

News and Notes

- **New Resource: Tiny Hands that Hold My Heart – gift book and softcover booklet**

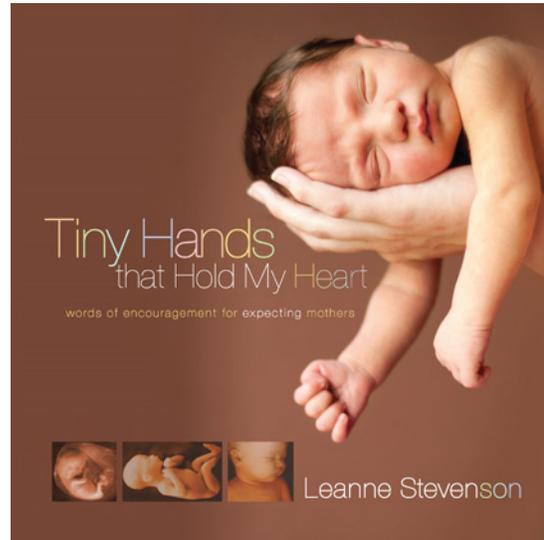
Softcover booklet: www.cph.org/p-32031-tiny-hands-that-hold-my-heart-softcover-booklet.aspx

Gift book: www.cph.org/p-32030-tiny-hands-that-hold-my-heart-gift-book.aspx

We are offering, through Concordia Publishing House, this resource produced by Tiny Hands Ministries, Inc. of Concord, North Carolina.

“*Tiny Hands that Hold My Heart* celebrates life by chronicling the nine months of pregnancy with breathtaking photography from inside the womb and relevant scriptures.

It was written as one message for two unique audiences. *Tiny Hands* was written as a gift book for expecting mothers who are excited and waiting in anticipation for the birth of their baby. *Tiny Hands* was also written as a booklet to hand out free to women facing crisis pregnancies.”



- **The opportunities for LFL’s Frontlines to apply the For Life message are endless.** For example, November is **National Adoption Awareness Month**. Check out and order LFL’s resources on adoption (booklets, brochures, bulletin inserts) and share them with your congregation: www.lutheransforlife.org/life-issues/adoption. Here’s one more: **Orphan Sunday** (<https://cafo.org/orphansunday/>) is November 12. The Christian Alliance for Orphans (www.christianalliancefororphans.org) offers a wealth of resources to help Christians stand up for the orphan ... defend the fatherless ... care for the child that has no family ... visit orphans in their distress.



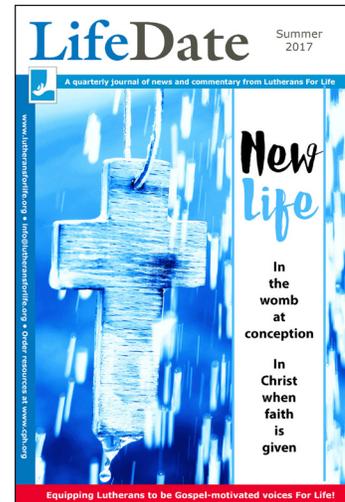
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<https://twitter.com/ForLifers>
www.instagram.com/lfly4life/
www.facebook.com/groups/teampageLFL/
www.facebook.com/WordOfHopeHealingHearts/

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: www.facebook.com/groups/teampageLFL/. The group includes an idea exchange and is a place to connect with other frontline volunteers.
- 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.
- Life News is available each month to download and print. Life News is a free monthly bulletin insert with life-issue news and more. Go to: www.lutheransforlife.org/media/life-news.
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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.
- Lutherans For Life Frontlines: LFL has 11 State Federations, 95 local Life Chapters, 110 Life Ministry Coordinators, and 58 Life Teams in the US.



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How Much Is Enough? – A Bible Study

Addressing life issues can get intimidating. Many neighbors need truth and love. Much witness and service remains. Opportunities and opposition abound. The hour grows late, and time seems short. We are tempted to seek peace in measuring and find relief by comparing. How many hearts have we changed? How many lives have we saved? How long have we been at this? How many laws have we ratified? How many dollars have we raised? How many members have we gained? How many chances have we missed? How well are we carrying out the Lord's mission?

