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WHAT TO DO TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN THE APRIL 4, 2023, ELECTION

We hear all the time that every vote matters, and it's true – *every single vote does matter*. And in the case of this April's Wisconsin's State Supreme Court election, every single vote for Justice Dan Kelly matters and is *critical*.

The left is well funded and largely unified behind an extremely liberal candidate. The primary shows us that we need to 1) unify behind Justice Kelly and 2) get out at least another 75,000 more votes for Justice Kelly. It's certainly doable if we all get involved and do just a little more than we usually do.

In particular, think about people who...

- have recently moved; sometimes getting registered in their new location is easily overlooked.
- need assistance understanding what's needed to register and/or vote absentee. Voters need proof of residence, photo ID, a ride to the poll, or a simple reminder to return their absentee ballot by mail or in person.
- travel a lot or have demanding work schedules; make sure they request an absentee ballot to ensure they don't miss their opportunity to vote for Dan Kelly.
- are new to your church; they may have recently moved and need help registering.

Below are some **ideas you can do right where you live**. We have also included important election deadlines and links to information on voter registration, photo ID, absentee ballots, and polling locations on page 2 for easy reference.

To Do Immediately:

- 1) Send a text message or an email to your family, friends, acquaintances that you know are like-minded. The message should convey excitement and a "let's -do-this" attitude.
 - Text example: "Dan Kelly won the primary! Now we need to help him beat his ultra-liberal opponent. Gear up! Talk to others about how important this race is. Spread the word!"
- 2) Get a small group of people together who will commit to calling through or texting people in church directories to at a minimum remind them of the election, make sure they are registered, etc. Urge them to go to www.myvote.wi.gov to get registered, to get an absentee ballot, etc.
- 3) Use this press release to show people what's at stake in this election.
- 4) Distribute the Voter Information Publication Wisconsin Family Council will be releasing very soon.
- 5) Check out Wisconsin Family Council's Church Ambassador Network's Honoring God Election Tool Kit. Encourage pastors to get it and use as much of it as they wish. https://wifamilycouncil.org/honoring-god-toolkit/.
- 6) Get a Daniel Kelly yard sign from your local GOP county headquarters and put it in your yard. For elections like this one, yard signs help with candidate name recognition and serve as a reminder that there is an election!
- 7) Start putting together an Election Day plan so it's ready to go. For instance, plan to send out an election day email and/or text reminder to make sure your family and friends remember to vote, have a ride to the poll, and are encouraging others. Include in the list as many people as possible. Contact your group of friends to do some live phone calls to church members to make sure people remember to vote. Utilize any social media platforms you are on.

Deadlines for the April 4, 2023, Spring Election

Registering to Vote

March 15, 2023 - Deadline to <u>Register by Mail</u> - Your voter registration form, along with <u>proof of residence</u> must be postmarked to your <u>municipal clerk</u> no later than March 15, 2023. Find your Municipal Clerk's Contact Information <u>here</u>.

March 15, 2023 - Deadline to <u>Register to vote online</u>. - Voters who are able to match their name, date of birth, Wisconsin Driver License or State ID number, and address with the Wisconsin DMV can register to vote online through March 15, 2023.

March 31, 2023 @ 5:00 p.m - Deadline to Register in Your Municipal Clerk's Office- Voters may register in-person in their municipal clerk's office during the clerk's business hours until 5:00 p.m. on March 31, 2023. Find your Municipal Clerk's Contact Information here.

April 4, 2023 from 7:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m - Register to Vote at Your Polling Place- Voters can register to vote at their polling place on Election Day, April 4, 2023. Find your Polling Place here. Be sure bring proper proof of residency.

Absentee by Mail Voting

All voters in Wisconsin can request an absentee ballot be mailed to them for any reason. Voters must be registered before they can request an absentee ballot. To request a ballot on MyVote.wi.gov. visit: <u>Vote Absentee By Mail (wi.gov)</u>. You must provide a photo ID with your absentee ballot request, more information on photo ID can be found <u>here</u>.

March 14, 2023 - Deadline for municipal clerks to send absentee ballots to voters with an active request already on file- Municipal clerks can begin mailing absentee ballots once official ballots are received and have until March 14, 2023 to send ballots to all voters with a request on file by that day. Requests received after March 14, 2023 must be fulfilled within 24-48 business hours.

March 30, 2023 @ 5:00 p.m.- Deadline to Request an Absentee Ballot-Regular and Permanent Overseas Voters- If you are a regular or a Permanent Overseas Voters, your absentee ballot request must be received by your municipal clerk no later than 5:00 p.m. on March 30, 2023.

March 31, 2023 @ 5:00 p.m.- Deadline to Request an Absentee Ballot- Indefinitely Confined and Military- If a voter is indefinitely confined, or military and not away from home, your absentee ballot request must be received by your municipal clerk no later than 5:00 p.m. on March 31, 2023.

April 4, 2023 @ 8:00 p.m.- - Deadline to Return Absentee Ballot- If you have already received an absentee ballot, you must return your absentee ballot by mail or delivery to your <u>municipal clerk</u>. Your ballot must be received by your municipal clerk no later than 8:00 p.m. on Election Day, April 4, 2023.

Early In-Person Absentee Voting

March 21, 2023, possibly through April 2, 2023 -Deadline for In-Person Absentee- Voters can possibly request and vote an absentee ballot in-person in their municipal clerk's office through April 2, 2023, (although most municipal offices will not be open for inperson voting after Friday, March 31. Office hours vary by municipality. Some municipal offices may not offer additional in-person absentee hours. Please contact your municipal clerk for absentee voting hours.

Absentee Voting for Hospitalized and Military Voters

April 4, 2023 @ 5:00 p.m- Deadline for Hospitalized Voters- Voters who are in a hospital may request a ballot be brought to them by an appointed agent if they are hospitalized in the 7 days preceding the election. Hospitalized electors may request an absentee ballot between March 28, 2023 and April 4, 2023 at 5:00 p.m..

March 31, 2023 @ 5:00 p.m.- Deadline to Request an Absentee Ballot-Military If a voter is in the military, then his/her absentee ballot request must be received by the municipal clerk no later than 5:00 p.m. on March 31, 2023.