



Sacred Trust

WELS Lutherans for Life

July 2019

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You Make It Possible

Isabel came to our clinic with her boyfriend, *Dane*. Unsure if she was pregnant, she took a test, it was positive. The young couple were overwhelmed. They are still in high-school! As they discussed it with the advocate she could see their resolve growing. Learning that resources and help are available, they became confident they were ready for the challenge of having a baby.

Later that day, they returned for an ultrasound. *Isabel's* mom was with them. She was stunned! As the three watched the screen, the sonographer explained and pointed out various things. Their baby was moving! They could even see the baby's heartbeat! Their faces were transformed with smiles. *Isabel and Dane* voiced their decision to keep their baby. *Isabel's* mom was very supportive. She began chattering to *Isabel* about focusing on a healthy pregnancy.

The young couple's baby was unplanned, but with your help they are able to embrace the pregnancy. They already love the baby and want to be parents.

You make it possible to show *Isabel and Dane* their baby through ultrasound. Your support ensures that they are encouraged to see the baby as a blessing and not a problem to remove. Your continued contributions nurture their resolve to be the best parents they can be with the love and encouragement they find here in our parenting classes and among our Christian volunteers.

You remind *Isabel and Dane* that even though their situation may be challenging, there is help here every step of the way. Thank you!



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

Message from the President

16 years ago... who would've thought WELS Lutherans for Life in Milwaukee would be where we are today?

The year was 2003. Our lease in the El Rey shopping center on 35th & Burnham was terminated. We looked at 62 various properties. Then, six months later, we found our place on 85th and Lincoln. We went from occupying 900 square feet to 650 square feet for the same monthly cost. But it was all we could afford and it was across from a high school.

At one of the first meetings we held in the new center one of our leaders asked, "Have you heard about the Focus on the Family 'Option Ultrasound' program? Wouldn't it be wonderful to be able to show a mom her pre-born baby?" I chuckled and said, "That would be fantastic, but where would we put the ultrasound machine? On the roof? Maybe we could start doing STD testing." The volunteer kind of shuddered (recoiled) and stated, "I don't know if I want to work with people like that." I leaned in to the group and with a smile quietly said, "You already are!"

Flash forward to today, 2019. "Option Ultrasound" was successfully implemented, and we've been providing ultrasounds to abortion-minded clients for nearly two years. We focus on reaching abortion-minded and abortion-vulnerable women and their

partners with targeted marketing.

We continue to improve our methods and investigate more ways to reach and serve the sexually active. We are currently pursuing STI/STD testing so women and men living a high risk lifestyle will come to know us as a friendly and trusted medical facility who will help them immediately and in the future, if they, or someone they know, face an unplanned pregnancy.

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STD testing. Who would've thought? We're not alone. Many other pregnancy centers around the country are proving that STI/STD testing increases their ability to reach and serve more moms with an unplanned pregnancy. One more valuable tool in our arsenal to help save the baby and share the love of Jesus.

The most recent statistics (2017, WI Dept. of Health Services) show that of the 5,640 induced abortions in Wisconsin, 2,347 occur in Milwaukee County. Statistics also show that more than 6 babies die of abortion every day in Milwaukee County. We are compelled to do everything we can to stop these abortions from happening!

It is imperative that we continue to find ways to reach moms and help to save these babies. Are you with me? Please reply and let me know.



For Life in Christ,

Peter Georgson
President & CEO



Did You Know?

Approximately 50 volunteers dedicate time and resources to the operation of our clinic. In 2018, they volunteered 3,546 hours for a value of more than \$85,600. These include receptionists, client advocates, helplineers, textliners, event helpers, and more. Our medical director, obstetric consultant, and nurse manager also help on a volunteer basis.



Celebrate the value of every life through music! Beats for Heartbeats is Saturday, August 10. This free pro-life music festival features Rhett Walker, Koine, and Him & Her Worship. Also featuring Jeremy Mattek, speaker for Time of Grace and our own Rachel Greiner. Doors open to the Silver Lining Amphitheater (Washington County Fair Park) at 4:30 PM. Music starts at 5:30. Bring your own blanket/chairs. There will be food trucks. The event will benefit WELS Lutherans for Life. Complete details at www.beatsforheartbeats.com or call 414-727-8176.



