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Why Life is Important

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Each day we make a variety of decisions: What shall I eat? What shall I wear? Some decisions are critical; others are not. Deciding what to eat each day is a typical daily experience. Deciding whether we believe in God and want to walk as a Christian is another choice each person makes. Once someone becomes a Christian and accepts Jesus Christ as his Lord and Savior, he will still make many choices. Do I buy a Ford or a Chevy? Do I order brown or black shoes? However, what we don't get to decide is what parts of Holy Scripture are morally right or wrong.

As believers, the Bible is our authority. It starts with the basic facts: God is the Creator of everything. Scripture defines His laws. It explains His covenants with His people. It communicates His love and promises. It is also explicit in describing His judgment. The Bible is our relationship manual with the Triune God.

Therefore, if we call ourselves Christians, we must decide daily to adhere to His Word. We don't get to choose what parts of Scripture we like and want to obey. The point of being a Christian is to walk by faith in obedience. As believers, every idea, concept, and theory must be brought captive to Him and screened by Scripture. Oswald Chambers says it

best, "To become one with Jesus Christ, a person must be willing not only to give up sin but also to surrender his whole way of looking at things."

In believing that all Scripture is inspired by God and designed to teach Christians how to live; our values, priorities, and even our worldview are formed by God's Word. From Genesis to Revelation, God teaches us everything we need to know so that every man and woman of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work. (2 Tim 3:16)

One of the most common themes revealed in Scripture, is the Sanctity of Life*. The Bible tells us that human life has value because we are created by God. Male and female are made in God's image (Gen 1:27), "a little lower than heavenly beings, crowned with glory and honor" according to Psalm 8:5. In Jesus' death on the cross, God shows His love for human life in sacrificing His Son to redeem us. In our Lord's resurrection and victory over death, God declares the sacredness of human life by including us in His eternity through Jesus. (1 John 5:11-12)

The Bible is the Word of Life from beginning to end. It declares the Sanctity of Life in its description of God's sovereignty.

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AFL President

Here at Anglicans For Life®, we are always thinking about creative ways to share our Life-Affirming message, so when someone mentioned that April 8th was national Pro-Life T-shirt Day, we decided it would be fun to equip people with T-shirts bearing 'life' truths.

We invited people to send us their favorite bible verse that honors life. In return, we gave them a special code to request one of our T-Shirts for free.

For 3 weeks, Bible verses were emailed to me and I must say it was fun to see which verses were submitted! Verses 1-17 of Psalm 139 were the most popular. Here are the top five picks from among 37 submissions:

- Psalm 139:1-17 You have searched me, Lord, and you know me. You know when I sit and when I rise; you perceive my thoughts from afar. You discern my going out and my lying down; you are familiar with all my ways. Before a word is on my tongue you, Lord, know it completely. You hem me in behind and before, and you lay your hand upon me. Such knowledge is too wonderful for me, too lofty for me to attain. Where can I go from your Spirit? Where can I flee from your presence? I go up to the heavens, you are there; if I make my bed in the depths, you are there. If I rise on the wings of the dawn, if I settle on the far side of the sea, even there your hand will guide me, your right hand will hold me fast. If I say, "Surely the darkness will hide me and the light become night around me," even the darkness will not be dark to you; the night will shine like the day, for darkness is as light to you. For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well. My frame was not hidden from you when I was made in the secret place, when I was woven together in the depths of the earth. Your eyes saw my unformed body; all the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be. How precious to me are your thoughts, God! How vast is the sum of them!
- Jeremiah 1:5 "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I set you apart; I appointed you as a prophet to the nations."
- Jeremiah 29:11 For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."
- Luke 1:41-44 When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the baby leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. In a loud voice she exclaimed: "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the child you will bear! But why am I so favored, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? As soon as the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy."
- John 10:10 The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.

We also invited people to take pictures of themselves wearing their T-shirts. We are grateful for everyone's participation, and we hope you keep wearing the message of life! If you would like to know about fun projects like the T-Shirt & Bible verse project, please sign-up at AnglicansForLife.org/communications to get our email announcements.

I hope you enjoy this issue of Carpe Diem!



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SPECIAL SAVE the DATE ANNOUNCEMENT!

