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16th Annual **LIFE CHAIN**

National Life Chain Sunday
October 2, 2005 • 2:00 - 3:30 p.m.

- ☆ Woodward, from 11 to 12 Mile Rds., Berkley, Royal Oak
- ☆ Lapeer Rd., at Indianwood, Lake Orion
- ☆ M-24 (Main St.) & M-21, Lapeer
- ☆ Gratiot, from 15 to 16 Mile Rds., Mt. Clemens
- ☆ Gratiot, at 6 Mile Rd, Detroit
- ☆ Intersection at Wayne and Warren Rds., Westland
- ☆ Middlebelt, Jamison (2 blks. south of 5 Mile) to 6 Mile, Livonia
- ☆ Michigan Ave. & Grand River to Fowler, Howell
- ☆ Grand River, from Ann to East, downtown Fowlerville
- ☆ Grand River & Main to Hacker, Brighton
- ☆ M-36 & Dexter/Pinckney Rds., Pinckney
- ☆ 6538 Rawsonville Rd., (1-1/2 miles south of I-94), Belleville
- ☆ Pontiac Trail, btwn Maple & Walled Lake Dr., Walled Lake
- ☆ 620 General Motors Rd., btwn S. Milford Rd. & Main St., Milford
- ☆ NEW—St. Pius X Church on M65, Hale
- ☆ NEW—Furtaw Field on US 23, Oscoda
- ☆ NEW—US 23 at Newman St., East Tawas



*Thousands of participants will stand on the sidewalks in witness to their commitment to love and protect the unborn and their mothers. LIFE CHAIN challenges the community to be aware and to care. The signs deliver the messages that **Abortion Kills Children, Adoption is the Loving Option, Abortion Hurts Women, Pray to End Abortion and Life—The First Inalienable Right.** This peaceful, prayerful event will provide a visual statement of unity by our church community. Our 16th annual LIFE CHAIN is scheduled in conjunction with National Life Chain Sunday. Over 1000 Life Chains were formed in the U.S. and Canada in 2004. Will **YOU** join us this year on October 2? For more details, call 248-478-8878.*

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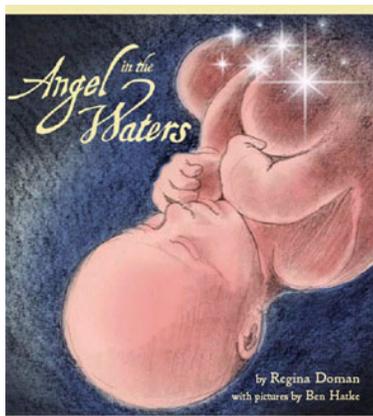


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News Notes



Special Offer!

For a limited time only, and a membership donation of \$40 or more, Lifespan will send you a copy of this new 48-page, paperback book, *Angel in the Waters*.

Angel in the Waters is a beautiful story of a child in her mother's womb, who grows, explores the waters and talks with

the angel who is also there. The narrative flows through simple, poetical text with gentle illustrations chronicling the child's small but momentous journey from life to the first moments of birth. This is a story every small child will enjoy, for it is also their story. Regina Doman wrote *Angel in the Waters* while expecting her first child in 1995. This is how she says the story came about: "My youngest sister Anna started to talk when she was not even two years old. My sister Alicia, who was studying early childhood education, had read that some young children who learn to talk early can describe life in the womb. So Alicia asked Anna if she remembered being in Mommy's tummy.

'Yes,' Anna said.

'What was it like?' Alicia asked.

Anna said, 'It was warm, and dark, and there was an angel there.'"

As Ben Hatke illustrated this book, he and his wife waited and prepared for their second child to emerge from the waters. He created the striking illustrations for *Angel in the Waters* using a blend of traditional and digital media.

Comments about this new book: *As the mother of a 6-month-old baby, I was extremely moved by your story. It is so beautiful! I can't stop crying.* Lori M.

This book is a wonderful story about the beginning of life. Everything is in this book is so true and comforting. Amy B.

This is the most beautiful, loving, sensitive book about new life I have ever read. It will surely make a lasting impression on every child and parent who shares it. I will share it with everyone I know who has young children and grandchildren. What a wonderful Christmas gift for my grandchildren! Lynn K.

Send in a membership donation of \$40 or more today and get your book by return mail! See membership form on page 11. Or, visit one of our Chapter offices!