1. What assessment does God offer about whether we are doing enough? (Romans 7:19, Isaiah 64:6, John 15:5)
2. What other quantity does He apply to the equation? (1 Timothy 2:4, Isaiah 55:8-11, Ephesians 3:20)
3. How does this mission function and succeed? (Mark 4:26-29, Romans 8:29-30, Acts 13:48)
4. What scale is used to evaluate it? (Luke 15:7, 1 Samuel 16:7, Luke 10:20)
5. How does God include us in His doings? (Philippians 2:13, Matthew 10:19-20, 1 Corinthians 3:6-7)
6. So why do we even try? (Romans 6:1-2, Galatians 2:20, Matthew 7:18)
7. How do we go about it? (Romans 12:6-8, 1 Corinthians 10:31, 1 Peter 3:15)



Always Be Ready!

by Kay L. Meyer, former director of development for Lutherans For Life

“[B]ut sanctify Christ as Lord in your hearts, always being ready to make a defense to everyone who asks you to give an account for the hope that is in you, yet with gentleness and reverence” (1 Peter 3:15 NASB).

“Your niece’s husband asked me several questions about God when we were at your sister’s for Jordan’s birthday,” my husband told me. “Since he grew up in an unchurched family, there’s a lot more we need to discuss. Let’s put him on the prayer list and ask other family members and friends to pray for him, too.”

My husband is always prepared to make a defense to everyone who asks him about his faith in Christ. But, he recognizes it must be done with gentleness and reverence. Opportunities to witness normally occur because he has already built a trusting relationship. We recognize the importance of beginning the process of sharing our faith by praying!

On a *Family Shield* radio program some years ago, my guest, a former New Age astrologer, told us how she came to know Christ. Her testimony illustrates why prayer is so vital. Marci shared, “I was not a Christian and had no interest in becoming one. Then in the early 90s I had this compulsion to attend church. I fought against it for a while, but finally began attending a local Christian congregation. Soon I was invited to a Bible study. Then I began reading the Bible on my own. I read how Jesus calmed the storm and the disciples’ fears. It didn’t take me long to realize that Jesus suffered and died for the sins of all people. I realized I was a sinner in need of His forgiveness! So, I asked the Lord to forgive my sins and placed my faith in Him!

“I still hadn’t figured out why I had experienced the strong desire to attend church. Four months after becoming a Christian, I learned a group of Christians had been praying for me to come to faith in Christ. They began praying right before my ‘compulsion’ to attend church began. As they prayed, the Holy Spirit drew me to a place where I would hear the saving Gospel message.”

Consider how your family might share Christ with family members, friends, and co-workers! Remember to begin by building a trusting relationship and then pray for the Lord to open doors! **“For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life”** (John 3:16 NASB).

Prayer: Lord, thank You for suffering and dying for my sins. Forgive me when I fail You. Open doors of opportunity for me to share Your love with my family, friends, and co-workers. In Jesus’ name. Amen.



Hospital Dresses Up Severely Premature Babies in Cute Halloween Costumes

by Micaiah Bilger

(Source: www.lifenews.com/2016/10/31/hospital-dresses-up-severely-premature-babies-in-cute-halloween-costumes. Used by permission of www.lifenews.com.)

Some of the tiniest babies in the U.S. are not missing out on Halloween ... thanks to volunteers at a Kansas City hospital. Fox News reports volunteers brought tiny baby costumes to the neonatal intensive care unit of St. Luke's Hospital in Kansas City, Missouri ... to encourage families with premature babies.

Volunteers gave out about 40 homemade costumes to the preemies and their families, including superhero costumes, bug and butterfly costumes, and baseball uniforms for the Kansas City Royals, according to the report.

"It's amazing," said Jennifer Behnke, whose son William has been in the hospital since he was born prematurely in August. She told the local Fox News station, "It's very humbling, and we feel very blessed to have so many people on our side and helping us make everyday experiences and milestones normal while still being in the hospital."

Emmalee Schaumburg Photography also donated time and talent to taking photos of the families. The adorable photos showed parents in costumes smiling and holding their premature babies, dressed in capes and butterfly wings, while others showed the babies in costume in their hospital beds.

Premature babies and their parents often face so many uncertainties about the future. These simple acts of kindness can go a long way toward encouraging these families and recognizing that every baby deserves a chance to celebrate life.





Life

At God's command all life began
Culminating in the creation of man.
From the dust of the ground he came forth
Endowed with a soul of priceless worth.

