



Pro-Life + Ministries

of Duluth



"Rescue the weak and the needy; deliver them from the hand of the wicked." Psalm 82:4

A volunteer branch of Pro-Life Action Ministries, St. Paul

Day of Repentance Prayer Vigil

"For the love of Christ controls us, because we have concluded this: that one has died for all, therefore all have died; and he died for all, that those who live might no longer live for themselves but for him who for their sake died and was raised." (2 Corinthians 5: 14-15 RSV)

Ash Wednesday returns on March 6 this year smudging the glorious Cross on the crushed forehead of Satan's schemes and power as we, Christ's saints, resolve a fresh to burn brightly in anticipation of our resurrection with Christ. Taking up our cross daily, remembering we are dust, we embrace a lifestyle of repentance.

As our nation cheers on activities and legislators who oppose God and our city continues to be a place where it is legal to kill children, God's people are constrained by the love He demonstrated in sending His One and only son to die for all. Christ's love causes a radical change within the human heart. Though once we lived for ourselves and it was natural to put ourselves first, Christ's love rearranges our thinking and frees us from the destruction of living for ourselves. In fact, it seems verse 15 implies that living for ourselves will be something we forget about (like a state signing into law aggressive legal protection for mothers who would live for themselves, at the expense of the lives their own children).

So we are calling you to join us in prayer and repentance on Ash Wednesday at Planned Parenthood

which is on Central Entrance in Duluth, Minnesota. Come

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Fill a Baby Bottle!

Ask your church to be a part of this fun way to help support Pro-Life Ministries of Duluth and sidewalk counseling by filling a baby bottle with change or cash.

Throughout the years churches in the region have been a great help to this ministry by having a Baby Bottle Campaign. Many babies have been saved through sidewalk counseling and moms have been helped with follow-up.



Ask your Pastor about being a part and let us know. We will send the information to you or your church! Thank you for your participation!

Sidewalk Counseling Encounters

By Pastor Tom Schaer

"Standing Small Bundled In God"

It was a relatively quiet Duluth morning, and we were Bundled; with a capital B; as we prayed for God to deliver children from death on the frozen brick sidewalk in front of the so-called "Building for Women." Five couples and at least five babies had already entered for an appointment with death. With a spirit of love I called out to a couple that had passed into the courtyard, pleading with them to choose life for their baby. The man sharply responded "She hasn't been pregnant for a long time" (they appeared to be a bit older). So I continued to communicate God's love and plead for life. At this the man turned around and motioned for me to come over by him (in essence, daring me to come close enough to argue at least). I informed him that we were part of a peaceful protest that was seeking to save children from death. The man's spirit was provoked enough to ignore the promptings of his wife or girlfriend to follow her into the building and he turned to walk towards us. He was making bullyish threats as he exited the court-yard marching to where we stood. I invited him to share his story with us and asked why he was there that morning. He was not looking for a dialogue or for another man to stand his ground against him. He came close enough so that our bundled bellies were touching and told me to stop talking several times or he would... let's just say, silence me. I replied "Sir, you are touching me; that gives me permission to talk to you."

I don't know if he was hoping I would take a first swing or calculating that though our bellies were touching his eyes were a good five inches below mine, but as I stood small in the eyes of God, trusting in Christ as my defense, the man seemed to see something in my face that calmed him. He turned and walked away without any further words. It was then the Spirit brought to my mind the eternal words of Nehemiah, *"But You are a God of forgiveness, gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and abounding in loving-kindness;"* (Nehemiah 9:17 KJV) So out of the overflow of my heart these words gushed to the ears of the man and the escorts that had really taken an interest in the brisk exchange.

How thankful I am that the Lord is patient with me and has not wished for me to perish but has granted me to come to repentance. Isn't it His kindness that leads us to repentance? That leads us to humble ourselves before him?

Would you consider "bundling up" in God and coming out to stand small with us as we sidewalk counsel Friday mornings in *(Continued on page 2)*

Rich in Mercy

Biblically-based Christ-centered counseling sessions to bring healing to hurting hearts- Abortion/Miscarriage and Baby Loss Recovery. Call Sarah for information.

Calendar For 2019

Day of Repentance Prayer Vigil —March 6

Baby Bottle Campaign—Starting in March

Wonderful Words of Life— April 12

Spring to Life in May— May 4

Cemetery of the Innocents—Starting in May

Walk For Life— June

4th of July Parade —Superior, Wisconsin

Bike for Life—Saturday, August 4

Memorials To Remember the Babies who died from abortion- September/ October

Christmas Care and Share— December 20

Please feel free to call or email anytime!

