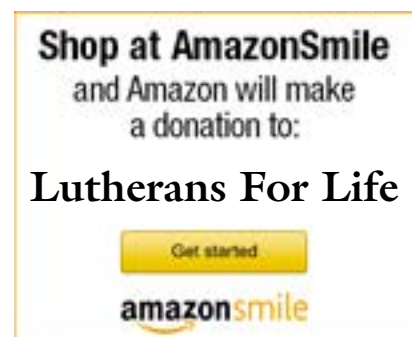


## News and Notes

- **We have a new Facebook group for Chapters, Life Teams, and LMCs.** The group will include an idea exchange and be a place to connect with other frontline volunteers. To join, or contribute an idea, please e-mail [ltrinche@lutheransforlife.org](mailto:ltrinche@lutheransforlife.org) and indicate in the subject line “Sign Me Up!”
- **Through God’s grace and the work He has planned, we are multiplying the number of Life Teams we have nationwide.** In the last quarter, an additional seventeen teams are in the early stages of development. How can we help?
- **Training Material scholarships:** We have 45 partial scholarships available nationwide to congregations wishing to start a Life Team but needing help with the cost of training. Requests for assistance will be handled on a first-come, first-served basis through June 30, 2015. Contact Lori Trinche at [ltrinche@lutheransforlife.org](mailto:ltrinche@lutheransforlife.org) to find out more,
- **Join us for a Life Team Leader Conference Call on Tuesday, December 16, 2014, at 7:00 p.m. (CT).** This call is for potential, new, veteran, apprentice, and assistant Life Team Leaders! The purpose is to give leaders “strength for their journey.” Dial 832.551.5516 and enter Pass Code 100219 followed by the # key. Go to [www.lutheransforlife.org/about/chapters-and-life-teams](http://www.lutheransforlife.org/about/chapters-and-life-teams) to find out more.
- **Matters of the Heart:** 2014 Conference resources and 2015 Life Sunday materials are now available. Go to [www.lutheransforlife.org/conference](http://www.lutheransforlife.org/conference) and [www.lutheransforlife.org/store](http://www.lutheransforlife.org/store).
- **Life News is available each month to download and print!** *Life News* is a monthly bulletin insert with life-issue news and more. *Life News* is available as a free, reproducible PDF at [www.lutheransforlife.org/media/life-news](http://www.lutheransforlife.org/media/life-news).
- **Our Mission & Ministry Coordinator, Lori Trinche, would love to hear from you!** Her focus is helping, guiding, and mentoring our frontline (chapters, Life Teams, Life Ministry Coordinators, and state federations). You can contact Lori at [ltrinche@lutheransforlife.org](mailto:ltrinche@lutheransforlife.org) or 630.390.3076.
- **Lutherans For Life Grassroots:** LFL has 11 state federations, 116 local chapters, 136 Life Ministry Coordinators, 86 Life Team Leaders, and 92 Life Teams in the US.
- **AmazonSmile** – Shop at AmazonSmile, and Amazon will make a donation to Lutherans For Life! Check it out through the link on our Store and Give pages at [www.lutheransforlife.org](http://www.lutheransforlife.org) and in our weekly *Life Notes* newsletter. (This is not an endorsement of all things Amazon, but it is a free opportunity for Amazon shoppers to support Lutherans For Life.)





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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 chapter is a local organization that has been chartered by National Lutherans For Life. The 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 chapters. In a state where a state federation exists, the chapters also become affiliated with the state federation. This occurs automatically at the same time a chapter becomes chartered by Lutherans For Life, Inc. These relationships are basically the same whether or not the 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 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 chapter if it is chartered.

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 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 chapter name and number, if chartered, is written on the form in the space provided. This will assure that the state federation and local 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).
- Annual memberships run from July 1 through June 30. New memberships will expire on June 30 of the year following the initial membership donation.
- An annual membership drive will begin in May of each year. Current members will receive renewal information at that time. The membership drive will also encourage new memberships, although they will be accepted at any time of the year.

