

# VOICE FOR LIFE 2018 EVENTS

[As of March 2018]

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## UPCOMING -

*Your continued support and involvement in Voice for Life is very much appreciated. Now, more than ever, volunteers are needed to reach out to the community encouraging the Sanctity of Life.*

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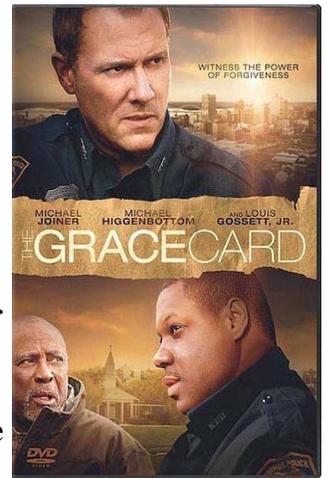
## Movie Matinee - Saturday March 17 [St. Patrick's Day]

Join us! Voice for Life is hosting a **Movie Matinee** on Saturday March 17<sup>th</sup> at the Simcoe branch of the Norfolk County Public Library, downstairs Board Room.

Come at 1:00 p.m. for some treats, movie starts at 1:30 p.m. Entrance is free, but donations welcome.

The movie to be shown is 'THE GRACE CARD', a compelling story that shows everything can change in an instant ... and take a lifetime to unravel. The movie's powerful message reminds us that each day, we have the opportunity to rebuild relationships and heal deep wounds by extending and receiving God's grace. Offer "The Grace Card"... and never underestimate the power of God's love.

About THE GRACE CARD: This evangelical drama draws inspiration from the Bible verse Hebrews 4:16 ("We will find grace to help us when we need it").



Rating: PG-13

Length/Run Time: 1 hr. 41 min.

Release Date: February 25, 2011

For further information, please [e-mail us](#).

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## Annual General Meeting (AGM) - Saturday April 28

Location: Parkview Meadows Christian Retirement Village, Craft Room, 72 Town Centre Dr., Townsend, ON.

Registration/Meet & Greet: 1:30 - 2:00 p.m.

Meeting: 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Social Time afterwards. Refreshments provided.

New memberships would have to be taken out 30 days before the AGM. Renewals can be done up to the date of the AGM, or at the time of registration.

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## Mother's Day Open House - Saturday May 12

Location: Voice for Life Office, 29-B Peel Street, Simcoe.

Opening Time - To be Determined.

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## Father's Day Memorial Vigil - Saturday June 16

[Regularly set in June, on the Saturday before Father's Day Sunday]

Location: Meet at the 'Memorial to the Unborn', beside St. Cecilia's Church, 17 Lynn Park Ave., Port Dover.

Starting Time: 2:00 p.m.

E-mail: [Voice for Life](#) if you wish more information. Program being developed.

Father's Day Memorial Vigil [Prayer Service]: In memory of children who were never born, either by the heartbreak of miscarriage or an intentional act of abortion; and the mothers and fathers affected by their loss.

A prayerful vigil to commemorate the unborn that were aborted at the hospitals in Haldimand-Norfolk in the past, and those babies lost at present from any ongoing pregnancy termination procedures.

An hour of prayer to remember all babies conceived but never born, especially the victims of abortion. Prayer that all life matters from conception to natural death, and that babies in the womb deemed 'imperfect' (through screening) are worthy to be given an equal chance of life, and not be discarded.



We cannot let the brief lives of abortion's innocent victims be utterly forgotten. We never knew their names. We never saw their faces. But they should not be forgotten. Also remember the forgotten fathers. Fathers who were powerless to save the lives of their unborn children.

Personal prayers welcome.

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## Movie Matinee and Treats - July

Location, date TBA

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## **First of July Parade - parade starts at 2 p.m.**

Voice for Life hopes again to enter a Float in the First of July Parade in Port Dover, ON.

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## **Lynn River Music and Arts Festival Booth - August 3 - 6**

### **Occurs Regularly on the Civic Holiday Weekend**

Voice for Life will have an information display tent at this Festival.

The festival's core hours of operation are 9 a.m. – 6 p.m. (Saturday and Sunday), and 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. (Monday). All vendor booths have to be open during these hours

Help is needed for set-up of the Display on the Friday before the long weekend, and take-down on Monday, the last day of the long weekend.

**The Display can be set-up on Friday, August 3rd from noon until 9 p.m.  
Take-down can start only after 4 p.m. on Monday August 6th.**

**Volunteers are needed at the Booth on Saturday, Sunday and Monday for 2-hour shifts minimum.**

Please contact [Voice for Life](#) if you can help in any way.

