



A Sacred Trust

God's Gift Of Life

WELS Lutherans for Life

November 2013

A Baby Saved and a Life Changed

Shawna was pregnant and seeking an abortion. She called our helpline and was offered an appointment that same day. At our pregnancy center Shawna spoke with a lay-counselor who referred her to a doctor who helps some of our clients with special circumstances. We weren't sure where Shawna was in her process when she left that day. We prayed that God would protect her and her baby in the womb.

The doctor reported back to us that he saw our client in his office. The doctor's message read,

"Her 'boyfriend' was trying to force her to have an abortion. She even made an initial visit to an abortion clinic, but later called your helpline and talked with someone who gave her the strength to leave the boyfriend and not have the abortion. This woman is so grateful."

***"trying to force her to
have an abortion...
strength to leave the
boyfriend and not have
the abortion."***

After her first prenatal visit with the doctor, Shawna called our center to register for our parenting class. She has no one to turn to for support, and she said she wanted to come back to our center, where she felt so comfortable. We look forward to a continued relationship with Shawna so we can help her learn to care for her baby, and most importantly, where she can learn more about her Savior.



A life changed and a baby saved — thanks to your financial partnership!

It is our joy to be "your" hands extended at WELS Lutherans for Life. You can know that we humbly represent your gifts to this ministry to those who walk in our doors.

We are your partners in this ministry for life. We are your hands extended!

WELS Lutherans for Life

8501 W. Lincoln Ave. - West Allis, WI 53227 - (414) 727-8176 - www.ALife2.com - office@ALife2.com

"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

Everyday Witness

I often share with you stories about clients we serve. Many of these situations are dramatic and tug at our hearts. You and I feel compelled to help in some way.

Every day we field all sorts of calls, and we see people who come for the services you provide through our pregnancy care centers.

The stories you don't often hear are the routine regular visits, or moms and families we see more than once. These include the mom who attends the parenting class *Loving Moms* every other week, or a mom who comes every month for a small supply of emergency diapers.

These people we really get to know, and they get to really know us, too — over weeks, months, and sometimes years.

We help these moms, dads, and their families through their struggles.
We also get to celebrate with them in their triumphs.

Our clients quickly learn we may help them with their physical/material needs. But more importantly, we provide spiritual support through God's Word and our loving actions.

Through these regular visits we have many opportunities to witness and provide good Christian encouragement. As a result:

- Babies are saved from abortion.
- Women are finally free of their guilt from past abortions.
- Babies and children are baptized. Sometimes whole families are washed clean in the waters of baptism.
- Couples who lived together have asked to be married in our churches.
- Children are attending Christian elementary schools.
- and the examples continue....

You, our partners, make all these things possible with God's help. The impact is great. And we don't even know all the stories of all the people we help.

Thank you for making it possible to be here *regularly* — every day — to provide for the needs of so many in our community. We could not be here without your prayers and financial support.

Your support makes the difference in both the dramatic and the routine situations of those we serve.



For Life in Christ,

Peter Georgson
Executive Director

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.

Given in Loving Honor of:

Nicole Wetzel's birthday
Sam & Loren Klauser's 50th Anniversary
Tom & Janie Niedfeldt's 40th Anniversary
Rod & Sue Sievert's 50th Anniversary

Given in Loving Memory of:

Donald Babinec
Chuck Wentling
George Raabe
Herman Rohleder
John Rehak
Lavern Ebert
Lorraine Jahn
Martin Koch
Martin Schroeder
Henry Engelbrecht
Ronald Mahn
Ruth Bagatski
Susan Westendorf

By:

Calvin and Christine Wetzel
Carol Eisenberg
Tom and Janie Niedfeldt
Ken and Sue Gawrisch

By:

Gerry Babinec
Russell and Nancy Schroeder
Donald and Elaine Schuppe
Carol Rohleder
Donna Rehak
Joan Ebert
Steven and Karen Raabe
Arlene Hoganson
Russell and Nancy Schroeder
Luther and Bernice Kolander
Elaine Raddatz
Don and Marge Gebert
Judith Weigand

Introducing "Healthy Choices"

WELS Lutherans for Life is excited to introduce our new Healthy Choices education program. This program, designed for middle and high school students, tackles a range of topics facing youth including healthy relationships and abstinence. Healthy Choices puts trained speakers and educators into classrooms to talk to students about these sensitive subjects. Rachel Greiner, a certified abstinence educator, is the director of our program.

In a society bombarded with sexual messages and pressures, we believe it is imperative to help young people understand God's design for their sexuality. Teens often disregard God's plan for their bodies. This puts them at risk for the very real consequences of sexually transmitted disease, psychological problems, relationship issues, pregnancy, single parenting, and subsequent marriage difficulties.

