

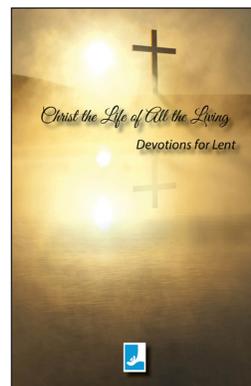
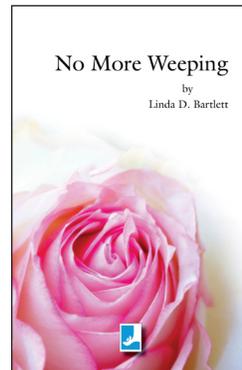
News and Notes

- **REVISED RESOURCE: No More Weeping booklet** – This booklet is written for those who are suffering from an abortion decision. Author Linda Bartlett says, “Only God can heal the sin of abortion. As the Creator of life, only He can forgive the wrongful taking of a life. The Creator of life is also our Father and, unlike our earthly father who is not without sin, our Heavenly Father’s love for us is perfect and without flaw. You may feel very alone in the sorrow of your abortion, but you are not. There are many others who are grieving their abortion in silence. The Spirit of God helps in times of silent weakness. ‘For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words’ (Romans 8:26). Through the Holy Spirit, all who are broken can claim God’s forgiveness in Jesus Christ.” The new edition has revised graphics and paper stock. *Item LFL408. \$2.00 ea.* Order link: <http://tinyurl.com/hjlod5k>
- **NEW RESOURCE: Christ the Life of All the Living – Devotions for Lent** – “As we approach Good Friday, the 40 days of Lent are a time of self-discipline. These devotions aim to help us discipline our minds so that when we see the struggles in our own lives, we see the life of Christ working all to good; so that when we see our neighbor, no matter his skin color or gender or level of development, we see the life of Christ, Savior of the nations; so that when we see the boasting of death, we see the life of Christ, triumphant in resurrection.” *Rev. A. Daniel Guagenti, Holy Cross Lutheran Church, Shelbyville, Kentucky – Item LFL1637. \$1.99 ea.* Order link: <http://tinyurl.com/zm9nyyt>
- **The Annunciation of Our Lord – March 25** – The path to the cross did not begin in Bethlehem but in Nazareth! **March 25 is the most appropriate time to celebrate the Incarnation. God became man at Jesus’ conception in Mary.** To assist pastors and congregations in observing the Annunciation of our Lord—and to teach the great value God in Christ places on all human life—Lutherans For Life offers a number of resources: www.lutheransforlife.org/article/the-annunciation-of-our-lord-march-25.
- **Be sure to “Like” and follow LFL on social media! See links below:**

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www.facebook.com/groups/teampageLFL/
www.facebook.com/WordOfHopeHealingHearts/

Also see:

www.youtube.com/user/LutheransForLife
<https://vimeo.com/user4132928>



- **Please note that 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.
- **For those who participate in 40 Days for Life, our friends at Heritage House have a sale on merchandise related to the campaign**—including balloons, bumper stickers, bookmarks, pens, pencils, T-shirts, and more. Find the entire catalog at www.hh76.org/D15F. For sale pricing, orders need to be placed before March 1, 2017. To order, call 800.858.3040 or go to www.40daysforlifestore.com.
- **LifeDate is another way to share the For Life message with your congregation.** Order LifeDate in bulk quantities at no charge. (Donations for shipping cost will gladly be accepted.) Call 888.364.LIFE (5433) to order. **We have a limited number of copies of the back issues of LifeDate that are free upon request.** Please call 888.364.LIFE (5433) or email info@lutheransforlife.org to order.
- **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.
- **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.
- **Lutherans For Life Frontlines:** LFL has 11 State Federations, 93 local Life Chapters, 110 Life Ministry Coordinators, and 103 Life Teams in the US.



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Prepare for Care: A Bible Study

Our Lord promises His Word will accomplish what He intends. In spite of either our shortcomings or our successes, He incorporates us into His miracle-working ministry, not only as witnesses but also as participants. Yet in the mystery of His Spirit's activity, this speaking the truth in love doesn't happen unconsciously or automatically. It takes purpose, preparation, practice, and patience. Life issues, as matters of the heart, always involve persons. Whether victim, culprit, or accomplice, each one has his or her own history, anxiety, and sanctity. We also belong to the story, their story and His, as bona fide actors rather than just audience or directors. The Gospel Word of Life must have its way with us even as we become the means of it.

