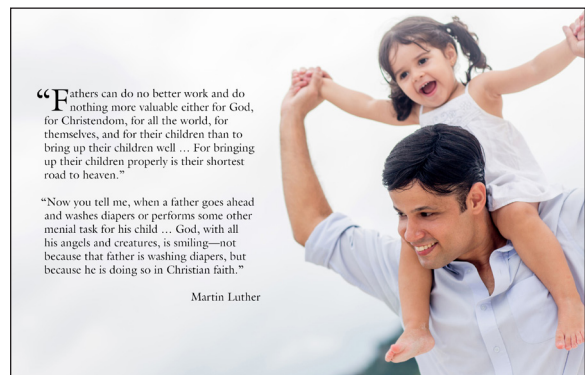


News and Notes

- **NEW BULLETIN INSERTS for Mother's Day and Father's Day are available for shipping from Concordia Publishing House.** *Mother's Day Bulletin Insert* – "Mothers Are Saints on Earth" – "Lutherans For Life humbly and heartily thanks God our Heavenly Father for all our mothers whose love for their children serves as one of the strongest and sweetest Gospel-motivated voices For Life. Mothers, you have not labored in vain, since in belief of God's Word and appreciation of His gifts, you are serving the Lord Christ ...". Order Link: <http://tinyurl.com/hhff9zz> *Father's Day Bulletin Insert* – "God Smiles on Fathers" – "Lutherans For Life shares God's own gladness and gratefulness for all our fathers who have embodied to their children His own Gospel-motivated voice For Life. Your faithful fatherhood—your advice and assistance, your affirmation and encouragement, your involvement with us and example to us—makes known God's fatherly, divine goodness and mercy to all ...". Order Link: <http://tinyurl.com/goqjqh>



- **We have a Facebook group for Life 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 email lhighby@lutheransforlife.org and indicate "Sign Me Up!" in the subject line.
- **LFL Job Board - Mission and Ministry Coordinator** - Provides leadership and oversight of all aspects of LFL's front-line volunteers to the end of fulfilling its mission to equip Lutheran congregations to be Gospel-motivated voices For Life. The mission and ministry coordinator reports to the national director of Lutherans For Life. Working location is negotiable. To find out more go to www.lutheransforlife.org/lfl-job-board.
- **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, 97 local Life Chapters, 118 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.)

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- **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.



- **Automatic Giving – from John Hawkins, our director of development:** With the introduction of debit accounts and cards and such, it’s no secret that having a bill or payment taken automatically from your account is becoming more commonplace every day. In fact, seeing people write checks at the store is much less common than it used to be. With technology increasing and postage rising, they’re even predicting that in the not-so-distant future checks will disappear. (My wife and I are old fashioned, however. They’re going to have to remove my checkbook from “my cold, gray, dead hands,” as the saying goes!) But there are some things that it probably just makes more sense to pay for via automatic withdrawal. If this is good enough for a mortgage payment, how about your gift to Lutherans For Life? Doing so is easy enough. Just go to www.lutheransforlife.org, go to the top menu line and click “Give.” Then, look in the center of the page for “Automatic Monthly Debit from Your Checking or Savings Account (ACH).” Right below this in blue is the link “Download ACH Contribution Form.” Click on that and follow the instructions, and your automatic gift withdrawal will be in place. If you have any questions or need help, feel free to contact our office at 888-364-LIFE or info@lutheransforlife.org. Many thanks in Christ!



The Gift of Each Other: A Bible Study

It is not good to be alone. Lord God Almighty made us for relationships: “[I]n his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them. And God blessed them. And God said to them, ‘Be fruitful and multiply ...’” (Genesis 1:27b-28a). The devil, however, likes to isolate individuals. Sin makes us think only of ourselves. Hell mixes its favorite poisons out of independence. Selfishness doesn’t just ruin our neighbors; it even ruins us. The Gospel of Jesus Christ bestows not only forgiveness, salvation, and everlasting life, but also fellowship and brotherhood. He reconciles us to God as our Heavenly Father and restores us to the communion of saints as our family. We enter heaven accompanied, and heaven surrounds us even on Earth in congregations of Christians.

1. Why does Satan seek to make people feel alone? (Ecclesiastes 4:9-12; Genesis 3:1-2; Luke 4:1-3; 1 Kings 19:4, 9-10; Job 1:9-11)
2. In what ways does he use life issues to tempt souls into loneliness?
3. How does Jesus save us from this situation? (Psalm 23:4; Psalm 34:18; Isaiah 43:2; Ephesians 2:13; Romans 8:38-39; Matthew 28:20)
4. What further gift does this Gospel give? (John 19:25-27; Psalm 68:6; Matthew 18:20; Hebrews 12:1; Acts 4:32; 1 Corinthians 12:26-27)
5. What are some essential benefits we receive from this?
6. With what actions can we specifically and practically reflect this to each other?
7. What circumstances might make one a “weaker member”? When might we ourselves be?
8. What might these “weaker members” have to offer us? How might we rely on them?



