News and Notes

- **Planned Parenthood - The Latest** – New stories about Planned Parenthood and the selling of baby parts are in the news almost every day. To find the latest news and a downloadable bulletin insert, “Planned Parenthood and the One Thing Necessary,” go to www.lutheransforlife.org/planned-parenthood-the-latest.

- **New Christmas Bulletin Insert – “The Time Came …”** – Our new insert says, “Our times of joy are enhanced by the joy Jesus brought to the world and to our hearts. Our times of sorrow are eased by Jesus’ promise to turn our sorrow into joy (John 16:20). Our times of suffering are turned to good by our God whose suffering produced the greatest and eternal good of forgiveness and life.” Order at www.cph.org. Item LFL1634BL. $0.10 ea. plus S & H.

- **Life Sunday 2016**: The “official” Life Sunday is January 17, 2016. However, LFL materials may be used any time during the year. Go to the link below for new resources for 2016 including bulletin inserts, Bible study, children’s message, worship service, and sermons. You will also find more info in this edition of Directions.

  **Life Sunday 2016 Resources**
  Created • Redeemed • Called
  www.lutheransforlife.org/store-life-sunday-2016

- **Executive Director-Elect Rev. Michael Salemink**: Dr. Lamb writes, “Pastor Salemink ‘hit the ground running,’ as they say. He is getting to know the inner workings of LFL. Invitations are coming in for him to speak, and he has done so many times already. Being in St. Louis is proving very helpful, especially in strengthening our growing and very positive relationship with the LCMS. He has ‘shadowed’ me on several occasions, but I’m not sure he needs much mentoring. He is very knowledgeable, thoughtful, and articulate and adapts well in a variety of settings and age groups.”

- **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 and indicate “Sign Me Up!” in the subject line. (Melanie Scarth from Lord of Life Lutheran Church in
Plano, Texas, wrote to say she is a “mom of three and an active member of a Lutheran congregation. I am part of a new Life Team and have excitedly taken on the job of ‘advertising’ our events to our congregation and more. I have already been helped a few times in (just) a few days by this group. I look forward to continuing to bring this information to the masses!”

- **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 any time at 708.839.1200 x225 or email me at 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.

- **Lutherans For Life Frontlines:** LFL has 11 state federations, 116 local Chapters, 136 Life Ministry Coordinators, and 104 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 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.)

- **Real Estate for Life** – “It takes so little to do so much to save the life of a child.” Real Estate for Life makes it easy for you to help Lutherans For Life by using funds a real estate company has already earmarked for commission fees at no extra cost to you. Under real estate law, Real Estate for Life will receive a referral fee. Pro-life organizations will receive 100% of the profits of that fee as a donation. Find out how it works at www.lutheransforlife.org/real-estate-for-life; 877.543.3871; proliferealestate@yahoo.com.
Introduction
Foundations are important. Things stand or fall based upon foundations. Jesus’ “house on the rock” illustration spoke of the importance of the foundation of His Word (Matthew 7:24-27). When it comes to the life issues, the Christian’s approach builds upon the Word of Life. Other foundations exist—political, economic, social, moral—but these shift and change. The Word of Life stands forever (1 Peter 1:24-25).

This study will look at the bedrock—the foundational—truth of what God does that gives value to human life—with His hands.

Foundational Truth #1
**Human life has value because God creates life.**

“I believe that God has made me and all creatures; that He has given me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my members, my reason and all my senses, and still takes care of them.”

**What do these verses—Genesis 1:26-27; 2:7; 2:22—say about the value of human life from the beginning of time?**

God now uses biology to create life. When does life begin? (Psalm 139)

**So what do the above say about the value of human life?** (See also Psalm 8:5)

Foundational Truth #2
**Human life has value because God redeemed life.**

“I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the Virgin Mary, is my Lord, who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil; not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death.”

**What was the price for our redemption?** (1 Peter 1:18-19, Galatians 3:13, Matthew 27:46)
**Read Genesis 2:17, Ezekiel 18:20a, and Romans 6:23a and fill in the blank.**

God is above all else holy and perfectly just. Thus, He must ________________ sin.
Read 1 John 4:10 and then fill in the blank.

