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# A Sacred Trust

*God's Gift Of Life*

The Newsletter of WELS Lutherans For Life, Metro-Milwaukee

## We Are a Ministry of Choice, and Always Will Be

Whenever the subject of abortion comes up, we will likely hear someone say that he or she believes in the "right to choose," as if somehow Thomas Jefferson penned something in the Constitution that all of us missed.

We are not allowed to choose to yell "fire" in a crowded theatre, nor may we choose to drive our car through the front door of another's home. Choice has its limits and one day perhaps we as a society will see those limits when it comes to innocent human life.

As this debate continues in the halls of Congress and in the courts, we at WELS Lutherans for Life, Metro-Milwaukee are reminded that we are - believe it or not - a ministry of "choice." We believe in choice, and it does us well to remember the choices we believe are vital to this outreach.

### *We choose to love*

Love is a choice we make every day here, because we believe that loving our clients is a way to create a safe atmosphere so that they can make the best decisions for them and the children they are carrying. Love matters, and ultimately, love never fails.

### *We choose the truth*

Our society often runs from truth in the name of tolerance, but truth - cradled in the arms of love - is a life-changer for someone being tossed about by the winds of an emotional hurricane of hurt, rejection, and anger. All of us need to hear the soft whisper of truth; it calms the storm.



### *We choose faithfulness*

Faithfulness is a journey, carrying on when some grow weary or frustrated. In a ministry such as ours it is easy to become discouraged at times. That is why we hold fast to faithfulness, knowing that God is faithful to us in so many ways—and He never leaves us alone.

**Three choices:** love, truth, and faithfulness. Each contributes to the joy we see every day at WELS Lutherans for Life, Metro-Milwaukee. Thank you to all of you who join us in this journey through your prayers, volunteering, and financial support. Each of you is making

a choice, and your choice is making a difference on behalf of life and hope for those who come in our door.

We believe in choice - and these three choices are a catalyst as hearts are touched and lives are saved, one at a time.



### MISSION STATEMENT of: WELS Lutherans for Life, Metro-Milwaukee

*To proclaim the good news of eternal life through Jesus Christ;  
To promote the sanctity of human life via Christ-centered counseling;  
To provide information and programs on life related issues.*

# Three Exciting opportunities!

#1 - On April 16, 2007 we opened a new **satellite** center! It is in the **Beacon Center** which is the new WELS Campus Ministry house across from UW Milwaukee - close to the most abortion vulnerable group of people in our population.

#2 - The program we have wanted for years has finally started! In Nov 06 "**Loving Moms**" (*LM*) was born. In the past, a young woman would come into our center, get her pregnancy test, and be gone. We often had *that one* opportunity to witness in word and action. Now we have several opportunities while the mom-to-be takes **classes** to learn about her body and how to care for herself and her baby, both spiritually, physically, and emotionally.

Much of the info in the *LM* classes most of us take for-granted. But many of these young women have so many problems to deal with that they've had little time to learn the basics.

There are currently five young ladies attending the lessons every first and third Saturday. Every month there are more inquiries.

## What the new "Moms" are saying:

*"Loving Moms is time for me, plus I learn wonderful ways to care for my baby."*

*"I am learning things in Loving Moms that I didn't know with my first two children."*

#3 - On April 23, 2007 our new ads appeared in Milw Transit busses! Check them out -on the busses or on the bulletin board at the Lincoln Ave Center.

## Be Our Prayer Warriors!

With these exciting possibilities that the Lord has laid in our laps, we need your daily prayers!

- Pray for - the young women we counsel
- strength and fortitude for the volunteers and staff
  - Gloria Marcouiller our Loving Moms leader
  - Melissa Kehoe, the Bacon Center Satellite director
  - that the Lord will allow us to touch many lives from the UW Milwaukee neighborhood
  - that the Lord will move hearts to want to share Jesus by being a client advocate, receptionist, or helpline
  - that the bus ads reach many young women

When we were at the Burnham location we had many walk-ins. That is happening more and more at the Lincoln Ave center. The other day a young woman said she saw our sign on her way to the Planned Parenthood Office on Hwy 100. She turned around and came back. **If we would not have been open, we probably wouldn't have saved that baby's life.** That is how important it is to have regular, daily hours.

