



A Sacred Trust

God's Gift Of Life

WELS Lutherans for Life

April 2014

Facing the Storm

A very anxious young woman came through our doors a couple of weeks ago. “Hi, *Anna*! It’s good to see you again.” *Anna* had come in several times over the past few years for pregnancy tests. This time she didn’t want to believe her symptoms were truly saying she was pregnant. Tears filled her eyes as the “+” line appeared on her test. She was feeling overwhelmed. She and her fiancé each have several children. Their finances are in bad shape. She is on meds for several health issues, and she dreads the reaction of her extended family.

As *Anna* poured out her heart, the counselor listened with empathy, acknowledging *Anna*’s difficulties and encouraging *her*. Though *Anna* showed no real interest in God, she did give him credit as she said, “God gives babies for a reason.” We are grateful she and her fiancé are adamantly against abortion.



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The counselor relates, “Your situation, *Anna*, reminds me of the sermon I heard recently. It was about the night when Jesus and his friends were out in their fishing boat going from one side of the lake to the other. His friends had just spent the day watching Jesus do miracle after miracle, and earlier they had seen how powerful he is. Suddenly a fierce storm hit their boat. They rowed as hard as they could, but were getting nowhere. Their fear overpowered them. They quickly forgot their friend who lay asleep in the boat was the powerful Lord. They woke Jesus with the words, ‘Master, Master don’t you care if we drown?’ They had forgotten to trust their powerful friend and ‘Master’ to carry them through this fierce storm.

Anna, this is a fierce storm in your life! You have a friend and Savior who loves you and will carry you through this fierce storm.

Please come to our Loving Moms class on Tuesday. It’s a chance for you to talk with other moms who might be in a similar situation as you, and to learn and to hear more about your friend, Jesus.”

Please join the counselors and other volunteers in reaching out to and praying for pregnant women. Please join in financially supporting the work here—ministering to women like *Anna*. They need our encouragement to get them through their “fierce storms.”

Your help in financing this gospel ministry ensures that *Anna* and others like her receive the help they need when they enter our doors. Your gifts provide and equip volunteers to respond to our clients. Thank you for being there for *Anna* and all the young moms we get to serve. We cannot do this important, life-saving work without your continued gifts. God bless you!

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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.”

Advancing the Culture of Life

Message from the Executive Director

The next steps toward making abortion unthinkable

OUR 2014 VISION:

Step 1: Sharing the message of abstinence through our *Healthy Choices* program to reach preteens and teens before they become sexually active. (See related article, "What's Happening in Our Schools.")

The *Healthy Choices* program brings the message of healthy, God-pleasing *choices* to students. This will help them withstand the pressures of this culture, and avoid a situation in which they might consider abortion.

Step 2: Becoming the *First Choice* for more abortion-minded women and men in our community. This will be accomplished with new signs on our building, upgrading the client website, utilizing Facebook ads, offering a "texting" option to schedule appointments, and increasing our Search Engine Optimization (a fancy techy way of saying that clients will have a better chance of seeing our info on the internet).

We're working to be the *First Choice* for everyone seeking answers to an unplanned pregnancy. We're not sitting around while "The enemy of life" takes more territory—more lives, more hearts!

We plan to see more lives saved and changed in 2014. We plan to share the incredible love of Jesus Christ by word—and by our actions.

We plan to move forward, and we will. Make no mistake about it. "*Whatever your hand finds to do, do it with all your might!*" Ecclesiastes 9:10

We will advance by the power instilled in us by the love of God *and with his blessing*. His love changes everything. "*With your help I can advance against a troop; with my God I can scale a wall.*" Psalm 18:29

Our goal is to advance, positively changing the culture. That's it. This is why you invest in WELS Lutherans for Life.

Let's scale the wall together! I'm grateful you are with me—on this team—advancing the culture of life into the future. Thank you for your prayers, partnership, and financial support!

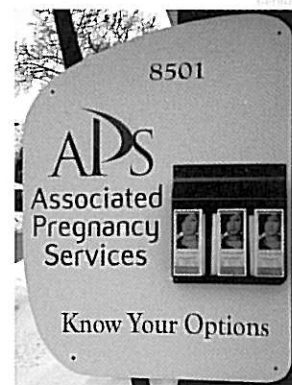


For Life in Christ,

Peter Georgson
Executive Director



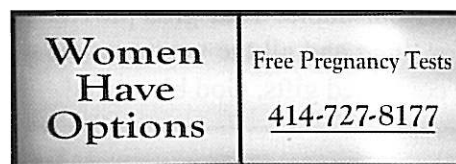
Old Sign



New Sign



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Special thanks to Cary at **Letters & Signs** in Mequon for donating the vinyl lettering for the new signs.