God is above all else holy and perfectly loving. Thus, He must ____________ the sinner.

So what does this say about the value of life? (1 Corinthians 6:20)

Foundational Truth #3
Human life has value because God desires to call us and hold us forever.

“I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him; but the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith.”

Are we holding or held? (Isaiah 42:6a)

Where are we held? (Isaiah 49:14-16)

When did the holding begin? (Romans 6:3-4)

How long have we been held? (John 10:28-30)

So what does this say about the value of life? (Romans 8:37-39)

So what? (Discuss some practical applications to the life issues.)

Conclusion
Foundations are important. For Life Lutherans base their message of life, not upon political or economic or social or moral foundations, but upon the foundation laid with God’s hands. He created us with His hands. He redeemed us with His hands. He holds us in His hands. This message is one of power and love and forgiveness and hope. This message changes hearts. This message leads us to influence our culture.

Life Is a Cool Thing because Of God
by Lori Trinche, Mission and Ministry Coordinator

On September 24, I was blessed to host an LFL display and lead a workshop entitled “Living Life, Loving Life” at the Northern Illinois District Teachers’ Conference in Merrillville, Indiana. As I was preparing for the conference presentation, I must admit to a case of the butterflies at the thought of presenting materials to an audience of awesome Lutheran teachers! So, I decided to apply a simple message from the heart by sharing a thank you note that Dr. Lamb had received from a Lutheran student:

Thank you so much for coming and talking to us about life. I know now that life is a very cool thing. The saying “A person is a person no matter how small” is really true. Once again, thank you so much for coming. I really appreciate it!

Love, Teresa

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Created: Life is a cool thing because God creates every life as His handmade masterpiece.

“For you formed my inward parts; you knitted me together in my mother’s womb. I praise you for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works, my soul knows it very well” (Psalm 139:13-14).

Redeemed: Life is a cool thing because God has redeemed every life from sin.

“He is the payment for our sins, and not only for our sins, but also for the sins of the whole world” (1 John 2:2 GOD’S WORD).

Called: Life is a cool thing because God wants every life to have an eternal relationship with Him.

“This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior, who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of truth” (1 Timothy 2:3-4).

We Need More Teresas

Lutherans For Life equips our churches and schools to inspire and encourage more individuals like Teresa—those who proclaim and live life as a cool thing.

Applying the Word of God to the life issues changes people’s hearts. Changed people will bring change to our culture.

Integrate curriculum and servant events at church and school. Leaders are equipped at church to equip students in the school to be leaders!
What are you doing to equip at church? How can we help? Do you need Life Team training, a speaker, or do you have another need?

Keep it Simple, Teachers—Focus on Remembering, then Teaching “Whose I Am” vs. “Who I Am”

“Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body” (1 Corinthians 6:19-20). Remembering that we belong to God has many positive impacts—on sexual purity, the value of life, and other benefits—and these lead to positive behaviors, such as avoiding drugs or alcohol, low self-esteem, bullying.

Do your best to lead by example. We are ambassadors for Christ!

Create a ministry of presence by being a good listener and observer. Quickly address any issues you hear or see—don’t be silent!

The display and workshop were well received, and as a result, Owen’s Mission presentations were requested at eleven local area schools—Praise God! (The message of Owen’s Mission is Created • Redeemed • Called. It fits perfectly with LFL’s 2016 Life Sunday materials.)
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:

Jean Amundson (nationwide – based in Cleburne, Texas)
Linda D. Bartlett (nationwide – based in Iowa Falls, Iowa)
Paul M. Clark (nationwide – based in Fowler, Michigan)
Connie Davis (nationwide – based in Macomb, Michigan)
Daniel M. Domke (within five to six hours of Huron, South Dakota)
John Eidsmoe (nationwide – based in Pike Road, Alabama)
Kim Hardy (nationwide – based in Grand Haven, Michigan)
Anthony Horvath (nationwide – based in Greenwood, Wisconsin)
Kimberly Ketola (nationwide – based in Peachtree City, Georgia)
Sheila Luck (nationwide – based in Scandinavia, Wisconsin)
Ryan C. MacPherson (nationwide - based in Mankato, Minnesota)
Betty McGuire (nationwide – based in St. Paul, Minnesota)
Allen Quist (within Minnesota and Iowa – based in St. Peter, Minnesota)
Andrew Schatkin (nationwide - based in the New York/Long Island area)
Alvin J. Schmidt (nationwide and in Canada – based in Jacksonville, Illinois)
Carl F. Schroeder (nationwide – based in Lombard, Illinois)
Diane E. Schroeder (nationwide – based in Lombard, Illinois)
Patti Smith (nationwide – based in Huntington Beach, California)
Francis W. Szarejko (nationwide – based in the Kansas City, Kansas area)
Ed Szeto (nationwide – based in Virginia)
Luke Timm (nationwide – based in Des Moines, Iowa)
**Speaking Engagement Report Form**

