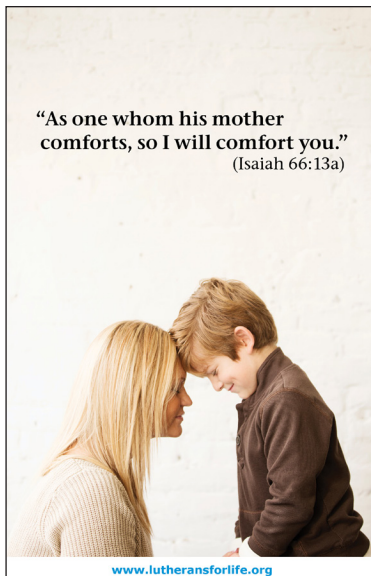


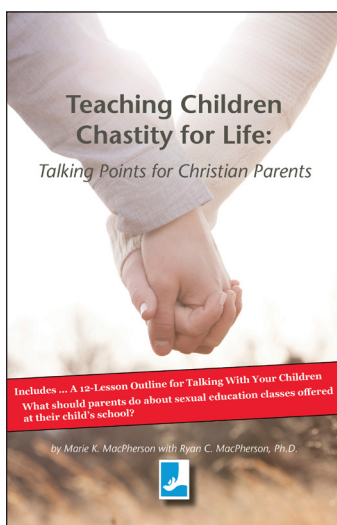
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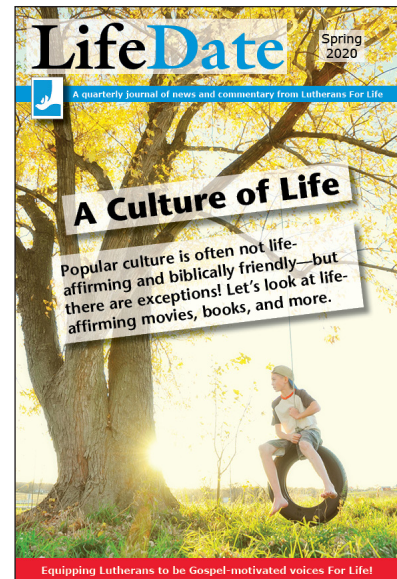
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Moses Prays for Life in Troubled Times

by Rev. Jeff Duncan, Mission & Ministry Director

Psalms 90 is titled “A Prayer of Moses, the Man of God.” In it, Moses brings us to contemplate the wretchedness of our condition and how sin brings us to death. In the era of COVID-19, many have come to face the reality of their lives and the shortness therein. The fear of death and the uncertainty of pestilence and illness certainly have gripped the world conversation. Yet, in this prayer, Moses reveals an even greater reality than the wrath of God leading to death of a sinner. For believers in Jesus Christ, the Lord has been and continues to be our dwelling place. Though our days may be filled with sorrow and pain in this life on this earth, yet in Christ there is promise, hope, and forgiveness of sins to be enjoyed with God forever! How can this be our prayer that sustains us through these sorrowful and trying days?

Read Psalm 90.

Luther says: “Therefore, by titling this psalm “a prayer,” Moses indirectly suggests that there is still hope for life. For what does it mean to pray? Does it not mean to seek help? Again, what does it mean to pray to God when one is encompassed by sin and death? Is it not to believe that with God there is the possibility of forgiveness and sure help against deadly ills? And does not praying against death mean hoping for life? He who despairs of life obviously does not pray at all, for he assumes prayer to be a lost cause.” ¹

1. What do we know about the effect sin has upon our world and especially our lives? (Romans 6:23)
2. Can anyone expect to escape from the penalty of death by his/her desire to live a good and decent life? (Romans 3:23; Psalm 51:3-5; Job 34:21-27). What are we to understand about how God truly sees our condition?
3. What words in Psalm 90 give hope for a different ending found in a God of compassion? How is this completed in lieu of our lost, sinful condition? (Isaiah 52:13-53:12; John 3:14-21)

Consider Psalm 90:3: “You return man to dust and say, ‘Return, O children of man!’”

