



A Sacred Trust

God's Gift Of Life

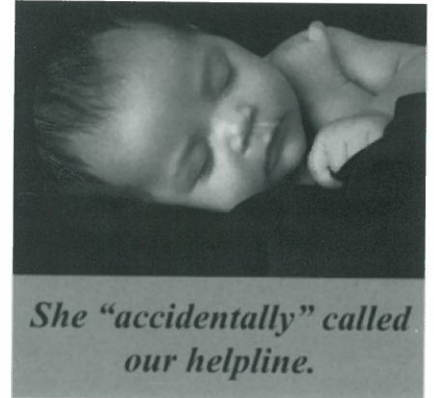
WELS Lutherans for Life

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Mara's Decision

"Mara," a recent college grad looking forward to her future, found herself in a desperate situation. Two home pregnancy tests—both showing positive—confirmed her problem. She just couldn't be pregnant now: What would happen with her job? How could she face her parents and friends? And what would her students think?

So many thoughts and fears flashed through Mara's mind. Even though she knew abortion is wrong, she "just wanted it to go away." After searching the internet for abortion clinics, she called Planned Parenthood, but she was told they had no room on the schedule for her. She then "accidentally" called our helpline and asked for abortion information. Lois, the counselor that day, engaged Mara in a phone conversation and invited her to come in and speak with a counselor about all of her options.



Since she was new to the area and had no one else to confide in, Mara appreciated the invitation to talk with someone. She met with Pat, the counselor that day, and together they explored Mara's options. They talked about the methods of abortion and the risks involved, including how abortion would affect Mara emotionally and spiritually. And Pat explained the privileges and choices a birthmother can have when choosing to place her baby with loving adoptive parents who are very eager and prepared to begin a family.

Tears rolled down Mara's cheeks as she admitted that not only would her parents not want her to have an abortion, but she herself did not want to do the wrong thing. Pat helped Mara see how she might get through the pregnancy, and how to approach her supervisor as well as her parents. She also offered referrals for obstetricians as well as adoption agencies.

Mara left the center that day with a determination to go through with her pregnancy and make an adoption plan for her baby. She commented that it's a good thing Planned Parenthood couldn't help her, and she is very happy she found us.

Isn't that a wonderful story of God using our pregnancy center to save a baby's life? Thanks to you, we have the active helpline and a place filled with love and compassion. Because of your help, we have trained volunteers waiting and willing to speak the truth and guide women and men through truly difficult and challenging issues.

For Life in Christ,
Peter Georgson

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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."

The Future is Calling!

That's what I'm here to talk about. But I can't very well talk about the future without life. And I can't really talk about life without talking about spiritual life, about God, about grace. "While we were still sinners, Christ died for us." Wow! God loves sinners. But He hates the sin that clouds our relationship with him. So he sent his Son to shine through the cloud of our sin and restore us to himself through faith by the Holy Spirit.

God is light; he is love; he is life. This is our cause: to protect physical life, so that it may be complete with spiritual life in God's grace. In my mind, there is no more critical ministry than to help extend a child's life, so that they may become God's child.

WELS Lutherans for Life is not just Peter. WLFL is not just Pat, Rachel, or Beth. Not just the countless volunteers. WLFL is you and me. Whatever part you play—whether giving hard-earned money or sharing your priceless time or offering your daily prayers—you are WLFL!

We are also God's people. We are Jesus' disciples. And we hear his reprimand, sharp and clear, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." Our society hinders children from coming to Jesus. And abortion is more than a hindrance; it ends their precious time of grace. This year WLFL has taken

huge steps to remove this hindrance, this obstacle from children in the Milwaukee area.

Now, the future is calling, and with the help of God through you, WLFL will boldly answer this call.

A major consideration for the expansion is to meet the call for ultrasound services. The state of Wisconsin currently requires an ultrasound before a woman can make the choice to abort her baby. Our new space provides the opportunity for on-site ultrasound services. We are very excited about what the future holds.

So where do we go from here? The Future is calling!

WLFL is doing much to advance the culture of LIFE, but there is more we can do as our plan describes and as the funding is made available. "With God all things are possible" and we are God's people. The Holy Spirit moves us to give, to serve, and to love. We are God's people. We will protect life. The future is calling... and we will answer the call.

Excerpted from his 2014 Evening for Life speech. Look for Philip's biography and read his entire speech at <http://www.alife2.com/chairman-p-meinel.html>.

By Philip Meinel, Chairman

Upcoming Events:



Be a hero! Run for their lives!

Life-A-Thon - Saturday, May 9, 2015

Register now and begin raising funds!

South Side:

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

North Side:

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

Out of town? Participate virtually and walk/run on your own!

\$20-individual or \$55-family

Support the work of WELS Lutherans for Life at this family-friendly event. Capes and hero costumes are welcome and encouraged!

www.Life-A-Thon.org

Healthy Choices



Last year our Healthy Choices youth development program reached approximately 900 students! These fun and relevant presentations address a range of issues including: the influence of media, sexual abstinence, relationships, peer pressure, drugs/alcohol, and more! The response from students and adults has been very positive. *"What a fantastic presentation today for our 7th and 8th grade classes! It's everything I hoped for and more!"* Pastor Kenneth Mellon, West Bend, WI

Bring Healthy Choices to your school/church/event!

www.Speak4Life.info

Wish List Items still needed:

- 12 foot by 4 foot Conference Table
- 20 Comfortable stacking/ conference chairs
- Task chair/rolling desk chair

We're seeking monetary contributions to pay for these and other needed items. If you'd like to help furnish anything please contact Peter at 414-727-8176.

