

**Have a Fundraiser!** There are many fun and easy ways to support Pregnancy and Life Resources. Organize a bake sale, garage sale, or lemonade stand. Ask if you could distribute empty baby bottles at church to be returned with loose change. Be creative! Your generosity makes it possible to pay our rent and utility bills.

**Declutter** your closet and your kids' rooms. Do you have maternity clothes that you don't expect to use again? Do your kids (babies through elementary) have clothes they've outgrown? Consider donating your gently used clothing to benefit families that we serve.

***Bear one another's burdens,  
and in this way  
fulfill the law of Christ.  
Galatians 6:2 EHV***

### **Thinking of Adopting?**

**Don't know where to turn?** These fully licensed, pro-life, Christian organizations can help:

Lutheran Family Service (LCMS)  
<https://lutheranfamilyservice.org/>

Lifetime Adoption  
<https://lifetimeadoption.com/>



### **Pregnancy & Life Resources**

300 N. Seymour, Mundelein, IL 60060  
847-949-4443

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

**Find us on Facebook at *Pregnancy & Life Resources***



# **Conceptions**

A Newsletter of  
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## **A Shepherd's Message**

### ***Priceless!***

Do you know what one of the most valuable baseball cards of all time is? A 1952 Mickey Mantle. The estimated value is over 12 million dollars. For baseball card collectors, it is a priceless treasure.

What makes it so valuable? It's not the material that it is made of. It's just common, old 1950's cardboard. It has no inherent value of its own. Its real worth comes from what collectors are willing to pay for it.

Do you know who one of the most valuable humans of all time is? You are! Why? Not because of your own inherent value or goodness. But rather because of what someone was willing to pay for you.

Listen to this promise in 1 Peter 1:18-19: **“For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed from the empty way of life handed down to you from your ancestors, but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect.”**

To “redeem” means to “buy back.” You were bought back.

From what? Sin, death, and hell. By whom? God himself. With what? The precious blood of Christ. How much is that worth? Priceless! The “blood of Jesus” is worth more than any card or collectible. So what is your value in God’s sight? Priceless!

And what God did for you, He did for the whole world. He sent Jesus to shed blood for the sins of all. Does that include the unborn? Yes. The elderly? Yes. Single mothers? Yes. The hurting and heartbroken? Yes. He died for all!

This means that every life is a priceless treasure to God. See yourself as a priceless treasure. Then pray that God would empower mothers to see themselves as priceless treasures. Pray that those mothers would in turn see their children as priceless treasures. And pray that our efforts to protect and preserve these treasures through Christian Life Resources would result in many more souls gathered into the Creator’s collection of priceless treasures. How valuable!

Pastor Jon Bergemann  
Good Shepherd Ev. Lutheran Church  
Downers Grove, IL

## Be a Blessing

We have all been blessed with various gifts, and each of us in Christ are equipped to be a blessing to others. We’d like to highlight how the God-given talents of two generous givers are helping us make connections to share the good news of salvation in Jesus Christ .....

***One of our WELS members works with her sister to sew absolutely gorgeous handmade baby quilts as gifts for new moms that come to our center. Whenever the ladies finish two quilts, they mail them to us, because they don’t live near Mundelein. What a blessing!***

We are so grateful for the wonderful people of our congregations who lend their support in any way. Pregnancy and Life Resources in Mundelein offers many opportunities to glorify God by showing love to our neighbors in need. Here are just a few of the ways that YOU can help.

**Pray** for the people who come to us for help and hope. Pray for our volunteer staff who reach out to them with the good news of hope found only in our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

**Volunteer** to answer the phone, sort through baby clothes, tidy up the center, or meet with clients. Whatever your age, male or female, student, employed, or retired, we need you. Even a few hours of your time will be appreciated. To volunteer, call our office (847-949-4443) and leave a message.

**Throw a Baby Shower** at church or at home for our pregnant moms. Invite a group of friends, relatives, and/or church members and have fun while you gather gifts for women who can’t afford to buy new items for their babies.

**Hold a Diaper Drive.** Diapers are consistently the most requested item at our center. Larger-size diapers are helpful for children who aren’t yet able to stay dry through the night.

The logo features the words "Save the Date" in a stylized, cursive font. "Save" is the largest word, with "the" in a smaller size below it, and "Date" is the largest word at the bottom. The entire logo is enclosed in a thin black rectangular border.

### Light in the Darkness

A Conference Hosted by  
**Christian Life Resources**

Saturday, September 21, 2024  
9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Ascension Lutheran Church (WELS)  
2207 11th Ave SE, Rochester, MN