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:

80th birthday
Allan Georgson, Christian Father
Callista Carlson's 1st Birthday

Dr. & Mrs. Marvin Koch's
55th Anniversary
Jackson David Meyer's adoption
Winnie Reineking

Given in Loving Memory of:

Richard Pihl
Bernice Groskreutz
Cora McGrath
Dorothy Price
Gary Phillip Gustafson
George & Elaine Lehmann
Germaine St. Arnold
Glen F. Proeber Sr.
Karen Bartholomew
Leroy Floriano, World War II hero
Melissa Fox
Ruth Prowatzke

Sheila Jester
William Seidler

By:

Marge Gebert
Peter & Rose Georgson
Scott & Rebecca Klitzke
Evan & Trudie Roloff

Ariene Hoganson
David & Mary Lee Lehmann
Jerry & Vicki Raddant

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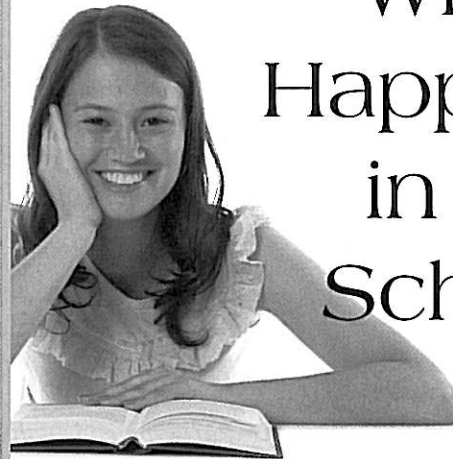
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Leonard & Carol Miller
Robert & Joan Fox
Jeff & Nissa Guenther
Peter & Becky Kassulke
Donald & Cathy Gruell
Barbara Kopplin
Doris Kreshell-Beyer
Marv & Sharon Rosenau
Robert & Kristine Schaeffer
Ruth Witt
Robert Jester
David & Laura Seidler

New Database

We are working with a new database. Some things you should note:

1. Please carefully look over your personal information on mailing labels, thank you letters, etc. to ensure it is correct. We need your help to clean up any errors with this data conversion.
2. With our new system, we plan to e-mail acknowledgements in response to online gifts to save paper and postage.
3. When you receive an e-mail acknowledgment from us the "sender" e-mail address will be **WELS Lutherans for Life@resultsplus.org**. Be sure to add this e-mail address to your address book so the acknowledgments land in your Inbox.
4. If you contribute by mail and would like to receive your acknowledgement by e-mail let us know. Call the office or indicate "Please Email Thank You" on your next donation envelope.

What's Happening in Our Schools



Rachel Greiner, Director of our *Healthy Choices* youth development/abstinence program, has been busy! She's been developing curriculum and bringing the message of healthy, God-pleasing choices to students.

Four schools and one youth group have already welcomed her and she has more dates scheduled. She has already spoken to more than 350 students, and she has received a lot of great responses. A few comments:

- Everything Ms. G said really made me think I could do it.
- I liked the maturity and stories she shared.
- Ms. G kept me involved and busy.
- How much people care and that they're willing to help others.

Rachel is also booked to speak at the 2014 WELS International Youth Rally in June at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville. She's excited to reach even more youth with this positive message. What a fantastic opportunity!

Contact her today if you'd like her to come to your school, church, youth group, or PTA!

Special thanks to the Antioch Foundation for their help funding Healthy Choices. Their generous support is helping establish, build, and provide this valuable abstinence education to area Lutheran schools



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 "...for the joy of the LORD is your strength."
 Nehemiah 8:10b

Join us for Life-A-Thon, a fun walk/run for LIFE!

Date: Saturday, May 10, 2014

South Side:

McCarty Park; 2567 S. 79th St., West Allis, WI

10:00am-Registration

10:30am-Diaper Dash

11am- Walk/run begins

North Side:

Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary; 11831 N. Seminary Dr., Mequon, WI

8:00am-Registration

8:45am-Walk/run begins

New this year: Competitive 5K

Participate virtually and walk/run on your own!

Register today: Life-A-Thon.org; 414-727-8176

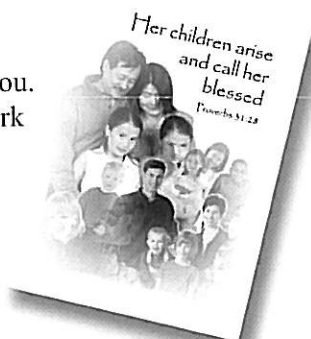
Cost: \$20-individual

\$55-family of three or more (school groups please contact us)

What about Mom?

Want to honor your mother or another special friend? Send a donation marked "Mother's Day Card" and we'll mail a card for you. The donation will support the work of our life-affirming pregnancy care services in Milwaukee. You'll need to provide your mom's name and complete mailing address (and a personal message if you'd like to).

Visit www.ALife2.com to see a full color picture of the card and details. Honor your mother and save a life at the same time.



Evening for Life Banquet



Mark your calendars for Friday, October 10th and save the date to see Mike Williams.

Christian comedian Mike Williams is coming back by popular request. Whether you missed him last year or enjoyed him so much you want more, this is your chance. Tell your friends. Bring your friends.

It's scheduled for the Country

Springs in Pewaukee.

Plan ahead so you don't miss it. Watch for more details and registration information. Keep an eye on www.EveningForLife.org.

How Can We Serve You Better?

You know from our stories what we do for the moms, dads, and babies we serve, as well as what we do for the community. We can't do this work without you. We'd like to know what it is that we can do to serve you better. You aren't at the board or staff meetings. You don't see the little things that take place every day. Yet, because you are a financial partner, basically and realistically financing this vital ministry, I don't want you to be a "silent" partner. That's why I'm soliciting your opinion, perspective, feedback. I look forward to hearing from you. Thanks for financing this important work of saving lives.

Pass it on!

Once you are done with this *Sacred Trust*, don't toss it... *pass it on*. Spread the word about all the good happening with your support at WELS Lutherans for Life. Give this to a friend, relative, or neighbor you think might enjoy learning of women being helped and babies being saved. You can help us grow and secure more necessary funding by *passing it on*. Thanks!

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