See the complete wish list at www.ALife2.com

SOUL Ride

Summer 2015

Motorcycle ride supporting the Sanctity Of Unborn Life!
Have fun & save lives!

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

www.SOULRide.org



Statistical Summary 2014

Here is the best numerical indicator of our work in 2014. Please note that of the 29 clients considering abortion who came to our centers, we know of 11 who chose life for their babies!

Total Client Visits—1122
Pregnancy Client Visits—126
Total Helpline Calls—1118
Abortion-Minded Calls—303
Clients Considering Abortion—29
Clients Considering Abortion Who
Decided to Carry—11
Post-Abortion Client Visits—9
God's Love Shared—728

Of course, these numbers don't tell us everything: They don't tell us every smile seen or every kind word heard in 2014. They don't tell us of the many dedicated volunteers working on the front lines. They don't show us how the Holy Spirit used each spiritual conversation or how the gospel moved hearts. We know that *"my word...will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it"* (Isaiah 55:11).

To God be the Glory!

Evening for Life

Mark your calendar and save the date!
Thursday, October 8, 2015

Guest Speaker:
Melissa Ohden, saline abortion survivor

Celebrate life at our annual fundraising dinner! Melissa will be sharing her powerful story. Come learn how God is saving lives through this ministry and how you can have an impact for generations!



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

www.EveningForLife.org

You should hear...

Moms we help:

"I really like the (pregnancy center) environment. It is loving and godly."
"APS is a very clean place compared with other places."

Visitors:

"This is awesome!"
"I really love this new space."
"The improvements since the last time I visited is like night and day."

A Client Thanks You:

"Thank you! Without the love and encouragement, not to mention the concern and much help, I wouldn't have dreamed of surviving a very difficult period in my life. Without you all there to lend support and prayer, I don't know what would have happened. Without you, my baby might not be here now. I thank God every day and ask him to bless and keep you all. My son will be baptized on December 12th. I hope your prayers will be with us. Thanks again.
My sincere gratitude,
A client

\$15,000 Matching Challenge Goal Reached!

A heartfelt thanks to all who responded to the Christmas challenge. The goal was reached and exceeded thanks to you! An added thanks to those of you who made a first time donation or were able to increase their annual contribution to reach the matching challenge. May all ministry supporters be blessed in 2015 as you have blessed WLFL!

Rewarding Christmas Results!

The Christmas appeal was very successful. To date we have received more than \$12,000 for that appeal. This, along with the matching challenge, was a tremendous way for our financial year to end. A huge "Thank You" to all of the many friends and partners that love and support this ministry.

It's your Will - You Decide

Consider including WELS Lutherans for Life in your will. You can make a huge difference in this active, growing ministry and help build a foundation of financial stability so we can continue saving lives and transforming families. Contact Peter to let him know that you want to remember WLFL in your will or estate plans. 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.

Given in Loving Honor of:

God Bless Our Worldwide Missions & Missionaries
In Christmas Honor Barbara Steinle
Andrew Kveen
Blessings Received
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Linda L.S. Carter
Pastor & Mrs. Lichtenberg
Patrick & Molly Zabrowski
Wife Joan Gaboury
2nd Birthday Callista Marie Carlson
50th Wedding Anniversary Marilyn & Corrine Krueger
65th Wedding Anniversary Frederick & Ellen Bartz
68th Wedding Anniversary Albert & Carol Fisher
80th Birthday
90th Birthday Eliva Weber
9th Anniversary Scott & Rebecca Klitzke
Our Dear Adopted Son Pastor Stephen Weiss

By:

Arno & Joan Wolfgramm
Jerry & Vicki Raddant
Timothy & Jessica Kveen
Donna Zimmer
Michael Zimmer
James & Janet Carter
Mary Venus
John & Nada Kleczka
Jack Gaboury
Scott & Rebecca Klitzke
Duwayne & Sandy Jahnke
Lynn & Kathleen Johnson
Carol Fisher
Jean Villwock
Ronald & Karen Bednar
Ben & Renee Carlson
Joel & Darlene Weiss

Given in Loving Memory of:

Ada Ebert & Lavern H. Ebert
Allan Georgson (brother) & Keith Feiten (son)
Audrey Schulz
Bernice Groskreutz
Donald Villwock & Dona Destrampe
Dorothy Kraklow
Edith Lamps & Inez Kalfahs
Edward Roser
Eileen Larkee
Eric Beine
Freya Louise Taliaferro
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George & Alice Gallepp
John & Charlotte Bock
John R. Dombek
Laurie J. Rick
Lorrie Glor
Lory Yorkey
Melissa Fox
Mike Dobbs
Mike Dobbs
Mike Dobbs
Patricia Techlin
Rev. Lyle Lindloff, & Joan Ast
Rev. Martin Petermann
Robert E. Dummer
Sheila Jester
Wendy Drews Hall

By:

Joan Ebert
Don & Clem Feiten
David & Lois Ebeling
Warren & Terry Groskreutz
Jean Villwock
Donald & Marjorie Gebert
Joel & Karla Jaeger
Shirley Roser
Andrew & Arlene Barber
Mark & Corinne Beine
Wayne & Vivian Swanson
Jonathan & Carmen Rupprecht
Helen Swanson
Carol Gallepp
David Bock
Carol Rohleder
Russ Rick
Marvin & Sharon Rosenau
John Yorkey
Robert & Joan Fox
Jean Mackain
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Darlynn Horn
Jonathan Techlin
Robert Ast
Robert & Christine Baker
Barb Dummer
Robert Jester
Evelyn Drews