



Sacred Trust

WELS Lutherans for Life

February 2019

Generation to Generation

“share the gospel and introduce His love to this new generation.”

“Future generations will be told about the Lord. They will proclaim his righteousness, declaring to a people yet unborn: He has done it!” Psalm 22:30b-31

Every year we choose a theme for our organization. We choose a direction, select scripture, and outline our intentions for the next 365 days. These steps allow us to focus on our goals and place Christ at the center of our work. These themes give us purpose and ensure that we remain mission-minded. This year, we have chosen “Generation to Generation” as our theme. Our organization places emphasis on spreading the gospel to every generation, so this was a natural fit.

While this overarching message will guide us for the entire year, we have included sub-themes to provide direction for each quarter. For the first quarter, we have elected to focus on the topic “New Year. Next Generation.” This theme embraces the fresh start provided by a new year and really establishes our goal of saving more and more lives.

Entering the new year means being given new opportunities. For our organization, this means reaching new people, impacting new families, and saving new lives. The next generation of babies is waiting to be born, and we are determined to prepare the way for them. We will do this by continuing to offer free services for those facing pregnancy decisions, and expanding our care for families who have chosen life.

Increasing our support for our families with children will certainly benefit our organization. Developing relationships with our clients past pregnancy is im-

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“Protecting a child’s right to live and be loved by loving moms and dads.”

How do You Spell Victory?

In recent news, we've seen three developments which seem to indicate the forces for life are in retreat—that perhaps we are losing ground.

First, the state of New York recently passed a sweeping abortion law which codifies the idea that abortion should be available for all nine months.

Most surprising, the law dehumanizes a human being before his or her birth. With this law, should an angry father assault his wife or girlfriend so that she miscarries a child *she chose to carry*, the father cannot be prosecuted for any crime against the child.

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Yes, he can be tried for his assault on her. But think about it: He can take his chances in court (that the charges might be dropped or reduced), which he may see as better than paying child support payments for the coming 18 years or so. Such is the new law in New York.

Second, the state of Virginia has passed a similar law as New York. But taking it even further, the governor openly endorsed infanticide.

Third, Planned Parenthood performed more abortions (332,757) in this most recent year than in the previous year (321,384), an increase of 3.5%. Is abortion growing?

As terrible as these developments are, perspective tells us that for those who believe in protecting unborn children, these may be more about future victory than defeat.

In New York, the state legislature recently gained a Democratic majority. With an advocate in Governor Andrew Cuomo, the abortion lobby moved swiftly, *out of fear for the future of Roe v. Wade*. We don't know whether Roe will be overturned anytime soon. But we do know there is momentum on the side of life.

While New York and Virginia's law is horrendous, it also shines a light on abortion advocates that all can see. They are not interested in *choice*, because the law does not protect anyone who chooses life. It won't be long before those riding the fence on this issue see this truth. This can be one more step — not toward the abyss, but toward victory.

As for Planned Parenthood, yes, they are selling more abortions—for now. But overall, abortion rates are plummeting. According to the CDC (most recently giving us numbers from 2016), 49 states (California won't tell us) reported 638,169 abortions. This number is down from 842,855 in 2006, a 32% drop.

A photograph of a Black woman with short dark hair, wearing a pink and white striped long-sleeved shirt, holding a newborn baby. The baby is wearing a white onesie with a pink heart. The woman is looking down at the baby with a gentle smile.

Encouragement from our Partners:

- *Thanks. What a wonderful service you're providing! God bless your work! Dan K.*
- *Thanks for the update. May God continue to bless the Christian efforts and work of LFL. Name withheld by request*
- *Thank you for continuing to help individuals to understand God's gift of life. Your program is a much-needed gift for those faced with difficult life decisions! Katherine M.*
- *May God bless your efforts to save the lives of the unborn babies. LaDonna F.*

More likely then, Planned Parenthood's increase is simply because they're gaining a greater share of a shrinking market.

Our takeaway from these pieces of news? Those who advocate for abortion-on-demand are nervous. The number of abortion centers is dropping (less than 1,000 now), yet we are part of more than 2,700 pregnancy help ministries nationwide—and growing.

Each year, more seek the hope and solutions we provide. Yet we won't see this on the evening news.

While these developments aren't good news in themselves, they may be indicators that good news—and victory—are on the way.

I'm thankful that the Lord and you are with us!



For Life in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Peter Georgson".

Executive Director

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portant because it provides us with more opportunities to share the gospel. Establishing these connections is essential in building trust and introducing families to the Word of God. Expanding our support for parents will simultaneously allow us to address the physical and spiritual needs of our clients.

By the grace of God, we want to impact more families than before and encourage them to choose life for the next generation. We want to stand in the way of the abortion trend and empower parents to be the best for their children. Through our medical clinic, and with God's permission, we can share the gospel and introduce His love to this new generation. Together, we can change and save lives.

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Your Efforts Keep Working

Ebony reached us through our website. She knew she was pregnant, but she wanted an ultrasound. Planned Parenthood had confirmed the pregnancy, but they lost interest once she stated her intentions to keep the baby. She had told them she had been pregnant before, and they asked her if "it" was still living. Appalled, Ebony left Planned Parenthood and searched for alternative care.

Ebony tried to make an ultrasound appointment with her doctor, but she could not get an appointment for two months. We were able to make an appointment for her the next day.

Ebony loved watching her baby on the screen, and we provided her with a due date and ultrasound images. She was grateful to connect with her baby before her doctor's appointment. Sometimes women need immediate support and reassurance. You provide this through WELS Lutherans for Life.

Story first shared on our Facebook page:

[facebook.com/WELSLFL/
posts/10156676930028801](https://facebook.com/WELSLFL/posts/10156676930028801)

TRIBUTE GIFTS

From 4th quarter 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.

In Memory

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GOD CAN SAVE LIVES WITH YOU!



VOLUNTEER TRAINING

MARCH 2 | 9:00-4:00 PM

LEARN ABOUT...

- Connecting with clients
- Our pregnancy services
- Including father in baby's life
- Using your gifts to serve

EMAIL US TO LEARN MORE!

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Save & Change Lives! God can save lives through you as you volunteer in our pregnancy clinic!

This opportunity provides you a way to make a difference for families in your community! You can attend our New Volunteer Training on March 2nd from 9:00 AM until 4:00 PM.

This training will provide you with the resources you need to be successful. During the day, you will learn more about connecting with clients, our pregnancy services, including the fathers, and using your unique gifts to serve! If you would like to come, please email contact@alife2.com. Lunch will be provided so we'll need your R.S.V.P. by February 27. We hope to see you there!

Read "You Are Prepared: Serving God with Your Gifts" on our blog (alife2.com/blog). It highlights two volunteer's experiences.

SAVE THE DATE!



LIFE-A-THON
MAY 11, 2019



SOUL RIDE
JULY 27, 2019



TREASURE LIFE EVENTS
OCTOBER 11, 2019

Mark your calendars and make plans to support life this year!

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