Encouragement from our Patners:

*God bless you, Friends!
Keep up the great work!
Ben & Sarah K.*

*I will keep on as long as God
allows me to contribute for
LIFE. May N.*

*Many blessings on your staff,
your clients, and your special
work for our Savior. Jo Ellen E.*

*Thanks for all you do to save
lives! Marlene T.*

*God's blessings to you on your
important work! Jenny S.*

Treasure Life Events

The Treasure Life fall fundraising events support WELS Lutherans for Life. Please join us to learn about this vital ministry and to contribute financially to support the life-changing, life-saving programs. You and your guests will be given an opportunity to financially support the ministry during an afternoon luncheon or evening banquet. There is no cost to attend these events.

Both events will consist of:

- 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 – Amber Albee Swenson*
- Ministry Updates and future plans
- The Luncheon will end at or before 2:30 PM. The Banquet will end by 9:00 PM.

Space is limited and tables will be assigned on a first-come basis. Since registration is not open yet, email Contact@ALife2.com to put your name on the list. Invite your friends and acquaintances soon. We look forward to seeing you there! Find details and registration information at www.eveningforlife.org.

*Amber Albee Swenson is a WELS wife, mother, author of four Christian books, motivational speaker, and blogger (including *Time of Grace* and the *Holy Hen House* blogs, as well as our own). Her website is www.amberalbeeswenson.com.

Treasure Life Events



Luncheon & Banquet 10-11-19

Client Comments:

"I love love LOVE this place! Great services and I left with a peace of mind. Highly recommended!" S.C.

"I've been going to the Tuesday parenting class on and off for three years now. The teacher is the nicest person you will ever meet! All the staff is so very friendly! It is a very comfortable place to go every Tuesday."
D. H.

"I had my first pregnancy and ultrasound tests here and it was FREE! I also enjoy useful and interesting topics at the Loving Moms classes. The staff are great both on phone and in person. Thank you for all you do and keep up the good work." O.J.

"This is a wonderful place and they were very helpful and considerate. It's nice and comfortable. It almost feels like home when you walk through the door." R.R.



Will you consider a monthly sustaining gift? Every gift you provide is greatly appreciated, but those monthly gifts allow us to focus on ministry rather than fundraising. Please join the Friend of Life monthly partners today with a monthly gift of \$10, \$35, \$100, or more. Please indicate your monthly gift on the enclosed envelope.

TRIBUTE GIFTS

From 2nd Quarter of 2019

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.

In Honor

From

Elaine Sauer
Steven and Dawn Toth
James and Sharon Aderman
Thomas and Suzanne Beran
Calvin and Christine Wetzel
Brian Stichmann
Duane and Barbara Schlomer
Kenneth and Kim Fisher
Tony and Melissa Darelus
Paul and Jean Gunderson
Lyle and Marilyn Krueger

Celebrating

Marvin & Sharon Rosenau's marriage
Mother's Day
Violet's love for babies
Mother's Day
all of my grandchildren
Lois Stichmann's birthday & Mother's Day
Mother's Day
Larry Totsky's 60th birthday
Kevin Kastenschmidt & Doug Darelus on Father's Day
Carol and John Schram for Mother's & Father's Day
Grandchildren Keller & Teagan

In Memory

From

Carol Gallepp
Frank Kitzman
Patricia Peavy
Alice Mehrkens
Richard and Pamela Manske
George Schaser
Jesse and Joan Jones
Sandy Wiegman
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Heinfried and Janice Kolkman
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Martina Nimmer
Trudi Getschel

In Memory of

George, Alice, & George Jr Gallepp
Austin Nikolai Kitzman
Harriet Truckey & Alice Peavy
Roy Mehrkens
Jeffrey Fehl
Carolyn Schaser
Kurt Jones
Robert Wiegman
niece, Jolene Kanieski
Richard Oberhofer
Joyce Bauer
Lowell Koenig
Don & David Babinec
Phyllis Bates
Richard Pihl, Sr
all babies
Madelyn Huth & Evelyn Schneider on Mother's Day
Ed Huth
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David Babinec
Doris Baxter on Mother's Day
Helen Swanson
Lorenz Prochnow
Robert Frei
Marlene Brummond
Fritz Blauert
baby lost in January 1974
Paul Arndt
Roland & Edward on Father's Day
Elaine Kyler
Bill Wezel
Evelyn Nimmer
Helen Swanson