Friday January 23rd, 2026: AFL will host a special Friday morning Gathering prior to the March for Life that will feature speakers, testimony, morning prayer and intercession. Afterwards a box lunch will be available as you ride the bus to Washington, D.C. to participate in the March for Life. More details will be available soon.

WHY LIFE IS IMPORTANT

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"See now that I myself am He! There is no god besides me. I put to death and I bring to life, I have wounded and I will heal, and no one can deliver out of my hand." (Deuteronomy 32:39)

It declares the Sanctity of Life in its discussion of the incarnation. "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life." (John 3:16)

It declares the Sanctity of Life in declaring Christ's redemption. "But it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior, Christ Jesus, who has destroyed death and has brought life and immortality to light through the gospel." (2 Timothy 1:10)

It declares the Sanctity of Life in its exposition of ethical justice. "Whoever sheds the blood of man, by man shall his blood be shed; for in the image of God has God made man." (Genesis 9:6)

It declares the Sanctity of Life in its exhortation of covenantal mercy. "Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world." (James 1:27)

The Sanctity of Life is not one issue among many for Christians to consider getting involved in. Upholding the sacredness of life is a mandate in Scripture. The Bible directs God's people and His Church to protect life, care for one another, and make disciples. (Genesis 1:28) **A person's commitment to the ethic of life is related to his or her commitment to the Word of Life given to them by the Lord of Life. It should be part of each believer's worldview.**

Instead, the Church and God's people often place life low on the priority list of Christian concerns. One reason for this may be because the abortion debate has overshadowed the Sanctity of Life. Discussion about the dignity of life is now tied to the question of whether abortion should be legal or illegal and it is typically portrayed as a political and legal issue. Years and years of arguing about abortion has caused the majority of people (both Christian and non-Christian) to turn a deaf ear to any discussion that uses the words "Sanctity of Life" or "abortion."

This apathy is frustrating to those of us who see the value of life and hate the destruction of it caused by abortion, infanticide, and euthanasia in our culture today. How can people choose to ignore the killing of God's precious creation made in His image? Anglicans For Life has identified five great reasons why believers should decide daily to incorporate

Life-Affirming activities into their devotional life.

First and foremost, **we should choose to protect life because it is modeled in Scripture**, remember Shiphrah and Puah in Exodus 1:15-21? The king of Egypt said to the Hebrew midwives, whose names were Shiphrah and Puah, "When you are helping the Hebrew women during childbirth on the delivery stool, if you see that the baby is a boy, kill him; but if it is a girl, let her live." The midwives, however, feared God and did not do what the king of Egypt had told them to do; they let the boys live. Then the king of Egypt summoned the midwives and asked them, "Why have you done this? Why have you let the boys live?" The midwives answered Pharaoh, "Hebrew women are not like Egyptian women; they are vigorous and give birth before the midwives arrive." So, God was kind to the midwives and the people increased and became even more numerous. And because the midwives feared God, he gave them families of their own.

Second, **we must choose to defend life because our culture doesn't**. Since the fall of man, when sin was introduced into the world through Adam and Eve, we have experienced death and its power to destroy life. Mankind's moral compass recognizes the taking of life as wrong, but we continually compromise our moral code because of the sin nature inherited at the fall. Every culture has embraced sins, passions and lifestyles that lead to death. Abortion, infanticide, exposure and abandonment of newborn babies became an accepted means of handling unwanted, deformed and illegitimate children throughout history. Pagan practices that were first described in the Old Testament include the sacrificial killing of children and virgins to their gods and continues in many cultures around the world today. From the embryo to the elderly, a culture of death lurks behind more doors than the average person realizes.

The third reason Christians and the Church must decide daily to protect life is because our **Judeo-Christian heritage reflects a tradition of bearing witness to the sacredness of all life, both born and unborn, and it is incumbent upon us to uphold this legacy for future generations**. In the book *Third Time Around*, author George Grant details the Life-Affirming teachings and ministries of Christians and the Church from the first century to present day. A brief synopsis of chapters two through six illuminates a rich Christian history that reinforces the importance of the Church honoring God by honoring His gift of life. It also encourages us by showing the success previous generations had in obeying God's call to defend the dignity of life.

Chapter two begins with the Apostles' disciples, the early Christian Church, affirming life in both word and deed.

