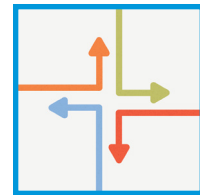


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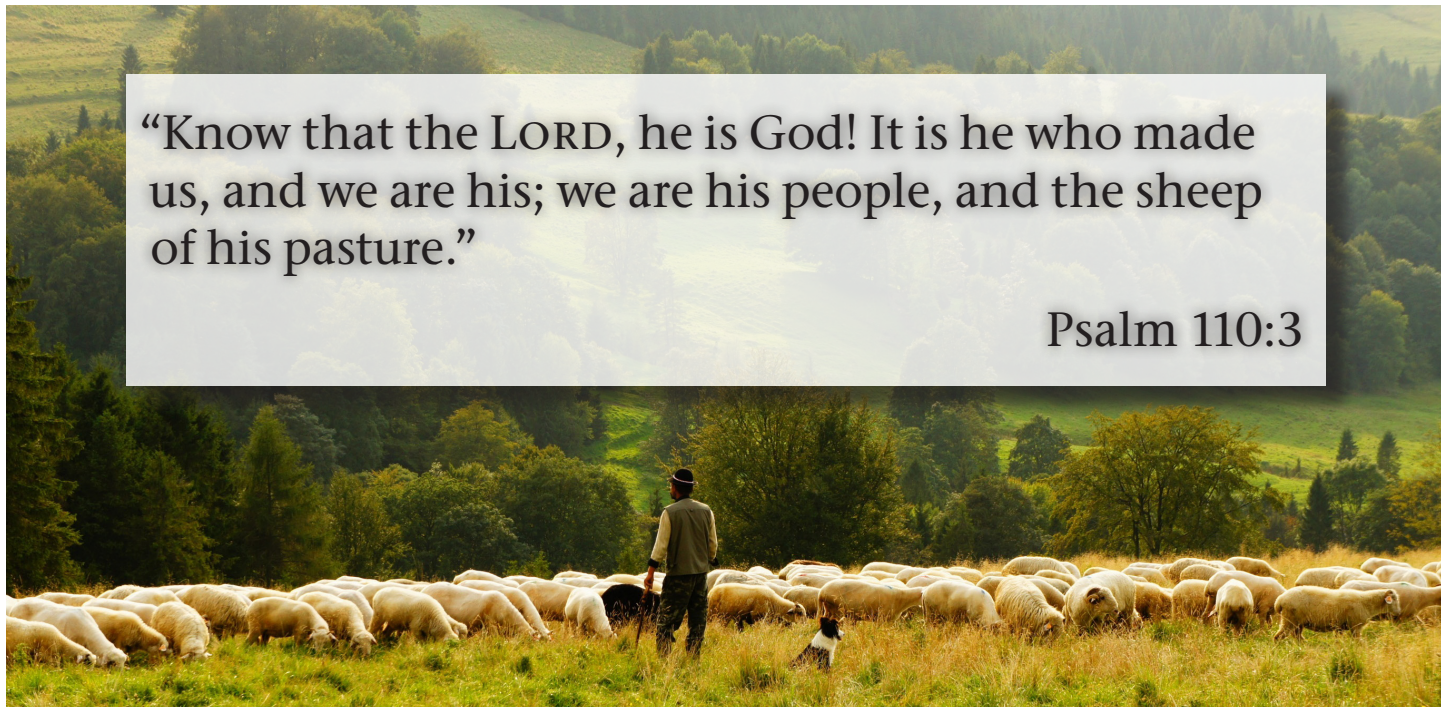
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“Know that the LORD, he is God! It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.”

