

News and Notes

- **NEW RESOURCE: The Real “Comprehensive” Behind Comprehensive Sex Ed**

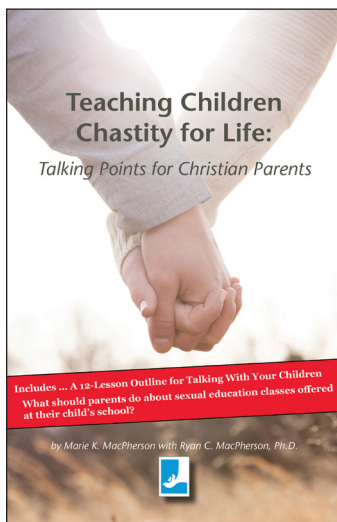


An excerpt ... “At the core of the biblical mindset on sex, we find the true source of nourishment from which all behaviors derive: God’s value of every human life. This value is what captivates and empowers the way we approach human sexuality ourselves and how we teach it to others. When we comprehend the immeasurable love of God for us, His most priceless possessions, it changes a person’s very sense of self and worth ...

“Biblical sexual integrity comes from being taught biblical integrity. Biblical integrity comes from knowing and receiving Jesus over and over and over. And what’s more, when they fail, when we fail, it’s not all over for us! God’s grace, all we receive in Jesus, is sufficient for every hard lesson we go through in this life. It’s our stories and experiences that open

the doors to deeper connections and allow us to relate to others around us, all for the purpose of turning our eyes to Him Who creates a clean heart in each of us! So, what is the real ‘comprehensive’ behind comprehensive sex ed? That you matter. You’ve always mattered. And Jesus is the proof.” *Item LFL732B. \$2.00 ea.*

- **NEW RESOURCE: TEACHING CHILDREN CHASTITY FOR LIFE BOOKLET**



Teaching Children Chastity for Life: Talking Points for Christian Parents by Marie K. MacPherson with Ryan C. MacPherson, Ph.D. – What’s better than sex ed? Mentoring your children for chastity! In this booklet, parents speak frankly to fellow parents on the basis of God’s Word, offering practical suggestions for dads and moms to provide their children with the guidance they need to navigate through puberty and into sanctified adulthood. While the world sponsors embarrassing discussions in co-ed classrooms where parents are absent, these authors call for a family-centered approach that prepares young people to form stable families of their own as they mature. If you’ve ever thought there must be something better than sex ed, you were right: God’s answer is parent-led mentoring, and this book will teach you how to do it. *Item LFL731B. \$3.00 ea.*



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- **CHECK OUT THE WORD OF HOPE WEBSITE:** www.word-of-hope.org
- **Be sure to “Like” and follow LFL on social media! See links below:**

www.facebook.com/LutheransForLife

twitter.com/ForLifers

www.instagram.com/lfly4life

www.facebook.com/groups/teampageLFL

www.facebook.com/WordOfHopeHealingHearts

Also see:

www.youtube.com/user/LutheransForLife

vimeo.com/user4132928

- **Join our 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 a great 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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Love Drives Out Fear: A Bible Study

Will we remember the year 2020 for anything but fear?

Coronavirus has caused lost sleep. Travel restrictions have given us upset stomachs. Reduced income has left us biting our nails. Rioting and looting have made us look over our shoulders. Tensions over politics have reduced some to screams and others to tears. It appears as if the country is coming apart.

The Scriptures consider such circumstances as indicators of the apocalypse. Wars and rumors of wars, nation against nation and kingdom versus kingdom. Earthquakes and floods and famines and infections. Persecution of Christians. The very sun, moon, and stars shaking. People fainting with fear and foreboding. Doesn't Satan getting loose make the earth tremble in terror? And doesn't our Savior coming close cause it to shiver even greater in anticipation?

What fears has the coronavirus pandemic stirred up among us? Which of these concerns also make a surprise pregnancy especially difficult? How about a terminal diagnosis? And infertility?

How do we tend to respond in these situations (Matthew 10:21)?

What does this remind us about ourselves (Romans 7:23-24; John 8:34; Ephesians 2:1-3)?

What ultimate and greater danger does this place us in (Malachi 3:1-5; Matthew 10:28)?

How does this actually give us comfort (Jeremiah 20:11; Isaiah 49:14-16; Deuteronomy 31:6)?

And what answer does it offer to our fears (Romans 8:32; 1 John 4:18; 2 Timothy 1:7)?

How does this also ease the fears of surprise pregnancies and terminal diagnoses (Isaiah 46:3-4; Hebrews 4:15-16; Genesis 50:20)?

How then shall we respond to these times of high anxieties (Luke 21:28)?

And how can we help neighbors facing surprise pregnancies or terminal diagnoses respond the same (Matthew 6:31-33; Matthew 25:37-40)?



Voices Unite to Make Joyful Noise

by Pastor Jeff Duncan, Mission & Ministry Director

An hour or two standing along a sidewalk. A few hours spent with needle, thread, and fabric. An email after reading an article. Knowing the struggles of your family and/or friends and not just assuming others will act. Individually, these are small actions. Individually, they probably aren't even noticed. Individually, they probably didn't require expending considerable energy or to making life-changing choices. But adding them all together they become an orchestral voice of good! They prominently display the Gospel of life-affirming love in Christ our Lord!

“This couple was talked down from an abortion by 40 Days for Life in front of a Planned Parenthood in Pittsburg.”

Do you hear the orchestral coordination to produce this note of joy? Someone laid down the foundation notes. They spent some time training for sidewalk counseling. They sacrificed a few hours for their neighbor in need whom they had not even met. They were willing to be the voice of the Holy Spirit speaking the truth of God's love for life. With confidence they proclaimed the joy of sin forgiven by a Savior sacrificing His life that they too may now live lives worthy of His grace, mercy, and peace.