4. What is it to “return man to dust”? (Genesis 3:17-19; Proverbs 16:25; Romans 5:12-14)
5. If God brings about the death of man in the first part of the verse, what is God bringing about in the second? (Deuteronomy 32:39; Psalm 116; Isaiah 25:7-9; Ezekiel 33:11; John 8:51)
6. What actions of God in the Psalm to restore the sanctify of life may we imitate as Gospel-motivated voices for Life here in time? (John 13:34-35; Romans 12:1-10; Galatians 6:2-10)



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Of this passage Luther gives great hope saying, “Thus Moses rightly refers death to God Himself. He wants to warn us not to look frantically for help anywhere except to Him who has caused the evil. ‘For He who has torn, the same will also heal’ (Hosea 6:1). This is the name of our God: ‘He kills and restores to life; He brings down to hell and raises up’ (1 Samuel 2:6). Of this God, Moses here says: ‘Thou causest men to die.’ It is this God, too, who commands the sons of men to return. Just as we initially receive life through Him, so also through Him we finally overcome death.”²

Consider again Psalm 90:13-15.

7. How does the Lord have pity upon us and turn His countenance toward us? (Deuteronomy 4:1; Hebrews 2:17; Hebrews 8:12; Colossians 1:19-25)
8. In these trying times, how is the Lord still showing compassion and bringing His help to those who are in great need? (Matthew 9:35-38; John 12:23-33; 2 Thessalonians 3: 3-5; 1 Corinthians 1:3-9)

Luther says, “Therefore Moses obviously means to say: ‘Thou hast chastened us with miseries; Thou hast given us this primary wisdom, to know Thy wrath. Now, dear God, forbear. Let the degree in which Thou hast slain us, hast chastened us, hast humbled us, suffice. Turn Thy loving face to us at last and be gracious to us. Show us also how well-meaning and merciful Thou art that we might be enabled to console our hearts when they are distraught by these terrors.’”³

9. What encouragement does this Psalm and Luther’s words give us as we seek to serve those currently endangered by contagion, peril, or difficulties in this life? (See also James 5:8-16; Philippians 4:1-13)

May you look forward to the restoration that God has in mind for you in His Son, Christ Jesus our Lord! Let the Word of God dwell richly in you and sustain you through all manner of trial and tribulation. Look forward to His ultimate healing and victory to be yours in the life eternal of our victorious Lamb of God Who takes away the sins of the world and gives us hope everlasting.

O Lord God, by the example of Your blessed Son, grant us grace to accept patiently the sufferings of the present time in full assurance of the glory that shall be revealed to us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen. (Lutheran Service Book, Altar Book, pg. 459)

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LAMBs Blankets in Blanco, Texas

by Dr. Barb Geistfeld, LFL Regional Director of Texas and Trinity, Blanco, Texas, Life Team Leader

The Life Team at Trinity Lutheran Church (LCMC) in Blanco, Texas, has given away another LAMBs (Lutherans Assembling Mercy Blankets) blanket!

LAMBs blankets are provided free of charge to moms or families that have had their fourth or more child. They are a gift from the Miami (Ohio) Valley Life Chapter to celebrate families choosing life, especially as the number of children adds up!

Amy is a 39-year-old single mom who suddenly faced an unplanned pregnancy. She has three older children but said it was never an option to end her pregnancy. With the love and grace of God and the love and support of her family, she now has four beautiful children. As you can tell by the smiles none of them can imagine life without Everly. We rejoice in the life of this beautiful little girl and pray that God's love, grace, and mercy be with all of them every day of their lives.



Pictured (l-r): Sevren, 18; Amy; Coryne, 17, holding Everly, seven months; Kacen, ten; and Amy's parents, Lydia and Doug.



The Best Kept Secret Is in Our Churches

by Virginia J. Flo, Minnesota Regional Director & National Conference Director

I recently received an email with some updated statistical data that stated two out of five women having an abortion go to church regularly—at least once a month—at the time of their abortion. That was shocking. We know there are people sitting in our church pews who have had an abortion or helped someone get an abortion. With over 60 million abortions since 1973, it would be impossible for there not to be. Yet, when we see a statement like in the email that said “they go to church on Sunday and on Monday go to the abortion clinic,” it hits home with the question, “What are we doing to address this?”

