

**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:**

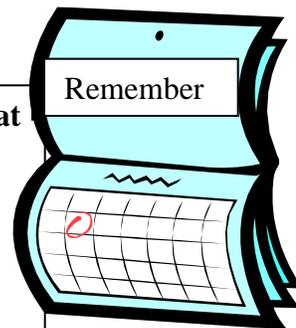
**Every Friday – Prayer Warriors – spend one hour at the Planned Parenthood Facility at 2709 N. Knoxville Ave., in Peoria**

**August 6 – KCRL Baby Shower -- Mt Calvary Lutheran Church – 1372 W Fremont  
9:00 AM – 11:00 AM**

**August 9 – KCRL meeting – St Patrick's Church – Academy & 3<sup>rd</sup> Streets 7:00 PM**

**August 13 – Joshua Camp –Redeemer Presbyterian Church Peoria – 9:00AM – 4:00PM**

**Sept 13 – KCRL meeting – Corpus Christi Church – McAteer Center – 7:00 PM**



## KNOX COUNTY RIGHT TO LIFE

Summer - 2022



### Note from our president:

Dear Readers,

The Supreme Court decision has come down and it has been decided that the U.S. Constitution does not promise a right to abort your babies. It is neither written there nor implied. This momentous decision is cause for great rejoicing, but also calls for more prayer and effort. Some things to think about are below.

1. First of all, I hope you all voted in the primary. So many don't vote in the primaries. Honestly, the primaries are of primary (Did you see what I did there?) importance. You can't vote for your favorite candidates in the general election, if they never make the ballot.
2. Vote prolife in November. The balance of power is swayed by very few seats.
3. Write your members of the General Assembly and of the U.S. Congress and write and write and write. They have aides who keep track of the opinions expressed. The more you write the better. You can google the addresses.
4. Pray, pray for our country; pray to change hearts and minds; pray for our leaders; pray for our justices in thanksgiving for this decision and for their protection. Pray for the protection of our churches, pregnancy centers and workers. Pray for those who are outside the abortion facilities. Pray for the women seeking abortion that they have a change of heart and have someone to walk beside them in the crisis. Pray for the fathers that they stand with the mothers of their babies. The **7x7x7 prayer** is easy and takes little time. Set your device to 7am and 7pm. Then when the alarm goes off, pray seven times: "Lord, please stop abortion in this country". This is simple but I believe if we have more and more people joining this simple prayer; we can change hearts and minds. Obviously, we can't meet every morning and evening for prayer, but this is a way to have a meeting of our hearts and minds.
5. Support the pregnancy centers in whatever way you can. **This is not my own thought, so I take no credit:** *The Supreme Court decision was given on 6/24/22. Send a check to the pregnancy center or prolife organization of your choice. Make it out for \$6.24, or \$62.42 or \$ 624.22. You get the idea.*
6. Stay informed. If you are not already receiving the newsletter from the Illinois Federation for Right to Life, think about signing up for that. There are other organizations like Live Action, 40 Days for Life, Radiance Foundation, Then There Were None, National Right to Life. and more.
7. Be watching for news of upcoming events for Knox County Right to Life such as, Life Chain, the essay contest, pastors' dinner and Festival of Life. We are again selling ornaments this year and the income helps support our efforts.

We can't stop. Pelosi wants to push through the Women's Health Protection Act (WHPA) which creates a federal right to abortion. Secretary Becerra of Health and Human Services plans to strengthen abortion by increasing access. Biden wants to codify abortion rights into federal law.

P.S. June 24th is also the birthdate of Nellie Gray who was the founder of the national March for Life. (Coincidence, I think not.)

**Furthermore:** I just finished listening to a broadcast called, "Life After Roe". Multiple presenters from various areas of concern in the pro-life cause gave ideas for the future of the movement. It was interesting and informative. However, I was thrilled to see those presenters like Abby Johnson, Eric Scheidler, Kristen Hawkins, Jill Stanek, Ryan Bomberger, Melissa Ohden have all been presenters at our Festival of Life. The

moderator of the broadcast was David Bereit who was also one of our Festival of Life presenters. Thanks to all of you who have made this possible by organizing and contributing time and money. M.N.

Check out these organizations: Abby Johnson-*And Then There Were None*, Eric Scheidler-*Prolife Action League*, Kristin Hawkins-*Students for Life of America*, Jill Stanek-*Her Plan*, Ryan Bomberger-*Radiance Foundation*, Melissa Ohden-*Abortion Survivor Network*, David Bereit, founder-*40 Days for Life*.  
*Mary Norton, President*

## **Joshua Camp Exciting news**

After a two-year COVID-caused hiatus, Joshua Camp is back! This year Knox County Right to Life along with Central Illinois Right to Life is conducting their first ever joint Joshua Pro-Life Camp in Peoria Saturday, August 13, from 9:00 - 4:00PM. The camp will be held at Redeemer Presbyterian Church at 2025 N. Kickapoo Creek Road in rural Peoria. As our camps were at Costa Catholic Academy in Galesburg, this activity will include a day filled with education, games, food and fellowship. The purpose of the camp is to prepare students moving from middle school to high school or from high school to college for the environment they will be facing related to pro-life issues. The “Joshua” symbolism is all about knocking down walls... not of Jericho this time, but the walls of ignorance and misinformation. There is no cost for the event, and it includes a free Joshua Camp- T-Shirt.

