LifeWalk 2019
June 8
Shepherd of the Hills
Lutheran Church
Fun Family
Activities & 1.5 mile walk
9:00 Coffee, Snacks,
Children’s Activities &
Registration
10:30 Walk Begins
Lunch for Participants
Following the Walk.

Host Location:
N36W24130 Pewaukee Rd
Pewaukee, WI

Grab your besties, Bible study
group, neighbors and family members and
join us for a great time for great cause!
To register and obtain a sponsor
sheet, please call 414-438-2767 or register
and download at aplaceofrefuge.org. All
funds raised will benefit pregnant women an
their children served by APOR.

Refuge House Rejoices
Oh, baby! Yes, we now have four
infants in the house. What a joyful
sound we are blessed
with at dinner time. Our latest addition
joined us on March 25, 2019.
All the mothers and
babies are doing well
at this time. We are all looking
forward to spring and being able
to use the strollers outside.
As well as the
infants, we have a
five and eight year
old that are also
looking forward to
some outside time!
We always have some service tasks
for youth or adult groups that need to be
accomplished both
indoors and outdoors. Please feel free to
contact me at 414-760-2483, if your group
would like to donate some time.
Along with the Development
Director, I try to keep our current needs list up to
date on the website.
If you have any questions about needed items,
please do not hesitate to call.
We are always in need of prayers for health and
healing, please.

In Christ,
Greetings in the name of the Lord of life!

March 25th marked a special celebration in the life of the Church, the Annunciation of our Lord. Part of the Gospel reading for that day includes these words directed at a young lady who would soon be an expectant mother: "Greetings, you who are highly favored! The Lord is with you." (Luke 1:28) This greeting given to Mary precedes the prophecy-fulfilling proclamation that the Messiah, the very Son of God, was going to be born in nine months.

These words are also very fitting for the women we are privileged to serve at Refuge House and through our Advocacy Ministry, for they are highly favored with the gift of bringing another precious life into this world. The purpose of A Place of Refuge is to assure them that the Lord is with them. In short, we get to be the hands and love of the Lord as we assist them in giving birth, both physical and spiritual (through Baptism).

The words also reflect the blessings the Lord has placed on A Place of Refuge. What blessings God has bestowed on us since last summer! Our new Development Director, Kate Doerr, is doing a great job building relationships with congregations, schools, and organizations. Our new Refuge House manager, Kris Hodge, is making a big impact on our residents through her positive Christian witness. With three new board members, the board represents quite a cross section of our LCMS congregations: Lydia Beasley (Trinity, Milwaukee), Darrell Foell (Shepherd of the Hills, Pewaukee), Nancy Francis (Grace, Menomonee Falls), Laura Galster (Brookfield Lutheran), William Kerner (Trinity, Freistadt), Susan Schmalzer (Elm Grove Lutheran), Rev. Donald Hougard (Benediction, Milwaukee), Rev. Robert Johnson (Peace, Sussex) and Rev. David Paape (St. Paul’s, Brown Deer).

A Place of Refuge is also highly favored by the Lord as He provides the necessary resources by means of your generosity. Thank you so very much for your gifts and prayers! If you would like to hear more about your Lutheran life-affirming ministry, please feel free to contact Kate Doerr. She would love to come to your church, school or ladies group to share our story. Presentations on a Sunday would include a brief outline of what we do right after church, and a more expanded presentation in your Bible Class.

May the Lord continue to bless all of our efforts to share His love and care with mothers and their precious babies!

In His exciting service,

Pastor David Paape
APOR President
**Blessed Again News**  
(Located on the northeast corner of 76th & Hampton)

**BLESSED AGAIN IS OPEN FOR BUSINESS!**  
The volunteers of Blessed Again want you to know that the store is open and ready for you to volunteer, shop and/or donate needed items. Our biggest need is for volunteers, including someone to oversee the store. Can you invest some of your time in Blessed Again? We have on-site and off-site options available. Any amount of time would be appreciated! Please contact Joanne Goetzinger at (414) 355-5198 for more info.

