



## Church Connection January 2019

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

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*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; And that they may recover themselves out of the snare of the devil, who are taken captive by him at his will.*

II Timothy 2:24-26

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#### Join us for...

*"Making Wisconsin Great One Family at a Time"*

This is an outstanding and practical challenge by Julaine Appling, WFC president

**Thurs., Jan. 17,** 6-8 p.m.,  
Oshkosh Pizza Ranch  
**Thurs., Feb. 7,** 6-8 p.m.,  
Plover Pizza Ranch  
**Thurs., Feb. 21,** 6-8 p.m.,  
Green Bay East Pizza Ranch

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### It Doesn't Make Sense!

This January marks the 46th year of the legalized killing of unborn children in America. In 1973 seven US Supreme Court justices essentially concocted a constitutional right for this heinous brutality out of nothing and then arrogantly wrote of "penumbras" and "emanations," as if such words could justify the wickedness they "legalized." The truth is this decision had nothing to do with the Constitution, and it has had a profoundly negative impact on our country. That is always the way sin works.

Since 1973 over 60 million babies have died at the hands of abortionists in the US. That number is 20 million more than the number of people living in California. It is 12 million more than our next two most populous states combined (Texas and Florida). It is over two million more than the next four states combined— New York, Illinois, Pennsylvania and Ohio. Over 60 million of our fellow citizens—gone.

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These numbers are staggering and heart-breaking. Tens of millions of lives ended before they drew their first breath. The horrific nature of this reality should break our hearts.

Since *Roe v. Wade*, Wisconsin has had more than 566,000 abortions. That number is only slightly more than the combined population of Madison, Green Bay, Kenosha, Racine and Appleton. With a total population of just under 5.7 million, it's as if we did away with nearly 10% of the current citizens! Yet we perpetuate this moral wrong as if there were no consequences. In no way does abortion make sense.

With this overwhelming loss of life there are real-world implications. One figure we have seen says conservatively we have lost at least \$37 trillion because these lives were never

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## Consider this...

It is right for us to pray and work for the protection of all human life, from conception to natural death. However, the greatest need of every human heart is for a relationship with God.

We need to regularly remind ourselves and our culture that God's good plan for human sexuality is that it be experienced in the context of the union of a man and a woman. Procreation is one of God's intended purposes for marriage.

There are many unwanted consequences for violating God's good plan. One of them is unwanted pregnancies. Instead of repenting and returning to God's plan, we have chosen, as a society, to deal with unwanted pregnancies through abortion.

God in His infinite goodness and grace has an answer for ALL of our sin, be it abortion or any sin leading up to abortion. That answer is the Gospel, which offers forgiveness of sin, personal peace, and a relationship with the God of the universe. Sin separates us from God and from all that is good. The Gospel restores us to wholeness in Christ.

permitted to grow up and become consumers and contributors to our national and state economies. They never became parents, bringing yet more babies into the world—a reality every society desperately needs in order to survive.

Demographers talk about “demographic winters,” when populations are dangerously close to extinction because of too few babies to replenish their population. Wisconsin is already experiencing demographic winter in over 20 of our counties, with more people dying each year than being born. Abortion is a contributing factor.

Currently in Wisconsin we evidently have more jobs than we have people to fill them. We are spending money to woo people from other states to come to Wisconsin and work. How ironic. We have jobs now, but we don't have workers. Abortion is a factor again since the oldest of those aborted would now be in their 40s—prime years for working. Fewer people means fewer possible employees.

Recently an official with the Wisconsin Association of School Boards reported that over 60% of the state's public school districts have declining enrollments. You can't fill desks in schools when you don't have people. Here again abortion has taken its grisly toll. Imagine the creative genius we have lost to this so-called “right.”

On the positive side of all this, abortion numbers nationally and in most states, are trending down. The number of abortion facilities has dropped dramatically and the younger generations appear to be more pro-life than the older generations. All of this is good--very good! However, until this legalized scourge is over in our land, we need to keep working and praying every day to make sure people understand the realities of abortion. The most important reality is these were real people--real human beings, with real potential—lots of potential.

Disobeying and defying God is always wrong. Our all-good God created us and wants what is best for us. May God grant a revival to our country, that we may have eyes to see and hearts willing to repent, and may He deliver us from this great moral wrong that just doesn't make sense.

## 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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