This brought to mind a conversation I had a few years back with a leader from one of our Lutheran church bodies. He told me he had served in his last parish for 20 years. He was feeling pretty good as he hadn’t seen an out of wedlock pregnancy or abortion in his congregation for almost his whole time at that church. Then one day he saw the abortion statistics and realized that with tens of millions of abortions there was no way his membership would not have been involved with one. He said it changed the way he preached after that.

Have all pastors experienced that same revelation that has made their preaching considerate of these statistics? Those of us who make presentations, or anyone having a conversation, do our words take into account that the people who are listening and who we are talking to may be thinking about having an abortion or have already had one? Yes, abortion is wrong—but it is not an unforgivable sin. Yet, I still want to make sure people know I am not talking about people in another part of the world, although they are important too. I want my audiences to know that there are other options. I want those who have had an abortion to know forgiveness is for them, not as a cheap excuse for having done it, but rather I want to help someone struggling with the guilt of having had an abortion or who is right now thinking of having one. They need to remember their Savior’s forgiveness in order to move on without self-condemnation which makes life difficult. I know you must agree. I just needed to say it, so I don’t forget it.

Now, it seems to me this information specifically needs to reach all of the pastors out there who are doing the preaching each week. Do they avoid the topic? Do they only say abortion is wrong and leave it at that? Do they really appreciate there are women and men sitting in their pews right now who are contemplating abortion or who have participated in one? What can be said to change those hearts so come Monday they don’t head to the abortion clinic? These are the questions to ponder. Abortion isn’t something happening in another state or county or city. It is happening right in our backyards. And now we know many attend churches regularly and are sitting in our church pews looking for answers. May the Lord provide the answers needed to send a message of hope and forgiveness as well as proclaiming abortion to not be in God’s will.



Life Team in Action – Ascension Lutheran Church, Tucson, Arizona

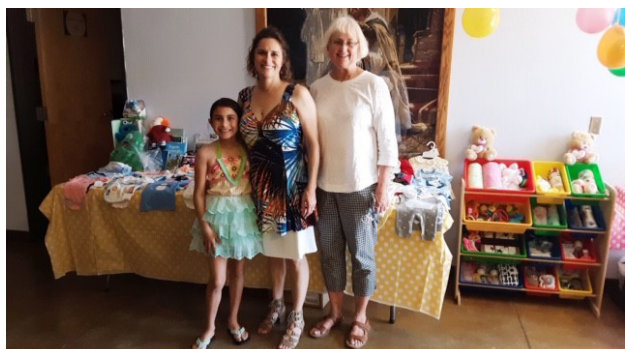
by Jo Riester, Ascension Lutheran Church Life Team member

Summertime is hot but not slow in Tucson. June 2019's **Family First Pregnancy Care and Community Diaper Bank Shower** provided a lively venue to highlight the center's efforts.

With an animated agenda of over 12 shower games, our MC kept the program moving through a dynamic two hours—with smiles on the faces of guests excited about their prizes donated from local businesses—a \$150 facial, a designer Bundt cake, and more! With responses from more than 25 generous merchants, a silent auction added another venue for funding and included family photography, edible arrangements, and certificates for martial arts classes. A face painter entertained the five young children attending and “tattooed” four men who accompanied their wives—their first experience with the silliness of a baby shower! The pasta buffet funded by Thrivent with lavish salads donated by Olive Garden and designer cupcakes from a local baker made this a day of service to remember!

Over 60 guests from three Lutherans For Life chapters showered the center and diaper bank with \$3,418 worth of brand-new layette items, \$194 of gently used items, and \$704 in cash and gift cards, yielding over \$4,315 along with more than 1,600 diapers.

