

**KNOX COUNTY RIGHT TO LIFE  
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**RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED**

Check out these websites:

**Illinois Federation for Right to Life**

[www.ifrl.org](http://www.ifrl.org)

**National Right to Life Committee**

[www.nrlc.org](http://www.nrlc.org)

**Knox County Right to Life**

[www.knoxcountyrighttolife.org](http://www.knoxcountyrighttolife.org)

**Women's Pregnancy Center**

[www.womenspregnancycenterofgalesburg.org](http://www.womenspregnancycenterofgalesburg.org)

**Don't Forget...Mark Your Calendar:**

**September 30 – Essay Contest submissions are due (see details in this newsletter)**

**Oct 4 – Life Chain – 1:45-2:45PM at the corner of Fremont and Henderson and extending down those streets.**

**Oct 4 – Life Chain Rally – 3:00PM - Colonial Baptist Church on West Fremont Street**

**Oct 13 – Knox County Right to Life meeting – First Church of God on Harrison Street - Galesburg**

**Oct 18 Festival of Life (depending on COVID-19 regulations and permissions) (See details in this newsletter)**

**Every Day – At home or away - Stay Safe, Stay Well, Pray for Unborn babies and their Moms.**



## **KNOX COUNTY RIGHT TO LIFE**

*Fall 2020*



### **NOTE FROM OUR PRESIDENT**

Hello again! So many changes have occurred this past year, and many more are on the horizon, especially as we near the election. No doubt, this past year has maximized our tolerance for additional change, but we must remain strong and steadfast with our purpose to promote and respect human life at all stages from conception to death.

We are blessed to be able to host the events we have come to know so well as an organization, and we have been blessed to be able to tackle the roadblocks encountered while accommodating for the pandemic. Though it has been particularly challenging to implement new ideas, we trust in God's grace to work through us. We continue to witness His grace through innovation and creativity which has allowed us to have the annual community-wide Baby Shower that benefits the Women's Pregnancy Center. This time it was a drive-through shower. We are most pleased by the prayers answered as we have been given permission by the city to go forward with the annual (30th year) Life Chain on Sunday Oct. 4<sup>th</sup> from 1:45 to 245 pm. The location again is centered on the intersection of Henderson and Fremont streets. Facemasks and social distancing will be required. We have also been permitted to participate in the 40 days for life nationwide campaign of silent and prayerful witness and will be covering Friday, Oct. 9th from 8-6pm in Peoria at Planned Parenthood. We are looking for additional volunteers to stand with us. Our Christmas ornament fundraising is off to a great start.

Our plans for The Festival of Life are being put together with a new and required registration this year to keep our numbers at 125 for attendance (see the Festival of Life article below for details). Our speaker, Rev. Bob Vanden Bosch, is an inspiring person. ! So, register online ASAP.

Lastly and most importantly, we are facing the upcoming election with much uncertainty and therefore with even a greater sense of urgency for defending unborn babies. Sadly, there are so many opinions in direct opposition to life. Therefore, we must ask ourselves which candidate will do the least amount of harm. Which will protect human life the best? We must distinguish between what issues are the most intrinsically evil and what issues require more dialogue and discussion? Let's pray that our faith-informed decisions will recognize the truth to vote accordingly. We are all most grateful for your support and prayers. God bless and Peace to all.

*Jennifer Remmes*

*President of Knox County Right to Life*

### **GALESBURG HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS FOR LIFE**

E-Learning for The Galesburg High School students began early September and due to the pandemic the plans are to continue for five more weeks at home. Therefore, the SFL group has not been able to meet. However, the new president, Michael Younes, a senior, has exciting plans for the upcoming school year and will be relying on social media to recruit and to join together to promote life as students of GHS in our community. At this time, Michael is planning with other students to make "caring gift bags" to be passed out to women who are seeking help and who go to the Women's Pregnancy Center of Galesburg. These thoughtful gift bags are for letting the new mom know that she is cared for by the community of Students for Life from GHS. They also plan to stand together at Life Chain and also to adorn the Bethel Baptist Church sidewalks with chalk art for the annual Festival of Life.

