



A Sacred Trust

God's Gift Of Life

WELS Lutherans for Life

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“How did I let this happen?”



“She doesn’t want a pregnancy test. She did several at home and they were all positive.” That was the introduction the receptionist gave me. No clue at this point why the client came to our center.

As I approach her in the lobby, I see the obvious signs of distress...a tear-stained face, hollow eyes, head lowered, shoulders slumped, fidgeting fingers, jiggle leg. My mind jumps to conclusions, but trying to block them out, I welcome her to the privacy of another room. I will call her *Angie*.

Slowly *Angie's* story unfolds. She refuses another pregnancy test because, “I just can’t face it again.” Through her sobs *Angie* tells me that she can’t believe she’s in this situation. “I have always said that you have no business having sex if you don’t want to be responsible for the consequences. I tell that to all my friends at work. How did I let this happen? The father lives in another state and we were only together one day. It was only one time. I can’t have a baby now!” As a single mom of a school-age child, she feels she had no resources to care for another.

I know I have to help *Angie* identify her feelings so I can help her see that her clearly wrong choices are a result of sin...a moment of temptation brought about by the devil. *Angie* repeatedly states how guilty she feels for that choice. I know she did not want to face the impending truth, but having an abortion will only compound her guilt.

My message is clear to her. There is only one way that her guilt can be erased...by taking it to the cross. *Angie* has already admitted her sin to me. Now she has to take it to Jesus in repentance, and trust that he alone erases that sin. I remind her that Jesus said, “Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.” (Matt 11:28 NIV)

Angie did not have to heap more guilt upon herself. Jesus had already paid for that guilty act, and he now stood ready to give her the strength and the path to make only God-pleasing choices. Perhaps adoption could be a consideration. She would have to trust Jesus to show her the way.

I asked *Angie* if she would like to have a free ultrasound of the baby in her womb, to which she enthusiastically agreed. This puzzled my feeble mind a bit, but I didn’t question it. I quickly thanked God for giving her that desire, hoping that God would use this view of “life” in the womb to turn her resolve to allowing her baby to live. (Statistics reveal that 80%

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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.”

When Everyone Said “YES”

As we approach the end of 2016, we all find in our mailboxes or email inboxes more than a few suggestions regarding giving to our church, or our favorite ministries and organizations. I hope you will consider supporting the work of WELS Lutherans for Life as we close this year.

Yet even as 2016 comes to a close, I look forward to 2017, a year when we plan to become a Medical Pregnancy Clinic to strengthen our outreach to those in our community considering abortion. We want to be the first choice for anyone facing an unplanned pregnancy, and this effort—if fully funded—will bring us closer to this goal.

Our funding need in 2017 is \$440,247. This is more than in 2016, but this is what is required if we are to change today's culture to a culture of life. As a ministry, we are not content with “good enough;” we want to succeed in advancing the cause of life and in building families. In short, we fully intend to take new ground in this spiritual battle in 2017.

To advance, we need...you. For a moment, imagine what would happen if every single person reading this decided, “You know, I can do something to help financially.”

What is it like when everyone says, “I’m in!”? Some may say, “I can’t make a large gift at this time, but I can give this amount—and I may be able to do so next month, too.” Others may realize it is time to invest in

this work more generously than ever. Still others will set this ministry in their monthly budget.

I am absolutely confident of this: If every single one of us gave something—whatever we can—funding would never be an issue here. Wouldn't that be an amazing moment? I'd love to send out an email next month saying, “Every single person and family who received this message said ‘Yes.’” It would fly in the face of conventional wisdom, creating one of those moments when all of us realize God is bigger than we can imagine.

Will you join me in making this possible? The goal is \$440,247, and we can be well on our way in a matter of days. You can give to WELS Lutherans for Life online at www.ALife2.com or return your gift in the envelope included with this newsletter.

Every single one of us. Is it possible? It would be fascinating to find out.



For Life in Christ!

Peter Georgson

Saving Babies & Having Fun Through

Have you wanted to support us and raise money but you just aren't comfortable asking for money? Go to YouSaveBabies.org, a peer-to-peer fundraising platform for anyone to support a pro-life cause. You can help us by starting your own fundraiser.

1. Simply go to YouSaveBabies.org
2. Search by Zip Code 53227
3. Select Associated Pregnancy Services (8501 W. Lincoln Ave, West Allis, WI)
4. Start your own fundraiser and
5. Share the opportunity with your friends and networks through email, Facebook, and other social media channels to raise money – and save babies!



Empowering Teens - Healthy Choices Update

This year our Healthy Choices program is empowering more than 1800 students to make godly, wise choices. Our fun interactive talks are more than "just say no." Students learn facts and tips for living and loving for Christ.

The world celebrates sex for anyone, at any time, for any reason, and hides the consequences. However, with your support, students are learning God's plan for his gift of sex.

