



**WhyLifeMinistries**  
giving real hope



**NEWSLETTER**  
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*“Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to Him, and He will make your paths straight.”*  
Proverbs 3:5-6

## **We Are Here to Help, Support, & Love the Families of Our Community!**

### ***What does it mean to be Pro-Life?***

It is a fundamental belief that all life, no matter how small or poor or unwanted, is worth protecting. Those of us who are pro-life fight for the inherent dignity within every human life, no matter what the age or stage of human development.

Back in September we shared that WhyLife ministries was going in a new direction. As of October 1<sup>st</sup>, we moved out the the brick and mortar building we had been working out of for the past several years. We continue to do many of the things we had been doing over the past years, like pro-life presentations, one-on-one intervention, and being a voice for those who cannot speak for themselves.

### ***So how's it going?***

We are actually extremely excited and relieved to be able to be more mobile and fluid in what God is asking us to do! And that is to *equip the local churches for the work of the ministry; to be a tangible, practical resource to pastors and congregations in our local region.*

### **We are currently working on several projects as we navigate this transition:**

- 1.) We are creating a streamlined resource manual – equipped to give all available information as it pertains to pro-life issues. **(Almost Finished)**
- 2.) We are focusing on offering “after-abortion care” for those who’ve made life altering decisions and carry with them the burden of loss, shame, and unforgiveness. There are many that attend our churches and they are desperate for freedom. **(We are now offering this at Grace In Community Church and Alden Mennonite Church - Please call us or email us to set up a confidential appointment. Our hope will be to train others in the coming months in other local churches)**
- 3.) To encourage people to engage with our comprehensive website. **(We are endeavoring to keep current and relevant)**

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### **Our Mission**

- To be a viable presence of the love and compassion of Christ Jesus towards mankind, both for those within His church and those outside.
- To clearly, boldly and intentionally proclaim God’s truth to the church and the community—the truth as it relates to human life and the truth as it relates to eternal life.
- To uphold the sanctity of human life by sharing Christ’s love with those facing a pregnancy-related crisis through spiritual, physical and emotional support and by the proclaiming the gospel of Christ as the source of all life.
- To counsel and educate, based on biblical principles, women and men with life-giving and compassionate alternatives to abortion and to offer loving support and practical help throughout a woman’s pregnancy and after she gives birth.
- To minister to women and men who are hurting from the trauma of abortion and are in need of reconciliation and healing through God’s forgiveness.
- To educate the church and community, especially high school and junior high school students, about the issues of sexuality, pregnancy and abstinence from all sexual activity until marriage.

### **Our Vision**

- To be an instrument used by local churches to equip the saints for works of ministry, helping to bring unity and like-mindedness to the church in our area for the cause and glory of Christ.
- To be a witness of Christian unity by the partnering of three local churches to direct and support the Alden Pregnancy Information Center.
- To present a biblical world view that will be a unified basis for responding to issues that the church is facing and will continue to face in the 21st century.

### **Our Purpose**

- To show the practical love of Jesus Christ through serving and helping others.
- To further the gospel of Jesus Christ by defending the sanctity of human life as decreed by the Holy Scriptures.
- To defend the dignity of women, children and motherhood, the value of fatherhood and a Godly standard of sexual purity, marriage and family.
- To bring glory to God by seeking and applying His wisdom and His ways for addressing the ever-changing life issues within our society and culture.

### Current Action Steps

- ❖ Please check out our website & “Like” our Facebook page!
- ❖ Please ask for one of our pro-life manuals and a packet of relevant literature.
- ❖ Please contact us if you or someone you know would like to set up a confidential appointment for After-Abortion Care.
- ❖ Please plan on attending our next pro-life informational luncheon on March 25<sup>th</sup> 11:30am at Grace In Community Church, 11269 Broadway Alden, NY 14004. *Call or email to RSVP*
- ❖ Please plan on joining us on the streets making a visible stand at 2500 Main St, Buffalo on April 22<sup>nd</sup> at 10am.
- ❖ Please consider inviting one of our teams to come speak at your church, organization, or school.
- ❖ Please pray for WhyLife Ministries and consider how you and your church can become more involved.

### The WhyLifeMinistries Board of Directors:

- ❖ Rachael Sterlace
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- ❖ Kelsey Ellis
- ❖ Lynn Roll
- ❖ David and Cyndi Dissette
- ❖ Pastor Mark Sterlace

4.) We will also be hosting pro-life informational luncheons 3-5 times a year that will help our entire community to be kept aware of relevant and current issues. **(Our next pro-life informational lunch is on March 25<sup>th</sup>, 11:30am at Grace In Community Church. Please call/email to RSVP.)**

5.) Our goal and vision is that Café La Vie (French for “the life café”) will be a modern and cozy “coffee-shop-type-experience” open to everyone (aimed more so to young adults) from our community and from our churches to come for an informal time of relevant discussion and connecting with contemporary issues facing our culture. **(Currently we have a young ladies group called “AROMA” that meets on Thursday nights at 7:30 – Grace In Community Church. We are reaching out to other churches in hope that they too will connect and eventually start other such groups.)**

6.) To invite people to come out and make a visible stand in front of the abortion clinic located at 2500 Main St for prayer and scripture reading. **(Right now we are focused on going out several times throughout the year. Will you consider joining us on April 23<sup>rd</sup> at 10am?)**

7.) It is our hope to develop and then launch “Truth Teams” that would be willing to go into churches, schools, and other organizations to present the comprehensive message of pro-life truth. **(We currently have several individuals that are doing such presentations and are willing to do more. If you are interested in joining our team, please contact us. If you would like a “Truth Team” to come and present to your group, also please let us know.)**

We would like to thank everyone who is a part of WhyLife Ministries. And, as a board, we would also like to make ourselves available - if anyone has any questions about our transition.

As we close, will you prayerfully consider joining our team and begin now to monthly support WhyLifeMinistries so that we can continue equipping the local church and the community of becoming a more effective pro-life voice?

**Monthly and/or one-time donations can be made by the following:**  
Checks made payable to WhyLifeMinistries - Send to checks to PO Box 274 Alden, NY 14004 and/or Credit Card via PayPal on our website

***www.WhyLifeMinistries.org***

It is with great expectation that we look forward to pursuing Unity in the Community and stand for life in a real and relevant way.

**To God be the Glory!**

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