News and Notes

- **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

- **Tech Tips!** Starting with this edition of *Directions,* we will now be providing regular tips for how to use new technology and social media in your Life Chapter or Life Team, brought to you by our resident millennial and director of Y4Life, Laura Davis. To contribute your ideas to Tech Tips, contact Laura at ldavis@lutheransforlife.org.

  **Tech Tip: Scheduling Made Easy!** One of the more challenging tasks of leading a group is finding good times to meet for activities that work within people’s busy schedules. A great tool to help identify these needs is the FREE scheduling website Doodle.com. Doodle allows you to create a survey of possible meeting times that you can email out to participants. It allows you to easily see who is available at what time so you can more effectively schedule your meetings. I have used Doodle for years to schedule Y4Life committee meetings and meetings with students. Visit Doodle.com and click on “View Example” to see how it works today!

**Planned Parenthood – The Latest**
www.lutheransforlife.org/planned-parenthood-the-latest

- **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.

- **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.
God Loves Life: A Bible Study

Winter can be difficult. The world outdoors get cold and dark and dead. Indoors, illness and inactivity and isolation set in. So the Heavenly Father draws nearer and wraps Himself all the tighter around us. The beginning of winter (December 22) brings us His incarnation and birth at Christmas (December 25). The end of winter (March 20) gives us His death and resurrection at Easter (March 27). And the middle of winter reveals a day devoted to love: At the center of February comes Valentine’s Day (February 14).

Love doesn’t just stand in the middle of winter though. The Christian faith centers around love. Love belongs to the core of life. Love lies at the heart of God.

Why does God love? (1 John 4:7-8)

Whom does God love? (John 3:16; Romans 5:8)


What value and purpose does this give human beings? (Genesis 1:26-27; Romans 8:31-39)

How is this love different from worldly “love”? (1 Corinthians 13:5b; 1 John 3:18)

How do we experience and enjoy God’s love? (John 6:63; Acts 2:38; Romans 5:5; 1 Corinthians 12:13; 1 John 5:7-8)

Are some persons incapable of loving or being loved? Why or why not? (Romans 5:6, 8, 10; 1 Corinthians 1:27-28; 2 Corinthians 12:9; Philippians 2:13)

How can we reflect and share God’s love for those who seem unlovable? (Psalm 82:3; Matthew 5:39-44; Matthew 10:42; Matthew 25:35-36; Luke 23:34; Romans 12:19-20)

Since we are God’s valentines, we can also be valentines to each other. Happy Valentine’s Day!
LFL Volunteers—Each One Is Unique and Precious
by Lori Trinche, Mission and Ministry Coordinator

Thinking about God’s amazing love for us and about Valentine’s Day as a day we often use to celebrate our love for others, I am reminded of our volunteer leaders. They are each unique and precious to God—Created ● Redeemed ● Called. In thinking about God, the Lord and Creator of Life, I want to take a moment to celebrate our volunteers serving the Lord of Life. Thank you for all you do For Life!

In the last issue of Directions, I included a prayer and an encouragement to invite others to come to our national conference at the Creation Museum, so I thought I’d share a follow-up. I was excited and encouraged by the number of first-time attendees we had at our national conference at the Creation Museum. We have our first team from the state of Nevada starting up soon! The breakout session for Life Teams and chapters brought many new to LFL and even some new to the Lutheran church, all seeking information on just exactly what Life Teams and Chapters are and what they do. Thank you to all who invited! If you invited someone and they came with you, I encourage you to keep in regular touch with them as they are getting started.

During my breakout session and time at the conference, I concentrated on introducing and connecting folks geographically. As I work with our volunteers all across the country, I always ask if they are connecting with other volunteers close to home. We are blessed not only to be a national ministry, but a ministry made up of many dedicated, godly leaders from State Federations and our regional directors in Minnesota and Texas, all of whom would be delighted to further encourage their local volunteers in our Chapters and Life Teams. Ministry is built on relationships. Encouragement and regular contact are important. Praying for our volunteers is important.

Now that the 2015 conference is behind us, it is important to invite new folks to a local Chapter or Life Team meeting so they can see what it is like. If you are a volunteer in any of the 11 states where we have a state federation president and you haven’t met that person yet, please reach out to them or let me know and I’ll help introduce you. Please see www.lutheransforlife.org/about/state-federations for a list. Our regional directors are Virginia Flo (Minnesota) at vflo@lutheransforlife.org and Dr. Barb Geistfeld (Texas) at bgeistfeld@lutheransforlife.org. One of the most encouraging comments from the conference for me was a rejoicing in our enthusiasm as a group. We rejoice knowing God is with and for us, and we can help encourage and support one another no matter where we live.

If you invited someone and they did not join you, do not give up. Find another way to connect again by showing genuine love and concern to build a caring relationship. Those not yet familiar with Lutherans For Life need to first know someone who is so that we can tell them about our ministry and why we do what we do. Maybe you’ve invited someone to serve on your Life Team or Chapter and they’ve turned you down or not shown any apparent interest. (It might just not be the right season for all volunteers.) If so, focus on care and prayer. God may be revealing a need He is asking your chapter or team to meet.
I love working with you, encouraging you, praying for you, sharing fun and struggles and fellowship with you. I love sharing your stories and pictures from events—events you have lovingly planned as an act of faith—faith in God for His provision, His blessing, and His glory!

