



**2020
Lutherans For Life
Regional
Conferences**



Lutherans For **Life Regional Conference**

August 29, 2020

St. Andrew Lutheran Church

West Fargo, North Dakota

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Your prayers, volunteer involvement, and financial support allow Lutherans For Life to accomplish its Gospel-centered work.

During the conference, participants will be given an additional opportunity to support the organization.

Thank you for prayerfully considering how you, your family, and your congregation can help.

COVID-19 Precautions for Conference at St. Andrew Lutheran Church:

- Sanitation – The church will be cleaning and sanitizing the facility prior to the conference. Hand sanitizers and other sanitizing products will be available at various locations for personal use.
- Masks – Masks are optional. Some masks will be available, although you are encouraged to bring your own if you desire one.
- Seating – The Fellowship Room will be used for the conference. It is furnished with round tables and chairs. The chairs will be spaced to provide distancing. Family members can, of course, move their chairs together. Attendees are encouraged to sit in the same place throughout the day, including after breaks. If you do need to move, please avoid sitting in a place previously occupied.



A Word from Our President

Welcome to this 2020 Lutherans For Life Regional Conference!

Staff and volunteers have worked faithfully, fearlessly, and tirelessly planning and organizing these regional conferences for the third year now, bringing the life-affirming message of LFL to as many life-affirming people as possible.

“From Invisible to Indispensable” is this year’s theme taken from 1 Corinthians 12:22, “On the contrary, the parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable,” which promises to be theologically and practically packed with life-affirming lessons!

We are so thankful that God has invited you to join LFL. It is my prayer that the Holy Spirit will guide and direct the presentations and speakers to help you to be better equipped Gospel-motivated voices For Life.

Serving the Lord of Life with you,

Lynette Auch
President



Lutherans For Life Regional Conference Agenda

St. Andrew Lutheran Church, West Fargo, North Dakota

August 29, 2020

Registration/Refreshments	8:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.
Opening Devotions/Worship Rev. Clark Jahnke, Rev. Adam Harvala	9:00 a.m. – 9:15 a.m.
Plenary I “Wisdom: Supporting Life in the Face of Death” Rev. Chris Brademeyer	9:15 a.m. – 10:10 a.m.
BREAK	10:10 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.
AFLC Greeting – Rev. Lyndon Korhonen, President	10:30 a.m. – 10:35 a.m.
2020 LFL National Essay Contest Grades 6-8 Category Winner Video “Pray, Protect, and Provide for People with Disabilities” Abigail Clayton – Mascoutah, Illinois	10:35 a.m. – 10:40 a.m.
Plenary II “Looking at Abortion Through Luther’s ‘Two Kingdom’ Lenses” Col. John Eidsmoe	10:40 a.m. – 11:35 a.m.
Frontline Presentation Virginia J. Flo, Minnesota Regional Director & National Conference Director	11:35 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.
Student Presentation “Abortion” Madison “Maddy” Schwab – Gwinner, North Dakota	11:45 a.m. – 11:50 p.m.
LCMS Greeting – Tiffany Manor, Life Ministry Director and Rev. Matthew Tooman	11:50 a.m. – 11:55 p.m.
LCMC Greeting – Rev. Mark Vander Tuig, LCMC Service Coordinator	11:55 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
LUNCH/Visit Exhibits	12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.
AALC Greeting – Rev. Phillip M. Hofinga, South Dakota Dual Parish Pastor	1:00 p.m. – 1:05 p.m.
Plenary III “My Body, My Life, My Value in Christ: A Discussion on Life and Sexuality” - Heather Ruesch	1:05 p.m. – 1:55 p.m.
2020 LFL National Essay Contest Grades 9-12 Category Winner Video “Invisible and Indispensable” - Abigail Wagner – High Ridge, Missouri	1:55 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.
BREAK	2:00 p.m. – 2:20 p.m.
Plenary IV “Invisible to Indispensable” Rev. Scott Licht	2:20 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.
LFL Update – Rev. Michael Saleminck	3:15 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Closing Prayer – Rev. Clark Jahnke	3:30 p.m. – 3:35 p.m.