Do you have 3 hours free on Wednesday afternoon? Do you have one free Saturday morning a month? You can make a difference by volunteering. Help save a life!

Have you ever thought of "Baby Trading" with your friends so that you can each take a shift at one of our centers? You babysit one day

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## She exercised choice.

### So why is she smiling?

There is a lot of talk about "choice" these days, but choice does not have to mean the end of a pregnancy.

It was her choice, and she chose life. That's great news for her today, and an even better decision for her future. Join us at WELS Lutherans for Life, Metro-Milwaukee as a financial supporter or volunteer.



Together we can provide her with all she needs to make a great choice: **Life!**

## Center Growth & Needs

*We are here because we care and we are only here because you care too!* Operating a pregnancy resource center with 3 satellites involves a good amount of energy, time, communication, and resources. The Lord is blessing our work and we are pleased to be growing and expanding our services to meet the changing needs of our clients. We want our work to continue to support our mission of promoting the sanctity of human life and at the same time protect the unborn.

The work of coordinating over 60 volunteers at three locations, recruiting new volunteers, promoting our services, resource management, fundraising, and continuing to grow to meet the needs of our clients is getting to be a bigger job all the time. The board of directors has approved increasing the staff. The executive director will become full-time beginning July 1, 2007. The next step is to hire a part-time client services director. At this time we will still maintain a part-time administrative assistant, but recognize the need for this to become full-time position in the near future.

These are aggressive plans, yet the important work of saving and changing lives has not lessened. Murderous abortions are continuing, daily robbing unborn babies of their God given time of grace, and the families that are involved are suffering the after-effects of this irreversible decision.

We can only do this with your continued prayers and financial support!

a month while your friend volunteers at one of the LFL centers, she babysits for you while you volunteer. You help lighten each others load so you can both serve this wonderful ministry.

Do you have the ability to speak some Spanish? That would be an asset at the Risen Savior and Lutheran Southside Center. Do you particularly enjoy college students? Consider the Beacon Center Satellite. We train, God blesses, lives are saved, for now and for eternity.



# Maximize Your Contribution

## Donations Needed\*

- (1) New digital camera
- (1) New color laser printer
- (1) New laptop computer & software
- (2) Storage cabinets w/doors
- Conference table and (10-12) chairs
- Desk
- Two office chairs
- Training materials (continuous)
- 18 gallon storage containers

\*Please contact us for details of needed items. Thanks!

## Mother's Day Cards

Do your children bang their heads looking for something to give you? Suggest they donate to your favorite cause - US!

WELS Lutherans for Life, Metro-Milwaukee is once again offering an originally designed card for your Mother's Day greeting.

We will be happy to send one of these new cards to your mother or any other special person in your life when you send a special donation.

We encourage you to tell your friends about this wonderful way of supporting our ministry and the services we offer.

## 5th Annual Auction



April 15th marked our 5th auction. 94 people attended, including 37 hard-working volunteers, bidding on over 200 items.

Everyone gave rave reviews for the delicious hors d'oeuvres and wonderful entertainment.

Even though the turnout was less than expected the participants stepped up to support life in a big way. We ended up with just over \$5,000 after expenses. Thanks to everyone who participated with donations, attended, and supported this important event!



**We made \$43.36!**

Thank you for supporting LFL when you use Good Search to search the internet! Each time you search we get one penny. That doesn't sound like much but those pennies do add up to big dollars! In 2006, search engines like Good Search, Yahoo, and Google generated \$6 billion in advertising revenue.

Goodsearch supports charitable organizations with their dollars. Their initial policy was to wait until an organization had accrued \$100 before sending the proceeds. But they were so excited to share the donation checks that they decided to send them out when an organization had 500 searches.

Help our check to be even bigger next time! Tell all your friends and relatives how they can help. Just follow the simple steps below:

1. Go to "www.GoodSearch.com"
2. Click in the bar that says "enter your charity here..."
3. Type in "Wels Lutherans" and click the "Verify" button and Wels Lutherans for Life Metro Milwaukee Inc. (W. Allis, WI) should appear.
4. Search the way you would with any other search engine!
5. Each time you search we will get a penny

## Company Matching Gifts

Check with your employer to find out if they match individual gifts to charity or non-profit organizations. Then send their name and form (if any) when you make your next contribution.