Michigan Nurses For Life

Michigan Nurses for Life begins its speaker series on September 13th at Cross of Christ Lutheran Church, Lone Pine and Telegraph. Our topics at this meeting will be CPCs as Medical Facilities and Pro-Life Issues on the College Campus. The meeting begins at 7:15pm. 2.0 CEUs are offered. Call 248-816-1546 for more information.

Make no mistake

"The people that want embryonic stem-cell research want to be able to create embryos so they can destroy them so they can do the research. The dirty little secret here...is that the advocates of stem-cell research are on the same side of the page as the pro-abortion crowd.

For these people, stem-cell research is not about stem-cell research, it's about making sure that abortion keeps happening. Because if you can get people to go along with destroying perfectly fine embryos, the only way you can do that is to abort a fetus.

The left knows it's losing when it comes to the moral and ethical questions involving abortion. They're losing ground, they're losing public support on this, and that's why the Supreme Court nomination is so crucial to them ...and so stem-cell research is taking over as the lead item while the hidden agenda is pro-abortion.

Whatever they can find to legitimize it—and what better way than to come off with the stem-cell research business oriented toward saving lives as their means of actually promoting abortion? Make no mistake, that's what this is about."

—Rush Limbaugh, speaking Aug. 1 on his nationally syndicated radio program

Abortion and premature birth

We all know that prematurity is a leading cause of birth defects and delayed development. Pro-life sources have frequently cited a connection between prematurity and abortion, but have been largely ignored by the major media. A new study by French researchers, published in the *British Journal of Obstetrics and Gynecology*, confirms this link between abortion and premature births. The study of 2,837 births found that women who had abortions were 1-1/2 times as likely to have premature births in subsequent pregnancies as women who had not aborted. It seems strange that organizations that work to prevent premature births don't also work to discourage abortion. Call Lifespan 248-816-1546 for details.

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Black Family Festival

Right to Life - LIFESPAN

will have a booth at the Black Family Festival

October 8 • 11 a.m. - 6 p.m. • Cobo Hall

For more information and/or to volunteer in Lifespan's booth, call 248-478-8878! See you there!

Making Abortion Unthinkable: The Art of Pro-Life Persuasion

A two-part presentation:

Friday, November 18 • 7:00 - 9:30 p.m.

(check-in and light supper 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.)

Saturday, November 19 • 9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

(continental breakfast 8:15 - 9:00 a.m.)



St. Matthew Lutheran Church - Wixom Campus

48380 Pontiac Trail, Wixom

(between Beck Rd. and Wixom Rd.)

The purpose of this seminar is to understand and be able to communicate a pro-life position in a reasonable, logical and persuasive way. You will learn how easy it is to overcome the pro-abortion rhetoric with information that will persuade rather than repel pro-abortion advocates. Who should consider participating in this seminar? Right to Life supporters, including church representatives, members and volunteers; crisis pregnancy workers and volunteers; teachers, counselors and therapists; anyone who in the past has not been convinced of the pro-life position; anyone who has never thought about it or is unsure what to believe; anyone who may be pro-choice but is respectfully willing to hear the other side. Spend a Friday evening and Saturday morning with us getting back to the basics of abortion while learning the Art of Pro-Life Persuasion. Dennis Kasproicz facilitates a powerful presentation from the Stand to Reason Video Seminar Series. Also included will be valuable small group interactions and a number of personal testimonies on "Why I am Pro-Life."

The registration fee is \$10 (to cover materials). For your convenience, participants are invited to join us for a light supper on Friday evening (6-7 p.m.) as well as a continental breakfast on Saturday morning (8:15-9 a.m.).

For those who will be traveling some distance, overnight accommodations in the homes of St. Matthew Church members will be available by prior arrangement. If interested, contact **Mary Walden, 248-624-9387** - no later than November 1.

Making Abortion Unthinkable Seminar

*Advance reservations are required. Please complete the form below and mail with your \$10 check to **Right to Life - LIFESPAN, 29200 Vassar St., Ste. 545, Livonia, MI 48152**. For more information, call **248-478-8878**.*

Yes, I will attend Lifespan's seminar on Friday, Nov. 18 and Saturday, Nov. 19!

Number of reservations _____ @ \$10.00 each \$_____ total enclosed

Name (s) _____ Address _____

City _____ Zip _____ Area Code/Phone _____

Please send a complete list of names and addresses for all people for whom you are making reservations.



LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

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Dear Representative (last name):

Embryonic Stem Cell Research and Human Cloning

On May 24, 2005, the House of Representatives passed HR 810, a bill to mandate federal funding of stem cell research that requires killing human embryos. If passed, this measure would negate President Bush's August, 2001 policy that permits funding of such research only on embryos created before August 9, 2001. In his statement on that date, Mr. Bush made clear his desire to see valuable research proceed without employing measures that kill human embryos.