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(Day of Repentance continued...) with a heart to live and love on behalf of Christ and the preborn of our nation. We will be a witness for truth from 11-1:30 to keep abortion in the public eye and expose the values of self-destruction and death that our culture has embraced. Please come and pray and hold a sign for an hour or two. Let this be a tangible expression of the love of Christ for children as we pray together for the end of abortion. *(See flyer included in this mailing)*



"Instead of a river, God often gives us a brook, which may be running today and dried up tomorrow. Why? To teach us not to rest in our blessings, but in the blessing Himself." A.W. Pink

(Encounters.. Continued from Page 1) Duluth? We love exercising the workout routine Paul prescribed to the Church as he wrote to Timothy. *"So flee youthful passions and pursue righteousness, faith, love, and peace, along with those who call on the Lord from a pure heart. Have nothing to do with foolish, ignorant controversies; you know that they breed quarrels. And the Lord's servant must not be quarrelsome but kind to everyone, able to teach, patiently enduring evil, correcting his opponents with gentleness. God may perhaps grant them repentance leading to a knowledge of the truth, and they may come to their senses and escape from the snare of the devil, after being captured by him to do his will."* (2 Tim 2: 22-26 ESV)

Thank you for praying for us as we stand small bundled in God for the preborn of Northern Minnesota!

(A note from Sarah Winandy) We are praising God for another baby save that happened in November, 2018, that we learned about in January. A mom and her boyfriend were headed for the abortion center from across the street. I crossed over and gave them literature and said "You don't want to live the rest of your life with the knowledge that you killed your own baby." They both said "thank you" and walked away.

A life care center worker from Hibbing recently relayed a story of a mom who came in for help who said she was going in for an abortion in Duluth and described my crossing the street to talk to her and she changed her mind! Praise God! He even let us know the outcome!

Sanctity of Human Life Sunday Report

Generally, every year we encourage churches to remember the sanctity of human life the last Sunday before the anniversary of Roe v. Wade, (though this could be done any Sunday of the year) Often we are invited to speak an encouraging word for life that day.

Thank you to The Landing Church in Proctor Minnesota and to Cloverland Bible Baptist and Lakeside Baptist Church in Wisconsin for inviting us to give a word for life!

Pastor Tom Schaer encouraged folks to think of the finality of abortion and invited 16 people to come up front as a visual to consider the 16 preborn children whose lives were taken by abortion in Duluth at the abortion center the week before. Who might those children have grown up to be? How greatly they will be missed by their families and in society! Sarah Winandy encouraged prayer; as God's children we have a responsibility before Him to wage in prayer for the end of abortion and speak out on their behalf. We must not be afraid of man! Joshua and Caleb said "Let us take the land" while the others feared and refused to face the giants. David ran to the giant in great faith in God, while the others ran away. We face a giant in our land today in this culture of death. Let us be as those who had faith and honored God who did not fear to stand and speak!

(One Monday last month we spent 9 hours together in prayer and worshiping God at Lakeside Baptist Church in Wisconsin. Folks came and went and joined in to pray, it was a great blessing. Ask your pastor to invite us for the same!)

The Jericho March and More January 22, 2019, 46 Years of Roe v. Wade

About 23 people came to march and pray on the sidewalk in front of the Building For Women. We marched silently and soberly in prayer and then Pastor Tom Schaer called us together and led in cooperate prayer. For three separate intervals we prayed for specific needs— **#1. To make a declaration of confession before Almighty God:** A) for the sin of abortion in our land. B) for the sin of the fear of man which causes us to remain silent. C) for the sin of lethargy and indifference among the people of God. And D) for the sin of prayerlessness. **#2. Prayer for Intercession.** A) for thoughts to be taken captive and for God to change the minds and hearts of the mons and dads bringing their little ones into the abortion center to be slaughtered by abortion. B) for the workers at the abortion center to have changed minds and hearts and stop working there **#3. Praise and Declaration of Life:** A) thank the Lord for the babies saved from abortion! B) thanks be to God for the women who changed their minds and for those who are seeking the Lord today.

Thank you to all who came and for those who brought their families for a very special and powerful time!



Pastor Tom Schaer marched and prayed with a wooden cross.



Above: Pastor Tom Schaer (yellow jacket) surveying at the courthouse during our special outreach.



Above: Fox 21 News filmed our event. Pastor Tom Schaer was interviewed and spoke of the value of human life, and they included the interview in the evening news that night and were fair to us.



