



# South Central Nebraska RIGHT to LIFE

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### 12-Week Abortion Ban Passes Nebraska Legislature

LB626, the "Nebraska Heartbeat Act," failed to pass in round 2 on April 27, 2023, as a result of Sen. Merv Riepe voting "present, not voting," leaving the bill one vote short of passing. LB626 would have banned abortions once a heartbeat could be detected, usually about six weeks into pregnancy. It contained exceptions for rape, incest, and to protect the life of the mother.

Since the bill could not be reintroduced again this legislative session, on May 16<sup>th</sup>, Sen. Ben Hansen introduced Amendment 1658, the "Preborn Child Protection Act", which would ban abortions after 12 weeks gestation, to LB574 "Let Them Grow Act." On May 19, LB574 passed with just enough votes (33 in favor, 15 against). On May 22<sup>nd</sup>, Gov. Jim Pillen signed the measure, and it became effective immediately.

While LB574 allows unlimited abortions for the first 12 weeks of pregnancy, it is still more limiting than the law that has been in place since 2010, the "Pain Capable Unborn Child Protection Act", which banned abortion after 20 weeks gestation. Unfortunately, out of the 2,507 total abortions performed in Nebraska last year (per DHHS 2022 Statistical Reporting Data), 2,233 abortions took place at or before 12 weeks gestation. **Our new 12-week abortion ban would have only saved 274 babies last year**, as the majority of abortions happen before 12 weeks gestation (i.e. 12 weeks from the woman's last menstrual cycle).

The most common abortion procedures are the suction / curettage abortion, which is done by suction machine, typically before 12 weeks, followed by chemical / medication abortions. The FDA recommendation is 10 weeks and under for chemical abortions. There are no longer dismemberment abortions, which are often used after 12 weeks.

According to the 2022 Nebraska Abortion Statistics, Nebraska abortions increased 6.23% from the 2021 total of 2,360. The majority of abortions are done on women ages 20-34 (1,913 abortions), but 269 abortions were done on women between ages 15-19, and 6 abortions were done on women who were less than 15. The remaining 319 abortions were done on women from age 35 +.

The largest percentages of reasons given for having an abortion were either "No Contraception Used" (1,663 abortions) followed by "Contraceptive Failure" (268 abortions). Only 12 were due to fetal anomaly, 15 were due to maternal life being endangered, 50 due to maternal physical health, and 6 due to sexual assault. There were 0 abortions due to incest, and only 2 due to Medical Emergency. If LB626, the Nebraska Heartbeat Act / 6-week abortion ban, had passed, **only 73 abortions** would have been legal in 2022.

The majority of abortion procedures in Nebraska for 2022 were "Medication Induced" (1,864 abortions / 75%) and Suction/Curettage (551 abortions / 22%). There were 82 abortions that were D&X (Dilation & Extraction), which happens in later term. It typically is the type of procedure where they go in and inject the baby's heart to bring about death, then remove the baby, sometimes in pieces.

As Pro-Life Nebraskans, we must continue to be proactive in our efforts to protect all preborn babies. We must take time to educate our friends and families, as well as have a pro-life presence in our communities, so that we can enact the greatest protection for unborn babies' lives!





# SCNRTL Activities and Fundraisers



**SOUPER SUNDAY FUNDRAISER** – March 19, 2023 at the Adams County Fairgrounds. Fundraising dollars were raised for our 12' x 24' Pro-Life Billboard that rotates around Hastings. Pictured L-R (Back): Amanda Frasier, Larry Consbruck, Loretta Tebbe, Bill Primrose, Dave Hart, Liza & Dale Grotelueschen. Pictured L-R (Front): Joan Primrose, Connie Consbruck, Marge Koepp, Dee Hart, Juliene Bryan, Genie Aulner & Jacinta Schultz.



**LIGHT OF LIFE AWARD** – presented to Larry & Connie Consbruck for their years of service in the pro-life movement. Pictured with Sandy Danek, Executive Director of Nebraska Right to Life.

**GARAGE & BAKE SALE FUNDRAISER** - A heartfelt **THANK YOU** to all our volunteers who came and worked at our Garage + Bake Sale Fundraiser, June 20-24! We could not have made it without your generous donations of time and talent to organize and staff our Sale. A big **THANK YOU** as well to all who supported us financially with your donations and purchases! Funds raised from this event go to purchase permanent Pro-Life Billboards we can install along highways or in your front yard.