A Holistic Approach To Life

by Rev. Michael Brown, Redeemer Lutheran Church, Lincoln, Nebraska

Jesus: Holistically Pro-Life

It was the late 1970s. This sort of thing wasn't all that common: a woman, in her 40s, pregnant. She did a lot of crying. Granted, she might have been "expecting," but she and her husband weren't expecting *this*! Not at her age. It was unplanned. It was unconventional. It was life-changing.

Moreover, there was real cause to have concern—health concerns. With her first child there had been birth complications—terrible ones. So the doctors warned her of the increased risk of "birth defects" that came with an aging mother, though there were no signs of any as of yet. Her Lutheran pastor was also aware of the potential health risks. So he went out of his way to reassure her that if she wanted to terminate her pregnancy because of these potential "defects," her Lutheran church would stand with her in her decision. So would God.

Thankfully, I'm glad my mother didn't listen to her pastor. I happen to enjoy my life.

Yet I hope each of us do just that—listen to our pastors. Listen to them tell—at least once a year—the story of something that wasn't all that common 2,000 years ago: a woman, probably in her teens, pregnant—but with no husband to speak of. Perhaps she did a lot of crying, too. She might have been "expecting," but she and Joseph weren't expecting this! Talk about unplanned! Talk about unconventional! Talk about life-changing!

Though, isn't this exactly what we expect every Advent and Christmas—a baby who is going to change our lives too. And that's Good News! At least that's what the angel called it when speaking to some shepherds near Bethlehem. It's Gospel—Good News that gets spoken into our ears each week too. Forgiveness, life, and salvation that is placed in our lowly manger. His life, His death, and His resurrection that we have been baptized into, completely changing life as we know it. Yours and mine. Body and soul. A life we enjoy now, but a fulfillment that is not yet. New life that is nothing less than the holistic redemption of all creation.

It turns out, Jesus is holistically pro-life. And so is His Church!

Christ's Church: Holistically Pro-Life

It was the second and third centuries. This sort of thing was thankfully all too common: the body of Christ gathered around the Apostles' teachings, Baptism, and the breaking of bread. It was only in the life found there, in Jesus Christ, that God's people were strengthened and nourished to be able to live in a culture of constant death and persecution.

In their daily lives, this looked like Christians opposing infanticide and abortion, even rescuing children thrown away in the dump or left to die of exposure. It looked like Christians who would stay in their plague-riddled villages and cities to tend the ill and dying while everyone else would flee, often succumbing to the illnesses themselves. And it looked like Christians who would take



the bodies of crucified criminals, even pagans, and prepare and bury them instead of letting them be discarded in ditches. Conception to resurrection, body and soul, the church has always been holistically pro-life.

Now it is the 21st century. This sort of thing thankfully remains all too common: the body of Christ still gathering around the Apostles' teachings, Baptism, and the breaking of bread. It is only in the life found there, in Jesus Christ, that we too are strengthened and nourished to be able to live in a culture of increasing death and persecution.

In our daily lives (here in this place at least), this looks like Christians opposing abortion, promoting adoption and foster care, and taking care of mothers faced with hard circumstances. It looks like Christians who have started hospitals for the ill, homes and terrific programs for the developmentally delayed, and outreach and care for those who are blind and deaf—**always valuing the life of those whom society values less**. And it looks like Christians who take care of the dying, operate assisted-living and skilled-care facilities, and value and fight for quantity of life just as much as quality of life. Conception to resurrection, body and soul, the Church continues to be holistically pro-life.

Your Congregation: Holistically Pro-Life

But is your congregation? Most definitely! And here's how: **"I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full"** (John 10:10b NIV). **"I am the way, the truth, and the life"** (John 14:6a KJV). **"And this is the testimony: God has given us eternal life, and this life is in his Son"** (1 John 5:11 NIV). Life is already yours in Christ Jesus. You have God's promise.

And like Christians before us, our new life in Christ spills out into the world around us bearing fruit. Gathering each week around God's Word and Sacraments looks the same in each of our congregations. Yet how we do works of mercy as God's people, how we demonstrate the value God has put on all human life, dying for it—that differs from community to community. No matter how local circumstances may differ, here are some helpful ideas your congregation can explore.

Assess Community Needs: Where do the needs lie in your congregation's community? Crisis pregnancy centers? Post-abortion support? Help for the developmentally delayed, blind, deaf, or victims of human trafficking? Care for the elderly? Which people are serviced well with works of mercy in your neighborhoods? Which are overlooked? Once you've investigated the needs of the community, make sure your congregation knows them!