### *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 chapter to which the particular members may belong. The membership donations are divided as follows:

#### *Annual Memberships:*

- 20% goes to the local chapter (If there is no local 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 chapter (If there is no local chapter, this 1/12 goes to the state federation.)
- 1/12 goes to the state federation
- 10/12 remains at national



## The Christian View of Death with Dignity – A Bible Study

by Rev. Dr. James I. Lamb

On October 10, 2014, the online news outlet, *The Federalist*, published an article by Maggie Karner entitled, “Brain Cancer Will Likely Kill Me, But There’s No Way I’ll Kill Myself.” Maggie is the director of LCMS Life Ministries and a dear friend to LFL. This study uses her article as an outline.

I’m not surprised that an Oct. 6, 2014, article by Nicole Weisensee Egan—titled “Terminally Ill 29-Year Old Woman: Why I’m Choosing to Die on My Own Terms” featuring a well-produced video found on People.com—has gone viral.

Why, do you suppose, Maggie is not surprised at this? (James 3:15-18) What does James offer in place of “earthly” wisdom?

The video, which features interviews of Brittany Maynard and her family members, is very emotional. Maynard, who was diagnosed this past spring, suffers from a stage-four glioblastoma multiforme brain tumor. She has a very aggressive form of brain cancer, and it is difficult to control its growth. In her video story, she describes how she was diagnosed and relates her understanding that the glioblastoma will eventually kill her. She then relates her fear that this scenario will be “out of her control.”

We can understand this. None of us want things to be “out of control” in our lives. But where is our assurance when things seem this way? (Jeremiah 29:11; Psalm 46:10; Habakkuk 2:20; Romans 8:32)

As I watched the video, I wanted to hug Brittany and shed tears right along with her because I, too, know those fears. I was also diagnosed this past spring with a stage-four glioblastoma multiforme brain tumor. I can identify with Maynard and her spunky, adventurous spirit. She describes her love of travel. In my profession with The Lutheran Church–Missouri Synod’s mercy outreach, I’ve led medical mission teams and worked on relief projects in eleven countries, loving every minute of it. I have seen the poorest of the poor and the sickest of the sick. I have seen suffering that would make anyone’s stomach turn.

Just so we do not forget, what is the root cause of all suffering in our world? (Romans 5:12)

### **The Hardest Part Is Not Knowing When**

Now I face my own prognosis of future suffering. Some days are joyful. Some days the diagnosis feels like a huge weight in my backpack.

Is it okay for a Christian to not always be joyful in suffering? Can we even question God? (Psalm 22:1) At the same time, what great hope does this same verse give? (Matthew 27:46)



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The hardest part of a terminal diagnosis is not knowing the timeline. I speak candidly with my physicians and pray that they can keep my tumor under control with the latest therapies to extend my life, one more year, month, day. Someday, I hope my tumor qualifies to be studied in one of the many clinical trials for brain cancer. I'd like to think my situation was part of a cure for someone else.

Maggie has a desire to live. Where does this come from? (John 10:10; Genesis 2:9;)

My doctors have applauded my decision to step down from my physically and emotionally demanding job to spend precious time with my family. I have a husband and three daughters who I hope will always remember me as a strong, thoughtful (but bull-headed) woman, carrying Christ's mercy and compassion for others in my soul with rich joy and meaning.

What are the truly important things in life? (Mark 12:30-31; Matthew 6:2-4, 19-21)

### **Suicide Is Not the Answer to Brain Cancer**

And here is where my comparison with Brittany Maynard ends. Maynard chose to move her family to Oregon earlier this year to have legal access to physician-assisted suicide and to receive a prescription for drugs that she has stated she will use to take her life two days following her husband's birthday, on Nov. 1, 2014. It's interesting that Maynard steadfastly refuses to refer to her decision as an act of suicide, even though she will, quite literally, take her own life.

