

News and Notes

- **ANNUAL ACTIVITY REPORT FORMS DUE**

Have you submitted your 2017 Annual Activity Report Form yet? To be considered an *active* entity of Lutherans For Life, all Life Chapters, Life Teams, and Life Ministry Coordinators must submit an Annual Activity Report at least every two years. These forms were sent out in February and are now due. **If you need assistance** filling out your form or if you have misplaced it, please **contact** our mission and ministry director, **Rachel Geraci**, at 260.418.6196 or rgeraci@lutheransforlife.org. She would be happy to be of assistance! Also, if your address has recently changed, please notify the national office at 515.382.2077 to make sure we send any future mailings to the correct address.

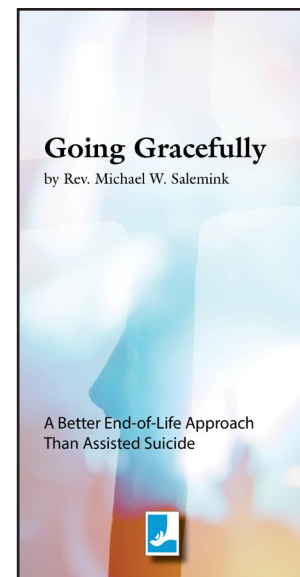
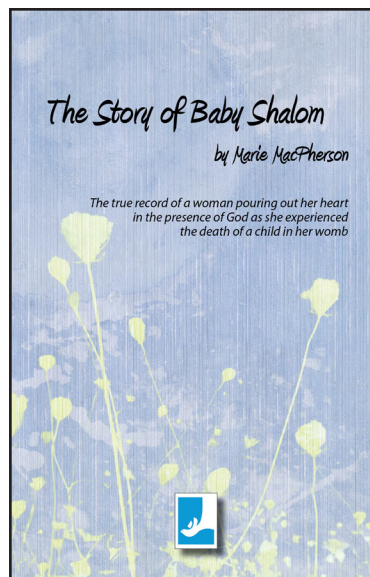
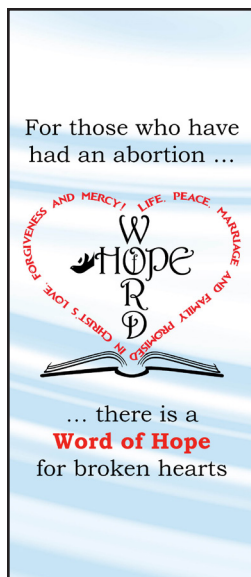
- **CHECK OUT THE WORD OF HOPE WEBSITE: www.word-of-hope.org**

- **NEW RESOURCES:**

Updated “Word of Hope” brochure (www.cph.org/p-17660-word-of-hope.aspx)

The Story of Baby Shalom booklet by Marie MacPherson (www.cph.org/p-32735-the-story-of-baby-shalom.aspx)

Going Gracefully – A Better End-of-Life Approach Than Assisted Suicide by Rev. Michael W. Salemink (www.cph.org/p-32743-going-gracefully-a-better-end-of-life-approach-than-assisted-suicide.aspx)



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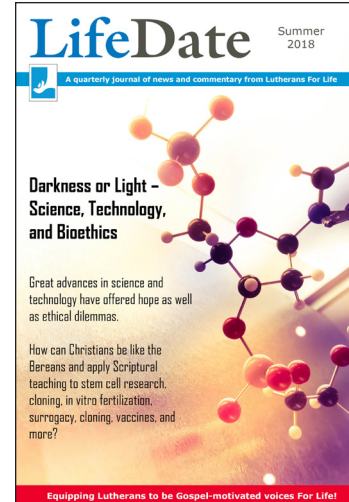
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Also see:

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.
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Even Absalom: A Bible Study

God's grace borders on foolish. Our Lord's love bends toward crazy. The sower wastes at least three-fourths of his seed supply. A landowner liquidates his family's entire estate to fund his son's wanderlust.

