

News and Notes

- **NEW RESOURCE: REAL LOVE REAL LIFE**



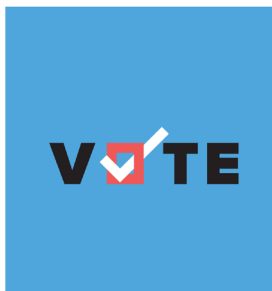
From **Real Love Real Life**, a 30" x 6" fold-out brochure: "Love. We think about it. We want it. We wonder when we'll find it. We wonder IF we'll find it ... God desires to give His people love, and one of the ways He provides the blessing of love is through marriage. But how do we know when we've found real love? ... Interested in learning more about REAL LOVE? Read on, young lover!"

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- **NEW RESOURCE: IS ABORTION AN ELECTION ISSUE? 2020 EDITION**

Is Abortion an Election Issue?

by Pastor Michael Salemink



Is Abortion an Election Issue? (2020 Edition) – So, Chris tells Jamie, "I just couldn't cast a vote for someone who supports abortion." And Jamie says, "You know, Chris, abortion's not the only voting issue. Other things matter to elections and politics too. Seems kind of narrow-minded for you to fixate on just that one." Have you ever heard a conversation like this? Have you ever had a conversation like this? Have you ever met someone like Chris or Jamie? Have you ever felt like Chris? Like Jamie? Is abortion an election issue? No and yes. No, abortion is never just an election issue. But yes, abortion is always at least an election issue. "Is Abortion an Election Issue?" outlines ten reasons why.

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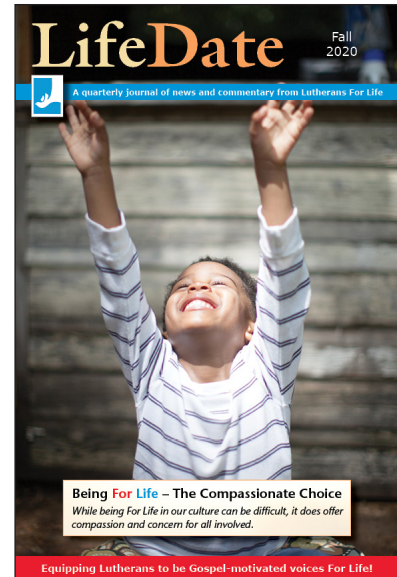
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When Death Comes before Birth: A Bible Study

Martin Luther wrote a special letter for parents who miscarried or suffered stillbirth. He wanted to comfort them as they “suffered such agony and heartbreak.” These tragedies still raise questions today about what comes of the babies’ souls. Their death happens before they can receive Baptism or perhaps even hear the Gospel. Christians have the same concerns about little ones who perish as embryos through experimentation or as fetuses in abortions. Much remains a mystery about God’s work in such circumstances, but the Word of the Lord does provide hope and consolation in Jesus Christ.

1. Read what Psalm 51:5, Romans 5:12, and Ezekiel 18:20 say about sinfulness. What has an innocent little baby done to deserve the threat of everlasting condemnation?
2. Do Acts 4:12, Romans 10:17, and Mark 16:16 tell us anything about a special way of salvation exclusively for the unborn?
3. How do 1 Corinthians 12:3, Luke 1:44, Matthew 18:6, and Matthew 21:16 address whether these children can have faith or believe and trust in Jesus?
4. What feelings does the Heavenly Father have for them in Ezekiel 18:32, Luke 15:4, 1 Timothy 2:3-4, and Numbers 14:31?
5. According to John 9:1-3 and Isaiah 53:5, how does Jesus respond to somebody who fears their child died because of God’s anger or punishment?
6. How does the condition of unborn children differ from the rest of us in Ephesians 2:1-3, 1 John 2:2, Mark 10:14-15, and 1 Peter 2:2?
7. What encouragements do John 4:47-50, Matthew 15:25-28, James 5:16, and 2 Samuel 12:23 give to these situations?
8. What words do John 11:35, Isaiah 55:8-9, 1 Corinthians 13:12, and Revelation 21:4 provide for us to say to those who grieve children who die before birth?