Conference Speakers and Topics

Pastor Scott Licht, LFL Executive Director of Finance & Operations

Title: “Invisible to Indispensable”

Overview: God doesn’t make spare parts. He has a vocation for ALL people regardless of their age, stage, ability, or life experience. Let’s look together at how indispensable everyone is, including those who may be “invisible” within our church and society at large.

Heather Ruesch, Life Issues Educator & Author

Title: “My Body, My Life, My Value in Christ: A Discussion on Life and Sexuality”

Overview: We are in a battle! If you are a parent, a grandparent, pastor, youth leader, or teacher, you are well aware of the battle being waged against this generation. Let us arm ourselves with knowledge, train ourselves with good teaching, gird our loins with truth, and take up our swords and FIGHT. Fight to change the skin-deep culture surrounding our youth and replace it with the deep, deep love and protection of Jesus Christ. “It’s just sex.” “It’s just a choice.” “It’s just a piece of paper.” These are the lies destroying our families from the inside out. In this session, Heather Ruesch uncovers the lies of Satan and exposes the ways in which he attacks the things on which God has placed the most value in our earthly lives: human life itself, sexuality, marriage, and family. God’s value for human life is the most important issue on the table; everything else radiates out from and comes back to that foundational truth. Satan knows it and God knows it, too.

Rev. Chris Brademeyer, President of LFL North Dakota Federation, Pastor of St. John’s Lutheran Church, Oakes, North Dakota

Title: “Wisdom: Supporting Life in the Face of Death”

Overview: Supporting life is sometimes more difficult than we would like. As life-affirming people, we are sometimes made uncomfortable by circumstances beyond our control as we know we need to take up the defense of life. What do we do when standing for life gets difficult...when it gets personal? When death and tragedy stare us down, how do we remain faithful? Learn how standing for life hits home when death, suffering, and hardship seek to hold us back from making a good confession of the sanctity of all lives.

Col. John Eidsmoe, Member of the LFL Board of Directors, AFLC Pastor, Law Professor & Retired Air Force Lt. Colonel

Title: “Looking at Abortion Through Luther’s ‘Two Kingdoms’ Lenses”

Overview: Does “Two Kingdoms” theology mean separation of church and state?

How do we use the Bible to form our view of the sanctity of life?

How do we use the Bible to defend the sanctity of life in the public arena?

Do the Bible and medical science conflict?

How do we defend our pro-life convictions in court?

Will the Supreme Court ever overrule *Roe v. Wade*?

If it does, what then?

Madison “Maddy” Schwab, Member of Zion Lutheran Church, attends North Sargent High School in Gwinner, North Dakota.

Title: “Abortion”

Overview: Maddie won the North Dakota LFL State Essay Contest in 2019 and represented North Dakota in the LFL National Essay Contest.

Conference Speaker Bios



Heather Ruesch is a well-respected life-issues educator and author of *Sexuality Mentality: Creating A Culture of Biblical Integrity* (CPH). She is passionate about youth and being a voice of God's truth in their lives, speaking nationally at conferences, youth gatherings, high schools, women's events, and more. Heather lives in Kingsford, Michigan, with her husband Matt and their children Bella, Paul, and Sofia.

Rev. Scott Licht grew up in New Ulm, Minnesota, and was raised in the Wisconsin Synod. He graduated from Martin Luther Preparatory School, Northwestern College (the WELS pastor-training college), and attended Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary for a short time. In 2005, he earned an MBA and a Master of Science in Information

Systems from Iowa State University. Scott worked for Burke Corporation in Nevada, Iowa, as the information technology manager and supply chain manager. He began his work with LFL in 2012 as national director. His true passion, however, is fulfilled in his weekend job—pastor of Shepherd of the Prairie Lutheran Church in Huxley, Iowa. They are a mission congregation rostered with the Lutheran Congregations in Mission to Christ (LCMC) and the North American Lutheran Church (NALC). Scott's role at Lutherans For Life allows him to combine his business experience with his passion for serving our Lord of Life. Scott has an adult daughter in the Des Moines area and one daughter, son-in-law, and grandson near Colfax, Iowa. He and his wife, Sue, live near Huxley, Iowa, with three horses and a cat. Sue also has three adult daughters. Scott says, "There is never a lack of things to do, and I give thanks for how richly God has blessed me. I enjoy serving Him through the mission of Lutherans For Life, and I would ask for your prayers as we continue to 'equip Lutherans to be Gospel-motivated voices For Life.'"