Human beings do not present a sound investment for the Heavenly Father. Sinners skew the odds astronomically against One who doesn't even need us. His reckless obsession lands Him up to His neck in steep costs and high risks.

But no other celebration, no other delightful pandemonium compares to the slot-machine jackpot joy of when He wins back the heart and the eternity of one of us. Indeed, He devotes the whole Old Testament to finger-painting the magnificent frenzy in brilliant patchworks like David and Absalom.

1. How would you describe Absalom (2 Samuel 13:28-29; 14:25-26, 30; 15:13-14; 16:22)?
2. What motivated him? How did he try to use death as a solution (2 Samuel 13:20-22)?
3. What was the ultimate outcome of his actions (2 Samuel 18:14-17)?
4. How did his father David treat him (2 Samuel 13:39, 14:33, 18:5, 18:33)?
5. What motivated David (Acts 13:22; 1 Samuel 16:6, 12-13; 2 Samuel 12:13)?
6. What do abortion's and assisted suicide's advocates and participants have in common with Absalom?
7. What do we have in common with Absalom (Ephesians 2:1-3)?
8. What does our Lord's grace have in common with David (Matthew 23:37, Matthew 18:14, 1 Timothy 2:4)? How does He treat embryos, elderly persons, and all humankind?
9. What hope and motivation does this give to our life-affirming message (1 Timothy 1:15-16, 1 Corinthians 1:26-31)?
10. What can we learn about how to approach these issues and individuals from David?



Pregnancy and Infant Loss Walk

by Velda Bartel of Faith Lutheran Church, Pierre, South Dakota

Faith Lutheran Church's Life Team (FLT) of Pierre, South Dakota, held its first Pregnancy and Infant Loss Walk on Sunday, October 22, 2017. The purpose of the walk was to observe National Pregnancy and Infant Loss month and to bring awareness and comfort to parents, families, and friends grieving the loss of a child. We gathered in the parking lot of Avera St Mary's Hospital in Pierre and began our walk, ending at Faith Lutheran Church, a 1.5-mile walk.

The local Thrivent Financial Services office provided funding for the walk which helped to pay for printing costs, water for the participants, and refreshments at the church following the walk. An FLT member applied for these funds. A short program was held at the end of the walk by Pastor Rajek.

The local newspaper helped with a public service announcement, notices were placed in the church bulletin, and live announcements were made during church services to help with attendance. In addition, posters were placed in churches throughout the community in key locations at the hospital, pharmacy, local medical clinics, local grocery stores, and restaurants. Labels were provided to the participants to be used as name tags, and they were encouraged to declare whom they were walking for if they chose to do so.

Along with the posters, a vinyl banner was also made by a local printing company using the Thrivent funds. This banner can be reused annually. The banner is approximately 3' x 4' with a wooden dowel through the top. Two individuals volunteered to hold the banner as we walked to the church. Two of the FLT members printed the walk title and logo (designed by one of the team members) onto labels that were placed on all of the water bottles used during the walk. One of the FLT members contacted local law enforcement beforehand to let them know what we planned to do and when. An FLT member also was in contact with the hospital to ensure starting from their parking lot would not be a problem.

FLT was pleased with the response from the community and plans on having a second annual walk in the fall. The local paper printed a beautiful story on the front page the day after the walk:

Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness Walk is October 22

by Capital Journal staff, October 20, 2017

A Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness Walk will be held on Sunday, October 22, at 2:00 pm, beginning at Avera St. Mary's Hospital. The 1.5-mile walk, which is open to the public, will end at Faith Lutheran Church. The purpose of the walk is to bring awareness of the number of children who are lost each year to miscarriage, stillbirth, and infant mortality and to bring comfort to those who are grieving such a loss. No registration is required, and participants are encouraged to wear or carry a remembrance of their lost child. A short program will follow at the church. Refreshments and rides back to the hospital will be provided. The



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walk is sponsored by the Faith Lutheran Life Team with funding by Thrivent Financial Services. For more information, contact Margaret Baumann at 220-1816 or Vona Johnson at 280-7565.