From the LCMS – A Bible Study Series for COVID-19

(Source: blogs.lcms.org/2020/bible-study-series-for-covid-19)

The COVID-19 pandemic has brought many hardships, even to those in the church such as fear, guilt, financial strain, anger, exhaustion. As part of its Making Disciples for Life initiative, this Bible study series from The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod addresses these various trials in light of God’s Word and promises for us. Make use of these studies

with your congregation or small group, or use them for individual study. Topics include:



Guilt and Fear

“Coping with Fear” by Rev. Lance O’Donnell

“Finding Balance and Perspective in the Ministry” by Rev. Dr. Tyler Arnold

“The Worker Is Worthy of His Hire” by Rev. Heath Curtis

“Serving Justified” by Rev. Sean Daenzer

Stress and Resilience

“Church Workers and Father Confessors” by Rev. Dr. Brian Saunders

“Anger: A Biblical Perspective” by Rev. Dr. Steven Hokana

“Caring for Those with Depression” by Rev. Todd Peperkorn

“Compassion Fatigue: Serving Our Lord Faithfully without Burning Out” by Rev. Dr. Rick Marrs

“Leadership through Conflict” by Rev. Michael Moreno

General Topics

“Where Is My Church?” by Rev. Dr. Jamison Hardy

“Courage in a Time of Crisis” by Rev. Dr. Adam Koontz

“Making Critical Decision as a Congregation” by Rev. David Fleming

Looking Forward

“Ministry after Pandemic” by Rev. Dr. Steven Schave

“Witnessing after COVID-19: Ending the Isolation” by Rev. Dr. Mark Wood

To find more resources related to the pandemic, visit the ever-expanding Making Disciples for Life Internet Resource Center at makingdisciples.lcms.org.



Looking Back at Our First Event: Baby Shower Benefit!

(Source: oclife.org/babyshowerbenefit)

Note: This idea and article comes to us from Orthodox Christians for Life.

On January 24, 2020, Orthodox Christians for Life hosted its first event: a Baby Shower Benefit. A fun way to kick off the Walk for Life weekend in San Francisco, the baby shower-themed party was attended by over 100 people, both Bay Area locals and visitors from Southern California who traveled north to attend the Walk for Life the following day.

The event served to introduce the community to Orthodox Christians for Life while supporting a great cause: helping pregnant women at risk for abortion to choose life. The price of admission was one baby item (though most guests brought several!), to be donated to Alpha Pregnancy Center, a nonprofit in the local area.

Attendees enjoyed games, raffle prizes, a taco bar, and a presentation about the work of Alpha Pregnancy Center by Pastor Jeff Mammen, a member of the center's board of directors. He spoke about the difficult situations women face which drive them to abortion, and how surrounding them with love and support can help them make the choice for life.

Empowering Women to Choose Life

Like nearly 3,000 other pregnancy resource centers (PRCs) around the country, Alpha Pregnancy Center provides no-cost pregnancy testing, ultrasounds, options counseling, parenting education, and material resources such as baby items and diapers.

The generosity we witnessed that night was overwhelming! Our pile of donations grew higher throughout the evening, as attendees from near and far arrived eager to support pregnant women in need. We received hundreds of brand-new items for the PRC, from adorable baby outfits to diapers to toddler toys to a stroller.

Why a baby shower benefit?

Pregnancy resource centers across the country donate tens of millions of dollars each year in free goods and services to pregnant women at risk for abortion. They rely on the generosity of local churches and supporters to continue showing the love of Christ through free healthcare, material resources, and social/emotional support.

This event was meant to inspire! As the mission and ministry of Orthodox Christians for Life grows, we hope to see parishes around the country host similar events, or otherwise endeavor to raise awareness and support for the PRC in their local community.

Many thanks to Sharon Elizabeth Yocum for the photos from this event.



