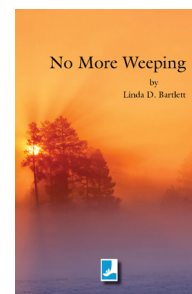


## News and Notes

- **Created • Redeemed • Called:** Our 2015 Lutherans For Life National Conference is set for October 30-31 at the Creation Museum near Petersburg, Kentucky. More information and a link to register can be found at [www.lutheransforlife.org/conference](http://www.lutheransforlife.org/conference).
- **Here is a new LFL resource, written by Linda Bartlett, available through CPH:**



“**No More Weeping**” (Item LFL408; \$2.00 ea.) is written for those who are suffering from an abortion decision. Author Linda Bartlett says, “Only God can heal the sin of abortion. As the Creator of life, only He can forgive the wrongful taking of a life. The Creator of life is also our Father and, unlike our earthly father who is not without sin, our Heavenly Father’s love for us is perfect and without flaw. You may feel very alone in the sorrow of your abortion, but you are not. There are many others who are grieving their abortion in silence. The Spirit of God helps in times of silent weakness [Romans 8:26]. Through the Holy Spirit, all who are broken can claim God’s forgiveness in Jesus Christ.”



[www.lutheransforlife.org/article/no-more-weeping](http://www.lutheransforlife.org/article/no-more-weeping)

- **We have a Facebook group for Chapters, Life Teams, and LMCs.** The group includes an idea exchange and is 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 “Sign Me Up!” in the subject line.
- **Our Mission & Ministry Coordinator, Lori Trinche, would love to hear from you!** Her focus is helping, guiding, and mentoring our Chapters, Life Teams, Life Ministry Coordinators, and state federations. Lori says, “Chapter leaders, LMCs, Life Team Leaders, pastors and other For Life servants—if I can help you with ideas or pray for you, please call me anytime at 708.839.1200 x225 or email me at [ltrinche@lutheransforlife.org](mailto:ltrinche@lutheransforlife.org).”
- **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).
- **Lutherans For Life Grassroots:** LFL has 11 state federations, 116 local Chapters, 136 Life Ministry Coordinators, 86 Life Team Leaders, and 96 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* e-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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- **Start your own 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. Learn more at: [www.lutheransforlife.org/about/chapters-and-life-teams](http://www.lutheransforlife.org/about/chapters-and-life-teams).



- Check out **Teaching For Life® Online**, 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!** [www.lutheransforlife.org/media/teaching-for-life-online](http://www.lutheransforlife.org/media/teaching-for-life-online).



- **Consider taking part in 40 Days for Life. The next campaign is September 23-November 1.** The mission: “40 Days for Life is a community-based campaign that takes a determined, peaceful approach to showing local communities the consequences of abortion in their own neighborhoods, for their own friends and families. It puts into action a desire to cooperate with God in the carrying out of His plan for the end of abortion.” Find out more at <https://40daysforlife.com>.

- **Save the Date! 28th National Life Chain, Sunday, October 4, 2:00 to 3:30 p.m.** From Sharron Albertson, LifeChain.net coordinator: “On the first Sunday of October in 1,900 locations across the United States and Canada, tens of thousands of pro-life people will gather beside main streets. They will pray silently and hold professionally-printed signs provided at the site. They will peacefully show solidarity in the Christian community for the sanctity of human life from conception to natural death.” To find out more go to: <http://LifeChain.net> or <http://NationalLifeChain.org>.



## Marriage – A Statement by Lutherans For Life

*The Statement on Marriage was adopted by the National Lutherans For Life Board of Directors on February 21, 2004. (The text below was slightly revised on May 11, 2015.) Look up and discuss the Bible verses as you read through the statement.*

In God's "very good" creation, there was one thing "not good." **"It is not good for the man to be alone"** (Genesis 2:18 NIV). It was not companionship that the man needed. It was relationship, a relationship that would be like God's relationship with him. Adam may have found a companion as all the animals paraded before him, but he found no one suitable for this kind of relationship (Genesis 2:20). He who bore the image of God needed someone who also bore the image of God in order to have a God-like relationship. So God made a woman. She was created in God's image (Genesis 1:27). She was like the man in many ways (Genesis 2:23), but she was different from the man in others. She was created at a different time, in a different way, and for a different purpose (Genesis 2:22, 2:15, 3:20). It was that difference that made possible the kind of relationship God wanted.