**PARADES** – One way we show our pro-life visibility in the community is by participating in parades. SCNRTL has been in the Juniata Days Parade & Adams Co. Fair Parade so far this year. Our next parade event will be the Kool-Aid Days parade on Saturday, August 19th. **Join us** and increase our pro-life visibility by walking with our group and our rolling pro-life billboard. Bring your entire family, strollers, and wagons, while you either hold signs or help us pass out candy. Help us show that being pro-life can be FUN!

**MOVIES** – A crowd of 160 attended the LIFEMARK movie event for FREE at the Hastings Museum Theatre on May 21, 2023. Join us for a 2nd chance showing on July 30th at 2 pm. See back page for details.





## Assisted Suicide Deaths Up More Than 35% in Canada

The Euthanasia Prevention Coalition has estimated that 13,500 assisted suicides took place in 2022 in Canada. It has been reported that the province of Quebec saw a 51% surge in assisted suicides, with 3,663 such deaths being recorded in 2022 compared to 2,427 in 2021. 7% of all deaths in Quebec in 2022 were therefore state-sanctioned assisted suicides. Alberta, Ontario and Nova Scotia also saw big increases in 2022 as Canada's trend towards more assisted suicide continued by roughly a third, consistent with previous years.

Medical Assistance in Dying (MAiD) was legalized in 2016. Considering the 2022 projection, MAiD has likely killed around 44,500 Canadians as of December 2022. While MAiD was initially limited to Canadians suffering from a condition in which death was imminent, the law has since been expanded to include non-terminal conditions. The country is also considering whether to extend MAiD's scope to the mentally ill.

Alex Schadenberg, the director of the Euthanasia Prevention Coalition, attributes Canada's soaring assisted suicide rate to its "heavy promotion" by the MAiD establishment, pushing death on Canadians. "The selling of MAiD by the MAiD teams is a big reason why the numbers are skyrocketing", he said. "If you're going to pay people to be on a MAiD team, they will sell what they are offering."

World-famous psychologist Jordan Peterson recently spoke out against assisted suicide at an event in Ottawa. "I don't trust the people who can't give you a passport in two weeks to decide whether or not grandma gets to live", said Dr Peterson.

Numerous horror stories have emerged out of Canada in recent years, with mental illness and even poverty being considered justifiable reasons for assisted suicide.

A Canadian ex-soldier suffering from PTSD was offered assisted suicide through a veteran hotline. He and his family

were left feeling shocked and "betrayed". A woman known as Denise, 31, was conditionally approved for assisted suicide after failing to secure suitable accommodation because of "abject poverty". A doctor in Canada boasted that she helped kill 400 people through assisted suicide, seeing such circumstances as "loneliness and poverty" as a good enough to help kill patients.

Dr. Daniel Frampton, the Society for the Protection of Unborn Children's Editorial Officer, said: "Assisted suicide in Canada is surging by roughly a third every year – that is quite simply terrifying. The only safeguard against assisted suicide is not legalizing it in the first place. What vulnerable people need – whether they are suffering from disease, mental illness or disability – is appropriate and timely care, not pressure to 'choose' death. In the end, we must see assisted suicide for what it is: a method of disposing of 'problem' people. State-sanctioned suicide should send a chill down all our spines."



Source: <https://www.lifenews.com/2023/06/12/assisted-suicide-deaths-up-35-in-canada-as-more-than-13500-people-killed-in-2022/>

## Abortion Is Not The Solution To The Foster Care Crisis



I have had the honor of serving as a foster parent for the past two and a half years. During that time, I have cared for twelve children: some just for weekend respite care, some for a few months, and two for well over a year. I currently have a house full of excellent teenage boys. My life is many things, but certainly not boring!

Unfortunately, the heated emotions surrounding the abortion debate often lead pro-choice advocates to drag foster children into the discussion. It's completely inappropriate. **Children in foster care have lives worth living.** I wish this went without saying. Are there struggles? Absolutely. No one comes into foster care without some amount of trauma; a child's removal from biological family is itself traumatic, in addition to whatever abuse or neglect led to the removal. But trauma does not negate a child's value. Nor does it negate a child's joy! Like anyone else, children and teens in foster care enjoy their hobbies,

