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WELS Lutherans for Life

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*“A Father to
the fatherless,
a Defender of
widows, is God
in His holy
dwelling.”*

(Psalm 68:5)

Veronica: Pathway to Motherhood

Veronica, a woman in her early 20s, was just entering the adventure of adulthood when she was confronted with an unexpected pregnancy. Young and unsure, *Veronica* first contacted us via text message. Fearful of the effects this pregnancy could have on her life, *Veronica* was overwhelmed by her situation.

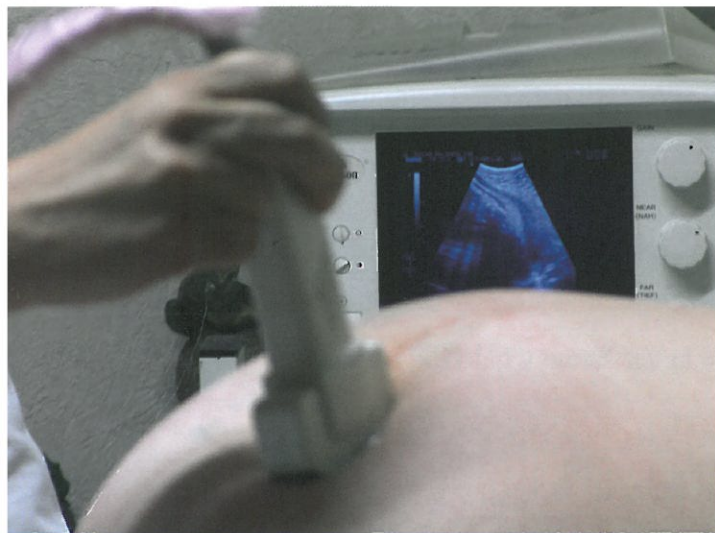
The textliner calmed *Veronica* and encouraged her to overcome this obstacle by moving forward one step at a time. The textliner offered a test to confirm *Veronica's* pregnancy, along with access to other free and confidential services. *Veronica* agreed to visit and scheduled an appointment.

During her appointment, *Veronica* received a positive pregnancy test. Her face fell as a combination of fear and sadness washed over her. She was unprepared for motherhood, and she was not confident she could raise a child in these circumstances. Still, remembering to overcome this one step at a time, *Veronica* scheduled an ultrasound for the following week.

When *Veronica* returned for her ultrasound, the sonogram revealed that *Veronica's* pregnancy was earlier than expected. Her due date was not able to be determined. *Veronica* scheduled a second ultrasound in a couple weeks and continued to navigate her situation one step at a time. She mentioned that she made her first prenatal visit to a doctor.

At her second ultrasound *Veronica* was demonstrably happy as she watched the flicker of her baby's heartbeat come across the screen. We shared in her excitement and offered our support to *Veronica* through and after her pregnancy. Gaining confidence with each visit, *Veronica* is managing one step at a time.

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

Veronica: Pathway to Motherhood

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Embracing her pregnancy, *Veronica* scheduled a third ultrasound with us. Now in her second trimester, *Veronica* was not quite able to feel movement. This visit provided *Veronica* with peace as she watched her baby perform acrobatic movements during the exam. Through this ultrasound, she was reassured that her baby was healthy and continuing to develop. Here *Veronica* was, bonding with her baby, one step at a time.

During *Veronica's* most recent visit she shared that her baby's father has declined involvement. *Veronica* was understandably stressed by this setback, yet we were able to connect with our *Loving Parents* group that provides parenting education and support. With this additional resource, *Veronica* will continue to conquer parenthood one step at a time.

Through our medical services, material resources, and many support opportunities, we are able to encourage parents one step at a time. We are able to instill confidence in women like *Veronica* by providing services and offering continued support. We are able to assist them through challenging times and share hope. We are able to uplift them with God's grace and change lives.

Veronica knows she is not alone on this pathway of motherhood. Because you, our partners, are with her every step of the way.

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With God's help, we can do this!

In today's world it's easy to become discouraged when we see the cultural slide on so many issues. We don't need to name them all—it's clear. *Life*, of course, is one of these issues.

Overall, we forget the *value* of life. It would be so "common-sense" to give up, to believe there's not much we can do.

"Realistic thinking" tells us abortion will always be with us. We might be able to slow things down, but that's about it. This same realism leads to a belief that there is no longer any reason to get worked up about it; let's just do what we can and move on to something else, something less controversial.

But what if we believed?

What if we believed God is still more than capable of rolling up His sleeves and working with ordinary people to accomplish the impossible? What if we believed we could create a culture where fewer and fewer saw abortion as a viable option . . . until one day we woke up to find this tragedy is no longer such a huge part of our cultural landscape?

What if we—all of us—focused our prayers, our energy, and our actions toward, "With God's help, we can *do this!*"

Naïve? Maybe. Simplistic? Perhaps. But isn't this exactly what God is looking for in His people: a conviction of belief that is bigger than what we see in front of us? With God it is possible.

At WELS Lutherans for Life we are looking for the "naïve" and "simplistic." In other words, we appeal to those who believe God is still in the world-changing business.

If this is you, join us. Connect with me at Peter@ALife2.com or give me a call at 414-727-8176. We're looking for more to join our team. Whether you have a few minutes, a few hours, or are looking to jump in with both feet with a major time commitment, we can work with you.

