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# LAKESHORE LIFE NEWS

## “Never Give in Nor Grow Weary of the Fight”



Above: Memorial Walkers gather at 1st Reformed Church to start the procession; Left: Pastor Wayne Muri delivers the meditation; Left Lower: Jeremiah Miller provides music during our time of prayer and reflection.



-St. Anthony Catholic Church amid the sound of bells tolling in mourning.

Rev. Charles Schwartz called us to prayer and scripture with Psalm 29. Rev. Wayne Muri’s message reminded us to remember the words of Winston Churchill...“We must never give in...never, never, never give in and never grow weary of the fight.”

As is their annual tradition, all students present participated in the candle ceremony. Processing solemnly and silently from the rear of the church, the students carried forward memorial candles, each candle representing 10 of the 569 innocent unborn lives lost to

abortion last year in Ottawa and Muskegon Counties. Following the candle procession, Jeremiah Miller played ‘Hope in the Fight’ for our time of reflection. Give us gospel courage to contend against the dark oxymoron called “legal abortion”.

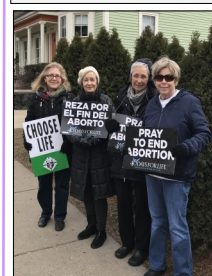
Board member, Theresa Giacalone, produced a beautiful 5 minute video of our service which is available to view on our website: [TriCitiesRightToLife.org](http://TriCitiesRightToLife.org).

Walkers returned to First Reformed Church for refreshments and fellowship.



January 18, members of the lakeshore prolife community came together for the 9th Annual Memorial for the Unborn in commemoration of the 47th anniversary of the Roe v. Wade decision that legalized abortion.

Participants assembled at First Reformed Church, where Pastor John Kenny offered a welcome, blessing over our group. The procession then moved to St. Patrick



Prayer, fasting and peaceful vigils. 40 Days for Life has inspired 1,000,000 volunteers, saved **16,742 lives**, and seen 106 abortion

centers close, and inspired 196 abortion workers to quit since 2007.

Pro-Life volunteers from the Tri-Cities area took time on March 5 to attend the Spring 40 Days for Life Campaign in Grand Rapids. The vigil takes place in front of the Heritage Clinic for Women at 320 East Fulton Street. To find out more go to 40 Days for Life website. We invite you to come with us when we sign up for the Fall Campaign.

## One Voice for the Unborn

Happy Spring! It's March 20, first day of spring, 2020. What a beautiful day to be alive! The Corona Virus has given us experiences in social behavior we have never witnessed. Yet, it's the first day of Spring. My beagle woke me this morning, like every morning around 6:00 am, to let her outside to sniff the air for back yard violators that may have left their scent overnight. The birds, especially, the cardinals, promptly at sun-up, began to sing, "I'm alive"! And the coffee pot lets me know that the brew I prepared the night before is ready. It's a routine that has happened around our house almost daily for many years. A routine that tunes into: "The Celebration of Life"! Life that God has given us at conception, and God has given to all living things. Today I have attended the funeral of a good friend. I hate that. I was honored to present the American Flag to his widow during the military honors. One of the hardest things I have ever done.

I also have returned from hunting for toilet paper, disinfectant wipes, cleaning materials, butter, eggs, milk, canned soup ,etc., that everyone feels are necessities in this time of crisis. Charcoal lighter, Really? So, today I have experienced life and death, as we know it, and the social needs in a crisis in today's world.

With the virus keeping us inside, I am pondering stuff—the November elections comes to mind. Who will I vote for this year?

We often have a built-in cultural mechanism when deciding for whom we will vote. However, a single issue often becomes the determining factor. As you cast your ballot, think about this; God creates all human life. God decides what gender all life is at conception. God has a plan for all of us. It's our job, with the help of

God, to figure that plan out. Sounds easy, but not all people believe this way. If God is not the Father of all life, who is? Some people feel that God has no place in life decisions. So the only one left to make these decisions of life or death is the State. If God's law is not respected, then the law of the land is left. This is the challenge of our generation!

This generation is experiencing the opportunity to protect human life by being good stewards of God's world. There is only one issue this year that covers all human life issues. The abortion-issue. It's a chain reaction! As concerned citizens evaluate and elect candidates on their willingness to protect human life, presidents and legislators are elected who support prolife legislation, judges are elected or appointed who will restore protection through the courts, then the end to abortion on demand becomes a reality.

This is our time! I want all human life to wake up every morning saying , "I am Alive"! Not discarded. I want all human life to have the option to wake every morning to the singing of the birds and the needs of a beagle! As prolife voters, we are called to a single issue of such magnitude that we cannot stand idle. We must speak with one voice for unborn. We must vote prolife!  
*John Bilski*

Thank you for voting in the Primary Election, to be willing to stand for LIFE. With one voice we must speak for the unborn and the most vulnerable among us.

