The Sanctity of Life
Life! Marvelous! Awesome! The supreme gift of God to the universe! The intricate structure of matter and precise laws of nature governing life cause us to gaze with amazement as it continues its journey day after day. We joyfully praise God giving us a share in the miracle of life. We treasure it with reverence from conception in the womb to the glory of heaven where it will continue forever. Christian Stewards of Life respectfully endeavor to manage life and all its resources to the glory of God. Of paramount importance is the preservation of societal and cultural appreciation of the sanctity of life.

Planned Parenthood Violates the Sanctity of Life
Since mid-July, 2015, seven undercover videos by the Center for Medical Progress have been released revealing the darkest practices imaginable. Holly O'Donnell, who once worked for StemExpress, a biomedical tissue procurement company, could no longer stomach the atrocity performed on human life. She quit her job and severed her relationship with Planned Parenthood. She describes an incident at a Planned Parenthood clinic regarding an aborted baby, alive with a beating heart. Holly writes: “This was the most gestated fetus and the closest thing to a baby I’ve seen. The goal was to harvest an intact brain, an item apparently hard to get. The child, still alive, was cut through the chin, face and forehead so that his brain could be invoiced and sold.” The videos can be viewed at: www.centerformedicalprogress.org

Psychic Numbing
Dr. Deborah Nicolata, one of Planned Parenthood’s senior directors, once casually discussed over salad and wine how a fetal body could be crushed with forceps in a way that leaves valuable organs for sale. Such desensitization can be compared to the psychic numbing of World War II Nazi doctors who killed people for medical research. Psychological numbing is taking place currently in the Netherlands were assisted suicide is so widespread that one fifth of all Dutch assisted suicides involves patients euthanized without their consent. Aborted babies never consented to their death. If a sin is perpetuated long enough, one becomes numbed to its evil - like a mafia hired killer murdering without conscience.

Defund Planned Parenthood.
A movement is gaining momentum to defund the tax support of Planned Parenthood. Activists on both sides of the issue are already waving signs pro and con. Current Ohio polls indicate 52% against defunding; 40% in favor; 8% uncertain. National polls report our country evenly split on abortion.

A Call for Action
A recent statement from officials of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod states:
> It’s time to defund Planned Parenthood; it’s time to end abortion altogether.
> We can’t just say it’s a woman’s choice or shrug our shoulders and mumble, “Who are we to judge?”
> Silence and attempts at justification are no longer options.
> Act!
> Participate in Pro-Life Anti-Abortion activities and events.
> Write government officials to defund Planned Parenthood and end abortion.
> Support LCMS Life Ministry.
> Share resources from Lutherans for Life. www.lutheransforlife.org

As Christian Stewards of Life, we do not have the option to neglect our responsibility to God and the sanctity of life. We should bravely proclaim the deaths of 55 million children to be what it is: “Genocide”. Be a voice for God, the Source of life, who loves babies be they in the womb or already born. Promote the sanctity of life!