



(https://www.prophecynewswatch.com)

Join over **350,000** PNW subscribers.

Enter Your Email

Subscribe to PNW

Ads by Google

Stop seeing this ad Why this ad? ⓘ

VISIT OUR PROPHECY MOVIE STORE!

STREAM NOW

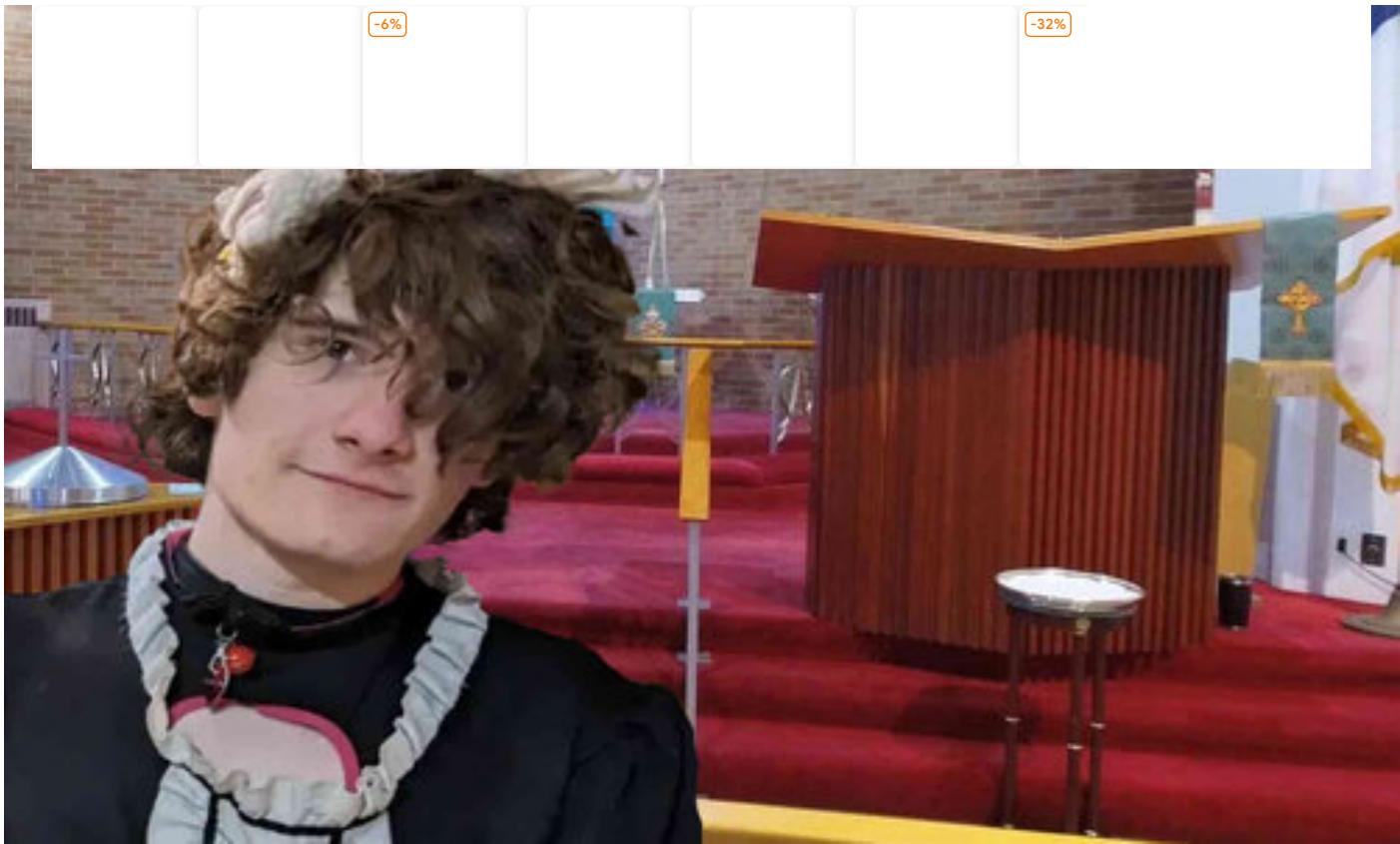
PNW

(https://prophecynewswatch.com/shop.cfm)

