



A Sacred Trust

God's Gift Of Life

WELS Lutherans for Life

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From 3 years... to Life

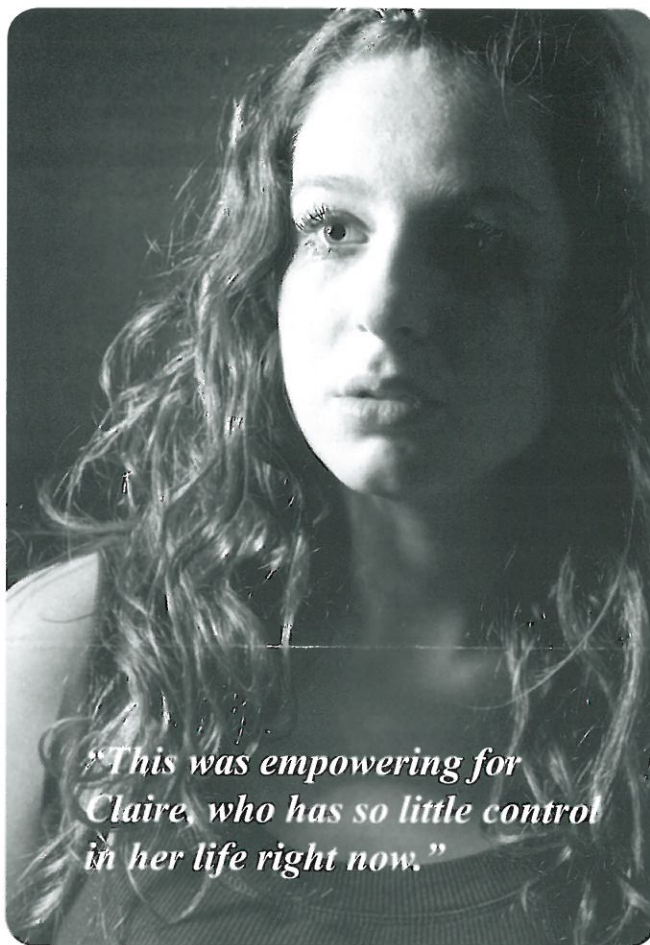
Claire is a petite young woman with delicate features on a sad countenance. Her mild manner belied her history of drug abuse and related crimes. Although she had been in rehab for many months, she had gotten into more trouble, and she found herself facing several years of incarceration. Now, her inkling was confirmed—she was pregnant.

Claire's social worker had called our pregnancy center. He said that she was considering abortion, and had an appointment with Planned Parenthood, but was also thinking of adoption. Her social worker (apparently a pro-life Christian) found our center's website, and called our helpline, asking if we would be willing to come to the jail. He believed that whoever reached Claire first would have the greatest impact on her pregnancy decision.

Claire welcomed my visit. She is normally allowed only one outside visitor per week, and I learned that she has no supportive family members or friends, and no religious beliefs. As we talked, I sensed her warming up to me. My heart went out to her when she asked if it was a nice day—she sure couldn't tell from inside the windowless building.

We discussed her options: abortion, parenting, and adoption. Claire told me that she had a previous abortion. She thinks women should have the choice of abortion, but she wants to experience pregnancy. Claire said she is certain she never wants to have kids, but especially not under these circumstances. She thinks adoption would be her most loving option. She talked about not getting too attached before placing the baby, so I knew she was already starting to have feelings for her child.

I explained to Claire that as the birth mom, she is in the driver's seat when making an adoption plan. She can choose the family and the type of adoption. This was empowering for Claire, who has so little control in her life



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right now. I gave her referrals to adoption agencies and offered to walk with her through the pregnancy. Claire really liked to hear that, and she was grateful for my visit.

The social worker expressed his thanks for our willingness to come to the jail; he said it was a divine thing. He loves our APS client website, and he said that our neutral presentation and factual description of options made him very comfortable calling us. He commended our work and welcomes us to begin ongoing ministry with pregnant and

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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."

