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Intervention Focus

Prayer! An Essential Part of Ministry of Life

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I have seen this face before. Not that I know her personally, but the look of despair, fear, and dread was there. Calling her back to the counseling room, I could feel the hesitation and heaviness in her step.

“Please Lord... help me to help her share with me her problem.”

Trina came to us primarily for an ultrasound “to make sure I’m not pregnant in my tubes.” Being an older woman, she was aware of the increased potential for an ectopic pregnancy. She had three positive pregnancy tests at home and thought that she “had better face the music.” The result of her test in our clinic was also positive.

“Please Lord...help me help her to reflectively look at her situation and realize that this is a human life.”

We talked at great length, or rather she did, about how she was fed up with taking care of everyone else. She quit all of that with all the people in her life, including her mother and daughters. She quit her job. And she was going to “quit” this pregnancy also. Not wanting anyone to be dependent on her, she voiced her intent to abort. After all, she had done it once before....no big deal.

“Please Lord...open her heart and help me to reach her with your words.”

Trina actually spoke at great length about God and who He is to her. She admitted that Jesus wasn’t really in that picture. Somehow I was able to use her familiarity with the Creation story to frame my message to her. She was able to admit

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“Protecting a child’s right to live and be loved.”

Message from the Executive Director

"Now the body is not made up of one part but of many. But in fact God has arranged the parts in the body, every one of them, just as he wanted them to be. Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it." 1 Corinthians 12: 14, 18 & 27

In God's ministry each of us is an integral part. He shows us how important each piece of the body is. We each carry out our particular job and the whole body runs, as they say, 'like a well-oiled machine.' It's similar to a puzzle. And it's very much the same with WLFL. Each of you is a part of this body and a piece of this puzzle called Lutherans for Life.

You may think that what you do, whether little or much, is not important, that it wouldn't matter if you weren't here. But keep the puzzle piece in mind. You know how disappointing it is when you are putting a puzzle together and there's a piece missing! That one piece can make all the difference!

"Excerpt from Love for Life Speech"

God has touched your heart. You bring your life, your talents, your resources to this ministry -- because of Him. We all, somehow, in his great design, fit together to form a beautiful puzzle picture of LIFE.

Over the years you dear friends, you puzzle pieces, have provided the support and caring. Last year we worked to implement our ultrasound technology. Now we can show clients that the 'blob of fetal tissue' that they hear about from other sources is really a tiny, growing child with fingers and toes and eyelids, a gift of God. They—each little one—is also an integral piece of the puzzle called LIFE.

Our clients come from many different backgrounds. Some are young, some are older. Some come from middle class families, some grew up in poverty. Some have had caring, dedicated families, while others have never seen good parenting in action. Most often they don't know Jesus, their savior. Seeing their physical and spiritual needs and looking for opportunities to bring them the love of Jesus they so desperately need, other ways to connect, we developed the Loving Parents Class. It's a training program in life and parenting skills.

We want to improve the parenting program, making it even more relevant. By educating parents about their bodies, their babies, parenting, stewardship/finances, and healthy living practices, we help them to become stable, productive members of the community.

Pro-Life groups are often accused of caring only about preventing abortion. The description continues that once we "convince" the mother to have the child, we no longer care about her or her baby. At WLFL that couldn't be more false. We currently provide moms and dads with access to continued support until their child reaches age 5.

We know that financial difficulty is the #1 reason women list for seeking an abortion. We want to help alleviate part of that reason.

We want to begin building the relationship with the mom at the time of a positive pregnancy test. We want to provide her, and we hope the baby's father, with a reason to return, both during and after the pregnancy. We want to help the family not just with physical needs, but with spiritual needs as well. The more we strengthen our relationships, the more opportunities arise to witness. Our real goal with this program is to help the family to find peace of mind and security here and eternal life through faith in Jesus. We want to connect them to a church where they will hear God's Word regularly. We want to see them in heaven.

I know that the God of the universe... Our personal Savior and intimate friend Jesus, who put us all together in this beautiful puzzle of LIFE, can be trusted.

That's why you're here and I'm glad you're with us. Let's get to work, people!

That's why you're here! God has moved you to be a part of this puzzle, sharing your passion along with others who are actively pro-life, sharing your time, talents, resources, and connections in such significant ways! THANK YOU... THANK YOU... THANK YOU... Now let's reach more in the coming year! Let's find more puzzle pieces! Let's get to work!



For Life in Christ,

Peter Georgson
Executive Director

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that God created life... and she accepted my message that God also created the life within her. She wanted to see "it."

"Please Lord, use the ultrasound view of the life within her to convince her that this baby was a precious life to be cared for."

The ultrasound began routinely and it was not long before we could assure Trina that the pregnancy was indeed in her uterus. We explained the measurements that we were doing to determine the age of her baby. We also located the baby's heartbeat.

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changed to one
of joy and hope."*

After viewing for a while, she asked, "Is that the baby?" The baby was developed enough at this point for her to recognize the shape and other features as being something more than "it."

Slowly she began to smile and become more animated in her discovery of the life within her. All at once she exclaimed, "That's it. I'm having this baby."

"THANK YOU, LORD!!!!!"

From that point on, Trina was open to the message of hope that God gives her. She could have this child. She could care for this child with whom she had already begun to bond. She practically skipped back to the waiting room to show her mother the ultrasound pictures. She listened so much more intently to my message of encouragement—a message I framed around the gospel message of Christ's act of love for her, the very essence of real hope for her now and in eternity.

Before she left, she allowed me to pray for her. Again her countenance changed and I saw the other face I have seen before... a look of joy and hope.

"Thank you, Lord, for sending Trina to us that we could be your instruments in sharing your work, your love, and your promise of hope with her."

Pam Manske, Nurse Manager and Advocate



New Volunteer Training

February 2, 2019

9:00AM – 4:00PM

Spread the love of Jesus! Join us on Saturday, February 2 for new volunteer training. You can be a vital part of this life-saving ministry. Learn how to help clients face their circumstances and choose positive and healthy directions for their lives and the lives of their children. Food will be provided and there will be a prize drawing, too! For more detailed information, contact Rachel by email, rachelg@apsmke.com or phone, 414-727-8176.

TRIBUTE GIFTS

From 3rd Q of 2018

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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Ozzie Clausing's friendship and help grandchildren Keller & Teagan
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Peter Georgson's birthday



Love for Life Events

This year's luncheon and banquet were again terrific events. Everyone enjoyed, and was surprised by, Pastor Brad Snyder's keynote speech. He inspired us to think differently about the misuse of the gift of sex and reacting to unplanned pregnancy.

A Wine & Beer Pull was introduced and enjoyed by many of the guests. We also began using a Text-2-Give option for those who would like to give via their smartphones.

We received a lot of positive comments on the meal, speakers, and overall great feelings about the events and the mission.

The total received from the evening was more than \$65,000.

Thanks to everyone who made it a priority to be with us and support this ministry through these events. We look forward to seeing you next year. You can already save the date. Put 10-11-2019 on your calendar and start thinking about who you'd like to introduce to this ministry!

If you couldn't attend this year, you can still make your generous gift today at Eveningforlife.org (click the donate button) or with the enclosed envelope.

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