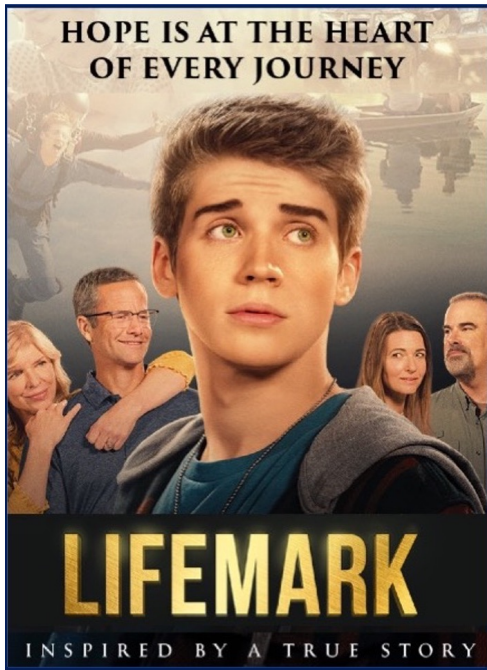
friendships, birthday parties, and connections with their family members (both biological & foster). They are not better off dead.

**Abortion is not the solution to the foster care crisis.** There *is* a foster care crisis. Too many children are unable to live safely with their parents, child welfare departments are underfunded, there is constant turnover among social workers, and we desperately need more quality foster families. But unplanned pregnancies aren't the source of these problems. Not a single one of the children in my care entered the foster system as an infant! It is very common for problems to arise later in childhood: a parent dies, develops an addiction, or is incarcerated. These circumstances are not predictable before a baby is born. So unless your "solution" is to encourage abortion in *every pregnancy*, the argument makes no sense.

**You could be a foster parent.** Yes, you! You can be single or you can work full-time and get licensed. The placement staff take lots of factors into account. Some children need two foster parents, or a stay-at-home foster parent, or a foster parent with medical expertise. Plenty of foster children just need the basics: a safe, stable, loving environment.

Source: Kelsey Hazzard, President of Secular Pro-Life, an organization that uses non-religious arguments to promote the pro-life perspective. <https://www.lifenews.com/2023/06/12/abortion-is-not-the-solution-to-the-foster-care-crisis/>





# FREE MOVIE

**Sunday, July 30<sup>th</sup>  
2 pm**

**Hastings Museum Theatre  
1330 N Burlington - Hastings**

Seating is limited.  
Doors open 15 minutes prior.  
Movie Rating: PG-13

This free event sponsored by:



Inspired by a true story, LIFEMARK is a faith-based drama about a young man who has always tried to hide the fact he's adopted, but when his birth mother reaches out to him, he must decide if he'll let her into his life.

David is a senior in high school who's going to turn 18 soon. He has an important speech coming up about something that's impacted his life. Throughout his life, David has kept it secret that he was adopted, but his teacher suggests that would be a good topic if he's willing to talk about it.

Don't let the PG-13 rating stop you from seeing this movie. The movie's themes about abortion and pro-life issues are the reason the Hollywood elites are giving the movie such a tough rating. There's nothing graphic or objectionable in LIFEMARK; it just has heavier themes designed for older children.

Our new permanent pro-life billboard in Hastings! → This is on West 3rd Street near the Waterpark. Thank you, Amy & Caleb, for your pro-life witness.

If you are interested in posting a permanent pro-life billboard at your home / farm, please reach out! We would do this at no cost to you.

Email: [info@SCNRTL.org](mailto:info@SCNRTL.org) or call Connie: 402-461-1934



Join us to help raise awareness for the value of human life!



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# WALK for LIFE

**SATURDAY, JULY 29 • 8:30 AM**

Starting at the parking lot of Lakeside Community Church

*Barista's coffee trailer will be serving coffee!*

Free will donation on the day of the event or donate now by scanning the QR code:



## SHOOT 4 LIFE

A Benefit for Pro-Life Organizations in Nebraska

11<sup>th</sup> Annual

## SPORTING CLAY

## CHARITY EVENT

AIMING TO SAVE LIVES

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 17<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

**8:30AM - 1:00PM**

### SCNRTL BOARD MEMBERS:

- President** – Amanda Frasier
- Vice-President** – Marge Koeppe
- Secretary** – Jacinta Schultz
- Treasurer** – Larry Consbruck
- President Emeritus** – Connie Consbruck

### MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

- **August 19** – Kool-Aid Days Parade, 9:45 AM – Hastings – Walk with our float!
- **August 23** – Right to Life Meeting, 6:30 PM – Peace Lutheran Church, Hastings -- Join Us!
- **September TBD** – Remember the Unborn Memorial Service, Parkview Cemetery, Hastings
- **September 17** – Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser, St. Michael's Church – Hastings
- **September 27** – Right to Life Meeting, 6:30 PM – Peace Lutheran Church, Hastings -- Join Us!