HR 810 was before the Senate as S 471, sponsored by Senators Arlen Specter (R-PA) and Tom Harkin (D-Iowa) and expected to be voted upon in early summer. Leading the opposition to HR 810/S 471, was Senator Sam Brownback (R-KS) who is seeking a vote on his own bill to ban the creation of human embryos by cloning (S 658).

After much debate and behind the scenes maneuvering, on July 28, the Senate decided to delay votes on the various bills dealing with the use of human embryos in medical research.

The murky waters of this issue were made more so when Senator Majority Leader Bill Frist announced that he had changed his mind about embryonic stem cell research and would now support measures to expand its use. Prior to this statement, Mr. Frist had been a strong supporter of a ban on further federal dollars for such research. Only Mr. Frist knows the reasons for his flip-flop on this issue, but it has not changed the mind of President Bush who continues to say that he will veto any measure that expands federal involvement in embryonic stem cell research and human cloning.

Supreme Court Nominee

With the retirement of Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor, President Bush nominated Federal Appeals Court Judge John Roberts.

Mr. Roberts has been found well qualified by the American Bar Asso-

ciation (the highest of their three ratings), was easily confirmed to his appeals court seat and appears to be an ideal candidate for the Supreme Court seat.

Unable to find fault with his legal abilities, those who would like a more liberal justice on the court have resorted to a variety of nasty criticisms of Mr. Roberts and his family. Everything from warnings about his religion (Catholic), to the way his wife and children were dressed at the news conference when Mr. Bush presented him as the nominee (too 1950s) to his wife's work with Feminists for Life, to an outright deceitful ad produced and aired by NARAL-Pro Choice America claiming that Mr. Roberts condones abortion clinic violence, have been put forward by those who oppose his nomination. The ad was so untruthful and so incendiary that NARAL was forced to pull the ad, and the NARAL executive who approved it resigned.

A filibuster of his nomination has been threatened by California Senator Barbara Boxer.

It seems that Mr. Roberts's greatest crime is that he was nominated by a conservative president and by all accounts, loves and reveres the law. He is not expected to create law from the bench, but rather apply constitutional standards to the cases before him.

Editor's note: It is particularly discouraging that, with the notable exception of Senator Arlen Specter, most of those leaders in Washington who speak the loudest about equality and fairness and joining in reasoned dialogue were totally silent in the face of the NARAL ad.

Informative Websites

www.nrlc.org

National Right to Life's site provides the latest information on pro-life issues in Congress.

michiganvotes.org

For the most up-to-date information on Michigan legislation regarding abortion or any pro-life issue, visit michiganvotes.org.

Student Essay Contest



ELIGIBILITY:

Any student in grades 9-12, in public, private or home school, who resides in Wayne, Oakland, Macomb or Livingston Counties, OR who is a member of Right to Life - LIFESPAN, regardless of residency, is eligible for the contest except for students in the immediate family of a board member of Right to Life - LIFESPAN.

RULES:

1. The topic of the pro-life essay entry must feature one or more aspects of abortion, infanticide or euthanasia. The essay must be titled.
2. The essay shall be a minimum of 500 words, a maximum of 1000 words. No poems will be accepted.
3. The essay should be typed, but may be legibly handwritten.
4. Each entry must be the student's original work. One entry per student.
5. On the BACK only of the last page of the essay, the student must PRINT neatly his/her name, address, phone number, age and grade, name of school, plus the names of his/her parents or guardian.
6. Each entry becomes the property of Right to Life - LIFESPAN, and each student who enters the contest assigns copyright for the entry to Right to Life - LIFESPAN.
7. The essay shall be judged on content and style.
8. All entries shall be considered by impartial judges selected with experience in the content. Judges reserve the right to award no prize winner if no entry is deemed meritorious of the prize.
9. Decisions of the judges shall be final.
10. All entries must be received by **Wednesday, November 2, 2005**, and mailed or delivered to: **Student Essay Contest 2005, Right to Life - LIFESPAN, 29200 Vassar St., Suite 545, Livonia, MI 48152.**

PRIZES:

First:	\$1000 Savings Bond
Second:	\$400 Savings Bond
Third:	\$200 Savings Bond

Prizes will be awarded at the Rally for Life, January, 2006. The first-prize winner shall also be invited to read the winning essay at the Rally, and the winning entry shall be printed in *Lifespan News*. Call Lifespan's Main Office **248-478-8878**.