At conception a new life will form.
At nine months the baby is born.
With a body so wonderfully made
As God's creative power is displayed.

At Baptism the spiritual life will begin
Washing away the stain of original sin.
At Confirmation the vow is renewed
That a Christian life will be pursued.

In marriage a loving husband and wife
Participate in the creation of new life.
The blessing of family brings great joy
In the birth of each precious girl or boy.

All does not end at age sixty-five
But is renewed in retirement life.
Decades of life may still be given
Culminating with eternal life in heaven.

by Ed Bernthal, February 1, 2010





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)

Name _____

Title _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Daytime phone _____

E-mail _____

Ship to (if different):

Name _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Telephone _____

ITEM #	QTY.	DESCRIPTION	PRICE	TOTAL
LTT1DVD		Life Team Tool 1 DVD	\$10	
LTT2DVD		Life Team Tool 2 DVD	\$10	
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	

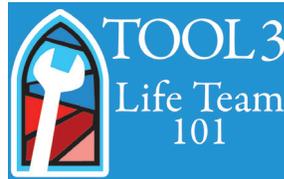
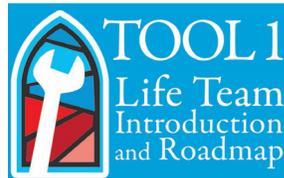
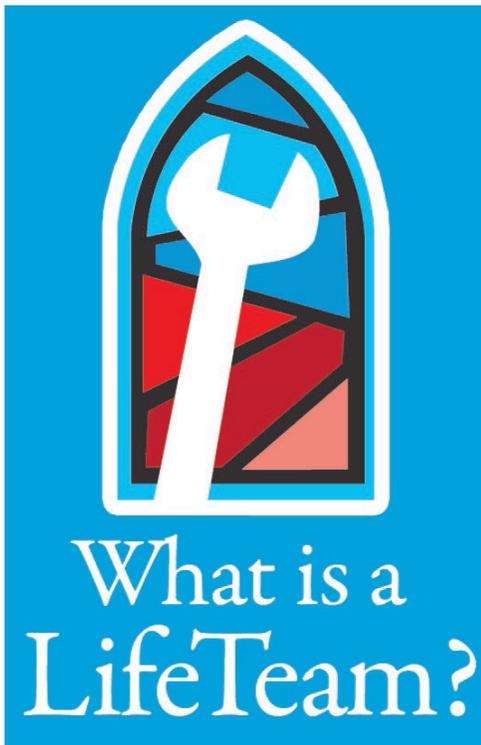
TOTAL

SHIPPING

\$15

GRAND TOTAL

LFL Business Hours: Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. CST/CDT.
Hours subject to change without notice.



IF PAYING BY CREDIT CARD:

Amount \$ _____

Credit Card # _____

Exp. Date _____ Phone _____
Month / Year

Signature _____

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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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)

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

A Story about Owen's Mission

The following was received on April 26, 2017, at the Lutherans For Life National Office.

Dear Lutherans for Life,

I was reading through your newsletter and was reading the different accounts in the Owen's Mission section and thought I would send you a story on the fetal models.

I purchased three sets of the models for the two Christian schools in town and one for myself at the church. I bought the three different skin tone sets and mixed them up as students in the schools have different skin tones. The set I have in my office is on a stand so the kids who come in to get a piece of gum can see them. I have three 12-week ones on my pencil and business card stand as well as the set.

The other day a little girl (three years old) came in while her grandmother was busy with the homeschoolers and was looking at the "babies." Impressed, she soon had them all lined up on a chair.

A few days later her grandmother stopped by my office and asked if I knew where babies come from. I thought, what is the catch? She informed me that her granddaughter had been telling people at a wedding they had attended that she had been playing with "squishy babies" and when asked where babies came from, she replied, "Pastor's office."

I thought you might get a grin out of this story.

Thanks for your work in promoting life, especially now when life seems to be less sacred.

In Christ's Service,

Pastor Bill Heithold
Trinity Lutheran Church
Alamogordo, New Mexico



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:

Jean Amundson (nationwide – based in Cleburne, Texas)
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Connie Davis (nationwide – based in Macomb, Michigan)
Daniel M. Domke (within five to six hours of Huron, South Dakota)
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Kimberly Ketola (nationwide – based in Peachtree City, Georgia)
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 hhaak@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

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July-August 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