1. What personal feelings might we have about a neighbor's life issues? Why? (Hebrews 10:32-33)
2. What sinful motives and approaches might we have as we get involved? (Genesis 6:5; Isaiah 64:6)
3. How is standing beside a better posture for entering another's circumstances than staring down? (Isaiah 53:3-4; 1 Corinthians 12:26)
4. What temptation, besides trying to control, must we resist and reject with someone in need? (Matthew 25:45)
5. What assurance and encouragement do we have in seeing caring relationships as sacred vocations? (Philippians 2:13; Matthew 10:20)
6. How does the Lord equip us for the situations in which He places us? (2 Corinthians 10:4)
7. What practical actions can ensure our listening imparts God's own unconditional acceptance? (Luke 24:15-17)
8. Who holds ultimate responsibility for all outcomes of our witness and service? (1 Corinthians 3:7; Isaiah 55:10-11)



What Difference Could It Possibly Make?

by Barb Geistfeld, Lutherans For Life Regional Director of Texas

A man and his best friend were walking along a beautiful sandy beach after a severe storm. Everywhere they looked, dozens of stranded sea stars were lying on the sand. As the man walked, he would stop, stoop down, pick up a sea star, and fling it into the ocean. His friend scoffed at him and said, “What in the world do you think you are doing? Look at them all! You will never be able to throw them all back. Why bother? What difference could it possibly make?” His friend stopped, picked up another sea star, flung it into the water, and said, “It makes all the difference in the world to this one.”

So it is as we work with all the many life issues. We cannot save every baby or disabled person; we cannot protect every child or elderly person from abuse; we cannot stop all pain and suffering. We cannot possibly minister to every hurting person we meet. So why bother? In a recent letter from Central Texas Life Care in San Marcos, the executive director, Cheri Martin, gave a summary of their work in 2016: 1120 clients served, 237 ultrasounds performed, 36 STD tests given, 21 professions of faith, 28 babies saved! Their first client and her baby are at the new LifeCare Ranch campus! Your financial support and prayers over the last several years are directly responsible for these lives that were saved and transformed.

What difference does it make? It makes all the difference in the world to those 28 babies and the families who welcomed them into their hearts.

www.lutheransforlife.org/about/contact

www.lutheransforlife.org/about/life-chapters-and-life-teams

Help equip Gospel-motivated voices For Life: <http://tinyurl.com/hnreol7>





Lutherans For Life • Life Team Tools Order Form 2016-2017

NOTE: LIFE TEAM TOOLS ARE AVAILABLE ONLY FROM THE LFL NATIONAL OFFICE.

Lutherans For Life • 1101 5th Street • Nevada, IA 50201-1816 • 888.364.LIFE (5433)

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City/State/Zip _____

Daytime phone _____

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Ship to (if different):

Name _____

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LTT1DVD		Life Team Tool 1 DVD	\$10	
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LTT3DVD		Life Team Tool 3 DVD	\$10	
LTT4DVD		Life Team Tool 4 DVD	\$10	
LTT1FM		Life Team Tool 1 Field Manual	\$10	
LTT2FM		Life Team Tool 2 Field Manual	\$10	
LTT3FM		Life Team Tool 3 Field Manual	\$10	
LTTBN		LIFE TEAM TOOL BUNDLE (Includes tools 1-4 and field manuals)	\$30	

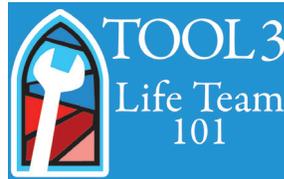
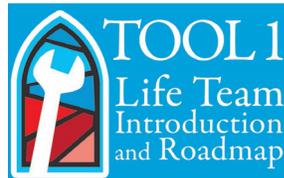
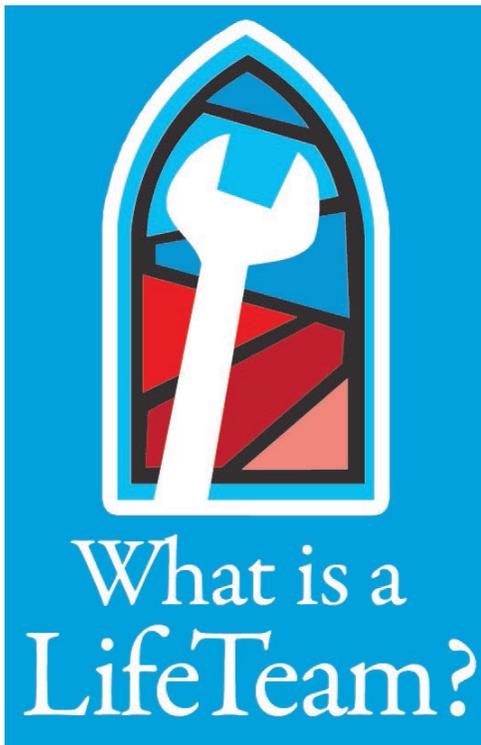
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You may also purchase Life Team Tools by credit card by calling 888.364.LIFE (5433).





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.

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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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)

You will find many more photos from Owen’s Mission events on LFL’s Facebook page.



Lutherans For Life is 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.

www.lutheransforlife.org

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.

General speaker guidelines (may vary by individual):

- Airfare/Mileage: Actual airfare and/or current standard IRS mileage rate to airport or event
- Lodging: Quiet, nonsmoking 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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Daniel M. Domke (within five to six hours of Huron, South Dakota)
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Rev. Dr. James I. Lamb (nationwide and Canada – based in Marshalltown, Iowa)
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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 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 national office or email 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):	



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Since Roe v. Wade in 1973: 58,586,256 abortions in America

Source: www.lifenews.com/2016/01/14/58586256-abortions-in-america-since-roe-v-wade-in-1973

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March-April 2017

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

