



WISCONSIN FAMILY COUNCIL  
Marriage|Family|Life|Liberty

## Church Connection November 2015

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

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*As we have therefore  
opportunity, let us do  
good unto all men...  
See that none render  
evil for evil unto any  
man; but ever follow  
that which is good, both  
among yourselves, and  
to all men.*

Galatians 6:10a &  
I Thessalonians 5:15

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### Mark Your Calendar

WFC Presents:  
“2016: It’s All About You”  
(Your impact in 2016)  
Thurs., Nov. 5, 6-8 p.m.,  
Waupun Pizza Ranch  
To register, call  
888-378-7395.

### Save the Date!

WFC Christmas  
Open House. Come  
visit our new office on  
Tuesday, December 1!

### Giving Thanks for Sacrificial Commitment

Too often marriage and battlefields are compared as similar things in order to get a cheap laugh. However, they do have at least one thing in common—they both require total commitment.

In 2013 the *Milwaukee Journal Sentinel* ran the rich and touching account of Lucy Cohn, a psychiatric Army nurse in a Kentucky hospital during World War II. While there, she met Lt. Col. Norman Cohn, who served in the Army in Europe. Norm persisted in trying to date Lucy, in spite of her protests that she was too busy. She eventually agreed to a 10-minute walk which turned into 6 hours and made Lucy aware she had met someone special.

Lucy and Norm married, settled in Milwaukee and spent 53 years together. They recycled birthday and anniversary cards they had exchanged through the years, adding notes in recognition of each passing year. In late 1999, Norm was diagnosed with terminal cancer. He died in March of 2000 and was buried at Arlington Cemetery.

**Col. Cohn Engaged to Wed Army Nurse**



In 2011, Lucy was invited to go on one of the Stars and Stripes Honor Flights. While at Arlington National Cemetery, Lucy asked if she could visit her husband’s grave. Her wish was granted, and Lucy, now in a wheelchair, found Area 54, plot 4952. From Lucy’s perspective, the Honor Flight had been yet another opportunity for her to be with her late husband.

In 2013 Lucy died at age 90. Amazingly, some 13 years earlier, her husband, knowing he was dying, had written her obituary, because he wanted to be sure people knew about his Lucy. Upon her death, her husband’s words were printed for all to know what he knew about the love of his life. Lucy was interred next to her husband in Arlington National Cemetery.

This story is incredibly appropriate for the month we

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## Giving Thanks

November is the month of Thanksgiving. What are you especially thankful for this month? No doubt, the list might be long. As you reflect on things you are grateful for, we wanted to share with you some of the things for which we at WFC are thankful.

- **The privilege of serving churches in our state as their eyes and ears in Madison and as a resource.**
- **The prayer and financial support we receive from God's people and churches.**
- **The knowledge that God has not changed His mind about the importance and nature of marriage and family.**
- **Opportunities to work in the legislature for the protection of life.**
- **A relatively smooth transition to different office space in July.**
- **Our risen, coming, sovereign Savior Who is King of kings, and Lord of lords.**

celebrate both Veterans Day and Thanksgiving. It tells a story that really could be repeated thousands of times about the generation that fought in World War II. By and large that was a generation that took seriously the duty and obligation of serving their country while longing to come back home. Many never made it back. For those who did, it was often a rough adjustment (just as it is for our current generation of hero soldiers). Still, many, like Norm and Lucy, married and lived full and happy lives—enjoying freedom, prosperity and the way of life they had fought to protect and preserve.

Especially significant in their story is the testimony of the love and commitment Norm and Lucy had for each other, their marriage and their two sons. From what we can tell, their marriage epitomizes what God intended marriage to be—for Christians and non-Christians—a monogamous, life-long relationship.

Norm and Lucy took “in sickness and in health” and “until death do us part” seriously. No doubt their marriage was not perfect. Still, their relationship evidenced a level of sacrificial commitment and devotion, of duty and obligation, that enabled them as husband and wife to endure the tough times, savor the good times and grow together in their love.

Like so many of their generation who had lived through and even fought in World War II, they worked through problems rather than declaring their personal unhappiness and walking away. Perhaps they figured if they could survive the battlefields of war, and God had allowed them to come home, they could survive the ups and downs and challenges of marriage.

This month it is altogether fitting that we honor with our words and our actions all of our veterans and thank them for their service and sacrifice. It is also fitting that we honor marriages like Norm and Lucy's, marriages that go the distance. So take time on Veterans Day to thank a veteran. But also take time this month to thank a couple in your life whose marriage is an example and an encouragement to you—one of those lifelong love stories that tell you, by God's grace, it really can happen.

## 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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