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Promises, promises, promises—God’s holy Word abounds in them. One prophet after another, one writer after another was used by God’s Holy Spirit to pen promises from God. God’s promises do not purport to fix everything, just one thing: sin. They do not point to many things as a solution. They point to one person, Jesus, as the solution. An angel speaks to a virgin in Nazareth in fulfillment of a promise. A child is born in Bethlehem in fulfillment of a promise. The child is “God with us” in fulfillment of a promise. He would speak of the Kingdom of God, urge repentance of sins, and preach Good News to the poor in fulfillment of promises. He would heal the sick, cast out demons, and raise the dead in fulfillment of promises. He would be despised and rejected; He would suffer and die, all in fulfillment of promises. He would rise again, ascend into heaven, and send His Holy Spirit to His people in fulfillment of promises. He will return again in fulfillment of a promise. When He does, cats and dogs may still not be getting along, but through faith in Jesus, we will truly live happily ever after. And that’s a promise!

If you think about it, Lutherans For Life is ultimately about living in God’s promises and pointing out those promises to others. In His promises we find the value of human life. In His promises we find meaning in suffering and purpose for every life regardless of circumstances. In His promises we find forgiveness for our failures and hope for our futures. In His promises we find strength to bear witness to Him and the understanding that even in (especially in?) our weaknesses, He works to bear witness to Himself.

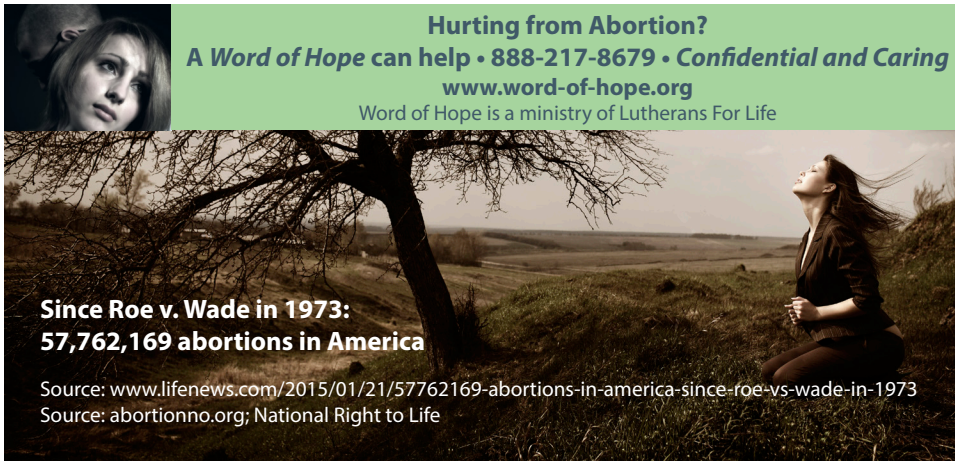
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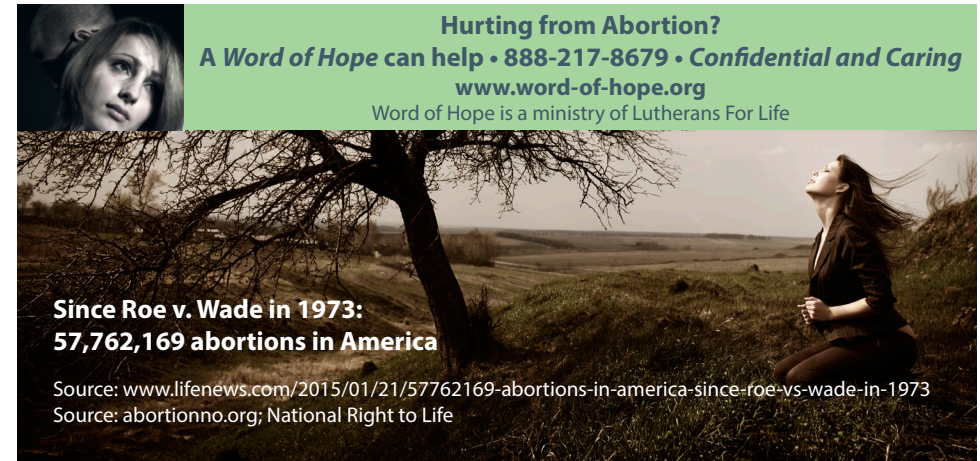
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