We appreciate the many hours our faithful front line workers contribute to sharing the For Life message. If you or your state federation/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 Life Center or e-mail jrichard@lutheransforlife.org.

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Projects and Fundraising Tips

Our 2016 Life Sunday theme is Created • Redeemed • Called. Here are a few Life Sunday ideas:

- Sponsor a gift of Life Sunday materials for your church. (www.lutheransforlife.org/store-life-sunday-2016)
- Sponsor a gift of Owen’s Mission fetal models to a Lutheran elementary or high school in your area. (www.lutheransforlife.org/owens-mission/)
- Serve as a volunteer for Life Sunday activities in your church.
- Put together a baby-picture photo collage or commemorative calendar of all the students in Sunday school or youth and adult confirmation classes (or even new members). Celebrate the fact that each person is uniquely handmade (created) by God.
- Create an opportunity for sharing stories of Christ’s redemption in our lives. If anyone has a personal story they would like to share to inspire others, allow them to do so. Choose a scripture passage such as Psalm 107:1-2 as the foundation. “O give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his steadfast love endures forever! Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, whom he has redeemed from trouble” (ESV).
- Celebrate the gift of Baptism in any number of ways. Some examples include: Give small gifts to those celebrating a baptismal birthday; celebrate how God has called us to glorify Him through our Christian vocations as parents, children, members of the body of Christ, pastors, teachers, and neighbors; talk about the unique responsibility we have as those who have been called into an eternal relationship with Christ.
- Fundraising Calendar: This is a great way to celebrate life. There are many options. As an example, you could create an annual calendar that celebrates life in your congregation with pictures and a life-affirming “message of the month.” Include baby pictures of newborns, baptisms, confirmations (and graduates for congregations with schools), those celebrating a major milestone birthday or anniversary, or ministry anniversary. You can also include pictures of new members 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 and early winter are a great time for fairs in your congregation or as community events. Host a pie bake, ice cream social, corn-broil, pumpkin painting/carving contest, or Thanksgiving and Christmas craft show. At your event, set up 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.
Get ready for your Regional and National March for Life …
Start organizing now to have members of your Life Team, Life Chapter, and congregation come out for these events held in January around the anniversary date of the *Roe v Wade* court decision. For more information go to:

http://marchforlife.org

www.lutheransforlife.org/event/769590-2016-01-22-march-for-life-2016-washington-dc/

You may also wish to check on a March for Life opportunity through LFL’s Y4Life program. Go to y4life.org or email ldavis@lutheransforlife.org.

Looking Ahead …
Plan a special event to commemorate the Annunciation of our Lord on March 25, 2016. For example, hold a special worship service and share the story of the Annunciation with your confirmation class. Throughout the school year, you could also post fetal development posters to share the development stages of the baby Jesus leading up to His birth.

www.lutheransforlife.org/article/march-25-the-annunciation-of-our-lord

http://search.cph.org/search#w=Watch%20Me%20Grow

Owen’s Mission at Trinity Lutheran School, Lansing, Illinois

The Touch of Life fetal models were a big hit at the Owen’s Mission presentation at Trinity Lutheran School in Lansing, Illinois, on October 2. Find out more about Owen’s Mission in this edition of *Directions*.

You will find many more photos from For Life events on LFL’s Facebook page, our Facebook group for Lutherans For Life Chapters and Life Teams, and in the photo gallery on the LFL website.
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 17,000 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
- 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.
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

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: $125,000 plus!