What's Up With the Youth?

Hello Teens, Parents of Teens, College Students, Youth Ministers and Youth Pro-Life Groups!

There are a lot of great pro-life activities coming up in October and November. I hope many of you will be able to participate in at least two of them, especially our first Teen Day we are holding at St. Joseph's Hospital in Pontiac on Saturday, November 5th! Please see a description of all the activities throughout this newsletter and on the back page.

The Youth Night of Jeopardy Games on August 13th was so much fun, and we all learned a lot more about the many pro-life issues that face us each day. There were 42 young people who played in the Games and two young men were back-ups for the 14-15 year old age group, in case there were last minute cancellations. They all did a SUPER JOB in their preparation for the Games and were AMAZING as they competed in the Games.

As fall approaches, let me know of any pro-life events and activities coming up for young people in the metro Detroit area either through schools, churches or pro-life clubs. I will share the information with all those on our mailing list. Please mail me a hard copy of information

including the name of the event, who it is presented by, the time, date, location, price (if any) and contact information.

The information needs to be submitted to me by the 1st of the month so I can include it in the Youth Mailing. Example: For October's mailing, I would need information by September 1st. Please address the envelope to: Lynn Gura, Youth Connections, Right to Life - LIFESPAN, Oakland/Macomb Chapter, 1637 W. Big Beaver, Suite G, Troy, MI, 48084-3540.

I'd like to thank all of you who volunteered to help out with our educational booth at the fairs this summer. Your help was appreciated at the 4-H Fair in Davisburg, the State Fair in mid-August, and will be greatly appreciated at the Troy Festival in mid-September. Your youthful, energetic presence at our activities is always an added plus!!! I am happy to report, that in the three years I have been working on the fair schedules, this was **the first year** that there were SO MANY young volunteers and their parents helping out!

Take care, and I hope your school year gets off to a very good start!

—Lynn Gura, Youth Connections

Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in life, in love, in faith, and in purity.

—1st Timothy, Chapter 4

Christmas Cards 2005

Your purchase represents support for pro-life activities during the coming year. To place an order, arrange for pickup at a location near you and/or for more information, call your local Right to Life - LIFESPAN office: Detroit **313-640-8534**, Livingston **810-220-5433**, Oakland/Macomb **248-816-1546** or Wayne West/Downriver **734-422-6230**.



For unto Us, a Child is born...

Mary and Infant

Mary looks lovingly at the Infant Jesus. This card is a unique watercolor in shades of blue with silver foil and includes a silver foil-lined envelope.

Actual size: 5-5/8" x 8"

\$16.00 per box of 20

Verse:

*May all the blessings of the Infant Savior
be yours this Christmas
and may His Divine Presence
enrich your Life throughout the New Year*

Bethlehem Scene

The Holy Family in a stable is pictured outside the town of Bethlehem. The town is illustrated in gold foil and the figures are in pastels. A matching colored envelope is included.

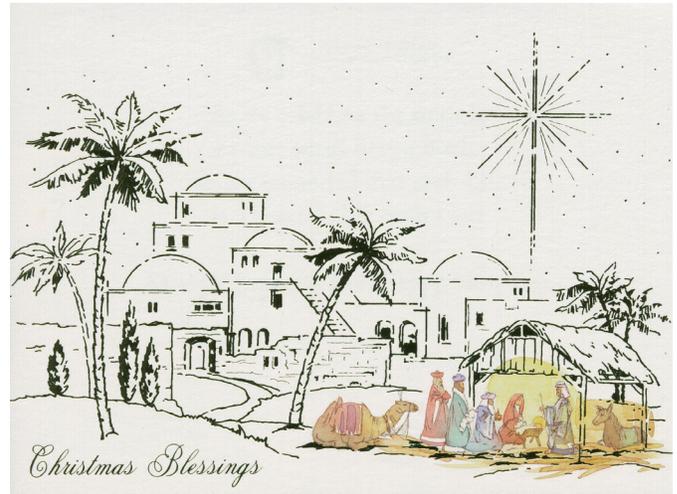
Actual size: 5" x 6-5/8"

\$7.00 per pkg. of 10

Verse:

*As we celebrate the miracle
of one small Baby's Birth,
we are reminded that each Life
is a special Gift from God*

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year



Christmas Blessings

Mary and Cherubs

Mary cradles the Infant Jesus on her lap while cherubs gaze. Beautiful card in shades of dusty rose and purple with gold foil border and includes a gold foil-lined envelope.