Psalm 110:3



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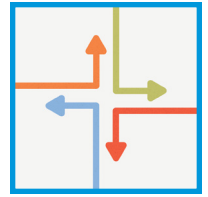
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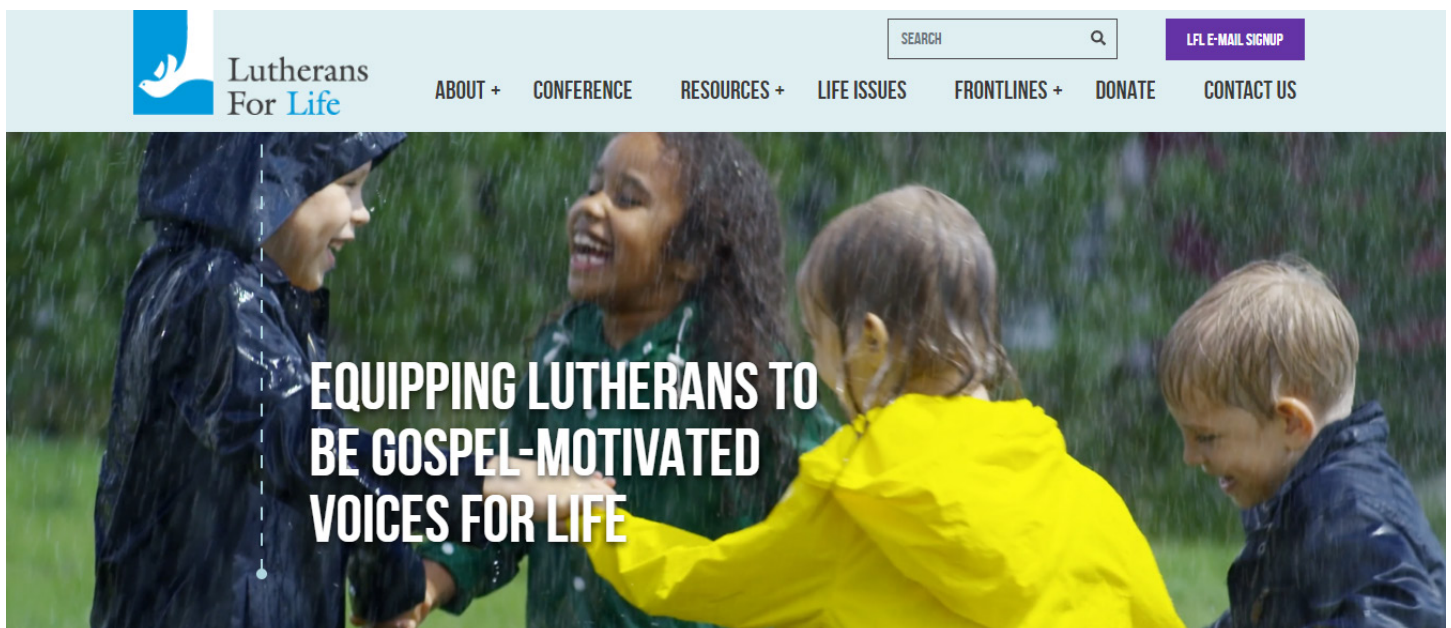
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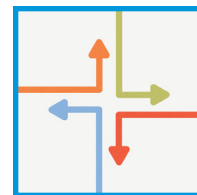




- **Walk For Life – Stand Up 4 Life 2021 – You are invited to Step Up 4 Life in 2021 through LFL’s first annual Walk For Life! How can you get involved? Find out more at lutheransforlife.org/stepup4life.**
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FRONTLINE CALL

For all Lutherans For Life Frontline Volunteers!



Join in on the Frontline Zoom call to get LFL updates and new project ideas:
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Check our online calendar for Zoom login info.



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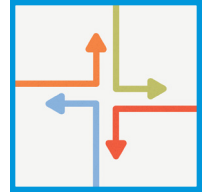
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Bible Study:

The Science and the Scriptures



Christianity arises from facts. The Gospel relies on events. Other religions depend on conventional sentiments or platitudes. Our doctrines and beliefs derive from public evidence rather than private revelations. Science and faith, explained accurately, don't oppose each other. Science stands firmly on the faith's side.

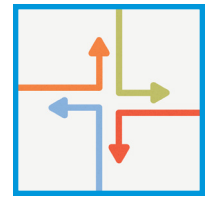
This also applies to our assertions about the worth and purpose of all human persons. Opinions, however widespread, do not qualify anyone for membership in the human race. And emotions, no matter how powerful, cannot disqualify anyone from it. Objective criteria define alive or lifeless, and policies or verdicts won't change that. So, we need not hesitate to speak the truth about the sanctity of life, and we don't have to apologize for it. We proclaim it with courage, confirmed by realities, and we put it into practice with compassion, because truth gives love shape (1 Corinthians 13:6) and love gives truth direction (1 John 3:18).

