

MESA COUNTY **RIGHT to LIFE**

September, 2019

Dear Fellow Members of Mesa County Right to Life,

During the month of September, we celebrate the Exaltation of the cross on Saturday, September 14th. Jesus transformed the symbol of the most humiliating, shameful death imaginable into the sign of His victory over sin and death. By His death on the cross, Jesus confirmed God's great love for humanity. It took centuries for the early Christians to begin to depict the cross in art, but from the very beginning, they recognized that the cross and the crucifixion of Jesus signified the ultimate victory of Christ. Still today, the cross remains folly to many. But the cross shows most clearly the power and wisdom of God to those who have faith. As St. Paul wrote in the letter to the Corinthians: ***"For the message of the Cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God"***. (1 Cor 1:18).



At the center of the mission of the Messiah, at the center of the bible, at the center of all of human history, is the death and resurrection of Jesus... and His death was accomplished through the cross. However, His death was not the end but rather the beginning. We are encouraged to take up our cross and follow after Jesus... and our cross often consists in following Him in a world that largely rejects Him and His teaching.

We want to encourage you to attend the annual Life Chain which will be held on Sunday, October 6th at Messiah Lutheran at 840 N 11th. This national event has been sponsored by Lutherans for Life at Messiah Lutheran for many years. We will gather at 2:00pm in the courtyard of the church for prayer and instruction. We will then spend an hour in silent prayer and witness from 2:30pm to 3:30pm. We will spread out along the intersection of 12th and North holding pro-life signs. Afterwards, we will return to the church for ice cream and light refreshments. Contact Jon Palmer at (708) 208-5864 for details. Please join us! Don't be afraid to take a stand for life!

Also, we will be launching our annual pro-life essay contest. Prizes will be awarded at our Walk for Life in January. However, **now** is the time to start encouraging your school age children to participate. Details and information will be available at the Life Chain. Hope to see you on Sunday, October 6th at the Life Chain.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "John", followed by a horizontal line.

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