Adam and Eve were capable of becoming one flesh and in that relationship could mirror their relationship with their Creator. God brought them together in this relationship called marriage (Genesis 2:24). Marriage was a part of all that was "good" in God's perfect creation. Marriage was not given as an institution to curb sin. There was no sin. Marriage was given as the foundation for the one-flesh relationship.

Marriage was also the relationship through which procreation would continue. **"Be fruitful and increase in number"** (Genesis 1:28 NIV). Marriage is intended to produce children. The effects of sin upon God's biological process for procreation sometimes make it difficult or impossible for a marriage to fulfill this blessing. However, barring such unfortunate circumstances, children are to be the result of this one-flesh union.

Sin has certainly brought problems to marriage. The reality of problematic marriages, however, does not alter the essence of marriage. Jesus makes this clear. **"But at the beginning of creation God 'made them male and female.' 'For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh.' So they are no longer two but one"** (Mark 10:6-8 NIV). What God intended marriage to be in the beginning, He still intends marriage to be.

Throughout Scripture marriage is a picture of God's relationship to His people. God is Israel's "husband" (Isaiah 54:5, Jeremiah 3:14, Hosea 2:19-20). As such, He rejoices over His bride (Isaiah 62:5). Jesus is pictured as the bridegroom and the Church His bride (Rev. 19:7). It was His unconditional love for His bride the Church that caused Him to give Himself up for her (Ephesians 5:25).

Lutherans For Life affirms the great blessing of the institution of marriage as revealed in God's holy Word. We affirm that marriage is a God-given institution between a man and a woman. We affirm that this one-flesh union reflects our relationship with our Creator and Redeemer.



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We affirm that it is the means God has chosen for procreation. Based on this, we are compelled to humble ourselves before God and ask His forgiveness for all the times we have dishonored marriage by trivializing its importance, by neglecting to reflect Christ's love in our marriages, and by failing to connect the importance of marriage and our relationship to God.

Based on this, we are also compelled to reject homosexual unions as contrary to the Word of God. The “sameness” of homosexuals prevents a one-flesh union as well as the possibility of the procreation of children. Such unions do not and cannot reflect our relationship with our Creator and Redeemer. Such unions are based on a lie rather than the Word of God (Romans 1:25) and cannot constitute a marriage.

Marriage is founded upon the promise publicly exchanged between one man and one woman. Similarly, our Redeemer binds Himself to His Church with His promise, “**I am with you always**” (Matthew 28:20 NIV); “**Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you**” (Hebrews 13:5 NIV). Living together without the public promise of mutual love, respect, and fidelity dishonors marriage and is fornication. Adultery breaks the marriage vow, whether by marital infidelity, abuse, or abandonment. We must reject as contrary to the Word of God these and all practices which would not keep the marriage bed pure – impurity of thought, word, or deed (e.g., the use of pornography). We also reject as contrary to the Word of God any reproductive technologies that violate or circumvent the institution of marriage (e.g., donated eggs or sperm and cloning).

We believe, as God says, “**Marriage should be honored by all**” (Hebrews 13:4 NIV). May God give us the faith, wisdom, and courage to bring honor to this great blessing from Him.

[www.lutheransforlife.org/article/marriage-a-statement-by-lutherans-for-life](http://www.lutheransforlife.org/article/marriage-a-statement-by-lutherans-for-life)



## The Supreme Court Ruling on Marriage

Lutherans For Life mourns with others who mourn the great tragedy of the Supreme Court's decision in *Obergefell v. Hodges* forbidding states to outlaw same-sex marriage. This ruling is an affront to the U.S. Constitution, natural law, a centuries-old universally recognized union, and plain old common sense. Most tragically, it is an affront to the Creator of life, He who instituted marriage, and His Son, Jesus Christ, the Bridegroom of the Church.

Remember David's cry as he ran into battle against Goliath? **"I come to you in the name of the LORD of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied"** (1 Samuel 17:45). David understands that Goliath, in his arrogance, is defying God. I pray all Christians will understand that this ruling also defies God's laws. I pray we will share David's courage and not only stand firm in the midst of persecution that is certain to come, but also take the offensive as we strongly and confidently proclaim and practice God's truth about the sanctity of marriage. I pray we will be what the Church is supposed to be, a place where Christ shares His Word and Sacrament with His people, where Christians are salt and light in a broken and perverse world. I pray we will always reflect Christ's love for all sinners, including ourselves.