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Nothing New Under the Sun

by Dr. Barbara Lane Geistfeld, Regional Director of Texas

“What has been will be again, what has been done will be done again; there is nothing new under the sun.” (Ecclesiastes 1:9 NIV)

“Though the fig tree does not bud and there are no grapes on the vines, though the olive crop fails and the fields produce no food, though there are no sheep in the pen and no cattle in the stalls, yet I will rejoice in the Lord, I will be joyful in God my Savior. The Sovereign Lord is my strength.” (Habakkuk 3:17-19a NIV)

“... Let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider him who endured such opposition from sinners, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart ... Therefore, strengthen your feeble arms and weak knees. ‘Make level paths for your feet,’ so that the lame may not be disabled, but rather healed.” (Hebrews 12:1-3, 12-13 NIV)

“I can do all this through him who gives me strength.” (Philippians 4:13 NIV)

As we look at the wide world around us, indeed, there is nothing new under the sun. Though our unborn children are murdered by the millions; though people murder themselves in despair; though our neighbors are murdered and all that they have is taken; though our brothers and sisters are bought and sold like cattle; though our elderly, our disabled, our weak, and our poor are ignored or persecuted or cheated; though male has been turned into female and female into male; though governments have become altogether corrupt, and dishonesty and lies are the rule of the land; though jobs and lives and hope have been lost through pandemics; though *injustice* rolls on like a river; yet, like Habakkuk, we *will* rejoice in the Lord; we *will* be joyful in God our Savior.

As believers in Jesus, we have been called to live in a world we never expected to see and to speak against things we never expected to face. Persecution seemed to be aimed at someone else in some other nation at some other time, not here and now in our beloved America. It is very frightening to know that God has placed each of us here at this very moment in time for His purpose: to be lights in the darkness, to be warriors in His battles, to be the hands and feet and voices that bring the good news of salvation to the whole lost world. He asks us to strengthen our feeble arms and weak knees, to open our mouths to the words He will give us, and to run the race to the finish line.

We can do it! We can persevere. We can be bold. Not in our own strength, but as Paul says, so shall we also say, **“I can do all this through him who gives me strength.”**



Sufficient Grace

by Dr. Barbara Lane Geistfeld, LFL Regional Director of Texas

“Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened.” (Matthew 7:7-8)

“You desire but do not have, so you kill. You covet but you cannot get what you want, so you quarrel and fight. You do not have because you do not ask God. When you ask, you do not receive, because you ask with wrong motives, that you may spend what you get on your pleasures.” (James 4:2-3)

“To keep me from becoming conceited because of these surpassingly great revelations, there was given me a thorn in my flesh, a messenger of Satan, to torment me. Three times I pleaded with the Lord to take it away from me. But he said to me, ‘My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.’ Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ’s power may rest on me. That is why, for Christ’s sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong.” (2 Corinthians 12:7-10)

I have followed Jesus for nearly 70 years. I cannot remember a time when He was not an integral part of my life; even when I wandered off, I did not venture far. I truly love Him. But, like Paul, I have carried thorns along the way. Paul makes it clear that Jesus intentionally did not remove his thorn, and I can certainly identify with that. I believe God made me like I am, on purpose, for His sake, for His glory. But behaviors, attitudes, and personality traits have plagued me for years; behaviors, attitudes, and traits that I have prayed for Him to remove over and over and over again. I have tried to “fix” these unwanted traits all my life, and just when I think I am doing well and conquering some of these ugly things, they burst out afresh.

Why is that? Because one, I am a sinner living in grace. The inner, sinful me still has much power and can overcome my will if that is my only weapon. But secondly, and more importantly, I think Jesus allows these things in my life to make me depend on Him. To make me cling to Him as the healer and lover of my soul. We do not know what Paul’s thorn was, but I sure recognize mine...my natural, nasty self that I deplore. I believe all of us have thorns in our flesh; something that keeps us weak and totally dependent on Jesus. We may ask, seek, and knock, but His answer may still be **“My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.”**

I pray that, like Paul, we can delight in our thorns **“for Christ’s sake ... for when I am weak, then I am strong.”**



Our Pastors Need Help

by Paul Tripp (paultripp.com)

I love the local church.

