

News and Notes

- *Mark your calendars ...*
**2018 Lutherans For Life
National Conference**
St. Louis, Missouri
October 12-13

**From Age to
Age the Same**
www.lutheransforlife.org/conference
Online Registration is Open!



“... I am he, and
to gray hairs I
will carry you. I
have made, and
I will bear; I
will carry and
will save.”
Isaiah 46:4

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You “have been borne by me from before your birth, carried from the womb; even to your old age I am he, and to gray hairs I will carry you. I have made, and I will bear; I will carry and will save.” (Isaiah 46:3b-4)

The national staff of Lutherans For Life is very excited as we finalize preparations for our 2018 national conference. We’re celebrating forty years of being Gospel-motivated voices For Life!

We especially hope we will see you there, as it is your fellowship that has made our joy complete and our mission effective for so long.

Find a bulletin insert to promote the conference in this edition of Directions!



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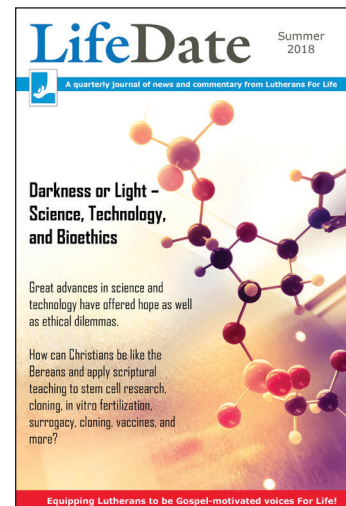
- **CHECK OUT THE WORD OF HOPE WEBSITE:** www.word-of-hope.org
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www.facebook.com/LutheransForLife
<https://twitter.com/ForLifers>
www.instagram.com/lfly4life/
www.facebook.com/groups/teampageLFL/
www.facebook.com/WordOfHopeHealingHearts/

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.
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September-October 2018

You Conduit: A Bible Study

Serving as voices For Life can get exhausting. Sometimes we feel like we have no more to give. We may fail to see any effects from our efforts and fear we're not making much of a difference. It's easy to resent those who don't volunteer as much or contribute the way we do. Does God still demand of us even while the well dries up? Is faith making bricks without straw or bread lacking flour and oil? How do we take care of others when we don't have enough for ourselves? Our Lord and Father has promises, not condemnations, for our shortages.

1. Which was more scarce when you were growing up: minutes or money?
2. Which is more difficult for you to give away (minutes or money)? Why?
3. What motivates you to serve: dread, delight, duty, or pity?
4. What joy (Philippians 2:13, Matthew 25:23, Luke 15:10) and hope (Philippians 1:6) do giving and serving bring us?
5. What purpose and privilege does the Lord God bestow upon our giving and serving (2 Corinthians 4:11-12, 1 Corinthians 9:22-23)?
6. What is a token? What is our giving and serving a token of (Romans 12:1, 1 Corinthians 6:19-20, Romans 14:8)?
7. What tokens does our Heavenly Father give us (Matthew 5:45, Matthew 6:31-33)? What are they tokens of (Titus 2:13-14)?
8. What if our resources run out (1 Corinthians 4:7, Romans 8:32, Luke 6:38)?
9. How does this grace and relationship make giving and serving a privilege and a thrill (Colossians 3:24, John 6:50-51)?



Bible Study Bonus: Jesus Gives the Bread of Life to Satisfy Our Every Need

(Source: wels.net worship helps for the Tenth Sunday after Pentecost—CWS Series B)

Christian congregations easily get distracted. Sometimes false teaching or overly strong opinions, and the resentment that can follow, destroy a church's unity. Congregations may get caught up in too many projects or programs that divert them from their divine purpose. Individuals can also get distracted seeking after the abundance of physical possessions or doubting that God will provide. Only Jesus can overcome such disasters. He gives us His Word, the Bread of Life, to satisfy our every need.

