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LAKESHORE LIFE NEWS



Above: Our 14' x 48' billboard installed on 5/19/21 on Westbound I-96 near exit 9, Nunica.

Photo credit: Theresa Giacalone

Doesn't the red, white, and blue instantly take you to a place of nostalgic patriotism? We're drawn to it— an ideal higher than ourselves; afterall, we are warriors— not, of course, in the sense that veterans and enlisted military personnel are (to whom we owe much gratitude); but rather in the way we engage in the ongoing war against Life.

We are in the trenches, in the fox holes together, struggling to hold the line and win the next battle. Like those who came before us helping secure the freedoms we now enjoy, we sacrifice much for those whom we may never know. One difference: The majority of pro-life warriors have not yet suffered to the point of shedding blood. (Hebrews 12:4) But we may.

Knowing what we face (48 years has made it kinda clear), how could we ever ascend that next hill without *hope*? The Mother's till Father's Day timeframe of our latest billboard was intended to encourage those in cars passing by, and seeing our social media or website, to feel HOPE in


choosing Life. Afterall, without LIFE there is no hope to pursue 'choices', freedoms, rights, or all of the rest. Anyone visiting our website found links to actual help: tangible, loving, real-life solutions, including from Muskegon Pregnancy Services. Exactly how many did we help? Well, after we run the analytics on webpage traffic, we will hopefully have an idea.

Those of us on *this* side of the effort will be leaning hard on hope, too, since the foreseeable future looks a little unstable for Life. Despite nearly five decades of practice at this, NOTHING could have prepared us for the most Life-hostile administration in the history of our constitutional republic!

While you might agree, you're not here to read opinions, I know; so on the inside, you'll get just the facts, details on upcoming events, tips, and much more to fuel your fire for our great nation, our great gifts, and our hopeful future if we stay the course. God bless America. May we preserve her noble ideals: Those toward life, liberty & the pursuit of happiness. In that order!

Our 9/23/21 dinner event is rapidly approaching. **Will you help us set an attendance record this year?**

Tickets go on sale in August, but you can **reserve your seats right now by emailing the words, "I'm all in!" to: TG@TriCitiesRightToLife.org**

Until then, you can find speaker Pastor Thoma's books at major booksellers, and his messages plus past events online.* Scan here for a  short bio.



*Tip: When searching online, avoid pro-life suppressing services like Google. Instead, use private, neutral search providers like DuckDuckGo. :)

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Life Issues in the U. S. of A.

When there's both good and bad news to share, we may be offered the choice of which to hear first. But following the 'hope' theme of this edition, I'd like to end on an up-note; so first, some of the bad news.

Nationwide abortion rates increased last year— by 8.5% in Michigan, and mostly within minority communities. [Friends, we have work to do!]

The HHS Secretary, Xavier Becerra, recently refused to acknowledge that partial birth abortion is indeed illegal in the U.S. [Has been since '03, XB!]

Several spending bills (we've lost count) somehow keep omitting the Hyde Amendment, which, for four decades plus, has protected us mere taxpayers from funding the 'pre-eminent issue' called abortion. [Fire the editor!]

The FDA relaxed the abortion pill guidelines. [If you saw *Unplanned*,

you know how *those* 'meds' work.]

And previous common-sense guidelines on human embryo research have basically been thrown out the window. [Can the Nuremberg Code please apply starting at conception?]

Now, the hope! Since desperate times call for desperate measures, people everywhere are stepping up! [Yes!]

Sanctuaries for the Unborn have now been created in 30 cities across the U.S.! [Let's do that here!]

SCOTUS has agreed to hear *Dobbs v. Jackson*, a case that could prove a formidable foe to *Roe v. Wade*, finally. [But with so many lives on the line, why wait till October?!]

The USCCB (Catholic Bishops) are rallying for religious freedom which directly impacts abortion 'rights' and conscience objections. [Find and sign the petition online if still available after this goes to print.]

And right here in Michigan, legislation has been proposed (HB 5086) to ensure full informed consent before an abortion. In today's news (7-1-21), the Michigan house even passed HB 4644 giving parents of unborn children a \$200 tax exemption!

These are just the facts, ma'am... or "man", and though not comprehensive, it's a start. Details can be found from the news pros... as long as they're pros and not propogandists. (James O'Keefe exposes a LOT of them). Here's how to know: If you detect the slightest AP-style abortion lingo in your news (e.g., says 'Anti-abortion' rather than 'prolife') find an alternative source. There are plenty of prolife-friendly ones out there. Of course, you can always trust Right to Life of Michigan. [Their RLM News is coming soon to your mailbox. Let me know if you don't get one and I'll fix our database.]

I wish I could report ALL the news to you, both good and bad, but my job here is to briefly make the headlines make sense to you in light of our mission. So how about just one more?!

Meet George



Left– George Maierhauser and his eldest son, Matthew, enjoy a father-son moment following a distance race. Courtesy Photo

his Muskegon employer's Finance/Accounting Controller and husband to his lovely wife, Sonja. Together they have six children ages 17-29, and three grandchildren. They've been active in prolife efforts since first learning of the ways that contraception works against life-affirming goals. Their dedication led them to become Natural Family Planning instructors for over ten years, helping couples learn its full value.

