

News and Notes



- **WELCOME OUR NEW MISSION & MINISTRY DIRECTOR!** Rachel Geraci began serving as mission and ministry director of Lutherans For Life in January of 2018. She received a Bachelor of Science in Nursing from Indiana University in 2011 and a Masters of Arts in Diaconess Studies from Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, Indiana, in 2017. Before joining the national staff of Lutherans For Life, Rachel worked as a registered nurse in an emergency department in Cincinnati, Ohio, as well as the diaconess intern at Village Lutheran Church in Ladue, Missouri. She currently resides in Seymour, Indiana, where her husband, Coleman, is serving as vicar at Immanuel Lutheran Church.
- **CHECK OUT THE NEW WORD OF HOPE WEBSITE:** www.word-of-hope.org
- **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)
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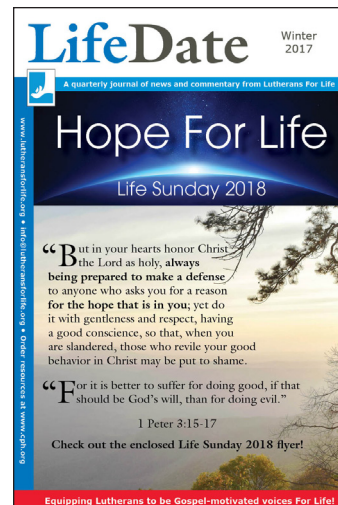
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- **Please note that we have a Facebook group for Life Chapters, Life Teams, and LMCs:** www.facebook.com/groups/teampageLFL/. The group includes an idea exchange and is a place to connect with other Frontline volunteers.



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- **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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- **Lutherans For Life Frontlines:** LFL has 11 State Federations, 96 local Life Chapters, 110 Life Ministry Coordinators, and 58 Life Teams in the US.



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Company or a Crowd: A Bible Study

Poverty remains a perennial problem. Despite dramatic advances in agriculture, manufacturing, transportation, and communication, some people still do not have access to what they need for survival. Hunger and homelessness afflict too many among us. This ought to concern us all, especially Christians called to love our neighbors in need.

Can the world's resources support so many bodies? Should we encourage couples to procreate fewer children? Many contemporary environmentalists lay the blame for deforestation, fossil-fuel depletion, animal-species extinction, and climate change at the feet of unrestrained human fertility. They insist that lest we selfishly elevate our own desires over the welfare of future generations, we must all take responsibility for limiting childbirths – including via abortions.

God adopts a different perspective.

1. How many of us did the Creator envision occupying the earth? (Genesis 1:28, Genesis 15:5-6)
2. How does He feel about large families and abundant offspring? (Psalm 127:3-5, Mark 10:13-14)
3. How would He have us procure sustenance sufficient for all? (Psalm 145:15-16, Matthew 7:7-11)
4. What assurance does He give that enough will be available? (Romans 8:32, Matthew 6:26-32)
5. Why do some people not have enough? (Mark 7:20-22, 1 Timothy 6:8-10)
6. What makes abortion an unsuitable solution to “overpopulation”?
7. How does our Lord invite us to address apparent scarcity? (John 19:26-27, 1 Corinthians 12:22-26, Ecclesiastes 4:9-12, Luke 3:11)
8. What if we fail? (Exodus 16:14-15, Matthew 14:17-21)
9. What blessed opportunity do we receive from every neighbor in need? (Matthew 25:40)

Compassion requires arranging daily bread for those who suffer in these circumstances before engaging them in debates. But For Life author Randy Alcorn maintains that “we can say with certainty that every method to alleviate poverty requires one primary ingredient: community.” Added to firm faith in the promises and blessings of our Heavenly Father, it makes the more the merrier!



Motivation for the Day

(Source: www.redeemercllc.info/ministries)

1 John 4:19: We love because he first loved us.

Are you feeling motivated today, or maybe not so much? It makes a difference in your whole outlook. If you're motivated, you have a purpose and goal in mind. Chances are, you'll get a lot done. You'll make good use of your time. You'll see the day as worthwhile.

But where do you find that motivation? Money may motivate a person to put in 40 hours at the job. Fear of a fine might motivate a driver to stay within the speed limit on the freeway. A holiday trip could motivate us to catch up on household chores before the weekend. But what if those motivations lose their effectiveness? Have you ever found yourself asking, "So what? What difference does it make?" Many people at one time or another feel a profound lack of motivation, because they don't see any real meaning and significance to their time on earth.