Many people who choose assisted suicide have expressed that they are uncomfortable with the term. Assisted suicide, which means helping someone take his or her own life, has been redefined into the more euphemistic "aid in dying" or sometimes "death with dignity" campaign which has been spearheaded by the well-funded special-interest group Compassion and Choices (previously known as The Hemlock Society).

Discuss how Isaiah 5:20 relates to the above paragraph.

However well intentioned, this is one area where the old adage that "hard cases make bad law" comes into play. To make good policy decisions about assisted suicide for our society, we need to follow the rabbit trail all the way down the hole to see where it leads. Marilyn Golden, a senior policy analyst for the Disability Rights Education and Defense Fund, warned that "assisted suicide is not progressive, in fact, it puts many vulnerable people at risk, and we have already seen examples of that where it is legal." Folks concerned about the rights of people with disabilities are worried about this.

Assisted suicide is legal now in five U.S. states: Washington, Oregon, Montana, Vermont, and New Mexico.



### **Dignity Lies in Love**

But there isn't any dignity in cancer or other debilitating illness. In my own treatment, I've been poked, prodded, radiated, chemotherapied, and cut open so many times that I stopped worrying about being dignified quite some time ago. Instead, I prefer to get my dignity by appreciating the dear people who care for me with their individual expressions of love and prayers on my behalf.

What grand dignity do we have when we allow others to care for us and pray for us in our weakness and need? (Matthew 25:45)

Maynard can choose to call her act anything she wants to enable her to feel better about her decision, but that doesn't change the facts about how she has chosen to die. Dr. Eric Chevlen, a diplomat of the American Boards of Internal Medicine, Medical Oncology, Hematology, and Pain Medicine and director of Palliative Care at St. Elizabeth Health Center in Youngstown, Ohio, once quipped, "Just as rape is not about sex, euthanasia is not about comforting the dying. It is about power. What is intolerable to the (assisted-suicide advocate) is not suffering or dying, but not having control over life and death."

So who does have the right to control life and death? (Job 1:21; Deuteronomy 32:28-29) Discuss this statement: As long as God gives life, He gives life meaning and purpose.

A recent opinion piece in *The Atlantic* by Ezekiel Emanuel (President Obama's adviser on The Affordable Care Act) entitled "Why I Hope to Die at 75," forged ahead in the assisted-suicide debate by equating the value of human life with that human's ability to be productive.

Where does our value as human beings come from? (Psalm 139:13-14; 1 Corinthians 6:20) Discuss this statement: As long as God gives life, He gives life value.

### **Death Is Always Out of Our Hands**

When I was a young mother, my father had a traumatic accident that severed his spinal cord and left him paralyzed from the neck down. The last five months of my father's life, which he lived as a paraplegic, were filled with utter helplessness. He wasn't productive in any meaningful way. He couldn't even shave his own face. Would Emanuel or Maynard find my dad's life useless? I didn't. My siblings and I soaked up our father's presence, realizing that caring for the needy person we loved so dearly showed each of us some unexpected things about ourselves. As writer Cheryl Magness says, caregivers get a chance to grow in compassion, responsibility, and selflessness as they care for those in need.

The vulnerable, those in need of care, are Christ to us as we saw above. They also enable us to be Christ to them! (1 John 4:11, 19; Galatians 5:13)



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This will serve me now as I face my own debilitating mortality. Death sucks. And while this leads many to attempt to calm their fears by grasping for personal control over the situation, as a Christian with a Savior who loves me dearly and who has redeemed me from a dying world, I have a higher calling. God wants me to be comfortable in my dependence on Him and others, to live with Him in peace and comfort no matter what comes my way. As for my cancer journey, circumstances out of my control are not the worst thing that can happen to me. The worst thing would be losing faith, refusing to trust in God's purpose in my life and trying to grab that control myself.

Discuss Proverbs 3:5-8 and Revelation 2:10 in light of the above.