Three months later, **Bless the Years Weekend** celebrated Ascension members who were 85 years and older. The initial plan included a birthday party and special worship services on Grandparents' Day. While one group planned the party, a second group compiled personal interviews with the hope of publishing a book of memories and biographies, *Senior Memories*,



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with inspiring stories of the Great Depression and WWII. Little did we know that we would find 57 in that age category!

The book project took a little longer and continues this year. A Thrivent project raised funds for the publication of *Senior Memories* through the sale of over 100 stuffed angels, available for adoption thanks to the generosity of a retiree moving in with her daughter and liquidating her lifelong angel collection. There are still angels awaiting adoption from the nine large bags of angels, so stay tuned.

ChristCare members chauffeured those in need. Others were companions or hostesses at the party, and still more relatives joined their loved ones to celebrate the Lord's gift of added years. Thrivent funds were used for heavy appetizers.

During the meal, much laughter acknowledged former cheerleaders, football players and wrestlers, military members, ladies who learned to drive at age 10, and one lady who admitted to touching Liberace's chest! Memories of the war effort, the Oklahoma dust bowl, and Lutheran Hour rallies with Ozzie Hoffman were shared.

Following the afternoon party, Ascension Lutheran's Saturday evening worship continued the theme of **Bless the Years**, as did Sunday's service. Sunday's coffee hour highlighted still another birthday cake and more festivities for our honored guests. We are so blessed to have more than 26 who are over 90!

I was blessed to record the Lord's words for a new hymn that was sung at the services.

Dear Father, bless the years. This babe is small and fragile.
With wonder parents muse; They strive your grace to model.
Speak to them of Your mercy, love, Your patience, time enough to share.
Lord, bless them in their care.

When school-ward treks begin, Young characters are forming.
They've learned about God's world with delight-filled discov'ring.
Then other worlds come into view, with conflict, greed, dishonesty.
For them, their conscience be.

The turmoil of the teens, their puzzling paths exploring.
Guide them, O Father, friend, protecting and defending.
In tough decisions, fretful choices, grant them peace, integrity.
To You, O Lord, they flee.

And when our patriarchs age, Infirmities abiding.
For those advanced in years, help us O Lord, revering
Their life experiences, wisdom, knowledge, memories, good cheer.
Almighty, bless the years.



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As a relatively new LFL Life Team, we are finding our focus by hosting events with a broad menu, figuring that one of several spheres (adoption, abortion, aging issues, crisis pregnancy, and suicide prevention) would touch the hearts of members as awareness develops. These were integrated into other aspects of congregational life and involved ChristCare groups, Ascension's senior population, and partnerships with other congregations. Weekly LFL articles were included in our church bulletins, insuring continued awareness.

Tucson is blessed to have several crisis pregnancy centers (CPC), and in addition to the shower previously mentioned, we supported all three by attending Family First's Annual Chuckwagon Dinner Auction, underwriting a table at Hands of Hope's annual fundraiser, and then months later sponsoring ten participants in their Walk for Life and eight more participants in the Alzheimer's Walk. In partnership with other congregations at the LWML Spring Rally, Ascension attendees were also part of a diaper in-gathering for Answers for Life.

We cherish the collegiality of working with the other local LFL Life Chapters. Posters were prepared as we joined with other Lutheran congregations and the Catholic Diocese in Tucson's January 2019 citywide March for Life. Planning efforts also connected us during the second half of 2019. With four other congregations, Ascension assisted in our circuit's first ever Life Matters Conference in mid-January 2020, where more than 100 attendees learned about snowflake babies, pregnancy assistance, and euthanasia, with representatives from each of the three local CPCs in attendance. Speakers included Rev. Max Phillips, Lutheran Family Services of Iowa and Perry Lutheran homes; Kim Laube also with LFS Iowa; and Melissa Gannon, Perry Lutheran Homes. Learning about the Five Wishes and end-of-life issues raised the awareness of many. The evening before, the national speakers met with Lutheran Campus Ministry as we served dinner to more than 35 students who also were blessed to hear from these speakers.

Planning began for a circuit-wide suicide prevention symposium to be held April 2020, in partnership with three other congregations. Unfortunately, this April event was postponed due to the coronavirus.