1. Look at Hebrews 3:4, Psalm 19:1, and Romans 1:20. What good reasons do we have for believing God creates every human life?
2. What do these actions tell us about His disposition toward us? Consult Proverbs 3:19, Psalm 90:2, Psalm 62:11-12, James 1:17, and Jeremiah 23:23-24 for indications.
3. And what do they tell us about ourselves in 1 Corinthians 4:7; Romans 7:18-19, 24; and John 15:5?
4. Read Luke 2:1-5; Matthew 13:55; John 18:20; John 14:11; Acts 2:22-23, 32; and Hebrews 2:14. What good reasons do we have for believing God redeems every human life?
5. What does this tell us about our difficulties? Refer to 2 Corinthians 4:7-12, 1 Corinthians 15:58, and Colossians 3:23-24.
6. What good reasons do Romans 5:18, John 12:32, and 2 Corinthians 5:14-15 highlight for our believing God calls every human life?
7. Turn to Ecclesiastes 8:8; Revelation 1:17-18; and John 10:17-18, 27-29. What does this data tell us about our life and death?
8. What joy and hope do these observations give us when the sanctity of life seems invisible? Find explanation in 1 Corinthians 1:26-31, Matthew 25:40, 1 Samuel 16:7, and 2 Corinthians 4:16-18.
9. And what comfort and encouragement do all these details bring when our message is rejected? Examine 1 Corinthians 1:18, 22-25; 1 John 4:4; John 15:18-19; and John 16:3.



We Have a Better Savior

by Pastor Michael Salemink



COVID-19 continues to cause great concern in 2021. Terminal diagnoses are still leaving loved ones afraid. Infertility is still leaving hearts feeling abandoned. Surprise pregnancies are still leaving consciences ashamed.

Embryos are still being executed in experiments. Unborn babies are still being scheduled for abortion. Children are still awaiting adoption. Mothers are still experiencing pressure to terminate. Fathers are still believing lies about it. Persons with disabilities are still hearing euthanasia praised. Senior citizens are still considering physician-assisted suicide. And a sense of general anxiety has only intensified it.

Yet the whole world needs—like never before—to remember and rejoice in the sanctity of life! Humankind needs to hear and see and feel and believe the Gospel—that Almighty God creates, redeems, and calls every human life as His own precious treasure, from fertilization to forever, for the sake of Jesus Christ the Savior.

Our mission at Lutherans For Life is to help equip you to be Gospel-motivated voices For Life—speaking with courage and compassion! This truth is still changing hearts! This love is still saving lives!

We also long for a world where age, appearance, and ability do not determine a person's worth. Where someone originates or resides ought not diminish their humanity. How pretty, productive, or popular we find them cannot detract from their dignity. Practices like abortion, assisted suicide, and embryo experimentation invite prejudice, discrimination, and injustice.

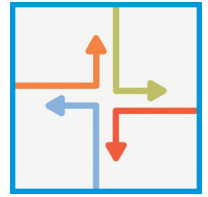
Even social ills such as poverty, inequality, illiteracy, bullying, abuse, addiction, and divorce only amount to symptoms. The real and root problem comes from the human sinfulness that renders us selfish. No government or public initiative can save us from ourselves, because both government and general public consist of nothing but ourselves.

We have a better Savior and a greater salvation. The Lord our God has incarnated and united Himself into our nature and flesh. Our Heavenly Father takes responsibility for all evils and makes restitution for all wrongs. His self-sacrificing love and devotion justify and reconcile each of us to Him and this whole realm of His. His presence among us relieves fears, and His promises heal from suffering. He preserves body and soul unto eternity and provides for every need. His forgiving grace brings infinite sanctity and fundamental significance to every member of our one human race and species.

I hear regularly from women and men who have participated in a past abortion. They lament that when they were considering abortion, no one from their church spoke to them either publicly or privately about its ethics and alternatives. These sisters and brothers desperately desired guidance, a Word from the Lord. They deeply needed direction, and from their Christian loved ones, none came. In the decades since, they've suffered alone. They have longed for their pastors and parishes to name abortion specifically a sin. They've hungered to hear the atonement and forgiveness of Jesus Christ proclaimed directly to it. And when they have finally encountered that courageous Law and compassionate Gospel, they rejoice. Far from offending them, these declarations provide precious relief and healing that sustains their trust in our Heavenly Father and their anticipation of everlasting life in His fellowship.