I watched Maynard's six-minute video. I cried, and my heart broke for her and her family. I pray she changes her mind and decides to allow others to care for her in her illness. I felt blessed that my tumor came later in my life (I'm 51), and I have had the gift of raising three lovely daughters. I want my girls to learn servanthood and selflessness as they care for me. And I also want them to know that, for Christians, our death is not the end. Because our Savior, Jesus Christ, selflessly endured an ugly death on the cross and was laid in a borrowed tomb (no "death with dignity" there), He truly understands our sorrows and feelings of helplessness. I want my kids to know that Christ's resurrection from that borrowed grave confirms that death could not hold Him, and it cannot hold me either—a baptized child of God!

What does John 11:35 tell us about Jesus and death? Jesus offers something better! (John 11:25; 1 Corinthians 15:50-58)







## Start Your Own Life Team!

[www.lutheransforlife.org/about/chapters-and-life-teams](http://www.lutheransforlife.org/about/chapters-and-life-teams)

**NEW!** Start Your Own Life Team! – Learn how to start and build a Life Team. Find out more about the newly updated Life Team Tool Boxes.

**What is a Life Team?** A Life Team is a congregationally based group. The Life Team becomes part of the congregation's structure, much like a mission team or evangelism committee. The goal is to make addressing the life issues a part of the ongoing Gospel ministry of the congregation.

**Teaching For Life® Online** is LFL's latest means of "equipping Lutherans to be Gospel-motivated voices For Life"! This self-study, online course is designed for junior high through adult. **And it's FREE!** The course is based on nine key For Life concepts and instructs on all the basic life issues.

Each of the nine lessons contains an engaging Bible study that will help the student apply God's Word of Life to the lesson's topic. The Bible study is followed by "Case Studies" which will help apply what has been learned to practical situations. Then, for those who want even more, there is "Digging Deeper," which will allow the student to link to a variety of readings, videos, YouTube clips, and ideas for action.

It's easy, fun, self-paced, and packed full of Word-based and Gospel-centered For Life information. So go to the link below and let the For Life learning begin.

We pray you will enjoy learning and that you will become equipped to help others become Gospel-motivated voices For Life!

[www.lutheransforlife.org/media/teaching-for-life-online](http://www.lutheransforlife.org/media/teaching-for-life-online)

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## A Part of Something Much Bigger

by Lori Trinche, Mission and Ministry Coordinator

I had the privilege of attending the LCMS Rural and Small Town Mission Conference in October in Kansas City to co-present a workshop on life issues with Tracy Quaethem from LCMS Life Ministries. It was both eye opening and encouraging for the life ministry work we do in rural America. I learned that rural and small towns make up over fifty percent of LCMS congregations, over fifty percent of the membership in the LCMS, and over fifty percent of new pastors.

The question was asked, “Who has the bigger mission, those in a metropolitan area or those who live near a cornfield?” The answer, of course, is both. It is the same type of work, and God has placed each of us exactly where He wants us for a reason. This certainly applies to our life ministry work.

We need to get out into our communities to see and experience the changes going on around us. We may not like the changes we see, but we can be certain we have an unchangeable God whose power we can call upon for help. Pastor Todd Kollbaum shared insights from Numbers 13: “There are many giants in the land we serve.” A gloomy mindset says, “How are we going to accomplish anything when the giants are going to devour us? Would it not be better to sell off and close down so we don’t have to worry anymore?”

We have a changing landscape in the rural communities. The people in their 20s are moving out, but people in their mid-30s to mid-40s are moving back at about the same rate as the younger folks are leaving. They come back for various reasons: unsafe or unhealthy conditions in the city, more affordable living, and access to recreational, educational, or high-tech industries. Also, one in eight rural or small town residents have arrived from another state or country in the last five years. Rural areas are not dying. They are just changing.

There are twenty million unchurched people in rural communities—people waiting to hear about Jesus. To quote Pastor Kollbaum again, “But what about us? Have we become so beaten down that discouragement overcomes us? We’ve tried nothing and we are all out of ideas. Satan tries to use all these things to get us to lose sight of what we were made to do. If we sit in gloom and doom, no one will want to be around us to see that we have nothing to offer.”

