



Sacred Trust

WELS Lutherans for Life

September 2018

Youth Development Focus

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We Don't Gotta Think 'Bout Nothin'

A popular (and trashy) song a few years ago included the lines “I’m comin’ at ya. ‘Cause I know you got a bad reputation. Doesn’t matter, ‘cause you give me temptation. And we don’t gotta think ‘bout nothing.”

What happens when teens embrace this “act without thinking” mindset? They end up having a lot to handle. We know this first-hand from students who’ve spoken with Rachel Greiner, our Education Director. Here are real examples...

- “I can’t get over the fact of the mistakes I made and how stupid I was.”
- “He really only liked me for my body.”
- “The guy I’m with wants me to cross that line, unfortunately he pressured me into agreeing to it.”

Your support makes it possible for our *Healthy Choices* program to show teens there’s another way. These interactive talks empower them to make godly choices in relationships and avoid risky behaviors.

Rachel has reached more than 6,500 middle school and high school aged youth. Since beginning *Healthy Choices* in 2014, Rachel has provided nearly 400 talks at more than 40 different locations throughout the Midwest, including the WELS International Youth Rally.

Students have shared the impact... in their own words:

- “Thank you so much!! Your workshop was such a good reminder and I learned a lot! You presented the info in a wonderful engaging way! Thank you again for your advice.”
- “I’ve never thought of it that way!”



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“Protecting a child’s right to live and be loved.”

Love for Life Events

Friday, October 12, 2018 is a day dedicated to Pro-Life Ministry with the Love for Life Luncheon and Banquet. There is no cost to attend.

You're invited to learn about this vital ministry and support the life-changing, life-saving pregnancy medical clinic. Guests will be given an opportunity to financially support the ministry during the events.

The Noon Luncheon and Evening Banquet include:

- Appetizers (served 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM during the Luncheon and 5:30 PM - 6:30 PM during the Banquet)
- Buffet Meal & Dessert
- Featured Speaker – Pastor Brad Snyder
- Ministry Updates
- The Luncheon will end at or before 2:30 PM. The Banquet will end by 9:00 PM
- No cost to attend

Register soon and invite your friends. Space is limited!

Register at Eveningforlife.org. For details Contact@ALife2.com or call 414-727-8176.

Love for Life Featured Speaker:

Brad Snyder was a product of a teen pregnancy. His mother used to tell him, "Do what I say, not what I do." Those were not words of hypocrisy. They were words of repentance. He tagged along with his mom as she figured some things out in life. By the grace of God, Jesus is a part of this story and Brad now serves as a pastor in Green Bay.

Pastor Brad Snyder grew up in Saginaw, MI. His family moved ten times between the ages of 5 and 13, but they always stayed within Saginaw County. Throughout high school, Brad didn't know what he wanted to do with his life. He went to Martin Luther College (MLC) to be a teacher, but then switched tracks to become a pastor.

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- *"I'm very very grateful for ur help cuz this has been on my heart and mind since we started dating."*
- *"Well thanks so much! If I have any more questions I'll ask cuz you would actually know what I should try to do 😊."*

Healthy Choices

In a small town in Ohio, thousands of youth from across the country and beyond gathered for the WELS International Youth Rally. Each of these young people had unique things weighing on their hearts. Following her workshops, teens had the chance to contact Rachel Greiner (our Education Director) with questions and concerns. Hundreds of them took that opportunity to share some intimate thoughts and struggles. Things like:

- *"I've made some mistakes with dating...I found comfort in bad things... sex"*
- *"What if you like the same sex?"*
- *"What if your boyfriend isn't Christian?"*
- *"How do I get out of an abusive relationship?"*
- *"I don't have anyone to talk to..."*

Most conversations focused on sex and relationships (the topic of Rachel's talks). Rachel readily states, "God brought us all together." She further explains, "I met with students privately and even prayed with one on the phone."

The beautiful thing is that with your support we were able to respond with love, practical tips, and most of all, hope in Jesus. Providing teens with comfort and reminding them of the Savior's love is tremendous.

Like all of us, these teens are hungry for unconditional love, which we can find only in Christ.

