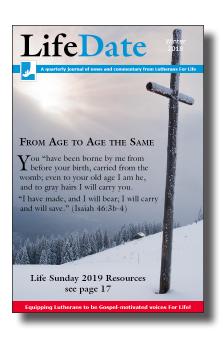
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- A reformatted edition of our classic "Abortion and the Message of the Church: Sin or Salvation" brochure is now available through Concordia Publishing House. In this resource, Dr. James Lamb shows that throughout history the Church has called abortion sin. Only recently have some started calling abortion salvation—a way out of a difficult situation (but it is not a way out). It only creates guilt and despair to which the Church must apply its most powerful message, the Gospel of Jesus. (Item LFL205T; \$0.50 each—with quantity discount pricing available.)
- A Workshop Idea (submitted by Carla Niemeier): On November 11, 2018, Lutherans For Life of Grand Rapids, Michigan, and Our Savior Lutheran Church's Life Team sponsored an Issues of Aging Workshop at the church after the late service. The speaker, Dr. Ronald S. Duemler, is a well-known doctor of geriatric medicine specializing in dementia care. Many people who attended were struggling with the care of a loved one with dementia, and they found the information useful. Unfortunately, as we all know, this issue is an increasing problem, and caregivers are often exhausted. Our Savior's Life Team is planning another workshop with Dr. Duemler next fall.
- CHECK OUT THE WORD OF HOPE WEBSITE: www.word-of-hope.org
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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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A Bible Study: Children – A Reflection of God's Goodness

"Behold, children are a heritage from the Lord, the fruit of the womb a reward. Like arrows in the hand of a warrior are the children of one's youth. Blessed is the man who fills his quiver with them! He shall not be put to shame when he speaks with his enemies in the gate" (Psalm 127:3-5).

God's Word presents children as one of the most precious gifts given to mankind. Psalm 127 calls them "a heritage" and "a reward." In fact, giving birth to children is one of the vocational duties given to man when he is given woman. See Genesis 1:26-31.

Children are seen throughout the Bible as a way to pass down the faith from one generation to the next, and in the Old Testament, they are seen as the method God uses to bring us the Messiah. Adam gives birth to Seth who gives birth to Enosh who gives birth to Kenan and so on (Genesis 5). As the generations continue, we are introduced to one child after another, this succession eventually leading to Christ.

Can you think of one incredibly important individual in the Old Testament who was promised the gift of innumerable descendants, the greatest being Christ? See Genesis 15:1-6.

To what other biblical characters did God promise children? See Judges 13:1-7, 1 Samuel 1:1-20, Luke 1:5-25, Luke 1:26-38.

Have you ever thought about how the child you have been given is the method God is using to pass along the Christian faith to the next generation? How have you taken advantage of this, teaching your child about Christ?

But child-rearing doesn't always appear like a gift. First there's the toil of labor and delivery. Could God not have come up with a simpler method to bring a child into this world? And then there are the screams at night, the diapers to be changed, and the runny noses to be wiped, not to mention your child's egocentric worldview where everything revolves only around his personal needs. If you don't believe in original sin, take a look at a young child and you might reconsider.

Why should this not come as a surprise to us? Why is this supposedly precious gift so tainted by frustration, anguish, and toil? Can we really expect anything different? (See Genesis 3:16.)

How has the fall into sin affected your view on children, giving birth, and childrening? As a woman, have you ever been jealous of your husband who doesn't seem to have to put up with any of this grief?

Yes, although children are presented as pure gift, our sinful nature and the sinfulness of our child royally screw up the mother-baby relationship. She cries. You get angry. You yell out of frustration. She cries even louder. Quite a vicious cycle. And then you realize what a failure you

are as a parent, and you start to question whether you're cut out for all this. It's no wonder that the world, apart from Christ, views children as burdens that are to be avoided at all costs. But we have Christ. Christ who came to us as a baby. He completely emptied himself, humiliating himself to the wearing of diapers and the inability to speak. The seed of the woman (Genesis 3:15), her offspring, would be the answer to our misery. His degradation makes our child-rearing years an exaltation...an exaltation of the goodness and mercy of God.

Have you ever thought about what it must have been like to be Mary, to be the mother entrusted to the care and nurture of God? It couldn't have always been sunshine and rainbows. There would have been diapers to be changed, meals to be prepared, tears to be cried. How does this put into perspective for you your vocation as mother?

The good news is that since Christ became a baby, our sin-stained vocations are made joyful. The fact that Christ became man, suffered, died, and rose again on the third day makes it so he can empathize with our weaknesses. Christ suffers with you and forgives you when you fall short. Everything is gift knowing Christ has overcome the world.

