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## That's a Wrap: MFC Weekly Update 03/18/17

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# THAT'S A WRAP! MFC WEEKLY UPDATE



## Minnesota Family Council NEWS

### **#SockIt2PP: Baby Socks for Congress**

Members of Congress have been flooded in recent days with calls from Planned Parenthood, urging Congressional members to continue funding their clinics with tax-payer dollars. Pro-lifers must take very seriously this window of opportunity to influence members of Congress.

[Students for Life of America](#) launched a new nationwide campaign this week to urge Congress to defund Planned Parenthood and it's going to require LOTS of pro-life participation and LOTS of baby socks, **323,999** to be exact! [Click on the](#)

## MN Family Minute

MN Family Minute is a two-minute radio program featuring life, family, and religious freedom issues.



[Biblical Worldview and Empowering People](#)

image below to find out how to send baby socks to Congress!



Grab a pair of clean baby socks, and take three simple steps to deliver a message no politician can ignore:



**STEP 1: SEND A SOCK** representing a voiceless victim of Planned Parenthood while delivering a message calling upon Congress to defund the abortion chain.



**STEP 2: PIN A SOCK** on a backpack, coat, or garment to publicly show your support for protecting babies from the violence of Planned Parenthood.



**STEP 3: TELL YOUR FRIENDS** about the #SockIt2PP campaign – via social media, email, in person – encouraging them to also send and pin socks!

The goal is to send one baby sock to Congress for each of the 323,999 unborn children killed in Planned Parenthood clinics over the last year.

[#SockIt2PP: Send a Sock to Congress!](#)

## ***Poised to Ensure PRIVACY in Anoka-Hennepin Public School District***

A mom in the Anoka-Hennepin public school district wants her teenager, born female, but now identifying as a male, to have [access to boys' locker rooms and showers at Coon Rapids High School](#). Anoka-Hennepin schools currently designate private facilities such as changing rooms and showers according to biological sex while extending compassionate, single-user accommodations to students who struggle with biological realities.

## Feature Stories

*Radio: Kids These Days: Generation Z Most Conservative Since WWII?*

by Eric Metaxas  
Breakpoint Commentary



*Video Trailer: The Case for Christ in Theaters April 7*  
by Pure Flix



## **Cherishing Life: From Conception to Natural Death**

*Radio: Second Thoughts on Assisted Suicide*

by John Stonestreet  
Breakpoint Commentary



*Video & Article: Doctors Gave Me 4 Days to Live*  
by Shari Puterman  
Kare 11



*Radio: Discussion on Assisted Suicide and Palliative Care*

by Jay Rudolph of Kinship Christian Radio and Stephani Liesmaki, Minnesota Family Council and MN Alliance for Ethical Healthcare



At the Anoka-Hennepin public school board meeting last month, several individuals testified, urging board members to change their current practice to allow students to access private facilities based on their gender preference (subjective feelings) rather than biological sex (objective reality). This would allow girls to access boys' private facilities and boys to access girls' private facilities, such as showers, changing rooms, restrooms and housing accommodations on overnight field trips.

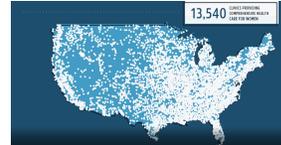
A policy change like this would undermine the privacy, safety and dignity of everyone, putting all students, and especially girls, into vulnerable situations every day.



A change like this would be tragic, HOWEVER, we have reasons to believe that Anoka-Hennepin school board members will retain their current practice, designating private spaces based on biological sex. We are SO grateful that school board members recognize their responsibility to compassionately accommodate students who struggle with biological realities without compromising the privacy, safety and dignity of all other students.



*Article: [Defunding Planned Parenthood Does Not Mean Defunding Women's Health Care](#)  
by Danny David  
Live Action News*



*Video: [Money Fungibility: The Planned Parenthood Method](#)  
by Students for Life of America*



*Video: [What is a Federally Qualified Health Center?](#)  
by Students for Life of America*



