



WISCONSIN FAMILY COUNCIL  
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## Church Connection

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

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*Render therefore to all their dues...honor to whom honor. Owe no man any thing, but to love one another: for he that loveth another hath fulfilled the law.*

Romans 13:7-8

*Her children arise up, and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praiseth her.*

Proverbs 31:28

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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., May 9,** 6-8 p.m.,  
Beloit, Domenicos

**Thurs., May 16,** 6-8 p.m.,  
Plover Pizza Ranch

**Thurs., May 23,** 6-8 p.m.,  
Appleton Pizza Ranch

**Thurs., June 6,** 6-8 p.m.,  
Rhineland, Tula's Cafe

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#### A Helpful Book

*Glory in the Ordinary: Why Your Work in the Home Matters to God,* Courtney Reissig, Crossway, 2017.

### The Legacy of a Mother

Mothers' Day began in the US as a means to help heal the scars of the bloody Civil War, to bring peace to a torn people. That was appropriate because who brings healing and peace better than a mother? Eventually Mothers' Day in the US grew to become a means of honoring mothers for their lives and for the impact they have on their children and the legacy they leave with the world. Sadly, history also relates that one of the women who had spent much of her life advocating for official recognition of Mothers' Day was ultimately furious at how commercialized the day became in a relatively short period of time. We're told this lady actually lamented that she ever achieved her goal of a national observance of Mothers' Day!

Be that as it may, the commercial hype should in no way deter us from giving special recognition and honor to moms. They are worthy of

at least one day a

year set aside for their husbands, their children and their children's children and any others whom they have mothered to bless them with expressions of love, affection and appreciation.

One of the ironies of Mothers' Day is that too often the full impact of the day eludes us until we face a Mothers' Day without our mother. During the humdrum routine of our growing up and then moving into our own lives, the years roll by and Mothers' Days come and go with acknowledgment, but all too often not with the understanding and the expressions of our heart that our mothers deserve.

Those who have lost their moms often wish for just one more Mothers' Day to honor a devoted and sacrificial mom who did her part to ensure the success of the next



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## Please Pray...

- For our elected officials to govern justly and to know the Lord (I Tim. 2:1-4).
- For your state senator and state representative regularly by name.
- For all the moms in your church, married and single, that God will grant them daily grace and wisdom for loving and raising their children.
- For grace and wisdom for your pastor and his wife and their family.
- For revival in our churches, in the hearts of God's people.
- For our military personnel serving us all over the world, and their families.

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## Consider this...

“And can the liberties of a nation be thought secure when we have removed their only firm basis, a conviction in the minds of the people that these liberties are the gift of God? That they are not to be violated but with his wrath? Indeed I tremble for my country when I reflect that God is just: that his justice cannot sleep for ever.”

~Thomas Jefferson

generation. If for some reason you are unable to honor your own mother, then maybe you can honor a special mom who is doing a wonderful job of being a mom and impacting her family for good and for God.

My own mother-daughter memories remind me that the relationship between a mother and daughter is different from that between a mother and her son. I never felt disparity, but I always knew there was a difference—a right and appropriate one, just as my relationship with my father was different from my brother's relationship with him. For sons, mothers are soft and softening, protecting yet needing protection. Moms are their cheerleaders and encouragers. The mother-son relationship is unique and powerful.

This reality was impressed on me as my brother and I stood together over our Mothers' casket, voices choked and tears brimming. My tall, strong, normally very composed brother suddenly turned, threw his arms around me, put his head on my shoulder and sobbed. I cried for him and with him. His loss was profound. My brother, for just one tender moment, was once again a little boy who was saying good-bye to the woman who had played such a large role in making him the man he is today. His heart was broken.

For both daughters and sons, mothers are irreplaceable. Their impact on our lives is inestimable and long outlives them. For those of you whose mothers are living, take the opportunity this Mothers' Day to build lasting memories. Spend time with your mother. Make that call. Take that drive. Laugh with her. Hug and kiss her. Honor her. Do not let the commercialism rob us of making this day special for mothers. But more importantly, endeavor to make every day special for the mother you have been blessed with. In doing so, you give honor to whom honor is due; and you create lessons and memories that will last even more than a lifetime as the next generation watches and learns. That's the legacy of a mother.

~Julaine Appling, President, Wisconsin Family Council

## 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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