WHY LIFE IS IMPORTANT (CONTINUED)

Documents like the Didache and the Epistle of Barnabas promote a reverence for life. The Didache is a compilation of the apostolic moral teachings from the first century and it states: "There are two ways: the way of life and the way of death, and the difference between these two ways is great. Therefore, do not murder a child by abortion or kill a newborn infant." [pg.24] Tertullian, a third century apologist connected the Sanctity of Life with the very integrity of the Gospel in his Apology: "Our faith declares life out of death. Therefore, murder is forbidden once and for all. We may not destroy even the fetus in the womb. To hinder a birth is merely a speedier man killing. Thus it does not matter whether you take away a life that is born, or destroy one that is coming to the birth. In both instances, destruction is murder." [pg.25]

Grant also explains the ministry of the early Christian Church. In Rome, Christians rescued babies that had been abandoned on the exposure walls outside the city. They adopted the children and taught them the way of the Lord. The Christians in Corinth offered charity, mercy and refuge to temple prostitutes who had become pregnant. Grant states that wherever the Gospel went, believers expressed their faith in good works, including founding hospitals, establishing orphanages, and starting rescue missions and relief agencies. "The hungry were fed; the naked, clothed; the homeless, sheltered; the sick, nursed; the unborn, protected; and the handicapped, cherished." [pg.26]

In chapter three, Grant summarizes the Life-Affirming philosophy of the Middle Ages: "The medieval pro-life movement was first and foremost an outgrowth of the ministry of the church. It was a societal manifestation of God's work of covenantal reconciliation... Every effort on behalf of innocent life, from criminalization of abandonment to the care of the unwanted had its genesis in the sacramental Body of Christ. The medieval church, despite all our preconceived notions about its monolithic uniformity, was remarkably diverse. Yet in the substantive areas of the Gospel, it maintained steadfast unity: and because the pro-life movement was essentially a movement of the church, it too was marked by an unwavering solidarity." [pg. 46]

Chapter four of Grant's book, *Third Time Around* highlights the work done by Vincent De Paul after he learned about midwives performing illegal abortions in the slums of Paris. In this quote, he makes it clear that upholding the Sanctity of Life was not an optional activity for believers: "When're God's people gather, there is life in the midst of them. Christ's gift to us as a people is life and that more abundantly. To protect the least of these, our brethren, with everything that God has placed at our disposal is not merely facultative, it is exigent. In addition though, it is among the greatest and most satisfying of our sundry stewardships." [pg.53] The Society of Vincent De Paul still exists today living out the Gospel and serving others. Grant also refers to John Calvin and Ignatius

Loyola as examples of men influencing the church to affirm and protect life during the Reformation.

The role of the great commission is the focus of chapter five. "As missionaries moved out from Christendom to the uttermost parts of the earth, they were shocked to discover all the horrors of untamed heathenism. They found abortion all too prevalent, infanticide all too commonplace, abandonment all too familiar, and euthanasia all too customary.... To cultures epidemic with terrible poverty, brutality, lawlessness, and disease, those faithful Christian witnesses interjected the novel Christian concepts of grace, charity, law, medicine, and the Sanctity of Life.... They established hospitals, they founded orphanages, they started rescue missions.... they changed laws. They demonstrated love. They lived as if people really mattered." [pgs.79 and 80]



The final chapter to note is six, where Grant focuses on the American effort in the late 1800s to protect life. After a series of articles began exposing the deaths of women from abortion, church leaders took up the cause for life, including the Right Reverend Arthur Cleveland Cox, Episcopal Bishop of the New York Diocese. In an interview for the August 4th, 1868 issue of *The Christian Mirror*, he stated "Though physicians and journalists have laid much of the groundwork for the exposure of this awful crime against God and man, it was the Christian churches, all of the churches across the broad spectrum of denomination and sect, that have brought hope and help to the innocents. For a glittering moment, I have seen Christ's Body as one." [pg.99] It was this unified effort among Christians, journalists, physicians, politicians and feminists that made abortion illegal in the United States by the end of the 18th century.