ARTICLE

When the Church Becomes The Scapegoat For Transgender Tragedies





BY PNW STAFF JANUARY 24, 2026

Share this article:

[Share](#)[Tweet](#)[Email](#)[Share](#)[Print](#)

There is a familiar script playing out across America, and it almost always ends the same way. When a church refuses to abandon its biblical standards--especially around sex, gender, and public witness--it is accused not merely of being unkind, but of being cruel, dangerous, even deadly. Conviction is recast as hatred. Boundaries are reframed as violence. And when tragedy strikes, responsibility is quickly redirected away from broken families, cultural lies, and untreated mental illness--and placed squarely on the church.

The heartbreaking death of Joshua Anthony Link, a 24-year-old man from Belleville, Illinois, is now being used to advance that script.

According to reports, Link, who identified as transgender and went by the name "Nomad Thunder," was employed as a custodian at St. John's Lutheran Church in Granite City. Church leadership reportedly told Link he could not wear a French maid outfit and cat ears while working on church property. After an ultimatum and subsequent termination, Link took his own life roughly a week later. His parents now publicly blame the church and its pastor, Rev. Bill Hale, accusing them of a lack of empathy and concern for their child's mental health.

Fatty Liver Detox

Doctor's 5 words explained my weight gain: You might have fatty liver.

This is undeniably tragic. Suicide is always devastating, and Christians should never speak about it lightly or flippantly. Compassion is not optional. Grief deserves tenderness. But compassion does not require dishonesty--and it certainly does not require the church to abandon truth or accept blame for refusing to affirm behavior that contradicts its faith.

The outfit at the center of this controversy matters, not because clothing alone determines morality, but because symbols matter--especially in sacred spaces. A French maid outfit with cat ears is not neutral attire. It is tied to a specific internet subculture rooted in anime,

se>
ide

A c
wo
consistency. Saying "no" to that expression is not an attack on someone's humanity. It is a boundary rooted in belief.



(https://www.prophecynewswatch.com/product.cfm?product_id=77)

Yet instead of asking hard questions about why a young man was so fragile, so untethered, and so unsupported that losing a job became unbearable, the blame has been aimed outward. The parents speak movingly about empathy, but say little about accountability--either personal or parental. Loving your child does not mean affirming every identity they adopt or every demand they make. Real love tells the truth, even when it's uncomfortable. Real love sets limits.

This is where the modern conversation often collapses. We are told that compassion and standards are mutually exclusive--that to love someone, you must fully validate their self-perception. But that is not love; it is abdication. The church is being asked not merely to show kindness, but to compromise its witness. And compromise always sends a message--especially to the next generation--that truth is negotiable and convictions are expendable under emotional pressure.

We are also told, repeatedly, that refusal to affirm transgender identities leads directly to suicide. This claim is used as a moral cudgel to silence dissent. But study after study has failed to prove that lack of affirmation causes suicide. What research does show--consistently--is that individuals who transition continue to experience disproportionately high rates of depression, anxiety, and suicidality long after hormones or surgeries. Transition does not resolve the underlying distress. It often compounds it.

That reality is rarely discussed because it disrupts the narrative. If the problem is not affirmation, then perhaps the problem is the lie itself--the lie that you can remake your identity at will, that the body is meaningless, and that any resistance to that belief is oppression.

Blaming the church may feel satisfying, but it avoids the deeper tragedy: a culture that tells vulnerable young people that their happiness depends on everyone else changing, and parents who mistake unconditional love for unconditional approval. The result is not freedom, but fragility.



Chi
we
wh

You assigning blame where it does not belong.

The church is not responsible for every tragedy that occurs outside its walls. But it is responsible for remaining faithful within them--even when that faithfulness is unpopular, misunderstood, or cruelly misrepresented.

