

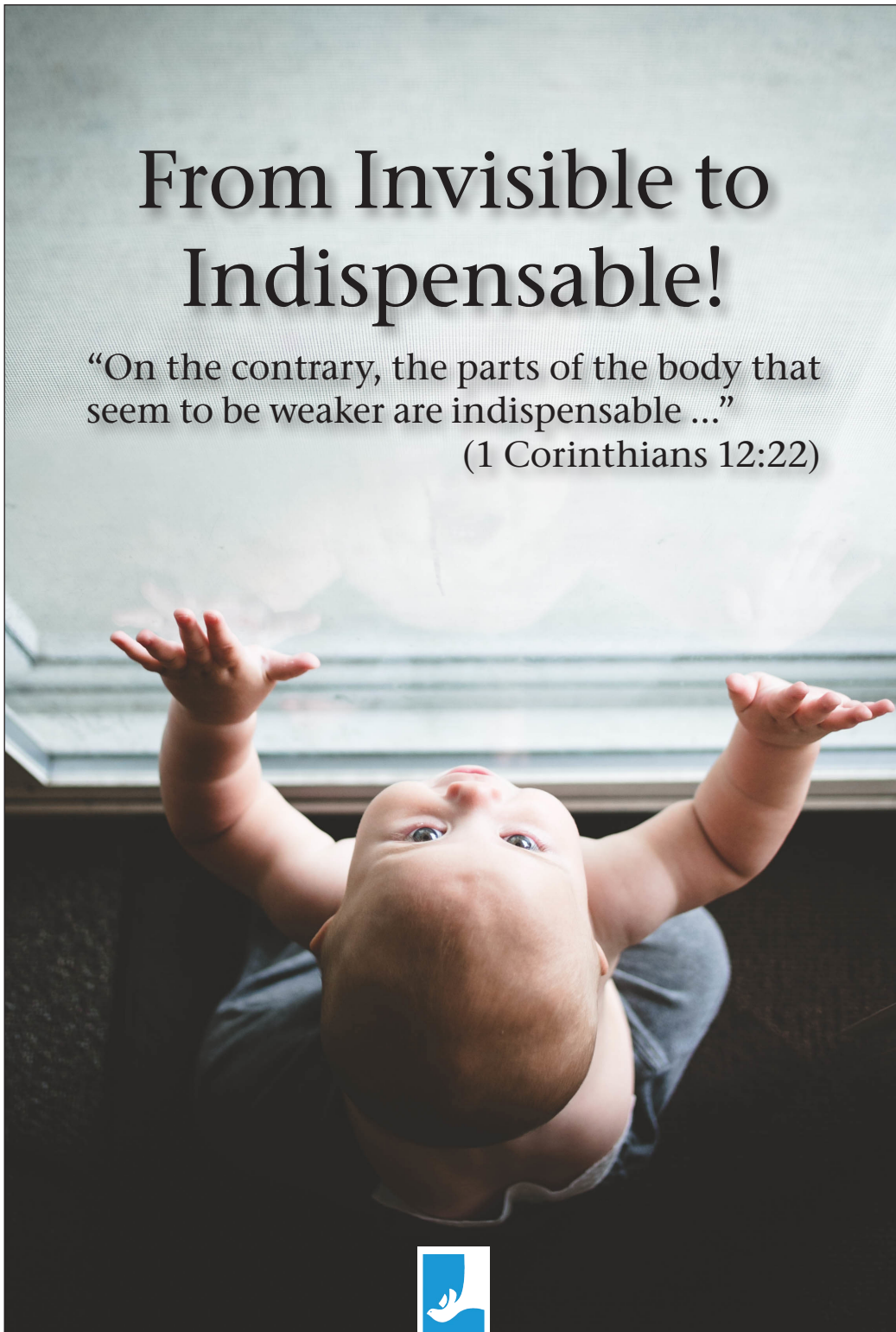
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# From Invisible to Indispensable!

“On the contrary, the parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable ...”

(1 Corinthians 12:22)



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November-December 2020

## News and Notes

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

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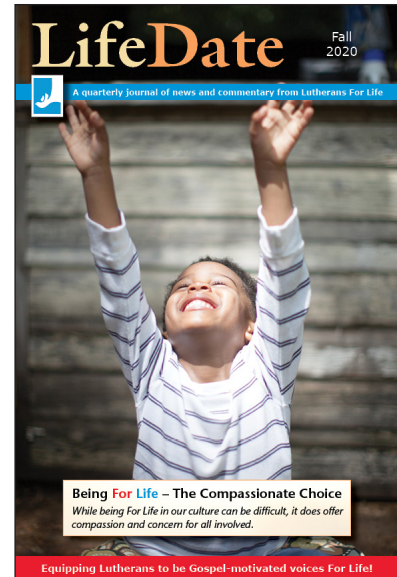
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- **Join our Facebook group for Life Chapters, Life Teams, and LMCs:** [www.facebook.com/groups/teampageLFL](https://www.facebook.com/groups/teampageLFL). The group includes an idea exchange and is a place to connect with other Frontline volunteers.
- **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.
- **Life News is available each month to download and print.** *Life News* is a free monthly bulletin insert with life-issue news and more. Go to: [www.lutheransforlife.org/media/life-news](http://www.lutheransforlife.org/media/life-news).
- **AmazonSmile** – Shop at AmazonSmile, and Amazon will make a donation to Lutherans For Life! Check it out through the link on our Store page at [www.lutheransforlife.org](http://www.lutheransforlife.org) and in our *Life Notes* e-newsletter.
- **Real Estate for Life** – “It takes so little to do so much to save the life of a child.” Real Estate for Life makes it easy for you to help Lutherans For Life by using funds a real estate company has already earmarked for commission fees at no extra cost to you. Under real estate law, Real Estate for Life will receive a referral fee. Pro-life organizations will receive 100% of the profits of that fee as a donation. Find out how it works at [lutheransforlife.org/real-estate-for-life](http://lutheransforlife.org/real-estate-for-life), 877.543.3871, [proliferealestate@yahoo.com](mailto:proliferealestate@yahoo.com).



