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God's Gift Of Life

WELS Lutherans for Life

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Does a Life have a Price Tag?

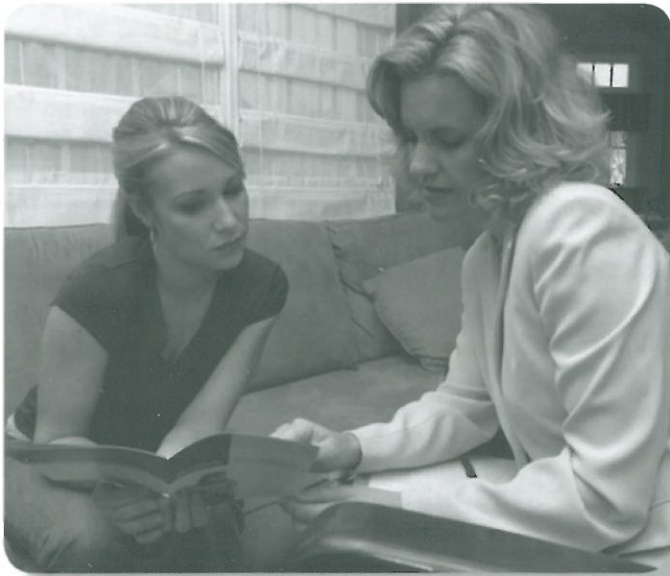
Money! Money is a strong force. The lack of money is a burning reason for Kim to seek an abortion. A single mother of a nine-year-old boy, Kim discovered she was pregnant. She sought out our pregnancy center for information about an abortion. She has a job at a nursing home, yet she struggles daily to pay bills. A second child would make life even more financially exhausting. Kim knows she can't depend on the baby's father for child support. Anxious about her future, Kim seems convinced that an abortion will be her best solution.

Kim is right, delivering and rearing a child is definitely not cheap! But Colleen, one of our client advocates, encouraged Kim to slow down and consider this miracle growing inside of her. Colleen showed Kim pictures of a baby in these early stages of life, hoping to help Kim connect with her baby.

While an abortion can be a short-term financial fix, Colleen explained there are risks involved in the different abortion procedures, which can also be costly in other ways. Kim was already aware of the emotional complications for post-abortive women. Colleen tenderly described the costly spiritual risks when we turn away from God, taking the quick and easy—yet sinful—way out.

As Kim's thought progressed she confided that she had longed to have another baby. Although this was definitely not an ideal financial situation, she believed God had listened to her. Colleen and Kim talked

about the fact that God had a plan for her and her child. She agreed to have Colleen schedule a free ultrasound appointment for her at another pro-life agency so she could see a picture of her little one.



Kim came in convinced that abortion was her best solution. She left that day at peace. The Holy Spirit working through Colleen had convinced her that the child growing in her is a valuable human being. She was relieved that she had slowed down to see her situation in a new light.

We are thankful God used Colleen that day to listen and share the truth with Kim!

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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."

You may have seen this article online.

Women rejects abortion after she sees her baby on ultrasound

Rebekah Nancarrow had an ultrasound at Planned Parenthood (for which she paid \$80), but wasn't allowed to see the image. She was told by a Planned Parenthood worker that seeing the fetus on the screen "will only make it harder on you."

Nancarrow later went to a crisis pregnancy center and was given a free ultrasound. This time she was allowed to view it. Nancarrow was so moved by what she saw on the ultrasound screen that she changed her mind about having an abortion and decided to have her baby. She says:

Had I not had the sonogram, I would have had the abortion. But that sonogram just confirmed 100% to me that this was a life within me, not a tissue or glob.

Nancarrow's story reveals two things. One, that pregnancy resource centers are lifesavers and should be supported by pro-lifers. Two, that there is a reason why pro-abortion groups like Planned Parenthood fight against laws allowing women to see their baby on the ultrasound screen. These abortion providers know that if more women saw the baby moving in their wombs, there would be fewer abortions. Credit: Live Action News

This story reinforces how important it is for WLFL to provide limited ultrasound to abortion-minded women. We want to reach and help more moms see the truth of the life in the womb, and realize the value and humanity of that unique little person.

WLFL has taken the first steps toward converting to a medical pregnancy clinic. This will be a long and expensive process. Our budget has increased more than \$50,000 to accomplish this goal.

Pray for the Lord's blessings on the process—from the tactical, practical aspects to the increased financial commitments. Consider helping with a special gift above and beyond your current financial support of the ministry.



For Life in Christ!