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## **Hagersville Summer's End Festival - September**

Voice for Life will have a display tent at this outdoor event.

Saturday, likely first one in September [One day only]

Hagersville Lion's Park, 35 Alma Street.

Lion's serve hotdogs, corn, water. Also on site - Silent Auction, Car show.

Shifts available:

- set-up - 7 to 9 a.m.
- volunteer at booth: 9-12 noon; 12-4 p.m.
- takedown: 4 p.m. earliest

E-mail: [Voice for Life](#) if you can help in any of these times.

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## Delhi Fall Fest - September 7 - 9

Voice for Life will have a display tent set up for this event on Saturday September 8th.

Location: Main St. / Church St., Delhi

Shifts available:

- Saturday set-up - done before 9:30 a.m.
- Saturday volunteer at booth: 10-1 p.m.; 1-3 p.m.; 3-5 p.m.; 5-7 p.m.; up to dark.
- Saturday takedown: after 7 p.m.

E-mail: [Voice for Life](#) if you can help in any of these times.

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## Walk-a-thon - Saturday September 15th

**In 2018 -our 41<sup>st</sup> Annual Walk for Life- Fundraiser**

**Regularly set on the first/second Saturday in September after Labour Day.**

You are invited to attend this event. Please come, with your family and friends, as we become walking pro-life educators - witnessing to the preciousness of all human life. If you have never walked - consider doing so.

If you wish more information, or want to raise donations, please call us at 519-428-5146 or e-mail: [Voice for Life](#).

*There is no entry fee and no minimum pledge. All participants are welcome. Route is in downtown Simcoe. Pledges are based on participation, not distance or time.*

Register at St. Mary's Church Hall, 211 Union Street, Simcoe, starting at 9:30 a.m. If you have a pledge sheet, remember to bring it.

Walk usually starts at 10 a.m., ends before noon. Refreshments served following the Walk. Participants are encouraged to seek sponsors.

Walkers are witnessing for the preciousness of all human life. Proceeds from pledges go towards Voice for Life community outreach to promote, through education, the respect for life from the moment of conception to the end of life; regardless of stage of development, physical and mental ability, and age.

Download a [Pledge Sheet](#) - and help to raise funds for Life. [this is 2017, but can be used]

You can direct donations to the Walkathon on-line through Canada Helps.

<https://www.canadahelps.org/en/dn/15404>

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## National Life Chain - Sunday, October 7

2:00 - 3:00 p.m.

Voice for Life is now hosting two Life Chains - one in Simcoe, the other in Jarvis.

Meet at the corner of Hwys 3 (Queensway) and 24 (Norfolk St.) in Simcoe.  
Or at the corner of Hwys 3 (Talbot St.) and 6 (Main St.) in Jarvis.

Signs provided. Rain or shine.

If you are willing to be a Co-ordinator for another Life Chain in a community within our area of Haldimand-Norfolk please e-mail: [Voice for Life](#).

**The National Life Chain is the largest peaceful, prayerful, pro-life, public witness in the world.** Life Chain is held simultaneously in more than 200 cities across Canada each year. It is held on the first Sunday in October, and for most locations, it runs from 2 pm - 3 pm.

Life Chain is an easy way to get involved in pro-life. Just show up for one hour, stand on the side walk with others who are not ashamed to be a public witness, and pray for an end to abortion. You can be a light in a darkened world as you help put an end to abortion through prayer.

For more information on *National Life Chain Sunday*, and its purpose and significance, check out [www.NationalLifeChain.org](http://www.NationalLifeChain.org) and [www.LifeChain.net](http://www.LifeChain.net)

Learn more, watch: [Life Chain Video](#)  
Download: [2017 Poster](#)

**What is Life Chain?**, by Royce Dunn

We are a prayer chain ministry on the sidewalks of America, Canada, and a few other nations. Each participant holds an approved pro-life sign and endeavours to be a compassionate and peaceful public witness for the sanctity of human life. Accordingly, Life Chain's first mission is to minister to its own participants; and if we are receptive to God's promptings, He empowers us to minister truth about abortion to the motoring public. Through that process, Life Chain changes hearts and saves lives.

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## Norfolk County Fair Booth - October 2 - 8

**[Traditionally in October, seven days, ends with Thanksgiving]**

(2018, Voice for Life has had a Booth for 40 years)

Voice for Life operates a booth at the Norfolk County Fair throughout the seven days of the fair event, and is in need of volunteers for each day to 'man' the booth, either for a morning, afternoon or evening session of two to three hours. Fair entrance tickets are provided for volunteers. It is best if two people volunteer for the same time period, if possible.