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**Attention all LFL Volunteers!**

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

**LFL Frontline Call Info:  
Monday, January 11, 2021  
7:00-8:00 p.m. CDT**

**To connect:**

**Join Zoom Meeting:  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86823211980>**

**Meeting ID: 868 2321 1980  
Passcode: 355706**

**Dial: 646-876-9923**







## The Wise and the Foolish: A Bible Study

As the end of the year looms, many people have questions. What is in store for the next year? Will there be suffering, perhaps even greater suffering than I have already experienced? Will there be enough? How can I prepare for the uncertainty, the inevitable? When the year in review (or in the rearview) is one like 2020 (world-wide viral pandemics, racial and societal unrest, vicious outbreaks of anarchy, rancorous political squabbles, massive social construct reformations, insecurity about the future family structure) one may question, “Is this all there is to life? Or, how do I live as one who is wise among so much foolishness?”

In Matthew 25:1-13 (commonly known as “The Parable of the Ten Bridesmaids”), Jesus speaks of the reign and rule of the Messiah as a Bridegroom coming to seek His bride at a wedding feast. To mark the occasion with the proper pomp and circumstance due to the importance of this grand event, the Church (represented by the ten virgins) waits to join in the joyous royal procession and celebrate the wedding feast. But what happens when the Bridegroom is delayed? How is the Church to respond? How do you respond when faced with struggles or pitfalls that challenge the way you would have your life lived or ordered? What delays the joy you look forward to experiencing in this life, or in the life to come? What can we learn from Jesus’ parable? Are there applications that can be made to our own lives which are so precious in the sight of the Lord?

### Read Matthew 25:1-13.

Verses 1 and 10 highlight the joy of both the invitation to the reign and rule of Christ as well as the entrance into the wedding feast of joy. The “wise virgins” follow inside and celebrate behind closed doors with the Bridegroom and the bride.

- What makes you “wise for salvation”? (2 Timothy 3:14-17; John 17:9-22; James 1:16-21)
- From where does joy in salvation emanate? (Isaiah 12:1-6; Hebrews 2)
- In what ways do the Scriptures point you to experience the joy of your baptism? (Titus 3:1-8; Romans 6:1-11)
- How can you celebrate the assurance of your salvation now? (Philippians 1:21-26; Hebrews 6:9-12)
- What joy still awaits in an eternity with Christ and all the saints in heaven? (Isaiah 65:17-25; Revelation 21:1-7)



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Verses 5-6 indicate, for whatever reason, a delay in the Bridegroom's arrival to the wedding. Both the "wise" and "unwise" suffer from the same delay.

- What insights can you glean about how to live your life in the between time—the time from Christ's first appearance in humility to die on the cross for our salvation and the time when He will appear again in glory on the Last Day of Judgment? (2 Peter 3:1-15; 2 Thessalonians 3:10-13; Revelation 2:1-7)
- How are "wise" Christians to prepare for the hardships that are expected in this life? (1 Peter 4:12-19; Romans 8:18-23)
- What tools are available to a Christian to aid their life of suffering? (Psalm 34:5-22; Ezekiel 18:19-28; Romans 5:1-5; Galatians 5:16-26)
- When Christians face extended periods of adversity or struggle, what gives them hope? (Psalm 9; Psalm 46; Ezekiel 37:1-14; 2 Corinthians 1:1-7; 2 Timothy 2:8-15)
- What vulnerable classes of individuals could use extra prayer and support as they face the challenges of everyday living? (Zechariah 7:8-12; Isaiah 61; Exodus 22:20-27; Luke 10:25-37)

After reviewing these Bible verses, consider the various life issues that face individuals in your home, your church, your community, your nation, and the world. What vulnerable individuals or classes of people has the Lord brought to mind to whom you may bring aid, support, prayer, and the Gospel of forgiveness in Jesus Christ alone?

Consider Rev. Dr. Jeff Gibbs's comments in his Matthew commentary on the "oil" of Matthew 25:1-13: "... the oil in the parable represents whatever it takes for you to be ready to honor the Bridegroom when he comes again in glory."

- How could repentance be a valuable oil for the life of wise Christians preparing to welcome the return of the Bridegroom in joy? (Psalm 32, 51; 1 John 1:5-10; Ezekiel 18:26-32; Luke 5:30-32)
- What other gifts of God in spiritual and physical support could be oil for the wise Christian? Consider ...



