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January is also the National Slavery and Human-Trafficking Prevention Month. At least 12.3 million women, children and men worldwide are forced to work as slaves. And it happens right here in our own state. What can we do? The International Justice Mission’s website, ww.ijm.org, has a number of ideas for individuals, churches and communities to help fight slavery and human trafficking.

This month is the perfect opportunity to raise awareness about the horrors of abortion, human trafficking, euthanasia and human embryonic stem cell research. As the Book of James reminds us, “Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, to visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep oneself unspotted from the world.” We have a responsibility as Christians to promote the sanctity of human life—that self-evident, unalienable right—for everyone, especially the helpless, whether it’s helpless pre-born babies or helpless women and children held captive as sex slaves. May we each be reinvigorated in our efforts and restored in our spirit as we soldier on in this life-saving work.

Madison Pro-Life Rally Feb. 6

Join WFC, WI Right to Life, Pro-Life WI, Vigil for Life and others on Sat., Feb. 6, from 12-2 p.m. at the UW Library Mall in Madison for our 2nd Pro-Life Rally! We’ll celebrate the fact that not one abortion has been performed at the Madison Surgery Center (MSC) to date and continue to protest the plan, which is still in place. Meet at the 700-800 block of State Street (same place as last year). After the one-hour rally, we will march to the MSC.

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Scott Brown’s victory in MA on Jan. 19 has hampered the Democrats’ ability to push through health-care reform. Brown promised to vote against the health-care overhaul, which would block its passage in the Senate. Right now the House and Senate are in secret negotiations to reconcile the differences between the two health-care bills. Democrats have threatened to leave out the pro-life Stupak-Pitts language from the final health-care bill.

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National Marriage Week is February 7-14. We intellectually know how important marriage is to our families, our churches and our communities. The Body of Christ, however, needs to be intentional about strengthening marriage because the data show Christian marriages are as vulnerable to divorce as secular marriages, and our young people are cohabiting and having premarital sexual relationships at alarming rates.

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1. Prepare and teach about marriage on Sunday, February 14th.
2. Launch a new marriage class.
3. Launch marriage prep for engaged couples.
4. Reach out to your community by hosting a marriage enrichment seminar.

Wisconsin Family Council and its Marriage & Family Ministry has available our Marriage Strengthening Kit with literally dozens of valuable resources for church leaders and pastors. If you have questions about these resources or your marriage ministry, call WFC’s Eric Skelton today at 888-378-7395. Let’s put a special focus on marriage February 7th-14th! For more information visit www.wifamilycouncil.org.

Becoming a Marriage Valuing Church

★ Recognize that every marriage is strategic.

★ Start with teens.

★ Make healthy relationships fundamental to the life of your congregation.

★ Offer relationship and marriage education classes to the community.

Prayers & Intercessions

Exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men; for kings, and for all that are in authority...

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Rep. Dan Knodl (Germantown, AD 24)

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