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## US Supreme Court Overturns Roe!

Dear Pastor,

I have exciting news! **Today the U.S. Supreme Court ruled in favor of Dobbs and the State of Mississippi** in *Dobbs v Jackson Women's Health*. This landmark case overturns *Roe v. Wade* by returning abortion law to the states.

Thankfully, in Wisconsin, we have a pre-*Roe* abortion ban. Our state has a [statute from 1849](#) that **bans abortion in all cases except if the mother's life is at risk** and requires two doctors to sign off in agreement. Now, after nearly 50 years of being dormant, this law can once again be used to protect the preborn. Under the statute, an abortionist could face a Class H felony punishable by up to six years in prison. The punishment for aborting a preborn baby who can move in the womb ("quickening" normally is between weeks 16 and 25 of a pregnancy) is a Class E felony punishable by up to 10 years in prison. The statute defines the unborn as "a human being from the time of conception until it is born alive."



**Planned Parenthood of Wisconsin has already [stopped scheduling abortions](#).** In a purely political move, prior to the *Dobbs* decision, our state's largest abortion provider announced that as of June 25, it will no longer be providing abortions at its three locations that offer chemical and/or surgical abortions. They moved that date up to today--immediately after the decision was handed down.

Unfortunately, there's some bad news. Wisconsin's Attorney General Josh Kaul (D) has publicly [stated that he will not enforce this law](#). Enforcement of the law will come down to local law enforcement and county district attorneys. Currently, Wisconsin has four abortion facilities in the state. Two are in Milwaukee County, one is in Dane County, and Sheboygan County has one that only offers chemical abortions. At this time, we are unsure if these laws will be enforced by local law enforcement agencies.

We are geographically next to states that will still have abortion. Abortion is still broadly legal in Illinois and Minnesota. Abortion was a considered a "constitutional right" in Iowa up until just a few days ago [when the Iowa Supreme Court overturned a 2018 decision, giving authority back to the state legislature](#). Wisconsin women cannot get abortions in our state, but they can go next door.

Your church can now promote life in your community better than ever before. We have an opportunity to love and support women in crisis pregnancy situations right in our own backyards and help them realize that abortion is not the right response to a crisis pregnancy.

Here are some action points we hope you will consider for your church.

- Praise God for this court decision that overturns *Roe v. Wade*!
- Develop a plan for your church to support women in your community and church who experience an unwanted pregnancy.
- Partner with your local Pregnancy Care Center. You can find out which centers are near you [HERE](#).

If you have any follow-up questions, please let me know. We would be honored to serve you and your church.

Thank you for your ministry. It's a blessing to enter this new stage of ministry with you as most abortions are now illegal in Wisconsin for the first time since before Wisconsin Family Council was founded.

For His Glory,

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