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Pro-Choice Catholicism 101 Workshop With AccessMO



When: Tuesday, June 23 | 4:30 - 5:30 PM

Where: Zoom

[Register Here](#)

Join Access MO and Catholics for Choice for a virtual conversation about faith and reproductive freedom.

If you care about protecting reproductive freedom in Missouri, this workshop is for you. Join Catholics for Choice to learn practical, respectful, and effective ways to talk about abortion and faith — even across differences. Whether you're Catholic or not, these conversations matter, and this session will help you have them with confidence and compassion. All are welcome!

Please [click here](#) to register. Event is co-sponsored by Eden Theological Seminary, Kirkwood United Church of Christ, NCJWSTL, Parkway United Church of Christ, Peace Church UCC, Planned Parenthood Great Rivers Action, Women's Voices Raised for Social Justice.

The More You Know: Understanding What's on the August Ballot and why it Matters

THE MORE YOU KNOW UNDERSTANDING WHAT'S ON THE AUGUST BALLOT & WHY IT MATTERS

Tuesday, June 23 at 7:30 p.m.
At Congregation Shaare Emeth
11645 Ladue Road, St. Louis, MO

The ballot for the upcoming election on August 4 contains several **proposed amendments to the Missouri Constitution that will have a major and long-lasting impact on our state.**

Join us as WashU voting rights and constitutional law expert, **Travis Crum**, and former Federal Reserve economist, **William Emmons**, help us understand the effects of a yes or no vote on these important ballot measures.

Gain the knowledge you need to make an informed decision on these amendments BEFORE you enter the voting booth.

RSVP by June 21 at sestl.co/ballot0826

PRESENTED BY:
CONGREGATION SHAARE EMEETH
Founded in 1867

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH:
Grace United Methodist Church | JCRC | NCJWSTL | PARKWAY UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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Join the Voting Rights Committee on June 23rd at 7:30pm at Congregation Shaare Emeth as WashU voting rights and constitutional law expert, Travis Crum, and former Federal Reserve economist William Emmons help us understand the effects of a yes or no vote on these important ballot measures. Gain the knowledge you need to make an informed decision on these amendments BEFORE you enter the voting booth.

Please [click here](#) to register. Event is co-sponsored by Grace United Methodist Church, League of Women Voters, NCJWSTL, Parkway United Church of Christ and Women's Voices Raised for Social Justice.

Why NO on Amendment 3 Matters: Voices from the Field

When: Wednesday, July 1 | 7:00 - 8:30 PM
Where: NCJWSTL Office | 311 N. Lindbergh Blvd.
[Register Here](#)

Join NCJWSTL and JCRC St. Louis for an urgent and powerful conversation about what's at stake in the fight to protect abortion access in Missouri. *Why NO on Amendment 3 Matters: Voices from the Field* brings together three longtime leaders in the movement: Jody Rabhan, NCJW, Inc.'s brand new CEO and 40+ year abortion rights advocate; Dana Sandweiss, President and Co-Founder of AccessMO and Co-Chair of NCJWSTL's PATH Coalition; and Alex Cook, Director of Organizing and Campaigns and Abortion Action MO. They will break down what Amendment 3 could mean for Missourians and why this moment demands action.

This isn't just a panel discussion. It's a chance to get informed, get energized, and get involved. Learn how you can help stop Missouri's latest attempt

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WHY NO ON AMENDMENT 3 Matters:
VOICES FROM THE FIELD

VOTE NO ON 3

DANA SANDWEISS
President and Co-Founder of AccessMO

JODY RABHAN
CEO of NCJW, Inc. and 40+ year abortion rights advocate

ALEX COOK
Director of Organizing and Campaigns at Abortion Action MO

Join us for an important conversation about **Amendment 3** and learn how you can volunteer to help the effort to **stop Missouri's brazen attempt to ban abortion.**

WEDNESDAY, JULY 1ST
7:00 - 8:30 PM
NCJWSTL OFFICE
311 N. Lindbergh Blvd
Lower Level in Back of Building
LIGHT REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED

Register Here!

to ban abortion, connect with fellow advocates, and be part of the growing movement to protect reproductive freedom.

*This event is free of charge, but **registration is required** by [clicking here](#). Light refreshments will be served. Why NO on Amendment 3 Matters: Voices from the Field is co-sponsored by AccessMO, B'nai Amoona, MaTovu and Shaare Emeth.*

Gavel Down: The Supreme Court's Biggest Cases of the 2025-2026 Term

When: Monday, July 6 | 11:00 AM

Where: Zoom

[Register Here](#)

Join NCJW for a timely and essential conversation with **Dahlia Lithwick**, award-winning legal journalist, longtime Supreme Court correspondent for Slate, and host of the acclaimed Amicus podcast.

NCJW BRIEFING FEATURING DAHLIA LITHWICK

Gavel Down

The Supreme Court's biggest cases of the 2025-2026 term

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As the Supreme Court concludes another consequential term, Dahlia will help us break down the blockbuster cases shaping the country's future — from reproductive freedom and executive power to LGBTQ rights and the limits of federal authority. Together, we'll explore how the Court's rulings will impact our rights and communities, what these decisions signal about the direction of the Court, and what advocates, organizers, and everyday people should be prepared for in the months and years ahead. This conversation will provide both clarity and context at a pivotal moment for the nation, helping us understand not only what the Court decides, but what those decisions mean for our democracy, institutions, and daily lives.

There is no cost to attend, but registration is required by [clicking here](#).

