



## Church Connection January 2018

*Strengthening,  
Preserving  
& Promoting  
Marriage,  
Family, Life &  
Religious Liberty*

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*In the beginning was  
the Word, and the Word  
was with God, and the  
Word was God...in him  
was life; and the life  
was the light of men.  
And the light shineth in  
darkness...*

John 1:1, 4, 5a

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### Join us for...

*“Punching Holes in the  
Darkness: Equipping  
Christians To Bring  
Light to the Critical  
Issues of Our Day”*

A presentation by Julaine  
Appling, WFC president

Thurs., Jan. 18, 6-8 p.m.,  
Plover Pizza Ranch

Thurs., Jan. 25, 6-8 p.m.,  
Oshkosh Pizza Ranch

Thurs., Feb. 8, 6-8 p.m.,  
Sheboygan Pizza Ranch

Thurs. Feb. 22, 6-8 p.m.,  
Green Bay Pizza Ranch

Register online at  
wifamilycouncil.org  
or by calling us at  
888-378-7395.

### The Difference You Make

Though no law was passed, in 1973 the US Supreme Court’s infamous *Roe v. Wade* decision made abortion legal in America. Since then, over 60 million unborn babies have lost their lives. Over 523,000 babies have been aborted just in Wisconsin. As Christian citizens we are right to pray and work for a cessation to this genocide of the pre-born. When we pray and work, we make a difference. Demonstrating our faith by our works (James 2:18) is world-changing.

Please consider the difference you have made.

Abortions in Wisconsin peaked in 1980 at 21,754. In 2016 they were down to 5,612. Even one is too many; but the number is declining, and that is a very good thing.

There used to be nine abortion facilities in Wisconsin. That number is down to three.



In 1973, Wisconsin had no pro-life pregnancy resource centers (PRCs).

Now there are at least 66 life-affirming, adoption-promoting, woman-helping

PRCs (*See ChooseLifeWisconsin.com, “Pregnancy Resource Centers” for a listing*).

In Wisconsin we can now promote a positive and public pro-life message and at the same time provide a funding stream for the PRCs in our state by purchasing a Choose Life license plate. This came about after 10 years of persistent effort.

People who champion life have been elected to office at all levels around the state, and pro-life legislation has been enacted.

All these changes and more underscore the importance of the difference you make. Is there more that needs to be done? Absolutely. That is why we must “not be weary in well doing.”

Our culture desperately needs to hear the truth. Ultimately, it  
*(continued on back)*

## Sanctity of Human Life Sunday—January 22, 2018

In 1984, President Reagan issued a proclamation designating January 22 of that year to be National Sanctity of Human Life Day. Pro-life presidents since then have celebrated the third Sunday of every January as Sanctity of Human Life Sunday. We encourage all churches everywhere to join with us on January 22nd of this year in celebrating God's good truth that all human lives are precious and worthy of protection.

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We know the pre-born are alive because they are growing. We know they are human because they have human parents. Human beings are valuable and have a right to life. Since the pre-born are human, they should be valued, and they have the same right to life that any human has. (Adapted from Josh Brahm)

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**We Recommend:** *Why Pro-Life?* (Caring for the unborn and their mothers), by Randy Alcorn

is only the truth that sets people free. We cannot control how people will respond to the truth. Nonetheless we are responsible for speaking it and living it. Paul witnessed to Felix, “and as he reasoned of righteousness, temperance, and judgment to come, Felix trembled.” Sadly, instead of acknowledging the truth, Felix sent Paul away (Acts 24:25). No matter. Like Paul, we will not be judged by our success, but by our faithfulness.

We stand at the beginning of a new year. What can you do this year to continue to make a pro-life difference in Wisconsin?

**Pray.** The world may mock prayer as being useless, but our God is a prayer-hearing and prayer-answering God. Let us never discount or disparage the importance of prayer. “Pray without ceasing.” (I Thess. 5:17)

**Continue to speak up for the truth.** A Christian world-view maintains there is such a thing as objective, knowable truth. “And the servant of the Lord must not strive; but be gentle unto all men, apt to teach, patient, in meekness instructing those that oppose themselves; if God peradventure will give them repentance to the acknowledging of the truth.” (II Tim. 2:24-25)

**Celebrate life!** Life is a good thing. Celebrate it in as many ways as you can as often as you can in every setting that you can. Demonstrate your love for life in how you treat those with special challenges, the elderly and infirm, the orphan, etc.

**Volunteer at a Pregnancy Resource Center** or help a PRC out with a fund-raising drive or by providing needed supplies. As a church, consider regular financial support for a PRC in your area.

**Purchase a Wisconsin “Choose Life” license plate.** This is a great way to promote a life-affirming message and at the same time generate funds for PRCs in Wisconsin.

We just celebrated Jesus' first coming. He came, He said, “that [we] might have life, and that [we] might have it more abundantly.” (John 10:10) Jesus is all about life. “I am the way, the truth and the life.” (John 14:6) As the Creator and Sustainer of life, He believes life is a good thing, and so should we. Remember in 2018 that as a follower of Jesus, *you* make the difference.

## About Wisconsin Family Council

*Wisconsin Family Council is a 501 (c)(3) organization that has been advancing Judeo-Christian principles and values in Wisconsin since 1986. We have largely done this by informing Wisconsin citizens, policymakers and churches about the important legislative and cultural issues so that they can be involved in strengthening, preserving and promoting marriage, family, life and religious liberty in our state.*

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