





Church Connection

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Strengthening, Preserving & Promoting Marriage, Family, Life & Religious Freedom

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. Genesis 1:1

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God and the Word was God. John 1:1

You're Invited!

2022 Community Events!

"Your Backvard: Own It!"

Thurs., March 10 6:00-8:00 p.m. Pizza Ranch in Waupun

Thurs., March 24 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Thurs., March 31 5:30-7:00 p.m.

Thurs., April 7 6:00-8:00 p.m. Pizza Ranch in Baraboo

Please register at wifamilycouncil.org, or by calling 888-378-7395.

Lifesaving or Life-taking: Worldview Matters

The headline last year was horrific: "University may be subject of investigation after it's caught using body parts of babies born alive."

The university is the University of Pittsburgh. Undercover investigmations revealed that Planned Parenthood and the University of Pittsburgh had been delivering babies alive during

abortions and then killing them by cutting out their kidneys to use for research. Large sums of taxpayer money go to the University for this type of research.1

This is really too ghastly and heartbreaking to dwell on, but it is worth exploring how we got here and how we begin moving away from such atrocities.



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Fundamentally, these grizzly stories happen because of the worldview of those involved. Essentially, a worldview is a belief system through which we view the world and develop perspectives on everything that is, and everything that matters to us. We all have a worldview whether or not we can articulate it. Our choices every day reveal our worldview.

Our worldview represents our most fundamental beliefs and assumptions and dictates how we answer the biggest questions in life, among which are who are we, where did we come from, Pizza Ranch in Marshfield and where are we going.

Some would say there are many worldviews, but they can all really be synthesized into two: a Christian worldview and a Pizza Ranch in Manitowoc non-Christian worldview. All variations would fit into those two categories.

> A Christian worldview develops from the truths of God's Word. The unchanging, inerrant, eternal Word of God gives us direction in some way, both through direct statement and

 ^{1}A great reminder that taxation renders taxpayers complicit to some degree in how their tax dollars are used.

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LEAD Wisconsin

LEAD Wisconsin's mission is equipping teens to become effective godly leaders who engage the culture from a biblical perspective.

This week of camp is unlike any other. Yes, there is plenty of time for fun and games, not to mention developing new friendships. But most importantly, teens are challenged to grow in their faith and to mature in a Christian worldview. They learn from some of the best nationally known speakers. They also learn how their government works, but this isn't government camp. This is camp that uses government as a spring-board to develop leadership skills while learning how the gospel speaks to every issue of life.

To learn more about LEAD Wisconsin and to register for this year's LEAD, go to leadwi.org. You can also go to this website to provide financial support for teens who are not able to afford the whole cost of camp. Let the teens in your life know about this amazing opportunity to grow in their faith and to learn more about how God wants to use them to make a difference where they live. Call us at 888-378-7395 for brochures or to get answers to questions you may have.

principle, on how to understand what we see going on in our world, and how to think and act in ways that honor God.

Scripture gives us Truth. Ungodly worldviews derive their truth primarily from individuals who have become their own source of truth.

Imagine the worldview of those involved in this University of Pittsburgh scandal. Those Planned Parenthood abortionists and the University researchers have worldviews that can excuse and rationalize what they are doing because they don't believe God is the author of life. Their worldview allows them to ignore the clear science that life begins at the moment of conception and to pretend that a baby really isn't "human" until some point after it is fully born.

Beyond this, their worldview allows them to rationalize this way: "We aren't forcing this woman to have an abortion. She's making that choice. So why not try to make something good out of the situation? Why waste the perfectly good organs of this fetus? [Their word]. If we harvest the kidneys and use them for research, maybe some cure will be developed that will help millions of people one day. We are actually doing the world a favor; we aren't being unethical or doing anything illegal."

That line of reasoning is exactly how the parties see what they are doing. We have had hearings in our state Capitol where this pragmatic argument has been made.

What's the point of all this? It should be a clarion call to all of us to make sure we are checking our worldview all the time because our worldview is subject to the pressures of this world. (Hence the admonition of Romans 12:1.) We must be in God's Word regularly, asking Him to reveal His Truth to us so that we can rightly view the issues of the day. We need to be in Bible-preaching and Bible-teaching churches. Our prayer lives need to be robust, as we seek the Holy Spirit's teaching and His guiding us into all Truth (cf. Jn. 16:13).

We must also do what we can to help the younger generations understand the importance of having a Christian, biblical worldview so they are not led astray by all the worldly, ungodly voices they are hearing from so many sources. Worldview matters. It matters greatly. It can even be lifesaving or life-taking.

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 freedom in our state.

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