Here at Lutherans For Life, phone calls and e-mail inquiries to our Word of Hope hotline have picked up—with conversations concerning anxiety, depression, and abuse as well as post-abortion grief and guilt. (word-of-hope.org, 888.217.8679, info@word-of-hope.org)

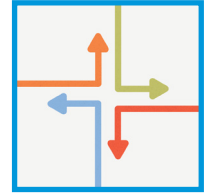


At Lutherans For Life we are connecting the Gospel to people and the Word of God to life issues through speaking and preaching and presenting both in-person and online (*For Life Live*, *Chats 4 Life*, *What About ... Mondays*, *Hope-Day Bible Study*), through a dynamic and mobile-ready website (lutheransforlife.org), video (*Life Moments*, *Life Matters*), printed resources (including our *LifeDate* journal), and through our Y4Life outreach to high school and college students (y4life.org). Plus, the 13 of us at Lutherans For Life multiply ourselves with volunteers in all fifty states (our state federations, Life Teams, Life Chapters) to put the sanctity of life into practice for over 200,000 individuals every year!

For the sake of our nation, we speak words of warning. For the sake of our neighbors, we speak words of winning over. For the sake of our brothers and sisters, for the sake of the communion of saints, for the sake of the Gospel mission, we will not fall silent. And we will not sit still.



Meet Our TWO Y4Life Interns!



Y4Life is excited to announce that we're hiring TWO interns this summer! Thanks to generous donations and grant monies, Y4Life will be investing in the next generation of Leaders 4 Life this summer and moving forward with plans for serving more youth in the future. We hope you rejoice with us over this wonderful blessing!

Meet Bonnie Pool and Katie Reid, our 2021 Y4Life interns:

Bonnie is finishing up her junior year in the nursing program at Concordia University Wisconsin: "I grew up in St Louis with five rough-and-tumble siblings, whom I love dearly. This past January, I married my husband Eric, and we moved into our first apartment in Cedarburg, Wisconsin! After graduation, I plan to work as a labor and delivery nurse and possibly attend seminary to become a deaconess. My 'dream job,' though, has always been to work for a pro-life organization. I joined CUW's Students for Life group right away as a freshman and have been one of the group's leaders for the past two years. Leading that group has deepened my passion for life issues and strengthened my desire to work in life ministry, which is why I am beyond thrilled to be one of Y4Life's summer interns! I cannot wait to work alongside so many Gospel-motivated voices For Life to testify to the God-given value of every person!"



Katie Reid is from Indianapolis, Indiana. She is currently finishing up her freshman year at Hillsdale College, where she is a member of Hillsdale College for Life and the Scott Klusendorf Fellowship, a program run through Protect Life Michigan. Katie has had a passion for pro-life work since her freshman year at Lutheran High School of Indianapolis, where she was a founding member of Saints 4 Life in her senior year. She is very excited for this chance to work with Lutherans For Life and learn how to best spread the love of Christ and share about the sanctity of human life with a gospel-motivated focus.



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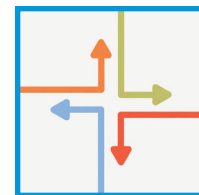
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Answering THE question of our generation



