



Sacred Trust

WELS Lutherans for Life

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From Defeated to Encouraged

“While her boyfriend was done, we were not.”

Jenny came in with “the look” in her eyes. Desperately clinging to familiarity in suddenly uncertain circumstances. She was fearful and confused. She was pregnant and facing a series of important decisions. Her boyfriend did not want to be a dad and was adamant that Jenny have an abortion. His persistence soon became threatening demands. He told Jenny he would leave her if she did not have an abortion. Terrified to parent without support, without him, Jenny agreed to have an abortion.

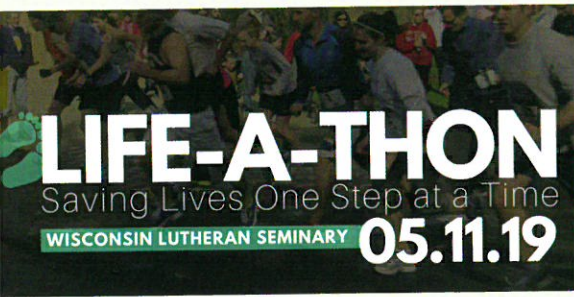


Jenny’s boyfriend brought her to us expecting to have “the procedure.” She was just hoping for normalcy. While her boyfriend waited in the lobby, our advocate met with Jenny. Safely behind the closed door, Jenny admitted that her boyfriend was insisting that she have an abortion. She was just not convinced that this was the right decision. But what could she do? She felt she had no other choice. Raising a child on her own seemed daunting, and she did not have people around her to help. She was certain she could not do this alone.

Our advocate listened and acknowledged Jenny’s concerns. She empathized with this young mom and truly understood her fear. Still, she sensed the love Jenny already had for her baby. As they talked, though Jenny didn’t realize it, her hesitancy and language was her fighting for her child. She tried to convince herself that the abortion was necessary. She thought she could not be the parent her baby would need. Redirecting the conversation, our advocate empowered Jenny by reminding her of her strength. Her boyfriend may not be supportive, but we could provide resources. We would be by her side and help her through her pregnancy and into motherhood. We would be her encouragers.

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



Saturday, May 11, 2019 Protect a child's right to live and be loved! Join other pro-lifers at Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary for the Life-A-Thon to benefit WELS Lutherans for Life's pregnancy medical center. Get friends together and help save lives! Multiple ways to participate and make a difference.

- Competitive 5k
- Family friendly walks:
5k or 2-mile
- Kid's Lifesaver Quarter Mile Dash
- Walk or run on your own, "virtually"
- Hold your own mini Life-A-Thon if you are out of town or out of State!

There will be prize drawings for those reaching certain fundraising thresholds.

Details and Registration at www.Life-A-Thon.org or call 414-727-8176.



It takes Encouragement

Many of us can look back on our lives and find a moment where someone encouraged us; perhaps a seemingly small moment which had great impact on our journey in life.

Your ministry here at WELS Lutherans for Life is, in its simplest terms, one of encouragement. Here we do not argue or debate. No. We're all about encouragement.

For some who come in our door, all they need is for someone to say, "You can do this." and they choose life.

For others, we go the next step by offering, "And we will be with you every step of the way." Many of these also choose life.

There are many factors involved, of course. We're not trying to over-simplify what we do. But at our core, we are encouragers. We are those who come alongside, who roll up our sleeves and get messy if needed.

"You are an encourager, too!"

But guess what? You are an encourager, too! You encourage with your words, notes, prayers, and contributions.

When you pray for this work, when you pray for our moms, dads, and babies, when you give your dollars to WELS Lutherans for Life, you encourage them and us.

Together, we are encouragers. Together, we build up and come alongside.

If anyone wishes to know why we are seemingly so successful in reaching out to those we see, the answer is in the one word, "encouragement."

Thank you for all you do being Barnabas to us – our encouragers and encouragers of the precious ones who come to us. Just as Paul wrote in Hebrews 3:13a, *"But encourage one another daily, as long as it is called 'Today.'"*

It's great to be with you in this great endeavor. As we go forward, let's keep encouraging—and changing the world, one life at a time.



For Life in Christ,

Peter Georgson
President & CEO

From Defeated to Encouraged continued

Jenny saw through the fog to the reality. She made the decision to keep her baby. She confidently walked back to her waiting boyfriend. Upon learning of Jenny's choice, he stormed out, leaving her alone in our lobby. While her boyfriend was done, we were not. Her future was uncertain, but Jenny was strong.

Unwavering from her decision, she gave birth to a beautiful baby. We continued to encourage Jenny and she began regularly attending our parenting classes. She is sincerely grateful for this opportunity. When she was with her boyfriend, Jenny said she had lost her friends due to his controlling behavior. Now, she has a consistent support system at our center and encouragement from a group of moms who can relate to her. She is empowered!

You transformed Jenny's situation. Jenny went from timid and uncertain in an unhealthy relationship to an empowered, thriving mother. You are the reason! You are her Encourager! Your dedication to this ministry gave her the support to find strength to make a decision for life. Without you, Jenny could have so easily succumbed to the pressure of her boyfriend and made a haunting decision. You are the hero Jenny so desperately needed!

When you partner with WELS Lutherans for Life you are like Barnabas, the encourager. You empower decisions for life. You provide families with the resources, both physical and spiritual, they need to choose with confidence. You are building courage within our clients. You are embracing them and encouraging them with God's everlasting love.

Every time you support WELS Lutherans for Life, you create opportunities to save more lives.



You've most likely seen them on the road. The Choose Life license plates have been available in Wisconsin since October 2017.

Get your own to support pro-life pregnancy centers like WELS Lutherans for Life that work to save lives. The money generated by the sale of these license plates is made available to pro-life pregnancy resource centers in Wisconsin. WELS Lutherans for Life is applying for funding from the sale of these license plates.

Find out how to order your Choose Life Wisconsin license plate at www.chooselifewisconsin.com/volunteer.



Encouragement from our Partners:

*Such a worthy ministry
and for such a time as this!
Jean C.*

*I hope my gift helps with
your quest to educate
parents on abortion and
the love that Jesus has for
them. Debbie R.*

*I attended the Craft Fair
on Saturday and I have to
say this was one of the best
ones I've been to. Please
schedule more of these.
Last but not least I would
like to reserve a booth for
the next one. Carla V.*



Client Comments:

ABSOLUTELY AMAZING!!! Definitely wouldn't pick another place. Everyone is so friendly and extremely helpful with anything you need. Didn't expect everyone there to be so welcoming, made me feel very comfortable as well. Definitely will be going back to check out the parenting classes they offer for free!!! Jill M.

I had an amazing experience with the staff at APS. They opened an hour early for me so I could still make my flight that same day. They treated me like family and gave me a bunch of resources to help me as I move to a new city. 100% recommend! Kara L.

I definitely will recommend you. You are so sweet, caring, and helpful beyond expectation. Thank you for everything. Kayla T.

TRIBUTE GIFTS

From 1st quarter of 2019

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 Honor

From

Robert and Janice Niemuth

Scott and Rebecca Klitzke
Paul and Rachel Learman
Aaron and Sarah Lambrecht
Cheryl Ehlike

Celebrating

our children Ryan Niemuth
& Michelle Pennings
Camille Carlson's 4th birthday
Rev. James Aderman's 70th birthday
Rev. James Aderman's 70th birthday
Wilmer Ehlike's 90th birthday

In Memory

From

Ronald and Roseann Schultz
Leland and Ruth Dahlberg
Bruce and Else Cuppan
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Jim and Kathy Haag
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Roger T. Stellick
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The unborn
All the babies lost since Roe v. Wade

