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• NEW RESOURCES: Our 2018 Life Sunday – Hope For Life materials are now available! (Find out more in this issue of Directions.)

Bulletin Inserts • Bible Study • Children's Message • Sunday School Lesson • Worship

Service • Sermons

www.lutheransforlife.org/store-life-sunday-2018/

- Other new resources include an updated Word of Hope brochure (www.cph.org/p-17660-word-of-hope.aspx) and a new "How Luther Nailed It On Life Issues" brochure (www.cph.org/p-32359-how-luther-nailed-it-on-life-issues.aspx)
- The opportunities for LFL's Frontlines to apply the For Life message are endless. For example,



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For those who have had an abortion ...

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.



• LFL Job Board: Mission and Ministry Director – Position Summary: Provides leadership and oversight of all aspects of LFL's Frontline volunteers to the end of fulfilling its mission to equip Lutheran congregations to be Gospel-motivated voices For Life. The mission and ministry director reports to the national director of Lutherans For Life. Working location is negotiable. Resume and cover letter submission deadline: November 15, 2017. Send to slicht@lutheransforlife.org. To find out more go to www.lutheransforlife.org/lfl-job-board.

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Also see:
www.youtube.com/user/LutheransForLife
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- 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.
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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, 96 local Life Chapters, 110 Life Ministry Coordinators, and 58 Life Teams in the US.

Directions • Lutherans For Life • Bible Study

Why Lutherans Care (and Act!): A Bible Study

Jesus Christ occupies the center of our lives and views. Everything about our existence rests upon the doctrine of justification. We speak truth as we receive it from Him. We show love as a reflection of His grace for us. Christian morality means enjoying and employing the Savior's presence, compassion, and power. This especially includes respecting and protecting every human life as our neighbor. Neither legislative decrees nor judicial decisions nor philosophical principles nor emotional intensity nor cultural consensus form the foundation for our faith and confession. Rather, these forces – as well as our convictions and conduct—follow from the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Let's consider the example of the sanctity of human life as God's own image and gift.

- 1. To whom does the authority to decide life's terms and death's times belong (Deuteronomy 32:39)? Why (John 1:3-4, Revelation 1:17-18)?
- 2. What makes this better than exercising such rights and responsibilities oneself (1 Corinthians 1:25, John 10:10)?
- 3. What gives human life its preciousness (Genesis 1:27, John 1:14, 2 Corinthians 5:19, 1 Corinthians 6:19-20)?
- 4. How can one person become more important than another (Psalm 14:2-3)?
- 5. What can endanger or impair a person's worth (Romans 8:38-39)?
- 6. How then do we regard the vulnerable ones among us (1 Corinthians 12:22-26, Matthew 10:42, Matthew 25:40)?
- 7. What guides our sensitivities and gives shape to our service (1 John 4:19, Matthew 22:37-39)?
- 8. In what ways are our neighbors' lives put particularly at risk in our context? In what ways might we intervene, advocate, and assist?

God's love gives each human life equal and infinite value. His grace saves, regardless of one's age, appearance, origin, actions, or abilities. So we proclaim and perform it. For Christian morality, understanding inspires undertaking. Our faith works. We do not deal in anger, accusations, comparing, and competing. Instead, we declare and demonstrate Gospel gratitude, gladness, and anticipation that treats both our life and our neighbor's as privilege to us and special treasure to God!

Supporting A Friend When She's Unexpectedly Expecting

(Source: www.usccb.org/about/pro-life-activities/life-issues-forum/supporting-a-friend-when-shes-unexpectedly-expecting.cfm, 5/5/17. Reprinted with permission.)

I had been brought up to believe that life is always a gift, but it certainly didn't feel like one when I gazed in shock at a positive pregnancy test. As a mom who had my first baby in college, I know that an unexpected pregnancy can sometimes bring fear, shame, and doubt.

However, I also know that an unexpected pregnancy can bring joy, excitement, awe, gratitude, and deeper love than I knew was possible. About nine months after looking at that pregnancy test, I received the very best gift I have ever been given: my daughter, Maria.* An unexpected pregnancy might be confusing along the way, but life—though at times difficult—is ultimately beautiful.

Perhaps one of your friends has become pregnant unexpectedly. As someone who has been there, I encourage you to support her in her new journey of being a mother; it's important that she knows you are thinking of her and supporting her.

An unexpected pregnancy can send a woman into crisis mode. If your friend just found out she is pregnant, she may not be thinking clearly, and she may feel she has no control over anything at the moment. When a woman experiencing challenging circumstances confides she is pregnant, the reaction of the first person she tells tends to set the tone for her decision-making.

Avoid responding with shock or alarm, and be calm and understanding. Be aware of how she is responding to you. Listen to her and let her know you love her, you are there for her, and it's going to be okay. Pay close attention to her emotional state and act accordingly.