Our age-appropriate curriculum covers a spectrum of topics including setting boundaries; peer pressure; consequences of sexual activity; unhealthy vs. healthy relationships; foundations for healthy marriage; and why real love waits. We look forward to working with area WELS schools and parents to help reach & teach youth.

If you are involved with a school or church and want your youth to benefit from this Christian-based program contact us to learn more. Together we can help empower youth so they don't enter our pregnancy resource doors as clients in crisis.

Evening for Life Follow-Up!

On October 10th an enthusiastic group of more than two hundred generous supporters and dedicated pro-lifers met at Country Springs Hotel to celebrate God's gifts of life and laughter at Evening for Life. The program included moving client stories, an exciting ministry update, and the hilarious pro-life stories of Mike G. Williams.

Guests have shared that the presentations were awesome, the food was great, and the speaker was hilarious! Many want to have him back again next year. We hope to see YOU at next year's banquet.

Thanks to these generous sponsors for underwriting a portion of the event costs: Ebeling Photography, Central Office Systems, Cornerstone Websites, Kremer Publications, and Northwestern Publishing House.




ebeling art studio
fine art photography
ebelingartstudio@gmail.com
senior portraits
weddings
family
www.emilyebelingphotography.blogspot.com

 **CentralOffice**
SYSTEMS

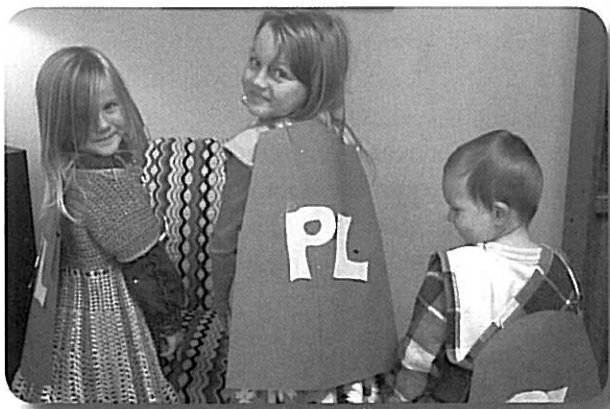


Cornerstone Websites

 **KREMER**
PUBLICATIONS



Northwestern
Publishing House
Milwaukee, Wisconsin
www.nph.net



Kids Selling Rocks

These little children collect rocks, paint them, and sell them to help save the babies. They've raised more than \$50 for our ministry. We recently presented them with Pro-Life Super-Hero capes when they dropped off some of the money they collected. A little ingenuity and a passion to save the babies — a win-win for all of us. Indeed, they are Pro-Life Super-Heroes!

What can you do to help save the babies? See more at ALife2.com including colored pictures of some of their rocks.

Relationship Changes with Christian Life Resources

WELS Lutherans for Life, Metro-Milwaukee's core mission is to reach abortion-minded individuals, counsel those facing an unexpected pregnancy, and assist those with past abortions on their healing journey by sharing the Gospel of Jesus with them.

While united in faith and doctrine, WLFL and CLR are different when it comes to the focus of our missions and the scope of services offered. We realize we cannot afford the costs of our formal affiliation with CLR, especially since we want to focus as many of our resources as we are able on our core mission.

Even though we have chosen to dissolve the formal relationship of affiliation with CLR, we recognize the value and importance of CLR's ongoing mission. WLFL continues to pray both for the ministry of CLR and that many will be strengthened in their relationship with Christ through CLR.

If you have any questions please contact Peter at Peter@ALife2.com or 414-727-8176.

Legacy of Life Planned Giving Society

Please remember WELS Lutherans for Life, Metro-Milwaukee when you are writing or updating your will. As you know, we rely on the generosity of our partners and benefactors to support our work. Your bequest is so important — it enables us to protect the lives of babies every day.

Our heartfelt appreciation goes to Mr. Ray Heisler and Ms. Rose Heikes, our most recently deceased friends who prepared to bless WELS Lutherans for Life in their financial plan. We pray for their family and friends in their time of loss.

To find out how you can remember WELS Lutherans for Life, Metro-Milwaukee in any of these ways, contact Peter at 414-727-8176 or Peter@ALife2.com. WELS Lutherans for Life works with professionals to receive gifts of any kind, but this does not replace the relationship you have with those you know and trust — to advise and represent you.

Would you like more information than this newsletter provides? Find lots of information at www.ALife2.com. Sign up for the WLFL E-News, "Like" us on Facebook, or "Follow" us on LinkedIn and Twitter. To sign up or opt-in, hover over the Get Resources tab and click on "Newsletters" or "Links".

Thrivent Members & "Choice Dollars"

There may be Choice Dollars® available for you to direct right now if you are a Thrivent member.

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 when prompted, "Briefly, how can I help you today?" say "Thrivent Choice" to designate your Choice Dollars.

If you are a Thrivent member and have already designated WELS Lutherans for Life, Metro-Milwaukee as your preferred organization, Thank You!