When you need motivation to get out of bed and get going, think of what motivated Jesus. Why did He become man and live here on earth? Why did He put up with a very plain kind of life without all the luxuries we take for granted? Why did He endure the persecution of His enemies and finally even allow them to crucify Him when He could have summoned legions of angels to defend Himself? It wasn't money, possessions, prestige, power, or any other personal advantage. His motive was pure love. **"Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God"** (Ephesians 5:2).

Need motivation and purpose? Look to Christ's incredible love for you. By faith the Spirit has planted that love in your heart and given you the joy of forgiveness and the certainty of eternal life. Because of His love, you have a purpose and goal. **"Walk in love,"** Paul urges (Ephesians 5:2a). **"We love because he first loved us"** (1 John 4:19).

Whether at work or school, enjoying a long weekend with friends, or just taking care of things at home, there will always be opportunities to put Jesus' love into practice in forgiveness, kindness, helpfulness, and patience. That makes every day worthwhile.



Opportunities!

(Source: www.redeemercllc.info/ministries)

The third chapter of Acts continues to follow the ministry of Peter and John through Jerusalem. In this chapter we find them on the steps of the temple at the hour of prayer. They heal a man who had been lame from the time he was in his mother's womb. This healing leads to another opportunity for Peter to preach a bold Law and Gospel sermon ... With all that happens in chapter three, our mission focus for our devotion today is "opportunities."

Consider just the first few verses of chapter three: **"Now Peter and John went up together to the temple at the hour of prayer, the ninth hour. And a certain man lame from his mother's womb was carried, whom they laid daily at the gate of the temple which is called Beautiful, to ask alms from those who entered the temple; who, seeing Peter and John about to go into the temple, asked for alms. And fixing his eyes on him, with John, Peter said, 'Look at us.' So he gave them his attention, expecting to receive something from them"** (Acts 3:1-5 NKJV).

Oftentimes I think we, as ambassadors for Christ, feel pressure to create opportunities to tell others about Jesus. The fact of the matter is that there are opportunities all around us. Consider Peter and John in this account. They were not on their way to the temple to evangelize, and yet the Lord provided an opportunity to do just that. The opportunity came from someone who was looking for something other than the Gospel. What he received was far greater than the alms he was seeking. He received healing, and even greater than that, he received the Gospel!

This opportunity then led to another opportunity as the man who had been healed clung to them and a crowd gathered. The opportunity to share the Gospel with one person led to an opportunity to share God's saving Word with a large group! And Peter, we're told, seized the opportunity to preach another bold Law and Gospel sermon to the crowd.

"Now as the lame man who was healed held on to Peter and John, all the people ran together to them in the porch which is called Solomon's, greatly amazed. So when Peter saw it, he responded to the people ..." (Acts 3:11-12a NKJV).

Again, it doesn't seem that Peter and John were out creating opportunities to share God's Word, but the Lord opened a door they didn't necessarily expect. How great is that—knowing that God will provide opportunities for us to proclaim the Good News even when we don't expect it!

The opportunities are all around us. Let's pray that the Lord will give us eyes of faith to see these opportunities along with wisdom and courage to seize every one of them for His glory and for the sake of souls that are lost and dying.



Forty Days of Prayer for LIFE

by Karen Hoerauf, president of Loving Arms LFL, Macomb, Michigan

Beginning on Ash Wednesday, read a Psalm each day, focusing on the listed verse, along with a prayer regarding LIFE issues. May God bless the prayers of His people as we come before His throne of grace.

Psalm 1:1-2: "Blessed is the man ... his delight is in the law of the Lord." *Empower those at all levels of government to follow God's ways to uphold the sanctity of marriage and stand against abortion.*

Psalm 2:12b: "Blessed are all who take refuge in him." *Support weary parents who tirelessly care for their children with special needs.*

Psalm 3:5: "I lay down and slept; I woke again, for the Lord sustained me." *Bless those who are chronically ill, whose situation leaves them feeling hopeless.*

Psalm 4:1a: "Answer me when I call, O God of my righteousness! You have given me relief when I was in distress." *Comfort those who mourn the loss of their unborn child due to miscarriage or stillbirth.*

