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CANDIDATE SURVEY

LIFESPAN sent the following ten-question survey to each candidate for Governor, U.S. Senate, State Senate, Michigan House of Representatives, County Commissioner and various other offices in Wayne, Oakland & Macomb Counties. Statements provided by candidates are on file at LIFESPAN's Main Office.

1. The 1973 U.S. Supreme Court *Roe v. Wade* decision allows for abortion for any reason, even as a method of birth control, even in the late stages of pregnancy. In 2022, *Roe* was overturned by the Supreme Court. Do you **SUPPORT** that decision?
2. Do you **SUPPORT** a law banning partial-birth abortions?
3. Some public funds are used for abortions or abortion referrals, such as funding for Planned Parenthood. Do you **OPPOSE** the use of public funds (i.e. Planned Parenthood) for abortion or abortion referrals?
4. Human embryonic stem cells and human fetal tissue (obtained through non-therapeutic abortion) are used in some medical experimentation which has no beneficial effects for the fetus. Would you **SUPPORT** legislation that would prohibit the use of embryonic stem cells and fetal tissue research, especially when the killing of the preborn child is necessary for this type of experimentation?
5. Would you **SUPPORT** a law banning so-called "reproductive cloning" - cloning meant to result in the birth of a baby?
6. Knowing that the removal of stem cells from human embryos (obtained through non-therapeutic abortion) results in the death of those embryos, would you **SUPPORT** a law banning so-called "therapeutic cloning" (somatic cell nuclear transfer)?
7. Do you **SUPPORT** the Michigan statute that prohibits assisted suicide (so called "aid in dying")?
8. Do you **SUPPORT** honoring the wishes of patients who want life-saving treatment (including food and water) regardless of their degree of disability, age and "quality of life"?
9. Do you **SUPPORT** legislation that would protect health care professionals from being forced to distribute medications or provide medical care that violates their moral or religious beliefs?
10. Do you **SUPPORT** changes in the Michigan Constitution which will protect the preborn from being destroyed by abortion?

NOTE: LIFESPAN is not a political organization and does not endorse candidates for election. We have surveyed the candidates as a service to our members. The questionnaires are on file at LIFESPAN's Main Office for your perusal. If you need further verification on a candidate's stand on these or other issues, please contact the candidate directly.

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~ Ralph Waldo Emerson ~

District Finder for Metro Detroit

Community	US House District	MI Senate District	MI House District
Addison Twp.	9	23	66
Allen Park	13	2	2
Amada Twp.	9	25	64
Auburn Hills	11	7	53
Belle Isle	6	4	31
Berkeley	11	10	6
Birmingham	11	7	5
Bloomfield Hills	11	7	5
Bloomfield Twp.	11	7	56
Brandon Twp.	9	23	66
Brownstown Twp.	6	1	27/29
Bruce Twp.	9	24	64
Canton Twp.	6	4	24
Centerline	10	10	14
Clarkston	11	23	52
Clawson	11	10	57
Clinton Twp.	10	11/24	60/61
Commerce Twp.	11	13	20/51
Dearborn	12	2	3/15
Dearborn Heights	12	2	3/15
Detroit	12/13	1/2/3/6/8/10	1-14
Eastpointe	10	11	12
Ecorse	13	1	1
Farmington	11	5	19
Farmington Hills	11	8	18/19
Ferndale	11	10	6
Flat Rock	6	1	29
Fraser	10	11	61
Garden City	6	4	25
Gibraltar	6	1	27
Grosse Ile	6	1	27
Grosse Pointe	13	12	10
G.P. Farms	13	12	10
G.P. Park	13	12	10
G.P. Shores	13	12	10
G.P. Woods	13	12	10
Groveland Twp.	9	23	68
Hamtramck	13	3	9
Harper Woods	13	12	10
Harrison Twp.	10	12	62
Hazel Park	11	10	8
Highland Park	13	3	7
Highland Twp.	11	23	51
Holly Twp.	8	24	51
Huntington Woods	11	10	6
Huron Twp.	6	4	29
Independence Twp.	9	23	52
Inkster	12	2	25
Reepp Harbor	11	13	20
Lake Angelus	9	23	62
Lathrup Village	11	7	18
Lenox Twp.	10	25	65
Lincoln Park	13	1	28
Livonia	11	5	21/22
Lyon Twp.	11	13	49
Macomb Twp.	10	24	59/60
Madison Heights	11	10	14
Melvindale	13	1	28