As always, if I can be of support to you, do not hesitate to reach out to me at 708.839.1200 x225 or ltrinche@lutheransforlife.org.

May 2016 be a year filled with good health, joy and peace, grace and hope in the Lord!
Meet Rev. Michael Salemink
Rev. Salemink will assume the duties of Executive Director of Lutherans For Life in January of 2016

I owe my life, my salvation, and my sister to Lutherans. A year and a half after Roe v. Wade was decided, my mother was sixteen and pregnant. Her boyfriend’s priest refused to perform a wedding. She married my father in her living room, moved into his parents’ basement, and withdrew from high school. By the time she turned seventeen, Mom was a wife and a mother to a four-pound, twelve-ounce daughter. This year my parents celebrated their forty-first wedding anniversary. Mom is a grandmother of twelve (half of them my sister’s!), and Dad’s been a Lutheran pastor for fifteen years (after nineteen years in grain processing). I came along in 1978, the same year Lutherans for Life was born.

That was also when my parents were received as members at Zion Lutheran in Wilton, Iowa. They renewed their vows before God and His Church and had both of their kids baptized (as well as my younger brother three years later). Pastor Baker reached out to them and refused either to condone or to abandon them in their sinful behavior. The whole congregation accepted them unconditionally and persistently. Had it not been for such Gospel-motivated patience and life-affirming compassion, my parents would not be together today, and neither I nor my family would be here at all. A homeschooling housewife (my sister), a veteran of wars in Iraq and Afghanistan (my brother), an adult convert to the Lutheran communion (my brother’s wife), five congregations (pastored by my father and me combined), and nine students of Lutheran parochial schools (my siblings and me, my brother’s children and mine), thank them and you.

This Lutheran faith and this family life have prepared me well. My work is my passion, and my responsibility is my privilege. As Executive Director of Lutherans for Life, I get to speak truth, especially in controversy, and show love, especially in crisis. My wife and children have enthusiastically assumed this mission with me. Heather and I met while attending Concordia University in River Forest, Illinois. In fifteen years of marriage we’ve become proud and appreciative parents of Christian (12), Nathan (9), and Luke (7). After graduating from Concordia Theological Seminary in Ft. Wayne, Indiana, I have served congregations in Minnesota and Indiana. For about the last five years, I was active with our local pregnancy resource center as a board member, relationship counselor, fatherhood mentor, and abstinence educator. Now I and my family gladly offer our experiences and abilities to serve alongside you because the Gospel is not just a movement or an institution but a Person, and Lutherans for Life is not simply a message or a cause but relationships.
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)
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

- Valentine’s Day is a great time to celebrate marriage and the blessings of marriage in children.
- Host a father/son pancake breakfast with a speaker, presentation, or discussion on biblical manhood.
- Host a mother/daughter winter retreat. Focus on how God’s love “always protects.” How does this motivate us to speak, act, dress? A resource available for groups is *Dressing for Success – Secrets of the Great Cover-up* by Linda Bartlett. Order link: http://tinyurl.com/gtx9q3z
- Have a Family Date Night dinner or dinner/dance youth fundraiser event where the youth help prepare and serve the dinner. Have some of the youth speak on ministries that they are involved in and what they are learning about Jesus and our vocations as sons, daughters, Christians.
- Plan a winter outdoor event. How about snowshoeing For Life?
- Plan a winter indoor event. How about bowling or trivia For Life?
- For those who sew, turn bridal gowns into Baptismal dresses to celebrate the gift of marriage and the gift of marriage in children. Check out many ideas on Pinterest.
- Host a baby shower for your local crisis pregnancy center and invite in a speaker from the center to talk about resources available and how they serve the community. Include time for a servant event such as making diaper cakes or fleece blankets—and, of course, snacks and fellowship!
- Host a Valentine’s Day party at your local senior center. Play fun games, share fellowship and encouragement.
- Host a Valentine’s Day card-making fellowship and make Valentine’s Day cards for new moms, shut-ins, those struggling with an illness or loss. Hand deliver wherever possible with a hug! Extra handmade cards could be sold as a fundraiser.
- Host a World’s Finest Chocolate Fundraiser for your Chapter or team (https://fundraising.worldsfinestchocolate.com).

For more ideas and encouragement, please be sure to request to join our Facebook group (www.facebook.com/groups/teampageLFL).

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 – 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.
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, former Executive Director of Lutherans For Life, shares his story:

“I held my little grandson, Owen, in the palm of my hand. He died at 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.

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

Our Goal: $175,000
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: $132,000 plus!

You will find many more photos from Owen’s Mission events on LFL’s Facebook page.
Life Sunday Resources for 2016!

Equipping Lutherans to be Gospel-motivated voices For Life

New for Life Sunday 2016!

Bulletin Inserts • Bible Study • Children’s Message • Worship Service • Sermons

Check inside this flyer for more details—and resources!

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NEW 2016 LIFE SUNDAY MATERIALS!

**Bulletin Insert: Created • Redeemed • Called**

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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**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!

- Item LFL1600. FREE!

**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.

**DVD:** Item LFL1401DVD. $5.00

**Brochure:** Item LFL1007T. $0.50 ea.

**God Knew Your Name** – Included on the DVD:

- Sheet music in PDF format;
- Lyrics for female singer;
- Accompaniment track, key of D, MP3 format.

- Item LFL1508. $15.00

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**Quantity pricing is available on select brochures and booklets.**
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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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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