

Lincoln Right to Life

A local chapter of Nebraska Right to Life

March 25

Good Friday prayer presence

Join His Excellency
James D. Conley,
Bishop of Lincoln,

at 3 p.m. on
Good Friday to
pray at the Planned

Parenthood
abortion
facility,

5631 S. 48th St.
(between
Hwy 2 and
Old Cheney Road).

Prayers will
include the
Way of the Cross
and the sung Divine
Mercy Chaplet.

Use off-street parking or
park in the Cornerstone
Christ Church lot at 48th
& Old Cheney Road.
Do not park in Planned
Parenthood's lot.



From the president, Matt Tapling

Dear Pro-Life supporters,

Recently I heard a story shared by a post abortive woman who described the pain she felt as a result of her abortion as post-traumatic stress disorder. I always had associated this with the military men and women returning from service. As she described the psychological effect of abortion, the magnitude of the pain in society struck me.

Approximately one in three women aged 19-54 are post abortive, and one in four men are directly impacted with an abortion decision. These folks are truly the warriors and wounded victims of the war on Life we have faced through the past 43 years. The road to recovery is a long and hard one that organizations like the Pregnancy Center or Rachael's Vineyard can address with trained counselors. I bring this thought to mind because as we enter Holy Week and the subsequent Easter season, we are reminded Christ died for our sins and always desires for us to come to him seeking His Mercy and forgiveness.

I have one more experience to share. I was talking to a

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40 Days for Life participant who had been outside praying peacefully. However, a car honked at her and a woman inside yelled something. Being new to the event, she asked, “Why did they honk at me?” I am not bothering them. I am only praying quietly.” I responded that the pain of a past decision likely still exists and her presence reminds the woman of this. There is a spiritual battle occurring; we allow our presence to be used by the Holy Spirit to move that person to seek healing.

The Lincoln Right to Life board has approved a project to get a social media campaign off and running. We will generate Facebook posts and tweets to share the latest information, inspire you with photos and provide you with resources regarding the reason for our pro-life stance. Please keep an eye out for a formal launch announcement during the next few months.

We have a number of great activities coming up; please review the newsletter for details. Holy Week events and the speech contest are great ways for you to come out and share your pro-life presence and voice.

I'm looking forward to seeing you at the events and wish you a prayerful Holy Week and blessed Easter.

— Matt Tapling



President Matt Tapling and Treasurer Maggie Kramer oversee the Lincoln Right to Life table during the Nebraska Walk for Life in January.

From our state affiliate: Nebraska Right to Life position

- **LB 767: Dismemberment Abortion Ban: Support**

Sen. Tommy Garrett, LD 3, introduced LB 767, the Dismemberment Abortion Ban Act. This bill would ban a certain method of abortion that begins at around 13 weeks gestation when the unborn child's limbs are formed. The baby is torn apart with sharp instruments in an excruciatingly painful way. LB 767 could impact abortions that Planned Parenthood of the Heartland does up to 16 weeks.

LB 767 is Nebraska Right to Life's priority bill. This legislation is similar to bills that passed in Kansas, Oklahoma and West Virginia, and is pending in Missouri. LB 767 was heard in the Judiciary Committee March 2 and is awaiting a committee vote.

- **LB 990: Strengthen Fetal Tissue Statute: Support**

Sen. Al Davis, LD 43, introduced LB 990 to strengthen our

existing statute banning the sale for profit of aborted fetal tissue. The bill addresses the issue raised in the Center for Medical Progress videos showing Planned Parenthood affiliates discussing the sale and transfer of aborted baby body parts. LB 990 was heard in the Judiciary Committee March 2 and is awaiting a committee vote.

- **LB 1056: Physician Assisted Suicide: Oppose**

Sen. Ernie Chambers, LD 11, has prioritized this Physician Assisted Suicide bill, LB 1056. Nebraska Right to Life strongly opposes LB 1056 and turning our state into a haven for assisted suicide, as has happened in Oregon, Washington and California. LB 1056 was heard in Judiciary Committee February 24. The committee vote was 4-4.