Along came the supporting voices. The chorus developed from the 40 Days for Life supporters. Their harmony added richness, added fervor and urgency to the tone of the sidewalk counselor's voice. Their prayers to the Lord were a joyful noise, an offering of concern and care to the attention of a gracious and loving Father. They lifted up the concerns of this couple contemplating death over and against life. Their voices were heard! A few sore feet, an afternoon away from other pressing issues—that was all it cost to join in this chorus.

Now the antiphonal voices are added. Back and forth, call and response. Someone reads about LAMBS blankets made to honor life decisions for a fourth child or more. They know of a worthy recipient. An email is sent. It gets forwarded to capable hands who knit together the blanket as a labor of love. Back and forth the joyous tune grows until finally the symphonic conclusion: another LAMBS blanket is delivered with love to a couple choosing life. The tune ends with that simple note of gracious harmony and thankfulness lilting and sustaining as it fades out slowly.

“Thank you for their LAMBS blanket.”

Oh come, let us sing to the LORD;
let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!
Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;
let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!
(Psalm 95:1-2)



Multiplying God's Gifts

by Lela Peterson, member Immanuel Lutheran Church of Grand Forks, North Dakota

The members of Immanuel Lutheran Church of Grand Forks, North Dakota, had an awesome opportunity to participate in a fundraiser for Lutherans For Life. It was called "Multiplying God's Gifts" and covered a span of five weeks. Each member was offered a Seed Money Mini-Grant of \$20. Willing participants added their time, talents, and/or additional treasure to multiply the Seed Money and make it grow. Each envelope included a \$20 bill and an index card to record how the seed money grew.

What was done?

The project's goal was to encourage creative stewardship with all efforts to benefit Lutherans For Life and develop greater appreciation for human life—from conception to natural death.

Kickoff Sunday at Immanuel was November 3, 2019. Following each church service, the project was explained, and envelopes were passed out to participants. On the following Sundays, tables were set up in the hallway for items to be sold and bids taken on silent auction items. In addition, three Saturdays were offered for sales in the lobby of a local mall. A celebration was held on the last Sunday of the project. Treats were provided. People shared their stories at an open mic. Money and index cards were turned in, and everyone joined in singing.

Time, Talents, and Treasures Shared:

- a retired hairdresser cut hair
- a German feast was held
- 35 pounds of potatoes were turned into lefsa
- baked items of pies, bars, cakes, and cookies
- canned goods of salsa, jelly, soups, etc.
- smoked salmon and sausage
- silent auction bids made for fishing trips, homemade quilts, specialty cakes, original paintings, and countless other creative ideas, items, and actions.



Note: This article was inspired as a note was enclosed to the National Office of Lutherans For Life with a donation. Office clerk Debra Freese passed the note to Rev. Jeff Duncan, LFL's Mission and Ministry Director. After calling Immanuel's pastor, Rev. Craig Fenske, the event coordinators were identified, called, and interviewed. We thank Lela Peterson and her daughter, Lori Gangle, for spearheading the event that generated a generous donation to fund the ongoing work of sustaining Gospel-motivated voices for life through LFL.



LAMBs – Lutherans Assembling Mercy Blankets

Although our world might tell us otherwise, children are truly a blessing. Lutherans For Life would like to celebrate children—especially those families with a lot of them! Through the skillfulness of some LFLers in Ohio and elsewhere, along with the Miami Valley Life Chapter, a project called “LAMBs” (Lutherans Assembling Mercy Blankets) was established.

We would like to celebrate families that are awaiting the birth of their fourth or more child by gifting them with a homemade blanket. Do you know such a family in your Lutheran church? If so, please contact Rev. Jeff Duncan, our mission and ministry director, at jduncan@lutheransfor-life.org so that he can arrange for this gift to be sent to them. (Alternatively, you can fill out the form below and send it to Angela Jones of the Miami Valley Life Chapter.)

Thank you for helping us care for your neighbor in this way!

“Behold, children are a heritage from the Lord, the fruit of the womb a reward” (Psalm 127:3).

LAMBs – Lutherans Assembling Mercy Blankets

Do you know a family in your congregation who is having its fourth or more child? Wouldn't it be nice to gift them with a homemade blanket in celebration of this new life? Simply by filling out this form, Lutherans For Life, the Miami Valley Life Chapter, and other Lutherans from the state of Ohio will ensure that a blanket made with love will be sent directly to this expectant mother anywhere within the continental United States. There are no strings attached. As the Body of Christ, we want to use this as an opportunity to share the mercy that our Savior Jesus Christ first showed us on the cross.

Your Name: _____

Your Congregation: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Mother's & Father's Names: _____

Baby's Gender: Boy ___ Girl ___

Mother's Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Please send completed forms to: Angela Jones/Miami Valley Life Chapter
7163 Pugliese Place
Dayton, OH 45415-1207



“He will tend his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms” (Isaiah 40:11a).





Lutherans For Life • Life Team Tools Order Form 2020

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

Lutherans For Life • 1101 5th Street • Nevada, IA 50201-1816 • 888.364.LIFE (5433)

Name _____

Title _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Daytime phone _____

Email _____

Ship to (if different):

Name _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Telephone _____

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

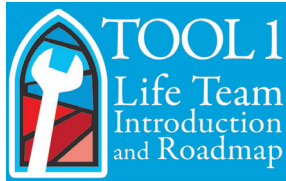
SHIPPING

\$15

GRAND TOTAL

LFL Business Hours: Monday-Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. CST/CDT. Hours subject to staff availability.

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. 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

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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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).

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