This review of the early church fathers' ministry for life must inspire us today. They have given us a rich heritage of respect for life, reminding us, that **with God's help we too can make a difference for life.**

The fourth reason why believers should incorporate Life-

Affirming activities into their devotional life is due to the gift of technology. Four-dimensional ultrasound technology provide a clear window into the womb of a pregnant woman. It allows us to see the unborn baby at various stages of development. These pictures are now published in books, the internet, and seen in National Geographic television specials. We know the baby's heart begins beating at 28 days and all ten toes and ten fingers can be counted by week 12. We can now watch God knit each life together in his/her mother's womb.

The fifth, and final reason why believers should actively affirm life is that **the consequences of killing another human life not only affect the murderer; they are also felt throughout society.** As a woman who has had an abortion, I have personal experience with playing god; I've ended another person's life. Even though I know God has forgiven me after I repented, I often wonder who my baby would have grown up to be. The world missed out on being blessed by her and I lost the chance to know one of God's precious children. Murder, abortion, and euthanasia, not only end a life; these actions also impact the one who took the life. Furthermore, those related to the 'life-ender' also live with the truth that their loved one was capable of taking the life of another human being. Finally, the family of the one who died also experiences the impact of the death; pain, anger, sadness and grief are commonly felt.

These five points remind us of the need to choose wisely each day, how we will live and obey God's mandate to protect life. But are we as contemporary Christians and the Anglican Communion specifically, living the Word?

Those who call Jesus, Lord and Savior cannot adopt the disposable life ethic promoted in society and many of today's churches. Quality of life, stage of development, condition of health, economics, and productivity cannot be the baseline on which we decide the value of a life. God is the only one

who can number a man's days.

God calls His people and His Church by extension to celebrate, protect, and honor life daily. Doing this gives us the opportunity to glorify Him and thank Him for creating and redeeming us and all whom He has made. We owe our existence to God. He sustains us; we don't sustain Him.

“ God is the only one who can number a man's days. ”

We must encourage one another to affirm life through biblical advocacy, education, pastoral care, and ministry. We must challenge one another to uphold the tradition of caring for life as we are directed in Scripture. Obeying His Word will unleash His power and love in a way this generation of believers has never experienced. It is time for Christians everywhere to decide... This day I call the heavens and the earth as witnesses against you that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Now choose life, so that you and your children may live and that you may love the Lord your God, listen to his voice, and hold fast to him. (Deut. 30:19-20)

Promoters of death are working overtime to secure the legalized killing of humans, both born and unborn, worldwide. **With the truth of Scripture to empower us and the sacrificial example of Christ and early Christians to inspire us, God's people must embrace His mandate to affirm the value of all human life. No exceptions, no excuses.**



Editor's Note:

***Visit shopafl.org/ScripturesAndBibleStories to view a resources featuring Life-Affirming Bible stories and Scriptures.**

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Through our generous donors, and God's Grace, we continue to grow this ministry and impact the lives of Anglicans around the world. As a result of this incredible growth, AFL continues to create new goals, initiatives, and programs to spread His word and protect life.

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Leadership Updates



Welcome, TO OUR NEW AFL CHAPTER!

We want to extend a special welcome to the new Colorado Springs Region Chapter that features **three** churches coming together to form a special AFL Chapter under the leadership of the Stata Family. The three churches are **Christ Church Anglican, Holy Trinity Anglican Church, International Anglican Church**, all in Colorado Springs, CO.

CHAPTER NEWS

The Falls Church Anglican | Falls Church, VA

Chapter Leader Jeanne Lee reports that Anglicans from across the state (including The Falls Church Anglican and Church of the Apostles) joined thousands of other pro-life citizens in Richmond for a rally and march around the state capitol. It was an uplifting day, highlighting the importance of making our voices heard on behalf of the unborn. Speakers shared testimonies of hope and changed lives, while state leaders spoke of the importance of civic engagement in the months ahead.

Jeanne also shared that once again their Chapter hosted a special Sunday School class for over 100 TFCA elementary children called Male and Female - God's Wonderful Creation! The children explored the beautiful way God has made us in His image as male and female. Teachers shared scripture and science in age-appropriate ways. TFCA couples who are expecting little ones graciously volunteered to visit the classes, so students could hear a baby's heartbeat in utero - Mosaic-Virginia provided the dopplers. It was memorable! We post our special pro-life Sunday School lessons here, in case you know of a family or group that would like to use them. The Anglicans For Life teaching team would be glad to provide assistance. Reach us at tfcafl@gmail.com.

