



Sacred Trust

WELS Lutherans for Life

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Detours

*"I have
faced detour
after
detour..."*

Marie had a positive home pregnancy test. It was confirmed a few weeks later by her doctor. *Marie* is pregnant.

Marie had already made an appointment for an abortion. However, her doctor referred her to us.

The entire consultation was very tearful. Every few words *Marie* stopped, sobbed, then wiped her nose and eyes.

"We are here to walk with you all the way! We have many resources and ways to help you."

"That means a lot to me...but," she admits, "I thought you did abortions!"

"We have pregnancy and parenting classes where you can learn all about this new adventure in your life. You will learn all about the life growing in you. You will meet other moms and have a chance to hear their stories and concerns. You'll see their strength and you will find your own strength, too."

Marie went on to share, "I've been feeling like God must be stopping me. I have faced 'detour' after 'detour' in my getting an abortion. Thank you for being here and showing me another way!"



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

Peace of Mind and Amazement

"Thank you for fitting me in!" said the young mother. "And don't mind me if I start crying."

Cali needed to be seen that day because she was moving out of state the next day. She had been unable to get an appointment at another pregnancy center and was also unable to secure a doctor's appointment because of COVID-19 restrictions.

Again, *Cali* said, "Thank you so much!" as Julie began the scan.

Why was *Cali* so concerned? Because she was desperate since she had previously had an ectopic pregnancy (a pregnancy where the baby grows outside of the uterus, usually in a fallopian tube). We were able to give her reassurance and peace of mind.

"Look at my baby!" *Cali* quietly said with awe, as an amazing sight appeared on the screen. "Oh, thank you!" And there we saw her little one! I could see her baby's head, body, and little arms and legs. I was overwhelmed! I felt so privileged to be part of this—to experience it—to witness this little life inside her mommy. And to experience this mom's abundant appreciation.

"I will never forget this client, her appreciation, and the amazing images I saw."

Our policy is to have another person in the room when the sonographer is doing the scan. That person is usually the client advocate. The advocate was busy with another client at that time, so I was asked to step in.

Julie continued her scanning, taking measurements, and pointing out different things. Even the flickering heartbeat. *Cali* was so relieved and happy!

As *Cali* sat up, she said stated, "Now I wish I wasn't moving because you guys have been so nice me. Thank you again!" That made our 'day after day' all worthwhile.

She must have said "Thank you" 20 times throughout the visit.



I had the privilege of observing the ultrasound! As someone who normally deals with the "business" side of this ministry, only occasionally interacting with clients, I will never forget this client, her appreciation, and the amazing images I saw. It was an amazing experience!

Diane Williams
Staff and Operations
Support

Save the Date for the Treasure Life Events!

We're pleased to announce that the luncheon and banquet are returning! That's right. The popular fall pro-life celebrations are scheduled for Friday, October 8. Plan now to attend.

- Keynote speaker: Dr. Marc Newman
- When: Friday, October 8, 2021
- Where: Milwaukee Marriott West,
W231N1600 Corporate Court,
Waukesha, WI 53186

More details coming in the next few weeks! Watch your email and mailbox.

See more at www.treasure-life.org



Client Comments

- *Extremely nice and helpful staff, very personable, love everyone!*
- *Family setting, easy going, and wonderful people.*
- *The comfort in talking to someone, the experience and the reliability.*
- *I felt very safe and comfortable!*
- *Thanks a million, trillion times! You guys have been so kind! Thank you so much!*

TRIBUTE GIFTS

From 2nd quarter of 2021

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.

From

Ron and Karen Hayward
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Celebrating

80th birthday
All God's children
Keller, Teagan, and Myla
Our Anniversary
Rachel DiGiorgio on Mother's Day
Eric, Abby, Graham, and Calvin, our grandchildren
Mother's Day to mom and mother-in-law
Mother's Day
Charlotte's 7th birthday
Mother's Day
Vicki Raddant and all she does at WLFL
Mother's Day
Delores Gruell's birthday
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Remembering

Leroy Grossman
Louis and Shirley Bartel
Kathleen Doud
Richard Pihl, Sr
Christian friend
Verona Krueger
Beth Wagie
Art, Mom, and Dad
Drex Hansen
Art Mittelstadt
Don Babinec
Loved Ones
David Navarre
Joyce Williams
Lois and Clifford Bartsch
Evelyn Reichert
George, Alice, and George, Jr. Gallepp
Carol Scheel and Delores Metcalf
Garth and Donna Buchholz
E. Schneider and M. Huth on Mother's Day
R. Schneider and Ed Huth
Edgar and Florence Eckert's Christian example
God-mother, Ramona Ginter
Ramona Ginter
Agatha Theresa
Lindsay Portenier

You Make This Happen

When she found us online *Madison* was reading the reviews. She liked the one that wrote ‘free’ and ‘nice people’.

Madison had a very kind voice and was easily likeable.

Madison described her life. “I haven’t worked for several years. Maybe it’s partly because we are in such a rough neighborhood. We haven’t really had enough money for me to see a doctor...for a year or so. My husband and I would eventually like to build a house somewhere else. But it’s hard to save enough.”

As her story poured out, the advocate I just listened and offered the few words of comfort that she could.

“I was abused during much of my childhood. And it happened again just recently.” *Madison* continued.

The advocate continued to listen. She offered words of comfort and used the analogy of carrying a boulder, the boulder of all our inner hurts and pain. When we share these burdens with someone else there is the amazing benefit of the burden being lifted: it’s not so heavy any longer.

“That is exactly how I feel right now!” she marveled.

Her pregnancy test was negative. She told her advocate, “As I was coming in today I determined that if my test was positive, I would have an abortion! But you have given me more to think about and places to look for more help. Thank you so much!”

Madison received a range of resources and referrals including one for insurance since hers had lapsed. She was served with love and resources.

Your gift helps moms like *Madison* immediately no matter what they’re dealing with.

You can connect more moms like *Madison* to us online so they are provided with better choices than they may otherwise find.

Your gift helps moms like *Madison* and *Cali* by providing people to walk alongside them giving encouragement, information, and resources that strengthens them to make good choices—choices for life—for themselves and their babies.

You provide moms like *Madison* with trained volunteers who welcome, care, and genuinely love those we serve.

Clients like *Madison* need your help. Please send your best gift in the enclosed envelope today to help moms like *Madison*.