- **LB 768: Choose Life License Plates: Neutral**

Sen. Tommy Garrett, LD 3, also introduced LB 768, which

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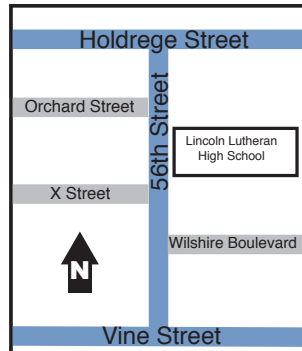
**For high school students.
Sponsored by Lincoln Right to Life
and Lincoln Lutherans for Life.**

**Saturday, April 9
Lutheran High School
1100 N. 56th St.
Registration: 9:30 a.m.
Contest: 10 a.m.**

Speech theme:

“What are the significant effects of the 11 videos released by the Center for Medical Progress on the Pro-Life Movement?”

Prizes include:	
First place: \$400	Fourth place: \$100
Second place: \$300	Fifth place: \$50
Third place: \$200	
Consolation prize: One stipend toward the cost of the 2017 Walk for Life in Washington, D.C.	



For more information and to see contest rules, call 402-325-9252, visit www.lincolnrighttolife.org or email williambarger.rb@gmail.com. Registrations can be obtained from and submitted to the same email address.

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on state legislation

would provide for specialty Choose Life license plates. Originally written to promote adoption, part of the license fees paid to the state would go to Crisis Pregnancy Center, which counsels and refers for adoption.

An amendment offered at the February 9 Judiciary Committee hearing would send 75 percent of the fees to the prenatal care fund for indigent women.

Nebraska Right to Life is not opposed to the concept of the bill but is neutral due to strategy and priority. From history, we have learned that if a pro-life bill doesn't garner any opposition and is easier to pass, the legislature is inclined to pass said bill and not pass other pro-life bills that have vehement opposition from the abortion industry.

NRL would like to see all pro-life bills pass, but that is not the

dynamic that is at work in the Nebraska Legislature. Thus we have to prioritize the bill(s) we think will have an impact on abortion policy in the state and work solely for those.

• **LB 114: Strengthen Clinic Regulations**

LB 114, introduced by Sen. Beau McCoy, LD 39, during the 2015 session would change the DHHS category of abortion facilities from "health clinics" to "ambulatory surgical centers." Currently, under the designation that they fall under (health clinics), abortion facilities do not have to prove that they have emergency medical equipment on hand or even that their employees are trained in emergency procedures. LB 114 would put in statute that abortion facilities must follow the higher standards imposed upon ambulatory surgical centers. This bill was heard in the Judiciary Committee last session and awaits a committee vote.

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Mother's Assistance Fund

This fund assists mothers who have turned from abortion. Due to your continuous generosity, we are able to provide support to mothers, including those we have mentioned in this and past newsletters. Please use the enclosed envelope and mark it "Mother's Assistance Fund." Your continued support is most appreciated.

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Abortion facility update

By Jack Odgaard

March 4: After two consecutive weeks of abortions, Planned Parenthood has now had two weeks in a row with no abortions at its Lincoln facility. Yet the clinic was still busy these past two weeks. There appear to be only seven or eight people on staff, and the clients are there for short periods. We particularly noticed a number of men going into the clinic alone.



A Helper of God's Precious Infants' volunteer was praying outside the facility February 23. He saw three men go in and leave. As he was leaving, one of the men spoke to the helper. The client said he would go elsewhere if he could get sexually transmitted disease testing free of charge, and that Planned Parenthood does some good work. The helper replied, "They do abortions." The client made an obscene gesture, and the helper politely said, "God bless you." It caught the client off guard. He paused and replied, "God bless you," and drove off.

Testing for STDs is a service provided by Planned Parenthood. Other clinics and doctors do the testing, but they are not subsidized by American tax dollars as is Planned Parenthood, so the cost is less.

March 1 was the only very cold day during the past few weeks. The wind chill was 10 degrees at 8 a.m. The morning brought out two more good Samaritans. Two people, at different times, dropped off hot chocolate for those praying at the abortion facility.

Thanks to all those who come to pray on abortion Tuesdays. Your attendance is deeply appreciated and makes a difference to people going into the abortion clinic. Whether for 10 minutes or an hour, your presence is a witness to life that God can use to change minds and hearts, and save lives and souls.