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January Rally for Life Santa Rosa on 1/26



We are excited to announce that SCPL will be hosting our annual rally.

Sanctity of Life Sunday, January 26
Santa Rosa Christian Church
1315 Pacific Ave. in Santa Rosa
from 1:30 – 3:00 PM.

This is a very motivational time with speakers from multiple churches, prolife ministries, and gifted musicians. It is always a multi-generational event for all ages and will inspire all. It will be indoor in case weather is inclement. Please make plans to come!

We are also planning an OUTDOOR rally for Mothers' Day weekend in May to be a witness to the whole area. More on that to come! *Lawrence Lehr*

Keeping Perspective

“Two millennia ago a child was born, and the whole ridiculous story – the virgin, the husband, the stable, the star – is true, considering which, our current concerns are nothing.”

With thanks to Peggy Noonan, WALL STREET JOURNAL, Dec. 21, 2024

40 Days for Life

The Spring 40 Days campaign, internationally and locally, will begin with a kick-off on March 4. Daily prayer vigils will begin on Ash Wednesday, March 5, and end on Palm Sunday, April 13, at Planned Parenthood, 1140 Sonoma Ave., in Santa Rosa. For more information, go to www.40daysforlife.com.



Walk For Life West Coast

Circle Saturday, January 25 on your calendar.



21st Annual
Walk for Life West Coast
Civic Center Plaza
San Francisco

Info fair: 11:00 AM to 12:00 noon

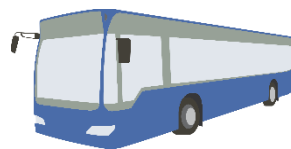
Rally: 12:30 PM to 1:30 PM

Walk: 1:30 PM

For further information, see the website:

www.walkforlifewc.com.

BUSES: From St. Eugene's Cathedral
Call 1 707 542-6984 for details.



Gideon, David, and Winning the War for Life

A pro-lifer could get discouraged. After years of prayer and toil, we finally elect a pro-life President, who in turn appoints pro-life justices to the SCOTUS, who in turn overthrow Roe vs. Wade, which in turn promised to protect the lives and health and millions of moms and their babies. Then, in a stunning change of heart and policy, this same President effectively tears the pro-life plank out of the GOP platform, declares himself pro-choice, and promises never to sign federal legislation restricting abortion in the states, not a few of which have now amended their constitutions to enshrine a woman's putative right to abort her unborn child.



Yes, a pro-lifer could get discouraged. But think with me for a moment about Gideon, who, with only 300 chosen men, defeated a confederacy of armies as numerous as a swarm of locusts, or about David, who, with five smooth stones slew a giant whose spear was as big as a weaver's beam. What lessons can we learn from these stories, thereby steadying our hearts for the great war for the sanctity of human life?

I offer five brief replies.

First, that spiritual war is inevitable. By God's wise decree, in our fallen world, good will (and must) battle against evil to the very end of history, when, at the return of Christ, the good will banish the evil once and for all.

Second, that the tides of the war are inevitable. Sadly, the current FDA refuses to warn women of the dangers of chemical abortion, and under intense pressure, from the government, Walmart, CVS, and Rite Aid have decided to sell the deadly pills. But happily, and under pressure from outspoken pro-lifers, Costco, Safeway, Health-Mart, Albertsons, Kroger's, Sam's Club, and McKesson have (so far) declined to do so. As for the battles, we will win some and we will lose some.

But thirdly, as for the war itself, victory is inevitable. God told Gideon he would prevail, and in that confidence, Gideon fought and won. David, knowing in his knower that the mighty God was with him, ran to the battle and slew the Philistine champion.



Let Planned Parenthood take heed and lay down their arms while there is still time.

Fourthly, that God likes to use the few to defeat the many, and the small to triumph over the great. According to PEW Research Center, 63% of Americans believe abortion should be legal in all or most cases, while only 36% say it should be illegal in all or most cases. There is indeed a giant in the land. No matter. The champion of the LORD will keep fighting, and Goliath will surely fall.

British abolitionists, led by Wilberforce, labored most of their lives to turn public opinion against slavery. By God's grace, and through the faithful perseverance of the few and the small, that battle was won.

Finally, that God likes his people to use unconventional weapons. For Gideon and David, it was torches, pitchers, trumpets, and five smooth stones. Here are five such stones, placed in our sling by Christ himself: prayer for the miracle of changed hearts; speaking truth with boldness, gentleness, respect, and love; showing such love in helpful acts of mercy and compassion; persevering in all of these amidst the tides of war; and rejoicing in the sovereignty, wisdom, and goodness of the Creator and Redeemer, who stands with the poor and needy, strengthens our hands for battle, and assures us that the war is won.

Yes, in 2025 a pro-lifer could get discouraged. But when tempted to do so, let him remember Gideon and David, and then, with confidence and joy, take up his holy arms and run to the battle and win the war for life.

Dean Davis

2025 Will Be A Very Important Year!

In many ways, 2025 will be a watershed year, and, in particular for the movement to protect and promote the sanctity of human life in America. For those of us who are committed to the pro-life struggle, there are a number of dynamics that will require our close attention

Many of us are older, which means we have valuable experience to pass on. Will we be intentional in our efforts? The younger generations in this country have for the most part been steeped in a worldview that minimizes the critical nature of having, protecting, and promoting children as well as protecting and valuing the elderly and infirm. Family has often become more about pets than people, more about friends than progeny.

We have a lot of ground to make up! It is so very easy to complain about the forces we see in the culture, but that will not repair the damage that is being done. We must offer a positive, healthy, spiritual alternative that makes sense to those who have been soaked in the media, social and otherwise. This is being done in many places...Pregnancy care centers, many churches and non-profits, and teaching and helps ministries of all types.

Many of you reading this are involved in these things. THANK YOU! And, of course, the God who hears and answers prayer stands behind all our efforts, meaning that this year we pray as much, or even more, than last!

Let's rededicate ourselves as we start the new year. RESOLVE literally means to be all in, and this is what we need in 2025. Can we all agree to reFIRE rather than retire? None of us knows how long we can work effectively or what wonderful outcomes may come about from collective efforts.

Let's move forward with confidence and FAITH, for if us old-timers know anything at all, we know that it can indeed move mountains!



Lawrence Lehr