Visit [rtl.org](http://rtl.org) and you can find classroom resources available under the resources tab.13 lesson plans from kindergarten to 12th grade for teaching about **prolife** issues and respecting human life.

## Calendar of Events

### ♥ Culver's Night of Sharing Fundraiser.

**Tuesday, April 28, 5 to 8 PM**

Come and support Tri Cities Right to Life. Order your meal Inside or drive thru, between the hours of 5 & 8 PM and we will receive 10% of sales, check website for updates.

### ♥ HOPE for Single Moms

Date & Time to be advertised  
[www.hsmgr.org](http://www.hsmgr.org)

### ♥ RLM Legislative Day

**Tuesday, May 12, 8:45 a.m.**

Radisson Hotel, Lansing  
\$45 adults - \$20 students  
To register: [www.rtl.org](http://www.rtl.org)

### ♥ Tri Cities Focus on Life Dinner

Thursday, October 15, 2020  
Trillium Event Center  
17246 VanWagoner Rd.  
Doors open at 6 PM  
Our keynote speaker will be  
**Pastor Chris Thoma.**

### ♥ Tri-Cities Right to Life Meetings

2nd Tuesday of the month, 7:00pm  
St. Patrick's Family Center Rm 7-8  
920 Fulton Street, Grand Haven  
Meetings are open to the public.  
All are welcome to attend.

#### NOTE!!!!!!

Due to social distancing regulations, please continue to monitor our website for updates on our meetings and events.

[www.TriCitiesRightToLife.org](http://www.TriCitiesRightToLife.org)

UPDATE on Dismemberment Petition Drive. Due to coronavirus-related delays, the Bureau of Elections has temporarily paused processing our petitions. They can resume after the executive order restricting size of gathering has been lifted.

Please check for further updates on our website.



## Our Newest Most Surprising Allies

By the time you read this, *perhaps the news will be turning* less bleak. Dickens' "It was the best of times. It was the worst of times," seems to sum it up best. As I write this, Michigan ranks 7<sup>th</sup> in confirmed COVID-19 cases in the states. Where's the 'best' in that?

Maybe it's a stretch but, for the first time in a while, it could just be that the silver lining in all of this is in hearing a new sense of urgency about the value of life. References for the elderly as 'fragile and needing extra protection' are being used as if it was, all along, an obvious rule in the cultural playbook on how to treat fellow human beings. Yet, consider that euthanasia has been on a serious upswing recently, with even our closest neighbor to the North embracing it. Now with the many extreme (and justifiable) measures being taken for the most vulnerable populations, there is seemingly a new consensus for what we pro-lifers have known deep in our bones forever...that life needs protection, especially the most vulnerable! What has shifted? Did it take a virus to show us what matters most?

Last fall when, unbeknownst to the rest of the world, this virus was getting its start in the East,

something else had gone 'viral' in the West—with a guy named 'West', and in the music world, no less.

If you're reading a hard copy of this newsletter, you're likely outside the demographic group that tunes into hip-hop. Me, too! After five attempts and three corrections from my kids, I could finally pronounce his name. Kanye West. That's "KON-yaay", phonetically. Why was he even the subject of our conversation? Because to the shock of pro-lifers everywhere, we seemed to have a new, extremely influential ally in the headlines!

It's cliché' but "The Lord works in mysterious ways', right?! To appreciate the mystery, you would have to know that starting a full two and a half decades ago, West was living and 'singing' vulgarity like he got paid per offensive word or something. Then 9 albums, and 3 chart-smashing events later, he's unabashedly promoting the name of Jesus on his latest album, on every stage, in big interviews, and be-friending the current POTUS. It seems to be a modern-day Saul-to-Paul thing for West.

In the next edition, I'll detail the ways he began to bash abortion and call out those in his circle of influence to be holy. We may even rent a billboard or three to highlight the

surprising people and events God uses in the worst of times—to bring about the best of times.

Stay tuned and stay well.

"God bless us, everyone!"

*Theresa Giacalone*

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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

## What churches can and cannot do!!



Rev. Christopher I. Thoma will be the keynote speaker at our Focus on Life Dinner. Rev. Thoma serves as pastor of Our Savior Evangelical Lutheran Church & School in Hartland, MI. Rev. Thoma is deeply involved in issues pertaining to the relationship between the Church and public square. Save the date to join us for our Annual Focus on Life Dinner taking place on Oct. 15, 2020 at 6PM at the Trillium Event Center.

See our website under About Us, for more info on previous dinners.

### Help Needed—

We are looking for a low cost space to rent that will provide a permanent location to connect with community, share advocacy items with patrons, be a space for our Board and Pro-Life Youth Meetings, and to bring in educational speakers on Life issues.

Contact Theresa Giacalone at 616-201-7813 if you have any leads. Thanks!