



Sacred Trust

WELS Lutherans for Life

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Another Baby Saved!!

“An image in her hand, questions in her mind, and uncertainty in her heart.”

Aniyah came in for a pregnancy test. She was kind on the phone but not especially talkative. She shared that her partner was happy but she was unsure. *Aniyah* already had older children.

It threw her! Pregnant? Now? Coronavirus? It was just too much!

We offered *Aniyah* a pair of baby booties... and she hesitantly accepted them.

Later that day *Aniyah* texted inquiring about abortion. We assured her that, “we are here for you no matter what.” “Thanks,” said *Aniyah*, “I really needed to hear that.”

“Would you like a free ultrasound?”

“Well, okay...” *Aniyah* replied

Aniyah didn’t show. She texted to say she couldn’t find a sitter. (Normally we provide childcare during ultrasound appointments, but due to the Coronavirus restrictions, we couldn’t at this time.) *Aniyah* rescheduled in her polite, appreciative manner.

When *Aniyah* came for her ultrasound she learned that she was very early in her pregnancy. Julie, our sonographer, was still able to detect and measure the fetal heart rate.

When *Aniyah* left she had an ultrasound image in her hand, questions in her mind, and uncertainty in her heart.

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

2020 Vision and Theme Verse... Amazing!!

Our 2020 annual theme verse is 1 Chronicles 16:11, "Look to the Lord and His strength; seek His face always."

We chose this verse before Coronavirus so monumentally disrupted our lives. So many other groups had chosen 2020 Vision as their theme, but the only one with 2020 vision is our Lord. In his strength we rest! Amazing how it fits!

We chose a verse that speaks of God's strength.

1. First, because we chose to really push our Fatherhood program, focusing on dads and their important role in the pregnancy decision and the life of their child.
2. Second, to bring the importance of this ministry to men. Consider the role God gave Joseph in his care and love of Mary in her unplanned pregnancy; taking on the role of protector, guardian, and provider for Mary and Jesus. This pregnancy care ministry is

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When we do our Work



Babies have LIFE!

Another Baby Saved!! continued

The phone rang the next day. "Hi, this is Aniyah. I have decided to keep my baby!" We were thrilled.

Without your constant support—even during the pandemic—we wouldn't have been able to serve Aniyah, and the results would most likely have been very different. Deadly different. Thank you!

too often viewed as a women's ministry. God is calling men to be involved in the same way he called Joseph to step up.

But as the current state of things materialized, this verse became a banner for us. Consider:

- The fear demonstrated during the first months of the year when the pandemic swept around the world. We have all heard terrifying reports, yet the faithful Christian communities turned to God, "an ever-present help in trouble." Psalm 46:1b.
- Our center remained committed to our mission and prayerfully remained open – with precautions – serving our community with Christian love and compassion.
- You, our partners stepped up, providing much needed support and encouragement. Acts 4:32, "All the believers were one in heart and mind. No one claimed that any of their possessions was their own, but they shared everything they had."

I know you echo the words from Joshua 4:15 with me, both personally and for his ministry, "As for me and my household, we will serve the Lord."

God bless you as together we Seek His face always!



For Life in Christ,

Peter Georgson

President & CEO

P.S. I'll tell you more about the Fatherhood program next time.

Your Encouraging Words:

- *May our Lord continue to shower his love and blessings through your work for these tiny babies and their moms and dads. Thank you for serving God so beautifully. Jim & Deb C.*
- *Thank you for all you do for God's children. Debra (F) J.*
- *Thank you for all you do in preserving life on earth to the glory of God. Rick & Margaret W.*



Treasure Life Day

We are planning to celebrate Treasure Life Day on Friday, October 9th.

At the time of this writing, we have very little idea of what our social life might be at that time. Despite the uncertainty, we have booked Claire Culwell as our featured speaker for the fall Treasure Life Day.