Become a Court Watch Volunteer!



We are excited to announce that NCJWSTL is now coordinating the Domestic Violence (DV) Court Watch Program. Court Watch is a volunteer-powered initiative designed to bring transparency, accountability, and humanity to domestic violence and Order of Protection cases in St. Louis. This is an opportunity for individuals seeking to make a measurable difference in the lives of survivors of domestic violence and strengthen accountability in our justice system. No legal background is required. NCJWSTL will provide comprehensive training and ongoing support to all participants.

Are you interested in learning more? Watch for information regarding future trainings and volunteer registrations. For more information about Court Watch, please contact Rachel Bray, NCJWSTL Advocacy Manager, at rbray@ncjwstl.org or call [314-514-4955](tel:314-514-4955).

Volunteers Needed to Help Keep Abortion Legal in MO

A green rectangular graphic with the text 'VOLUNTEERS NEEDED' in large, bold, blue letters. Below the text, there is a blue silhouette of a person with their right arm raised, holding a heart. At the bottom of the graphic, there is a paragraph of text: 'As we persevere in our commitment to protect abortion rights in Missouri, we are looking for volunteers to work the polls, knock doors, educate our communities, and notarize absentee ballots.'

We're beginning to organize around a critical issue: **protecting abortion rights in Missouri**. You may have heard that the Missouri Legislature is bringing abortion rights back to the ballot under the same name, **Amendment 3**. We anticipate a strong misinformation campaign from the opposition, and we need to be strategic in order to fight it. Although the new measure will appear on the ballot on November 3, 2026, [now is the time to act](#).

We are looking for volunteers to work the polls, knock on doors, educate our communities, and notarize absentee ballots. If you're interested in getting involved, please [click here](#) to sign up. **It's going to take all of us.**

For any questions, please contact Jen Bernstein at jbernstein@ncjwstl.org.

ADD YOUR NAME and Help Us Oppose Censorship of Our Public Libraries

Protect the First Amendment! Join the Right to Read Coalition

Support Missouri's Libraries! Join the Right to Read Coalition by [clicking here](#).

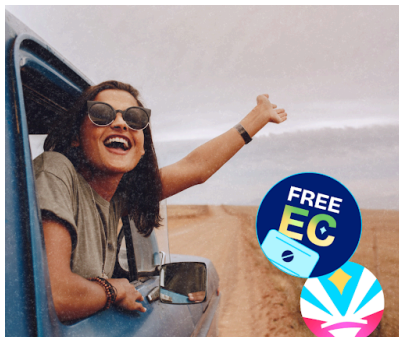
Right to Read is a statewide coalition of 1,200 individuals and nearly 100 organizations. NCJWSTL is a founding coalition member.

- Censorship denies our First Amendment rights to access books that reflect our diverse community.
- Missouri laws and policies have led to book bans and harmful regulations on our libraries.
- President Trump's Executive Order threatens to eliminate \$3 million of Federal funds for Missouri's libraries.

Get the latest information at [MO Right to Read – Supporting Missouri's Libraries](#).



Get FREE Emergency Contraception at NCJWSTL!



NCJWSTL is thrilled to announce that we have partnered with [Beacon Reproductive Health Network](#) to distribute **FREE emergency contraception kits!** This effort is vitally important in the wake of last year's Supreme Court decision overturning Roe vs. Wade, especially in states like Missouri where abortion is illegal. Everyone should have the right to determine when and if they wish to start a family, and emergency contraception is vital in preventing unwanted pregnancies.

Also known as the morning-after pill, or by the brand name Plan B, the emergency contraception pill is an over-the-counter form of birth control that can be taken up to five days after unprotected sex to avoid pregnancy. The goal of this effort is to reduce geographic and financial barriers Missourians face in accessing emergency contraception pills.

While supplies last, Beacon Reproductive Health Network, NCJWSTL, and other partner organizations are offering free EC kits to anyone of any age. **Feel free to stop by the NCJWSTL office to pick up your kit - for you or a loved one.**

If you have any questions, please contact Jen Bernstein at jbernstein@ncjwstl.org.

Take Action & Join the A-List

Now more than ever you will want to ensure that your name is on NCJWSTL's A-List for 2026! Join us as we stand together and speak out about the issues that matter most.

Together we can make a difference!

A-List sponsorship ads sustain our collaborative efforts to educate the community and elected officials about issues integral to our mission, such as birth control access and voting rights. The full-page ads will run in the St. Louis Jewish Light during 2026.



- \$18 includes your name in the ad.
- \$54 makes you an Advocate Plus with your name in bold.
- \$72 makes you a sponsor with your name distinguished in color.

[Click here](#) to see the A-List flyer.

[Click here](#) to see the latest A-List Ad.

Join the A-list [here](#).

Interesting Reading



Since the overturning of *Roe v. Wade*, abortion access has become increasingly divided across the United States. Some states have moved to protect abortion rights, while others have banned or heavily restricted abortion. In Louisiana, lawmakers have considered banning mifepristone and misoprostol, the two medications used in medication abortion, with penalties up to ten years in jail. These growing restrictions have also increased interest in expanding safe and accessible abortion care.

[Click here](#) to read Amelia Sherpard's article from the Feminist Majority Foundation, "Is There a Future for Over-the-Counter Abortion Pills? This Doctor Thinks So."


Not yet a member of NCJWSTL? [Click here](#) to become part of a growing network of courageous and compassionate individuals who improve the lives of women, children, and families every day. You don't have to be a woman or Jewish to join!

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