Create Community Partnerships: (1) Partner with community life-oriented organizations. This can be as simple as making an appointment to visit community agencies (your local crisis pregnancy center, for example) and ask them which resources they have and which they lack. Offer to partner with them. Invite them to speak at the church to certain groups or clergy. Create awareness among God's people for them and the good work they do in the community. (2) Partner with community life-oriented churches and clergy. Come out of your castle. Visit someone else's. Partnering with other congregations on life issues lessens the logistical load, spreads the reach of your planned events, and increases participation.



Encourage Participation: If only we could throw stuff in the bulletin, cross our fingers, and have fifty people show up for an event. Good luck with that! Pastors, it takes phone calls and face-to-face requests. Whether it is finding life leaders in your congregation or recruiting for an event, it takes encouraging people to pray about their involvement and following up with them about it later. Laity, it takes you inviting people you know to participate: “Hey, I’m doing this in a couple of weeks. Here’s why it’s important! How about you come with? This would be fun to do together!” So yes, put it in the bulletin, advertise in the newsletter, put it on social media, and make announcements to different groups in the church. But nothing works better than an old-fashioned personal invitation!

Plan Life Events: Please! Not too many! Don’t drown people. If you currently have no life-related events during the year, maybe you just begin by holding an annual diaper drive or participating in the local Walk for Life. If you don’t have a partnership in the community, perhaps just work to establish one. Or, perhaps you do something to observe Life Sunday for the first time. It doesn’t have to be elaborate! It doesn’t have to be huge and overwhelming. Just try doing one thing more than you have done as a congregation in the past.

Avoid Potential Pitfalls: Two things here: (1) Increasingly, young people connect life issues to politics. Those already disenchanted with the faith look suspiciously at the church and wonder if it is just acting as a political platform or stooge. Forget red, blue, and purple politics. We are called to let light shine in darkness. Speak truth to evil. Proclaim life in the face of death. Only Jesus can change hearts and minds. Only He brings true life. Which leads to the second pitfall: (2) *The Gospel* must predominate, not a social gospel. All things must flow from and stay connected to Christ’s cross and tomb and the forgiveness, life, and salvation that is only given there. Life that in turn gives value to each life. Life that leads us by the Spirit to treat and value life differently than the world does. Like the first Christians did. Like Christ did.

You: Holistically Pro-Life

A holistic approach to life issues begins with Christ and the holistic new life you have been given in Him that now bears fruit in your daily life. It might spill out as small, simple, and local works of mercy/life, or it may bring God’s people together to accomplish even greater feats. Yet no matter how it happens, it is life work that communicates great things! Because it should always point hurting and dying people to the Way, the Truth, and the Life—Jesus Christ. This is life we all need. Conception to resurrection. Body and soul. Holistic life.

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What Do You Need?

by Rev. Billy Brath

“Are you willing to take a short survey today about your online experience?”

“How would you rate the app you just downloaded?”

“Please call the number on your receipt and complete a short questionnaire!”

How many of these requests do you come across every day? It seems to be getting out of hand, doesn't it? So many organizations are craving reviews and user data—they want to know you, your opinions of their products, and most importantly, what you need from them. This drives our current customer-focused economy, and data-mining isn't going away any time soon. Sorry. But the ministry world can glean from this business model.

When looking at a customer, companies want the answers to four questions:

- What do you need?
- What do you want?
- What are your stereotypes of our product/company?
- What are the emotions you have when interacting with us?

We could dive into all of this, but for our purposes, the first question is paramount. What do people need from the Church? (Church = congregation, ministry, or Christian neighbor) What do YOU need? Are we asking this question of folks? Are we allowing scripture to prescribe the answer to the question? And ultimately, are we, as the Body of Christ, providing what people need? Let's explore a few items:

JESUS: This is an easy answer to the “what do you need” question. We all need Jesus. We need His grace, mercy, guidance, and love. Let's be sure to show Jesus in all we say and do as Christians in the world. This includes removing parts of our ministries and lives that could block people from seeing and hearing from Jesus.

COMMUNITY: This has come up in many posts on the Leader to Leader blog—that we are people created in community and are seeking community. Are we providing for this need? Often it's accomplished by helping to cultivate the community God has created around you and your people.

HUMAN CARE: Survey your neighbors, ask what they need, and at some point, they will get human care items. Are we seeking to give specific care to our neighbors? Maybe we offer financial aid, but often folks simply need someone to be there to guide them through rough spots in life.



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ANSWERS: Kudos to the congregations out there that have some question/answer system set up through worship or in general. (I watched Pastor Dion at St. John in Ellisville, Missouri, online on Easter—he took some hard questions during his sermon time! Great work, Dion!) However you choose to provide for this need, know it is out there. People are craving answers about life, God, and the church. Let's be sure we provide the answers God has blessed us with.