Think about the teens you know who need to hear this positive message. Encourage them to never face an unplanned pregnancy. Contact us at 414-727-8176 or email rachelg@apsmke.com to schedule a talk at your school, church, or group!



Thank You for Being a Part of the Story

We love to tell stories of what God is doing through WELS Lutherans for Life. Some of these stories:

- Teens getting their questions answered and being encouraged to live a godly life. *(See cover story.)*
- Women who come here believing the only option they had was to end a pregnancy, *only* to leave with hope in their hearts and life as their focus.
- Seeing relationships healed: of mothers and daughters facing a crisis and saying to each other, "We will make it through, together."
- Celebrating a young father who turns his heart toward his child and supports the baby's mom as he realizes for the first time, "This means I'm a daddy!"

"These stories are your stories!"

The stories we watch unfold aren't for the movies because they are often better than anything one can dream up for the big screen. These stories are raw and unedited, not for the faint of heart, but always for the tender heart.

These stories are pictures of what happens when God reaches down and says, "I'm not finished with you yet; there's more of your story to be told . . . and you will love the ending."

Yet, these stories aren't just for those who live them; they are also for those who are often behind the scenes, playing a powerful role that the "camera" never sees. These stories are your stories.

When you stop during the day and utter a short prayer for the work of WELS Lutherans for Life, you become part of the story. When you pick up the phone and ask how you can help, you become part of the story. When you write that check or make your electronic gift to WELS Lutherans for Life, you write your name in the middle of her story, too.

Don't you love the moment in a movie when the music hits a new crescendo and you realize the story is going to have an ending which leaves us in tears of joy? These stories are here. All we can say is thank you. Thank you for all you do to write the stories of hope we see each day.

If you want to be part of more stories, email me at Peter@ALife2.com to join our team. Pray for us regularly and let me know you are. Or, support us here ALife2.com/get-invested. Let's keep writing the stories—there are so many more "happy ending stories" just waiting to take place.



For Life in Christ,

Peter Georgson
Executive Director

Hi, Come On In!

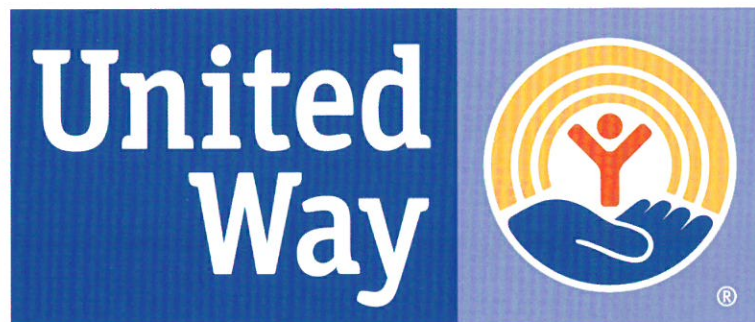
You have a standing invitation to stop in and see your pregnancy medical clinic and meet the staff. If you want to see anyone in particular be sure to call ahead, some of our work is often off-site and if you want to see the ultrasound suite we'll need to avoid a scheduled client visit. Our general office hours are Monday through Thursday 9:00AM to 3:00PM. We hope to see you!

You Encourage Us:

- *Many blessings on your staff, your clients, and your special work for our Savior! Jo Ellen E.*
- *I was so impressed with the counseling center and ALL the people there. Thank you for the gift of your time and the tour. May our Lord continue to bless you and LFL. His blessing is so evident. Colette B.*



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From 2nd Q 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.

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For more information, visit ALife2.com/united-way, email Contact@ALife2.com, or call 414-727-8176.

Is it Time to Make Your Will?



If you have not made a will yet, or you need to update your outdated will, make the time to do that today. Your will directs the State to carry out your intentions for your remaining assets to fulfill your desired

purposes. Because of your passion for Life – especially those around the pregnancy and abortion issue, we encourage you to consider naming WELS Lutherans for Life, Metro-Milwaukee in your estate plans.

For more information, including specific details such as our Tax ID number, contact Peter at Contact@ALife2.com or 414-727-8176.

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