



A Sacred Trust

God's Gift Of Life

WELS Lutherans for Life

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Ministry Spotlight: A Recent Helpline call

A recent caller, *Erica*, contacted us seeking abortion services. Our volunteer lay-counselor learned in the conversation that *Erica* had an abortion in the past, and had vowed she would never do it again. *Erica* also had the experience of a late-term miscarriage, and she has an older child as well. But because of financial difficulties and struggles in her relationship with the baby's father, she was leaning toward abortion once more.

"My heart wants to keep this baby, but my mind tells me I don't have to," *Erica* said. It is hard for most of us to understand this kind of thinking, but it is rationalization like *Erica's* that leads to abortions every day. That is why we at WELS Lutherans for Life are grateful for the opportunity to speak with people when they are at this crucial decision-making point. We are privileged to share the truth with them—the truth about abortion and human life and ultimately, eternal life with Jesus.

Even though she followed up with the caller, our counselor never learned what *Erica* finally decided to do. The counselor was confident, though, that she had done what she could by relying on the Holy Spirit to guide her as she responded to this expecting mother. She and the staff prayed that her words would have a positive, life-saving effect.

Thank you for your financial gifts which make it possible to meet people where they are.

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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."

Message from the Executive Director

The recent trial of abortionist Kermit Gosnell in Philadelphia forced us to look at the horrors of the abortion industry. Since that time the pro-life community is seeing some encouraging news. Following Gosnell's conviction for taking the lives of babies delivered alive after abortion and for taking the life of a female client, many states began looking more closely at the abortion mills.

As a result, some abortion centers have closed their doors. That's good news. It is also good news when state legislatures, like those in Wisconsin and Texas, move to limit and better regulate abortion.

Now it is time to take the next step: ending abortion as we know it.

Unfathomable? A mere pipe dream? Possibly. Or, is this far more realistic than we can imagine?

Think about this. What if, in our community, every woman or couple facing an unplanned pregnancy thought of *Associated Pregnancy Services* before going anywhere else? And what if they came in *our* door to consider their options before heading to an abortion mill?

When women come to us, they hear the truth—about abortion and about human life. They learn the facts about abortion procedures and risks as well as the long-term devastation abortion can have on their lives. They are shown that a human life begins at conception as a unique individual created by God. And, most importantly, they hear the gospel message.

Think of the impact: Let's extrapolate this across our nation. If *every* pregnancy care center like ours shared the same message of truth, and all of the 2500 centers in America became this "first choice," what would happen? People's hearts would be changed, and then...the abortion rate would drop precipitously, would it not?

And without customers, abortion facilities (*perhaps almost all*) would naturally close.

Our goal to end abortion can be reached. With God guiding people in their choices, we could become the "first choice." We need adequate funding for marketing (*to reach those who need us*), facilities, staffing, and the many services we provide. With the best in marketing, facilities, and services, we *will* be that first choice. This is not impossible at all with God.

Would this mean the *end* of abortion? I know for certain there would be far fewer lives destroyed. And we would love the opportunity to try. It would be exciting to see.

We're looking for those who share this dream to join WELS Lutherans for Life. Drop me an email at Peter@ALife2.com, and I'll tell you our plan to create a new culture of life here in Greater Milwaukee.

The time is now. All we need is you. I am confident God will bless our efforts as he has in the past.



For Life in Christ,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Peter Georgson".

Peter Georgson
Executive Director

Evening for Life!

A night of Life and Laughter!

Mark your calendars and save the date for **Thursday, October 10** to join us for an Evening for Life. Mike Williams will inspire you with his own compelling Life story and entertain you with his Christian comedy. Both men and women will enjoy this banquet equally. Prepare to laugh and cry.



We will meet in the Grand Ballroom at Country Springs in Pewaukee. Cocktail/social hour begins at 5:30 with dinner to follow. Cost is \$45 per person.

You are encouraged to register early! We sold out

last year. E-mail or call our office to pre-register and we'll make sure your seat is reserved: Contact@ALife2.com; 414-727-8176.

Visit EveningforLife.org to find more details.

What people say about Mike Williams:

"Mike was by far the best banquet speaker we've ever had! We've received numerous requests begging us to have Mike back next year! We're obliging them!"
-Dawn Orman, Life Choice, Dyersburg, TN

"What an amazing gift you must have to make a bunch of pro football players laugh on game day at nine in the morning! I was truly impressed and inspired."
-Mike Ditka, former Head Coach, Saints/Bears

Table Hosts Still Needed!

Help WELS Lutherans for Life further its mission to treasure human lives by volunteering as a table host for our upcoming fundraising banquet the Evening for Life. This is the largest fundraiser of the year and is critical to our continued operation. Bring your friends and help us celebrate "Life and Laughter".

GUIDESTAR

WELS Lutherans for Life received the GuideStar Exchange Silver level logo, a leading symbol of transparency and accountability provided by GuideStar USA, Inc., the premier source of nonprofit information. The logo signifies our deep commitment to nonprofit transparency and accountability.



In order to be awarded the GuideStar Exchange logo, we had to fill out every required field of our nonprofit report on www.guidestar.org for the Silver level of participation.

We hope you will check us out and tell me what you think. <http://www.guidestar.org/organizations/39-1436085/wels-lutherans-life-metro-milwaukee.aspx>.

UNITED WAY

WELS Lutherans for Life, Metro-Milwaukee is an eligible recipient of United Way donations through the "Donor Choice" option. Ask your employer for a "Donor Choice" form and designate WELS Lutherans for Life, Metro-Milwaukee. For assistance or details contact Peter at 414-727-8176 or Contact@ALife2.com.

LEGACY OF LIFE Giving Society

Have you thought about your future? Have you thought about the future of WELS Lutherans for Life, Metro-Milwaukee? A will is an easy way to remember WLFL. This represents a lifetime legacy that will live on providing support for its mission and ministry into the future.

You can leave a specific dollar amount, a percentage of your estate, or the remainder of your estate after specific bequests. The entire amount of your gift is deductible for estate tax purposes.

The Legacy of Life Giving Society has officially been established by the board of directors. More information about the Legacy of Life will be forthcoming.

To find out how you can put WELS Lutherans for Life, Metro-Milwaukee in your will, please call Peter at 414-727-8176.

THRIVENT

If you are a Thrivent member and have designated WELS Lutherans for Life, Metro-Milwaukee as your preferred organization in the past, Thank You! There may be Choice Dollars® available for you to direct right now.

It's easy to direct Choice Dollars online at www.thrivent.com/thriventchoice. You can register at this link if you aren't already registered. Once you log in, you can see your balance of Choice Dollars to designate on the right side of the screen. You may also call 800-847-4836 and say "Thrivent Choice" when prompted, "Briefly, how can I help you today?" to designate your Choice Dollars.

NOTE FROM A FINANCIAL PARTNER

If it weren't for pro-life organizations like yours I might not be here to be able to send you this note and support you. Thank you for all you do!
Name withheld upon request.

TRIBUTE GIFTS

Show how special people are or how their lives have touched yours. Send a gift in memory of someone who entered eternal life or honor someone for a milestone (birthday, baptism, adoption, anniversary, confirmation, graduation, etc.). Each gift is gratefully acknowledged and noted in future Sacred Trust issues.

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Psssst, Want to know something?

Did you know that some companies will match donations made to WELS Lutherans for Life by their employees? REALLY, you should check with your Human Resources Department. There may even be some companies that will "double match" their employee contributions.

Check it out and let us know!!!