Rev. Chris Brademeyer is pastor of St. John's Lutheran Church in Oakes, North Dakota. He also serves as the president of North Dakota Lutherans For Life. He is married to Katherine, a registered nurse. They have been blessed with three sons: Matthew, Lucas, and August. He was awarded a Bachelor of the Arts degree in 2008 by North Dakota State University and a Master of Divinity degree in 2013 by Luther Seminary.

Conference Speaker Bios



John Eidsmoe is a retired Air Force Lt. Colonel, a retired Alabama State Defense Force Colonel, a Mississippi State Guard Colonel and Chaplain, and a graduate of the Air Command & Staff College and the Air War College. He is Professor of Law at the Oak Brook College of Law and Government Policy, and in his various teaching assignments, his students have given him the Outstanding Professor Award or Prof of the Year Award five times. He has served as Senior Staff Attorney with the Alabama Supreme Court and is currently Senior Counsel & Resident Scholar for the Foundation for Moral Law. He is an ordained pastor with the Association of Free Lutheran Congregations and serves on the Board of Lutherans For Life, on the Board of the Plymouth Rock Foundation, and on the Board of the Gospel Martial Arts Union, and he is a constitutional attorney who has defended home schools, Christian schools, the right of students to study the Bible in public schools, and the right to display the Ten Commandments in the public arena. He has authored 14 books, including *Historical & Theological Foundations of Law, Christianity & the Constitution*, *God & Caesar*, and *Columbus & Cortez*, and has produced numerous audio and video lecture

albums including *The Institute on the Constitution* and *Here I Stand: A Biblical Worldview for a New Millennium*. He holds seven academic degrees in law, theology, history, and political science. A lifelong student of the Crusades, he is a Knight Commander and Chaplain for the Sovereign Military Order of the Temple of Jerusalem. He is a Third Degree Black Belt with the American Taekwondo Foundation, a Fifth Degree Black Belt with the Gospel Martial Arts Union, and a Fifth Degree Black Belt with Black Belts of the Faith International. Colonel Eidsmoe is an avid horseman and skier, and tries to get eight hours of sleep every week. He and his wife Marlene have been married since 1970, have three children (David, Kirsten, and Justin) and live in rural Pike Road, Alabama.

2020 LFL Essay Winners Grade 6-8



LFL NATIONAL WINNER Grade 6-8

Abigail Clayton
Zion Lutheran Church, Mascoutah, IL
**Essay Title: “Pray, Protect, and Provide
for People with Disabilities”**



WISCONSIN Grade 6-8 Winner

Mary Stoebel
First Immanuel Lutheran Church & School
Cedarburg, Wisconsin



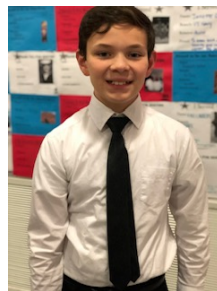
INDIANA Grade 6-8 Winner

Lillian Hildebrand
St. Paul's Lutheran Church and School
Fort Wayne, Indiana



SOUTH DAKOTA Grade 6-8 Winner

Olivia Brown
Zion Lutheran Church
Mitchell, South Dakota



MISSOURI Grade 6-8 Winner National Second Place Winner

Sam Arroyo
Immanuel Lutheran School
St. Charles, Missouri



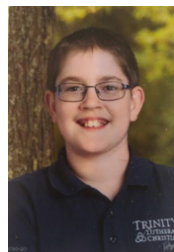
MINNESOTA Grade 6-8 Winner

Reese Merritt
St. John's Lutheran School
Chaska, Minnesota



TEXAS Grade 6-8 Winner

Jenna Farrier
Crown of Life Lutheran School
Colleyville, Texas



NON-FEDERATION Grade 6-8 Winner

David Wiechec
Trinity Lutheran School
Joppa, Maryland

2020 LFL Essay Winners Grade 9-12



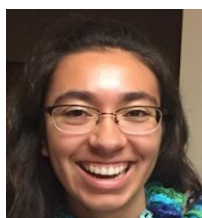
LFL NATIONAL WINNER Grade 9-12

Abigail Wagner

Hope Lutheran Church

High Ridge, Missouri

Essay Title: "Invisible and Indispensable"



NON-FEDERATION Grade 9-12 Winner

National Second Place Winner

Nicole Rodriguez

Wittenberg Academy – Online Lutheran Edu.

