



## Church Connection June 2015

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

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*Render therefore to all  
their dues...honor to  
whom honor.*

Romans 13:7

*Hear, ye children,  
the instruction of a  
father, and attend to  
know understanding.*

Proverbs 4:1

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

**Reedsburg Pizza  
Ranch, Thursday,  
June 18, 6-8 p.m.**

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### Honor To Whom Honor

June is a month to honor something or someone who reminds us of why America is "the land of the free and the home of the brave."

On June 6, we commemorate **D-Day**, or "The Decisive Day." This military operation was the make-or-break point in World War II. On June 6, 1944, over 4,000 ships landed American and British divisions on the Normandy beaches in France. Over 6,000 Americans died in this bloody invasion. Streaming ashore behind the U.S. flag, America's husbands, fathers, sons, and brothers valiantly fought—and died—because they believed in America and protecting her freedoms. Honoring such veterans is right and proper—and must continue to be part of our cultural tradition and transmission.

We're losing our World War II veterans at a staggering rate. All too soon, we will have no one left who can give us eye-witness accounts of this war. With each passing year, the memory of World War II becomes dimmer and the horror less horrifying. Honoring these vets with monuments such as the one in Washington, D.C., hosting them on Honor Flights and capitalizing on opportunities for our young people to listen to and learn from these heroes is the least we can do to memorialize their sacrifices.



On June 14 we celebrate **Flag Day**. "Old Glory" led the troops into battle on D-Day. It also draped the coffins of many who lost their lives. The "Stars and Stripes" did not make America great, but it does remind us of what it means to be an American and of those who have given their lives to secure our liberties. Great nations treat national symbols with respect. It is appropriate to have a day—Flag Day—set aside to honor our flag and to remind us and the younger generations what this national symbol and our pledge to it really means.

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## Pray

- That the US Supreme Court will render a ruling that honors God's plan for one-man, one-woman marriage.
- That pro-life legislation will be passed in our state and country and be upheld when it is legally challenged.

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### Do Dads Really Matter?

#### *Consider this:*

“The likelihood that a young male will engage in criminal activity *doubles* if he is raised without a father and *triples* if he lives in a neighborhood with a high concentration of fatherless families....

You don't find well-fathered boys in gangs.”

(From *Marriage on Trial*, Stanton & Maier, p. 76)

We pay a great cost in terms of human suffering and calamity, as well as economic loss, by refusing to honor and promote God's plan for family.

And last, but certainly not least, on the third Sunday in June, we celebrate **Father's Day**—a day when we nationally honor fathers. As the leaders of families, strong fathers are vital to keeping America healthy. The strong family units that loving fathers produce form the warp and woof of what has historically made us a great people. As never before, we need to honor fathers and encourage them to be the men God wants them to be. It is altogether fitting and proper that we have a special day to recognize our fathers, and to find ways to let them know we love them and appreciate their involvement in our lives.

Across America today, we have families where the father is absent. Fatherlessness is epidemic. In Wisconsin nearly 40% of children born this year, will be born to single mothers. In Milwaukee, that number skyrockets to 80%. Much of the crime that makes the news in our state's and nation's largest cities is largely due to children not having a father involved in their lives.



Sometime this month, we will learn whether the US Supreme Court thinks it is important for children to have fathers. If the Court determines that we must legalize marriage between persons of the same sex, the court is basically saying fathers really don't matter. Two women can do for a child all he or she needs. How profoundly wrong and dangerous such a decision would be. Fathers play a role in the lives of their children—and thus in all of society—that is both unique and necessary.

Wisconsin Family Council encourages individuals and families to take time this month to give “honor to whom honor is due” and to thank God that we still have a nation that allows us the privilege of official recognition of those events, symbols and people worthy of honor. May we purpose to do individually what we can to be sure the next generation is appropriately instructed about these great observances by both our word and our example.

## 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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