George Maierhauser is this issue's featured board member. George is also a veteran having served in the Marine Corps from 1983-89. (Thank you for your service, George! It's a big reason you're being highlighted in this month-of-our-country's-birth issue). Currently, George serves as

Through the years, George & Sonja, along with family members, have always supported TCRTL by attending dinners, participating in our Memorial & Walk each January, and generally helping 'brother Knights' [of Columbus] with pro-life efforts, like raising funds last year for Positive Options' new ...

"TCRTL Summer Events to Include Parades, a ReSale, and a Big Music Festival!"

Stay tuned for more good news!

-Theresa Giacalone



(George, cont.) ... ultrasound machine. Though he has only been an official TCRTL member for a year, we quickly elected him Treasurer and are grateful for his willingness to serve in this new capacity for our non-profit.

Last year, George also became a cancer survivor. When asked how his views on life have shifted since then, he simply said, "Life is the greatest gift that God has given us, it is the greatest gift we can give to others."

To volunteer with TCRTL, just email or use our website contact form. And check this column each issue for a new story highlighting a member living the pro-life life.

In memory of David Carlson- our former leader who became a prolife advocate after the birth of his first grandchild on Easter 1991. He wrote this poem before meeting her for the first time.

PERFECT TO LOVE

Perfect to love and to be loved by all, those
close by and those far away.
As only a tiny tot, she brings more joy than
one-thousand Easter Sundays ...
All of us imperfect people are here in this imperfect
world, going about our lives imperfectly ...
But with Becca, we are all perfectly welcome to love
and be loved more than ever before,
until we meet again in the next perfect life.

Our condolences to Dave's family, *Tri-Cities Right to Life*



Also in Memory of

Irene Wohlever



who was on the cover of our Nov. issue; then her story was featured on our blog page for her 97th birthday. Her daughter said she had the most peaceful, beautiful passing with loving family, music, and fresh, Spring air flowing in the window. A picture of a complete, well-lived life. ♥



To Do List

♥ **Focus on Life Benefit Event**
9-23-21 at Trillium Event Center
17246 VanWagoner Rd. See pg. 1
and insert for details.

♥ **Support TCRTL** by shopping at
the Re-sale. 8/13/21. St. Patrick-St.
Anthony church in Grand Haven.
See flyer insert for details.

♥ **Volunteer with us!** Just call or fill
out the contact form on our website.
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♥ **TCRTL Meetings**
Are generally the 2nd Tues. each
month, 7:00 p.m. Please see
website for location & time updates.
TriCitiesRightToLife.org

♥ **RLM 48th Annual Conference**
Thurs., Sept. 30th, to be held in
Charlotte this year. See details &
register at RTL.org

♥ **40 Days for Life - GR**
Prayer warriors needed for fall
campaign, visit 40daysForLife.com.

♥ **Culver's Night of Sharing**
Was on 5/25 & A BIG success!
We served YOU and got up to 15%
of the profits. Win/win! Thank you.
Check our website for the next date.

♥ **Special thanks to the RE-SALE**
volunteers of these participating
churches: *2nd CRC in Allendale;*
St. Mary's and Lakeshore Lutheran
Fellowship in Spring Lake; and
Trinity Reformed, St. Patrick-St.
Anthony & St. John's Lutheran in
Grand Haven!

Come \$hop our new
merchandise at the sale so
you can advertise where
YOU stand on LIFE!

For the full story on our billboard
mom & son, visit:

TriCitiesRightToLife.org/blog/

The Good-To-Know Section

Oratory contest: Congrats to our winner and runner-up, Hannah Abel and Joseph Fickel, respectively, whose speeches both addressed embryonic stem cell research. See photos on our website under the youth tab (or title is a link for digital subscribers).

Roe v. Wade movie! Have you seen it yet? Just watch in the comfort of your own home AND complete a review through the hosting platform, and we'll reimburse you for the cost of the movie! Invite friends & family, too! Covering the cost is how we're making sure more people see this very important work. Email TG@TriCitiesRightToLife.org for details. If you need a DVD, just ask :)

Explore RTL.org to find resources to learn just about anything related to defending LIFE! You'll be surprised how much there is to learn.

Advance our cause by supporting businesses who support US! Our newest advertiser is **Polaris Law** in Grand Haven, winner of the People's Choice Award in TWO categories! Please consider giving Greg some business.

Want less mail? Just email and ask for this newsletter in digital form. Another benefit to the digital format is that hyperlinks to websites remain live. So convenient!

<https://give.cornerstone.cc/TCRTL>

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Convenient Online Giving

Billboard: Cait Beyer is a single mom who confidently chose life. In fact, it's kind of a family 'tradition'...

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**AUG. 13th: A RESALE
EVENT for TCRTL**

Lifting Up Life

See ad pg. 3

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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.

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**Why wait? COMMIT TODAY
TO ATTEND OUR ANNUAL EVENT!**

Let's achieve record attendance this year after being limited in 2020. We need your help to prove that pro-lifers outnumber the rest.

EMAIL: TG@TriCitiesRightToLife.org to say "I'm all in!" to receive your special invitation. Thank you! ~TCRTL

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