

Our Spring Dinner Is Back

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2022 Annual Benefit Event

May 19, 2022

Kalamazoo First Assembly
of God Ministry Center



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Doors Open at 5:30 p.m.
Event Begins at 6:30 p.m.

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Home Grown *Celebration*

Featuring the following guest speakers:

Dr. Robin Pierucci
Neonatologist

Cathy Stoner
Executive Director at Alternatives of Kalamazoo

Katie Shank
Kalamazoo area mother and adoptive parent

**Reserve your place by visiting our website
kazoortl.org and purchase tickets through
PayPal.**

Devious, Deceptive Petition Drive Underway

Just as the Supreme Court is poised to uphold the 15 week abortion limit in Mississippi or possibly overturn *Roe v. Wade* entirely, pro-lifers in Michigan are facing the worst of all possible scenarios. In mid-January pro-abortion groups filed papers with the State Bureau of Elections to launch a petition drive in order to place on the November, 2022 ballot a proposal to change the state Constitution that would guarantee abortion rights. Remember, Michigan has had a pro-life law since 1846 and renewed in 1931 that prohibits abortions throughout the entire pregnancy. The Michigan State Supreme Court has already ruled that our law is constitutional but is not enforceable due to *Roe*. But if *Roe* is reversed this spring our law would take effect immediately. The pro-abortion forces know this. That's why they have become more aggressive in their demands. They want to make sure that if *Roe* is reversed or scaled back in the *Dobbs* decision and lawmakers in the individual states have greater flexibility in crafting new pro-life laws that Michigan will have an abortion-friendly law enshrined in our state Constitution. The petitioners need 425,000 valid signatures by mid-July. Due to invalid signatures and mistakes on forms, the group really needs close to 600,000 names.

The following “summary language” was approved by the Bureau of Elections:

Constitutional Amendment: to establish new individual right to reproductive freedom, including right to make and carry out all decisions about pregnancy, such as prenatal care, childbirth, postpartum care, contraception, sterilization, abortion, miscarriage management, and fertility; allow state to prohibit abortion after fetal viability unless needed to protect a patient's life or physical or mental health; forbid state discrimination in enforcement of the right; prohibit prosecution of an individual or a person helping a pregnant individual, for exercising rights established by this amendment; and invalidate all state laws that conflict with this amendment.

This wording is dangerously deceptive. The petitioners mask or conceal “abortion” rights among a list of eight items including valid concerns like prenatal care, childbirth. Do not be deceived. **This petition is not about prenatal care. IT IS ALL ABOUT GUARANTEEING ABORTION RIGHTS IN MICHIGAN. The final phrase is all you need to know: it would “invalidate all state laws that conflict with this amendment.”**

What would we lose if voters approve this ballot proposal? We would lose everything we have fought for and won the past 40 years: our Parental Consent Law, our Informed Consent law, our ban on Partial-birth abortions, our Coercive Abortion Prevention Act, our Clinic Licensing Law and MORE! The 1846 and 1931 laws would be repealed...gone for good. Since this would be constitutional change it would be extremely difficult to remove it.

Right to Life of Michigan's message is simple: Decline to Sign!!!!

Oratory Winner Announced

St. Michael's Lutheran Church in Portage was the site on February 19 for the annual Kalamazoo Right to Life High School Oratory Contest. This year's winner is home-schooled freshman, Rachael Joseph. She will be able to present her speech at our Focus on Life Dinner in May and represent us as her competes in the Right to Life of Michigan Oratory Contest against other affiliate winners. Congratulations Rachael!



Rachael with KRTL President Rob Karrer

Prayer for Life Rally

Kalamazoo-area pro-lifers braved the snow and cold to attend the Prayer for Life Rally on the grounds of Kalamazoo Christian High School. The January 23 event, an annual gathering held on the Sunday closest to the Roe v. Wade anniversary. Along with prayers and reflections, the crowd of about 150 people heard inspiring words from local neonatologist Dr. Robin Pierucci. Her loving and up-lifting comments on the living reality of tiny babies in or out of the womb were a great welcome compared to the negative views of unborn life described by those on the other side. Dr. Pierucci even said that the pro-abortion advocates would call the unborn "pretend people" when in fact they are tiny members of the human family, very alive, and always growing.



Congratulations! Alternatives of Kalamazoo is celebrating its 40th year of operation in 2022. For four decades Alternatives has been a beacon of hope ministering to women and families sharing the message of Jesus Christ and the sanctity of human life.

President's Corner by Rob Karrer

The article on page two describes a nightmare situation. If we are not diligent and fight like crazy, with truth on our side and purity in our hearts, the other side may very well succeed and secure abortion rights in our state constitution. The last time we faced this kind of dire threat was back in 1972. During that year (in the few months before the *Roe* decision of 1973) pro-abortion forces placed a referendum on the fall ballot that would have legalized abortion through the first 20 weeks of pregnancy. About two dozen small, independent pro-life groups scattered throughout Michigan's Lower Peninsula (including Kalamazoo Right to Life) formed a coalition called Voice of the Unborn. It waged a short but successful campaign to defeat the referendum 61 to 39 percent. Voice of the Unborn soon became Michigan Citizens for Life which became Right to Life of Michigan in 1979. Now we are here again with a far more dangerous proposal. The times are different too. Many people have become accustomed to the idea of "terminating a pregnancy" as a part of "reproductive rights," or worse...as part of "health care." And many woman have come to rely on *Roe* (after 49 years) that the right to abortion will be there for them. We must stop this petition drive from succeeding. Tell your neighbors, relatives, and friends, talk about the issue when you gather for your Easter meal. Tell them to "Decline to sign." In 1972 we were successful in defeating the pro-abortion people. During the fall of 1972 a few people from Kalamazoo (primarily Joe Kincaid and even more so Dorothy Talanda) covered an eight-county area traveling three/four times a week educating church and civic groups about the sanctity of human life and the threat of legal abortion. They won the victory then! We can win still again! **YES WE CAN!!!**

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