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### **News and Notes**

Jesus NEW/UPDATED RESOURCES: "Jesus Loves Me and those with **Down syndrome!**" brochure – On March 21, 2017, World Down Loves Me Syndrome Day, we at Lutherans For Life shared that while some global government officials boast of abortion rates approaching 100% for Down syndrome pregnancies, Lutherans For Life celebrates each unique human being as a precious blessing created, redeemed, and called by our Lord. We recognize, receive, and respect them and their families as our brothers and sisters, and we enthusiastically commit to sharing with them the sorrows and joys that accompany every life. and those with We thank our Heavenly Father for enriching our lives through the Down syndrome! individuals we remember on World Down Syndrome Day. "Jesus Loves Me and those with Down syndrome!" shares two stories from LFL team members—along with an award-winning essay—that highlight the value of these precious brothers and sisters. (Item LFL146T – \$0.50 each, with quantity discount pricing available)

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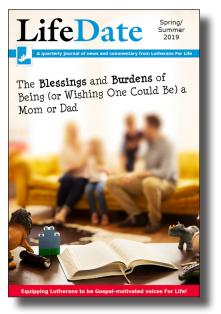
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## Directions • Lutherans For Life • Bible Study

## A Bible Study: Children – Straining Toward the Goal

Ministry work is sharing the Gospel and serving others. It is daily feeding on the Word of Christ and then pouring out the love of Christ to all. Yet, the demand for ministry work never seems to end.

Does the relentless work ever:

- Incite frustration or anger about the continued injustice in the world?
- Cause you to doubt your usefulness?
- Leave you feeling exhausted and questioning if you've given enough?
- Have you wondering if anyone else struggles like you?

Read Philippians 3:12-4:1 and listen to Paul's message for all believers.

- 1. What lies behind that Paul is forgetting in verse 13? Read Philippians 1:19-26, 3:10-11.
- 2. What is the goal or the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus that Paul references in verse 14? Read John 1:12-13 and Colossians 3:1-4.
- 3. Who are those that are mature in their thinking (v. 15)? Read 1 Corinthians 3:1-3, Hebrews 5:12-14, 1 Peter 2:2.
- 4. What examples do Paul and others give us (v. 17)? Read 1 Thessalonians 1:4-10.
- 5. Who are the people Paul often spoke about in verse 18 that walk as the enemies of the cross of Christ? See also 1 Timothy 1:3-7.

Enemies of the cross feed their human nature by giving into fleshly desires. They nullify the atoning and justifying effects of Jesus's death on the cross by teaching salvation through works. Paul emphasizes salvation through faith in Christ alone by reflecting on the works of his Jewish life and his personal sufferings, which he counted as loss for all that is gained in Christ. He also recognizes that following the life of Jesus includes being united with his suffering and resurrection. Therefore, he puts the past out of his mind and pays no attention to his previous deeds. Likewise, he encourages us to strain forward toward what lies ahead. Set our minds on the future and never be static but proceed with every effort to surge past the sinful nature, the world, the devil, and all that might impede the mission.

Mature believers know they are not complete in their Christian development, and they acknowledge their imperfections with continuous repentance. However, they no longer are enslaved by fleshly desires but are Christ-minded and teach others the Christian way. Paul refers to himself and the other disciples as examples of mature Christians who still long for

perfect righteousness. He reminds us that all who believe in Jesus Christ are begotten from God; therefore, we are not to focus on the world but instead we are to set our minds on things above. We are drawn through the Word to be active in our divine calling and purpose God intends for us to live, which does not end until we are reunited with Christ.

### **Prayer**

Gracious Heavenly Father, You know the weaknesses of sinful man. We are attacked daily by the evil one, overwhelmed by worldly influences, and easily misled by our own sinful nature to doubt Your Word, often causing us to feel afraid and alone in this world. On this day when the work of our calling begins anew, we implore You, Lord, to create its beginning, direct its continuance, and bless its end, that our doings may be preserved from sin, our life sanctified, and our work this day be well pleasing to You, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## **God's Design of Family**

by Rev. Christopher I. Thoma, Pastor at Our Savior Evangelical Lutheran Church and School, Hartland, Michigan.

When I was asked to write an article on gender roles and their effects on families, at first I thought I'd just take a trip through the Bible's friendly countryside, being sure to stop here and there for visits with the familiar texts.