Peter Georgson

"Choose to live more simply, so others can simply live."

This quote is from Melissa Ohden, our banquet speaker from last October. The quote appeared in our last *Sacred Trust* issue. A few of our readers were scratching their heads, wondering what it meant.

Melissa explained how she and her family discuss how they plan to spend their money so they can budget some of their earnings to support LIFE in an intentional way. They consider *what their choices will mean* to their family vs. what it would mean to a ministry like WLFL – to reach a mom and save her baby.

Have you thought of that when considering a purchase? A daily Latte from Starbucks vs. a cup-o-joe from home Cable TV vs. network TV Going to a movie vs. a rented movie or one from the library

National news reported recently about a man and his wife who were considering buying a yacht. As they pondered it they realized the same amount could send 20 Kindergarteners to college—children who would otherwise not be able to go.

The children are going to college! The yacht is waiting for someone else and the couple are feeling very blessed. This is wonderful! **But how much more wonderful to actually save a baby's life!**

Some of you who heard Melissa's challenge increased your *Friend of Life* monthly contributions. Some of you chose to increase your contributions or became a monthly *Friend of Life*.

Will you "choose to live more simply, so others can simply live?" I have.

Upcoming Events:

Evening for Life

Mark your calendar and save the date! Friday, October 14, 2016

Guest Speaker: Charlie Sykes, Radio Talk Show Host and Pro-Life Advocate

Celebrate life at our annual fundraising dinner! You may know Charlie Sykes as the conservative talk show host with strong political opinions. Come hear Charlie as he shares his powerful story and pro-life message without the political banter.

Most importantly, you'll learn how God is using you to impact generations by saving and changing lives through WELS Lutherans for Life!

WELS Lutherans for Life

Evening for Life

Friday, October 14

Country Springs Hotel & Conference Center
2810 Golf Road, Pewaukee, WI, 53072

www.EveningForLife.org

Lauri trusts God enough to be generous

Written by a WLFL Volunteers –Name withheld by request



Living on a fixed income isn't easy, but when people get inspired by the work done at WELS Lutherans for Life centers, some find interesting ways to still be generous.

After attending the Evening for Life for the first time in October 2015, Lauri Neumann set her mind to exactly that goal. Although she is legally blind, her can-do attitude, love for the Lord, desire to serve others, and delicate persistence in enlisting others' cooperation allowed her to donate \$100 recently.

Lauri has a truck. She can't drive it because of her limited vision, but she has friends and family. At times she has been asked to organize a crew to empty out storage lockers when their owners don't keep up with the monthly fees. She tries to find owners for the items, because she hates to see good stuff go to waste.

Recently a brand new Hawaii-style tiki hut (gazebo style) made of solid wood was left unassembled in a locker. When Lauri couldn't find anyone with the space to put it in their own back yard, a friend offered to post it on Craig's list. Despite her own financial needs, when the item sold she pressed the cash into a WLFL volunteer's hand and said, "I really want you to have this so that you can keep on doing all the important work you are doing. God will take care of me."

Her faith shines through in another beautiful, sacrificial way. When I need a safe, loving place for my pre-school-aged children to go, Lauri babysits for me. Without that support, work at one of our centers would be limited.

I appreciate this both for our precious parent and baby clients' sakes, but also on a very personal level as well. So many stay-at-home moms feel like they are not using all of their potential or not being appreciated or enjoying their children as much as they hoped they would when they decided to stay home.

Volunteering every week gets me out of the house, breaks up my routine, and allows me to meet fascinating people who really appreciate the time that I spend with them. Most importantly, it allows me to share and grow in my faith as I listen to their stories and encourage them at whatever step in their spiritual walk they are. It is so beautifully fulfilling to see how God works. Additionally it makes me appreciate the countless blessings that I have in my family, church, and solid Christian upbringing.

Without Lauri and other amazing people who selflessly care for my children, I could not volunteer. I am sooooo grateful!

Christ's love certainly does compel us. Thank you, Lauri for your gift to WLFL and your special gifts to God. Thank you to volunteers like this who bring God's message of hope to our clients.

What People Are Saying:

We found your information on the WELS Bulletin Board. We didn't know WELS had an organization doing this work. We are very happy to see this and even more happy to support this worthwhile mission. We are signing up to donate \$ monthly to help WELS Lutherans for Life save lives. –Name withheld by request

Dear Peter & Staff, Enclosed is a check from our congregation's baby bottle fundraising campaign. We wish you well in "our" endeavors. I am so pleased to be even the tiniest part of this wonderful organization!! Love, Gail

Run for their lives! Run for BIRTHdays for All! BIRTHdays for All!