Apostles and Falls Church also partnered to help raise funds for their local pregnancy center by participating in a 5K run. To build team spirit – they created stickers using the AFL logo, that they wore on their T-shirts to identify their team.



Top right: Falls Church and Church of the Apostles church members marching in Richmond for the unborn.

Bottom left: Elementary school students participating in Sunday school teachings and listening to babies' heartbeats in utero.



Bottom right: Josh Morden and Falls Church members at a recent 5k benefiting their local pregnancy center.

Leadership Updates



Above: Life Leader Valerie Rich and members of Holy Trinity church at the Connecticut March for Life.

Holy Trinity Anglican Church | Plainville, CT

Life Leader Valerie Rich along with members of Holy Trinity were present to bear witness to the Sanctity of Life at the Hartford, Connecticut March for Life in April. Shout out to Sandra Price for the great picture!

Holy Cross Cathedral | Loganville, GA

Paulette Ivey, Chapter Leader for the AFL Holy Cross Chapter recently hosted an informational seminar that discussed the value of appointing a Power of Attorney for Health Care instead of a Living Will and provided each attendee with a copy of AFL's Finishing Life Booklet and a POA form.

Emmaus Anglican Church | Castle Rock, CO

Scott Gough, Chapter Co-leader for the Emmaus Chapter recently reported that under a glorious Colorado blue sky, eight members of Emmaus Anglican Church drove to Denver to participate in the 2025 Colorado March for Life. "We first rallied at the steps of the Capitol to hear speakers from pro-Life organizations around State. After energizing the crowd of well over a thousand people, we marched from the Capitol to Denver's Municipal Building and back. We concluded this marvelous day with a guided tour of Alternatives Pregnancy Center's downtown Denver Office to see all the services they provide mothers, babies and fathers who Choose Life, both before and after the child is born. The enthusiasm, spirit and determination of the Marchers was palpable. What especially gave so many of us hope was the animated participation of so many young people. They really drove the excitement that was in the air. We are fighting evil forces in Colorado, and their strength is sometimes demoralizing, but we strain forward in the knowledge that God's Will be done."



Announcement!

AFL featured a new ministry in the ACNA for the disabled called Access Leadership Network recently on our monthly Zoom call. Our conversation had AcLN Director Deacon Kathy Ayres interviewing Don Pollard, a wonderful gentleman from Conyers, GA who lives with a disability (ventilator-dependent quadriplegic). The question-and-answer time was also helpful, as we discussed simple things every church can do to welcome families with special needs members. I encourage you to view the recording to learn more. Simply scan the QR code below to watch.



Editor's Note:

If you would like to participate in AFL's monthly Zoom call, please email info@anglicansforlife.org and ask to be added to the Zoom for Life email list! It is held the second Monday of the month at 8 pm EST, and it is recorded so you can view later or share with others.

AFL joins..

- Candis Matejka Baldwin in honoring the memory of Matther Matejka.



10 WAYS YOUR CHURCH CAN STAND WITH WOMEN AND MEN

BE A SUPPORTIVE CHURCH.

Contact your local pro-life pregnancy center. Find the one closest to you at OptionLine.org. They will let you know how you can help as a church or individual.

BE A NURTURING CHURCH.

Form a chapter of Embrace Grace (EmbraceGrace.org) that will equip participating members to support expecting parents during pregnancy, though birth, and after. Your church can be the family that many lack.

BE A PRAYING CHURCH.

Ask your pastor to frequently pray for America's unborn babies and their parents. Have him seek the Lord's favor for pro-life candidates prior to elections. Pray for the protection of a baby and mother when you know an abortion decision hangs in the balance. Pray for mothers and fathers who have tragically chosen abortion.

BE A MINISTERING CHURCH.

Have the pastor and leadership make clear that your church is a place of ministering to mothers and fathers of children lost to abortion. Let them know this is where repentant hearts will find hope and healing. Provide a way, both publicly and anonymously, for grieving parents to seek help coping with a past abortion. Have trained individuals available to walk with them through the valley of healing.

Share God's message of abstinence until marriage and provide life-affirming assistance to those who have given into temptation and now struggle with shame and future decisions that may include abortion, parenting, or adoption.

BE A MENTORING CHURCH.