We are truly grateful for all their efforts and please keep them in your prayers.

## FESTIVAL OF LIFE.....

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2020.....6:30 P.M. BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH, 1196 N. ACADEMY ST., GALESBURG, IL

KNOX COUNTY RIGHT TO LIFE is pleased to announce that its annual Festival of Life is scheduled for Sunday October 18th. The keynote speaker, Rev. Bob Vanden Bosch, who is the Executive Director of Concerned Christian Ministries, comes to us from Missouri. Rev. Bob was ordained a minister in 1983 after which he pastored a church in the western suburbs of Chicago for 11&1/2 years before leaving to lobby before the Illinois General Assembly. He lobbies for Christian and Biblical values, families, churches, and the unborn, who cannot speak for themselves. Freedom to practice Religion has been at the core of Rev. Bob's lobbying, with a realization that without life, there are other rights and there is no Freedom.

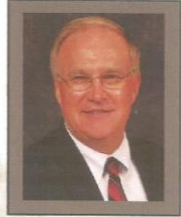
REV. BOB WILL CHALLENGE US TO DO A PERSONAL CHECK ON THE IMPORTANCE OF THESE VALUES AND HOW TO APPLY THESE TRUTHS TO OUR ACTIVITIES IN ELECTIONS. HIS TALK WILL BE VERY TIMELY AND HELPFUL.

The winner of the 2020 Pro-Life Essay Contest will read the winning essay and prizes will be awarded.

DUE TO THE CORONA VIRUS RESTRICTIONS, WE WILL BE LIMITED TO 125 ATTENDEES and EVERYONE WILL BE REQUIRED TO WEAR MASKS. PRE-REGISTRATION IS NECESSARY. THIS CAN BE DONE AT OUR WEBSITE [www.knoxcountyrighttolife.org](http://www.knoxcountyrighttolife.org) or CALL PAT @309-343-2852.

THERE IS NO ADMISSION CHARGE, BUT THERE WILL BE A FREE WILL OFFERING TAKEN. REFRESHMENTS WILL NOT BE SERVED THIS YEAR.

**KNOX COUNTY RIGHT TO LIFE INVITES YOU TO MEET**



**GUEST SPEAKER**

*Rev. Bob  
Vanden  
Bosch*

Rev. Bob Vanden Bosch of Concerned Christian Ministries, has been helping Christians across the State in protecting their freedom to worship, their RIGHT-TO-LIFE, and their freedom to practice their sincerely held religious beliefs. Rev. Bob will challenge us to do a personal check on the importance of these values and how to apply these truths to our activities in elections. WITHOUT THE RIGHT TO LIFE, THERE ARE NO OTHER RIGHTS.

Join us at this year's

# Festival of Life

**Sunday, October 18, 2020 @ 6:30 P.M.**  
**Bethel Baptist Church**  
1196 N. Academy St., Galesburg, Illinois

**FREE ADMISSION**

\*PLEASE NOTE COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS: Audience Capacity is 125.  
\*Masks are required. No Refreshments will be served.

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### PRO-LIFE PASTORS' DINNER CANCELLED

DUE TO THE CORONA-VIRUS, KNOX COUNTY RIGHT TO LIFE WILL NOT BE HOSTING ITS ANNUAL PRO-LIFE PASTORS' DINNER THIS YEAR. WE ARE DISAPPOINTED THAT WE HAVE TO CANCEL, BUT HELEN RUPPERT HAS ALREADY COMMITTED TO MAKING HER DELICIOUS ROAST BEEF DINNER WITH ALL THE TRIMMINGS IN 2021. LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING YOU THEN!

### ELECTION INFORMATION

If you have voted or registered to vote in 2018 or after, you should have received an application to request a "vote by mail" form. Those who haven't received such an application and want to vote by mail can request an application on line at [www.ci.galesburg.il.us](http://www.ci.galesburg.il.us) or call the election office at 343 3660. Early voting will start 9/24. You can begin mailing your "mail in ballot" on that day or drop your "mail in ballot" in the drop off box in front of city hall any time up to 7:00PM Nov. 3. (You can also drop off your request for a "mail in ballot" there). The mail-in or drop-off box is open 24 hours a day and is well lit with a security camera. You can also vote in person at city hall. If you have requested a "mail-in ballot" you can still vote in person. However, you will need to bring in your mail in ballot to be able to do so.