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**Humble and true faith** (Isaiah 66:2; Psalm 18:30-31; John 17:17; Jeremiah 28:9; Psalm 119:41-47)

**Perseverance** (Ephesians 6:12-18; James 1:22-25)

**Courage** (Deuteronomy 31:1-8; Joshua 1:1-9; Psalm 27; 2 Corinthians 5:1-11)

**Humility** (Deuteronomy 8:1-10; Psalm 18:20-32; Isaiah 5:15-23; Isaiah 61:1-2; Matthew 18:1-10; James 4:1-12)

**Denying myself** (Proverbs 30:5-15; Matthew 16:21-28; 2 Timothy 2:8-13)

**Sorrow over world's brokenness** (John 16:18-28; 1 John 2:14-20; James 4:1-6)

**Longing for the name of the Lord to be hallowed** (Matthew 6:6-13; Psalm 34:1-9; Philippians 2:5-11)

As a Lutheran For Life, what message do you share to “build up the oil” of those suffering want, distress, or the brokenness of their own sinful condition? (Galatians 6:1-10; 2 Timothy 4:1-5; Romans 12; 1 Peter 3:12-22)

When faced with the culture of death and the unpreparedness of the “unwise,” how can you speak the truth in love while using a Gospel-motivated voice For Life to bring Good News into their broken and shattered worldview?

What are ways you and/or your Life Team/Life Chapter could bring a message of hope and a Gospel-motivated voice for life to comfort or encourage those caught in the web of “unwise” actions that only lead to death?

- Organize an event, bring in a speaker from LFL, support through fundraising
- Other ideas you develop







# State Essay Contest 2021

The **LFL State Federation Essay Contest** is for students in Grades 6 through 12. Any Lutheran student in a Lutheran school or church is eligible. Lutheran students may also enter through a home school or congregation (e.g. confirmation class, youth group) when validated by a pastor or teacher.

For 2021, students will write a life-affirming essay based on the theme **God Chose You** based on John 15:16: **"You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit."**

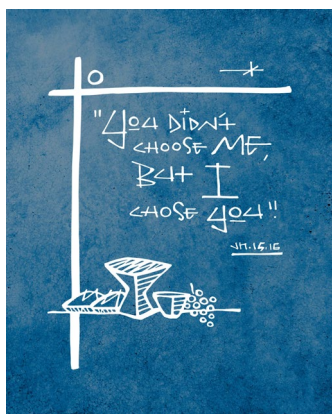
For specific state guidelines and rubrics contact the State Federation President or Regional Director for your state. These can be found at this link on the Lutherans For Life website: [lutheransforlife.org/frontlines/state-federation](https://lutheransforlife.org/frontlines/state-federation).

If you do not see your state, or you discover your state is not running the contest this year, please contact Rev. Jeffrey Duncan ([jduncan@lutheransforlife.org](mailto:jduncan@lutheransforlife.org)), LFL Mission & Ministry Director for information on how to enter the non-federation contest that covers the rest of the country.

Thank you for your participation!

The Council of Federation Presidents





# Lutherans For Life

## 2021 Non-Federation States

### Essay Contest

Sponsored by the Council of Federation Presidents

#### For students in Grades 6 through 12

*Any Lutheran student in a Lutheran school or church is eligible. Lutheran students may also enter through a home school or congregation (e.g. confirmation class, youth group) when validated by a pastor or teacher.*

#### Contest Guidelines

Students will write a life-affirming essay based on the theme: **God Chose You** with the Bible verse: ***“You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit”.*** (John 15:16)

1. Not incorporating the theme and verse in the essay will disqualify the entry.
2. Examples of topics the essay could deal with are, but not limited to: abortion, the handicapped, adoption or foster care, infanticide, cloning, stem cell research, physician-assisted suicide, or euthanasia, etc.
3. Essays should include student's name, grade (identify school or church), and email address. All entries submitted by a teacher or pastor should include their name and email address. This information should be submitted on the rubric page used in grading the essay.
4. All sources for references, statistics, and quotes should be incorporated within the essay and then included in a bibliography at the end.

Grades 6 - 8 should submit essays up to 400 words

Grades 9 - 12 should submit essays up to 750 words

Entries should be submitted digitally using Microsoft Word or Google Docs to [jduncan@lutheransforlife.org](mailto:jduncan@lutheransforlife.org) by April 1, 2021.