Community	US House District	MI Senate District	MI House District
Memphis	10	25	65
Millford Twp.	11	13	51
Mt. Clemens	10	11	61
New Baltimore	10	12	63
Northville	11	5/13	21
Northville Twp.	11	5	21
Novi	11	13	48/50
Novi Twp.	11	13	49
Oak Park	11	7	6
Oakland Twp.	9	24	66
Orchard Lake	11	13	20
Orion Twp.	9	24	54
Oxford Twp.	9	24	66
Pleasant Ridge	11	10	8
Plymouth	6	6	23
Plymouth Twp.	6	6	23
Pontiac	11	11	53
Ray Twp.	10	24	65
Redford Twp.	12	5	16/22
Richmond	10	25	65
Richmond Twp.	10	25	65
River Rouge	13	1	28
Riverview	13	1	27
Rochester	9	24	66
Rochester Hills	9	24	55/66
Rockwood	6	4	29
Rose Twp.	8	23	51
Roseville	10	11	62
Romulus	6	4	29
Royal Oak	11	10	6/56
Royal Oak Twp.	11	7	5
St. Clair Shores	10	12	62
Shelby Twp.	10	24	59
South Lyon	11	13	49
Southfield	11	7	18
Southfield Twp.	11	7	18
Southgate	13	1	27/31
Springfield Twp.	9	23	52
Sterling Heights	10	11/24	57/58/61
Sumpter Twp.	6	4	31
Sylvan Lake	11	13	20
Taylor	6	4/6	29/31
Trenton	13	1	27
Troy	11	9	56/57
Utica	10	24	58
Van Buren Twp.	6	4	31
Walled Lake	11	13	49
Warren	10	10/11	9/13/14/58
Washington Twp.	10	24	64
Waterford Twp.	11	11/13	52/53
Wayne	12	2	25
West Bloomfield Twp.	11	11/13	20/53
Westland	12	2/4/6	24/25/26
White Lake	11	13	51
Wixom	11	13	50
Woodhaven	6	4	29
Wyandotte	13	1	27

Wayne County



Candidate Questionnaire Responses

Key: Y = YES N=NO q=with qualifications/comments (call LIFESPAN 734.524.0162)

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<u>U.S. SENATOR</u>											22nd District State Senator										
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<u>U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES</u>											23rd District State Senator										
6th Congressional District											*										
Heather Smiley (R)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y											
12th Congressional District											24th District State Senator										
*											*										
13th Congressional District											25th District State Senator										
*											*										
<u>MICHIGAN SENATE</u>											<u>MICHIGAN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES</u>										
1st District State Senator											1st District State House										
Patrick O'Connell (R)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	*										
2nd District State Senator											2nd District State House										
Harry Sawicki (R)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Ron Kokinda (R)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
3rd District State Senator																					
Mohammad Alam (D)	N	N	N	N	Y	N	N	Y	N	N											
4th District State Senator																					
*																					
5th District State Senator																					
*																					
6th District State Senator																					
Joi Pokerwinski (R)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y											
12th District State Senator																					
Joseph A. Backus (R)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y											
Eileen Tesch (R)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y											
Shelley Wright (R)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y											
15th District State Senator																					
*																					
16th District State Senator																					
*																					



1976 Bicentennial Parade

LIFESPAN Candidate Survey

Right to Life - LIFESPAN is a non-profit educational and legislative organization. The educational side informs and motivates people to do something. The legislative side speaks to changing laws. LIFESPAN can take sides and urge passage of legislation which is called lobbying. LIFESPAN is not "political." LIFESPAN does not have a political action committee (PAC) to elect or to defeat candidates. However, we can publish candidate surveys. This has been clearly permitted on a number of occasions by the U.S. Supreme Court. We can also list office holders and tell you how they have voted on various issues. Such reporting, as we do it, is not "political." Because this comes under Freedom of the Press, such information can be passed out through churches, without jeopardizing their tax status (again by a decision of the U.S. Supreme Court). According to legal terminology, this corporation can engage in "issue advocacy." The responses to the survey questions are dependent on the honesty and integrity of the individual candidates. LIFESPAN is not responsible for any candidate's response that differ from his or her public stance of the issues. Any questions or discrepancies should be directed to the candidate. ♦