Mt. Olive Lutheran Church, Billings, Montana



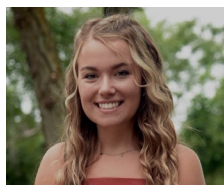
TEXAS Grade 9-12 Winner

Tabitha Waiser

Lutheran High North

Our Savior Lutheran Church

Houston, Texas



SOUTH DAKOTA Grade 9-12 Winner

Abigail Buchmann

Zion Lutheran Church

Mitchell, South Dakota



MINNESOTA Grade 9-12 Winner

Grace MacPherson

Mt. Olive Lutheran Church

Mankato, Minnesota



ILLINOIS Grade 9-12 Winner

Matthew Clayton

Zion Lutheran Church

Mascoutah, Illinois



NEBRASKA Grade 9-12 Winner

Emily Loseke

St. John's Lutheran Church

Columbus, Nebraska



INDIANA Grade 9-12 Winner

Lillian Van Houten

Lutheran High School of Indianapolis

Indianapolis, Indiana

A Special Thank You to ...

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- Rev. Rev. Clark Jahnke and Rev. Adam Harvala for supporting the efforts to organize and carry out this LFL Regional Conference at St. Andrew Lutheran Church.
- Rev. Chris Brademeyer and the LFL North Dakota Federation for their ongoing support of life ministry.
- Fargo-Moorhead Life Chapter for their help in promoting the conference to the communities they serve.
- Rev. Michael Salemink, LFL Mission and Ministry Executive Director, for his leadership and dedication to For Life work and for his enthusiasm and desire to lead our mission of equipping Lutherans to be voices For Life.
- Rev. Scott Licht, LFL Financial Executive Director, for his continued leadership and overall organizational vision, keeping the organization focused.
- Virginia Flo, LFL National Conference Director and Regional Director of Minnesota, for coordinating the LFL Regional Conferences.
- Lowell Highby, LFL Director of Communications, for promoting and communicating conference details to all of our LFL constituents.
- Jerilyn Richard for maintaining all of the registration information, promotional efforts, and assisting at the conference.
- Rev. Jeffrey Duncan, Mission and Ministry Director of LFL, for his work in promoting and encouraging the Frontline ministries.
- Kim Nessa for her work in assisting with the financial details and assisting at the conference.
- Jan Nessa for her willingness to help wherever needed when our LFL members call the national office for help.
- Michelle Bauman, Y4Life Director, for her work in developing our youth life ministry.
- Deaconess Chrissie Gillet, PsyD, Word of Hope Director, for her counseling efforts in protecting life.
- Dr. Barbara Geistfeld, Regional Director of Texas, for her For Life work in Texas.
- Lynette Auch, LFL National President, and the entire LFL Board of Directors for their faithful leadership.
- The LFL Council of Federation Presidents who keeps LFL active and moving forward in our State Federations and the Frontline.
- Our Life Teams and Life Chapters who work so diligently every day to affirm life in so many God-pleasing ways.
- All of our LFL staff for their efforts in all aspects of LFL's ministry.
- All of the conference speakers for providing enlightening presentations on various life topics.
- All of the exhibitors who made an investment of time and money to share their For Life work.
- All of the conference attendees for helping to continue life-affirming work in their churches and communities and for attending and supporting our LFL life-affirming ministry.
- All of the Annual and Sponsor members and ongoing donors who support LFL with their financial gifts in order to sustain our work throughout the year.

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Become a Member of Lutherans For Life ...