Depending on where she is emotionally, it may or may not be helpful to congratulate her at that time. However, it is always important to affirm that every person's life—including her child's and her own—is precious and beautiful no matter the circumstances.

Pay attention to what might make her feel most loved. One person might appreciate encouraging words, while another might feel more supported if you help with specific tasks. Don't be afraid to ask her if she needs help with anything or to make specific offers to help. For example, you might offer to help with cleaning, finding a good doctor, or running to the store to pick up the one food that won't make her feel sick. (But remember to read her cues and make sure you're not being overbearing.) Simple things—letting her know that you care and are always ready to listen, that you are available to help her, that you are praying for her—can give hope and courage when she might otherwise feel alone.

The most important thing, though, is to pray; it is the most effective way we can help. Pray for her, for her child, and for guidance in how you can give her the best possible support.

Your support might be the only support she receives. Even if we never know how, the smallest things we do can change someone's life. You can make a difference in her life. Will you?

*Name changed for privacy.

This issue of Life Issues Forum has been adapted and shortened from "10 Ways to Support Her When She's Unexpectedly Expecting," originally published in the 2015-16 Respect Life Program. Please visit www.bit.ly/10WaysRespectLife for the original version. A directory of pregnancy services can be found at www.heartbeatinternational.org/worldwide-directory.

Ron Soule in South Africa

Members of Lutherans For Life are involved in many life-affirming efforts—including Ron L. Soule of the National Lutherans For Life Board of Directors who recently sent this letter.

Praise the Lord, I made it back safely from my short-term mission trip to South Africa. First, I want to thank you for your prayers and/or financial support. I always felt protected and safe during the trip. Most of the time, we stayed in a "guest house," which saved money but was very clean and comfortable. The South Africans we met and served were very friendly and were very receptive to the Gospel message.

During our time there, we put on five different eyeglass clinics in two different locations near Middelburg, South Africa—a town of about 300,000 people. The first four clinics were held in a compound housing a very large Lutheran school (kindergarten through high school).

On the first day, we tried to assist children with special needs such as Down syndrome, cerebral palsy, and other disabilities. Unfortunately, we were not able to assist many of them as most were incapable of the communication skills needed to properly assess and address their vision needs.

On the second day, we worked with the staff and students of the Lutheran school and were able to provide many with new glasses.

On the third and fourth days, we were able to work with hundreds of local needy people in the area. In addition to their eye exams and glasses, each person was given a Christ-centered bookmark accompanied by a short Gospel message by a local pastor (who spoke seven different languages).

Our fifth and final day of clinics was held in an outlying rural public school about 35 kilometers away where we were able to give free eye exams and free glasses to many children.

During the five days of clinics, we administered eye tests to a total of 709 persons and gave out 844 pairs of glasses. (We do not give out bifocals, so many received two sets of glasses—one for reading and another for distance.) It was so wonderful to watch people who could not see very well be able to suddenly read or see faces clearly. I am confident that this was a life-changing experience for many people, young and old alike. It was also interesting that at the registration table, many of the people said their reason for coming was to be able to read their Bible!

This was a very spiritually uplifting time for me and the other members of our team (pictured on the next page). I want to personally thank you for your part in making this mission trip a success. In Matthew 25:40 (NASB), Jesus said, "The King will answer and say to them, 'Truly I say to you, to the extent that you did it to one of these brothers of Mine, even the least of them, you did it to Me." May God bless you and keep you in safety, good health, and in His eversufficient saving grace.





Stained

by Rev. Daniel Larsen

"But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, so that no human being might boast in the presence of God" (1 Corinthians 1:27-29).

What makes a good window? That's easy! A good window is clear and colorless, fully transparent, so you can get a good look at whatever is on the other side. That's the point of a window, right? It lets you see outside.

But if that's what makes a good window, then the windows in our churches need some work: they're made of stained glass. Stained glass windows are not clear, they're not colorless, and they completely obscure whatever is outside.

And yet, nobody complains about our stained glass windows. Why? Because rather than showing us what's outside, these special windows instead portray the message of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, which is far more beautiful than mere transparent glass.

Isn't that odd? A window that fails so badly at being a window could actually be something better. Yet God chooses things like that all throughout history. All the major characters in the Bible, from Abraham to Moses to David to Peter and Paul, are flawed. They're weak. They're foolish. They're evil. Yet God is in the business of bringing strength from weakness, wisdom from folly, and good from evil.

Look what He did in Jesus. Jesus came to conquer sin, yet He didn't do it with a glorious display of power like we'd expect.



Instead, Jesus came into the world as a human, a weakling. To many He appeared foolish. And in the end, on the cross, He was covered with our sins, and punished for them.