We marched and prayed silently. Protesters were there against our Prayer March for Life, but we prayed for them and didn't interact.

After the Jericho March, we went to the Duluth Courthouse with survey questions as part of a special outreach to bring an awareness of abortion to people and give an opportunity for discussion. Ten people were surveyed and the results showed: 80% Believe that abortion is killing a human being, 50% believe that life begins at conception. (Six people out of 10 based their answer on faith) and 50% know someone who has had an abortion.

We would like to do the surveys a few times more this year. If you would be interested in being a part of this or if you have ideas how to bring an awareness let us know!



In the evening we gathered for prayer at First Presbyterian Church. Thank you to the 23 who attended. God moved in our hearts and many prayed. Noah Maldonado, Regional Coordinator of Students for Life (pictured above), shared testimony of the recent March for Life in Washington DC and shared prayer needs.

After the service we walked with candles to the Building for Women to pray and worship God. We sought Him for abortion to end and for the Church to awaken to the hour of this crisis.

(Picture on opposite side)



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Pictured above: We held a candlelight prayer vigil in front of the Building for Women and noted there were 16 of us. The last abortion day, 16 moms had gone in for an abortion. We felt the potential of those 16 babies put to death by abortion.

“All Is Forgiven”

By Nicole Schaer



“All is forgiven”—What powerful words! Words that believers in the saving grace of Jesus Christ know to be true. But do we really believe them to be true? Do we apply them to our own lives - to our own sin? Or does some deep place in our hearts struggle to believe that we are completely forgiven?

Nicole Schaer

While there has certainly been an upsurge in Christians speaking out in defense for preborn children in response to laws being passed in New York and beyond, there is still a need for the church to step up and boldly declare the value in God-given life. Why has the church, in general, been so quiet? One reason may be that many within the church have either had an abortion or have in some way participated in helping someone have an abortion. We know that “nearly one in four women in the United States (23.7%) will have an abortion by age 45.” Sadly, this does not exclude believers.

If this statistic is true, think of the impact this has had on the church, the body of Christ. Compound that impact with Christians struggling to apply God’s grace and mercy to their lives. We know that Satan wants to kill, steal, and destroy and will use guilt and unforgiveness to restrain and restrict believers from being engaged in the good works God prepared in advance for us to do.

Pro-Life Ministries of Duluth is not just activism for activism’s sake. We are reaching out to women before AND

after abortions. We want to love on and meet the needs of women and that includes helping women in their journeys of healing. Sarah Winandy has led in some sessions of “Rich In Mercy”, a powerful study that digs deep to bring healing and freedom from the shackles of past sin. Please reach out to us if you or someone you know would like to hear more about this study.

Powerful freedom and forgiveness, words that bring a beautiful memory to my mind. I’ll never forget a time in a small church in my past. It was a bit out of the ordinary, but a longtime member went forward in a service to give a public confession. The confession contained the sad story of how she had gotten involved in an affair, gotten pregnant, and to cover up what had taken place, she had gotten an abortion. I don’t remember how God had brought conviction and repentance to her, but what I will never forget is the response of this small body of Christ. The women immediately went to her and surrounded her with hugs, tears, love and forgiveness. The very picture of why Christ went to the cross for each one of us. *All is forgiven—powerful words!*

(According to the www.gutmacker.org November 22, 2017 report; Abortion is a common experience for U.S. women despite dramatic declines in rates)

New Pro-Life Van!

One year ago we posted in a newsletter the need for a new pro-life van. Thank you to all who lifted this up to the Lord! Before the end of 2018 the Lord answered that prayer and we now have a 2008 Honda Odyssey which is in very good condition!

Thank you to Kari Toyota in Superior who donated one third of the cost of this vehicle and sought it out for us. Also thank you to Lakeside Baptist Church who donated one third of the cost. Thank you to others who gave! A big *shout and thank you* to Denny Hallgren from C-IT Signs who donated his time to place the graphics!



Sidewalk Counseling Report January—February 2019

62 moms came in for an abortion
1 left early
1 confirmed save
13 saves this year to date ministry wide
Here in The Building For Women in Duluth
406 babies were aborted in 2017



Spring to Life in May!

Saturday, May 4, 2019, 11-1:30 p.m. The way time flies May is not that far away! This year make plans to be a part of this amazing outreach event. We could use your skills for crafts and games; let us know if you have ideas to share with us. Feel free to invite your relatives and your friends who have children for a fun way to share the gospel and pro-life message of life!

Please put this on your calendar and just come and bring children! We want families to benefit from the fun crafts and games that point to the gospel and to the sanctity of human life.