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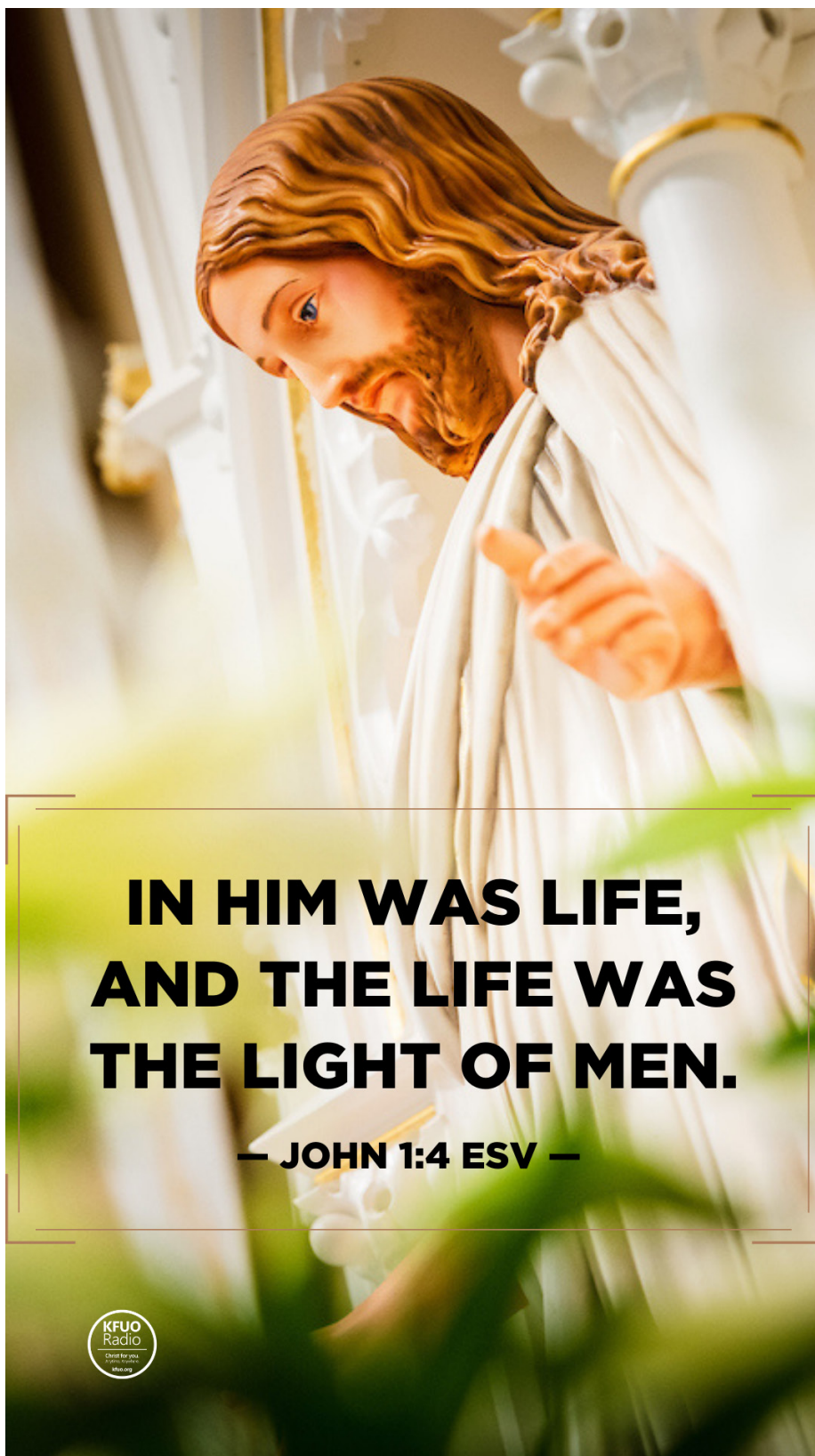


Lutherans For Life has partnered with historic LCMS broadcast service Worldwide KFUO (kfuo.org).

LFL's Executive Director of Mission and Ministry, Pastor Michael Salemink, serves as the voice of KFUO's daily Morning Prayer and Evening Prayer segments, leading listeners in Scripture readings and liturgical responses.

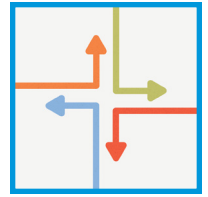
And, in addition to publicizing periodic LFL events, KFUO promotes the Gospel-motivated voice of LFL in the weekly short-form program Life Moments, bringing our Life Thoughts in the Church Year lectionary reflections to the airwaves (www.kfu.org/category/lifemoments/).

Thanks be to God for a delightful fellowship!



How to Receive Critical Feedback

by Alan Shlemon, www.str.org



The student didn't mince words on her evaluation of my talk: "Alan is homophobic." Two other feedback forms included the same sentiment. Another student wrote, "Please avoid being so judgmental next time, and if you ever speak to teens again, tweak the presentation to apply to us. Stop talking about other people's sin ... this was a waste of time judging other Christians, which Jesus taught us not to do." That's harsh feedback. Should I ignore what they wrote? Retire early? What do you do when you receive critical feedback?

