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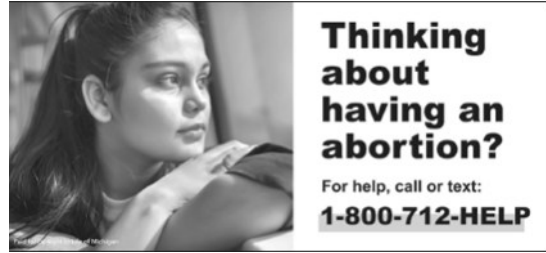
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In order for Choice to truly exist
there must be a choice for life

Our Events for 2025

Three Rivers Water Festival, June 13 & 14

Annual Silent Auction and Benefit Dinner
on October 21st. Speaker Ken Stults.
Location: St. Paul's Lutheran Church in
Centreville.

March for Life in Lansing, November 6th
Details on bus tickets coming soon!

Danny's Desk: Reaching Women with Life-Affirming Care

In the world of pregnancy care, there are two main sides of the coin: the life-affirming and attentive services of a Pregnancy Resource Center (PRC) or the radical, abortion-obsessed Planned Parenthood. A woman who is going through an unexpected pregnancy, or a pregnancy she feels she does not have the support or means to keep, is likely to seek out help from an organization who claims to help with pregnancy care. PRCs do exactly that; they support women both emotionally and with baby items, prenatal classes, and a variety of services to help women make the choice for life. Planned Parenthood, however, greets women with one option: abortion.

Planned Parenthood falsely claims that they are the “leading provider of high-quality, affordable health care.” The services they champion, however, are anything but health care.

Abortion is not health care.

An abortion is not empowering or easy like the organization says that it is. A 2023 study found that, out of 226 surveyed post-abortive women, 60% would have chosen life if they felt that they had the support to do so. Instead of helping women with their pregnancy and showing them the support they need, Planned Parenthood promotes killing the unborn child as the best way to handle it. This is an egregious disconnect from the help that women should actually be offered.

The over 100 PRCs in Michigan (which you can find on our website here) are providing true assistance to the women who seek their help. We are proud to promote their services to women and do all we can to elect prolife legislators and pass laws that will defend and support these centers. Working in tandem with these organizations provides a strong, unified prolife message to women that they have places to turn to for assistance should they want to make the hopeful and courageous choice for life.

For Such a Time as This

By Pastor Michael Salemink
Lutherans for Life

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“And who knows whether you have not come to the kingdom for such a time as this? (Esther 4:14b)”

Frodo: “I wish it need not have happened in my time.”

Gandalf: “So do I, and so do all who live to see such times. But that is not for them to decide. All we have to decide is what to do with the time that is given us.”

Are we living in the bad times or the good times? Have we come to the best of times or to the worst of times?

Perhaps both. Human selfishness has wrought considerable wickedness in our world. Sins such as our own have brought great evil upon us. Death threatens to run rampant over our land, and our people have made treaties with its demons in order to have a hand in their own demise. Its grip has grown already too great for any of us – or even all of us together – to arrest. By abortion and assisted suicide, the Ancient Enemy nibbles and gnaws at either end of our race’s lifespans. It convinces us to constrict both our own worth and our neighbor’s to comparisons of popularity, to competitions of property, and to contests of potency. And we have nothing more than words with which to mount any kind of resistance to this intangible adversary.

But the words we have are not our own. They exert an authority that does not come from us. These words of Almighty God’s truth impart an answer that commands the hearts of humankind. These words of Incarnate Christ’s love apply an antidote that transforms the very times themselves. Even in the hearts of mortals they constitute life-saving words that implement repentance and reliance. Even on the lips of sinners they amount to life-giving words that enact reconciliation and resurrection. Gospel words of forgiveness, faith, and fellowship forge the former times into the fullness of time from this time forth and forevermore.

So let us rejoice, and let us exclaim. For the words of eternal life pertain to us, and they prevail in our time.

When the worst of times witness the Heavenly Father’s victory, they become the best of times. Blessed are we to behold it, and to have a hand – that is, a voice to be heard – in such a time as this!



Pictured on left: Dawn Bowen, Pregnancy Helpline Center of Three Rivers. Pictured on the right: Janice Murray, Pregnancy Helpline of St. Joseph County, Sturgis.

Thank you to all you came to our Third Annual Baby Shower.

The Baby Shower to benefit Pregnancy Helpline Center of Three Rivers and Pregnancy Helpline of St Joseph County, Sturgis. I would like to especially thank the Lutheran Women in Mission of St. Paul Lutheran Church for the wonderful food and the Women of St. Clare Catholic Church for the very entertaining games.

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