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3rd District State House *											23rd District State House *										
4th District State House *											24th District State House *										
5th District State House Soummer Moore-Crawford (D)	N	N	N	N	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	N	25th District State House *										
7th District State House Oliver Gantt (D)	N	Y	N	N	Y	N	N	Y	Y	N	26th District State House Chris Dobis (R)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
8th District State House Tonya Renay Wells (R)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y											
9th District State House *																					
10th District State House *																					
11th District State House Eddie Kabacinski (R) Matthew Stafford (R)	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y											
12th District State House *																					
13th District State House *																					
15th District State House Hassan H. Nehme (R)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y											
16th District State House *																					
17th District State House *																					
22nd District State House Casey J. Noce (R)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y											

Register to Vote in Michigan: 3 Ways!

Register in person at a clerk or satellite office

*Within 14 days of an election, voters must register to vote in person at their clerk's office or satellite office and present proof of residency documentation.

Requirements:

- If you're registering within 14 days of an election, you must provide proof of residency.
- If you register to vote in person, you will be asked for a photo ID. If you don't have one, you can sign a simple form called an affidavit and then register to vote.

How to register:

A voter registration application may be requested in person at a local clerk's office or a satellite clerk's office location. The application may be completed on-site and submitted or taken home and submitted later.

Deadline:

Applications must be received by, or postmarked as sent to your local clerk's office at least 15 days before Election Day in order to be processed in time for the next election. Within 14 days of an election, voters must submit a voter registration application in person and present proof of residency at their local clerk's office. Learn more about proof of residency.

Voters in line by 8 p.m. on Election Day have the right to register to vote in person at their local clerk's office.

<https://www.michigan.gov/sos/elections/voting/register-to-vote>

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From the President

For a United States citizen, voting is a right and privilege. It should never be taken for granted or abused. On November 3, 2026, we will again have a mid-term Primary which will determine the kind of government the people want. Will we elect people who uphold our Constitution and its preamble which states that we as citizens have the right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness? Or will we turn our country over to those who want to control who will be born and who will live and who will die? Every election is important, but this one will surely determine the trajectory our country is headed for; a country who will shut down our freedom to speak out on pro-life issues, or a country who will give us the freedom to fight for life of all its citizens, preborn and born!

People often criticize pro-lifers for being a one issue voter. I am not apologetic about that! I myself am a one issue voter. If a person does not have life all other issues are inconsequential. I will vote for the person, no matter what party, who will protect human life. Sometimes there are gray areas when you need to vote for someone who may not be the strongest pro-life candidate but will vote favorably on most pro-life issues than his or her counterpart. There is no perfect candidate, so it is important for you to know who is running in your area, find out their views, and vote for the one who is nearest to your values. My candidate must have love of God, love of the family, love of our country, and one who understands the importance of protecting all human life.

We have tried to find out through our "Candidate Survey" the pro-life views of those running. In this issue if you do not see your candidate, it is because they did not answer our survey. It is for you to call them and ask why they did not answer our emails. Every person running for office was sent a questionnaire. Find out their views. Then you will be able to vote intellectually, especially on the pro-life issues.

I believe that because of the political atmosphere of today, we do not have a lot of courageous people running for office that will profess their pro-life views. It is sad that in today's world people are fearful of speaking the truth.

Please encourage your family and friends to vote and vote pro-life. Encourage them not to get discouraged, their vote does count. Every vote counts.

Did you know?

- One vote gave Oliver Cromwell control of England in 1645.
- One vote caused Charles the 1st to be executed in 1649.
- One vote gave us the English language instead of German in 1776.
- One vote made Marcus Morton Governor of Massachusetts in 1839.
- One vote brought Texas into the Union in 1845.
- One vote kept President Andrew Johnson from impeachment in 1868.
- One vote changed France from a Monarchy to a Republic in 1875.
- One vote gave Rutherford B Hayes the Presidency in 1876.
- One vote gave Adolf Hitler control of the Nazi Party in 1923.
- One vote saved the Selective Service just 12 weeks before Pearl Harbor in 1941.