I love the worship, preaching, and community. I love our witness to the world and ministries of mercy. Most of all, I love the pastors and leaders of the local church.

I know the average pastor is overworked, understaffed, and underpaid. I know the spiritual burden of being a shepherd. I have walked that long road myself, so I have such appreciation for those who have chosen to live that life.



I am excited and optimistic about the local church, but I am also concerned. Why? Because the local church is experiencing a leadership crisis. For every celebrity pastor who exists in the spotlight, hundreds of unknown pastors have fallen privately in the shadows or become spiritual shells of who they once were.

Hundreds of conversations have convinced me of this: Behind a pastor's failure is a weak and failed leadership community. We don't have just a pastoral crisis; we have a leadership crisis. Could it be that the way we have structured local church leadership, how leaders relate to one another, how we form a leader's job description, and the everyday lifestyle of the leadership community may contribute to pastoral failure?

Ephesians 4:1–3 is a passage that should form every church leadership community: **“I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.”** (ESV)

It's impossible to do a detailed study in this limited context, so I want to suggest four characteristics of a healthy local church leadership community shaped by the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Humility

Humble leaders love serving more than they crave leading. They own their inability rather than boasting in their ability. Humble leaders are always committed to listening and learning.



Dependency

Dependent leaders acknowledge that every leader needs to be led, and every pastor needs to be pastored. If Christ is **“the head of the body,”** everyone else is just part of the body! (Colossians 1:18). Biblical literacy, spiritual gifts, and ministry experience and success don’t exempt pastors and leaders from the essential sanctifying ministry of the body of Christ.

Inspection

Because of the blinding power of remaining sin, inspection is needed. Gospel-centered leaders invite people to step over the “normal” boundaries of standard leadership relationships and help them see things that they would not see on their own.

Protection

True biblical love doesn’t just accept you, bless you with patience, and greet your failures with forgiveness. Along with all these things, ministry leaders work to do everything they can to protect you from the weaknesses of heart that make you susceptible to temptation. If this protection is meant to be everyone’s experience in the body of Christ, should it not be present in the core leadership community, too?

The Bible teaches us that lasting change of heart always takes place in the context of a relationship, first with God and then with God’s people. Over and over again, I am saddened that the ministry leaders I know lack the rich gospel community that is required for them to be spiritually healthy and to enjoy longevity.

Could it be that many of our local church leadership communities don’t actually function like biblical communities? Could it be that as we have become enamored with corporate models of leadership, we have lost sight of deeper gospel insights and values?

How many failed pastors and hurting churches will there have to be before we ask these tough questions about how we are leading the church that the Savior has entrusted into our care?



The Christian's Professional Development

by Ross Kok

(Source: Lutheran Spokesman, August 2020; lutheranspokesman.org/2020/08/01/the-christians-professional-development)

Teachers get a great deal of mail for professional development opportunities. I'm sure other professions do, too. Books, seminars, and subscription services all make their case for offering essential knowledge. Continued learning opportunities are an important part of doing a job well, but the decision must be made whether each opportunity is worth the time and money that it costs. Thankfully, we don't have to make any financial decisions or calculate the return on investment when it comes to the worship of our Savior.

Just as professional development is an important part of a career, worship is an important part of our faith life. We need to feed our faith the Bread of Life so that it thrives and grows. Our sinful nature would have it otherwise. It's all too easy to let our faith waste away from negligence and unconcern. But spending time with God's Word is more than an opportunity; it's a need. Isaiah compares God's Word to a force of nature that will bring change: **"For as the rain comes down, and the snow from heaven, and do not return there, but water the earth, and make it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall My word be that goes forth from My mouth; It shall not return to Me void, but it shall accomplish what I please, and it shall prosper in the thing for which I sent it."** (Isaiah 55:10-11)



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Chapters 12-15 of Romans provide guidance for Christian living. In the beginning of chapter 12, Paul calls Christian living our “reasonable service.” A careful and honest analysis of our lives paints a bleak picture in comparison to God’s expectations. Romans 12:14 says, **“Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse,”** yet we often fail to show love even to our fellow Christians. Romans 13:1 begins, **“Let every soul be subject to the governing authorities,”** yet we complain about and disobey governments that are far less unjust and oppressive than was the Roman Empire.