Most recently, adoptions options were publicized through church newsletter articles and emails about Tucson's Christian Family Care. In early 2020, two events were held to support first-time mom Michelle who was adopting her four-year-old from Ethiopia on February 8. A baby shower gifted them with clothing, books, and games, along with generous checks and cash donations to help with Abdi Kyle's preschool tuition at Ascension Lutheran School. The Fifth Saturday Tea—AMICAE was held on February 29, and they, too, adopted this cause. Over 20 ladies served as chauffeurs or were chauffeured from their care homes for an afternoon of fine food and socializing. The devotion reflection led to lively discussions about The Lutheran Hour's newest study: "How many spiritual conversations have you had in the last year?" The tea increased LFL's exposure to adoption opportunities and, all told, over \$1,916 was raised for Kyle's scholarship.

Thanks to the resources of LFL and local connections, we are eager to see what 2020 brings!



What You Do Matters!!!

by Rev. Jeff Duncan, Mission & Ministry Director

The Bible pictures the great throne of judgment with Jesus seated, separating the goats from the sheep. The sheep (His redeemed sinners) are surprised. They exclaim, **“Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you a drink? And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?”** A most astonishing answer follows. **“Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me”** (Matthew 25:37-40).

Redeemed Christians, being crucified to themselves and living a new life in Jesus Christ Who raised them from the dead, naturally do good works. This is their vocation. This is what they do for others, for their neighbors. Christians don't do these good works for their own glory. It is not to toot their own horn, not to garner praise from the public nor to earn salvation points. They already have salvation. They already have forgiveness of sins. They already have the assurance of a place with their Lord in eternal joy! But their neighbor needs these things, too. Christians share all the gifts they have received freely from Christ with their neighbors in need, bringing glory to the name of Jesus as they do it!

The vocation of a Christian is not a seat of privilege nor is it a badge of honor. It is a service. It is a calling. It is an action—love your neighbor as you love yourself! Everything that a Christian does is of intrinsic value because it is accomplished in faith. It is done by one who grasps hold of that sweet truth that it is not our works that save us but the grace of God and that now we are the handiwork of God in Christ Jesus, readied to accomplish all the good works He has prepared for us to do!

Lutherans For Life Christians are a unique handiwork of God, prepared for good works He already has in mind to complete. Gathered into Life Chapters (more than one church), Life Teams (representing members of one church), or individual Christian LFLers, they weave a symphony of harmonic good deeds holy and pleasing to God the Father as they help, love, serve, and support the least of these in His kingdom.

What you do matters because of the One Who does it through you! What you do matters because Christ the Life of all the living is actively sharing the gifts of His glorious kingdom through you to your neighbor who is a soul He died on the cross to redeem and to give eternal life in His name.

Recently, I've had the pleasure to speak with multiple volunteers and hear about what they do that matters! Here are two examples:

- Eugene of the Greater Kankakee Lutherans For Life Chapter #229 in Illinois: Though a very small group, the activities they complete are “consistent and impactful.” Every year they raise money for a local pregnancy resource center, this year giving over \$2,000 through a baby bottle fundraiser. Supporting the congregation's Human Care/Social Ministry Board, they washed cars and changed the oil of single moms on **Single Mom**



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Saturday. “Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me!”

- Jo of Ascension Lutheran Life Team in Arizona: (See the additional article in this edition of *Directions*.) This active and well-organized team threw a birthday party for 85 and up members of their church. They interviewed them, published biographies, and had a trivia contest where other members tried to guess things like “Who was cheerleader for ...?” or “Who was a wrestler ...?” Additionally, they developed a relationship with a local Olive Garden restaurant who donated the salads as Thrivent provided the pasta funds for a congregation baby shower. Members brought baby shower items, filled cribs, and gave away prizes for attendees, with all support going to one of the smallest crisis pregnancy centers in Tucson. They were part of the circuit-wide group organizing a conference featuring LFL speakers on sanctity of life issues, including end-of-life and adoption options. They garnered some 100 attendees representing five area churches. Their latest endeavor is a cooperative circuit suicide symposium. **“Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me!”**

Great or small; consistent or sporadic; comfortable and predictable or courageous, new, and exciting—what you do matters! It is done “for the least of these my brothers” says the Lord Jesus! And in caring for your neighbor, whoever and wherever that neighbor is, Jesus says in doing it **“you did it to me!”** May the final words of Psalm 90:14-17 give you joy and purpose to recognize that what you do matters!

“Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love, that we may rejoice and be glad all our days. Make us glad for as many days as you have afflicted us, and for as many years as we have seen evil. Let your work be shown to your servants, and your glorious power to their children. Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us, and establish the work of our hands upon us; yes, establish the work of our hands!”





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LAMBs – Lutherans Assembling Mercy Blankets

Although our world might tell us otherwise, children are truly a blessing. Lutherans For Life would like to celebrate children—especially those families with a lot of them! Through the skillfulness of some LFLers in Ohio and elsewhere, along with the Miami Valley Life Chapter, a project called “LAMBs” (Lutherans Assembling Mercy Blankets) was established.

We would like to celebrate families that are awaiting the birth of their fourth or more child by gifting them with a homemade blanket. Do you know such a family in your Lutheran church? If so, please contact Rev. Jeff Duncan, our mission and ministry director, at jduncan@lutheransfor-life.org so that he can arrange for this gift to be sent to them. (Alternatively, you can fill out the form below and send it to Angela Jones of the Miami Valley Life Chapter.)

Thank you for helping us care for your neighbor in this way!

“Behold, children are a heritage from the Lord, the fruit of the womb a reward” (Psalm 127:3).

LAMBs – Lutherans Assembling Mercy Blankets

Do you know a family in your congregation who is having its fourth or more child? Wouldn't it be nice to gift them with a homemade blanket in celebration of this new life? Simply by filling out this form, Lutherans For Life, the Miami Valley Life Chapter, and other Lutherans from the state of Ohio will ensure that a blanket made with love will be sent directly to this expectant mother anywhere within the continental United States. There are no strings attached. As the Body of Christ, we want to use this as an opportunity to share the mercy that our Savior Jesus Christ first showed us on the cross.

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“He will tend his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms” (Isaiah 40:11a).





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Owen's Mission

**"A PERSON'S
A PERSON,
NO MATTER
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-DR. SEUSS**

Horton the elephant was right! The Bible agrees! In fact, the Bible says more: A person's a person created by God (Psalm 139:13-14), a person redeemed by Jesus (Galatians 3:13), and a person the Holy Spirit wants to call to be His child (1 Timothy 2:4), ***no matter how small!***

Owen's Mission is a very special project of Lutherans For Life. The goal of this project is to honor Jesus by presenting a set of *Touch of Life* fetal models to every Lutheran elementary and high school in the country. We want students to understand the God-given value of each life from the moment of conception. We want students to be motivated by what God has done as our Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier that gives value to life. We want students to value themselves and to value others as persons because of this God-given value.



Where did **Owen's Mission** come from? From a very small and special baby named Owen. Rev. Dr. James I. Lamb, former executive director of Lutherans For Life, shares his story:



"I held my little grandson Owen in the palm of my hand. He died at 21 weeks during prenatal surgery to remove a large tumor. The nurse brought him to our son as we waited in the recovery room for Owen's mother. I find it difficult to describe what I felt when I was able to hold him. I had held the 20-week *Touch of Life* fetal model in my hands hundreds of times in front of students from preschoolers to seminarians. Holding Owen revived in me the reality behind those models. I will never hold them in the same way again."

As Owen's grandpa, Dr. Lamb wanted to do something special to remember Owen, honor Jesus, and help others understand the value God gives to even the smallest of lives. With the help of Owen's family, *Owen's Mission* was born. We are training facilitators to present these fetal model sets along with a DVD message from Dr. Lamb.

You can support Owen's Mission by encouraging your Lutheran elementary or high school to have an Owen's Mission presentation! Call 888.364.LIFE (5433) or email info@lutheransforlife.org.