Liked this article? Don't miss an urgent PNW update.

Enter Your Email

Subscribe to PNW

[Back to home page \(https://www.prophecynewswatch.com\)](https://www.prophecynewswatch.com)

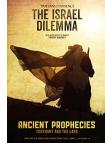


P



1

(https://prophecynewswatch.com/product.cfm?product_id=88)



The Israel Dilemma (https://prophecynewswatch.com/product.cfm?product_id=78) 2

(https://prophecynewswatch.com/product.cfm?product_id=78)



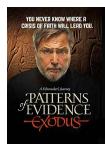
The American Miracle (https://prophecynewswatch.com/product.cfm?product_id=77) 3

(https://prophecynewswatch.com/product.cfm?product_id=77)



Before the Wrath (https://prophecynewswatch.com/product.cfm?product_id=67) 4

(https://prophecynewswatch.com/product.cfm?product_id=67)



Patterns of Evidence: Exodus (https://prophecynewswatch.com/product.cfm?product_id=87) 5

(https://prophecynewswatch.com/product.cfm?product_id=87)

OTHER NEWS

JANUARY 29, 2026 **Countdown To Conflict - Iran Threatens To Take Out US Aircraft Carrier** ([article.cfm?recent_news_id=9465](#))

If the U.S. attacks Iran, the Iranians have already warned that the USS Abraham Lincoln will be a primary target. In fact, the Iranians ju...

[Read Full Story](#) ([article.cfm?recent_news_id=9465](#))

JANUARY 29, 2026 **'Pick Your Baby': The Quiet Arrival Of Consumer Eugenics** ([article.cfm?recent_news_id=9464](#))

"Pick your baby." Until recently, those words belonged to toy aisles and video games. Now they appear on subway walls in New York City--on...

[Read Full Story](#) ([article.cfm?recent_news_id=9464](#))

JANUARY 29, 2026 **When Movement Requires Permission: The Quiet Rise Of The 15-Minute City** ([article.cfm?recent_news_id=9463](#))

Unlike the Soviet Union's physical micro-districts, today's version doesn't require checkpoints or guards. The boundaries are digital. Inv...

[Read Full Story](#) ([article.cfm?recent_news_id=9463](#))

JANUARY 29, 2026 **This Is What Modern War Looks Like - When Men Surrender To Machines** ([article.cfm?recent_news_id=9462](#))

For thousands of years, battles were decided by who could march farther, fight harder, and endure longer. But a chilling new moment from t...

[Read Full Story](#) ([article.cfm?recent_news_id=9462](#))

JANUARY 28, 2026 **Many Americans Are Pulling Back As They Sense An Economic Storm Brewing** ([article.cfm?recent_news_id=9461](#))

Consumer confidence has fallen to levels not seen in more than a decade. That matters because confidence is what fuels everyday life. Wh...

[Read Full Story](#) ([article.cfm?recent_news_id=9461](#))

JANUARY 28, 2026 **How Your News Source Completely Changes What You Believe About Immigration** ([article.cfm?recent_news_id=9460](#))

Democracy requires a shared factual foundation. When half the country thinks we're in a humanitarian crisis and half thinks we're finally ...

[Read Full Story](#) ([article.cfm?recent_news_id=9460](#))

JANUARY 28, 2026 **Canada Is Showing Us The True, Ugly Colors of Euthanasia** ([article.cfm?recent_news_id=9459](#))

Canada's so-called Medical Assistance in Dying (MAiD) program isn't just failing vulnerable people -- it's actively betraying them. Time a...

[Read Full Story](#) ([article.cfm?recent_news_id=9459](#))

GET BREAKING NEWS

Enter Your Email

Submit





© 2026 Prophecy News Watch. All Rights Reserved.

Located in Coeur D Alene, Idaho - USA.

Call Toll Free: 1-877-561-4442

Email: Info@ProphecyNewsWatch.com

Visit us on social media.

