

Happy Father's Day!

*Listen, my son, to your father's discipline,
and do not forsake your mother's teaching,
because **they are a garland of grace** for your head.*

Proverbs 1:8-9a EHV

Unconditional

Have you ever helped someone who was struggling financially? Was your help unconditional? Or did you first consider whether they were worthy of your help?

At Pregnancy and Life Resources, we try to help the families who come to us. We can't give unlimited help, but we can give unconditional help. We can't give money, but we can give donated clothes, diapers, and toys. Often we don't know what circumstances caused these families to come to us, but we praise God that they did.

With each client that comes through our doors, the Lord gives us an opportunity to glorify Him, not only by sharing materially, but also by sharing what we know about our Savior and His unconditional love.

Pregnancy and Life Resources relies on your generous donations to keep our doors open and to help the needy families who come to us. THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

Help

We are in dire need of additional receptionists. It's fun and easy! If you can spare even 2 or 3 hours a month, please call our office at 847-949-4443, leave a message, and we'll call you back.

Pregnancy & Life Resources

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Donations may be made to **WELS Lutherans for Life**
Mail to 359 Cambridge Drive, Grayslake, IL 60030

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A Shepherd's Message

Remind and Be Reminded

2 Peter 1:12

So I will always remind you of these things, even though you know them and are firmly established in the truth you now have.

How many times do you think you've heard some iteration of the phrase, "Jesus died to forgive your sin." 100 times? 1,000 times? I tried to figure it out.

I'm 32. Assuming I heard that phrase once a week during church my whole life, that's 1,664 times. I went to a college and seminary where we had chapel at least once a day. That's about 756 times. We can't forget about home devotions as a kid. Add another 2,808 to the list. If you want to know how I got those numbers, I can assure you it was far from scientific. Regardless, I think I'm being conservative. Here is the grand total: 5,228!

You'd think after hearing the gospel over 5,000 times, I'd never forget it, right? Wrong! I forget it all the time. I still sin. I still hold on to the guilt of my sin. It turns out 5,000 times isn't enough. I need to be reminded of these things, even though I know them and am firmly established in the truth I now have. Does that last sentence sound familiar? It should. It is a paraphrase of 2 Peter 1:12.

Peter knew his listeners heard about Jesus and the forgiveness of sins. But he wasn't going to stop reminding them. They needed to hear it every day! You need to hear it every day too. So do the people around you.

What about these people? An 18-year-old Christian is in tears when he's confronted with what God says about sexual purity. A 40-year-old Christian feels the guilt of the abortion she had in her youth. An 85-year-old Christian is in deep sorrow over the way he treated the three women he was married to. What do these repentant Christians need to be reminded of? Jesus died to forgive these sins.

Hear the gospel often so that you are reminded that Jesus died to forgive your sin. When God gives you the opportunity to minister to a Christian grieving over their sin, remind them too. Remind, and be reminded.

Pastor Paul Spaude
St Matthew's Lutheran Church, Niles, IL

In the Crosshairs

Both chambers of the Illinois legislature recently passed and sent to the governor a legislative package that further expands Illinois abortion laws. Senate Bill 1909, which is included in this package, would allow the Attorney General's office to investigate "limited services pregnancy centers" (pro-life centers, such as our Pregnancy and Life Resources Center of Mundelein) under the Illinois Consumer Fraud and Deceptive Business Practices Act, even without any complaints filed, to determine if a center "has engaged in, is engaging in, or is about to engage in any practice declared to be unlawful by the Act." Remedies for violation include permanent injunction and a penalty up to \$50,000. The bill also allows individuals to sue for "unfair or deceptive acts or practices,"

Please pray that our ministry is not hindered by Senate Bill 1909 and that we're able to continue serving the needs of the families who seek our help.

There's an old saying, "All good things come in 3's." Of course, it's not true, but isn't it exciting when babies come in 3's?



We have a new client who is expecting triplets. She was so grateful to come in and help herself to whatever she needed for all three babies. Thank you for your generous donations, which made it possible! Please continue to pray for our client families, especially the pregnant mothers.

FYI: Our supply of diapers, sizes 4-6, and wipes is almost depleted. If you're able to donate some, please do. These items are greatly appreciated by the parents who come to us.

RELENTLESS

Planned Parenthood recently released their 2021-2022 Annual Report, which includes the following statement: "We have to smash the culture of shame and stigma that surround sexual and reproductive health, recruit new partners to the movement, and remind the world that we are fighting for freedom. We have to be relentless." The word "relentless" appears 170 times in the report.

According to the report, during that 12-month period, Planned Parenthood performed 374,155 abortion procedures, the lion's share in the abortion industry.

Woe to those who call evil good and good evil ... Isaiah 5:20a

One might wonder what drives the commitment, zeal, and relentlessness of Planned Parenthood.

The organization is tax exempt under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Their annual report showed net assets of \$2,344,400,000, total revenue of \$1,906,700,000 (including \$670,400,000 received from government health services reimbursements and grants, as well as \$694,900,000 in private contributions and bequests) and total expenses of \$1,702,000,000.

The volunteers and supporters of Pregnancy and Life Resources are also committed, zealous and relentless, but our object is to help and protect human life, rather than destroy it. We are driven by love for our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, who first loved us and all people. With total commitment, He relentlessly carried out God's plan of salvation, gave His life to gain eternal life for all, and overcame sin, death and Satan.

For Christ's love compels us... 2 Corinthians 5:14-15 NIV

... stand firm. Let nothing move you.

Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain.

I Corinthians 15:58 NIV

It's Garage Sale Season Again!

If you find some "too-good-to-miss" deals on baby, maternity or kids clothes, we'd love your donations. Or maybe you'd like to hold a garage sale to raise money to benefit our ministry!