What follows is a unique perspective by LFL board member, Colonel John Eidsmoe.

### Statement Regarding *Obergefell v. Hodges* Decision by Col. John Eidsmoe

I was wrong. Perhaps I was naive, but I really believed Justice Kennedy when he wrote in the Windsor decision, "[R]egulation of domestic relations is an area that has long been regarded as a virtually exclusive province of the States." I thought he would say the states have a right to determine whether same-sex marriage will be legal or illegal within their respective jurisdictions. But instead, the Court used an illegitimate means to reach an unconstitutional result that allows invalid unions for the perpetration of immoral conduct.

**Illegitimate means?** Two justices who by all reasonable standards should have recused participated in this ruling. Both Justice Ginsburg and Justice Kagan had previously performed same-sex weddings, and Justice Ginsburg even performed a same-sex wedding after the oral arguments took place and made statements to the effect that same-sex marriage is a constitutional right. She clearly had her mind made up and could not consider this case objectively, and therefore she should have recused. In my 45-year legal career, I've never seen a case in which the facts more clearly called for recusal, and yet Justices Kagan and Ginsburg refused to recuse. If they had both recused, the vote would have been 4-3 to uphold the Sixth Circuit and the same-sex marriage laws of Michigan, Ohio, Kentucky, and Tennessee. If only Justice Ginsburg had recused, the vote would have been 4-4, which would have affirmed the Sixth Circuit decision. Justice Scalia said in dissent, fn 22, "If, even as the price to be paid for a fifth vote, I ever joined an opinion for the Court that began: 'The Constitution promises liberty to all within its reach, a liberty that includes certain specific rights that allow persons, within a lawful realm, to define and express their identity,' I would hide my head in a bag." Because of these illegitimate means for putting together a five-vote majority, the decision deserves neither respect nor recognition.





**Unconstitutional result?** Nothing in the Constitution either explicitly or implicitly recognizes a right to same-sex marriage. The key language of Justice Kennedy’s opinion says, “The generations that wrote and ratified the Bill of Rights and the Fourteenth Amendment did not presume to know the extent of freedom in all of its dimensions, and so they entrusted to future generations a charter protecting the rights of all persons to enjoy liberty as we learn its meaning.” That in itself would be dangerous, but as Justice Scalia noted in dissent, “The ‘we,’ needless to say, is the nine of us” – a majority vote of nine lawyers, unelected and holding office virtually for life. The effect of Justice Kennedy’s ruling is that federal judges are no longer bound by the plain wording of the Constitution as understood and intended by its Framers, but rather are free to make the words of the Constitution mean anything they want them to mean. Thomas Jefferson wrote in the Kentucky Resolves, “In questions of power, then, let no more be said of confidence in man, but bind him down from mischief with the chains of the Constitution.” The purpose of the Constitution was to define and restrain government power, not to allow federal judges to roam at large in the trackless fields of their own imaginations.

**Invalid unions?** From the beginning of time, the laws of nature and of nature’s God have been very clear: marriage is between one man and one woman. Genesis chapters 1 and 2 tell us that God established marriage between a man and a woman, and the laws and customs of nearly every society past and present have recognized only male/female unions as marriages. I question whether any agency of human government has the authority to re-define an institution established by God. But at the very least, such social upheaval should be brought about by the people through their elected representatives, not by the 5-4 vote of an unelected court.

**Immoral conduct?** The Bible forbids homosexual conduct, as have the laws of nearly all societies throughout history. God’s moral law does not change with time and place, with opinion polls, or even with court decisions. Isaiah 5:20: **“Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil.”**

Because the Obergefell decision is an illegitimate means of reaching an unconstitutional result to establish invalid unions for the perpetration of immoral conduct, this decision should not be accorded the force and effect of law. Other branches and levels of government should interpose on behalf of the people they represent to preserve for their people the right and power to define marriage in accord with the laws of nature and of nature’s God. This should be done by legal means if possible, but if necessary, **“We must obey God rather than men”** (Acts 5:29).