Defund? Absolutely! But what do we fund?

In light of recent videos by the Center for Medical Progress, hundreds of thousands of Americans are taking to social media asking for the defunding of the country's leading provider of abortion, Planned Parenthood.

Many people are writing to state and congressional representatives, calling for political leaders to take action by taking away the \$542 million Planned Parenthood receives from government coffers.

The videos are shocking to many who had no idea of what goes on in abortion centers, and the outrage is palpable.

While WELS Lutherans for Life is not involved in all of the politics of public funding, we agree with the outcry. Government funding grants Planned Parenthood the money for extensive advertising and allows this group to provide certain services which entice women to come back when they are pregnant—which opens the door to its massive abortion business.

Should Planned Parenthood be defunded? Absolutely!

But here's the question for all of us in the pro-life community. We know what we should not fund. Yet what should we fund? When we say an emphatic "NO" to

Planned Parenthood, shouldn't there be an alternative "Yes?"

At WELS Lutherans for Life we're not looking for tax dollars. But we are asking those—such as you—who believe in the sanctity of life to look our way. To reach those who are in unplanned pregnancies, it's not enough to say "no" to Planned Parenthood and abortion; we need to offer a resounding "Yes," joining with others in life-affirming, hope-creating support.

Thank you to the many of you who are already supporting WELS Lutherans for Life. Because of you, we provide life-affirming, hope-creating options to those we see. Because of you, lives are saved, new families created, and we are celebrating first smiles, first steps, first birthdays, and first days of school.

If you have not yet had an opportunity to join us with your financial support, now is the perfect time. Together we are saying "no" to the funding of Planned Parenthood. And here, we are taking this next logical step: We say "Yes" to life, every day.



God bless you!

Peter Georgson

Partner Comments:

"We are blessed by being a part of Lutherans for Life."
Bob & Barb R.

"Thanking our Lord for the work you do to save the lives of our dear babies and guard their mothers." Ruth F.

"Have seen more hideous 'Planned Parenthood' videos than I can tolerate. Please apply funds wherever needed and THANK YOU for all you do." Carol G.



GET YOUR DONATION MATCHED TODAY!

Now is your chance! \$35 becomes \$70, \$50 becomes \$100, \$100 becomes \$200.

Your **Friend of Life** dollars can be matched to impact the cause of LIFE and women.

YOU are challenged to help.

1. Become a Friend of Life monthly donor, or
2. Current Friend of Life partners can increase your monthly amount.

Your new gift, or increase, will be matched each month for the first year. Our goal is to reach \$10,000.

Sign up by Thanksgiving Day, November 26, 2015!

It just makes sense to have your gift doubled, doesn't it?

Seeing is Believing!

WELS Lutherans for Life works every day to save lives and transform families. This is our mission. But for you, our supporters and partners, seeing the pregnancy care center can give you a deeper grasp of how vital it is for us to exist for each mom and baby who comes to us.

Please join us. You're encouraged to conduct your Bible study group, small meeting, or confirmation class in our atrium or conference room followed by a tour. You'll hear stories of lives saved, tour the center, and be able to ask all the questions you have about how our pregnancy care outreach works.

Contact us to set up your time in the center Contact@ALife2.com or 414-727-8176.



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post-abortive inmates at this facility.

Pat Johnson

Stories like this would be impossible without your great support of this ministry. The APS client website that drew the social worker to us costs \$313 a month. Consider sending a gift to help us reach more abortion-vulnerable people like Claire in new and innovative ways.

Pat followed up with the social worker who was excited to report that CLAIRE did not visit Planned Parenthood and will be making an adoption plan for her baby.

Praise the Lord! And thank you for your gifts.

Gloria K.'s Legacy of Life Story

When Gloria K. was planning her will, she considered many charities as beneficiaries. Of all the charities, WELS Lutherans for Life (WLFL) is one of her favorites. She empathizes with people who find themselves faced with an unwanted pregnancy. Gloria is happy that WLFL stands for life and works to stop abortion while providing real help and real hope for moms, dads, and babies.



