

Lincoln Right to Life

Lincoln 2014 Pro-Life Speech Contest

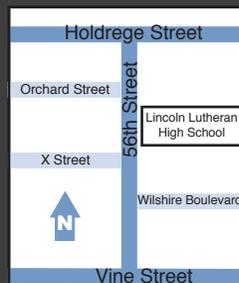
For high school students. Sponsored by Lincoln Lutherans for Life and Lincoln Right to Life.

**Lincoln Lutheran High School,
1100 N. 56th St., Lincoln**

Saturday, April 12

Registration begins at 9:30 a.m.

Contest begins at 10 a.m.



Prizes include:

First place: \$400

Second place: \$300

Fourth place: \$100

Third place: \$200

Fifth place: \$50

Speech Theme: Pain capable abortion laws - do they work and are we succeeding?

For more information and to see contest rules, visit <http://www.lincolnrighttolife.org>, call 402-325-9252 or email russbarger@windstream.net. Registrations can be obtained from and submitted to the same email address.

Make your voice heard, earn some money for college
and put your speaking ability to important use!

A message from President Matt Tapling

I want to discuss three stories of courage with you this month. As I was watching the Olympics, I saw a special about a para-Olympian swimmer named Jessica Long. Her story is inspiring because of her athletic accomplishments without two legs below the knees. The rest of the story is even more inspiring; her stardom has made her known to her birth mother and father in Russia. Jessica was a disabled baby adopted at birth to a family in Baltimore 21 years ago. She was able to meet with her birth family, which includes a father and sister of whom she previously was unaware. The line that struck the deepest was when she said, "I want them to know I am not angry with them; I just want to thank them for giving me life." It is a beautiful story of adoption and healing.

The second story was of a woman who had struggled with three miscarriages. Her next pregnancy went to 33 weeks, but just

two weeks from her due date, she felt a stillness and knew something was very wrong. Her worst fears were realized as she was told her baby was stillborn. She then told a heroic story of faith and reliance on God to bring her through the worst days of her life. She and her husband now have three children and a vibrant faith.

The third story is of the women around us today. As the prayer warriors stand in front of the Planned Parenthood facility on Tuesdays, they are the last witness to life before the abortion appointment. They also stand there until the last woman leaves. Thirty percent of women in society between 20 and 50 years old are post-abortive. The pain they feel is no less real than the story above. These post-abortive women frequently do not have the chance to properly go through the grieving process. So the unresolved pain of the abortion manifests itself in broken marriages, a series of bad

relationships and an inability to be at peace in the silence of their hearts.

Being pro-life is not easy and the pain of losing a child is the deepest wound a woman and family can feel. However, through faith and healing, there can be light at the end of the dark tunnel. I urge you to be open to the woundedness of the friends around you and help them discover the road to healing.

Dates to remember

April 1

Website redesign launch
www.lincolnrightrighttolife.org

April 12

Pro-Life Speech Contest

April 18

Good Friday – 40 Days for Life
Closing blessing with the Bishop

Does Praying at the Abortion Facility Matter?

By Jack Odgaard

Many of us may have asked ourselves the above question. At times, maybe we've doubted that our personal presence in prayer on an abortion day makes any difference. "Would anyone notice if I wasn't here? Would I be missed? Would it make any difference?"

Here's a true incident that answers those questions. It's relayed by a woman who frequently comes to pray as a Helper on abortion Tuesdays. She has a son in the seminary who was home for summer break last summer. It was a hot Thursday when he said he was heading off to pray at the Lincoln Planned Parenthood abortion clinic. She reminded him that PP does abortions there on Tuesdays, but he said he felt a need to go and pray that day.

As he stood on the sidewalk praying, a car drove through the PP parking lot and stopped beside him. He thought it might have come from the Sonic Drive-In next door. "Now what's going to happen?" he thought to himself. A young man was driving the car – he looked to be just 15 or 16. He rolled down his window and said, "Hey, thanks for being here. I am here today because someone was praying at the Planned Parenthood clinic when my mother changed her mind 15 years ago and let me live. Your prayers do help." The woman next to him in the passenger seat was probably his mother, and she waved as they drove off. The seminarian told his story when he got home and said, "Mom, I

am glad I went today."

Praise God! The Father knows his weak children need to be encouraged, reinforced and helped. So he gives us signs like this. Thanks, Lord, for these affirmations and all your reminders that our presence on abortion days is pleasing to you and important to your work.

