

CHURCH CONNECTION

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A Gift We Must Protect

Friday, June 24, 2022, will long be remembered as the historic day when the US Supreme Court ended a 50-year reign of terror on unborn children.

Nationally and in our state, we are turning a page on the abortion issue. All you have to do is read the last few lines on the first page of the two-hundred-plus page opinion to know the essence of what the court decided: “Held: The Constitution does not confer a right to abortion; *Roe* and *Casey* are overruled; and the authority to regulate abortion is returned to the people and their elected representatives.”¹

Those are twenty-eight powerful, long-awaited words—and we praise God for His goodness and grace to us in giving us this decision. But let’s be clear. God didn’t owe us this right opinion. It’s not as if nationally we’ve experienced a revival and are at a point where we can say that righteousness is exalting us. We should acknowledge the goodness of God in this moment—and we also need to be good stewards of what we have been given.

To clarify, overruling *Roe* and the 1992 *Casey* decision that affirmed a woman’s so-called “right to an abortion,” means that each state now must deal with the issue as was the case before the Supreme Court concocted a “right” to abortion in 1973.

Wisconsin is one of a dozen states that has a pre-*Roe* law on the books. This law criminalizes most abortions in our state, with one exception—the “life of the mother,” which isn’t clearly defined in the law. For many years, pro-life citizens and organizations have worked hard to keep this law on the books for such a time as this.

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MARRIAGE, FAMILY, LIFE &
RELIGIOUS FREEDOM

You’re Invited!
2022 Community Events.
“Your Backyard: Own It!”

Thursday, August 11
Prairie Du Chein

Thursday, August 25
Portage

Thursday, September 1
Waukesha

Thursday, September 8
Oconomowoc

Venues and times to be determined. To register for an event, please visit wifamilycouncil.org, or call us at 888-378-7395.

PRAISE!

Thank you for praying for LEAD Wisconsin. We had over 100 campers. Several made decisions for Jesus. We have received a number of positive comments from campers and some wonderful feedback from parents. We are praising and thanking the Lord for His work in the lives of our campers. LEAD Wisconsin 2023 is scheduled for July 23-28.

I will praise thee; for I am fearfully and wonderfully made: marvellous are thy works; and that my soul knoweth right well. My substance was not hid from thee, when I was made in secret, and curiously wrought in the lowest parts of the earth. Psalm 139:14-15

Nothing prevents this law from right now being enforceable. Apparently, Planned Parenthood of Wisconsin also believes that because within hours of the decision being released, the state's largest abortion provider quit doing abortions at its three abortion-providing facilities.

But nothing about this issue is simple, largely because of entrenched worldviews and political aspirations. Months ago, Wisconsin Attorney General Josh Kaul announced he would not enforce the law if *Roe* were overturned. AG Kaul and Governor Evers have filed a lawsuit challenging Wisconsin's existing law. Additionally, a number of county district attorneys have said they won't bring charges against someone who violates the law. Governor Evers has announced that he will give clemency to any doctor charged with breaking Wisconsin's existing law, which means, in essence, he's pardoning criminals in advance of their being sentenced. Enforcement of Wisconsin's abortion ban isn't a slam-dunk.

Pro-abortionists will use the overturning of *Roe* to energize their base for this fall's election. Their goal is to keep pro-abortionists in office and to change the makeup of the state legislature to be pro-abortion. If

that happens, the law we're talking about will be gone by late January. For years, pro-abortionists in the legislature have sought to get rid of every abortion regulation we have. The surest way to have abortion on demand in our state is for pro-abortion legislators to win in November. The money was already coming in to accomplish that prior to the court decision. As wonderful as that decision is, it also added fuel to pro-abortionists' zeal.

We CAN remain a state where human life is protected. It will take commitment and work, and we will each have to decide if keeping abortion illegal in our state is worth the effort. We've been given a gift; now we must protect it.



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Thinking Clearly After Roe

After the Supreme Court heard arguments in the *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health*, the case that led to the historic overturning of the egregiously bad *Roe v. Wade* decision, John Stemberger, president of the Florida Family Policy Council, was moved to develop a five-part strategy for moving forward if *Roe* was overturned. Of course, *Roe* was indeed overturned; and this five-part strategy was therefore prescient. The overturning of is the beginning of a new chapter in the pro-life movement. We will need to renew and increase our efforts to care for women and their unborn children. We will need to continue to work for pro-life laws and good public policy. We will need to continue to elect pro-life candidates to our legislatures. We will need to continue to educate the public regarding the science and beauty of early human development and the horrors of what abortion actually is. And finally, we will need to continue to support and encourage the work of those who are directly engaged in pro-life work. These concepts are expanded and explained in the booklet, "Thinking Clearly After *Roe*." Copies of this booklet are available for free from Wisconsin Family Council. Email or call us at 888-378-7395 to request copies.

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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