Next, I thought I'd stroll into the easy fields of research which prove that children growing up in families where the gender roles are undefined or unfilled are more likely to be depressed, use drugs, do poorly in school, and succumb to a host of other unfortunates.

But then I changed my mind.

Well, actually Baltasar Gracián, a Jesuit priest, changed my mind. He penned the notion that a man is wise if he gives careful attention not only to his friends but also to his enemies. Had I written as I'd planned, I would have shared friendly information, things that so many of us already know.

But we need to examine the enemy.

Take a look around. None of us needs to squint to see the adversaries of family and traditional gender roles assembling on the horizon. A steady barrage of enemy fire against these targets has been lighting up the cultural sky for some time, and an armistice is nowhere in the future. The battle continues as the enemy seeks to take more of the field. Consider that we're actually beginning 2019 in an unprecedented way. For the first time in history, major U.S. cities are allowing parents to choose a third gender—gender "X"— on all newborn birth certificates.

The devil knows how we got here, and he has stamina for the long game. And still, his playbook holds strategies we've yet to behold, all aimed at particular fronts we've yet to consider.

We do know that one of his unchanging aims is to attack the Gospel by tearing down its transmission lines. What I mean is that he sends troops after the institutions of stability, and the two most foundational in this regard are marriage (gender roles) and family.

The devil knows that marriage—the union of one man and one woman—and the family that results from the institution are primary underpinnings for society. They are interconnected conduits for transmitting cultural identity, tradition, and so much more. Martin Luther tipped his hat to this in the Large Catechism when he wrote regarding the Sixth Commandment: "... [God] established [marriage] as the first of all institutions, and he created man and woman differently (as is evident) not for lewdness but to be true to each other, be fruitful, beget children, and support and bring them up to the glory of God ... it is a glorious institution and an object of God's serious concern. For it is of the highest importance to him that persons be brought up to serve the world; promote knowledge of God, godly living, and all virtues; and fight against wickedness and the devil."

When the structures of marriage and family come undone, bad things happen and entire societies are affected.

But again, we must examine the enemy. Here we are in 2019, and the sociological experts, folks like L. S. Oláh, have settled on the fact that "the family can no longer be described simply as a set of well-defined roles; it is negotiated on a daily basis, constructed by interactions between partners at the micro-level, and influenced by macro structures of the political and economic spheres."<sup>2</sup>

It is now accepted that the average postmodern family is a free-floating organism with little definable contour. Its center of gravity changes from day to day. It spins on an axis of subjectivism and provides no stability for passing along objective truths to anyone beyond its own orbit. It has traded "husband" and "wife," "father" and "mother" for partnerships, no matter the gender combination. It has exchanged the influence of long-standing moral and spiritual communities for the promises of the sinful flesh.

Would it then surprise you that attendance is in steep decline in most churches? Would it shock you that more and more families choose Sunday-morning sporting activities over time together in worship? And as the pews continue to thin, the dwindling faithful are left to fight for financial survival, and perhaps worse, are now finding themselves in court fighting for the right to preach and teach the truths most postmodern families have no interest in defending anyway. In the wake of this, the enemy's campaign gains momentum. The Word of God is labeled as hate speech, and sermons are subpoenaed by local authorities to prevent offending the LGBTQ community. Christian teachers are suspended for accidentally using the wrong gender pronouns. Last year, I helped write a document that ultimately landed before the British Parliament. It was in defense of Gordon Larmour, a pastor in Ayrshire, England, who was charged with "aggravated prejudice related to sexual orientation" and jailed for sharing the account of Adam and Eve with a 19-year-old gay man who asked him about God's view of homosexuality.

These are just a few scenes depicting the enemy, and yet they all reveal his plan to confuse genders and dissolve traditional family.

### So what do we do?

**First, go to church.** Be immersed in God's Word and its preaching. Receive the gifts of forgiveness given by Christ for repairing your own wrecked families and for re-establishing an acceptance of God's holy will even as the world implies its disagreeability.

Next, acknowledge friends but also get serious about the enemy. Learn never to say, "That'll never happen." Become familiar with current events. Keep attuned to current legislation. Know what's going on around you.

Third, pray for the Holy Spirit to grant you the courage to speak up when the challenges come—because they will.