Many young people don't know what a family is supposed to look like. Form a mentoring group in your church that can provide practical lessons for both parents. Tap into the life experience of members that can be poured into young mothers and fathers. Offer classes that include proper hygiene, cooking, finances, changing flat tires, being a supportive husband/wife and father/mother, preparing a work resume, maintaining a clean home, etc.

BE A BABY-FRIENDLY CHURCH.

Let new parents know you welcome them and their children when they walk in the door, especially if you include children during the main service in your church. Mothers may be keenly aware of every sound their little ones make during the service. Put new parents at ease by making it clear their babies and toddlers are a welcome part of Christ's body.

BE AN EDUCATED CHURCH.

Pro-life education is the foundation on which we build a passion to defend LIFE and achieve political and legislative victories. Learn the basics of fetal development and abortion to be an effective advocate. Life Issues Institute has over 5,000 pages of educational information from fertilization to euthanasia, all with user-friendly access. Educate members on the importance of voting only for pro-life candidates.

BE A GIVING CHURCH.

Ask your members to give from the heart with donations of diapers, formula, onesies, car seats, strollers, cribs, or maternity clothes. Provide financial resources when help is needed with rent, utilities, education, or car payments.

BE AN ENGAGING CHURCH.

Create ways to incorporate single mothers into church life. These are women who have conquered significant challenges and possess talents to contribute. What they may lack is the confidence to offer them, so be watchful for opportunities to invite them to volunteer with childcare, or assist with VBS or other events. Ask them to participate in choir or help with serving coffee and snacks. Send a message that they are valued and needed in your church family.

BE A FAMILY CHURCH.

Demonstrate the importance of intact families that include both a father and mother. Children who grow up in fatherless families are more likely to experience poverty and substance abuse. Without intervention the cycle of broken families is more likely to continue.



Editor's Note:

AFL was given permission by Life Issues Institute to reprint this inspiring list of helpful ideas.



"If 10% of my surgeries resulted in serious injuries, my license as a surgeon would be rescinded." This comment was made by Dr. Brick Lantz during a recent review of a new report exposing the physical harm abortion pills cause women.

The report was done by the Ethics and Public Policy Center (EPPC), they analyzed 865,727 records from a private health insurance registry, looking at the medical outcomes of women who obtained chemical abortions between 2017 and 2023. What their analysis proves is that the abortion drug manufacturer, Danco Laboratories, distributing mifepristone under the brand name Mifeprex, is lying on their website when they claim that the drug is safe and effective.

Well actually, they are only half lying, the drug is effective in killing the pre-born baby in the womb, but it is definitely not safe for the women taking it. Danco claims that less than 0.5% of women experience a serious adverse reaction but a deep-dive into the data reveals that actually 10.93% of women who used the abortion drug mifepristone experienced serious complications within 45 days.

FIGURE 1 Serious Adverse Events by Category		
	Number with adverse events	Serious adverse event rate
Sepsis	824	0.10%
Infection	11,707	1.34%
Transfusion	1,257	0.15%
Hemorrhage	28,658	3.31%
Hospitalization (related to the abortion)	5,699	0.66%
ER visit (related to the abortion)	40,960	4.73%
Ectopic pregnancy	3,062	0.35%
Other life-threatening adverse events (cardiac, pulmonary, thrombosis, anaphylaxis, surgery)	1,956	0.22%
Repeated (surgical) abortion	24,563	2.84%
Other abortion-specific complications	49,169	5.68%
Overall	94,605	10.93%

Note: The overall serious adverse event rate of 10.93% is adjusted for the fact that some women suffer from adverse events in multiple categories.

According to the Guttmacher Institute website, there were approximately 642,700 abortion pill pregnancy terminations, which accounts for about 63% of all abortion in the United States in 2023. When you use the EPPC findings of 10.93% women injured, that equates to 70,247 women in 2023 alone, experiencing one or more of the complications noted above. More than 70, 000 in one year!

If this drug was anything other than an abortion drug, the FDA would have removed it from consumer use.

While skeptics might want to question the results of the EPPC analysis, a similar study released by the Foundation for the Restoration of America (FFROA) on April 25 also found that more than 10% of women who underwent a mifepristone abortion "experience a serious adverse event."