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## LFL at the LWML Convention

by Lori Trinche, Mission and Ministry Coordinator

The 36th Biennial LWML Convention was held in Des Moines, Iowa, June 25-28. It was an exciting event—my first LWML convention. I was one among 1,042 first-timers! (Attendees numbered 4,636 while another 5,734 joined by live-stream from 46 states and 9 countries.) While at the convention, I was honored to serve with the Lutherans For Life display booth team. It was humbling to have so many visitors—a constant stream of thousands of women. There were so many touching stories from women of all ages, each thanking us from the heart for the ministry of Lutherans For Life.

The LWML first-timers workshop addressed many of the same issues that Lutherans For Life faces: fears of leading a team, questions about how to engage young people—and how to get people to come out to meetings and events. To me, the sheer number of “first-timers” at the LWML convention was really encouraging.

My prayer is that we too will have a number of first-timers at our upcoming LFL National Conference. Each of us can DO something. For example, pray about a first-timer you can invite, and then invite them to attend. If we do that, it is a great step towards raising awareness and winning more hearts and minds to the life-affirming message.

We can ask questions such as, “What life issue would you like to learn more about?” Then we can direct them to trusted resources that will have the answers. We can connect young and



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new leaders to other leaders who can help share experiences and resources. We can invite and encourage Lutheran men to come and serve and lead. We can look for things that young people like to do with writing, music and art (e.g., decorating and other ways that they can express their creativity). We can engage whole families to take part in servant events. We can build fun and fellowship opportunities into our events and meetings. We can try new things and repeat tried-and-trusted favorites. We can go home after the conference and start a Life Team in our congregation to “equip Lutherans to be Gospel-motivated voices For Life.”

During the LWML Convention, LCMS President Matthew Harrison made an announcement on June 27 about the 5-4 Supreme Court opinion on same-sex “marriage.” It drew a gasp from some, then silence as the news was digested and the impact on churches and private individuals weighed.

Dr. Lamb inspired the audience with a powerful and positive “For-Life” message and concluded by challenging the church to action. During his message he told us that it is time to “get our pious Lutheran posteriors out of our padded pews and into the public square!” You can watch Dr. Lamb’s keynote at: [www.lutheransforlife.org/sermon/dr-lambs-keynote-at-the-2015-lwml-national-convention](http://www.lutheransforlife.org/sermon/dr-lambs-keynote-at-the-2015-lwml-national-convention).

At our LFL display, we handed out over 3,000 brochures on our Word of Hope post-abortion ministry, sexual purity, end of life, and much more—including our “Into His Loving Care” devotional for those who have experienced miscarriage or still birth.

We were blessed to be the recipient of an in-kind gathering. We brought back many boxes of blankets, shawls, neck pillows, heat wraps, and other items to share with crisis pregnancy and senior centers—gifts to share across the country to celebrate the sanctity of human life at all stages.

To God be the Glory as we share the “For-Life” message!





## Victory For Life!

Good news in Creston, Iowa. From Erik M. Lunsford, LCMS Communications (8/15/15): “Today in the little town of Creston, Iowa, something very large has taken place. This former Planned Parenthood facility has been dedicated and opened as the second Iowa Life Care Clinic. Members of Trinity Lutheran Church and the parish Life Team joined with others from the local Catholic and Baptist parishes to make this a reality. Pastor Jonathan Watt blessed the facility and the local priest performed an exorcism. Lord Jesus Christ, bless this clinic and all who come seeking its services!” Lori Trinche, mission & ministry director for Lutherans For Life, wrote “Praise God! May God richly bless the work of the new LC Center in Creston, Iowa, and our precious Life Team at Trinity Creston!”



Photo: Mindy Kaufman and Waunita Watt (facing camera) hug at the grand opening cookoff for the new LC Clinic in Creston, Iowa, on Saturday, Aug. 15, 2015. (Source: LCMS Communications/Erik M. Lunsford)

## Former Lutheran School Building—and Temporary LFL Office Location—Gets New Purpose

From the Facebook page of Trinity Lutheran Church, State Center, Iowa: “Look familiar? The Clemons Lutheran School building is the new site for Orphan Grain Train – Iowa Central Branch. Starting Tuesday, August 18, they will start receiving, sorting, and shipping a variety of new and used things on Tuesdays from 8-11 a.m. Quilts, blankets, clothes, shoes, and health kits will go all over the world. God is good!”