Speakers Bureau

www.lutheransforlife.org/about/speakers-bureau-concerts-for-life

Do you need a speaker? Lutherans For Life will work with you to help meet your needs for a speaker at a rally, convention, Bible study, worship service, public or parochial school, college/university, or workshop/seminar. A variety of formats are available.

General speaker guidelines (may vary by individual):

- Airfare/Mileage: Actual airfare and/or current standard IRS mileage rate to airport or event.
- Lodging: Quiet, nonsmoking hotel room.
- Honorarium: Affiliated speakers for Lutherans For Life are not in a paid position. Therefore, we ask that sponsoring groups provide an honorarium for affiliated speakers. The sponsoring group determines the amount of the honorarium. Honorariums depend on number of events. Honorariums begin at \$200.
- Meals: \$25 per day unless other arrangements are made.
- Other: A lectern will be needed. A TV, video projector, DVD player, and screen may be needed.

Speakers:

Jean Amundson (nationwide – based in Cleburne, Texas)
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Speaking Engagement Report Form

We appreciate the many hours our faithful Frontline workers contribute to sharing the For Life message. If you or your State Federation/Life Chapter have the opportunity to speak on life issues in your community, please let us know! This information will help us as we look at our strategic plan and determine the resources that are most needed to help you carry forth your mission For Life! Please return to the national office or email info@lutheransforlife.org.

Speaking Engagement Report Form	
Speaker's Name:	
Location:	
Date:	
Topic of Presentation:	
Audience presented to (teens, adults, children, etc.):	
Number of people in attendance:	
Resources used at presentation (DVD, brochures, articles, etc.):	

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The Basics of Lutherans For Life

Our Mission: Equipping Lutherans to be Gospel-motivated voices For Life

Our Vision: Every Lutheran congregation upholding the God-given value of human life and influencing society to do the same

Structure and Relationships

A local Life Chapter is a local organization that has been chartered by National Lutherans For Life. The Life Chapter is formally associated with and subject to, but not a part of, the corporation known as Lutherans For Life, Inc.

A State Federation is an organization that has been chartered by Lutherans For Life, Inc., in a state where there are at least five chartered Life Chapters. In a state where a State Federation exists, the Life Chapters also become affiliated with the State Federation. This occurs automatically at the same time a Life Chapter becomes chartered by Lutherans For Life, Inc. These relationships are basically the same whether or not the Life Chapter is incorporated. Thus, Lutherans For Life consists of a network of individual entities formally associated with each other.

Membership Information

All officers of State Federations and Life Chapters and Life Ministry Coordinators must be members in good standing of Lutheran congregations and members of National Lutherans For Life.

Membership contributions are divided among the national organization, State Federation, and local Life Chapter if it is chartered.

Life Chapters that wish to include a membership form in newsletters or correspondence are asked to maintain the form and information provided by the national office.

The local Life Chapter may not establish its own membership program since LFL has a “unified membership” program. When sending a membership form to the national office, make sure the Life Chapter name and number, if chartered, is written on the form in the space provided. This will ensure that the State Federation and local Life Chapter receive the proper remittance payment.

Membership Classifications

Annual Membership

- Annual members join by making a membership donation accompanied by a completed copy of the membership form (or by joining online).

Sponsor Membership

- Sponsor members pledge to contribute a certain amount each month and to pray regularly for Lutherans For Life.
- Sponsor members receive a monthly letter from the executive director.
- Sponsor members are asked to renew their monthly pledge each year as part of the annual membership drive.

The Remittance Program of LFL

All MEMBERSHIP donations are shared with the chartered State Federation and/or local Life Chapter to which the particular members may belong. The membership donations are divided as follows:

Annual Memberships:

- 20% goes to the local Life Chapter (If there is no local Life Chapter, this 20% goes to the State Federation.)
- 20% goes to the State Federation
- 60% remains at national

Sponsor Memberships:

- 1/12 goes to the local Life Chapter (If there is no local Life Chapter, this 1/12 goes to the State Federation.)
- 1/12 goes to the State Federation
- 10/12 remains at national