The following points can be shared with your church and/or men’s and ladies’ groups:
- If you are moving or downsizing, please consider Blessed Again for furniture and household items that need a new home.
- Volunteers are needed in the store and to help move furniture to Blessed Again.
- Please pray for this part of the APOR ministry and all that we do for Jesus and His precious children in the ministry!

In the name of the Lord of Life,  
Pastor David Paape APOR Board President

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**We Have Amazing Supporters!!!!!!!!!!**

With five new moms and five new infants came the need for five showers to be thrown. As soon as the word went out, four churches and one college stepped up to make this happen!

The first shower was Jaida and little Jaiden’s thrown by Brookfield Lutheran. What generosity!

Shower #2 was put together by St. Peter-Immanuel for Melissa. These ladies are terrific and spoiled baby Declyn!

The gift’s gathered for Tonia by Divine Redeemer’s Girlfriends for God filled my car, literally!!! Baby Di’monii thanks all of you. Love you Girlfriends!!!

Shepherd of the Hills threw Rickii’s shower and what a shower it was! The ladies played pass the baby and each spent time snuggling little Jordyn. All of our mom’s are invited to a shower at Concordia headed by Students for Life on April 26th and Erin’s shower will be hosted by teacher’s at Divine Redeemer on the 27th.

Aside from individual showers, much needed donations are poring in from area LCMS churches and grade schools such as St. Paul’s Grade School Oconomowoc, Brookfield Lutheran, Our Savior Burlington, St. John’s New Fane, Peace Lutheran in Neenah, St. John’s in Portage, Immanuel Lutheran Grade School in Sheboygan and Immanuel Lebanon Lutheran Grade School. Also individuals and families are generously giving items that our Refuge House residents, as well as those mom’s and infants helped through our advocacy program, can really use. A great big THANK YOU to all these wonderful souls who gave so freely! May the Lord richly bless you as you have richly blessed our mom’s and children!

In His Service,  
Kate Doerr  
Development Director

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**Easy Ways to Give**  
The easiest and fastest way to put your donation to work helping A Place of Refuge is buy going to our web site at **www.aplaceofrefuge.org**.

**“Choose Life” License Plates**  
Did you know... when you purchase Choose Life Wisconsin Plates a portion comes back to APOR? Tell the world where you stand and help us out in the process!

**Thrivent Choice Dollars**  
Calling all Thrivent members! Your Thrivent Dollars can be used for APOR! They’ve made giving easy.

**Updating Our Contacts**  
We’re trying to clean up our contact info as well as expedite the way we get our information to and from you. So if you’ve been receiving our newsletters through the mail and have an email address you’d like to share with us, we’ll send you the same newsletter via email (this cuts down on postage, paper and $). We’ll also be able to send your donation thank you notes this way as well. Drop us a line at aplaceofrefuge@aol.com giving us your name, address and email and we’ll update your info!
Volunteer Opportunities
The advocacy part of A Place of Refuge Ministry responds to the physical, emotional and spiritual needs of women who have chosen life for their babies. We can assist callers who are not in need of housing through our advocacy program by providing encouragement and pregnancy support, providing community resource referrals, providing a layette specifically created for her baby before the birth, and by sharing God’s loving plan for her and her baby by sharing the Gospel. We are currently serving several pregnant women through our advocacy program.

Do you know a woman in need?
Pregnant women in need of support can call 414-476-6333 to learn more about our program.

"... I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me.” Matthew 25:40

Honorariums & Memorials
The following people have generously given to honor loved ones or in the memory of those who are now in our Savior’s arms:

May the Lord richly bless you as you have richly blessed APOR!
Our sincere apologies if names were unintentionally omitted.

A Place of Refuge Ministries of South Wisconsin, Inc.
P.O. Box 240695
Milwaukee, WI 53224-9020

Help Line for Pregnant Women
(414) 476-6333

A Place of Refuge Ministries of South Wisconsin, Inc.
A Network of Caring People ~ A Caring Place