We could think gloomy thoughts about life ministry too. Instead of focusing on the number of lives saved and changed and the day to day differences we make in the lives of others, it is easier to follow the news of the day and look at Brittney Maynard choosing to end her own life or battles seemingly lost for good in the courts or in the voting booth.

Pastor Todd reminded us of Caleb and his faith and trust: knowledge that this land is ours and we are well able to overcome it. God is more powerful than the giants, the statistics, and the news of today.

Precious friends of Life, we have a mission field all around us—right where God has called us.



God challenges us to know who we are and whose we are. What does it mean for each individual congregation or chapter in the Life mission field? How does that change over time? How do we adapt to change? God has given us people, places, and tools to carry out the ministry NO MATTER how big or how small.

We need to understand where people are today to meet their needs, and then we can share the good news. Our rural areas and small towns are changing. We must embrace the change and share what is unchangeable: God's Word and Sacrament. (Worship is the one thing the church will do forever. Everything else can change.)

Remember this verse: **But Caleb quieted the people before Moses and said, "Let us go up at once and occupy it, for we are well able to overcome it"** (Numbers 13:30).

We can feel weak by ourselves, but we are a part of something much bigger. We may be small but we have a big mission. We can trust in the Lord to do that thing which we've been called to do. So take heart and do not give up!

### Resource Links:

- [www.lcms.org/rstm](http://www.lcms.org/rstm)
- [www.lcms.org/webinars](http://www.lcms.org/webinars) – See "Equipping Lutherans to be Gospel-Motivated Voices for Life" with Lori Trinche.
- [www.lutheransforlife.org/conference](http://www.lutheransforlife.org/conference) – See "2014 LFL National Conference – Matters of the Heart." (Our 2015 Lutherans For Life National Conference is set for October 30-31 in Petersburg, Kentucky, at the Creation Musuem. The theme is Created – Redeemed – Called.")

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## Project Ideas

- Early winter is a good time to focus on indoor events. How about a pro-life movie and discussion for teens? Many churches have a local movie theatre that members often visit. Since ministry flows from relationships, why not have a member reach out to invite the owner to host a special showing of a life-affirming movie and take a free will offering or partial ticket receipt for your local pregnancy center, maternity home, or senior center?
- Reach out to your local police, firefighters, or community leaders to become better aware of the most pressing needs in your community. Where do you see life-issue themes in the needs? Activities for teens or at-risk youth? Help for single moms? Help for the disabled or infirm? Education on end-of-life issues? Grief or infertility support needs? Engage your community center in a holiday activity that will benefit the community on whatever life issues need is identified.
- Create a community connections resource list for those struggling with life issues.
- Help with winter preparedness for shut-ins, widows. and single moms.



## **A Setback from Thrivent Financial**

*by John Hawkins, Director of Development*

As a supporter of Lutherans For Life, you may be aware that the ministry suffered a setback earlier this year when Thrivent Financial decided it would no longer include LFL on its “approved” list of organizations which may receive support directed from its members, chapters, employee matching, etc. This is per a new policy that the fraternal organization has a “neutral” position on life issues. The result is that LFL must “make up” funding well into five figures through December 31 and then annually beyond.

To help accomplish this, LFL is asking congregations if they will conduct a special freewill or plate offering sometime between now and the end of the year.

Additionally, we hope individuals and households might likewise be able to make an added or special gift.

Gifts may be made sent to:

**Lutherans For Life  
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Should you have any questions, feel free to contact me at 512.468.9777 or [jhawkins@lutheransforlife.org](mailto:jhawkins@lutheransforlife.org).

More information is also available by going to the web at [www.lutheransforlife.org](http://www.lutheransforlife.org).

Many thanks for your prayers and support!

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## **Fundraising Tips of the Month**

This is a great time for holiday craft fairs. Christmas cookies, pies, and life-affirming collectible ornaments are festive and fun to make and sell!