When she thinks of the young mothers WLFL helps and the babies' lives that are saved, Gloria thinks of her grandchildren and how precious they are. Two of her grandchildren are adopted and she has seen first-hand what a blessing adoption can be.

Gloria considers it a privilege to plan her will so the work she loves and supports will continue even after she's in heaven.

We are happy that Gloria has planned ahead and especially grateful she has remembered WLFL in her plans. Her generous planned gift will bless WLFL in future years.

Please remember WLFL in your will or directive to your family. Your gift to the Legacy of Life will continue the vital, life-saving programs in decades to come.

Thank you for your continued generous support of LIFE! For more information, including specific details such as our Tax ID number, contact Peter at Peter@ALife2.com or 414-727-8176.

Help Reach More Women Like Claire

You can be one of the 10-15 people needed to help us rank higher on Google's search. We're asking you, our supporters and donors, to leave a review from your computer.

Reason? More than 82% of all internet users say they look at reviews before making a decision. Our clients are no different when searching for abortion services and information. See the social worker's opinion in the front page story.

Your Review can show abortion-vulnerable women that we:

- provide free services
- are understanding & non-judgmental
- have well-trained staff, and
- are a clean, safe, caring, supportive, and confidential place for everyone.

Want to be part of the solution? Please contact us for details in submitting your review at Contact@ALife2.com or (414)-727-8176. Thank you!

#GivingTuesday is Coming!

Thanksgiving Day is America's annual celebration for giving thanks. The next two business days are for consumers to get fabulous deals on things they may or may not need. The very next day is "Giving Tuesday" a day set aside to remind us to give back, be generous, and donate to a special cause.

On **Tuesday, December 1, 2015**, thousands and thousands of individuals, families, and businesses will celebrate generosity and "give back" by being others-centered!

The idea behind "Giving Tuesday" is simply that —you should give. Find something important to you and support it. It doesn't matter who you donate to, how you give or how much you give — just give until it feels good. The choice is yours, and I guarantee that you will be appreciated for it.

It's a simple idea. Consider a gift of generosity. Mark the date and be a part of "Giving Tuesday" and make a difference for LIFE by giving to WELS Lutherans for Life. See our website www.ALife2.com for details!

SAVE
THE
DATE



DECEMBER 1

#GIVINGTUESDAY

Summer Volunteer

Volunteers come in a variety of ages and experiences. Alyse G. helped do some office work this summer. She really enjoyed shredding! How can you help? Contact us to find out. Contact@ALife2.com or (414)-727-8176. Thank you!





Evening for Life

150 EVERYDAY HEROES were wowed by one of our best banquet speakers ever. Melissa Ohden shared her amazing, miraculous life story of surviving a saline abortion, and how God moved her heart to love and forgive those involved. She still continues to reach out to her birth family. Her story touched on every aspect of our ministry.

One guest called this year's fundraising dinner on Oct. 8th, "a superhero kind of night." Evening for Life was truly a celebration of everyday heroes and life! Jeff G., a volunteer and guest, described everyday heroes as "people who go about their day to day lives, doing extraordinary things." The truth is each of you who donate your time and talents to this life-saving work IS an EVERYDAY HERO.

The "At Holm" family band set just the right tone with their dinner music. The hero-themed photo booth definitely added to the festive feel. As always Scott Warras was apro as our Master of Ceremonies. Peter and Rachel shared about life-changing work God is doing through WELS Lutherans for Life.

It was a spectacular Evening for Life and inspired us to continue in our work to help save the lives of children and their families. Mark your calendars for next year's Evening or Life, Thursday, Oct. 13, 2016.

"Choose to live more simply so someone else can simply live."



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.