## Human Sexuality

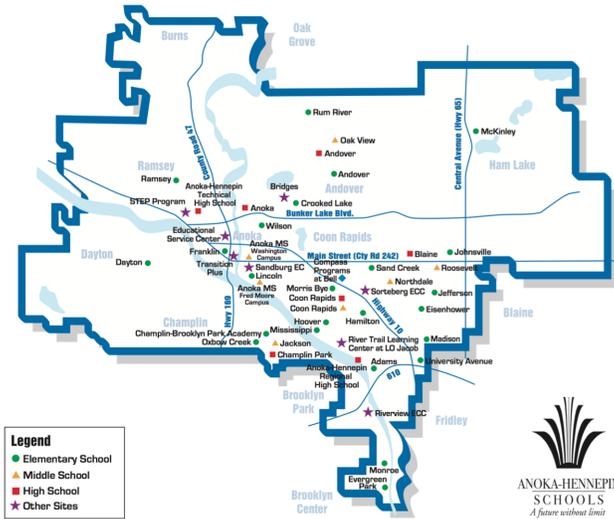
*Article: [Do You Trust Disney with Your Kids?](#)  
by Jasmine Holmes  
Desiring God*



*Article: [The Demands of Gender Theory](#)  
by Jared Dobbs*

... other students.

On Monday evening, March 20th, Anoka-Hennepin school board members will hold another board meeting, during which several parents from the district will urge the board to continue standing strong for student privacy. Parents take their students privacy very seriously (*Take Virginia, MN parents for example!*) and want to make sure school board members continue to take it as seriously as they do.



ANOKA-HENNEPIN SCHOOLS



If you live in the Anoka-Hennepin school district and don't want mixed-sex changing rooms, showers and restrooms, please attend Monday's school board meeting at 6:30pm at Sandburg Education Center, 1902 2nd Avenue, Anoka. Call (612) 789-8811 ext. 226 for more information.

**More Information:** If you are unfamiliar with the Trump Administration's decision regarding bathroom, changing room and housing access at public schools, watch [this video](#) and review MFC Press Releases on the story below:

[MFC Press Release 02/23/17:](#) Trump Administration's rescindment of Obama Administration's coercive "guidance" letter

[MFC Press Release 02/28/17:](#) Parent pressures Coon Rapids school district to allow daughter access to boy's changing room

### Pro-Life Bills Continue to Advance!

There were hearings in the House Health and Human Services Finance Committee on pro-life bills [HF 809](#)/[\(HF 810\)](#)/[SF 702](#)/[\(SF 703\)](#) banning taxpayer funding of abortion and [HF 812](#)/[\(HF 811\)](#)/[SF 704](#)/[\(SF 705\)](#) licensing and inspecting abortion clinics. Both bills passed as expected on

### Alliance Defending Freedom



[Article: University of Minnesota Drops Homecoming 'King and Queen' in Favor of Genderless Alternative](#) by Tom Ciccotta Breitbart



[Article: Biology Isn't Bigotry: Christians, Lesbians and Radical Feminists Unite to Fight Gender Identity](#) by Emily Zinos Hands Across the Aisle



### Freedom of Conscience & Religious Freedom

[Video: Should the Supreme Court Prioritize the Safety of Non-Religious Preschools Over Religious Ones?](#) by Marissa Mayer Alliance Defending Freedom

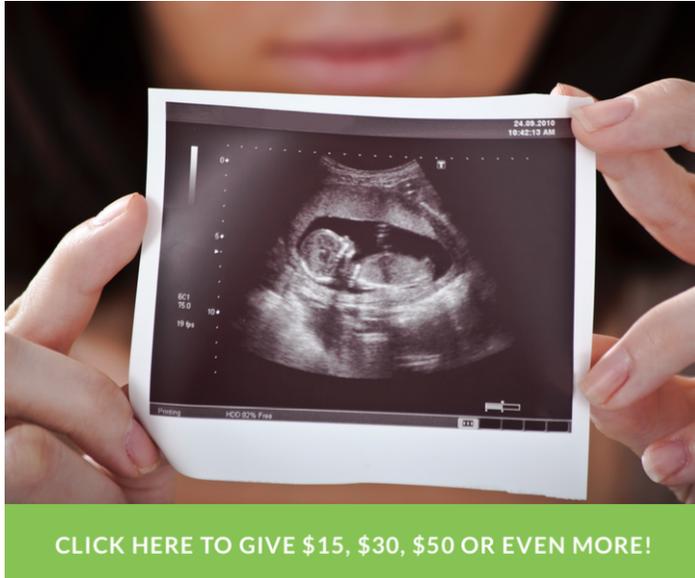


[Article: Pennsylvania University Scrubs Chalked Pro-Life Messages from Sidewalks](#)

abortion clinics. Both bills passed as expected on 13 to 8 votes. HF 809 was sent to the House Floor. HF 812 was referred to House Ways and Means Committee. No action was taken on the Senate versions of these bills this week.