Group walks to raise awareness, comfort those who have lost a child

by Dave Askins (Dave.Askins@capjournal.com)

- A path along Pierre sidewalks from Avera St. Mary's Hospital to Faith Lutheran Church on North Euclid Avenue was traced Sunday afternoon by 29 residents remembering a child lost early in pregnancy or through stillbirth.
- October was proclaimed Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness Month in 1988 by President Ronald Reagan. Local efforts to raise awareness of early pregnancy loss and stillbirth have taken the form of vigils for the last two years, according to a co-organizer of Sunday's walk, Margaret Baumann. This is the first year the Faith Lutheran Life Team has organized a walk.
- Besides raising awareness, a purpose of the walk was to provide comfort to those grieving the loss of a child. When the group arrived at the church, in the fellowship hall Pastor Cory Rajek offered some words to support them, including spiritual reflection. He also shared his own loss with the group. "Not a March 26 goes by without me thinking about the child that we lost," he said.



Sunday afternoon 29 people walked a mile and a half from Avera St. Mary's Hospital to Faith Lutheran Church to raise awareness of pregnancy and infant loss. Here the group is headed northwest on Capitol Avenue past Capitol Lake. (Dave Askins/Capital Journal)



Day of Remembrance, Vigil of Repentance – 9/8/18

by Jude Donovan, President, Lutherans For Life Denver (heyjude264@aol.com)

For the last few years, LFL Denver, our metro chapter, has sponsored a Prayer Vigil of Remembrance on the second Saturday of September. LCMS President Matthew Harrison first brought this event to our attention that we might remember, honor, and repent on behalf of the victims of abortion: the preborn, their parents, their siblings, the extended families, and the communities. We have chosen to hold this in Ascension Lutheran Church, Littleton, Colorado, which hosts our chapter activities. We invite pastors and congregations that are involved with LFL in the greater Denver area. We have asked a different pastor to offer the message each year.

The vigil begins at 1:00 p.m. in the sanctuary and follows the worship service bulletin provided by the LCMS as found in the links below. The service includes several hymns, such as “Jesus Loves Me” and “I Am Jesus’ Little Lamb,” specific responsive prayers, a pastoral message, a Candlelight Litany of Remembrance, and Scripture readings.

LFL has a display of materials, Touch of Life models, and pro-life message balloons from Heritage House in the narthex. After the service, many people come to the display for words of comfort, words of hope, and to share their stories. Many of the women tell of miscarriages, infertility, stillborn infants, adoption, and other similar topics. They hold the fetal models and speak of the size of the child they never held, who was miscarried at 12 weeks, or if a woman is pregnant, she lifts the model closest to her gestation and shows her children or husband the size of their coming baby at that time.

We are honored and blessed to offer and participate in this peaceful and tender vigil. This year it will be on September 8, 2018.

May your life-affirming ministry efforts be fruitful and fulfilling!

Links:

A Vigil of Repentance in Remembrance of the Victims of Abortion: <https://tinyurl.com/y6v8ezqs>

A Sermon in Memory of the Victims of Abortion: <https://tinyurl.com/yambd362>

National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children: <http://abortionmemorials.com/>



The Difference of One

(Source: www.redeemerclc.info/ministries)

“God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ not counting men’s sins against them”
(2 Corinthians 5:19).

Can one person make a real difference? What’s one person among hundreds in your neighborhood or millions in our nation or billions in the world? Yet how many times has one individual made a difference in your life? One competent, caring customer service rep can make your day by taking the time to listen to your problem and then resolving it, rather than just transferring your call to someone else. It doesn’t take the entire hospital staff, just one insightful doctor who diagnoses and successfully treats your illness to get you back on your feet. One smile from a stranger in the checkout line can boost your spirits for the rest of the day.

