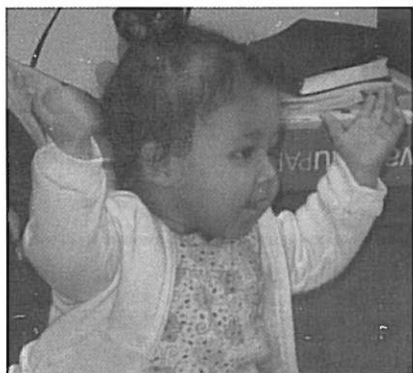
When people look at WELS Lutherans for Life they may have some misconceptions.

They may see us as:

- Anti-abortion
- A social service agency
- A ministry that talks women out of abortions

You know us better, and you know we are bigger than what some may say.

You know that we believe in life. We believe every child deserves an opportunity to be born. We look forward to each opportunity we have to share the truths of God's Word and the hope of eternal life with those we see. And yet, there is more.



John 10:10 tells us that Jesus came that we might have

life, and have it to the full. He came that we might have an *abundant* life.

So while we believe in life, we want even more for our clients. We want their lives to be *abundant* and "full". We want every child born through this ministry to know the joy of a Christian home, where he or she can see what it truly means to be a child of Jesus Christ.

We want to see our clients and their families become vital, vibrant Christians.

We want their children to grow up with a love for God and a love for those around them.

We celebrate every time a child is born through this ministry. And yet, we rejoice again and again when we see a mom, a dad, and a child living an abundant life of hope and joy through the love of Jesus Christ.

I hope you're with us. We need your encouragement, your support, your expertise, your time, and your energy. We need your prayers. Join me in praying that God blesses our work and that he does something unique, something great, something totally amazing in Greater Milwaukee – that abortion becomes unthinkable and every child has an op-

portunity to be born. And that it starts right here at WELS Lutherans for Life.

If you believe in life, and you do believe in life, join us here at WELS Lutherans for Life. For those who want to see our clients not only get through a crisis pregnancy, but go on to thrive, we are the place for your talents and your financial support.

At WELS Lutherans for Life, it is a joy to present life. And, it is an honor to promote life.



For Life in Christ,

Peter Georgson

## Evening for Life Update

We are very grateful for the generous sponsors, table hosts, and friends who helped "sell out" the Evening for Life fundraising banquet. Three corporate sponsors, 12 table hosts, and 250 attendees gathered on Thursday, October 18 to support this ministry, hear client stories, and listen to the amazing, inspirational story of Pam Tebow.

We will report on the financial outcome of the event in the next issue of Sacred Trust, since this issue was printed before the banquet. The tentative date for Evening for Life 2013 is Thursday, October 10. We hope you can plan to attend.



## Lindsey is not condemned!

Our last \*appeal letter described Lindsey, a young lady seeking post-abortion support, and asked the question, "Condemned? What do you think...?"

Lindsey has been involved in the "Free to Flourish" post-abortion group. She is learning why she feels the way she does. She understands the devastating effects of her abortion. She comprehends the spiritual weight of her choice.

Lindsey recently was offered a Bible, accepted it, and has begun reading it. Remember she didn't state any religious affiliation or background.

Little by little she is learning what God demands and that the only way she can measure up is through Jesus and his perfect, atoning work. She asks many questions, is growing in her awareness, and is grateful for the opportunity and support she gets through "Free to Flourish".

We have received excellent responses to the letter. You apparently want to assure Lindsey and others like her that she need not be condemned; she can be forgiven in Jesus. You make it possible for her to meet her Savior here at WELS Lutherans for Life. Thank you!

*\*If you did not see the letter, contact Peter for a copy.*

## Update & Sign-Up

Cell phone plans, e-mail providers, and addresses change quite frequently in our world. Please help us keep our information current so you don't miss important communications and we don't waste our limited resources. Call 414-727-8176, e-mail [office@welsflmilw.com](mailto:office@welsflmilw.com), or send your updated info to our office.

Sign up for our electronic newsletter and receive instant updates and important bulletins. E-mail us ([office@welsflmilw.com](mailto:office@welsflmilw.com) with "E-mail Opt-In" in the subject line), provide your e-mail address on the enclosed reply envelope, or sign up at [welsflmilw.com](http://welsflmilw.com) or our Facebook page.

## When a Simple Gift Becomes "Priceless"



In 2011 WELS Lutherans for Life logged 1,146 client visits. That's quite a number that includes moms, dads, parents and yes, unborn children who came through our doors. However, the number "1,146" is just a number.

That number 1,146 represents people—and their stories. Stories of people like Janie and Zack (not their real names) who came to us considering abortion and yet chose life for their baby. That's one life actually saved and two more changed forever. Just numbers? Janie and Zack don't think so. Janie was in the Loving Moms parenting classes—gearing up for a new and exciting chapter in their lives.

Here is another number: \$250,000. That's how much it costs to run this ministry for an entire year. That number includes our facility, our campus outreach initiative, our personnel and our marketing . . . everything. Divided by the number of clients we see, that means a gift of \$281 will positively impact the life or save the life of at least one person who comes in our door. That's a great investment, when considering the results.

Consider this thought: "A gift of \$281? It reaches a client who comes in our door. Seeing that young man hold his son for the first time? Priceless." Your gift of any amount, through our online partner site at [www.welslflmilw.com](http://www.welslflmilw.com), creates more priceless moments for those who come in our door.



## Memorials and Celebrations

### Given in loving:

memory of Lillian Muentz  
honor of new babies God is blessing us with  
honor of Loraine Knudsen's 98th Birthday  
honor of Danielle MacKain's birthday  
memory of Carl S. Leyer  
memory of Elaine Holtz  
memory of Miss Kathleen Doud  
memory of Gary Phillip Gustafson  
memory of Ervin Drall  
memory of Alice and George Gallepp

### By:

Janet Stirmel  
Evan & Trudie Roloff  
Carol Gallepp  
Jean MacKain  
David & Lois Ebeling  
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Karen Runge  
David & Mildred Gustafson  
Beverly Drall  
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- gives more time to ministry

Call us about setting up a monthly electronic donation of \$10 or more, 414-727-8176.

## How To Still Be Giving In 100 Years

It is not too early to consider how you will give to WELS Lutherans for Life, Metro-Milwaukee 100 years from now, as our life-saving ministry will undoubtedly continue. Even though none of us will be around to see this in person, it is entirely possible for you to continue giving then as you do today. How?

A very simple answer: Make a gift to WELS Lutherans for Life, Metro-Milwaukee's Legacy of Life giving society. Your annual gift can continue long after you have passed away, even when the year 2112 rolls around and beyond. Your gift literally becomes everlasting.

What's the best way to give to WELS Lutherans for Life, Metro-Milwaukee Legacy of Life? Some make a one-time gift or build up their fund with gifts spread over a number of years. Others provide using an estate gift. If you wish, this is easily done through a will, living trust, qualified retirement plan, or life insurance that is designated to the Legacy of Life.

If the idea of a gift to the Legacy of Life really excites you, a larger amount—in a fund bearing your name—is also possible. To learn more, call Peter Georgson. He can give you more details and help you reach your goal in establishing your Legacy of Life.