Anglicans For Life encourages you to do 3 things with this information; 1) share it everywhere because we must discourage women from seeing the abortion pill as an easy way to end an unplanned pregnancy. 2) send letters to the new FDA Commissioner, Marty Makary asking him to remove FDA approval of Mifepristone. 3) write to your senator and congressman asking them to call for the removal of Mifepristone from the prescription drug list covered by Medicaid.

I am glad that Dr. Lantz knows that safe health outcomes are critical to keeping his surgical license, I just wish someone would hold the FDA and Danco Laboratories accountable for their malpractice at the cost of women's health.



Editor's Note:
The full analysis can be found online at:
[Eppc.org/publication/stop-harming-women](https://eppc.org/publication/stop-harming-women)

Ministry Updates

As President of Anglicans For Life, I have the privilege of meeting a variety of people who call the office, or I encounter while traveling. It is a joy to make connections with folks interested in Life-Affirming ministry. Over the last few years, I have been blessed and encouraged to meet three awesome young women who are developing into wonderful leaders for life!

As God's timing would have it, their leadership and love for life all blossomed recently and I realized we had a trifecta of terrific young women that everyone could benefit from meeting, so I took the liberty of interviewing them via email. They were all in the middle of finals and finishing school but took the time to answer my questions.

Evie Kline, from Christ the Redeemer Anglican Church in Owensboro, KY is sixteen and recently started an AFL Chapter at her church.

Lucy Tuttle (19), is from Emmaus Anglican Church in Castle Rock, CO. I originally met her at the 2023 Life SUMMIT in Washington, D.C. and was pleasantly surprised earlier this year to get an invitation from her to speak at the Students for Life Chapter at Grove City College in PA, where she serves as their Chapter Leader.

Priscilla Stata (16), and her family contacted me two years ago, wanting to know about AFL and how they could get involved. Even before officially establishing a Chapter, they recruited a team of folks from two Anglican churches to raise money for their local pregnancy center. While serving the Lord for life is a family affair that keeps everyone involved, Priscilla's passion for the Sanctity of Life inspires her tenacity and drive in leading the new Regional Chapter created from the three churches coming together (Christ Church Anglican, Holy Trinity Anglican Church, International Anglican Church) in the Colorado Springs area. I hope their thoughts about the value and dignity of life inspire you as they have me.



Above: Priscilla

Of all the topics that our church and culture face, why did you choose to address the Sanctity of Life topics?

E: I think this is one of the most important issues facing our world today. If our culture and churches don't value human life, then how can we expect change regarding other important issues to occur?

L: The Sanctity of Life is the most urgent issue in our present time. Nothing presents as more immediately horrendous than the murder of a million people per year.

P: While there are many good causes, I believe that abortion in particular is the largest evil of our day and one that every Christian should address.

When did you first become interested in life topics?

E: I've been interested in life issues for as long as I can remember. When I was about 3 or 4 my parents told me about abortion, and I was in shock. I just couldn't believe that something that evil was happening, and I've been strongly pro-life since.

L: I first learned about abortion when I was around the age of 11. Instantly, I was horrified. My interest slowly grew as I got older and understood the extent of the culture of death of our society.

P: I have been passionate about the issue of life since I was eight years old.

Do you see abortion and euthanasia as social justice issues or something else?

E: I definitely see them as social justice issues, and as I said previously, protecting the sanctity of life is the most important social justice issue we face. Millions of pre-born lives have been taken around the world by the atrocity of abortion, and in the US alone, more than 65 million legal abortions have been recorded since 1973. Unfortunately, we know these numbers are even higher due to a lack of reporting on abortion statistics, especially due to the widespread use of the chemical abortion pill. Additionally, the rates of and support for assisted suicide and euthanasia world-wide are only growing, even in the United States.

L: I see abortion as a social justice issue, and so much more. A particular

group of human beings has been marginalized, and their mistreatment (to the point of death) has been normalized. This is the most pressing of social justice issues. But it is also the destruction of the Imago Dei, which all people, born or unborn, bear.

P: I see abortion as well as euthanasia as a biblical and moral sin against God and our neighbor.

Was there one thing that made the dignity of life become a key topic for you?