5. There will be a \$100 first place-award and \$50 second-place award for each of the two. The two first-place category winners will advance to the national contest. Email [jduncan@lutheransforlife.org](mailto:jduncan@lutheransforlife.org) with any questions.
6. Grand Prize for the national winning entry at each level: \$250 plus free conference registration to a 2021 Regional Conference and one night stay at the conference hotel.
7. All entries become the property of Lutherans For Life.
8. For questions or resources on the sanctity of life, see: [lutheransforlife.org](http://lutheransforlife.org)



# Rubric for Assessment of the Life Essay

(maximum of 21 points for each essay)

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<b>ORGANIZATION</b> Structure Transitions	Logical progression of ideas with a clear structure that enhances the thesis. Transitions are mature and graceful. The essay has a nice smooth flow between ideas.	Logical progression of ideas. Transitions are present equally throughout essay. The essay has a flow of ideas.	Organization is clear. Transitions are present in some places but may be missing in others. In places flow is interrupted or doesn't exist.	No discernable organization. Transitions are not present. Connections between ideas seem confusing or incomplete.
<b>INTRODUCTION</b> Background/History Thesis Statement <b>CONCLUSION</b>	Well-developed introduction engages the reader-creates interest. Contains detailed background information. Thesis clearly states a significant and compelling position or belief. Conclusion effectively wraps up & goes beyond restating the thesis.	Introduction creates interest. Sufficient background information is provided. Thesis clearly states the position or belief. Conclusion effectively summarizes topics.	Introduction adequately explains the background, but may lack detail. Thesis states the position or belief. Conclusion is recognizable and ties up almost all loose ends.	Background details are a random collection of information, unclear, or not related to the topic. Thesis is vague or unclear. Conclusion does not summarize main points.
<b>MAIN POINTS</b> Body Paragraphs, Bibliography	The main idea or thesis statement is clearly defined. There may be more than one key point. Appropriate relevant information and details are shared from a variety of sources including personal experiences, observations, feelings and prior knowledge. Supporting details are accurate, relevant, and helpful in clarifying the main idea(s). Statistics or research are used effectively. A simple bibliography gives the references for the resources used.	The main idea can be identified. The writer shares relevant information, facts and experiences. There is a clear distinction between general observations and specifics. Supporting details are relevant and explain the main idea. Research is evident and statistics are used. Missing information in bibliography.	The main idea can be identified. The writer shares some information, facts and experiences, but may express feelings without much to substantiate it. There may be problems going from general observations to specifics. Stronger support and greater attention to details would strengthen this paper. Statistics and research do little to help support the main idea. Incomplete bibliography.	More than one of the following problems may be evident: The main idea is not identifiable. The writer shares some information, but it is limited or unclear. Details are missing or repetitious. Statistics are missing. No bibliography.
<b>FOCUS</b> LFL Mission, Conference theme verse	The paper is in complete agreement with the mission of Lutherans for Life and focuses on the conference theme verse.	The paper is in agreement with the mission of Lutherans for Life and somewhat focuses on the conference theme verse.	The paper doesn't completely agree with the mission of Lutherans For Life and touches on the conference theme verse.	Little or no effort has been made to address the mission of Lutherans For Life and doesn't focus on the conference theme verse.
<b>BIBLICAL ACCURACY</b>	Several Biblical references give strong support for the main idea and are a natural part of the essay. Verses used are interpreted accurately. Citations are accurate.	Biblical references are used to support the main idea. Verses used are interpreted accurately. Citations are accurate.	There are places where a Biblical reference would have helped support the main idea. There are some problems with interpretation of the verses used. Citations are accurate.	Little effort is given to use Biblical references to support the main idea. Problems exist in the interpretation of the verses and their citations.
<b>STYLE</b> Writer's Voice, Audience Awareness	The paper is honest and enthusiastic. The language is natural yet thought-provoking. It brings the topic to life. The reader feels a strong sense of interaction with the writer and senses the person behind the words. Writing is smooth, skillful, and coherent. Sentences are strong and expressive with varied structure.	Writer's voice is consistent and strong. The writer is aware of an audience. The reader is informed and remains engaged. Sentences have varied structure.	Writer's voice may emerge strongly on occasion, then retreat behind general, vague, tentative, or abstract language. The writer is aware of an audience. The reader is informed, but must work at remaining engaged. Sentence structure shows some variety.	Writing is confusing, hard to follow. Language is vague. No audience awareness. No variety in sentence structure.
<b>MECHANICS</b> Spelling, punctuation, capitalization	Punctuation, spelling, capitalizations are correct. No errors.	Punctuation, spelling, capitalizations are generally correct, with few errors. (1-2)	A few errors in punctuation, spelling, capitalization. (3-4)	Distracting errors in punctuation, spelling, capitalization

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Teacher/Pastor \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_



## Zoom Event: For Life Live

Since June 2020, a new educational outreach opportunity has been produced by Lutherans For Life: “For Life Live – an LFL Zoom Event.” More *For Life Live* presentations are coming your way! The following description could be used in a bulletin insert, a church newsletter, or your Life Team, Life Chapter, or State Federation email or newsletter:

*For Life Live* is an online educational event produced by Lutherans For Life. Rev. Jeff Duncan, Mission and Ministry Director of LFL, hosts various speakers on the first and third Tuesdays of each month at 7:00 p.m. Central/8:00 p.m. Eastern. These Zoom presentations are informative, impactful, and insightful and will inspire you to know and to act in accordance with your For Life values and beliefs. These 90-minute events allow speakers to go in-depth with plenty of opportunity for Q & A.

Past *For Life Live* presentations are available on the LFL website ([lutheransforlife.org](http://lutheransforlife.org)). Topics have included vaccines, over-the-counter abortion pill, pregnancy resource centers, sexuality and gender, sidewalk advocacy, physician-assisted suicide/euthanasia, the Church and public policy, and adoption and fostering toward adoption.