Membership in Lutherans For Life will help deepen your commitment to serving the Lord of Life. Membership makes you an active partner in the mission of LFL on a regular basis. Ongoing, regular support is both a way of declaring commitment and developing commitment. Your partnership will help expand our mission of “witnessing to the sanctity of human life, through education, based on the Word of God.”

Members of Lutherans For Life Receive:

- LFL’s quarterly journal, *LifeDate*, at no cost to you—keeping you informed on all the life issues.
- An initial membership packet that will help you grow in your understanding of the mission, message, and manner of LFL.
- An official membership card.
- Semiannual mailings updating you on new materials.
- An annual report to help you see how your gifts are being used.
- Sponsor members, who give monthly gifts, receive a letter from the executive director each month giving some devotional thoughts, comments on pertinent issues, and updates on what is happening at the national office.

These items will help you stay connected. Through this ongoing connection you will:

- Be reminded of how the Gospel of Jesus Christ relates to these issues.
- Grow in your faith as you see how God’s Word changes lives.
- Keep informed about what’s going on at the national office.
- Keep up to date on the latest life issues.
- Become better equipped to do more to make a difference in your congregation and community.
- Receive encouragement as you realize you are partnering with your fellow members all across the country.
- Learn about becoming involved at the local and/or state level of LFL.

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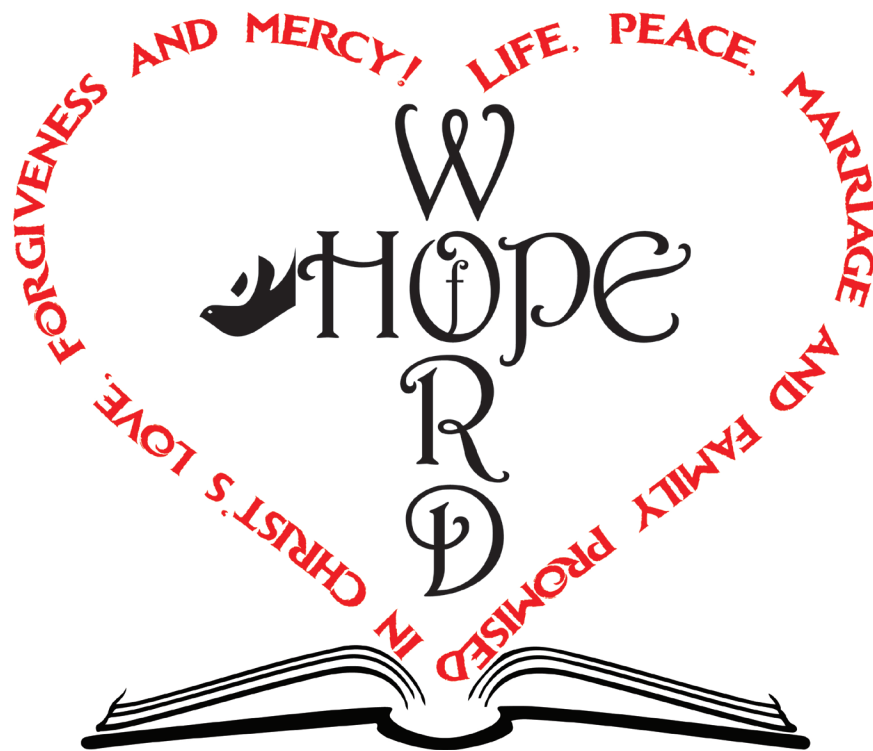
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Since 1973: 61,628,584 abortions in America

Source: www.nationalrighttolifenews.org/2020/07/abortion-statistics-united-states-data-and-trends-4



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FRONTLINE CALL

For all Lutherans For Life Frontline Volunteers!



Join in on the Frontline call to get LFL updates and new project ideas.

When: Monday, October 12, 2020 – 5:00 p.m. PDT, 6:00 p.m. MDT, 7:00 p.m. CDT, 8:00 p.m. EDT

What: There will be a devotion, activity update, life project ideas, and Q & A.

CONNECT: Dial: 646-876-9923, Meeting ID: 816 8698 9871, Passcode: 953488

Online: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81686989871>.

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Family Living • Post-Abortion Healing
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