Actual size: 5-5/8" x 8"

\$15.00 per box of 20

Verse:

All is Calm, All is Bright

*Let us rejoice at the Christ Child's birth
and be thankful for God's precious Gift of Life*

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year



Silent Night, Holy Night

Other Christmas cards from previous years are also available in packages of 10.



Right to Life - LIFESPAN

Pro-Life Breakfast and Legislative Update

Saturday, October 29, 2005

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon Registration: 8:30 a.m.

Burton Manor • 27777 Schoolcraft • Livonia, Michigan



Special Guest Speaker Elder Dr. Levon Yuille has been Pastor of The Bible Church in Ypsilanti, Michigan for over thirty years. Along with his work in the ministry, he has been a community activist, which has given him opportunities to work with numerous groups and individuals for the good of society. He is the *National Director, National Black Pro-Life Congress*. This position has allowed him to speak for over a decade around the United States and in three countries in Africa for the cause of the unborn. As *Host of the Radio Talk Show, Joshua's Trail*, he can be heard every Saturday on radio station WDTK 1400 AM Detroit. For many years, he has spoken throughout Michigan to pro-life organizations. Rev. Dr. Yuille has received over forty awards, plaques and letters of recognition, which include being named "*Person of the Year*" by the *Ypsilanti Press*. On two occasions the City

of Ypsilanti declared "*Pastor Yuille Day*." He and his wife Sally have been blessed to raise eight children and have twenty grandchildren.

A Legislative Update will be given by **State Senator Michael Bishop** who represents the 12th District in the State Senate which includes communities in the Pontiac and Rochester areas. As a lifelong resident of the district he now represents, Senator Bishop has spent a lifetime serving his community. He understands the importance of public service and the need for strong, ethical leadership in government. He was elected to the Michigan Senate after two terms in the Michigan House of Representatives. He was chosen Assistant Majority Leader and Chairman of the Senate Banking and Financial Institutions Committee. When he leaves elected office, Mike wants to be able to say that because of his efforts in government, our families are stronger, our streets are safer, our students are smarter, our roads are better, and most importantly, our government is smaller and less restrictive. Senator Bishop has co-sponsored many pro-life bills in both the House and Senate and has a 100% pro-life voting record. Mike's greatest joy comes from his family, his wife Cristina, and children, Benjamin and Gabriella.



It is critical to be involved in the pro-life movement and be an advocate for change.

For more information call 248-478-8878 or 734-422-6230

Reservations are required by Friday, October 21

Yes! I will attend Lifespan's Breakfast on Saturday, October 29!

Send me _____ tickets @ \$18.00 each; _____ tickets @ \$7.50 each (students 21 or younger); \$_____ total enclosed

Name (s) _____ Address _____

City _____ Zip _____ Area Code/Phone _____

Please send a complete list of names and addresses for all people for whom you are ordering tickets.

Make checks payable to: Right to Life - LIFESPAN and mail to: 29200 Vassar St., Suite 545, Livonia, MI 48152



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State Fair thanks

A great time was had by all our volunteers who graciously gave of their time to help at the Michigan State Fair. We reached hundreds of people at our booth. Thanks for helping us spread the pro-life message.

Eastside Detroit Life Chain

October 2nd is Life Chain Sunday. Come join us in front of Assumption Grotto Church at the corner of Gratiot and Mapleridge Rd. from 2:00 - 3:30 p.m.

2006 Entertainment Books are here!

Our 2006 Entertainment Books are now in the office. For just \$25 you can save on dining and entertainment and help the pro-life cause at the same time. Get a free 2005 Book with your

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P. O. Box 1532, Brighton, MI 48116-9998
Phone 810-220-LIFE (5433)
Judy Zabik, Director
Jane Thierfeldt, Co-Director

Life Chain

Mark your calendars for October 2, from 2:00 to 3:30 p.m. All area churches, groups and individuals are encouraged to participate in this event to peacefully and prayerfully witness to Life in a public way. There are four locations throughout Livingston County. See the front page and page 10 for more information. If your church hasn't already registered as a co-sponsor of Life Chain, ask to get the church's name listed on the Life Chain flier.

Vigil for Life

Also on October 2nd from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. at the Courthouse in downtown Howell, there will be a memorial vigil intended to be a visible reminder of the devastating effect abortion has had on our community. Every fourth baby dies from abortion. To symbolize this statistic, there will be three candles for every one cross, candles representing live births,

purchase of a 2006 Book while they last. They can be used until November 1. Call today at 313-640-8534.