Will your vote be the vote that determines our country's destiny? Will your vote give us people who will vote for the "right to life" for all its citizens, no matter what stage of human life they are in?

I pray we all have the courage to speak out for truth, and our actions reflect that courage!

Diane Fagelman

Vote Pro-Life



Choose Life!

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27th District State House *											Clerk *										
28th District State House *											City Council *										
29th District State House James DeSana (R)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y											
31st District State House Laura M. Perry (R)	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y											
LOCAL RACES County Executive * County Commissioner 5th District * Trustee - WCCCD * Deaborn Heights - City City Council * Ecorse - City Mayor * Clerk * Treasurer * Wayne - City City Council * River Rouge - City Mayor *																					

Those who stay away from the election think that one vote will do no good. 'Tis but one step more to think one vote will do no harm.

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Register to vote online (online registration for the upcoming election is not available within 14 days of an election)

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Requirements:

- Michigan driver's license number or Michigan state ID number
- AND
- Last 4-digits of Social Security number

How to register:

Visit <https://mivc.sos.state.mi.us/RegisterVoter/Index> to complete and submit an online application.

Deadline:

Voters may register to vote online 15 or more days prior to Election Day.

<https://www.michigan.gov/sos/elections/voting/register-to-vote>

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Constable ★										
Garden City - City Mayor ★										
City Council ★										
Library Board ★										
Highland Park - City Mayor ★										
Clerk ★										
Treasurer ★										
City Council - 1st District ★										
City Council - 2nd District ★										
City Council - 3rd District ★										
Northville - Township Trustee ★										
Assessor ★										
City Commissioner ★										



"Elections belong to the people. It's their decision. If they decide to turn their back on the fire and burn their behinds, then they will just have to sit on their blisters."
~ Abraham Lincoln ~

Register to Vote in Michigan: 3 Ways!

Register by mail (registration by mail for the upcoming election is not available within 14 days of an election)

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Requirements:

- Michigan driver's license number or Michigan state ID number
OR
- Last 4-digits of Social Security number
OR

• If you do not have a Michigan driver's license, Michigan ID number, or Social Security number, you can check the box that says "I don't have a valid Michigan-issued driver's license or Michigan-issued state ID card, or a Social Security number." If you do not have either of these forms of identification and you are registering to vote in Michigan for the first time, you can include a COPY of a current and valid photo ID, paycheck stub, utility bill, bank statement, or government document that lists your name and address.

How to register:

Printable applications are available online. Voters may also pick up an application at their local clerk's office or request that one be mailed to them. Completed applications can be mailed or scanned and emailed to the local clerk.

Deadline:

Scanned and emailed applications should be sent to the voter's local clerk 15 or more days before Election Day. Mailed registration applications must be postmarked as sent at least 15 days before Election Day.

<https://www.michigan.gov/sos/elections/voting/register-to-vote>

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6th Congressional District											*										
Heather Smiley (R)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y											
7th Congressional District											22nd District State Senator										
Tom Barrett (R)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Mike Murphy (R)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
9th Congressional District											23rd District State Senator										
*											Margarette Gupta (D)	N	N	N	Y ^q	Y ^q	Y	Y ^q	Y	Y	Y
10th Congressional District											<u>MICHIGAN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES</u>										
Steffan Demetropoulos (R)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	5th District State House										
Robert Lulgjuraj (R)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Soummer										
Justin Kirk (R)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Moore-Crawford (D)	N	N	N	N	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	N
11th Congressional District											6th District State House										
*											Mike Steger (R)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
12th Congressional District											8th District State House										
*											Tonya Renay Wells (R)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
<u>MICHIGAN SENATE</u>											14th District State House										
7th District State Senator											*										
*											18th District State House										
8th District State Senator											Ryan Foster (R)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Ken Massey (R)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Ronald Ulmer-Paul (R)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
9th District State Senator																					
Michael Webber (R)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y											
10th District State Senator																					
*																					
13th District State Senator																					
*																					
14th District State Senator																					
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You can either vote by voting or vote by not voting. If you don't vote, someone else's vote counts more.

