



UNPLANNED movie in theaters March 29

LAKESHORE LIFE NEWS

We Mourn the Life that was Ended



Left to Right: Students carry a candle to the altar representing 10 lives lost to abortion; Public Safety Officer Jeff Hawke, Kate Glasgow and Kamdyn Burns lead the Sanctity of Life Prayer; Memorial for the Unborn walkers pause before the walk at 1st. Reformed Church.



Above: Rev. Randy Bremmer opens the service with prayer and scripture.

On January 26, members of the lakeshore prolife community came together to give honor and recognition to the 594 unborn children lost to abortion last year from Ottawa and Muskegon Counties for Tri-Cities Right to Life's 9th Annual Memorial for the Unborn.

Participants assembled at First Reformed Church, where Pastor John Kenny offered a welcome, blessing and send off for the proces-

sion that arrived at St. Pat's to the sound of bells tolling in mourning.

Rev. Randy Bremmer called us to prayer and scripture Psalm 103 and provided the final blessing. Rev. Dave Gross delivered the meditation, reflecting on Jeremiah 31:15-17. It is not just about what the child's future may hold, it is about a life that is ended.

As is their annual tradition, all students present participated in the candle ceremony. Processing solemnly and silent-

ly from the rear of the church, the students carried forward memorial candles, each candle representing 10 of the 594 innocent unborn children from Ottawa and Muskegon counties who lost their lives to abortion. Following the candle procession, Cheri TerHaar and Isaac Fritsch provided beautiful music for a time of prayer and meditation.

At the conclusion of the service, walkers returned to First Reformed Church for refreshments and fellowship.

We couldn't do this without you!!! Thank You



It is not unusual for someone facing an unplanned pregnancy to think abortion is a quick and easy "solution". Planning for a child's future is one of the biggest decisions a parent makes. Adoption requires a

strong support system from family and friends, and an incredible amount of love and courage. Whenever possible, let's surround our birth moms with love so they will be able to choose the gift of life for their baby.

Thank you, each and every one of you, our sponsors. The billboard campaign is one of our education tools to touch hearts and minds, and bring awareness to the needs in our community.

One Step at a Time

Every day, we are saving more lives. Have you noticed that also, every day the road blocks get bigger? It's overwhelming at times. You say, "I am pro-life and I want to help protect the unborn and the aged". But something is holding you back with all the yelling and shouting and bullying that has erupted. It's a tough society right now. Especially since we are unable to have a conversation with someone about ideas.

How do I go forward? I am sickened by the thought of an unborn child being silenced before it is even born. But I am hesitant. What more can I do? I don't have an answer for you. You as an individual must make your own decision on how you are going to grow to be a more effective guardian of life.

TAKE ONE STEP AT A TIME— Don't try to advance too quickly as you will be overwhelmed by all of the decisions you have to make. If every one of us just picks one thing this year to advance our effectiveness, in doing our part to save lives, together the progress will be enormous! Maybe we can take some tips from St. George; a favorite saint of soldiers, who was noted for slaying dragons and returning from the dead three times. Here are some lessons to be learned from the St. George tales, as we face the dragons of 2019-2020.

1. *Let's identify the right foes and concentrate our efforts on them at strategic times.*

2. Before doing battle with dragons, St. George prayed and then set aside his sword and picked up a

lance instead - *the right weapon to slay the dragon.* Ditto for us. *First comes our prayers,* and then we carefully plan and make our choices of the best path to victory. *Sometimes it may be legislative lobbying or legal action or media campaign. Sometime, perhaps as simple as a one on one conversation.*

3. St. George spoke out against an unjust edict of his friend. While silence may keep you alive, it won't make you a saint - or ethical and respected. *We pro lifers too can be silent, refusing to be a part of the public square. Or we can boldly face the dragons and defend our values,* not worrying about losing friends or prestige.

4. No matter how kind our speech and actions and no matter how right our opinions and actions might be... The devil and his dragons don't take lightly to being blocked and opposed. *The more successful we are, the more vengeful the attacks we may face.*

5. People will be watching as we walk our prolife walk in defending the sanctity of life. *Our witness may convert our undecided fellow citizens.* We can also trust God will use our efforts to bring some great good.

Pick just one thing that will help you grow and share your prolife beliefs.

Don't make it difficult or stressful.

Start by taking

"ONE STEP AT A TIME"!

John Bilski

(excerpts from "Facing the Dragon"
adapted for RLM by Emily Stimpson.)

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

We are currently in our 2019 Membership Drive.

You will find the membership form

on page 4. There is also, a space to indicate if you would like to provide an additional donation for future billboard campaigns.

Get Involved!!!

♥ RLM Legislative Day

Tuesday, May 14, 8:45 a.m.

Radisson Hotel, Lansing

\$45 adults - \$20 students

To register: www.rtl.org

Learn about pending prolife legislation in Michigan, listen to speakers talk about life issues, and dine with state representatives.