Three security guards quit Planned Parenthood in the past year

Last spring one of the two initial PP security guards walked off the job. We reported that he had been talking with a Helper and felt that he could no longer work at a job that was destructive. He had been reading the Bible. We prayed for Kirk, and learned that he soon trained and got a job as a truck driver. A few weeks passed, and on July 26, the security chief, Pat, showed up with a new hire. We weren't told his name, but overheard someone call him Canaan. He stayed on the job less than four months. One week in November, there was no one on security duty, and the next week, Pat was on duty. Two weeks later a new young guard was on duty. He was there in early December through Christmas and the first Tuesday in the new year – Jan. 7. But that was the last time we saw him. No security guard was on duty Jan. 14, and since then the security chief, Pat, has been on duty in Lincoln. Let us pray for these young men, that they may find life-affirming work. And, continue to pray for Pat's conversion that he may want to seek work away from the culture of death.

Nebraska Right to Life PAC 2014 Primary Election endorsements

Nebraska Right to Life PAC's policy in open races in which there is no incumbent is to endorse all who present pro-life via survey questions and interviews. These candidates were all interviewed by the NRL PAC board March 15 and meet the criteria for endorsement.

U.S. Senate

- Sid Dinsdale
- Bart McLeay
- Shane Osborn
- Ben Sasse

Governor

- Jon Bruning
- Tom Carlson
- Mike Foley
- Beau McCoy
- Pete Ricketts
- Bryan Slone

Endorsements in other races are pending and will be available on the Nebraska Right to Life's website, <http://www.nebraskarighttolife.org>, by the first week of April.



Vote Pro-life on May 13th!

NRL PAC CANDIDATE ENDORSEMENT CRITERIA

Nebraska Right to Life PAC sends a survey to every candidate for state and federal office. If the survey is not returned by deadline, a "Did Not Respond" is put by the candidate's name. NRL PAC representatives interview candidates for major offices either prior to the primary or between the primary and general elections. We rely on input from board members and members of our local chapter network around the state, as well as pro-lifers from the candidate's district. Criteria for a pro-life endorsement includes a returned survey and agreement with major principles on the survey. Concurrence with NRL PAC's position on every survey question is not required for a pro-life endorsement. Some issues are "deal-breakers" for an endorsement such as overturning Roe v. Wade, opposition to abortion funding and unethical bio-medical research. Incumbents to an office or current elected officials seeking a different office are held to a higher standard by virtue of the fact that they have a voting record which we also take into consideration. However, a 100 percent pro-life voting/action record is a rarity and not required to receive an endorsement. Newcomers with no previous record of action/voting can claim to be 100 percent, but there is nothing to base that on. When incumbents seeking the same office have a good pro-life record, they are given special consideration with a sole endorsement, even if a pro-lifer is challenging them. NRL PAC is one of the few groups which prints all of the answers of every candidate who responds to our survey. We feel it is the only fair way to let the pro-life voter know where the candidates stand.

Paid for by Nebraska Right to Life Political Action Committee, Brian Kimminau, 404 S. 11th St., P.O. Box 80410, Lincoln, NE 68501

Lenten 40 Days for Life Continues Until Easter



40 Days for Life continues until Easter Vigil, April 19th, from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily.

This peaceful, prayerful presence will be at the **Planned Parenthood Abortion Facility at 5631 South 48th St. (between Highway 2 and Old Cheney Road)**. Signup is conducted at participating churches, or you may attend as your schedule allows. Use off-street parking. For more information, contact Lincoln Right to Life at 402-327-9015.



“Be Thankful Your Mother Gave You Life.”

— Reverend Alan Kitto, Ordained Presbyterian Minister, Sacred Winds Church (the only native American Church in Lincoln)

Lincoln Right to Life

Fostering respect for human life from
conception to natural death

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Mother's Assistance Fund

This fund assists mothers who have turned from abortion. The funds are running low. Your generous tax-deductible donation is needed. Please use the enclosed envelope and mark it "Mother's Assistance Fund." Your financial gift, in any amount, is appreciated.

Has your address changed?

Please help us maintain our newsletter address list. Before you move, you can send us your new address by emailing us at lrlmembership@windstream.net. Be sure to send your name with your old and new addresses. Or complete this form and clip it with the mailing label below and mail to: Lincoln Right to Life, P.O. Box 6321, Lincoln, NE 68506.

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Join His Excellency, James D. Conley,
Bishop of Lincoln, on Good Friday,
April 18th, at 3 p.m.

in a prayer presence at the
Planned Parenthood abortion facility,
5631 South 48th St.
(between Highway 2 and
Old Cheney Road)

Use off-street parking or park in
the Cornerstone Christian Church
parking lot at 48th & Old Cheney.