



Sacred Trust

WELS Lutherans for Life

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Abortion Intercept

*“He wants
her to
have their
baby.”*

Olivia called wanting to walk-in for an ultrasound. We fit her into the schedule that same day.

When the advocate asked *Olivia* if the pregnancy was planned, she said, “No, no, NO!” Her relationship with the baby’s father is casual. Her boyfriend already has kids and is involved in their lives.

Olivia told her baby’s father that she is considering having an abortion. But he wants her to have their baby. This caused some conflict because she doesn’t feel it is the right time to have a baby. She works full-time and her child, a son, will soon start school. *Olivia* put off going to college when she had him. But she was planning to start soon...

... and then this pregnancy happened. She really just wants an abortion.

Olivia works with the elderly and vulnerable. She also has a large support system. She confessed that the father would be really happy if she keeps their baby.

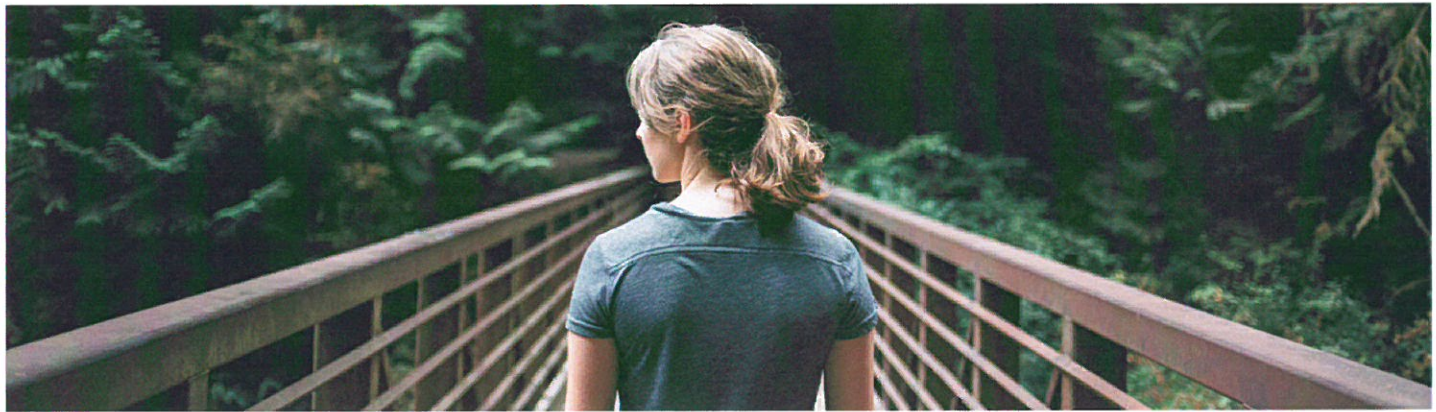
During her ultrasound, the advocate discussed *Olivia*’s compassionate heart...

“*Olivia*, do you realize how compassionate you are? I hear it in



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



Creating Courage

“Creating Courage” was the theme of a recent Loving Parents class. It included everything from what it means to be courageous to how to foster courage in children.

One of the lesson’s key points is that courage isn’t the absence of fear, but taking action despite it. Perhaps that’s the difference between courage and stupidity.

The parents that day learned that courage can be taught and modeled. Courage is:

- often demonstrated by our clients, who, despite all odds, give their best as moms and dads.
- the dad encouraging a choice for life despite real fears.
- shown in our volunteers facing challenging situations with compassion and God’s truth.

During class, we discussed fears. One of the parents shared her anxiety over having “the talk” with her oldest daughter. As she talked about her apprehensions, a dad in the class echoed those same feelings. They were both hungry for help in this area. It was clear this was important to them, that they love their children, and that they had no training in this area.

“One mom shared her anxiety over having “the talk”...”

I happened to be the substitute teacher that day. As the Healthy Choices Program Director, I routinely lead discussions with adolescents and parents on difficult topics like sex.

These Loving Parents were eager to gain guidance and knowledge for dealing with this awkward but important topic. I shared practical advice and provided relevant resources. Everyone was grateful for the discussion, encouragement, and materials they received.

As Nelson Mandela famously said, “Courage [is] not the absence of fear, but the triumph over it.” And Psalm 31:24 (NIV) says, “Be strong and take heart, all you who hope in the LORD.”

Your support creates courage in clients every week. Thank you!

Rachel Greiner
Education and Program Director

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your voice when you talk about your son, when you tell me about the people you work with, and your baby’s father.”