Psalm 5:8a: "Lead me, O Lord, in your righteousness." *Guide couples to wait until marriage to live together.*

Psalm 6:9: "The Lord has heard my plea; the Lord accepts my prayer." *Give health and stamina to those who care for needy family members.*

Psalm 7:1a: "O Lord my God, in you do I take refuge." *Give pastors boldness in speaking on LIFE issues.*

Psalm 8:2: "Out of the mouth of babies and infants, you have established strength." *Preserve the life and health of infants still within the womb.*

Psalm 9:9: "The Lord is a stronghold for the oppressed, a stronghold in times of trouble." *Change the hearts of those considering abortion.*

Psalm 10:12: "Arise, O Lord; O God, lift up your hand; forget not the afflicted." *Use our hands to be of help to parents of children with challenges.*

Psalm 11:7: "For the Lord is righteous; he loves righteous deeds; the upright shall behold his face." *Give our young men a vision of what it is to be a godly, upright, respectful man of God.*

Psalm 12:6a: "The words of the Lord are pure words." *Give our young women a vision of chastity and purity.*



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Psalms 13:5: “I have trusted in your steadfast love.” *Bless single adults that they may find joy in the family of God’s people.*

Psalms 14:5b: “For God is with the generation of the righteous.” *Bless all married couples that they would live in faithfulness.*

Psalms 15:4b: “[H]onor those who fear the Lord.” *Bless all doctors and nurses who seek ways to preserve life.*

Psalms 16:11a: “You make known to me the path of life.” *Guide those who are foster parents and adoptive parents as they lead their children to know their Heavenly Father who has always loved them.*

Psalms 17:8: “Keep me as the apple of your eye; hide me in the shadow of your wings.” *Bless those who work at pregnancy centers, providing love and hope to those seeking alternatives to abortion.*

Psalms 18:28: “For it is you who light my lamp; the Lord my God lightens my darkness.” *Show us the light of Your free salvation during hours of sleepless nights due to worries and guilt.*

Psalms 19:9b: “The rules of the Lord are true, and righteous altogether.” *Lead our U.S. president and Supreme Court justices to be LIFE advocates.*

Psalms 20:4: “May he grant you your heart’s desire and fulfill all your plans!” *Bless all married couples who rightly view children as a gift of God.*

Psalms 21:13b: “We will sing and praise your power.” *Bless the parents to whom Baptism in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit is a priority for their newborn child.*

Psalms 22:10b: “[F]rom my mother’s womb you have been my God.” *Affirm to all believers that LIFE begins at conception.*

Psalms 23:6b: “I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.” *Give patience to those in hospice care, that they would wait for God’s timing to call them home to heaven.*

Psalms 24:1a: “The earth is the Lord’s and the fullness thereof.” *Give mothers and fathers confidence in God’s goodness when they are told their unborn child may have serious health problems.*

Psalms 25:7a: “Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions.” *Assure those who have aborted a child that you have forgiven them because of the suffering and death of our sinless Savior, Jesus.*

Psalms 26:3b: “I walk in your faithfulness.” *Bless the nurses who love and care for babies born early or with serious complications.*



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Psalm 27:10: “For my father and my mother have forsaken me, but the Lord will take me in.” *Guide foster parents as they show love and care which their foster children may not have experienced before.*

Psalm 28:9a: “[S]ave your people and bless your heritage.” *Guide congregations to be sensitive to, and make provisions for, the needs of those with physical limitations.*

Psalm 29:11a: “May the Lord give strength to his people.” *Strengthen the faith of the homebound or shut-in with the broadcasts of the true Gospel message, like that of The Lutheran Hour.*

Psalm 30:2: “O Lord my God, I cried to you for help, and you have healed me.” *Help us see that God is the ultimate healer. Jesus has removed our worst disease—sin and its punishment.*

Psalm 31:15a: “My times are in your hand.” *Grant that children and grandchildren would treat their elders and all aged people with respect.*

Psalm 32:10b: “[S]teadfast love surrounds the one who trusts in the Lord.” *Bless the caregivers of the elderly who must assist with the most lowly and basic of their needs.*

Psalm 33:8: “Let all the earth fear the Lord; let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him.” *Help siblings of children with disabilities to be compassionate, patient, and understanding.*

Psalm 34:18: “The Lord is near to the brokenhearted and saves the crushed in spirit.” *Give Your hope, comfort, and everlasting love to couples dealing with infertility.*