Students say that they learned *"that you shouldn't sleep with anyone besides your husband/wife."* Another student loved the program, saying *"I like that you didn't treat us like babies and told us inspiring stories. I learned how making the wrong decisions can greatly change your future."*

Schedule a talk for your school, church, or parents group today!
Email: Rachel@pregnancy-counseling.com
or visit Speak4Life.info



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of abortion-minded women who view an ultrasound do make the choice to preserve their baby's life.)

Sadly, I have not been able to make contact with *Angie* again and may never know what choices she made. But as with every client, when they walk out that clinic door, we turn them over to God in prayer that their heart is touched by his grace and mercy to choose life for their child. And only he will know.

Thank you for making it possible for me and the other volunteers to meet and serve abortion-minded women like *Angie*!

Pam Manske, Nurse Manager & Client Advocate



YouSaveBabies

What to do? Here are some suggestions:

- Marathons and races: If you love to walk, run, ride or swim
- Birthdays and special occasions: Instead of getting gifts, encourage your friends to give to LFL on your behalf and help save babies at the same time.
- In honor or memory: Often people want to give gifts to honor or in memory of loved ones. A fundraiser page is a great way to do this.
- Get your church group involved: Get your youth group, small group, or Bible study friends involved! See who can save the most babies, and make it a fun competition.
- Be creative! Use your own idea: Don't really know what to do? Don't worry, just have fun and try something new! Call and run it past us if you're unsure.

Be sure to let us know if you are doing a fundraiser through YouSaveBabies.org.
We'll help spread the word through our networks, too!

Evening for Life Success

Hundreds of you came together on Oct. 14 for a very special Evening for Life at Country Springs Hotel. What a fun celebration of life! Once again, you showed your commitment to those dealing with unplanned pregnancies, past abortions, parenting challenges, and peer-pressure.

Our staff shared stories about what God is doing every week through your donations. A client video showed a story of glorious success for a mom, her pre-born baby, her husband, and her extended family, after visiting our center and meeting a client-advocate who invited the young mom to church.

There was an update on the medical conversion process and a vision cast for the future. Your gifts are vital as we convert to a medical clinic.

Charlie Sykes shared a powerful personal pro-life message that won't soon be forgotten. He also talked about the ghost nation that is represented by the 57 million babies (and the families they never had) who've been aborted since Roe v. Wade; and the optional generation—the children who were chosen to have life compared to the third of their generation who were aborted by a mother's choice.

The evening fundraising was a success. More than \$54,700 will be realized (if all the pledges are fulfilled) for the life-saving programs offered to the women and men in our community. We thank God's providence through You, our friends and partners.

To see photos of the event visit www.eveningforlife.org/efl-2016.html.

While it's not the same as being there in person, if you were unable to attend and would like to see video footage, please contact Peter at Peter@ALife2.com. See you next year!

Your Legacy Could Begin with an IRA Distribution

Remember, The IRA Charitable Rollover is permanent law. This allows taxpayers age 70½ or older to transfer up to \$100,000 annually from their IRA accounts directly to charity without first having to recognize the distribution as income.

The IRA charitable rollover is very popular with taxpayers and beneficial to charities.

The provision remains limited in several respects: it is limited to taxpayers age 70½ or older; the amount of gifts is capped at \$100,000; and donors are specifically not permitted to make charitable rollovers to donor-advised funds, supporting organizations, and private foundations.

WELS Lutherans for Life is able to accept IRA rollover gifts. If you are interested in considering a gift of this nature, please contact Peter at 414-727-8176 or Peter@ALife2.com.

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.

From	In Memory
Patricia Piippo	Alfred Brehmer, father
Ricardo & Stacy Martinez	Barb Steinle
Harvey & Mary Jo Biesel	Billy Biesel
Albert & Marilyn Langenegger	Darlene Reinhard
Gerry Babinec	Don Babinec
Mrs. Jean Villwock	Donald Villwock
Earl H. Reichel	Earl & Elnor Reichel
David Bock	Evie Drews
Duane & Roxanne Rickaby	Evie Drews
Ms. Lou Ann Weden	Evie Drews
Linda Wilson	Evie Drews, Aunt
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Merlyn & Corrine Krueger	Gladys Dallman
Merlyn & Corrine Krueger	Helene Prochnow, mother
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Loretta & Robert Mildebrandt	Michael Trzeciński
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Dorothy Young	Robert Young
Brian Stichmann	Saige Strasburg
Vivian Swanson	Wayne B Swanson
Lynn & Kathleen Johnson	William F. Harris
Sandra Dombeck	William F. Harris
John & Judith Klemmer	William F. Harris
Marvin & Sharon Rosenau	William F. Harris

From	In Honor
Jerry & Vicki Raddant	10 friends' birthdays
Jerry & Vicki Raddant	Cindy Proeber, birthday
Jerry & Vicki Raddant	Janel Willms, birthday
Christine Wetzel	birth of grandchild (due 9/23/16)
Ms. Carol Wendt	Jacob, Joshua, Cora, & Emma, grandchildren
Karen Manthe	Victor & Marilee Eirschele's 50th Wedding Anniversary