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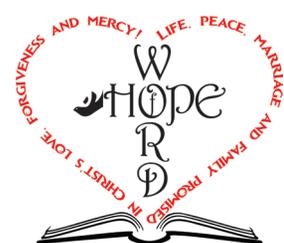
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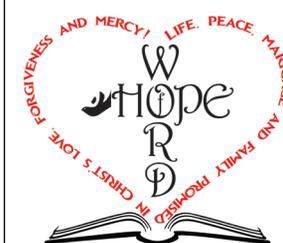
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1. Facilitate more Life Chapters and Life Teams (www.lutheransforlife.org/about/life-chapters-and-life-teams). We're going to help Gospel-motivated voices For Life organize into volunteer communities across the country.
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4. Produce and distribute hundreds of thousands of *LifeDate* issues (www.lutheransforlife.org/media/lifedate). We'll put our industry-leading quarterly journal in hallways, homes, and hands (along with email inboxes) from sea to shining sea—at no charge to anyone.
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6. Incorporate teenagers (Y4Life.org). Through education and service, our Y4Life ministry will continue to equip the next generation to answer the question, "Why should we be For Life?" Based on the Gospel of Jesus Christ, we'll inspire and empower Lutheran high schools and universities to become voices For Life in their own contexts and beyond.
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And we're determined to do it with just what our ministry is known for: The Gospel of Jesus Christ. We'll speak the truth in love about life the whole way, declaring it with courage and demonstrating it with compassion as we share how our Lord creates, redeems, and calls every human life as His own precious treasure from fertilization to forever!

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