## 40 DAYS FOR LIFE, 2020

Can you spare a couple of hours in silent prayer in front of the people Planned Parenthood facility in Peoria on Friday October 9?

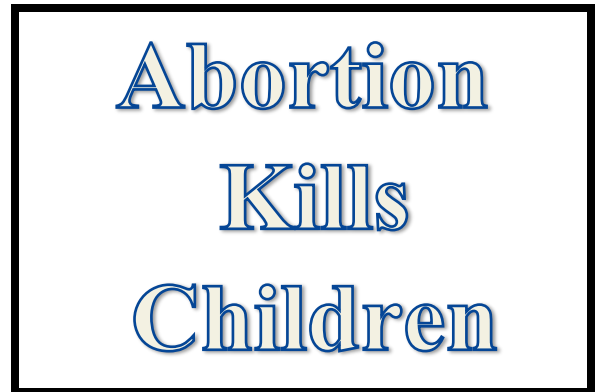
Again Knox County Right to Life is participating in the 40 Days For Life campaign. We have taken on the responsibility of having people in attendance from 8:00AM – 6:00 on that day. We need at least one driver for the 8:00 -10:00AM slot as the one volunteer for that slot does not drive. There will be two others present at that time, but they won't be returning to Galesburg. We could use at least two additional people for the Noon to 2:00PM slot and three or four people at the 4:00-6:00PM slot. You can always volunteer for any of the time slots as the more people in attendance the greater our visibility and message. Signs will be provided. You can bring a lawn chair. Face masks and social distancing are required. **Thank you for stepping up!** Call Dick Conklin at 309 343 2852 or e-mail at conklin.dick@gmail.com

## LIFE CHAIN

Life Chain is coming up very soon. It will be on **October 4** and on the same streets as last year. It is a good place because the traffic pattern there is pretty busy. So, please, come and pick up your sign between 1:30 and 1:45 pm at the big parking lot west of the intersection of N. Henderson and Fremont Streets. At 1:45 spread out, at least **an arm's length on either side; for social distancing and to cover more territory.** We can extend our chain from **Academy to Sweetbriar** going east and west **AND** from Dayton to Losey going north and south. We will hold our signs for one hour; **silently and prayerfully.** Then we will move to Colonial Baptist Church on West Fremont Street for the rally at 3:00 pm. **I hope to see you there.**

Masks are required for both Life Chain and the rally following. These two hours of your day may save a life. Be a lifesaver. Come and join us.

*Mary Norton Secretary, KCRL*



## (REMINDER - FROM PREVIOUS NEWSLETTER)

### KNOX COUNTY RIGHT TO LIFE SPONSORS SIXTH ANNUAL ESSAY CONTEST

Knox County Right to Life is sponsoring its Sixth Annual Essay Contest for students, with cash prizes up to \$200.00. The contest is open to junior high and senior high school aged students, in grades 6 through 12, in Knox County.

Students must submit an essay not to exceed 500 words on the topic **“Describe your world in ten years: 1) if current pro-abortion laws are maintained and strengthened and 2) if strong pro-life legislation takes effect”**

Submissions will be accepted during the month of September, through the final due date of **September 30th.** Essay submissions may be mailed to **R. Flesher, 683 N. Cherry St., #305, Galesburg, IL 61401** or emailed to **rflesher007@yahoo.com.** Please include contact information for result notifications.

The awards will be presented as follows: First Place - \$200.00 and a plaque; Second Place - \$100.00 and a plaque; Third Place - \$50.00 and a plaque. The awards will be presented at the Festival of Life on October 18th, with the first place winning essay read by the student who wrote it.

Knox County Right to Life is pleased to partner with youth who will inspire their peers and future generations to stand up and support the sanctity of life at all stages.

*Roxanne Flesher*