Future *For Life Live* topics will include suicide/depression, fetal pain, embryo rescue through adoption, life ministry and youth, human trafficking, life ministry and media-wise parenting, life ministry and pornography, and more!

To participate in *For Life Live*, email Rev. Duncan at [jduncan@lutheransforlife.org](mailto:jduncan@lutheransforlife.org) and ask for the required unique Zoom ID and Passcode.

A Doodle Poll allows registration information for advance notice of future events. Go to: <https://doodle.com/poll/99xz7etcg6n9htv9>.

The LFL homepage has a calendar of events listing upcoming topics. (Scroll to the bottom.) Come, grow, learn, and expand your knowledge and skills at *For Life Live*!







## Celebrating Life Chapters and Life Teams

by Pastor Michael Salemink

You are not alone.

Did you know the Lutherans For Life community numbers in the tens of thousands? Pastors, congregations, individuals, and communities stand beside you and speak together as Gospel-motivated voices For Life. And boy, do they know how to show the sanctity of life.

Let's celebrate with our Life Chapters and Life Teams. We have well over one hundred of these volunteer communities in our nationwide network. As you know, every year we ask them to report on their undertakings and obstacles so we can affirm and assist them. Here are some of their energizing stories:

**Arizona:** "In early February, our first adoption event was hosted with a baby shower to benefit first-time mom, Michelle, adopting her four-year-old from Ethiopia on February 8. Shower gifts included clothing, books, and games, along with generous cash donations to help with the little one's preschool tuition at our school!"

**Illinois:** "Our youth group has given us opportunities to work together. We assembled moms' care packages in April. The youth group leaders made a plan to assemble fifty packages including diapers, a blanket, a onesie, a bib, and a Christian book about development in the womb, all tied together as a gift. They delivered them to two local support centers. We also have our schoolchildren donating funds for the packages, and our group of friends has knitted baby blankets and hats. The diapers were collected on Life Sunday—12,620 diapers and 472 packages of wipes. On Mother's Day, we hand out baby bottles to congregation members to collect coins for the local pregnancy center and return them on Father's Day. Last year we collected almost \$3,000!"

**Missouri:** "We hosted a Christmas 'Parents' Day Out' event. It was so exciting and well received by parents. On a Saturday morning in December, parents dropped their children off for a morning of cookie decorating, crafts, storytime, the *Charlie Brown Christmas* cartoon, and pizza. We had 23 kids, but we also got other members of the congregation involved to help us out. Toward the end it was blissful chaos, and we plan to make it an annual activity!"

**South Dakota:** "Our chapter has a grant that we offer to couples who are adopting. We had our first family take advantage of the grant. In the months since we have been able to meet the baby. AWESOME! Our group also assisted the local Right To Life chapter in hosting the state Right To Life convention in September—it was a full year of planning. We came together as a team, and each did what they were good at. (Luckily, we all have different talents!)"



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**Michigan:** “For several years, our congregation’s LFL has offered to take pictures of people with their dads on Father’s Day. Two members with photography experience were available before and after services with Polaroid cameras in an out-of-the-way hall near the church entrance. Last year a family of five declined and walked out of the church. After a while they returned, having changed their mind, and requested a photo. They explained they have pictures of the children, but none of the whole family. Not only did they pose for their picture, but they went back into the narthex and visited with others. Several months later they joined the church. Their acceptance is a happy ministry memory!”

**Indiana:** “One of our officers has become deeply involved the past few years in working with other Right To Life groups. She has gotten the other LFL officers to commit to praying at Planned Parenthood a couple of hours a month. Training for sidewalk counseling was offered, and a few came. Then a couple decided not to abort but to keep their baby. A shower was given, and the couple has attended a few Respect Life monthly gatherings. (Respect Life is now having several pro-life church groups meet together.)”

**California:** “Our main emphasis has been fund-raisers for pro-life clinics—a total of \$930 for the five area facilities! Another event that began in autumn of last year and continued into this year’s ‘pandemic shutdown’ was our diaper drive; it was a success at the time, with stores of diapers in reserve at Support Circle in San Francisco. But just last week we were sent an e-mail with pictures of people (parents) receiving the diaper packages at their front door to use in their needy quarantine! (Toilet paper wasn’t the only item being hoarded!)”



### Keeping Us Busy!

by Pastor Michael Salemink

You've kept us busy this summer and fall! Here are a few of the ways we've been working to amplify your Gospel-motivated voices For Life:

**Lowell Highby**, your Director of Communications (and longest-serving National Staff member, at over twenty years!), has been designing our new print resources, including "Is Abortion an Election Issue," "Real Love, Real Life," "Teaching Children Chastity: Talking Points for Christian Parents," and "Will It Hurt? – Six Facts About Pain Perception in the Developing Human," as well as preparing our Life Sunday 2021 congregational worship materials under the theme of "From Invisible to Indispensable (1 Corinthians 12:22)."

**Jeri Richard**, your Data Analyst, has been making sure we have accurate information about and maintaining our ongoing contact with over 50,000 donors and congregations across several church bodies and in all fifty states. (You're reading this letter right now thanks to her!)