**Q:** Why have each of these pro-life bills been assigned two bill numbers?

**A:** In order to provide enough space for all the legislators who signed on as authors: an incredible outpouring of support for pro-life legislation!



**Please PRAY and GIVE!** These bills have strong support in both legislative bodies and continue to gain traction as they move through the legislative process. It is very likely they'll make it all the way to the Governor's desk. Please PRAY and **GIVE** toward a St. Paul pro-life miracle!

## ***Remove Disincentives: Marriage Is an Essential Foundation in Society***

**House File 1453** substantially reduces a disincentive to marry among individuals on public assistance. This is important initiative because marriage is key to family and societal flourishing. Marriage serves as an essential institution for the reduction of poverty, violence, substance abuse, as well as improved academic success and psychological well-being for families, children and society.

Minnesota Family Council's CEO, John Helmberger submitted written testimony in support of HF 1453 to members of the House

by Alliance Defending Freedom



**Video:** *Muslim Singers, Fashion Designers, and Christian Photographers* by Alliance Defending Freedom



## **Take Action**

**Thank President Trump for Protecting Privacy and Safety**  
by Family Policy Alliance



**Ask President Trump to Keep His Promise on Religious Freedom**  
by Family Policy Alliance



**Urge U.S. Senate to Confirm Supreme Court Nominee Judge Gorsuch**  
by Family Policy Alliance



**Take Action to Stand with Barronelle Stutzman**

Health and Human Services Reform Committee.  
His testimony highlights positive outcomes for children with married parents:

by Minnesota Family Council

*"The evidence is very clear as to the benefits of marriage as it pertains to child poverty. According to US Census Bureau statistics (2007-09), the probability of child poverty in Minnesota drops by 89 percent for children in married households compared to single parent households.*



#JusticeForBARRONELLE  
ADLegal.org

*Take Action to Defund Planned Parenthood by Sending Congress a Baby Sock!*

by Students for Life of America

*Also, teenagers raised in intact married households are 2½ times more likely to graduate from high school than from households headed up by unmarried parents. And school age children are far less likely to experience emotional problems (only 3.5% for intact married families vs. 15.7% for unmarried families).*

*HF 1453 supports low-income families by lowering a financial roadblock to marriage. The current marriage penalty in the MFIP harms families, children and society. We urge your support for this important legislation."*



Marriage serves as an essential foundation in society to reduce poverty, violence, substance abuse, as well as improve academic success and psychological well-being among children. We are strongly encouraging legislators to support [HF 1453](#).

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## Upcoming Events

[St. Paul 101: Legislative/Judicial Trainings for Students & Adults:](#)  
Select Wednesdays and Thursdays, **March-April**

[MACHE Homeschool Conference & Curriculum Fair:](#) **April 21-22**

[Minnesota Family Council Annual Dinner](#) with Eric Metaxas: **May 1**

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THE RIVERCENTRE  
ST. PAUL, MN  
[www.mache.org](http://www.mache.org)

**THINKING ABOUT HOMESCHOOLING?**

Come Check It Out At MACHÉ!

33rd Annual Homeschool Conference & Curriculum Fair  
Friday and Saturday, April 21-22, 2017, 8:00am - 5:30pm  
Friday Night Keynote at 6:30pm is FREE and OPEN TO THE PUBLIC!

**Strong. Courageous. Faithful.**  
"Here and I commended their believing and their not allowing themselves to be shaken by the adversity. For they were true to the promise they had made to God: 'I will be true to the Lord wherever I go.'" (Joshua 1:9)

Minnesota Association of Christian Home Educators  
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**PLEASE JOIN US FOR AN EVENING YOU WON'T FORGET!**  
Minnesota Family Council & Institute 2017 Annual Dinner:  
**If You Can Keep It**  
May 1, 2017  
with keynote speaker  
**Eric Metaxas!**

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Thank you for sharing [Minnesota Family Council's vision](#) for strong families, communities and culture, through Christ. We are grateful for your partnership with us in prayer, legislative involvement and generous [donations](#).

**For Life, Family  
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John Helmberger, CEO  
Minnesota Family Council

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