IT'S MATH!

**Last
Chance!**



Saturday, October 17

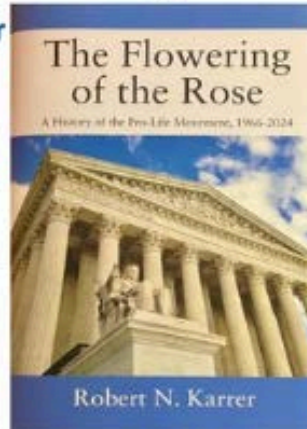
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**St. Genevieve-St. Maurice
Fr. Wolber Activities Center, Livonia**

Right to Life - LIFESPAN 2026 Legislative Breakfast



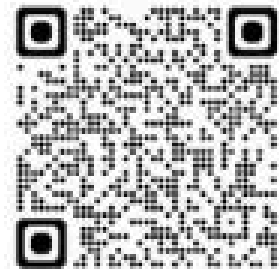
Keynote Speaker: Rob Karrer
Author of The Flowering of the Rose. Celebrate the unsung pro-life heroes who came before us!



**Legislative Speaker:
State Rep. James DeSana**

Plus the 2026 Wayne Chapter Volunteer of the Year Award & recognition of Church Reps!

**Call 734-422-6230,
Email wcdm@rtl-lifespan.org,
or use the QR code below!**



2026 Election Calendar

OCTOBER 20: In-person registration with local clerk with proof of residency allowed between this date & Election Day. (MCL 168.487)

OCTOBER 24: Mandatory Period of Early Voting per the Michigan Constitution, Article 2, Section 4.

NOVEMBER 3 (TUESDAY): General Election 7a - 8p (MCL 168.641)





**MOVEMENT IN MOTION BUS TRIP
MARCH FOR LIFE**

WASHINGTON, DC, JANUARY 21-23, 2027

Pickup locations: Auburn Hills • Warren • St. Clair • Ray Township



Cost: \$175/person
Includes bus transportation, LIFESPAN hat, Museum of the Bible ticket, and boxed lunch.



SIGN UP NOW!

Lodging: Hotel accommodations, \$159.85/night per room. Up to 4 people per room; paid separately to hotel.

Questions: Lynn Gura, Bus Trip Coordinator, oakmac@rtl-lifespan.org

Oakland County



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19th District State House Kevin Hammer (R)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	--	Groveland - Township Trustee *										
20th District State House Hermon Barbe (R)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Holly - Township Comissioner *										
21st District State House Ross Barranco (R)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Lakeside Park - Village Council *										
23rd District State House *											Oakland - Township Clerk *										
49th District State House *											Royal Oak - Township Trustee *										
51st District State House *											Clerk *										
52nd District State House *											Southfield - Township Trustee *										
53rd District State House *											Park Commissioner *										
54th District State House *											West Bloomfield - Township Supervisor *										
55th District State House Mark Tisdell (R)	Y	Y ^q	Y	Y ^q	Y	Y ^q	Y	Y ^q	Y	Y	Trustee Omar Kallabat (R)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
57th District State House *																					
66th District State House *																					
68th District State House *																					
72nd District State House *																					
LOCAL RACES Addison - Township Trustee *											 Every election is determined by the people who show up. ~ Larry J. Sabato ~										

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Macomb County



Candidate Questionnaire Responses

Key: Y = YES N=NO q=with qualifications/comments (call LIFESPAN 734.524.0162)

Please Note: If you do not see a particular Candidate's name, they did not respond to our survey by publication deadline (9/19/2026).
Only Candidates that responded by publication deadline are listed below.

CANDIDATE	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	CANDIDATE	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
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Douglas C. Wozniak (R)											Y Y Y Y Y Y Y Y Y Y										
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Randy Schultz (R)											*										
MICHIGAN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES											66th District State House										
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Eddie Kabacinski (R)											LOCAL RACES										
Matthew Stafford (R)											County Executive										
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											Ron Zemens (R) Y Y Y Y Y Y - Y Y Y										

* No Response Received by Candidate

National Day of Remembrance - 9/13/26



We had a gathering at White Chapel in Troy to remember those babies who have been taken from us through abortion, including our five babies - Anthony, John, Joseph, Mary & Grace.