Prayer vigil

The founder of Helpers of God's Precious Infants is coming to Detroit to hold a Seminar and lead a Prayer Vigil. Msgr. Reilly received a special vision from Our Lady to go out in front of abortion mills, say the rosary and offer support to the women who are in crisis. Msgr. Reilly has been personally responsible for closing 22 abortion mills in the Brooklyn/Queens area, and Helpers is now an international organization that has saved countless young mothers and their babies.

Come and hear Msgr. Reilly's Seminar on **Friday, September 23**. Call 313-530-4539 or 313-822-1153 for details. Msgr. Reilly will also lead the Prayer Vigil on Saturday, September 24, starting with a Mass at St. Veronica Church at 7:30 a.m., a rosary in front of the abortion mills and benediction and refreshments at Assumption Grotto Church.

Think Christmas

If your Church is having a holiday bazaar and you would like to help Lifespan by selling our Christmas cards and/or Entertainment Books, please call 313-640-8534. This is one of our most important fundraisers. Help keep the Detroit Office open by calling today.

crosses representing those children lost to abortion. Candles and crosses will be available that evening.

Legislative Breakfast

Lifespan's annual Pro-Life Breakfast is October 29. We are blessed to have Rev. Levon Yuille as our keynote speaker. An outspoken advocate for the unborn for several years, his message transcends all races. Today, abortion is the number one killer of African American children. Plan on attending this Breakfast; receive a legislative update on Michigan bills from Senator Mike Bishop. See page 7.

Black Family Festival

The Black Family Festival will be held at Cobo Hall on October 8. Lifespan's newly formed Black Americans for Life of Michigan, along with Black Americans for Life of Genesee County, will be sponsoring a booth. The truth about abortion in the African American community so desperately needs to be told. If you know of any other opportunities to spread this message of life in the black community, please contact the Lifespan Main Office. We have speakers in the African American community who are willing to speak to any groups or organizations.

Making Abortion Unthinkable

Did you ever want to talk to someone about abortion without having it blow up into an argument? *Making Abortion Unthinkable* is a seminar which will train you to talk about abortion and arm you with tactics to diffuse volatile differences. The next seminar is Friday and Saturday, November 18 and 19 in Wixom. See page 3.

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Lynn Gura, Ofc. Staff

Missing members

Dear Oakland/Macomb Members,
When most of us began our efforts in the pro-life movement, very few of us ever thought that we would struggle for so many years. It was so obvious to us that abortion took the life of unborn babies and hurt women. It simply never entered our minds that the highest court in our land, that body that was supposed to be sure that the protection of our constitution was extended to all members of our human family, would fail in their duty to extend that protection to unborn babies. Obviously, we were wrong. It has been 32 years since the United States Supreme Court made their decision in *Roe v. Wade*, and we are still working diligently to undo the harm that decision has caused.

It is difficult to sustain enthusiasm for a cause over so many years. It is not that people don't care anymore; it is more likely that they think, incorrectly, that their efforts

are not having any impact, and they move on to other problems that offer a more immediate solution.

Well, we must not give up. The stakes are too high. The reason for our original efforts are as new and fresh as the first breath a baby takes because his or her mother chose LIFE. The reason for our efforts is as loving and caring as providing assurance to the elderly or disabled that we will not abandon them to a utilitarian society that no longer finds them useful. The reason for our efforts is as critical to research that is life-affirming, not life-taking, today as it was 32 years ago.

Your voices, as members of the Oakland/Macomb Chapter of Right to Life – LIFESPAN, are what sustain these efforts. Please don't become weary of the struggle or feel that lack of total success means failure. Your membership is the critical difference in whether our young people grow into a culture of life, or accept a society that values some of its members more than others. You provide the voice for our organization and for those who have no voice. That is why we ask you to look at the date following your name on the address label of this newsletter. That is the date you last renewed your membership in LIFESPAN. If that date is earlier than one year from today, your voice is fading. WE are not as strong as we could be because we don't have your help. Without your voice, our voice is weakened and the voices of many who have only you to speak for them are silenced forever.

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Patricia Holscher, Director; Laurie Masiarak, Ofc. Mgr.

And the winners are...

Our thanks to all of you who took the time to get pledges and to bowl in Lifespan's 23rd annual "Bowling for Life" FUNdraiser. Our special thanks to Maureen and Rich Dreslinski who welcomed bowlers and set them up on the lanes. They are a great team and because of them, the event ran smoothly and everyone had a good time.