It’s good to see a positive use of this building. Our Lutherans For Life offices were temporarily at the school last year while the new office in Nevada, Iowa, was being remodeled.

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





## God and My Gifts

by Pastor Mark Jeske ([www.timeofgrace.org](http://www.timeofgrace.org))

In a track meet or in a wrestling match, it would be grossly unethical for the judges and referees to intervene to help a player. The athletes are supposed to be completely on their own. Judges are not supposed to show favoritism or get involved in helping a competitor. Is God your judge? Absolutely. The Bible leaves no doubt of that. But He is a judge who is committed to helping you succeed in your life (according to His standards of success). He not only gives you personal gifts and skills, He steps in to make you better than you are. Imagine that! God is not merely passively watching you. He actually intervenes in your life's history to do things for you to lift you up to greatness.

Listen to the shepherd/king/poet David: **“It is God who arms me with strength and makes my way perfect. He makes my feet like the feet of a deer; he enables me to stand on the heights. He trains my hands for battle; my arms can bend a bow of bronze. You give me your shield of victory, and your right hand sustains me; you stoop down to make me great”** (Psalm 18:32-35).

God needs and wants you in His kingdom-building work. God thinks you are a valuable part of His team. God thinks that you have an important role to play. God thinks you are worth investing in. God actually stoops down to make you great. Seriously!





## 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)  
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)  
Patti Smith (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 presentation (DVD, brochures, articles, etc):</b>	



## Projects and Fundraising Tips

### Early Fall Golf-outings

Creative contests for golfers can help create small prizes and fun fellowship! Proceeds above cost can be donated to the life-affirming ministry of your choice!

### Fundraising Calendars

This is a great way to celebrate life! There are many possible ideas. Produce an annual calendar where you can celebrate life in your congregation in pictures and a life-affirming “message of the month.” Include baby pictures of newborns, baptisms, confirmands (and graduates for congregations with schools), those celebrating a major milestone birthday or anniversary, or ministry anniversary (25, 50 or even 75). You can also include new member pictures or adult baptisms. Start collecting pictures now for a 2016 edition. Proceeds above the cost of the calendar can go to a life-affirming ministry of your choice.

### Fairs

Fall is a great time for a fair in your congregation or as a community event. Host a pie bake, ice cream social, corn broil, or pumpkin painting/carving contest. At your event, have a For Life display and have someone from your Life Team or Chapter share a life-affirming story. For those who crochet or knit, donated items can be raffled to help raise funds for your local pregnancy or senior center.

### Backpacks for Foster Children

Back-to-school time for kids is a great time to help kids in need. Hold a drive in your congregation for back packs and school supplies. Have the youth make cards and notes for the kids receiving the items. Take them to a local foster care agency for kids in need.

### Phil's Friends

If you know of someone who has cancer, Phil's Friends is a ministry that provides care packages and encouraging notes to patients of all ages. Organize a Phil's Friends supply drive or gather to put together care packages as a family serving event. For more information, visit <http://philfriends.org>.

### Get Ready for the LFL National Conference and National March for Life!

Start organizing now to have members of your team, Chapter, and congregation come out for these events. For more information see [www.lutheransforlife.org/conference](http://www.lutheransforlife.org/conference) and <http://marchforlife.org>.





## 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).**

Over 14,000 students have now heard about Owen's Mission! Many of you know the effect 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 schoolteacher 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, but 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 have 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, contact us at 888.364.LIFE or [info@lutheransforlife.org](mailto:info@lutheransforlife.org)
- 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

**"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 1,078 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 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 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**  
**1101 5th St.**  
**Nevada, IA 50201-1816**

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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).

**Amount Raised So Far: \$100,000 plus!**



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



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**Reserve your rooms early!** *To obtain the group rate, mention that you will be attending the Lutherans For Life National Conference.*





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LFL has 11 state federations, 116 local Chapters, 136 Life Ministry Coordinators, 86 Life Team Leaders, and 96 Life Teams in the US.

**Since Roe v. Wade in 1973: 57,762,169 abortions in America**

Source: [www.lifenews.com/2015/01/21/57762169-abortion-in-america-since-roe-vs-wade-in-1973](http://www.lifenews.com/2015/01/21/57762169-abortion-in-america-since-roe-vs-wade-in-1973)

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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.)
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- 10/12 remains at national