First Lesson: 2 Kings 4:42-44

1. What did the man from Baal-shalishah bring to the prophet Elisha?
2. Not only did those few loaves suffice for 100 men, but how did the miracle take place? (See the end of 4:44.)
3. What does this say about the willing offerings brought to the Lord?

Second Lesson: 2 Corinthians 9:8-11

4. When we give generously to the Lord and to the poor, we often fear we will have less. What, though, does God promise?
5. What is the righteous man like? (See 9:9.)
6. How does God promise to enrich us? How does He promise to enrich others through us?

Gospel: John 6:1-15

7. What concern did Jesus have for the great crowds who were following Him? What was Philip's response?
8. What was Jesus trying to teach the disciples by this incident?
9. Once Jesus fed the crowd miraculously, how did some wrongly react to Jesus's miracle?





An Adoption Initiative

by Glenda Kramer & Delores Desemone

Our St. Charles County Chapter of Lutherans For Life is made up of 13 area Lutheran churches. Each church has a contact who is given a copy of the minutes of our executive committee meetings so they will know what is taking place within our Life Chapter. They are encouraged to keep their pastors(s) and congregation informed as to what we are planning.

In 2012, we started thinking about doing a BIG project to supplement our regular annual activities. We eventually decided to raise money to help couples with the expenses involved in adopting a child. We settled on the **Baby Bottle Method** of raising money. We distributed baby bottles to each of the 13 churches affiliated with our Life Chapter, asking them to use the bottles to collect donations over the four-week timeframe we had set up for our fundraiser. All 13 congregations were receptive to this idea. There were many details involved in this process, including disseminating information to the churches, distributing bottles, and eventually gathering them all up again. It took many hands to keep it going for the four weeks. The response was so rewarding and way beyond our imagination!



Each church was encouraged to provide us with the names of couples in their church who are making adoption plans. We then encouraged those couples spiritually, financially, and emotionally. (Two of our board members have adopted children and have been through the process.)

As our board felt we did not want to have the responsibility of determining how much each couple who applied for funds should be given, we contacted LifeSong for Orphans and asked them to do background work on each couple applying for funds. Once LifeSong completed their work and recommended the funding amount for a couple, our board then made the final decision and approved funds to be released from our account with Lifesong. (Rich Metcalf from Lifesong is our contact. He is so helpful and very professional.)

We welcome any questions or requests for more information on our adoption initiative. You can email us at glendakramer@centurytel.net or ddeemone@gmail.com.