- Songs led by Colleen Beaton from the Oak/Mac Board
- Prayers led by Pastor Husvana from Northfield Hills Baptist Church & Fr. Colin Fricke from St. Anatasia
- Thoughts by Diane Fagelman, President



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LIFESPAN Chapter News

LIFESPAN and Elections

All Lifespan members know that Lifespan is a 501(c) 3 organization. That means, as an organization we cannot endorse or recommend individuals for elective office. And we don't! But everyone has opinions on the things we desire in the country we call home. Over the decades we have lived the idea that we are, "the shining city on the hill". We have also had times when the shine of that city was a little tarnished. That does not mean we should stop trying to live up to the ideals on which we were founded. As people who have been blessed with the incredible opportunity to vote we have an obligation to think about candidates and issues, to remember that votes have consequences that go far beyond November 3rd. We all live in a moment of time. Look ahead and think what the impact of this coming election will have on the moments to come.

Social Media Team

We have been blessed by a group of young women, and I stress young, who will be raising the image of the prolife message in general and Lifespan's presence and opportunities in general on social media platforms. There is no denying that many Lifespan members are not completely comfortable with Facebook, Instagram, etc, etc. In fact, for some of us

the whole thing makes us uncomfortable and yet we do understand that those who most need to hear the prolife message, today's young people, get most of their information from the internet. The enthusiasm that these young women bring to getting our message in the hands of those who most need to hear it is incredible. Introductions of all of them will come later.

Consciousness

People say that the unborn child is not a person because he or she does not experience consciousness. How do they know that?



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Encourage Pro-Life Voting Anytime



Wayne Chapter has yard signs and bumper stickers available as part of a pro-life sign crusade brought to our attention by Mr. Dan Pfeiffer and Knights of Columbus #16169 in Canton. The signs are simple yet stick out and broadcast a clear pro-life message. Since they aren't tied to a particular candidate or proposal, they may be used time and again during election seasons or to express support for the dignity of life in any season. We also have a large variety of other pro-life bumper stickers and magnetic backings, so you don't have to worry about sticker residue tarnishing your vehicle. Call or email the Wayne Chapter to order yard signs or bumper stickers.

The 14th Amendment's Equal Protection Clause

It is Constitution Day as I write this article, so Happy 239th Birthday U.S. Constitution! Some on the right are disappointed with the application of the 14th Amendment's Citizenship Clause, but this is short-sighted as it relates to the pro-life cause. While some would argue it has been used

incorrectly at times, the Equal Protection Clause reads, "...Nor shall any State deprive any person of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law; nor deny to any person within its jurisdiction the equal protection of the laws." The Equal Protection Clause has been ignoring abortion for over 50 years, but in the long run it may be the best legal remedy. The key is the word person. The 14th Amendment does not apply to the preborn only if they are not persons. The preborn are unquestionably human beings biologically, so we must make the case this means they are also persons. Historically, when one entire class is considered to be non-persons or lesser persons, we are all aware of the results from slavery to lynching to genocide to abortion. Law schools certainly aren't teaching this today, but if the preborn are indeed persons, then the existing U.S. Constitution places an outright ban on the destruction of the preborn. After all, 38 states allow someone who kills a pregnant mother to be charged with double homicide. Recently, in the case *Barbara v. Trump**, a U.S. District Court prevented the deportation of a non-citizen pregnant mother based on her preborn child's U.S. citizenship

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September has been very busy at Wee Care! Yesterday, a social worker picked up 22 layettes for her moms who are struggling to provide for their babies. Every situation was different—but every baby so dearly loved. One of the little ones really touched our hearts. She is being loved and cared for by a very special lady. This sweet little angel is one year old and only weighs 10 lbs. She has multiple medical problems due to a mom who was on cocaine and had hiv during the pregnancy. Please keep her in your prayers.