**Kim Nessa**, your Accountant, in addition to cutting all the checks and paying all the bills (your Lutherans For Life national organization has no debt!), assisted our annual auditor in documenting, reviewing, and reconciling all of our financial records and practices (no concerns identified!) and compiled our (thorough!) Statement of Functional Expenses for IRS purposes.

**Katie Friedrich**, your Office Assistant, has been adding up, typing in, and passing along the details of the more than 4,775 separate gifts we have received so far this year from generous folks just like you. (She also keeps our entire national staff cheerful with a priceless supply of smiles and hugs.)

**Rev. Scott Licht**, your Executive Director of Finance and Operations, has been implementing technology upgrades that have not only maintained but improved our ministry in this time of travel restrictions, enabling us to work together better (through videoconferencing and project management software) and engage more hearts and minds (with simpler, brighter, more dynamic, mobile-ready websites and live-streaming of our regional conferences). He's also compiling our conscientious budget proposal of more than \$1 million for the October Board of Directors meeting (and pastoring a mission congregation!).

**Virginia Flo**, your Conferences Director and Minnesota Regional Director, has been coordinating locations, catering, presenters, publicity, documents, agendas, and safety considerations (masked, sanitized, and socially distanced!) for our four regional conferences in Fargo (August), Pittsburgh (September), Phoenix (October), and Orlando (November).

**Dr. Barb Geistfeld**, your Texas Regional Director, has worked with a team of others to arrange our quarterly frontlines conference calls for regularly connecting and encouraging Life Chapters, Life Teams, State Federations, and other volunteers (she also really enjoys reaching out to our Texas donors, whose annual offerings exceed any other state, to communicate our gratitude).



## Directions • Lutherans For Life • Leadership

**Deaconess Chrissie Gillet, Psy.D.**, your Word of Hope Director, has fielded an increase in callers to our 24/7, toll-free, nationwide, and distinctively Lutheran post-abortion healing and crisis care hotline, and she's noting that in this time of widespread unrest, the conversations have concerned general anxiety, depression, and abuse, as well as abortion grief and guilt.

**Michelle Bauman**, your Y4Life Director, has been hosting a series of Thursday-night Chats 4 Life for our young people, facilitating timely discussions about healthcare rationing, racism, contraception, vaccines, gender dysphoria, suicide, and abortion with more than fifty participants. (She's also spearheading our exciting new initiative, Life Week 2021. Stay tuned for upcoming announcements about those activities!)

**Rev. Jeff Duncan**, your Mission and Ministry Director, has organized our new For Life Live events, featuring educational presentations and expert conversations twice a month on Tuesday evenings—like our national conferences but year-round and no-cost, open to the public thanks to the magic of the internet. (Some have been so popular that we've had to make waiting lists!)

**Jan Nessa**, your Office Clerk, has been answering your phone calls, responding to your e-mail inquiries, managing our mail, keeping our files, and otherwise learning to operate as a jill-of-all-trades (and master of most after only three months on staff!) linking all the moving parts of our team and ministry together.

And I've been producing Life Moments (multimedia versions of our Life Thoughts in the Church Year), Life Matters (short videos about life issue concepts and events for social media sharing), and Life-Minded (a podcast or twenty-minute audio program listeners can access anytime). I believe you'll agree that God has given us a team of competent, exemplary, professional, passionate, Gospel-motivated voices For Life! And thank you so much for your fellowship, encouragement, and support—you're making it all possible.







# VIRTRU UPDATE

## ACCESS FREE PARENT COURSES

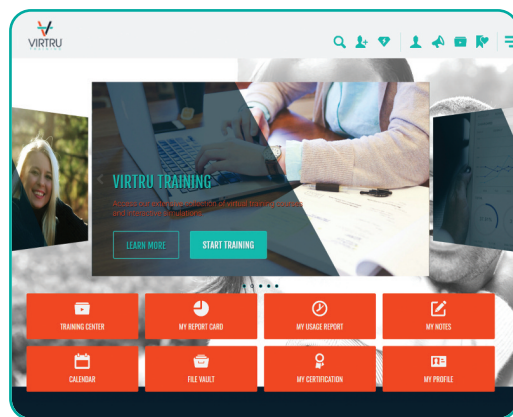
It is God's plan that a child's parents have the honor of passing on the truth about life, virtue and moral living. Take heart! God would not give you a responsibility that He would not equip you for. Through Him, you are uniquely qualified as a parent to fill this role for your child.

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## 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@lutheransforlife.org](mailto:jduncan@lutheransforlife.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.**

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Name \_\_\_\_\_

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Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

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### Ship to (if different):

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

ITEM #	QTY.	DESCRIPTION	PRICE	TOTAL
LTTDVDR		Life Team Tool DVD Replacement: (Circle) 1 2 3 4	\$10	
LTTBN		<b>LIFE TEAM TOOL BUNDLE</b> (Includes tools 1-4 and field manuals)	\$30	
			<b>TOTAL</b>	
			<b>SHIPPING</b>	\$15
			<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	

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**Are you purchasing this for a church? Please list name and address:**

Church Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Pastor: \_\_\_\_\_

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City, State, Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

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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).**