Thankfully, Christian worship isn’t about what we can do for God.

Yes, we are called to be servants of the Almighty, but we are not slaves in the service of a spiteful master. Christ loves us as He commands us to love one another and has freed us from the slavery of sin. Christian worship is not about tallying up some good works or setting a good example for the next generation. Nor is it a comfortable routine that we practice on Sunday mornings. Christian worship allows us to spend time in God’s Word. It is His invitation to drink from a fountain that never stops flowing. God spiritually revives, builds, and nourishes us in our worship. The Christian life is a natural response of thanksgiving to God’s boundless mercy.

Christian worship is so much more than weekly church attendance. The Apostle Paul described an entire life filled with worship, as he said to the Philippians, **“For to me, to live is Christ.”** (1:21). Spending time with God’s Word is not a sacrifice that we make, but rather a necessary component of a living faith. The ability to read God’s actual words and the invitation to speak to God personally in prayer are immeasurable gifts. We may not always feel like attending church or opening our Bible, but God promises that the Word will benefit us. No earthly professional development course can guarantee that!

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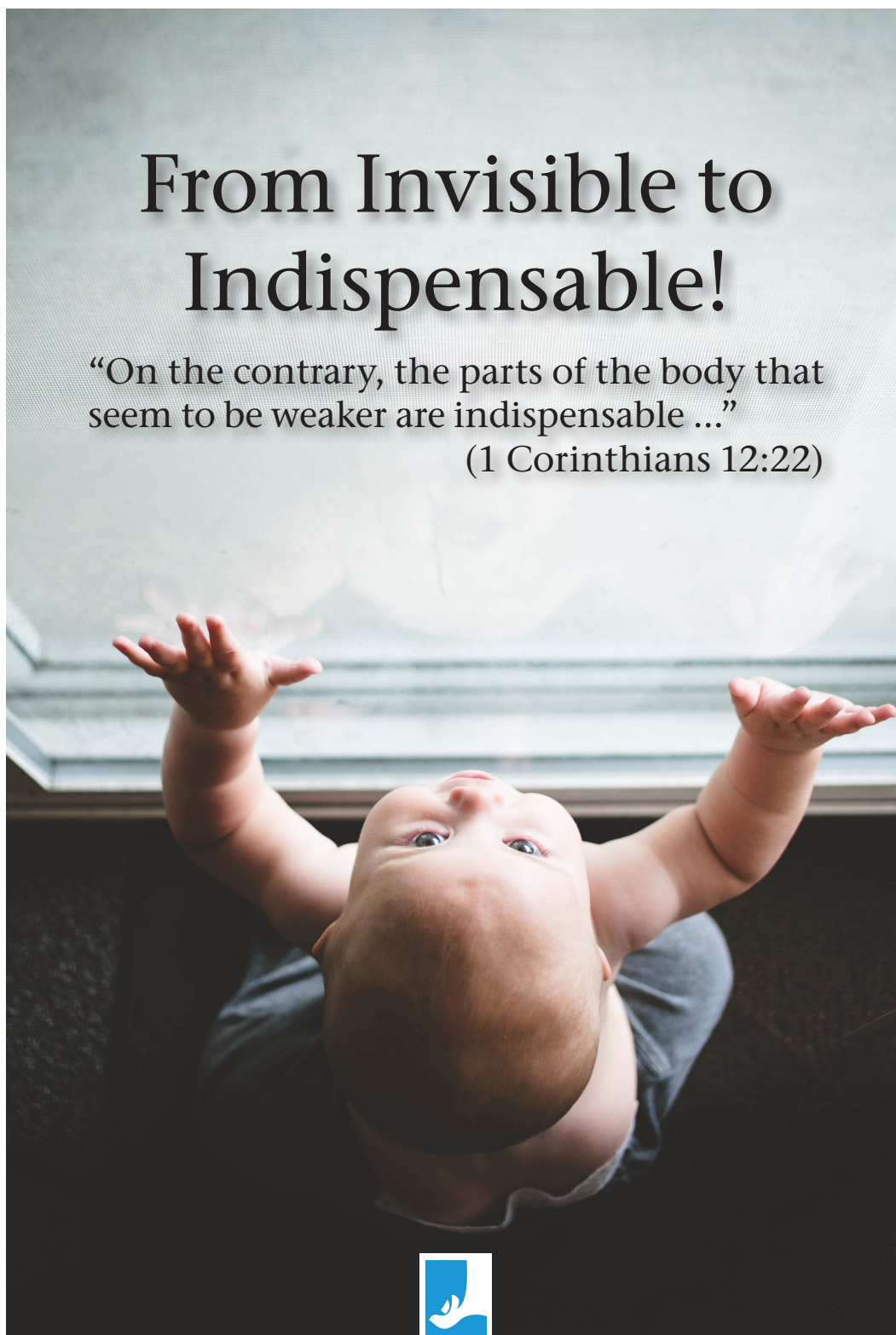


