

Speaker Bios

Monica Kelsey

Monica Kelsey is an Amazon bestselling author and the founder of Safe Haven Baby Boxes (SHBB), Inc.

Knowing she was adopted her entire life, at the age of 37, Monica discovered the devastating truth that she was conceived in rape and abandoned as an infant. Monica is a U.S. Navy Veteran, a former firefighter & medic, and has spoken across the U.S., Japan, Ecuador, Peru, and South Africa. She shares her personal story with thousands of people every year and has made it a personal mission to not only advocate for the sanctity of human life, but to also one day eliminate illegal infant abandonment across the U.S. and around the world.

Emily Berning

Emily Berning is the President and Co-Founder of Let Them Live, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit dedicated to saving lives from abortion by providing financial and emotional support to women facing unplanned or difficult pregnancies. She has been active in the pro-life movement for many years, driven by a deep passion for empowering women to choose life through compassion and practical help.

Let Them Live began when Emily and her husband, Nathan, stepped in to support a woman who was considering abortion due to financial hardship. That single act of generosity changed the course of a life—and sparked a nationwide movement. Since then, Let Them Live has helped over 1,000 women choose life for their babies by addressing the real-life pressures that often lead to abortion.

Elaine Wilson

Elaine Wilson is a seasoned healthcare administrator with extensive experience in operational management and regulatory compliance. Since 2017, she has served as the Chief Operating Officer and Administrator at Saint Anne Communities. Prior to this role, Elaine spent nearly eight years as Administrator/Property Manager at Presence Health. Elaine holds an M.B.A. from the University of Saint Francis, a Bachelor's in Health Services Administration from Purdue University Fort Wayne, and a certificate in International Human Rights Law. Additionally, Elaine has contributed to community engagement initiatives through Americorps service with the American Red Cross.

Abigail Lorenzen

Abigail is the Education Coordinator at Right to Life of Northeast Indiana. A graduate of Concordia University Chicago, Abigail started working with Right to Life in 2014 and quickly realized the pro-life movement was a place where her passions met the world's needs. She has spoken at conferences, schools, and churches across the country, teaching on fetal development and how to talk about abortion with people who may not share a Christian worldview. She focuses on a dialogue that is compassionate and based on God's natural revelation. She also enjoys co-hosting the "I Choose Life News and Views" radio program.

Corrine Youngs

Corrine L. Youngs is an attorney and policy strategist with extensive experience in constitutional law, pro-life advocacy, and legislative affairs. She previously served as Policy Director and Legislative Counsel in the Indiana Attorney General's Office and has argued before the Seventh Circuit and authored briefs for the U.S. Supreme Court. Corrine now leads Praxis Advocacy, a mission-driven legal and policy firm dedicated to defending life, liberty, and truth in the public square. She holds degrees in law, public affairs, theology, and communication, and is deeply committed to faith-informed public service.

Shawn Meyer

Shawn Meyer has served as a pastor of Aletheia Christian Church since 2007. He enjoys spending time with family, especially in the outdoors. Sharing a history of pro-life activism, he has participated in Life Defenders from the very first year, 20 years ago. He is an integral part of the camp every year and has a huge heart for teaching young adults about topics in the pro-life movement.

Robin Atkins

Robin Atkins graduated Cum Laude with a B.S. in Psychology from Middle Tennessee State University in 2003 and Magna Cum Laude with a B.A. in Philosophy from MTSU in 2004. She then graduated Summa Cum Laude with an M.A. in Professional Counseling from Liberty University in 2011.

Robin received her license as a Mental Health Counselor from Indiana in January of 2016. During her career, she has had over a decade of experience counseling various issues, including addictions, spiritual issues, women's issues, abuse, family therapy, and grief. After her struggles with a high-risk pregnancy, extended NICU stay, and miscarriage, Robin has dedicated her time and energy to helping those who struggle with reproductive issues from infertility to infant loss. With grace and compassion, she desires to help others who have experienced heartbreak, anxiety, and pain work through their experience and arrive at a place of healing and hope.

Robin has testified before a state legislature regarding sexual assault, pregnancy, reproductive loss, mental health, and abortion. She has also provided education to both state and federal congressional members regarding these topics.

Pastor Michael Salemink

Pastor Salemink serves Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne (LCMS), as Assistant Professor of Pastoral Ministry and Missions. His prior experience includes ten years as Executive Director of Lutherans For Life and over twelve years of parish ministry in Minnesota and Indiana. A father of three boys, as well as one delightful daughter-in-law and one magnificent grandson, he enjoys sports, music, and running. Pastor Salemink writes regularly and speaks nationwide on the intersection of culture and Christian faith.

Nevi Stroud

Genevieve Stroud- "Nevi" to those who know her best- is a daughter of God, wife to Ian, mom to 4 spirited kids here on earth, and two more already in heaven. She calls Fort Wayne, Indiana, home, where she can usually be found barefoot in a hammock watching her kids do something that will either become family lore or require stitches. Nevi makes the world more beautiful through art, gardening, and caring for the people she loves. She enjoys listening to other's stories as much as she loves to share her own.