Claire Culwell is a twin abortion survivor. Claire was adopted into a loving family and says that finding out she survived an abortion that was meant to take her life never changed who she knew she was: wanted, chosen, and loved. In 2009 Claire met her birth mother, who told her about her abortion survival and her twin. Claire shares a hopeful message of forgiveness, redemption, and truth, exposing the humanity of the unborn baby and how abortion hurts women. She is an internationally known pro-life speaker and soon-to-be author. She has been featured on Fox News, Focus On The Family, and many other media outlets. Claire lives in Austin, TX with her family.

We hope to have our traditional luncheon and banquet. If we can't have the physical event, we may hold an online event. Only time will tell. Either way, you will not be disappointed. Please plan to attend.

Worth the Time and Distance

McKenna and *Cody* found our clinic through an online search. They traveled 42 miles for an appointment and a pregnancy test. The result of the pregnancy test was positive. They were excited! They were nervous! They are not married. They have a church family and were concerned how they were going to tell them. *McKenna* and *Cody* were afraid of being ostracized.

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We encouraged them. We assured them that despite how others may react, we would always be there to support them. Embracing the

encouragement and accepting the support, *McKenna* and *Cody* came back for two separate ultrasound appointments, and they both enrolled in our parenting classes. *McKenna* and *Cody* are eagerly anticipating the arrival of their baby.

When you contribute to WELS Lutherans for Life, you provide parents, like *McKenna* and *Cody*, with unwavering support as they begin a new journey.

Your support provides parenting classes both during the pregnancy and after the baby is born. In this way we walk alongside the mom and dad encouraging, supporting, and sharing the Gospel from the moment they first visit us until the child reaches 5 years old. Thank you!

Client Are Saying...

- *“You guys help me and I in turn help others. My mom taught me to give my last if someone needs it.”*
- *“I really do need somebody the most right now.”*
- *“Thank you so much for being so flexible.”*

TRIBUTE GIFTS

The tributes that we'd usually list here will be included in the next Sacred Trust. This issue had to go to press ahead of schedule because the graphic designer is expecting twins and will be on maternity leave.

Congratulations to you, Julie and your husband on tripling your kids! We pray for health and happiness for you all. Wishing you God's richest blessings with the arrival of your twins.



Thrilled To Discover Our Pregnancy Center

A grandmother we'll call "*Ada*" called on behalf of her daughter, looking for resources.

You see, *Ada's* daughter lost her job due to Coronavirus and was struggling financially. *Ada* was helping as much as she could. She had bought diapers, wipes, and formula. But since *Ada* is on a fixed income, things were going to get tough for her as well.

Diane answered the phone and reassured *Ada* that we could help with all those items.

Ada was so thrilled and relieved to find some help. She said we are wonderful for providing these services, especially during the pandemic.

Ada thanked Diane multiple times.

When Diane gave her our address, *Ada* was even more thrilled to discover our pregnancy center is just a few blocks from where her daughter lives.

Your support makes it possible for people to "get by" while times are tough for them.



The Importance of YOU!

You read the success stories in this issue. These are great wins. Not every client is a "win" though. Sometimes we just don't know the end results.

You are vital to this ministry! Without you and your financial contributions and prayers the lives of babies would not be saved, moms and dads would not be served, and families would not be strengthened through the Gospel.

But that doesn't stop you. You will not be deterred from ensuring that WELS Lutherans for Life is here to accomplish its mission. You will continue to provide the opportunity to meet and speak with moms and dads who need to know God's plan for their lives and that of their baby.

A client had inquired about abortion information through our website. She indicated that if she were pregnant she would consider abortion.

She visited us to get a pregnancy test. Since she was positive and was estimating that she was eight weeks along she also got an ultrasound. She didn't appear happy and didn't talk very much.

When she left she consented to have us follow-up with her in a few days. Unfortunately, she didn't take any of our calls and didn't respond when we texted. We never got the chance to meet or speak with her again.

She did say she'd take prayers for strength... and we prayed. And I know you will, too.

Because of you, we plant Gospel seeds every chance we get. Then we trust the Holy Spirit, in his wisdom and grace, to take hold, root, and grow as he sees fit.

Because of you more lives will be saved, more lives will be changed, and more families will be strengthened by the Gospel.

Please send your gift today. Your gift makes sure this continues to happen every day and impacts babies and families for now and for eternity. Thank you!