If interested, call Dick Conklin at 309-343-2852, or email him at [conklin.dick@gmail.com](mailto:conklin.dick@gmail.com). We may also need one or two adult drivers depending on the number of interested students.

## **40 Days for Life**

Galesburg and Knox County are again participating in the 40 Days for Life in front of the abortion facility in Peoria. We are assigned Wednesday October 5, from 8:00AM to 6:00PM. We are looking for volunteers to stand peacefully, prayerfully and silently along the sidewalk on North Knoxville Ave adjacent to the Planned Parenthood building. You will not be standing alone as there will be other volunteers. Please call Dick Conklin at 309-343-2852 or email him at [conklin.dick@gmail.com](mailto:conklin.dick@gmail.com) to schedule a time slot that would work best for you. A two (2) hour commitment is preferred; However, we will happily take any time commitment you can make. Hopefully, with an increased number of volunteers this year we can make a visible statement of Respect For Life and Respect for both mother and child

*Dick Conklin*

## **Save the Dates: Looking Ahead**

Knox County Right to Life will hold its annual Festival of Life on Sunday, October 16th. Bethel Baptist Church, located at 1196 N. Academy Street in Galesburg will host this 6:30 p.m. event. This year’s keynote speaker will be Alison Centofante. She is a child advocacy innovator, a very much in demand public speaker and her written work has been widely published. Serving in the pro-life movement, Alison has seen how education and encouragement can get others on the path to prolife activism and lives saved. She is happy to come alongside us to motivate us to action.

The Festival of Life will also feature the reading of the winning 2022 Pro-Life Essay and a short Youth Presentation.

Knox County Right to Life will hold its annual **Pro-Life Pastors’ Dinner** on Saturday Night, October 15th. Corpus Christi Catholic Church located at 273 S. Prairie Street in Galesburg will host the dinner. All pastors and a guest are invited to attend the dinner free. All other pro-lifers are invited to attend and to make a \$10 donation to cover the expenses of the dinner. Our Festival of Life speaker, Alison Centofante (see above) will give a short presentation at the dinner. There will be reservation forms available in the next newsletter, but **TODAY MARK YOUR CALENDARS.**

*Pat Conklin*

## Essay Contest ...Knox County Right to Life Sponsors Eighth Annual Essay Contest



**KNOX COUNTY RIGHT TO LIFE**  
**8th Annual**  
**Essay Contest**

"Now that Roe vs. Wade has been overturned, what can we do to foster a culture of Life?"

**AWARDS**

**First Place: \$200.00** plus plaque  
**Second Place: \$100.00** plus plaque  
**Third Place: \$50.00** plus plaque

**2022**

Awards will be presented at the Festival of Life on October 16, 2022, with the winning essay read by the student.

**Available to:** Junior High and Senior High School Students in Knox County.

**Expectations:** Students must submit an essay not to exceed 500 words on the topic: "Now that Roe vs. Wade has been overturned, what can we do to foster a culture of life?"

**Submission Period:** September 1, 2022 - September 30, 2022

**Submission Due Date:** September 30, 2022

**Send Submission to:** email: [rflesher007@yahoo.com](mailto:rflesher007@yahoo.com)  
or mail to: Roxanne Flesher, 683 N. Cherry St. #305, Galesburg, IL 61401

**Award Decision:** Submissions are collected and reviewed by committee. Decisions of the judging committee to award or not award are final.

The mission of KCRTL (not for profit) is to provide education to raise the awareness of the sanctity of human life and to support abortion alternatives in our community.

Knox County Right to Life is sponsoring its Eighth 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 "Now that Roe vs. Wade has been overturned, what can we do to foster a culture of life?"

Submissions will be accepted September 1st 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](mailto:rflesher007@yahoo.com). Please include your school name or email 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 16th, with the first place winning essay read by the student who wrote it.

This year we and others have done all we can to protect the lives of the unborn, however we care about all lives, including women facing unplanned pregnancies. 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*

### **Baby Shower**

On August 6<sup>th</sup> our annual Baby Shower will be held at Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church. It will again be a drive thru event. Our major needs are cash and diapers. Anything you can contribute to support new moms and their babies will be much appreciated, but there is at the pregnancy center an abundance of baby clothing. The diaper sizes especially needed are 3,4,5 and 6. The event will be held between 9AM and 11AM.

*Pat Lee*

### **Christmas in July!**

KCRL members will soon be asking you to support their wonderful cause of saving babies by purchasing Christmas ornaments. This year the ornament (we hope to have an image in the next newsletter) is a large, deep green Christmas tree with a gold star, colored ornaments, and a strip of popcorn. Our ambitious sales people will be out selling from mid-August. You can call Lori at 309-337-7728 or Helen at 309-342-4383.

In advance, we thank you much.

*Helen Rupert*