Those winning the grand prizes for most pledges collected by August 15, 2005, include:

\$200 Savings Bond Richard Horvath \$420.00
\$100 Savings Bond Andrew Woodcox \$320.00
\$ 75 Savings Bond Chip Kleinbrook \$225.00
\$ 50 Savings Bond Mary Walden \$205.00

High games with handicap:

\$100 Savings Bond Man: Marc Townsend 254
\$100 Savings Bond Woman: Stephanie Walden 202
\$100 Savings Bond Child: Chris Burnham 243

High series with handicap:

\$100 Savings Bond Adult: Marc Townsend 655
\$100 Savings Bond Child: Chris Burnham 628

Laurie Masiarak did a great job getting the gift certificates. There were restaurants, fast foods and various "fun things" to do. The bowlers loved them, and because of her, everyone was a winner!

LIFE CHAIN

Will you be a part of the National Life Chain? Select a Chain nearest you and try to be in place by 2:00 p.m. and stay until it ends at 3:30 p.m. Please stand at least twelve feet apart. Do not stand in clusters. The longer the chain, the greater impact it will have on those passing by. It's free. It's easy. It's effective. It has saved lives! Call the office for signs as only official Life Chain signs should be used. See front page and page 10.

Entertainment Books 2006

2006 Entertainment Books are here with coupon savings up to 50% !!! They make great housewarming, hostess, birthday, anniversary and Christmas gifts. Cost reduced to \$25 and includes a FREE 2005 Entertainment Book (while supply lasts). 2005 Books can be used up to 11-1-05. Come in and browse through the new 2006 Book or call to reserve yours now.

Pro-Life Breakfast with Legislative Update

Call now for your reservation to have breakfast with invited U.S. and Michigan legislators. Come meet some of the men and women who make the laws which affect our lives. Don't miss the opportunity to hear and meet Elder Dr. Levon Yuille and State Senator Michael Bishop. Make reservations now to insure seating. See page 7.



Life Chain Co-Sponsors

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 Madonna University, Livonia
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From the President's Desk

Dear Friends,

Summer is almost gone, and 2006 activities are being planned. Working at promoting respect for human life is a never-ending project. Lifespan continues to work on those up-and-coming events that will interest our members. As your President, I invite you to call the office or e-mail us with any suggestions for the future. Your opinion is important to us.

As you know Lifespan has been in the Southeastern Michigan area for 35 years. We were the pulse of pro-life activities when no one else saw the need for such a movement. Today, there are many more pro-life groups. Most are doing a good job educating and promoting the life issues. Some have come into the same areas we serve and have been deceitfully telling potential future members they have to organize because there is no pro-life group in the area. Why they are doing this I cannot say. This causes confusion and is non-productive in promoting the cause. I tell you this so that you are aware and know that "Lifespan" is well and thriving in your community.

Lifespan has been steadfast in our pro-life activities with *Education* being one of our primary activities. Education, we believe, is the key to changing hearts and minds. There are many ways to educate—we do this through our programs offered throughout the year.

We have quietly persevered and influenced the community for many years without a large budget. How have we done this? Through our wonderful staff and large volunteer force. The strength of our organization is definitely the grass roots worker. He or she works without money or a lot of fanfare to quietly promote the pro-life cause. You know who you are—thank you for all your work!

We have come a long way, and there is a lot for which to be thankful. One example is that 35 years ago we could not get the press to mention us or even to acknowledge that there was a pro-life movement. Today, our issues are in the public eye and cannot be ignored—partial birth abortion, embryonic stem cell research, human cloning, even the most recent Supreme Court Justice nominee Judge Roberts. Your influence has been felt; even the media can no longer ignore 35 years of pro-life education.

May God bless our mutual efforts.

Calendar of Events

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**Donations have been made—
In loving memory of:**

John (Bernie) Organ

Given by: Tom and Katie O'Reilly

**In honor of the 50th Wedding
Anniversary of:**

Hilary and Beverly Gross

Given by: Russ and Katie Hesch

Donations may be made in memory of loved ones who have died; a memorial card will be sent by Lifespan in your name to the family of the deceased. Donations may also be made to honor someone special, and near and dear to you, for a particular occasion, or just because...

You can live on after death by helping those whose lives are threatened by abortion, euthanasia or infanticide. A bequest in your will to Right to Life - LIFESPAN will be used to save the lives of many through our efforts. Send donations to your local Lifespan office.