And yet, rather than being corrupted by them, He defeated them, sanctified them even! He rose from death, and now that dreaded wage of sin is but the portal to eternal life for all who believe in Him.

Do you ever feel weak or foolish? It's easy to fall prey to the idea that God could never love someone like you or never use you in His kingdom. The devil loves to spread that lie: you are too stained for God to love. You're too bad, too foolish.

When you start thinking like that, though, remember the stained glass window. By all accounts, a material so ... translucent should never be used for a window. Yet in the hands of a skilled designer, even stained glass can be used, and used beautifully.

God is the ultimate Designer. He designed the greatest good the world has ever seen to come from the most heinous evil mankind has ever produced. You are never too stained for God to love. When you are feeling weak and foolish, give thanks to God for that, because that's exactly the kind of person that God likes to use.

Rev. Dan Larsen is pastor of Bethany Lutheran Church, Wabasso, Minnesota, and Trinity Lutheran Church, Sanborn, Minnesota. http://bethanywabasso.org/bethany/home.html and http://www.trinitysanborn.org/trinity/home.html

It's Time for You to Find Joy in Serving

by Pastor Mark Jeske

(Source: www.timeofgrace.org)

Everybody needs to feel safe. Everybody needs to feel needed. A happy and healthy congregation will provide both of those things. But it can also meet another significant need of yours—to help you feel significant by giving you a venue for serving other people.

The Bible uses the metaphor of the human body to help you get this critically important point. Believers all together form the "body of Christ." Each of the parts is unique; each is important; each needs the other parts to flourish and grow. "Just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, so in Christ we who are many form one body, and each member belongs to all the others" (Romans 12:4-5).

Does that statement scare you? Are you afraid of commitment and "belonging" to other people? Relax. It's how your Creator designed you. When you call a sick friend, send a card, congratulate an achiever, encourage a drooper, pursue a stray, or teach a child, you will feel a satisfaction in your heart that not even the devil can steal.



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"A PERSON'S
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- DR. SEUSS

orton 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 970 schools affecting 133,000 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
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To give a gift online to Lutherans For Life go to:

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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.

Life Sunday Resources for 2018 Equipping Lutherans to be Gospel-motivated voices For Life



But in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness

and respect, having a good conscience, so that, when you are slandered, those who revile your good behavior in Christ may be put to shame.

CC or it is better to suffer for doing good, if that should be God's will, than for doing evil."

1 Peter 3:15-17

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Hope For Life

There's Humanity even in suffering. There's still Opportunity in uncertainty. There's Promise even in weakness. There's still Enjoyment in the unexpected.

"Set your hope fully on the grace that will be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ." (1 Peter 1:13b)



Wherever there's Life, there is God's grace and Christ's compassion.

> There's **HOPE** for us. There's **HOPE** for them. There's **HOPE** for you.

God never gives up, and neither do His people.

There's **HOPE** in this.



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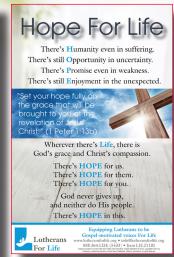
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NEW 2018 LIFE SUNDAY MATERIALS!





Bulletin Insert: Hope For Life is our 2018 Life Sunday theme. Item LFL211BI. \$0.10 ea.



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On CD above and available to download from our website (reproducible) ...

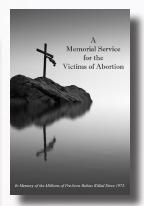
Bulletin Inserts: Hope For Life (English and Spanish); Just For Kids, a new fourpage insert for kids with Scripture, word search, and coloring pages

Bible Study: Hope For Life by Rev. Michael W. Salemink

Worship Service Format: Hope For Life

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A Memorial Service for the Pre-born Killed Since 1973

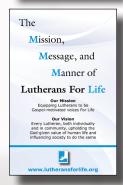
 Best suited as a separate service apart from Sunday morning worship—perhaps on the eve of Sanctity of Human Life Sunday. Item LFL1830. \$0.50 ea. (Also on the CD.)

Membership Form/ Informational Insert



Become a Gospelmotivated 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!



LFL's Mission, Message, and Manner - There are a few misconceptions about Lutherans For Life out there! This booklet is designed to help people understand the unique role LFL has in the life-affirming community and consider LFL's 3Ms: Mission, Message, and Manner. Item LFL1614. \$0.50 ea.

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General speaker guidelines (may vary by individual):

- Airfare/Mileage: Actual airfare and/or current standard IRS mileage rate to airport or event
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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 national office or email info@lutheransforlife.org.

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LFL has 11 State Federations, 96 Life Chapters, 110 Life Ministry Coordinators, and 58 Life Teams in the US.

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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The Basics of Lutherans For Life

Our Mission: Equipping Lutherans to be Gospelmotivated 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