Read 2 Corinthians 12:7-10 and Isaiah 66:12-14. How do these verses provide comfort to anxious parents who wonder if they are doing enough to raise a Godfearing child?

And one more insightful thing to point out: Have you ever realized how much you can learn from your own child? That innate sense of trust, truly believing that you are providing everything she needs for life. No fears or anxieties but true faith that you have the tools necessary to care for her. Jesus talks about this child-like faith in relation to the Kingdom of God.

Read Mark 10:13-16. Such great faith. So pure, so simple, and yet so real. Yet another gift God provides through children.

What further lessons have you learned from your children? How have you found these have shaped you and pointed you to the goodness of God?

Prayer: Dear Heavenly Father, as Our Father, You know our sorrows and recognize our insufficiencies. Yet in Your infinite wisdom, You entrusted to us children to raise in the fear and knowledge of You. Help us to faithfully fulfill our vocations, forgive us when we fall short, and help us to see our children as the blessings that they are. Pure gift. In Your Name We Pray, Amen.

A Letter from Dr. Lamb

Greetings fellow life-affirming LFLers!

This is a voice from the past! As you may know, I serve part time now with Lutheran Family Service of Iowa (LFS). One of my responsibilities as a Life Advocate is to be a voice in the public square.



I never, ever thought I would write the following: I am now a registered lobbyist at the Iowa Legislature!

We provide information to legislators on life and religious-freedom-type issues. In the past, we have sponsored experts on various issues to come and talk with legislators who are interested. We also strive to support those who speak up with life-affirming voices on these issues. The persecution they receive is sadly incredible. This next legislative session there will be ten Lutherans who will receive special attention and care!

Our session begins in January. We will hold a special luncheon for these Lutherans at the beginning of the session. Both LCMS Iowa District Presidents will attend and offer prayer and support. We will be hosting a "Lutheran Day" at the capitol where we hope to get as many Lutherans there as possible. As part of that, we set a goal of 100 Lutheran pastors!

Another important aspect of this work is educating congregations about the issues being dealt with and the responsibility they have. All of us citizens of Heaven are also citizens of this country. Our primary citizenship compels us to do what we can to bring our influence to bear in the public square. At the very least, we can pray for the issues and for those who speak to them on our behalf.

Part of our educational effort is to designate a "Kingdom of the Left Sunday." Luther spoke of two kingdoms. The Kingdom of the Right is His Kingdom in which He rules with His grace through His Word and Sacraments. The Kingdom of the Left is God's kingdom as well. There He rules with those He has placed in authority over us. (Review the Fourth Commandment in your Catechism tonight!) One of those authorities is the government. It is His government and we are called to be active in it.

The Sunday we designate is the second Sunday in January. This is the Baptism of our Lord which goes perfectly with what we desire to do. In our baptisms, we become children of God and citizens of Heaven. This citizenship moves us to be active in our citizenship in the Left-Hand Kingdom. There we can speak for those who cannot speak. We can protect and defend the innocent so that they too may experience God's grace in Holy Baptism.

Go to www.LFSiowa.org to find the materials we produce. They are specific to Iowa, but Pastor Salemink thought they might be a good resource in terms of ideas, sermon thoughts, insert possibilities, etc. I invite you to use them as you are able.

Thank you for your continued affirmation of God's gift of life and the hope and compassion His gift of new life brings to each of us and to others as we pass it along. The Lord of Life continue to bless you and all you do for Him.

Jim Lamb, Mdiv. Dmin | Life Advocate Lutheran Family Service 641-751-4433 www.LFSiowa.org

P.S. Please pray for this old lobbyist!

Fellowshipping with the Word of Life

by Rachel Geraci, Mission and Ministry Director

"And we are writing these things so that our joy may be complete." (1 John 1:4)

We as Christians always talk about the importance of fellowship. Whether it be the potluck meal, the Ladies Aid Rummage Sale, or simply the sharing of the peace during the Divine Service, sharing our joys and our woes with other Christians is something we like to do, and that can be rather cathartic. But this brotherly fellowship is not just something we do to warm our often-lonely hearts. Instead, fellowship is something truly biblical.