The life team at Trinity, Creston, Iowa, held a skeet shoot contest that was very well attended. The intention was to reach a broader audience in the community with something much enjoyed in a rural setting. They used the event to raise awareness about abortion alternatives and to raise funds for the mobile ultrasound unit in the new crisis pregnancy center they are helping to start (in what used to be a Planned Parenthood Abortion Clinic!).

Thanks be to God!





## Owen's Mission – Little Babies Making a Big Difference

by Rev. Dr. James I. Lamb

**“My frame was not hidden from you, when I was being made in secret” (Psalm 139:15).**

Many of you know the affect that the *Touch of Life* fetal models have on students of all ages. From preschoolers to seminarians, they give visual and tactile reality to God's handiwork in that “secret place” of the womb. The impact of that reality stays with them and can inform future decisions and choices. A Lutheran school teacher shared with me the impact seeing these babies had on her when she was in elementary school. Later on she was able to help a friend dealing with an unplanned pregnancy see and understand the reality of her unborn baby.

Wouldn't it be great if we could place a set of these models in every Lutheran school in the country? Wouldn't it be great if we could touch the lives of over 137,000 students? Yes, it would! And we will!

That is the goal of Owen's Mission. Our 21-week-old grandson, Owen James, who died during fetal surgery to remove a large tumor, inspired Owen's Mission. The nurse brought little Owen's body to our son and me as we waited in the recovery room for Owen's mom, Heather. Owen was wrapped in a little blanket and had one of those little stocking caps on his head. Holding Owen in my hand affected me profoundly. I had held the twenty-week fetal model in that same hand hundreds of times over the years. I had grown numb to the reality of what the model represents. Owen brought me back to that reality and the urgent need to help others see it as well. Owen's Mission desires to honor the Lord of Life by presenting these models to every Lutheran Elementary and High School in the country. That's a big project! Would you like to help? Here are some ways to do so.

- Pray that the Lord will bless this mission with His mighty power and provide the people and financial resources needed.
- Pray that God's Holy Spirit will be at work through these models in classrooms around the country.
- Give personally to this mission. Our financial goal is \$175,000.
- Conduct a fundraiser in your area.
- Volunteer to be a presenter to schools in your area. We are working on a DVD and guidelines for its use to make this as easy as possible. If interested, contact your state federation president or regional director. If you are not in a state that has these or you are just not sure, give Trisha Adams a call at the Life Center at 888.364.LIFE.
- Use the flyer we have included to promote Owen's Mission.

Thank you for all that you do to help equip Lutherans to be Gospel-motivated voices For Life! Owen's Mission will provide yet another avenue to do so.

May the Lord of Life continue to bless your service to Him through Lutherans For Life.



## Owen's Mission Update

To review: The goal of Owen's Mission is to present a set of *Touch of Life* fetal models into every Lutheran elementary and high school in the country. (You can learn more about Owen's Mission online at [www.lutheransforlife.org/owens-mission](http://www.lutheransforlife.org/owens-mission).)

The financial goal to make this happen is \$175,000. To date we have received \$34,909. As you can see, we have a long way to go. Thanks to those who have already raised some funds and supported this. Clearly this will be an ongoing project so please keep it on your radar. Things you can do?

- Pray for this project.
- Have a fundraiser for Owen's Mission in your area.
- Make your church and/or school aware of this mission.
- Have a special offering on Life Sunday or other time for Owen's Mission.
- Do you know folks who have lost children or grandchildren through miscarriage or stillbirth? Perhaps they would want to support Owen's Mission as a memorial.
- Do you know people with "deep pockets" who may have a heart for such a mission? Tell them about it!
- Think "out of the box"! Send us your ideas!

Remember, these models will not merely be sent to the schools. We want them presented. Right now we are working through our state presidents and regional directors to organize these presentations. We have a DVD and a presenter's guide that can help just about anyone present these models. If you have Lutheran schools in your area and are interested in presenting, please contact your state president or regional director. If you do not have one or do not know who that might be, contact Kim Nessa at [knessa@lutheransforlife.org](mailto:knessa@lutheransforlife.org), and she will help coordinate your efforts.