Please phone the Office (519-428-5146) or E-mail: [Voice for Life](#), if you are interested in volunteering.

This '[Volunteer sign up sheet](#)' shows the various time slots that are set up for the Pro-Life Booth.

Let us know what times are best for you to help.

The volunteers at the start of the day would need to uncover displays, turn on equipment, lights, etc., and those at the end of the day would, in turn, cover displays, shut off equipment, lights before leaving.

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## **Annual Fall Banquet and Fundraiser - Final date to be set: Friday October 26 or November 2**

Meet & Greet: 5:30 p.m.; Dinner at 6:00 p.m.

Tickets: Adults - \$25; Children 12 and under - \$10

Location: **Emmanuel Bible Church • 24 Churchill Circle • Simcoe, Ontario • N3Y 4Z4 • (519) 426-1031**

For Tickets contact the Office: 519-428-5146, or e-mail: [Voice for Life](#)

Evening program to be determined.

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## **Simcoe Christmas Panorama - Voice for Life Display**

**"Lights On": Saturday December 1st - Opening Night Ceremony 6 p.m.**

**"Lights Off": Sunday January 6th, 2019, is the final night.**

**The lights are on every night between 5:30 and 11:00 p.m.**

Help is needed to set-up the Voice for Life Display so it is ready again for this year. The completed Display must be moved to its Park site sometime in early November, as designated by organizers, for final on-site preparation before Panorama opens on Saturday, December 1.

Takedown is after Epiphany (Sunday January 6, 2019) as weather permits. Display will then be stored until Fall 2019.

Can you help, physically or financially? Please e-mail: [Voice for Life](#).

# OTHER 2018 Important Dates

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## Sanctity of Life Sunday

[Watch video](#)

The third Sunday of January was officially pronounced Sanctity of Human Life Sunday in order to remember the two infamous court cases that removed protection to a secure and safe environment for the child in the womb.

On January 22, 1973, the Supreme Court of the United States, (in other words a mere nine men out of the entire population), determined in Roe vs. Wade, that every State had a duty to give women unfettered access to abortion until the birth of the child.

On January 28, 1988 the Canadian Supreme Court in a 3-2 decision, struck down the criminal code law regarding abortion and left Canada with NO LAW to protect children in the womb.

A day not only to remember that Human Life is sacred, but it is an anniversary date that causes us to remember and grieve the millions of deliberately aborted lives that could have blessed childless couples, filled school rooms, and contributed their talents to our culture and economy. Their loss is beyond measure or comprehension.

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## March 21: Down Syndrome Awareness Day

Annually observed on March 21 to raise public awareness of Down syndrome, a congenital disorder caused by having an extra 21st chromosome.

The date for WDSAD being the 21st day of the 3rd month, was selected to signify the uniqueness of the triplication (trisomy) of the 21st chromosome which causes Down syndrome.

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## Thursday May 10: [National March for Life, Ottawa](#)

Parliament Hill, Ottawa, ON. Campaign Life Coalition event.

PARLIAMENT HILL RALLY: 12:30 p.m.

MARCH: 1:30 p.m. Theme: "Life - all. in."

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## **Saturday May 12: [We Believe in Simcoe Day](#)**

Held at The Aud, Norfolk County Fair Grounds, Simcoe

Activities and events are held on the second Saturday in May for individuals and families with need. Some are fun and enjoyable. Some are caring and helpful. And ALL of it is FREE.

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## **June 15: World Elder Abuse Awareness Day**

It represents the one day in the year when the whole world voices its opposition to the abuse and suffering inflicted to some of our older generations.

"All human beings are born with equal and inalienable rights, and have the right to age with dignity, respected by their families and communities, free of neglect, abuse and violence." UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon

Euthanasia: the ultimate in elder abuse!

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## **September 10: World Suicide Prevention Day**

World Suicide Prevention Day is observed on September 10th every year and is designed as a worldwide commitment to preventing suicides, to bring attention to the problem of suicide to the public's attention and to help society do what it can to prevent suicides now and in the future.

World Suicide Prevention Day gives organizations, government agencies and individuals a chance to promote awareness about suicide, mental illnesses associated with suicide, as well as suicide prevention.

For information on local scheduled events for the day contact 'Achieve Mental Health Wellness and Recovery Centre': 519-428-0580.

Also say "NO !" to doctor-assisted suicide.



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## **October 15: Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness Day**

**Observed every year on October 15.**