**Oxford Problem Pregnancy Center
20th Anniversary Dinner & Silent Auction
September 29 - Call 248-969-2177**

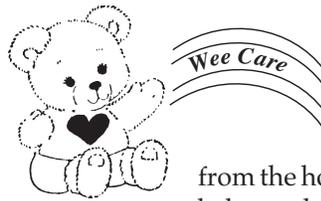
Educational Center  for Life

Summer at ECL gave us time to regroup and plan for the coming year. We will be working with Michigan Nurses for Life on issues related to crisis pregnancy centers, college pro-life students and parents' rights with the new HIPPA regulations. We will be at the Catholic Youth Organization Connections meeting for all youth leaders and at the Archdiocese of Detroit Women's Conference. Please get the word out on our November 5th teen gathering at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital. Save the date for Wesley Smith, April 5th, 2006.

We have new fuchsia bracelets with the message "Worth Waiting For" at the office! Please give us a call or visit us.

Educational Center for Life

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Dear Friends,
Where do your donations go? This morning I put together three layettes. One was for a mom who called

from the hospital—she had delivered her baby early and had nothing for her to wear home from the hospital—and even more importantly—nothing waiting at home for her daughter—no diapers, no clothes, no blankets—nothing. The mom is going to be discharged tomorrow and the baby the day after. When I suggested that whoever was going to pick her up from the hospital could stop by and pick up her layette first—she said she didn't think anyone was going to come to take her home. When I asked her for her phone number—she gave me a room number at a motel where she is staying—alone. (How very, very sad—but, perhaps, your beautiful gifts will let her know that she is not truly alone—that your prayers and love accompany the tiny baby items). She also will be given a list of other agencies where she may get help.

The second layette was for a mom who had lost everything in a fire. You may have seen the t.v. coverage of the huge warehouse fire in Detroit. Just hours before, she had given birth to a beautiful baby boy and then all of her possessions including what she had purchased for her little guy, were destroyed that night.

The third layette was given and received with a lot of joy. The mom and dad stopped at Wee Care on their way to the hospital. Not only was I able to share their happiness when they received their package and oohed and aahed with each tiny gift, I was also privileged to share in the excitement of the impending birth. Between contractions and hugs, the mother promised to call when her precious baby was born, and before the day was over, a very excited dad called awestruck by the miracle of his son's birth!

...and so ends another day at Wee Care...

*Karen Patrosso, Director 248-478-8884
Wee Care, A Program of Right to Life - LIFESPAN*



Pray to Stop Abortion!

Right to Life - LIFESPAN Membership Form



Right to Life - LIFESPAN believes that human life has value in all stages of development from conception until natural death, and is committed to speaking on behalf of those who cannot speak for themselves — the unborn, the aged, the incapacitated. Won't you please help in our struggle to preserve respect for human life? A contribution brings you the monthly newsletter as well as educational materials and special mailings.

_____ Annual Membership \$ 20.00 _____ *Angel in the Waters* Special Membership
_____ Student/Senior Member \$ 10.00 \$40 or more; see page 2

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Please complete this form and return with your donation to: **Right to Life - LIFESPAN, 29200 Vassar, Suite 545, Livonia, MI 48152-2193.** For more information, call 248-478-8878. Sorry, donations are not tax-deductible.

Come join us for our First Annual TEEN DAY..

Focusing on How to Defend Your Pro-Life Position, How to Get Your Message Out to Others and Choosing a Lifestyle of Chastity!

Attention: YOUNG PEOPLE AGES 14-18 YEARS OLD...

Have we got a great line-up for you!



**Saturday, November 5th
1:00 - 6:00 p.m.**

**St. Joseph Hospital
Franco Communications Center
44405 Woodward Ave., Pontiac
(between Square Lake Rd. and South Blvd.)**



Our featured Guest Speaker is Brad Seng, of Healthy Hearts for Life, Inc. based in Boulder, Colorado. He is a professional Ironman Triathlete and Chastity Speaker. He has developed an awesome presentation using several sources of information which include AC Green's Game Plan, Jason Evert's Pure Love, Chris Godfrey's That's Where I Live, and Theology of the Body. You won't want to miss his powerful message on God's plan for love and relationships!

In addition, there will be two breakout sessions afterwards featuring Matt Hill, from the University of Detroit Jesuit High School, presenting "Pro-Life Apologetics," and Nick Thomm, from WDEO 990AM Radio, presenting "Does the Media Form Your Heart and Mind?" We'll end the afternoon with some special young guests, who will be announced in September.

The cost is \$10.00 per person. Pizza and pop will be served afterwards.

For a registration form and further details, please call Lynn Gura at **248-816-1546**.



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