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
God gives human life value and NOTHING ELSE MATTERS! Unfortunately, we live in a culture that says EVERYTHING ELSE MATTERS!

Every human being is created by God. “For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother’s womb. I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well” (Psalm 139:13-14 NIV).

Everyone is handmade by God!

Every human being is redeemed by God. “Care for the church of God, which he obtained with his own blood” (Acts 20:28b).

Everyone is someone God desires to call to faith. “Who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth” (1 Timothy 2:3).

Everyone is someone God wants to splash in the waters of Holy Baptism!

So it doesn’t matter whether you are an embryo in a Petri dish or a baby in a womb, whether you are healthy or infirm, whether you can think clearly or can’t think at all. Everyone has value because of what God has done—created, redeemed, and called. And don’t forget—that means YOU TOO! This is why we are for, speak up for, and affirm LIFE! It has nothing to do with political or social agendas. It has everything to do with what God has done!

Equipping Lutherans to be Gospel-motivated voices For Life.

www.lutheransforlife.org • info@lutheransforlife.org
888.364.LIFE • Item LFL21081

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For those who have had an abortion, there is a need for a Word of Hope.
888.217.9679/www.word-of-hope.org
LFL offers many more resources that apply God’s Word to the life issues!

NEW 2016 LIFE SUNDAY MATERIALS!

Created • Redeemed • Called is our 2016 Life Sunday theme. Item LFL210BI. $0.10 ea.

CD: Includes inserts, Bible study, worship service formats (Life Sunday and memorial), children’s message, and sermons (including one PowerPoint® sermon). Item LFL2016CD. $5.00 ea.

On CD above and available to download (reproducible) ...

Bulletin Inserts: Created • Redeemed • Called (in English and Spanish); Just For Kids, a new, four-page insert for kids with Scripture, word search, and coloring pages.

Bible Study: Created • Redeemed • Called by Rev. Dr. James I. Lamb

Worship Service Format: Created • Redeemed • Called

Children’s Message: Created • Redeemed • Called

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Note: Life Sunday resources are also available as free downloads at www.lutheransforlife.org.

Memorial Service

A Memorial Service for the Pre-born Killed Since 1973
– Best suited as a separate service apart from Sunday morning worship—perhaps on the eve of Sanctity of Human Life Sunday.
Item LFL1830. $0.50 ea.
(Also on CD—see left.)

Membership Form/Informational Insert

Become a Gospel-motivated Voice For Life is the perfect supplement to the other Life Sunday materials, providing a wonderful opportunity to help encourage support and membership in Lutherans For Life!
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DVDs and Brochure

Handiwork of God – The value of human life comes from what God has done and continues to do! Both the DVD presentation by Rev. Dr. Jamb I. Lamb, Executive Director of Lutherans For Life, and brochure are wonderful resources! Note: a free DVD study guide is available for download. You may also view this video online at our website.

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Brochure: Item LFL1007T. $0.50 ea.

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Life Sunday and More
A few suggestions to help share the Life Message all year long ...

- Include Life Quotes and Life Thoughts in the Church Year in your bulletin or newsletter and on your website. Find both at www.lutheransforlife.org.
- If you have a day school, encourage the use of LFL’s Teaching For Life® integrated curriculum. Offer to purchase it for your school!
- Provide copies of LifeDate for members of your congregation. (Contact LFL at 888.364.LIFE for info.)
- Have your adult and/or children’s choir sing “God Knew Your Name” (Item LFL1508) during the worship service. Print the lyrics in the bulletin.
- Place a white flower in chancel/altar when a person is baptized (representing the new life found in Christ).
- During worship services display crib quilts which can later be donated to a pregnancy center.
- Have a “Celebrate Life” service on March 25th (The Annunciation of our Lord).
- Make a “For Life” banner for church in conjunction with Life Sunday or other event.
- On Life Sunday, celebrate the baptism of all children baptized since the previous year’s Life Sunday. Send each family a letter of invitation prior to the Life Sunday celebration.
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LFL has 11 state federations, 116 local Chapters, 136 Life Ministry Coordinators, 104 Life Teams in the US.

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

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