And perhaps lastly—trusting Christ's promise that the gates of hell will never prevail against the Gospel—don't feel as though you need to lead the charge into anything. Jesus is always out in front on this. If you're not feeling up to carrying the banner before the troops, He'll surely raise up men and women who will. In the meantime, be faithful. Get in the trenches and fight where and when you can. Lend your voice. Write letters to your representatives. Be present and speak at the local school board meetings. Call into the local radio station and weigh in on these things. Run for office!

In the end, no matter where you find yourself in all of this, seize the opportunity to speak the truth in love. God will bless your efforts to His glory and the benefit of His world. That's His promise.

- 1. Baltasar Gracián, The Art of Worldly Wisdom (Scotts Valley, California! CreateSpace Independent Publishing, 2017), 49.
- 2. L. S. Oláh, "The New Roles of Men and Women and Implications for Families and Societies," Families and Societies Working Papers Series, Volume 11, 2014, 2.

## **Christ-like Love is Love in Action**

(Source: www.redeemerclc.info/ministries)

"And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, but have not love, it profits me nothing ..." (1 Corinthians 13:3 NKJV).

In his many-sided discussion of the dimensions of AGAPE (a-gah'-pe) love, the apostle Paul turns to speak of how this divine love shows itself with deeds or fruits of faith.

And who is the supreme example of putting divine love into action? Think of the holy love and compassion our Savior showed poor sinners without expecting anything in return.

St. John refers to our Savior, saying: "By this we know love, because He laid down His life for us. And we also ought to lay down our lives for the brethren. But whoever has this world's goods, and sees his brother in need, and shuts up his heart from him, how does the love of God abide in him? My little children, let us not love in word or in tongue, but in deed and in truth ..." (1 John 3:16-18 NKJV).

Dr. Martin Luther spoke of the Savior's love in these words: "Lo, my God, without any merit on my part, of His pure and free mercy, has given me, an unworthy, condemned and contemptible creature, all the riches of justification and salvation in Christ, so that I am no longer in want of anything, except of faith that this is so ... I will therefore give myself, as a sort of Christ, to my neighbor, even as Christ has given Himself to me ..."

Our Lord said: "By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another" (John 13:35 NKJV), and again: "Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these My brethren, you did it to Me" (Matthew 25:40 NKJV).

True love for others is a test of Christian discipleship. The Spirit of God help us be "little Christs" to those who stand in need of our help.

Take my life and let it be Consecrated, Lord, to Thee; Take my moments and my days, Let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my love, my Lord, I pour At Thy feet its treasure store; Take myself, and I will be Ever, only, all for Thee.

(The Lutheran Hymnal, 400:1, 6)

## The Lord's Prayer for Missions

(Source: www.redeemerclc.info/ministries)

OUR FATHER, WHO ART IN HEAVEN, HALLOWED BE THY NAME. Grant that the Gospel of Jesus Christ may be proclaimed among us and throughout the world in all its truth and purity, and that we and all believers may live holy and consecrated lives to the glory of Thy Holy Name.

THY KINGDOM COME. Grant that the proclamation of the Gospel may bear much fruit, that large numbers of men, women, and children from every nation, tribe, and language may be brought into Thy Kingdom of Grace in this life and Thy Kingdom of Glory in the life to come.

THY WILL BE DONE ON EARTH AS IT IS IN HEAVEN. Grant that we may never forget that it is Thy Will that ALL men be saved and come to the knowledge of the truth. Grant that we may always remember that WE are to be witnesses unto Christ unto the uttermost part of the earth. And help us to remember that it is also Thy Will that we live a holy life, that men may be led to their Savior, not only by our words, but by everything we do.

GIVE US THIS DAY OUR DAILY BREAD. Grant that we may always remember that every good gift is from above, that the earth is Yours and the fulness thereof, that we may always trust Thee to give us our daily bread, that we may therefore share our blessings with others and return unto Thee a large measure of the gifts You have entrusted unto us, that Thy Kingdom may be spread from pole to pole around the globe to every mountain hamlet and every jungle village.

AND FORGIVE US OUR TRESPASSES AS WE FORGIVE THOSE WHO TRESPASS AGAINST US. Forgive us for all the times we have given offense and thus kept others from coming to Thee. Forgive us for being so cold and indifferent to Your Command to preach the Gospel to every creature. Forgive us for not witnessing unto Christ in our own community and throughout the world. Forgive us for so often forgetting that Christ died for us, that we who live might not henceforth live unto ourselves, but unto Him Who died for us and rose again. Grant that we may also forgive those who trespass against us. That we may love our enemies, bless them that curse us, do good to them that hate us, and pray for them who despitefully use us and persecute us, that we might by all means lead some to Christ.