Life-A-Thon

Register now and begin raising funds!

Saturday, May 7, 2016

North Side:

Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary
11831 N. Seminary Dr., Mequon
8:00 am - Registration
8:45 am - Competitive 5kWalk/Run begins

\$25-individual or \$60-family

Out of town? Can't participate that day? Participate virtually and walk/run on your own! Support the life-saving work of WELS Lutherans for Life at this family-friendly event.

Birthday hats are welcome and encouraged!

www.Life-A-Thon.org

South Side:

McCarty Park
2567 S. 79th St., West Allis
10:00 am - Registration
10:30 am - Diaper Dash
11:00 am - Walk/Run begins



SOUL Ride

Summer 2016

Motorcycle ride supporting the Sanctity Of Unborn Life!
Hit the open road with other pro-life riders, have fun, and save lives!

Want to help with the SOUL Ride?
Call (414) 727-8176 or
e-mail contact@ALife2.com

www.SOULRide.org

SOUL Ride



What Will Your Legacy Be?



Don't we all want to be remembered for making our world a better place? We work tirelessly as parents to leave a legacy of Christ-like love with our children and through our families. We volunteer in our churches and communities. With WELS Lutherans for Life you have the opportunity to leave a "legacy of LIFE".

Why WELS Lutherans for Life? Because we know there is a long road ahead until abortion becomes unthinkable for everyone. And because then, years from now, young moms and dads will still be encouraged with God's Word to save the life of that preborn baby that wasn't in their life plan. Their hearts will be touched to build their own "legacy of Life".

And when the day comes that abortion is outlawed, WLFL will continue to be there for those suffering the effects of abortion, to promote healing and transformation of lives through Jesus. By remembering WLFL in your will, you will continue to be part of our life-saving and life-changing work.

Everything WLFL does is dependent on the generosity of friends like you.

For more information on "Legacy of LIFE", including specific details such as our Tax ID number, contact Peter at Peter@ALife2.com or 414-727-8176 and visit www.LegacyofLife.info. Thank you for your continued, generous support of LIFE!

Who Do You Know Wants to Save a Life?

Our friends often ask how they can help Lutherans for Life. You can host a table for our Evening for Life fundraising banquet on Friday, October 14, 2016. Bring your friends so they can become as passionate as you are about WLFL's life saving work. Ask those friends to bring friends.

Simply invite a group of 8-10 friends to attend the 2 ½ hour event with you. Don't be intimidated by thinking you need to ask anyone for money—it will be our job to inspire your guests to save lives.

Please help us by serving as a table host this year. Contact us for complete details.

Your Opinion is Needed... A.S.A.P.!

Would you help us rank higher on Google's search? We need you to help us reach more abortion-minded women. Simply leave a review from your computer.

More than 82% of all internet users say they look at reviews before making a purchase. Our clients are no different when searching for abortion services and information.

Reviews from you can show abortion-vulnerable women that we:

- provide free services
- are understanding & non-judgmental
- have well-trained staff, and
- are a clean, safe, caring, supportive, and confidential place for everyone.

Please call us for assistance or with questions in submitting your review. Thank you!

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.

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Thrivent Member and Pro-Life? Pair the two and make difference!

The Thrivent Action Team program provides Thrivent members "seed money" to initiate events like fundraisers, educational events, and service projects.

Thrivent members are doing a wide variety of things through the Action Team program. One Thrivent member started a fundraising event for WELS Lutherans for Life called "Paint & Pinot", where you learn or practice creative painting with acrylics, have some wine and snacks, and enjoy fellowship with your friends.

Every Thrivent member can plan two Action Teams per year. Associate members can plan one activity per year. Go to www.Thrivent.com/actionteam to learn more.

What fun activity could you plan to rally your friends for WLFL? Let us know if you plan to host an event to help fund WELS Lutherans for Life. Call us if you need ideas!

Awesome, Creative Ways You Have Given!

- For her birthday party a 7-year-old girl chose to have her classmates bring gifts for our Baby Boutique rather than gifts for herself.
- A friend held a social media fundraiser to mark his 50th birthday. It was easy to do on Facebook and his friends contributed a few hundred dollars.
- A couple celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. Their relatives and friends celebrated with overwhelming generosity for the couple's favorite charity – WLFL!

If you'd like to try this, we have tools you can use, or you can find tools online. Let us know how we can help you. Find more details at www.alife2.com/independent-fundraising-events1.html.