And speaking of prayers—Theisen got his heart! Last month, I asked you to pray for a sweet, little four year old who was very sick. A new heart and kidney were his only hope. Prayers were answered and two very long surgeries later, they were transplanted into



his tiny body. He has a very long road ahead of him—please continue to keep this brave little guy in your prayers (Also, pray for the heartbroken, grieving parents who donated their precious little one's organs.).

Life is so very precious!
Thank you for all you do for our babies!
Love, Karen



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Karen Patrosso, Director

All material & monetary donations to Wee Care are tax-deductible. Checks must be made payable to LIFESPAN Educational Fund or LIFESPAN Wee Care

Wee Care



September Greetings to all Students, Young Adults, Parents, School Presidents, Principals, Administrators, Teachers, Campus Ministers, Parish/Church Pastors, Deacons, Priests, Youth and Young Adult Leaders, DRE's, and all others receiving this newsletter,

As we move ahead in the new school year, **you will find our upcoming pro-life activities in this newsletter that you can participate in!** Please mark your calendars!

1. 2027 Movement in Motion Bus Trip registration link: <https://righttolifelifespan.regfox.com/2027-lifespan-movement-in-motion-bus-trip-to-dc>
2. Christmas Cards (will be available after mid-October)
3. Legislative Breakfast, October 17
4. 2027 Be the Change, March 6

The January Bus Trip is open to all ages. Details are included in the registration link. Several people have

asked about a Michigan March for Life. This is done every other year so there will be no Michigan March in 2026. Once we have the date/time for November 2027, we will plan a day trip to Lansing. If you would like information about this, please email Lynn and Isabella at oakmac@rtl-lifespan.org and put "2027 MI March" in the subject line. We will keep you posted! Have a great month!

Love them both!

Lynn Gura, Youth Director
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We are excited to announce...

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ANNUAL DINNER & SILENT AUCTION

Guest Speaker



**Raymond
Arroyo**

*Author, Host of EWTN's
"The World Over", the
podcast "Arroyo Grande
Show" & Fox News
Contributor*

Tuesday, May 4, 2027

5:30 Auction - 6:45 Program

Absentee (Early) Voting

All registered voters in Michigan have the right to vote by mail using an absentee ballot delivered to their home. Voters can also request an absentee ballot directly from their local clerk's office. Absentee ballots are available beginning 40 days prior to every election.

Michigan voters can now join the permanent absentee ballot list by checking a box on the application to automatically receive an absentee ballot for every election.

Requesting an absent voter ballot

A voter must submit an absentee ballot application to their local clerk before an absentee ballot can be sent (unless they are on the permanent absentee ballot list). Absentee ballots are available and distributed beginning 40 days before the election.

Michigan voters can decide to be placed on a permanent absentee ballot list. Their local clerk will then automatically mail them an absentee ballot for all local, state, and federal elections.

You have three options to request an absentee ballot.

MAIL: Voters can request an absentee ballot by mailing a completed absentee ballot application to their local clerk. Ballot applications may be printed from the Michigan Department of State website or picked up at a local clerk's office. Applications mailed to a voter from their local clerk will include a pre-paid return envelope. Deadline: Completed applications may be mailed, placed in an official drop box, or dropped off at the clerk's office. Mailed applications must be received by a voter's local city or township clerk's office by 5 p.m. the Friday before Election Day. To ensure there is enough time to receive and return an absentee ballot, plan on mailing the absentee ballot application at least 15 days before Election Day.

ONLINE: Voters can submit a completed absentee ballot application to their local clerk online. Once the ballot application has been processed, the absentee ballot will be mailed to the voter beginning 40 days before the election. Deadline: Online applications may be submitted until 5 p.m. the Friday before Election Day. To ensure there is enough time to receive and return an absentee ballot, plan on submitting the absentee ballot application online at least 15 days before Election Day.