And if you are ready to take a financial step toward building this ministry, visit www.ALife2.com to invest in this work and bring us one step closer to changing our culture.

Join us in believing. We never know what God might do.

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For Life in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Peter Georgson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name being more prominent.

Executive Director

Introducing...

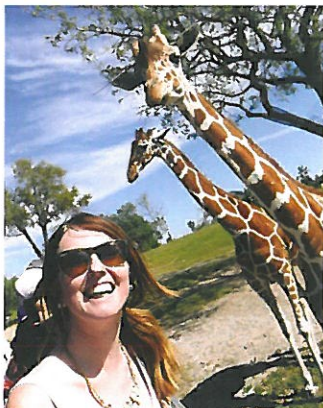
Megan Landvatter became a member of our team in May. She is assisting with our communication efforts through her role as our Social Media, Events, and Outreach Coordinator.

Megan has her Bachelor's degree in Communicative Arts from Wisconsin Lutheran College and has been fortunate to be a part of a variety of organizations. Her favorite working experiences include competing in the Klement's (now Johnsonville) Sausage Race for the Milwaukee Brewers, creating content for radio shows at ESPN Milwaukee, executing a summer carnival at Bethlehem Lutheran, and coordinating a signature fundraiser for RISE, a nonprofit located in Madison.

When not at the office, Megan can be found with her family or friends. She considers herself a people person and she truly appreciates the time she spends with those close to her. Megan finds writing to be relaxing, and she often details her life experiences through her personal blog. While she has a huge heart for her home state (Wisconsin), Megan would spend every dime traveling if she could. Her favorite trips include Dallas, Texas, and New York City. She plans to take many more trips in the future and is open to destination suggestions.

Last December, Megan became engaged, and her wedding is scheduled for June 2019. Her fiancée, Sam, recently accepted a position with Quad Graphics in Hartford. The couple is excited to begin their future together!

Megan feels truly blessed to be working for WELS Lutherans for Life. She has a true passion for nonprofit work, and she is excited to begin making a difference. God has a plan for everyone, and she is happy that He led her to this organization!



Hi, Come on in!

You have a standing invitation to stop in and see this-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 am to 4 pm. We hope to see you!

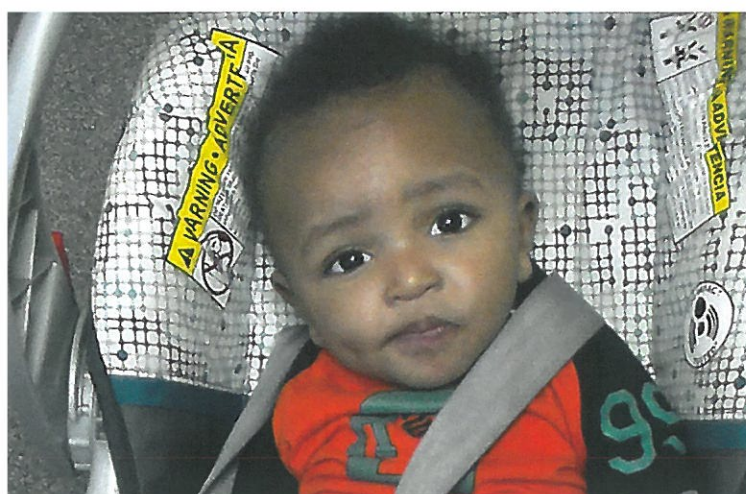
Fall Life Events

Save the date! We will be hosting the annual Life Luncheon and Evening for Life on October 12th at the Ingleside (formerly known as the Country Springs Hotel), and you're invited! Come listen as we share the inspiring stories that you make possible, and meet the people who share your excitement for this mission. We hope to see you there! Watch www.Eveningforelife.org for details.

You Encourage Us:

- *Enclosed check in the amount of \$[] to assist you in your wonderful program. Jeanette C.*
- *In grateful appreciation for your hard work of protecting human life. David & Susan S.*
- *I really enjoyed your last newsletter and the story about the lady from Olympia. Praise God! I really enjoyed the banquet last fall and am using your prayer calendar. Keep up the good work! Colette B.*





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Every gift we receive is significant in funding the ministry of WLFL; doubling your gift means more moms and dads can make the decision for life for their babies.

TRIBUTE GIFTS

From 1st 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.

In Memory

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Celebrating

Blessings of 18 grandchildren
Camille Carlson's 3rd birthday
Mike Mayrhofer's birthday
Paul & Erica Koester
James & Sharon Aderman

Thrivent Thanks!!

Over the past year 29+ Thrivent members have contributed \$1,949 through their Thrivent Choice option. We also benefitted from seven Thrivent Action Teams and their involvement. This year so far six Thrivent members have each activated a Thrivent Action Team for LFL and more are planning ahead. We are grateful that you our Thrivent partners and Thrivent support the work we do to save lives.

You can Do It!

Do you think that bequests are "something only the wealthy do?" Fact is, the majority of bequests are left by middle-class women. So if you haven't considered remembering WELS Lutherans for Life in your will or estate plans now is the time to think about it. You have the opportunity to leave a lasting Legacy for Life.



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