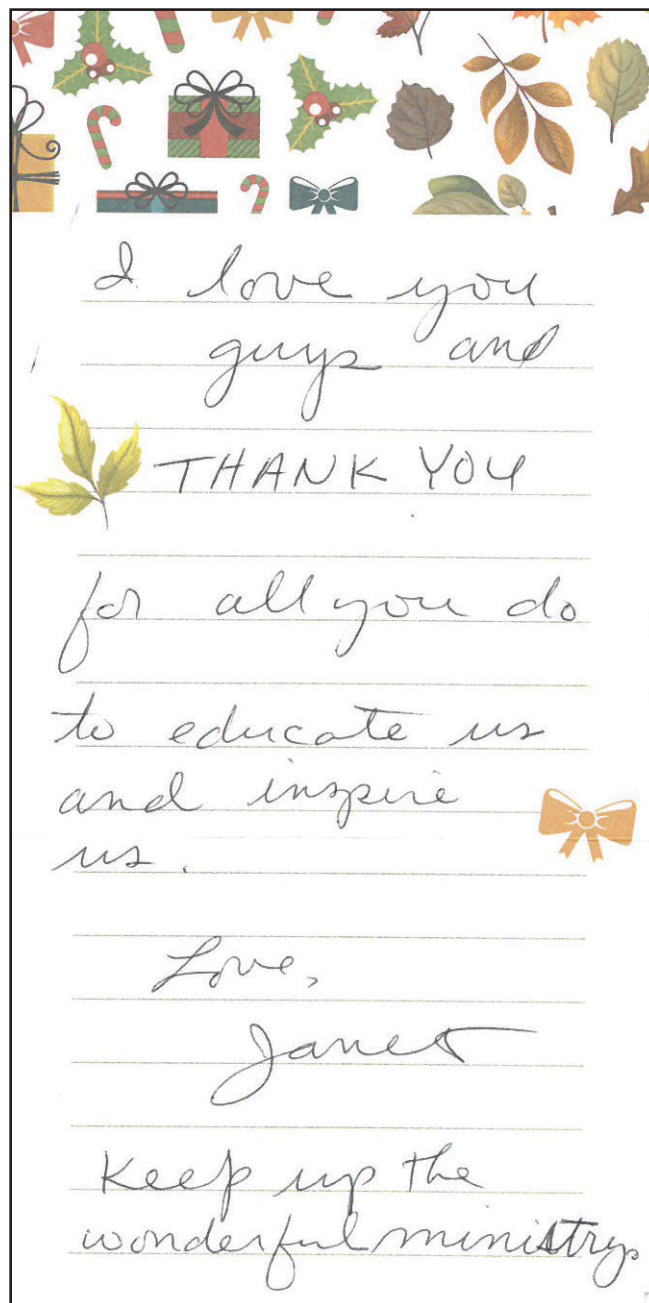
A Sweet Thank You

Here's a great story from Barbara Geistfeld, DVM, LFL Regional Director of Texas:

Lutherans For Life recently received a donation and a thank you note from Mrs. Janet Rudd, Memphis, Tennessee. It was such a sweet note that I got her permission to post it on our LFL Facebook page. Let me just say, Janet, that we appreciate you! The Rudds have been giving to LFL since 1991—that's 27 years of faithful support. And that's not all! Janet receives LifeDate and prays for the writers, the message, and that those hearing the message will believe the truth and act on it.

"I appreciate you all and pray for you and all that you are doing," she told me. She apologized because her gifts are not as large as they used to be. "We are retired now." Well, Janet, we know Jesus values the heart and the motive, not the numbers on the check. We value you as well. And we value every single one of our donors who give to us out of their hearts, not their bank account. Blessings to all in the name of the Lord we all serve.

www.lutheransforlife.org/give



And the Award Goes to ... Rev. Scott Licht

From Dr. Carol Fouse, Executive Director of Churches for Life (www.getintolife.org):

Each year, Churches for Life Staff and Board of Directors consider candidates for the Molbach Award for Life. This year, it was our privilege to select Rev. Scott Licht (national director of Lutherans For Life) as the 2017 Molbach Award for Life recipient. The award was given to Scott at the 2018 Life Summit in St. Louis.



Rev. Scott Licht was the perfect person to receive this award. He lives out the CFL vision—a life-affirming world resulting from a life-affirming church every day in his work at LFL. Scott's experience in the life arena provides a valuable foundation for his creative, forward thinking. He's always looking for ways to engage churches in life-affirming work. It has been a privilege to collaborate with Scott in developing materials and supporting the work of LFL.

Churches for Life established the Molbach Award for Life in 2011 in honor of a long-time mentor and friend to the ministry, Arne Molbach. It is given to an individual or couple that embodies its mission and core values. His counsel was formative in the early stages of the ministry and has helped clarify its core values:

- **Gospel.** We value the Gospel of Jesus Christ which compels Christians to serve with joy and gratitude.
- **Local Churches.** We focus on equipping local churches which God established to show redemption to the world.
- **Life.** We cherish human life at all stages because human beings are made in the image of God.
- **Relationships.** We value personal relationships and recognize that ministry flows out of relationships.
- **Balance of Grace and Truth.** We value sharing biblical truth in the context of grace.



How One Lutheran Ministry Is Standing for Life in Vietnam

by Pastor Bill Moberly

Losing the life of even one unborn child is one life too many—whether here in the US or Russia or in communist countries like China or Vietnam. After many years of ministry in the former Soviet Union as director of East European Mission Network (EEMN), I am now actively engaged in ministry in southeast Asia through ALWM and Vital Links. This summer my coworkers and I learned firsthand about the plight of the unborn in Vietnam—which was even more heartbreaking as we digested the statistics.