## United Way

If you donate to United Way through your employer but would like all or a portion of your payroll deduction to be earmarked for WELS Lutherans for Life, Metro-Milwaukee (WLFL) follow the steps below:

1. **Ask your employer for the Donor Choice form**
2. **Choose option #6 (My gift through United Way)**
3. **Enter our United Way #84325**
4. **Write in the WELS Lutherans for Life name and address as follows:**

**WELS Lutherans for Life, Metro-Milwaukee  
8501 W. Lincoln Ave.  
West Allis, WI 53227**

You must use the WLFL name. PLEASE DO NOT write Assoc Pregnancy Counseling Services. United Way will not send a donation to that name. (We are incorporated under the name WELS Lutherans for Life, Metro-Milwaukee so that is our Legal name.)

Remember that United Way keeps a portion of your donation to pay their expenses.

## Pension Protection Act

The Pension Protection Act of 2006 has had a positive impact on charitable giving. IRA and Roth IRA holders can donate distributions, tax-free, to charities through December 31, 2007. Of course, the donor must have reached age 70½. The maximum amount that can be donated is \$100,000.

Talk to your financial advisor or tax accountant about this new opportunity. And please consider a gift to WELS Lutherans for Life, Metro-Milwaukee through an IRA or Roth IRA distribution.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Reserve The Date!**

Life-A-Thon, walk/run  
NPH Christian Books & Gifts  
September 8, 2007

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Return Service Requested

*Life-A-Thon: Saturday, September 8*  
**Plan to be there!**

## Tributes

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*Received from Mother's Day cards:*

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*Thanks to everyone who honored a loved one with a gift of life to our center through our 2006 Mother's Day card offering. Your gifts have made a difference!*

Mrs. Alice Kuschel  
 Dorothea Wolfgramm  
 Dorothy Langowski  
 Lorraine Raabe  
 Betty Bork  
 Trudie Roloff

Wanda Schwefel  
 Rachel Egelseer  
 Rachel DiGiorgio  
 Doris Mayer  
 Suzanne Mayer  
 Deanna McLain  
 Carolyn Schoenwetter  
 Lorrain Parsons  
 Helen Scheller  
 Virginia Schwertfeger  
 Harris Snell

MaeAnn Dehring  
 Nola Mix  
 Joanne Gaulke  
 Mary Soderburg  
 Linda Scherbarth  
 Erma Fogarty  
 Ruth Beyer  
 Lois Stichmann  
 Joan Sowatzke  
 Bonnie Falch  
 Marian Tess

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*Gifts received in memory of:*

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Margaret Malsack  
 Hilda Warfel  
 Ellen Ensslin  
 Nancy Yanke  
 Mrs. Richard Wendorf  
 Madelyn Huth  
 Helen Schachtschneider  
 Laura Griese  
 Eleanor Ibisen  
 Hilda Karolewicz  
 Erma Wulff  
 Herman Rohleder  
 Evelyn Heid  
 Dolores Wolter

Richard Raabe  
 Pauline PedeKathleen Watson  
 Eric Martin Beine  
 Darlene Steckmesser  
 Keith Engelbrecht  
 Rachel Engelbrecht  
 Del Becher  
 Florence Bromaghim  
 Edna & Paul Beke  
 Mr. & Mrs. Weerts  
 William Guenther  
 Gary Rodman  
 Lorna Schmoller  
 Kay Kiefer

Ruth Kallies  
 Ellen Laird  
 Lisa Minor Geary  
 Dr. Eugene Rumsey

**Gifts received in Honor of:**

Raquel's 11th birthday  
 Tom Kassulke  
 Bert Kremer  
 Mr. & Mrs. Glen Kroeger 60th anniversary  
 Rev. Terry Laabs  
 Winnie & Bill Reineking  
 Marv & Sharon Rosenau  
 Arnold & Betty Stuedeman - 70th anniversary