"That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we looked upon and have touched with our hands, concerning the word of life ... we proclaim also to you, so that you too may have fellowship with us." (1 John 1:1, 3b)

To have fellowship with one another means to have fellowship with Jesus Christ. He is what brings us together, connects us, makes us one. Apart from Him, we are each individual misfit toys without concord or unity. I mean, think about it—how much do you really have in common with old "Mr. Jackson," the grumpy widower who sits in the back-right pew and always complains that the sound system isn't working? Who would really want to sit down



for a meal with him? Conversation always seems to turn to how much his bones ache these days. And what about "Leslie," the thirty-three-year-old single gal who has bounced from job to job for the past decade and doesn't seem to have much direction to life? What possibly could you have in common with her?

Yet Christ, the Word of Life, Who manifested Himself to us in real human flesh, comes this day to bring you into connection with one another. The disciples saw Him with their own eyes, touched His pierced hands, held His bruised side. And this real human body, this truly resurrected physical body, is what makes each and every life in Christ valuable—your life, your friend's life, and even old man Jackson's life.

With this realization, how could we not want to fellowship with one another? How could we not want to comfort "Mr. Jackson," whose grumpiness truly stems from his loneliness? How could we not want to rejoice with the Stevens as they celebrate their baby's first steps? How could we

not want to walk along side Leslie as she wrestles with her vocation as single and all that that entails? The joys. The sorrows. We as Christians have the privilege as well as the responsibility to take part in the highs and the lows as we imitate what Jesus has done in each of our own lives.

In Christ's bodily resurrection, each of our lives is given value. As brothers and sisters in Christ, we celebrate these lives by fellowshipping with one another. We fellowship every time we eat a meal together. We fellowship every time we greet one another in the name of the Lord. Most importantly, we fellowship when we gather to physically eat of Christ's flesh and drink of His blood in the Lord's Supper. And this occurs not only with those here on earth but also with those saints who have gone before us and are with Christ.

This physical celebration of our lives in Christ is what fellowship truly is. The disciples partook in this, and Christians to this day continue to celebrate in this way. And through this fellowship, our joy is truly made complete.

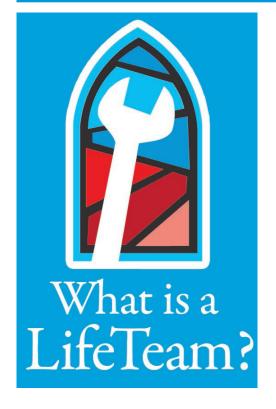


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"A PERSON'S
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orton the elephant was right! The Bible agrees! In fact, the Bible says more: A person's a person created by God (Psalm 139:13-14), a person redeemed by Jesus (Galatians 3:13), and a 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 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.

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- 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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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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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:

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- 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
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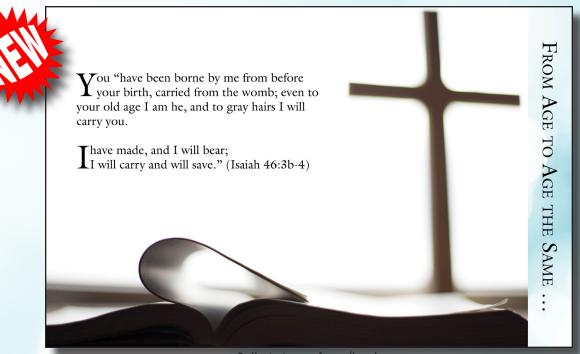
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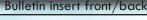
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- 1/12 goes to the State Federation
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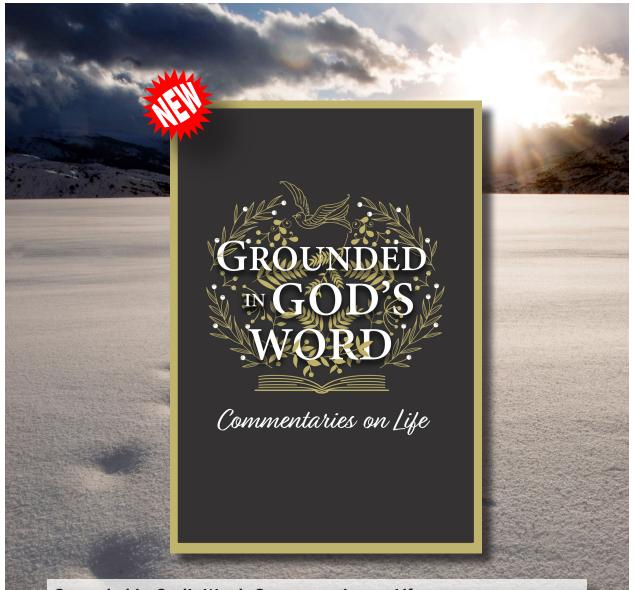


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