FORGIVENESS: Well, technically this wraps us back to JESUS. This is a need everyone shares, to be constantly directed back to the cross and lifted up out of sin. May we unbind one another and live free in the Gospel.

Perhaps you will take this post literally and survey your neighbors, asking them what they need, or maybe you will let the Spirit guide you through scripture to discover what God says we need. No matter the questioning, let us be the Body of Christ that provides for the needs of our neighbors—in other words, may we love our neighbors as Christ has loved us.

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Speakers Bureau

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

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

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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)
Rev. Dr. James I. Lamb (nationwide – based in Marshalltown, Iowa)
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)
Rev. Michael W. Salemink (nationwide – based in St. Louis, Missouri)
Andrew Schatkin (nationwide – based in the New York/Long Island area)
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Diane E. Schroeder (nationwide – based in Lombard, Illinois)
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Francis W. Szarejko (nationwide – based in the Kansas City, Kansas area)
Ed Szeto (nationwide – based in Virginia)
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Speaking Engagement Report Form

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

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



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 20-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

**"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, former executive director of Lutherans For Life, shares his story:



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

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

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:

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

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**Lutherans For Life
1101 5th St.
Nevada, IA 50201-1816**

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

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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.



Lutherans For Life is a Recognized Service Organization of The Lutheran Church–Missouri Synod. We are a nonpolitical ministry whose mission is to equip Lutherans to be Gospel-motivated voices For Life. We produce a variety of multimedia 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.

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Biblical Biology – You were you from the moment of conception. In this brochure, Rev. Dr. James I. Lamb takes a look at how we came to be through “Biblical Biology.” *Item LFL135T. \$0.50 ea.*

Life Issues and the Pew – Rev. Dr. James I. Lamb writes, “When I was active on the National Pro-Life Religious Council, we did a workshop every year at the National Right to Life Convention entitled, ‘Here are the sheep! Where is the shepherd?’ It was an effort to help people in the pew encourage their pastor to address the life issues from the pulpit. Some time ago I authored a brochure with a similar goal called ‘Life Issues and the Pulpit’ ... One year, during the discussion following our workshop, a pastor spoke up. ‘Hey! Here’s a shepherd! Where are the sheep!’ He was expressing his frustration with people in the pew not supporting him when he did address life issues from the pulpit. So as a sequel to ‘Life Issues and the Pulpit,’ I offer ‘Life Issues and the Pew.’” *Item LFL1635T. \$0.50 ea.*

Questions and Answers Concerning the End of Life – The public promotion of physician-assisted suicide will lead to more pressure on states to enact pro-assisted-suicide legislation. This can lead Christians to ask questions. *Item LFL810T. \$0.50 ea.*

The Soul Wound of Abortion – For all the millions of walking wounded in our society, for those who have had an abortion or have been affected by an abortion decision, there is a Word of Hope—Lutherans For Life’s healing ministry. Word of Hope connects men and women “soul wounded” through the act of abortion to the forgiveness and healing that comes only through knowing that God loves you and sent His Son to free you from the guilt of all sin—including abortion. The author, Diane E. Schroeder, is a former president of Lutherans For Life. *Item LFL408T. FREE (quantities limited)*

Three Inches, Two Ounces - Reflections on Jesus in the Womb Based on Luke 1:56 – Jesus, who was formed in the womb of Mary, who began life smaller than a grain of salt, grew to three inches long and weighed two ounces, became a newborn in the Bethlehem manger, and lived a sinless life to become a 33-year-old who hung on a cross outside of Jerusalem. He did this so that you might be saved from the power of the devil, so that you might receive forgiveness of sins and so that you might spend eternal life with Him in Paradise. The author, Rev. Michael J. Schmidt, is pastor at Peace Lutheran Church, Natoma, Kansas, and First Lutheran Church, Plainville, Kansas. *Item LFL110T. \$0.50 ea.*

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Together For Good DVD

Together for Good is a movie written by Pastor Dave Ahlman, Senior Pastor of Peace Lutheran Church in Arvada, Colorado.

The movie is loosely based on the adoption story of Pastor Ahlman and his wife, Beth, which took place in 2004.

Also included with the DVD is a Bible study based on the movie.

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

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LFL has 11 State Federations, 100 Life Chapters, 122 Life Ministry Coordinators, 104 Life Teams in the US.

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

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The Basics of Lutherans For Life

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

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

Structure and Relationships

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

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

Membership Information

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

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

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

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

Membership Classifications

Annual Membership

- Annual members join by making a membership donation accompanied by a completed copy of the membership form (or by joining online).
- 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 Life Chapter to which the particular members may belong. The membership donations are divided as follows:

Annual Memberships:

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

Sponsor Memberships:

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