The ultrasound showed Olivia’s pre-born baby is very early in her development. Although Olivia appeared somewhat in “denial” about the situation, after the ultrasound Olivia told her advocate, “I’m gonna keep it.”

We're always excited to receive notes of gratitude from our clients. We're sure you will be equally excited, too. So here is someone expressing their appreciation for what you provide with your donations!

I CAN'T THANK YOU ENOUGH FOR
THE TIME YOU SPENT WITH ME FEW WEEKS
AGO. OUR CONVERSATION WAS EXACTLY
WHAT I NEEDED THAT DAY. YOUR SUPPORT
& HELP W/ RESOURCES, COMPASSION, KNOWLEDGE
AND EXPERTISE ARE SO APPRECIATED. I'M SO GRATEFUL
TO HAVE MET YOU & RECEIVED THE CARE I NEEDED.
THANK YOU AGAIN! SINCEREST APPRECIATION

- *Your statistics on COVID versus abortion is staggering Thank you for your work! Fred and Colette B.*
- *Thanks for all the great work your center has done over the years. Job well done! Eldoris M.*
- *God's blessings on your work! Kyle and Diana K.*
- *I treasure Life! Sandra W.*



Marks the Spot

Matthew 6:21




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Virtual & In-Person
Life-A-Thon (Walk/Run)
May 8, 2021

Registration gets you a free WLFL Quick Sling Backpack!

From 1st Quarter 2021

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.

Patricia Piippo
David and Jeanie Martin
Scott and Rebecca Klitzke
Darlene Scheuer

daughter Jen's birthday
our friendship with David and Von Martin
Camille Carlson's birthday
5 granddaughters and 1 great grandson

David Grisso
Jeffrey and Karen Sitz
Jane Krueger
David Koch
Marcus Koch
Barbara Koch
David and Betty Reul
Naomi Franzmann
Janice Hennig
Marilyn Hintz
Philip and Susan Henselin
Merlin and Carol Lukkason
Wayne and Wendy Foelske
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Ed and Stefanie Gutermann
Robert and Joan Fox
Carol Gallepp
Ruth Lampe
Jane Krueger
Robert and Christine Baker
Malcolm and Kathleen Wolff
Robert and Janice Niemuth
Joan Ebert
John Wagie
Cheryl Ehlike
Eugenia Zahn

Marvin and Gretchen Koch
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my parents, Marvin and Gretchen Koch
Marvin and Gretchen Koch
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Marvin and Gretchen Koch
Marvin and Gretchen Koch
Janet Dorn
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My mom, Janet Dorn
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Gerald H. Adrian
Lois Stichman
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Lois Stichmann
Lois E Stichmann
Lois Stichmann
Lois Stichmann
Lois Stichmann
Lois Stichmann's Birthday 4/7
Wallis and Grace Oppitz
Diane Kamin
Alfons Woldt
Herman Rohleder
Gale Higgins
Finley Bennett Wardell
Sarah Koehler
Brenda Bergman
Our granddaughter, Melissa Fox
George, Alice, and George Jr Gallepp
My cousins
My parents, Fred and Lillian Koch
Nellie May Goodness Baker, stillborn gr
Frederick and Myrtle Wolff
Steve Wendt
Family members
Beth M Wagie
Del Ehlke, 12 years in heaven
Robert Zahn

Prepared to Save Lives

Olivia was seriously considering aborting her second child when she first contacted us. After she arrived for her ultrasound, Olivia was evaluated as “abortion-minded.”

Your gift will immediately help moms like Olivia wrestling with a life or death decision for their pre-born child.

Olivia wasn't married and had plans to start college. Plus her son was about to begin school. It didn't appear to be a convenient time to have a baby.

Your gift connects moms like Olivia with trained volunteers who welcome, care, and genuinely love those we serve.



Although Olivia was abortion-minded when she came, a combination of things convinced her to choose life for her pre-born child. These include:

- your gifts and prayers
- her baby's dad being supportive
- a perceptive, listening advocate
- her compassionate heart being acknowledged and engaged
- the advocate caring without judging
- ultrasound technology and supportive materials
- and certainly, not least, God's guiding hand

**All of these led Olivia to declare,
*"I'm gonna keep it!"***

Your support provides quality advocate training, up-to-date technology, and excellent materials for working with moms like Olivia.

Clients like Olivia need your support today. Please send your best gift in the enclosed envelope today to help moms like Olivia, and dads, too.