Life Sunday 2021 – Watch for More Info in October!

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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PRAYING FOR PERSECUTED CHRISTIANS

WHO HAVE BEEN DRIVEN FROM THEIR
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"But truly God has listened; he has attended to the voice of my prayer." — Psalm 66:19



DRIVEN FROM THEIR HOMES

Christians in the Central African Republic have remained displaced and homeless since 2012, when Islamists attempted to silence their bold and faithful witness during their nation's civil war.

Pray that our brothers and sisters in the CAR who have lost everything at the hands of Islamic extremists will experience the peace of Christ, and pray for the success of our efforts to help them rebuild their lives and witness for Christ.

Thousands of Christian women in Nigeria have lost their husbands and homes during Islamist attacks that have persisted for years and have continued in recent months.

Pray that Christian widows in Nigeria will experience the Lord's provision for all their needs. Pray that Islamic extremists will see the truth of the one true God, repent and come to faith in Christ.

Christians in Sudan have benefited from a 2019 ceasefire, but tens of thousands remain displaced and without basic needs as a result of a decades-long attempt by the nation's former Islamist regime to eradicate them from the region.

Pray that the tens of thousands of Christian refugees in Sudan's southern border region will be able to return to their homes in the Nuba Mountains. Pray for their steadfast faith and for the provision of their families.



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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 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.

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





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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.

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Linda D. Bartlett (nationwide – based in Iowa Falls, Iowa)
Rev. Paul M. Clark (nationwide – based in Fowler, Michigan)
Connie Davis (nationwide – based in Macomb, Michigan)
John Eidsmoe (nationwide – based in Pike Road, Alabama)
Kim Hardy (nationwide – based in Grand Haven, Michigan)
Kristi Hofferber (nationwide - based in Bethalto, Illinois)
Kimberly Ketola (nationwide – based in Peachtree City, Georgia)
Rev. Dr. James I. Lamb (nationwide and Canada – based in Marshalltown, Iowa)
Sheila Luck (nationwide – based in Scandinavia, Wisconsin)
Marie K. MacPherson (Minnesota and border states – based in Mankato, Minnesota)
Ryan C. MacPherson (nationwide – based in Mankato, Minnesota)
Allen Quist (within Minnesota and Iowa – based in St. Peter, Minnesota)
Rev. Michael W. Salemink (nationwide and Canada – based in St. Louis, Missouri)
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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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Since Roe v. Wade in 1973: 61,628,584 abortions in America

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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