**What is a LifeTeam?**

**TOOL 1**  
Life Team  
Introduction  
and Roadmap

**TOOL 2**  
Life Team  
Leader  
Training

**TOOL 3**  
Life Team  
101

**TOOL 4**  
Resource  
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### OFFICE USE ONLY

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Transaction #: \_\_\_\_\_

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☐ Rev. Jeff Duncan

☐ Virginia Flo (MN)

☐ Dr. Barb Geistfeld (TX)

☐ Mail

☐ Email

☐ Phone

☐ Conference

☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_





# 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](mailto: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.

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Ed Szeto (nationwide – based in Virginia)  
Rev. Luke Timm (nationwide – based in Des Moines, Iowa)



# 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](mailto:info@lutheransforlife.org).

Speaking Engagement Report Form	
<b>Speaker's Name:</b>	
<b>Location:</b>	
<b>Date:</b>	
<b>Topic of Presentation:</b>	
<b>Audience presented to</b> (teens, adults, children, etc.):	
<b>Number of people in attendance:</b>	
<b>Resources used at presentation (DVD, brochures, articles, etc.):</b>	

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**61,628,584 abortions in**  
**America**

Source: [www.nationalrighttolifenews.org/2020/07/abortion-statistics-united-states-data-and-trends-4](http://www.nationalrighttolifenews.org/2020/07/abortion-statistics-united-states-data-and-trends-4)

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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



# Life Sunday Resources for 2021

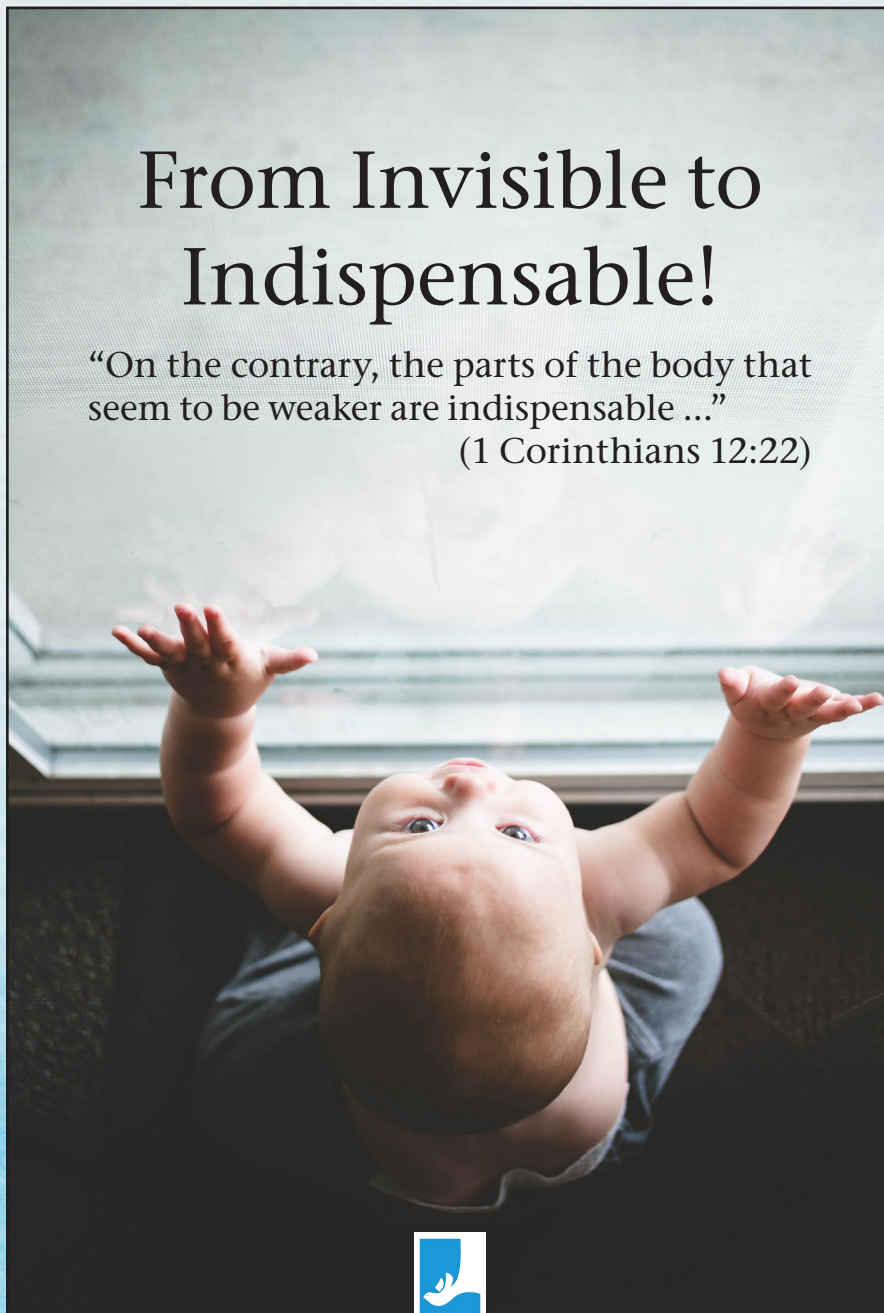
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## From Invisible to Indispensable!