Psalm 35:22b: “O Lord, be not far from me!” *Give Your assurance of forgiveness through the blood of Jesus to all who mourn over their sins.*

Psalm 36:9: “For with you is the fountain of life.” *Help older siblings to joyfully accept a new baby into their family as another of God’s gifts to them.*

Psalm 37:7: “Be still before the Lord and wait patiently for him.” *Be with those whose lives have suddenly changed due to a dire medical diagnosis. May they trust in You and wait patiently for Your timing.*

Psalm 38:22: “Make haste to help me, O Lord, my salvation.” *Send Christian friends to those hurting.*

Psalm 39:12b: “I am a sojourner with you, a guest, like all my fathers.” *Remind all who love You, O Lord, that we are pilgrims here on earth. Our real home is in heaven with You.*

Psalm 40:16: “[M]ay all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you; may those who love your salvation say continually, ‘Great is the Lord!’” *Bless our pastors as they faithfully minister to the many needs of Your flock whom You have entrusted to their care.*





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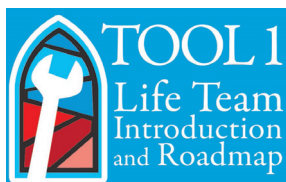
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Owen's Mission

**"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 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 encouraging your Lutheran elementary or high school to have an Owen's Mission presentation! Call 888.364.LIFE (5433) or email info@lutheransforlife.org.

Life Sunday Resources for 2018

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Hope 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.

“For 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 **H**umanity even in suffering.
There’s still **O**ppportunity in uncertainty.
There’s **P**romise even in weakness.
There’s still **E**njoyment 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 **L**ife, there is God’s grace and Christ’s compassion.

There’s **H**OPE for us.
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God never gives up,
and neither do His people.
There’s **H**OPE in this.



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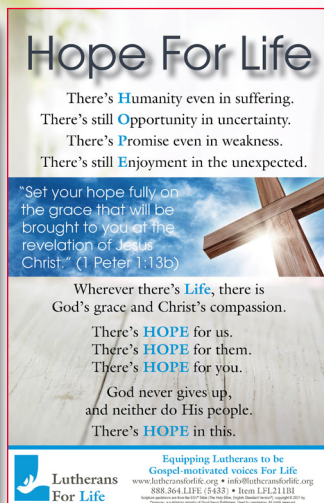
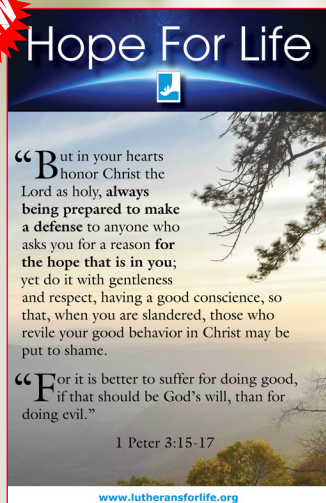
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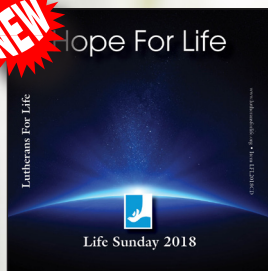
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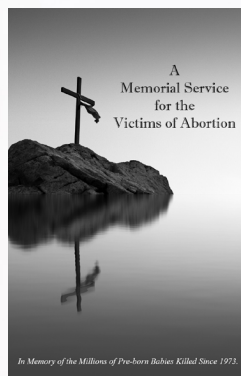
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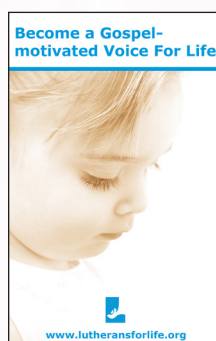
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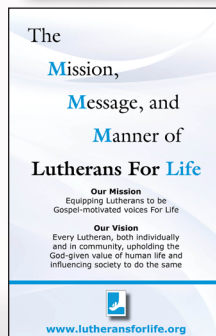


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Do you need a speaker? Lutherans For Life will work with you to help meet your needs for a speaker at a rally, convention, Bible study, worship service, public or parochial school, college/university, or workshop/seminar. A variety of formats are available.

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- 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.

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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.

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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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-abortion-in-america-since-roe-v-wade-in-1973

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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

