

## WE ARE IN THE MIDST OF A CULTURAL BATTLE!

Christian standards are being challenged through television programs, magazines, newspapers, movies, advertising, the Internet, billboards, educational institutions, music, special interest groups, "politically correct" talk and peer pressure. We are told to conform:

- Purchase the product
- Conform to the image
- Ignore what is offensive
- Keep God out of our schools
- Compromise our values
- Ignore God's standards
- Desensitize ourselves
- Compromise, Compromise, Compromise!

Little by little, the things of God seem to appear to many as "weird, old-fashioned, and intolerant." It becomes more difficult to uphold God's standard... and fewer people try. Compromise and tolerance begin to replace the things of God.

The Issues & Action Committee believes that we must take a stand and let our voices be heard. If we join our voices, they will be heard and we will make a difference!

## WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY?

*"Be very careful, then how you live – not as unwise but as wise, making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil. Therefore, do not be foolish, but understand what the Lord's will is."*

*Ephesians 5:15–17*

*"Have nothing to do with the fruitless deeds of darkness, but rather expose them."*

*Ephesians 5:11*

*"If you hold to my teachings, you are really my disciples. Then you will know the truth and the truth will set you free."*

*John 8:31–32*

Promoting Responsible  
Christian Citizenship

# Issues & Action

## Our Mission

*To inform and educate members and friends of Faith Lutheran Church regarding important issues that affect the family and the Christian community and to facilitate responsible Christian action to these issues.*



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**There is a cultural war in America today. The challenges face us daily. Some are obvious, some are not. We can turn our eyes and pretend we don't notice...or we can make a difference!**

- Thousands of unborn babies are killed everyday; we call it "a choice."
- TV programs and movies are filled with violence, profanity and sex; we call it "choice of entertainment."
- Evolution is taught as truth and creation science is kept out of the classroom; we remain silent and call it "separation of church and state."
- History texts are being rewritten and distort the true intent of our Founding Fathers; we call them "progressive."
- Magazine covers displayed at supermarket checkout counters feature images and words inappropriate for our children to view; we call it "freedom of speech."
- Christian beliefs are discredited by public schools and colleges; we call it "diversity."
- The Internet brings uninvited pornography into our homes; we call it "the price of today's technology."
- Teen music blasphemes the Lord and promotes drug usage; we call it "their choice."
- The Ten Commandments are removed from schools and city centers; we call it "politically correct."
- Teenagers dress immodestly and are promiscuous; we call it "a sign of the times."
- The definition of marriage is expanded to mean a union between two people of the same sex; we call it "tolerance."

## WHAT YOU CAN DO

- Be informed about current life, family and liberty issues. Attend seminars and read educational materials concerning them.
- Write, call or e-mail your congressmen to encourage them to support pro-life/pro-Family legislation.
- Support efforts to preserve marriage as a union between one man and one woman.
- Make it an ongoing priority to become familiar with the history and Christian heritage of our nation, the original intent of its founders, and the basics of our federal government.
- Defend the Freedoms of Speech and Religion for Christians as guaranteed in the US Constitution. Understand the true meaning of the First Amendment and the often misrepresented "Separation of Church and State."
- Know the truth about our God-given liberties and be prepared to defend them and the Biblically based government upon which our nation was founded so our nation will never lose them.
- Read your child's textbooks. Be aware of curriculum changes and revisionist history. Advocate for curriculum that supports your values.
- Voice your concerns when you become aware of issues in your child's school or in your community that are contrary to your family's beliefs. Get involved to influence changes.
- Provide a filter for your family's computer. Write your congressmen regarding the need to control pornography on the Internet
- Talk to store managers and write company executives regarding their offensive advertising and urge them to be socially responsible.

- Spend your money at businesses that support your values.
- Write TV networks and sponsors regarding offensive programming.
- Urge supermarket managers to block offensive covers of magazines at check out counters or move them so children won't be forced to see them.
- Attend movies consistent with your values and avoid those that are not. (Hollywood will produce family friendly movies, if they are profitable)
- Support organizations that fight for Christian values and rights.

The Issues & Action Committee encourages you to join us as we strive to make a difference:

- Visit our table each Sunday in the Gym
- View our slat wall outside Room 10
- Sign up to receive the Issues & Action e-mails
- Inform your friends about issues of concern
- Support candidates who represent your values
- Join the I & A Team. Meetings are usually the 3rd Thursday of each month, 7pm. Email us to confirm.
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