- About 40 percent of all pregnancies in Vietnam end in abortion, twice as many as the government's official records, said doctors from Hanoi's Central Obstetrics Hospital in a recent report.
- Every woman of reproductive age undergoes 2.5 abortions on average, according to the report.
- "Vietnam has one of the highest [abortion] rates in the world. It is just sad," said Dr. Nguyen Thi Ngoc Phuong, a seasoned obstetrician, at a recent workshop on contraception and reproductive health services.¹

When a young woman gets pregnant out of wedlock, she is likely to face harsh backlash from society and family. As a consequence, unmarried women often, tragically, choose abortion—many at public hospitals and many others at private clinics. In Ho Chi Minh City, Tu Du Hospital has reported that abortion numbers are continuing to rise and, at one point in recent years, the reported abortion ratio to live births at the hospital was 1:1.²

Our ministry in Vietnam—Vital Links for Humanity—is a medical/evangelism ministry based in Ho Chi Minh City. One key focus of our ministry over the years has been protecting life. What can one small ministry do in the face of these overwhelming numbers? Knowing each life is a precious gift of God, our staff physician began visiting the local obstetrics hospital in 2005 to speak with young pregnant women—urging them to choose life. Since that time, about 200 children have been rescued, with 20 of the babies left with the doctor and her husband to raise. Another volunteer has seen similar fruit!

Babies left with our staff marked the beginning of what we call our Gospel House Kids—more accurately Gospel Houses (plural)—with more than 40 children in four different residences. Each “home” has house parents who are the primary caregivers. In some cases, the mother stays on for a season of time, raising her baby if she is unable to go home after being rejected by family. We met one young woman in June who is doing just that! Local churches provide some food and clothing, with the parents living sacrificially to pay for basic needs. ALWM and Vital Links also provides funds for milk and staples as the Lord provides the funds for us.



Although they still speak regularly in churches and hospitals about protecting the unborn, our staff shared with me that their outreach has slowed because they have little space to house more children. We also heard a doctor's vision for a second home in her neighborhood to enable them to rescue more, as well as another project in her clinic and living quarters on the upper floors.



We visited our newest home, our fourth, which is in Dong Nai Province, at a church! The pastor, who also is a physician, and his congregation made two large dorm rooms which currently house 10 children. There are 10 more babies expected here by the end of 2018! They are out of space, so ALWM and Vital Links are seeking to raise the \$5,500 needed to build two additional dorm rooms and bathroom facilities.

As a small ministry with a large vision—and an even bigger God who is the Creator of life—we urgently need the prayers and partnership of people who will help us to stand in the gap and meet these special needs.

What an amazing opportunity to make a positive, tangible, life-changing impact in a communist country that was in our news daily a generation ago!

We also have a short-term mission trip in June 2019 that will include time ministering to our Gospel House kids! Will you join us in protecting the unborn (like the two pictured here) and in helping the children that the Lord has placed in one of our Gospel Kids' "houses"? We know that God's work done in God's way will never lack God's supply! Can you help us as we trust the Lord to provide the needed finances?

For more information about how you and your church, Life Chapter, Life Team, or State Federation can make a difference in Vietnam, please write me at vitallinks@alwm.org. Consider partnership with this life-changing ministry working year-round in the 10/40 Window—with 87 unreached people groups and with just 10% of the population being Christian.



^{1,2} <https://e.vnexpress.net/news/news/abortion-rate-in-vietnam-highest-in-asia-3476746.html>

About Bethesda Lutheran Communities

by Rev. Scott Licht, National Director of Lutherans For Life

In a world in which nations attempt to “cure” Down syndrome by aborting all of the children who MIGHT be affected, I would like to (re)introduce a wonderful ministry which might present your Life Team or Life Chapter with a new idea for ministry in your congregations and communities. Lutherans For Life and Bethesda Lutheran Communities have been partnering at conferences and in other projects because of our similar missions and the overlap of audience and communities we serve.