But no one makes a bigger difference in anyone’s life than Jesus. He loves all people. He came to be the Savior of all. His perfect life is credited to the account of every sinner, no matter what their age, income level, nationality, or lifestyle. His blood shed on the cross settles the debt every one of us owed to God because of our guilt inherited from Adam and compounded daily by our own sins. He did it all! **“God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ not counting men’s sins against them”** (2 Corinthians 5:19). **“There is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus”** (Romans 8:1). Salvation is a done deal. It is not just a possibility or a potential. It is an accomplished fact. **“Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved”** (Mark 16:16). **“Be reconciled to God”** (2 Corinthians 5:20).

How tragic when that free gift of God’s grace is rejected in unbelief. No one is ever lost because their sins are not paid for and forgiven but only because they refuse what Jesus has already won for them. Thank God that the Spirit has called you by the Gospel and worked faith in the one Savior in your heart. For no one can say Jesus is Lord but by the Holy Spirit. Let’s also pray that the Spirit will continue to call many more through the news of Christ crucified.

One person can make all the difference. How can you be the difference in someone’s life today? To whom can you show the kindness and love of Christ through a smile, an encouraging word, or just by listening? With whom can you share the news of forgiveness for every sin and the Lord’s care and help for every situation in life? Lord, help each of us make a difference for You!



The Question of Suffering

(Source: www.redeemerclc.info/ministries)

“Be joyful always; pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances” (1 Thessalonians 5:16-18).

Did you have a good week? Was work rewarding, school fulfilling, and family pure joy? Did you feel great, accomplish everything you wanted to, and cruise through every intersection on a green light? Probably not. None of us experiences a perfect day, let alone a week without problems. And maybe in your case, the problems were not just minor annoyances but major disruptions to your life and peace of mind.

The question people have often asked and wondered about throughout the ages is, “Why the suffering?” Is suffering nothing more than a random circumstance of life in the world? Are those who experience fewer troubles just luckier than others? Or is there more to it? Conscience warns that we are not good people. We have said and done things we should not have done. Reason concludes that suffering must be punishment for our wrongs. But then why do seemingly very “good” people at times suffer while the evil prosper?

Jesus explains what we could never figure out on our own. In reference to a tragic accident in Jerusalem, He said, **“Or those eighteen who died when the tower in Siloam fell on them--do you think they were more guilty than all the others living in Jerusalem? I tell you, no! But unless you repent, you too will all perish”** (Luke 13:4-5).

The troubles of life are not punishments for our sins. If they were, we would experience far worse here on earth, only to suffer eternal death in hell afterwards ... We have been drawn over and over again to the cross where Jesus endured the punishment for the sin of all people. **“Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus”** (Romans 8:1).

Then why the suffering? As Jesus says, it is a reminder of sin and its seriousness. It is a call to recognize and confess that we, too, are guilty, and to come to the Lord for forgiveness. He graciously gives us the peace of forgiveness. Then we know all is well between us and Him. Then we know that He will give us the strength we need and make the difficulties of the day serve for our eternal good. Then we have reason to do what Paul says: **“Be joyful always; pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances”** (1 Thessalonians 5:16-18). Then every week will be a good week!



A Grandson's Poem

by Jerry Crew

A mother,
A father,
A night of passion,
Called a mistake.
Never should have happened.

The child just forming,
Its body growing, developing.
Oh, what a beautiful thing!
The future for her, nobody knows.
Just a blank book waiting to be written.

A trip to the doctor,
The end of a life.
This baby, never had a chance to live,
A beginning ended.
The book, never written.
All because it's the mother's choice to "erase" a mistake!

(This poem was written by Austin Crew in 2016 and posted on the LFL website, January 12, 2018.)

Austin is my grandson. Austin suffered sudden cardiac arrest on October 13, 2017, as he was leaving the field after watching his school upset their arch rivals in football. The events following his collapse were truly "awe-inspiring," showing the hand of God throughout his (and our) ordeal!

To the secular world, Austin was "lucky"! Lucky a nurse well-versed in CPR was standing nearby and started the procedure immediately. Lucky the ambulance was only two minutes away and the life-saving procedures restarted his heart. Lucky his best buddy had the wherewithal to immediately recognize the situation, call 911, and then call Austin's parents, keeping an open line as they sped to the scene. Luck?