AT THE CLERK'S OFFICE: Voters can visit their local clerk's office in person to request, complete, and submit their absentee ballot application on site. Voters requesting an application from their local clerk may also take it home with them to complete and submit later. Deadline: Individuals registered to vote at their current address have until 4 p.m. the day before Election Day to submit an application in person at their local clerk's office. Eligible voters who are not currently registered to vote in Michigan, or who have not updated their registration with a current address in Michigan, have until 8 p.m. on Election Day to visit their local clerk's office to register to vote or update their registration address and request an absentee ballot to complete and submit on site. So long as an eligible resident is in line at their clerk's office by 8 p.m., they may register to vote (or update their registration) and cast an absentee ballot.

Completing and returning an absentee ballot

Absentee ballot envelopes will contain a ballot, a secrecy sleeve, and ballot marking instructions. Voters who make a mistake

when filling out an absentee ballot must request a new ballot from their local clerk's office for the error to be corrected. Mistakes may include: Signing in the wrong place, listing the incorrect date, signing with a different signature than what is on file with your local clerk, and accidentally marking a non-preferred vote on the ballot.

Filling out an absentee ballot: Voters should complete their absentee ballot by carefully following the written instructions included with the ballot. Instructions may differ based on the type of election. Voters may contact their local clerk with questions about how to complete an absentee ballot.

Inserting the ballot into the secrecy sleeve: Completed ballots should be inserted into the secrecy sleeve as instructed.

Signing an absentee ballot envelope: Voters must sign and date the return envelope on the provided space. Voters should use their signature as shown on their driver's license, state ID, or voter registration application. If a voter's signature does not fit in the provided space, a shorter signature that resembles the signature on record may be used. Voters may also sign a shortened version of their first name, for example, "Bill" for the name "William".

Returning the absentee ballot: Voters have several options to securely return their completed and signed absentee ballot envelope. Absentee ballots must be received by a voter's local clerk's office by 8 p.m. on Election Day to be counted, with the exception of military and overseas ballots which must be postmarked on or before Election Day and received by their local clerk within 6 days after the election in order to be counted.

<https://www.michigan.gov/sos/elections/voting/absentee-voting>



14th Amendment [cont. from page 13]

rights. Citizenship clearly implies personhood and if this line of reasoning takes root, the Equal Protection Clause of the 14th Amendment protects the preborn as persons just as it initially protected former slaves by defining them as persons. (*Britton, Kendrex, & Nash. "After All, What's a Person, Anyway?" Day 41, Summer 2026 pp. 6-7.)

Editorial: What is Human?

A disabled 2-year-old child in the Netherlands was recently euthanized with the suggestion of his medical team and the permission of the parents. The child was born prematurely at 26 weeks gestation. He suffered significant brain damage, had the developmental level of a 6 week old newborn and required extensive medical care and had no realistic hope of recovery. There is no doubting that this child was severely handicapped. We can only imagine the heartbreak for the parents of this little one and the bleak outlook for his life.

Euthanasia in the Netherlands has been legal since 2002. One of the overseeing bodies is a committee called the Assessment Committee for Late-Term Abortion and Termination of Life in Newborns and Children Ages 1-12.

It was this body that determined euthanasia of this child was legal.

So, the decision was made to end his suffering with euthanasia. The problem here, and faith, morals, compassion all come into play, is that direct killing was the answer. Was it the only answer? Again, faith, morals, compassion, war with each other in answering this question. There is one element that should cause all of us to take special notice and be concerned. It is the first 5 words of the quote that follows here:

All facets of “being human” — were severely impaired and were not going to improve,” the committee said in its defense of the euthanasia. “Despite all medical and non-medical interventions, the parents and the doctor observed no improvement in the child’s condition and were convinced that the child was suffering unbearably and without prospect of relief.”

LifeNews.com - 9/14/2026

This is the problem with euthanasia. An individual experiencing pain, suffering, a diminished interaction with his or her surroundings can be determined to not “be human” and killed without his or her consent. My question is—how does a person stop being human? And if so defined, what does he or she become? What actions can be taken by others in regards to the individuals’ humanity? I do not have the answers. As a registered nurse with years of practice in pediatrics, my heart breaks for this child and his or her parents. My faith tells me we cannot take human life. But what happens if we define the individual under discussion as not human?

Diane Trombley,
Editor & Director of the Oak/Mac Chapter

*"The killing of a disabled person is not
'compassionate'. It is not 'euthanasia'.*

*It is murder."
Stella Young*



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