♥ Culver's Night of Sharing Fundraiser.

Tuesday, May 7, 5 to 8 PM

Come and support Tri Cities Right to Life. Order your meal between 5 and 8 pm. Not only will we be there to serve you, but the food is very good and we will receive a % of the profits.

♥ RLM Annual Conference

Thursday, September 26,
9:00 a.m.

Howell, Cleary University

Save the Date

Conference attendees will hear speakers, attend workshops, and be inspired to create a culture of life.

♥ Tri Cities Focus on Life Dinner

Thursday, October 24, 2019

Trillium Event Center

17246 VanWagoner Rd.

Doors open at 6 PM

Our keynote speaker will be Lisa Gigliotti. "The Courage to Honor the End of Life" Author, Administrative Law Judge, Former Policy Advisor for the MI State Senate and Governor. Lisa is a survivor of twelve major surgeries and more than 25 years living with two severe physical problems.

♥ Tri-Cities Right to Life Meetings

2nd Tuesday of the month, 7:00pm

St. Patrick's Family Center

920 Fulton Street, Grand Haven

Meetings are open to the public.

Tri Cities Right to Life members and our Pro Life Youth Group



Above: Tri Cities Pro Life Youth and Adults attend the 35th Annual March for Life in Washington DC

Step 1 Facing the Dragons

Step 1. Identify the right foes and concentrate our efforts at strategic times. Tri Cities Right to Life has a copy of the Gosnell movie and Voiceless on DVD. These are available for your use. This is a great way to open the conversation about the subject of abortion in your church or small group. We would be happy to assist you to host this event at your church, with discussion after about the Sanctity of Life issues. Contact Mary Bilski at 616-201-7813.

Gosnell, is a true life story of how Kermit B. Gosnell M.D. was found

Tri Cities pro life youth group has been very active this year. Our youth are stepping forward to find out about all the issues surrounding right to life. The group began their journey in November with a tour of Positive Options. December, Dr. Koestner spoke at our meeting about the realities of adoption for birth moms. January sent our youth to attend the 35th Annual March for Life in Washington DC. This event draws a record number, 230,000 people walk in peaceful recognition of the Roe v Wade decision of 1973 which changed the

law of the land to allow abortion through all nine months of pregnancy.

March brought both adults and youth together to view the movie Gosnell.

Our April meeting will be held at St. Mary's Church, we are going to decide on our youth logo—plus make plans to attend Legislative Day in Lansing.

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guilty on three counts of first degree murder. This movie does an excellent job of offering the viewer the realities of abortion in our world today, while not showing graphic gore or real abortions. Did you know that many of the same violations were found at the abortion clinic in Muskegon?

Voiceless, the story of a new outreach leader in an old church whose membership has been declining. He discovers there's an abortion clinic directly across the street, a major confrontation ensues, which requires him to put everything on the line.

The movie **UNPLANNED** will be

released in theaters starting March 29 and should run for 2 to 3 weeks. This is the inspiring true story of one woman's journey of transformation. All Abby Johnson wanted to do was help women. As one of the youngest Planned Parenthood clinic directors in the nation, she was involved in upwards of 22,000 abortions and counseled countless women about their reproductive choices. Until the day she saw something that changed everything, leading Abby Johnson to join her former enemies at 40 Days for Life, and become one of the most ardent pro-life speakers in America.

View from Positive Options

Given the narrative surrounding abortion, pregnancy centers that offer honest information and life-affirming alternatives are needed more than ever. Having been in the Tri-Cities community for 20 years, we understand that abortion impacts this area personally. We weep for the moms and dads that have been pressured into an abortion decision or believed there is no other way. Fortunately, if men and women visit our center first, they are more inclined to make a life decision for their child. If they come to our center

first, they are empowered and encouraged on the front end of the pregnancy journey and leave knowing there is a safe place to question, doubt, wonder, and learn. The key is ... if they come to us first. This is about influence. This is about empowerment. This is about showing up.

Will you plan to show up at our annual Spring Event on May 6 at the Trillium? Will you celebrate the moms and dads that are making daily brave decisions to parent their children when they were never parented themselves? Will you

show up for those who are post abortive and deeply regretting their decision? Will you show up for the dad that isn't sure about having a baby because he has no job, no transportation, no car? Each of these situations is tough, but has the potential to be life giving to a local family when you show up for them. When you show up with us on May 6, we get to show up for them all year long.

www.lpcenters.com/events

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Our Mission

To raise public awareness about the issues of abortion, embryo destructive research, euthanasia, and assisted suicide • To be a community resource for area organizations about pro-life issues • To educate legislators and to promote legislation by grassroots lobbying • To support pro-life candidates for public office as endorsed by the Right to Life of Michigan PAC

YES! Please renew my membership for 2019 to Tri-Cities Right to Life and Right to Life of Michigan.

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