Austin was stabilized on the scene and transported to the local hospital where the decision, with the blessing of his parents who had just arrived, was made to life flight him to Children's Hospital in Sioux Falls. After a day of struggling with a collapsed lung, he was once again stabilized for another life flight to the brand new, world-acclaimed Children's Hospital in Iowa City, Iowa, where it was determined he suffered from left ventricular non-compaction cardiomyopathy, which is a genetic disease.

Subsequent genetic testing of the family indicated his father (my son) was the carrier, and they also detected an abnormality in the heart rhythm of a sister. We were told it was unrelated—hard



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to believe—but was corrected with an ablation procedure. Austin received a defibrillator implant and returned home exactly one week after the ordeal.

What was, and is, the most amazing aspect was the minimal impact on Austin's life. Of course, he was upset he couldn't drive for three months and had limited physical activity, but now he's driving again and can't wait for spring and tennis season. To most, this would have been a life-changer, but he shrugged it off and wanted no special attention.

I asked him if he was scared. I will never forget his answer. "Grandpa! I don't remember anything the first few days. Was I scared? Not really." Why? "Well, I was already getting better but wouldn't have worried because even if I died, I know I'm going to heaven!" What an answer! I was pleasantly surprised at his answer, but shouldn't have been! The insight of this kid with his poem on abortion showed a maturity and wisdom many of us never achieve in our lifetime.

His Christian foundation came from his parents who, in addition to church and Sunday School, sent Austin and his siblings to Iowa Great Lakes Lutheran School (K-6)—willing to undergo financial hardship despite the "free" tuition of the public school system. They wanted their children trained in the "nurture and admonition" of God—and public schools have lost God!

As proof of the impact his Lutheran schooling had on Austin, his mother told the story of when he, after the first few days in the public school, told her he had met a new friend but was concerned that he didn't believe in Jesus. "Mom, I told him if he didn't believe in Jesus, he was going to hell!" From the mouth of babes ...

Jerry Crew is a member of First English Lutheran Church in Spencer, Iowa.



“All You Care About Is the Unborn”

by Paul Morrison

“All you care about is the unborn.” These words are heard far too often regarding we who are actively involved in protecting the sanctity of human life. But frequently, the same community organization that assists pregnant women and expectant fathers during the months before birth is also a one-stop shop for that which helps care for a baby post-birth.

Here in Fort Wayne, we have A Hope Center. This organization is one of many Care Net affiliates (www.care-net.org/find-a-pregnancy-center) who provide limited free pregnancy services as well as support services for after the baby is born. In the “Earn While You Learn” program, the mother receives pregnancy counseling while the soon-to-be father receives family leadership and parenting skills, all of which add up to credits for use toward the purchase of everything a baby needs.

You can be of special assistance to the newborn baby’s family with your donation! Easily organized by one person, it begins by contacting your local pregnancy center for a list of the simple baby items that it needs most. This information would then be published in a weekly bulletin or the monthly church announcements, encouraging members to grab something when doing their normal grocery shopping.

Small items are easiest, such as soap or lotion, socks or hats, and books. (I encourage fathers to read to their newborns.) Diapers are, of course, always much in need. Then find a convenient location in your church to drop off these donations, like a large box (a bassinet is one creative idea) near the entrance to the sanctuary for a quick drop-off while walking in on Sunday morning. Kids love doing this!



This year, our congregation will collect items every Sunday beginning in July, and the gifts will then all be given during a “Baby Shower” presentation to a representative of A Hope Center on Labor Day Sunday! It is amazing how by giving a few simple items, we can demonstrate Christ’s love that begins at conception and extends to the new baby after he enters the world.

Paul Morrison is a Certified Life Team Leader, an advocate at A Hope Center, the “Diapers Out the Door” project manager at St. Paul’s Lutheran Church, and a former member of the board for the Urban Outreach Task Force. Paul is currently employed by Susan B. Anthony List. He will graduate from Concordia Theological Seminary in May 2018 with a Master of Divinity Degree.





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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.

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- 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.
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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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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