E: I wouldn't say there was really one specific thing that made the dignity of life a key issue for me. Finding out about abortion, later learning about euthanasia and assisted suicide, as well as hearing the statistics for these issues and the heartbreaking stories of those who have personally dealt with these issues have really influenced me in fighting for life. I'm just constantly blown away by how accepting our world can be of such horrible things like abortion, euthanasia, and assisted suicide.

L: Not that I recall.

P: Going back to when I was eight my mom was talking to us about some elections that were coming up, and it came up that one big issue was protecting life. Well, inquisitive eight-year-old me kept asking her questions about that, and she finally told me about abortion. That lighted in me a passion to protect life, and I began to grow into it.

Is there one element in serving as a leader that makes the job difficult?

E: It's difficult when people don't seem to care about the issues you care about, specifically life issues, and seeing all the opposition to protecting life from conception until natural death. It's also very difficult to see those who know that abortion, euthanasia, and assisted suicide are wrong, stay silent. As Christians, we are called to protect those who are vulnerable, and that includes standing for life, even if it's controversial or there are repercussions. As Jesus said, whatever we do for the "least of these" we do for Him (Matthew 25:40).

L: Running a college club is time-consuming. It can be hard to delegate responsibilities because everyone else in the club is also busy with school.

P: I would say that one of the biggest challenges is to pull people in and help them realize how big of an evil this really is and to treat it that way. It can also feel really hopeless when you live in a state that is the worst at protecting life in the country and just keeps making new bills going the wrong direction. Even though it can feel really difficult, it's worth it and often when it feels like lots of things have gone wrong, it is when something encouraging happens like making a connection with someone or seeing the light overcoming the darkness in small ways.

Can you share your vision and goals for what you want to do in the future to impact the Sanctity of Life?

E: I want to continue serving my community by educating them on life issues, supporting and volunteering for organizations that support and protect life, and helping to create a community that values all human life from conception until natural death.

L: I am not sure where my life is taking me right now. I could see volunteering at a pregnancy center being the extent of my direct involvement in the pro-life movement. I could also see myself running for office with this issue as my top priority. My main passion is getting others interested in protecting life.

P: Ultimately, I want to help in making abortion unthinkable and illegal however the Lord calls. Whether that is by getting involved in the government and changing

laws, getting more and more involved in a ministry like Anglicans For Life, praying outside abortion facilities, or something else that hasn't even crossed my mind yet.

What do you hope to accomplish in year one and year three, in your leadership role?

E: I want to better serve my community by supporting life from conception until natural death and help those in my church and community get more involved in fighting for life. In about three years, I also hope to have finished my nursing degree so that I can work to promote life in the medical field.

L: In a year, I want to be one of the go-to volunteer group for our local pregnancy center, to be consistently volunteering there, and to increase club membership. In three years, I want to grow the club into one of the most vibrant clubs on campus, to make the issue of life one that is on everyone's minds, to equip many club members with the skills needed to share the truth in love with people who are for abortion, and to forge strong relationships with pro-life clubs at nearby colleges.

P: Over the next year I hope to see the chapter I started with three churches (from different dioceses) to include all the Anglican churches in my city linking arms to work together for life. In three years, I hope to see that our chapter has been able to accomplish change in my state of Colorado with the Lord's help.



Any advice for your peers who may be interested in taking on a leadership role for life?

E: I would strongly encourage those who are interested in life issues to get involved! This is such an important issue and we need more people, especially those of the next generations, to be fighting for life! I also think it's incredibly important to emphasize that this is not just a women's issue, and that we need strong men and women fighting to protect life. Additionally, those who are pro-life must educate themselves, so that they can effectively defend life.

L: Don't do it alone. Ignite passion for life leadership in a few other people first and then launch together. Don't reinvent the wheel. There are so many resources out there to help you with whatever you are doing. No matter what you do, remember to do it in love and fuel your efforts with prayer.

P: Take small steps; don't try to do everything all at once. Try coordinating an event at your church to start. For example, in the past I have organized events such as getting our church involved in a local Walk For Life, hosted a Ladies tea taking collections for our local pregnancy center, and pulled together a meeting of like-minded people to talk about what we might be able to do in our church or community. Be creative in your context! Don't be afraid to take up the unpopular stance and choose to fight for your unborn neighbor, or your elderly neighbor, or your disabled neighbor. You can be a voice for them!

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