In case you don't know much about Bethesda Lutheran Communities, their Mission Statement tells it all:

Bethesda, with the support of caring, dedicated employees, donors and volunteers, provides people with intellectual and developmental disabilities with home, career, education and faith resources to live full and empowered lives.

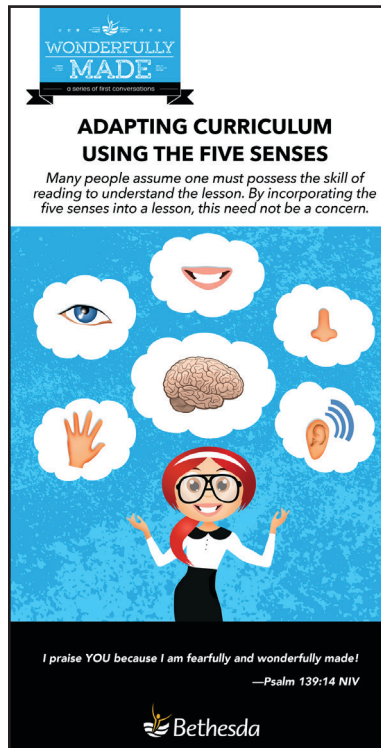
One unique way that Bethesda works is demonstrated by looking at 1 Corinthians 12. You know the chapter well, I'm sure. Paul begins by pointing out the various spiritual gifts with which different people are blessed. Then he describes us as being different members of the body of Christ. We aren't all hands or eyes or feet, but we all are necessary for the body to function correctly. Verse 22 is especially appropriate: **“On the contrary, the parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable”**

How many times do we think about people with disabilities and talk about “them” as if they were outside of “our” group? Do you ever talk about setting up special programs and ministering “to” “them”? When is the last time you considered ministry “WITH” “them”? God, through Paul's hand, is telling us that these parts of the body of Christ are not only PART of the body of Christ, but that they are INDISPENSABLE.

In our toxic humanistic society, let's take some time to demonstrate the love of Christ to ALL of our neighbors. Let's look at how accessible—physically, emotionally, and attitudinally—our churches and programs are. And then let's see what God does as we open up to using the gifts with which He has blessed ALL of us by making the parts of the body that SEEM to be weaker, truly indispensable.

To get things rolling, the president of each LFL State Federation and Life Chapter, as well as the leader from each Life Team, will receive in the mail a copy of three of Bethesda's “Wonderfully Made” introductory resources. Please take some time to look these over to see if there might be ways to implement some of the ideas in your congregation—or in your community at large. If you have any questions, we have a very helpful and experienced partner at Bethesda: **Mona Fuerstenau** (Mona.Fuerstenau@BethesdaLC.org or 360.624.3847).







Lutherans For Life • Life Team Tools Order Form 2018

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

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Ship to (if different):

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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

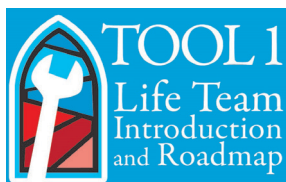
LFL Business Hours: Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. CST/CDT. Hours subject to change without notice.

SHIPPING

\$15

GRAND TOTAL

Are you purchasing this for a church? Please list name and address:



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 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.

Speakers Bureau

www.lutheransforlife.org/about/speakers-bureau-concerts-for-life

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

General speaker guidelines (may vary by individual):

- Airfare/Mileage: Actual airfare and/or current standard IRS mileage rate to airport or event
- Lodging: Quiet, nonsmoking hotel room
- Honorarium: Affiliated speakers for Lutherans For Life are not in a paid position. Therefore, we ask that sponsoring groups provide an honorarium for affiliated speakers. The sponsoring group determines the amount of the honorarium. Honorariums depend on number of events. Honorariums begin at \$200.
- Meals: \$25 per day unless other arrangements are made
- Other: A lectern will be needed. A TV, video projector, DVD player, and screen may be needed.

Speakers:

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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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Since Roe v. Wade in 1973: 60,069,971 abortions in America

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September-October 2018

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.)
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