Donor	Occasion	Tribute
Evelyn Drews	in memory of	Dan Drews
Evelyn Drews	in memory of	Wendy Drews Hall
Evelyn Drews	in memory of	Armin Keibel
Marie-Luise Pihl		Richard A. Pihl, Sr.
Beverly Flechsig		Robert Flechsig
Jerome & Janice Mathwig		Eugene Brah
Carol Gallepp		George & Alice Gallepp
Jean Villwock		Dona Destrampe
Frederick & Mary Ann Dawson	for Father's Day	Albert Pitts
Merlyn & Corrine Krueger	of 85 yrs of blessings	Lavern "Uncle Charlie" Lohrey
Andrew & Bonnie Huth	for Mother's Day	E. Schneider and M. Huth
Barbara Kopplin	Birth of great grandson	Parker Everett Nixon
Tom & Beverly Kugler		Clara Kruger
Mrs. Donna Rehak		John Rehak
Merlyn & Corrine Krueger		David Hausing; and June Boelter
Vivian Swanson		Wayne Swanson
Drexel & Charlotte Hansen	dear sister	Minette Patterson
Robert & Joan Fox	granddaughter	Melissa Fox
Ms. Carol Gallepp		George, Alice & George, Jr. Gallepp
Ruth Malchow		Rev. Daniel W. Malchow
Nathan & Heidi Sebald	father of Beth Evans	James Ebert
Harvey & Mary Jo Biesel	41st Wedding Anniversary	
David & Kelly Neils		Marlene Marrari
Donald & Marjorie Gebert	60th Wedding Anniversary	
Joel & Darlene Weiss		Jonah Weiss's confirmation
Kathryn Tubbin	veterans	Erwin Passow & David Passow
Merlyn & Corrine Krueger	50th Anniversary	James & Susan Prochnow
Jean Gunderson	Mother's & Father's Days	John and Carol Schram
Robin Baxter	Mother's Day	Doris Baxter
Brian Stichmann	Mother's Day	Lois Stichmann
Jeffrey Guse	Mother's Day	Jean Guse
Robert & Lynn Doneff	Mother's Day	Lilah Pleuss
Karen Manthe	50th wedding anniversary	Kopplin
Karen Manthe	birth of	Molly O'Keefe
Roger & Miriam Festerling	in honor of grandkids	
Eric & Arlyss Troge	40th Anniversary in Teaching Ministry - Eric Troge	
Joel & Darlene Weiss	in honor of Pastor Stephen Weiss	
Patricia Piippo	in thankfulness for my 5 grandchildren	
Robert & Barbara Krueger Raasch	In honor of 55th wedding anniversary	
Ben & Renee Carlson	in honor of the birth of	Lucy Scott
Mrs. Jean Villwock	in honor of our Lord and Savior	
Ruth Grundmeier	in honor of Bill and Mae Tacke 60th Wedding Anniversary	
Merlyn & Corrine Krueger	in honor of marriage of daughter Anne Muldrow & Don Einhorn	
Lyle & Marilyn Krueger	in Expectation of first grandchild	

F.U.E.L. for Life

The Blog is coming! *F.U.E.L. for Life* is the title of our new, soon-to-be released blog. It will be another way to share the importance of Life and how you play such an integral part in the success of WELS Lutherans for Life.

It isn't being overly dramatic to call this pro-life cause a "battle." But it's a *spiritual* battle, not a relational one.

This battle to renew the value of life in the womb must be *fought* indeed. But we mistakenly take out the aggression that stems from our distaste for this subject of abortion on those whom we must ultimately come to view as our mission field, and not just "opponents."

It is not our fellow human beings – those who differ from us on this all-important subject – who deserve our wrath. We must remember what Paul wrote:

"For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms." - Ephesians 6:12

Anyone truly fighting in the battle needs fuel for the battle. The name *F.U.E.L. for Life* was chosen because

In fact, we need F.U.E.L.

F – We must **FORTIFY** ourselves first.

U – We must **UNDERSTAND** who fights with us and for us.

E – We must **ENGAGE** with anyone in our culture whom we hope to influence.

L – We must **LOVE** – always and everyone.

Get F.U.E.L. for the battle. Subscribe at www.alife2.com/subscribe.html and you'll receive notice when the blog goes live.