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Life Newsbytes

Jemarius Jachin Harbor, Jr. was born at just 21 weeks gestation in December 2019, making him the youngest surviving preemie ever. Live Action News previously covered his battle to survive, and now, in an exciting update, Jemarius has graduated from the NICU and is going home [this summer]. Born on December 20, Jemarius weighed just 13 ounces and measured smaller than a hand. His mother and father, Jessica McPherson and Jemarius Harbor, Sr., told doctors when Jessica went into premature labor to do everything they could to save their son. “We looked at each other in the eye and I told him just give it a try,” McPherson told Fox5. “I just want you to try. As long as you try, that’s all that matters to me. Don’t just up and say that you can’t do it. Just ‘cause you haven’t done it doesn’t mean it can’t be done.” Gina Phillips, Director of Medical Services at Pregnancy Aid Clinics, told Fox5 back in December that Jemarius’s survival “would be [nothing] short of a miracle,” as no other preemie had ever survived after being born so young. McPherson herself had lost two babies previously after going into premature labor at 22 weeks. Lyla Stensrud, who is now a healthy six-year-old, was born at 21 weeks and four days. Jemarius has broken her record by four days, proving that preemies are able to survive at younger and younger ages if given the medical support they need. (Source: www.liveaction.org/news/youngest-preemie-world-21-weeks-going-home)

Speaking up For Life

“Father, You are the Author of life, and we thank You for the gift that it is. Forgive us when we devalue it in any way. Heal our land from the scourge of legalized abortion and turn our hearts back to profound respect for all life. In Jesus’ name. Amen.” *Duane Matz, former lay pastor with the Association of Free Lutheran Congregations (AFLC) and Christian radio announcer*

“May we always think of God’s created children—however they arrive in this world and wherever we find them in the age of this life—as full of value and purpose as God declares us to be. For ‘Behold, children are a heritage from the Lord, the fruit of the womb a reward.’” *Rev. Perry Hart, guest speaker on “The Lutheran Hour”*



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“On the contrary, the parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable ...” (1 Corinthians 12:22 ESV)

Join us as we unpack this theme and what it means for the For Life movement, both nationally and in your community.

The regional conferences for Lutherans For Life allow our team to come directly to you with the For Life Gospel message. These gatherings are wonderful times spent together where we can provide valuable information and encouragement to you, your community, and the life-affirming work you are engaged in.

Please check the schedule below to see which of our 2020 conference locations is near you. We’re excited to see you there!

St. Andrew Lutheran Church
West Fargo, North Dakota – August 29

Ruthfred Free Lutheran Church
Bethel Park (Pittsburgh), Pennsylvania – September 26

Life in Christ Lutheran Church
Peoria (Phoenix), Arizona – October 24

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church
Orlando, Florida – November 14

Since 1973: 60,754,254 abortions in America

Source: www.nationalrighttolife.org/2019/11/abortion-statistics-united-states-data-and-trends-3

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