AND LEAD US NOT INTO TEMPTATION. Grant that Satan, the world, and our own flesh may not tempt us to neglect the supreme task of the church. Grant that we may not be tempted to fiddle away our time while the world rushes toward eternal flames, that we may never be tempted to squander our money on luxuries and the pleasures of this world and deny to others the Bread of Life. Grant that we may never be tempted to use our God-given talent to our own glory and selfish interests, but that we may always use these talents to show forth the praises of Him who called us out of darkness into His marvelous light.

BUT DELIVER US FROM EVIL. Protect us from all harm and danger, but grant that we may boldly confess our faith in Jesus no matter what the circumstances, no matter what may be the result. Grant that we may be willing and happy to deny ourselves and take up the cross of self-sacrifice that others might live. Grant that we like our Savior may be willing to lay down our lives, if need be, that others might live.

FOR THINE IS THE KINGDOM AND THE POWER AND THE GLORY FOREVER AND EVER. AMEN.

## Yeshua (Jesus): The Rescuer of Your Soul

by Deaconess Rachel Geraci, Mission and Ministry Director of Lutherans For Life

Read Joshua 6:2-21.

"For the LORD your God, he is God in the heavens above and on the earth beneath" (Joshua 2:11b).

The destruction of the world is coming, and it is certainly coming soon. In those days, "there will be signs in sun and moon and stars, and on the earth distress of nations in perplexity ... people fainting with fear and with foreboding of what is coming on the world" (Luke 21:25a, 26a). The Almighty God, the Maker of heaven and earth, promises to bring justice, punishing humanity for its refusal to follow His commands.

We see an early picture of this in God's complete destruction of Jericho. The people of Jericho, the Canaanites, lusted after false deities, sacrificing their children to the god Moloch to appease him. The killing of children in fear of hardship ... sounds rather familiar, doesn't it? With no willingness to repent, God demonstrated His wrath by the total destruction of Jericho. God's judgment is real, and it is coming.

And yet there was one who was spared—Rahab, the prostitute, the harlot, the sinner. Despite her disreputable past, Rahab recognized Yahweh as her salvation. By hearing of the Israelites and the wonders of their God, she came to profess Yahweh as *THE* God. "For the Lord your God, he is God in the heavens above and on the earth beneath" (Joshua 2:11b). Rescued by Joshua and his army, Rahab and her family were spared on account of her faith.

Through God's mercy, Rahab was grafted into the family of Israel who had just been led by Joshua through the waters of the Jordan unscathed. In the same way, all people are grafted into the family of God by being led by the Spirit through the waters of Holy Baptism. This saving flood rescues the faithful from the judgment that is to come.

And this mercy is not just given to the upstanding citizen. It is for the prostitute, the drug dealer, the swindler, the liar, the cheater, the arrogant, the proud—US, ALL OF US! We are baptized into Christ which saves us from God's wrath and the judgment to come. Just as Joshua rescued Rahab from impending death, Jesus's death on the cross rescues us from what we deserve. He is our Joshua, our deliverance, and our salvation.

**Prayer:** O, Almighty God, You promise to judge the world for its perpetual disobedience, yet You promise mercy to those who turn to You in faith. As those who have been rescued by Your Son's death, grant us the ability to serve our neighbor by showing him his sin but then pointing him to the salvation we have in Christ. In Your name we pray, Amen.

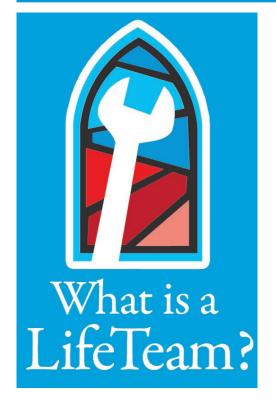


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"A PERSON'S
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orton the elephant was right! The Bible agrees! In fact, the Bible says more: A person's a person created by God (Psalm 139:13-14), a person redeemed by Jesus (Galatians 3:13), and a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

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- Airfare/Mileage: Actual airfare and/or current standard IRS mileage rate to airport or event.
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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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### Since Roe v. Wade in 1973: 60,942,033 abortions in America

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### The Basics of Lutherans For Life

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**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

