



## Church Connection January 2015

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

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*Thine eyes did see my substance, yet being unperfect; and in thy book all my members were written, which in continuance were fashioned, when as yet there was none of them.*

Psalm 139:16

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### **Mark Your Calendar!**

Wisconsin Family Council's

*"The Family-- Wisconsin's Hope," presented by Julaine Appling*

**Portage Pizza Ranch,**  
Thursday, January 29,  
6-8 p.m.

**Manitowoc Pizza Ranch,**  
Thursday, February 19,  
6-8 p.m.

**Green Bay Pizza Ranch,**  
Thursday, March 12, 6-8  
p.m.

Call 888-378-7395 to register!

### **Telling the Truth About Abortion**

Our culture is so sin-saturated that it is increasingly difficult even for believers to be shocked or horrified at the degradation of sin. This is not a good thing. We need to be regularly challenged by the truth even if that truth is countercultural or uncomfortable. We must not allow our thinking to be squeezed into the world's mold (Romans 12:1-2).

When we address the issue of abortion we need to be and intend to be sensitive. It is not our goal to be harsh or judgmental. We desire to speak the truth in love. However, truth is often hard to hear, especially for someone who has been complicit in or is contemplating an abortion. The fact remains that great harm comes from ignoring or failing to communicate the truth. So here are some truths about abortion.

The first truth is that if men and women would conform to God's plan for families and human intimacy, abortion would virtually cease to exist as an issue. The vast majority of unwanted pregnancies are the result of intimacy that occurs outside of marriage. Honor God's will relative to sexual intimacy, and you don't need to worry about unwanted pregnancies (not to mention a host of STDs, including HIV/AIDS).



Another truth is that God is the giver of life. Our world teems with life because our God is a living God. Life is valuable because it is a gift from the Creator. Human life is especially valuable because it bears the *imago Dei*, the image of God (Genesis 1:27). Because God created human life as something unique and special, He also makes it clear that the intentional taking of innocent human life is a very serious matter. (See Genesis 9:6 and Deuteronomy 5:17, as well as Jesus' powerful condemnation of anyone who gives offense to a child, Matthew 18:6.)

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## What Can YOU Do?

- Educate yourself and stay informed
- Communicate with your legislators
- Pray
- Volunteer at a pregnancy resource center
- For a bibliography of pro-life related resources, see our website's Resources section

[wifamilycouncil.org](http://wifamilycouncil.org)

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**The signers of the Declaration of Independence had it right:**

*We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all...are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life...*

A third truth is that innocent helpless human life is to be protected (Exodus 20:13; 21:22-23; Matthew 18:6; etc.). The motivation to end the life of a conceived child does not come from God, but rather from the enemy of our souls, whose name is Abaddon (Destroyer) (Revelation 9:11). Satan hates helpless children and that is the reason they are so frequently the subjects of his attacks, both in and outside of the womb.

It is also a scientific fact—or truth—that human life begins at conception. Dead things do not grow. When human conception occurs, a brand new one-of-a-kind life is created; and it is human life. You know it is human because the parents are human. You know it is life because dead things don't grow.

A newly conceived human is also truly unique. From the point of conception, it is not a potential life, or potentially human. Potentiality exists only prior to conception. Once conceived, you do not have a potential human life, but a human life with varying degrees of potential. At the point of conception, potentiality is transformed into actuality. The science of the cell shows us that what happens at conception, and the development that takes place from that point on, is nothing short of miraculous.

Finally, consider the truth that a newly conceived human is a person and therefore should be accorded all the rights of personhood, especially the right to life. As has been observed by others, personhood is rightly defined by membership in the species, not by a stage of development within that species. Personhood is not conditioned by location (inside the womb or out) and is not conditioned by one's current capacities or incapacities. To be human is by definition to be a person.

Let us continue to pray and work for the end of abortion in this country. Let us commit ourselves to ministering to women, married or not, who may be struggling with an unwanted pregnancy. And as we speak the truth on this critical issue, let us always do so with love and compassion.

—Dave Lingle, Director of Church Relations, WFC

## About Wisconsin Family Council

*Wisconsin Family Council is a 501 (c)(3) organization that since 1986 has been advancing Judeo-Christian principles and values in Wisconsin. 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 and preserving marriage, family, life and liberty in our state.*

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