**Thanks for ALL you do!**







# Owen's Mission

"A PERSON'S  
A PERSON,  
NO MATTER  
HOW SMALL"  
-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. (That's 1078 schools affecting 139,000 students!) 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, Executive Director of Lutherans For Life, shares his story:



"I held my little grandson, Owen, in the palm of my hand. He died at twenty-one weeks during pre-natal 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 twenty-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.

## Our Goal: \$175,000

### You can support Owen's Mission by:

- Giving a personal gift
- Encouraging your school to give
- Encouraging your congregation to give
- Encouraging groups within your congregation to give

To give a gift online to Lutherans For Life go to:

[www.lutheransforlife.org/give](http://www.lutheransforlife.org/give)

Please designate your gift to “Owen’s Mission.”

You can also send your check to:

**Lutherans For Life**  
**PO Box 76**  
**Garden City, IA 50102-0076**

Please designate your gift to “Owen’s Mission.”

Lutherans For Life is a 501(c)(3) ministry and contributions are deductible as a charitable donation.

Please keep Lutherans For Life in your prayers.

You can also find out about many other ways to give, including estate planning assistance, at our Give page.

**“I came that they may have life and have it abundantly” (John 10:10).**



**Lutherans For Life** is a Recognized Service Organization of The Lutheran Church–Missouri Synod. We are a non-political ministry whose mission is to equip Lutherans to be Gospel-motivated voices For Life. We produce a variety of multi-media resources that connect the life issues to the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We affirm life at all stages of development and in all conditions of health. We are For Life, not because we live in a society that isn’t, but because we serve a God who is.

[www.lutheransforlife.org](http://www.lutheransforlife.org)

## **Speakers Bureau** ([www.lutheransforlife.org/about/speakers-bureau-concerts-for-life](http://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. Dr. Lamb says, “These speakers not only address a variety of life issues, but do so based on the Word of God.”

### **General speaker guidelines (may vary by individual):**

- Airfare/Mileage: Actual airfare and/or current standard IRS mileage rate to airport or event
- Lodging: Quiet, non-smoking 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:**

James I. Lamb (nationwide and Canada)  
Jean Amundson (nationwide)  
Linda D. Bartlett (nationwide)  
Tracy L. Carmack (nationwide)  
Rev. Paul M. Clark (nationwide)  
Connie Davis (nationwide)  
Daniel M. Domke (within five to six hours of Huron, South Dakota)  
John Eidsmoe (nationwide)  
Kim Hardy (nationwide)  
Anthony Horvath (nationwide)  
Kimberly Ketola (nationwide)  
Sheila Luck (nationwide)  
Ryan C. MacPherson (within 150 miles of Mankato, Minnesota)  
Betty McGuire (nationwide)  
Allen Quist (within Minnesota and Iowa)  
Russell E. Saltzman (nationwide)  
Alvin J. Schmidt (nationwide and in Canada)  
Carl F. Schroeder (nationwide)  
Diane E. Schroeder (nationwide)  
Francis W. Szarejko (nationwide)  
Ed Szeto (nationwide)  
Luke Timm (nationwide)



## Speaking Engagement Report Form

We appreciate the many hours our faithful grassroots workers contribute to sharing the For Life message. If you or your state federation/chapter have the opportunity to speak on the 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 Life Center or e-mail [jrichard@lutheransforlife.org](mailto:jrichard@lutheransforlife.org).

Speaking Engagement Report Form	
<b>Speaker's Name:</b>	
<b>Location:</b>	
<b>Date:</b>	
<b>Topic of Presentation:</b>	
<b>Audience presented to</b> (teens, adults, children, etc):	
<b>Number of people in attendance:</b>	
<b>Resources used at pre- sentation</b> (DVD, bro- chures, articles, etc):	