“On the contrary, the parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable ...”

(1 Corinthians 12:22)



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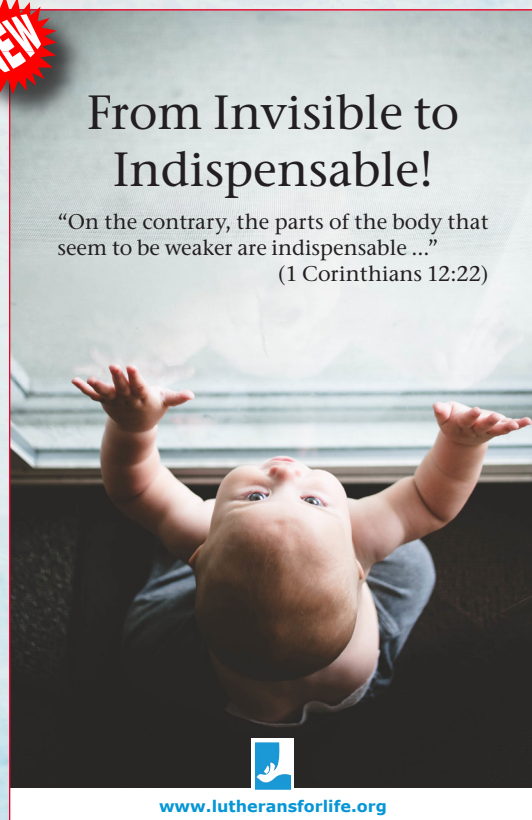
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Bulletin Inserts • Bible Study • Children's Message  
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**NEW 2021 RESOURCES!**



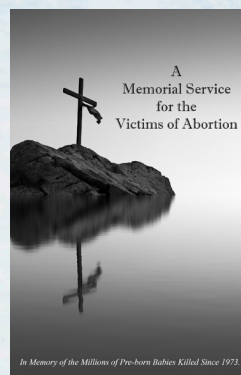
**Bulletin Insert: From Invisible to Indispensable**  
(2021 Life Sunday theme) *Item LFL1641BI. \$0.10 ea.*



**Also available: From Invisible to Indispensable Downloads** (Find them at the link below.)

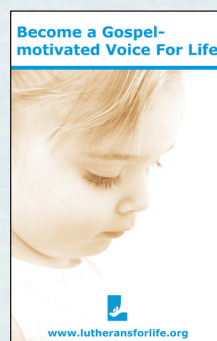
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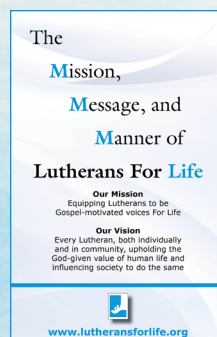
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**A Memorial Service for the Pre-born Killed Since 1973** – Best suited as a separate service apart from Sunday morning worship—perhaps on the eve of Sanctity of Human Life Sunday  
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**Membership Form/Informational Insert**

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**LFL's Mission, Message, and Manner** – There are a few misconceptions about Lutherans For Life out there! This booklet is designed to help people understand the unique role LFL has in the life-affirming community and consider LFL's 3Ms: Mission, Message, and Manner.  
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ITEM #	QTY.	DESCRIPTION	PRICE	TOTAL
LFL1602		LFL Memorial/Thanksgiving Card	FREE	
LFL1601LG		LFL Offering Envelopes	FREE	

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\$50.01-\$75.00	\$14.95	\$200.01 or more	Call CPH Customer Service
\$75.01-\$100.00	\$15.95	Prices subject to change without notice	

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**TOTAL**  
**TAX\***  
**SHIPPING**  
**GRAND TOTAL**

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You may also use the CPH website or send a fax.  
See info above.

### Shipping:

On prepaid orders (check or money order), use the chart above to figure and include your shipping.

### Expedited Shipping or International Ordering:

Contact CPH for more information. To view Canadian pricing, visit [canada.cph.org](http://canada.cph.org).

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# Life Sunday 2021



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## Life Sunday, Life Week, and More!

*A few suggestions on sharing the For Life message ...*

**Calling All For Life Supporters!** LFL is excited to announce a brand new multi-generational online and in-person opportunity: **Life Week 2021: Invisible to Indispensable**. Plan to join us each day from Saturday, January 23, through Saturday, January 30, 2021, to learn about, share, and build excitement For Life in your home, church, school, and community! Each themed day will explore a distinct aspect of life ministry through local activities, online educational events, and interviews. Top off the week in person or online with mountaintop experiences like the **March for Life** and **Y4Life in Washington, D.C.** Watch for more news on our Facebook page and [lutheransforlife.org](http://lutheransforlife.org)!



*Other ways to share the For Life message:*

- Place a white flower in/on chancel/altar when a person is baptized (representing the new life found in Christ).
- During worship services, display crib quilts which can later be donated to a pregnancy center.
- Have a "Celebrate Life" service on March 25 (The Annunciation of our Lord).
- Make a "For Life" banner for church in conjunction with Life Sunday or other event.
- On Life Sunday, celebrate the baptism of all children baptized since the previous year's Life Sunday. Each family gets a letter of invitation prior to the Life Sunday "celebration."