Even though only four out of 270 students gave negative feedback, I don't want to ignore what they wrote. It's possible I can learn something from their responses. I want to be a person who pursues truth, even if it's critical feedback about my ideas or the manner in which I communicate them. That requires humility, which isn't always easy to practice.

Here are three steps to take when you receive critical feedback.

First, realize you won't please everyone. If your expectations are too high, you'll be often disappointed. You can say the most truthful comment in the most gracious way, but someone will still get angry. I'm not claiming that what I said and how I said it was perfect, but I need to set realistic expectations. Some things you say will rile people up no matter how graciously and compassionately you say them. Your job is to ensure that you don't add unnecessary offense to what you say. Even Jesus' perfect responses weren't met with universal praise. Don't expect yours will be, either.

Second, discern the truth from the error. Sure, it's possible someone is simply angry with me and isn't being fair with their feedback. It's also possible there's validity to what they're saying. Being committed to the truth requires I investigate whether there's any legitimacy to what they're saying.

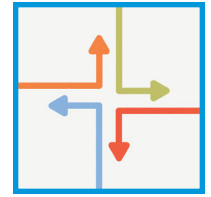
The early church was charged with a similar task: "**Examine everything carefully; hold fast to that which is good; abstain from every form of evil**" (1 Thessalonians 5:21–22). Many claims can contain truth and error. It's prudent to discern one from the other. "**Do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, because many false prophets have gone out into the world**" (1 John 4:1). Not everything first-century believers heard was true. They had to discern whether something was from the Holy Spirit or the spirit of the antichrist (1 John 4:2–3). It was a critical distinction.

In the context of assessing feedback, our job is to discover whether there's any merit to the critique. In addition to my own honest introspection about my presentation, it's also valuable to solicit the candid feedback from another person to corroborate or contradict the student's assessment. When asked, others who were present during my presentations felt the charge of homophobia was unfounded. Besides, it's often unclear what is meant by "Alan is homophobic." It could just mean they disagreed with my claim that Scripture says homosexual sex is a sin. Using terms with the suffix "phobic" is often merely a form of name-calling and used as a substitute for a legitimate argument.

I also considered the charge that I was wrong to judge other Christians, especially since the student claimed that Jesus taught us not to judge. This claim, however, is obviously false. Not only did Jesus support judging people, He also taught His followers how to judge another believer (Matthew 18:15–



20). Even Jesus' oft-cited words "Do not judge" don't support the student's claim since Jesus follows up His statement with an explanation of how to properly judge a brother (Matthew 7:1–5).



Perhaps the feedback that had merit was the student's request for me to "tweak the presentation to apply to [teens]." Though I always adapt my content to fit my audience's demographic, it's possible I didn't do enough. To be honest, it's difficult to know what exactly is meant by the request, but I'm still taking the feedback to heart and honestly reviewing my presentation. I'll be teaching on the same content again in the next few weeks and will be looking for ways to adapt my material. Bottom line, I'm looking for any truth in critical feedback where I can improve what I'm saying or doing.

Third, stay faithful. It's tempting to be discouraged when people are critical. If I were to throw in the towel at the first negative comment, I would have given up a long time ago. Don't let the criticism paralyze you. You need to embrace feedback, make changes where necessary, and then press on. Your job is to be faithful to present the truth in a clear and gracious way and then leave the results up to God (1 Corinthians 3:6–7).





November 7
2021

*"I have called you
by name, you are
mine. When you pass
through the waters,
I will be *with* you."*

Isaiah 43:1-2

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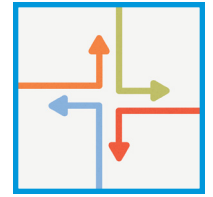
In 2021, the global church will come together in over 123 nations with one voice to observe the 20th year of Orphan Sunday and Stand Sunday.

On November 7, 2021, thousands of Christ's followers will embrace adoption, foster care, and initiatives to care for the vulnerable child.

Request FREE digital resources to discover your congregation's path to serve & join the Global Prayer Observance online on November 6 & 7.

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2021 LFL Regional Conferences



Our 2021 Theme: God Chose You

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

Please check the schedule below to see which of our 2021 conference locations is near you. We're excited to see you there!

- AUGUST 21 – Faith Community Lutheran Church, Summerlin (Las Vegas), Nevada
- OCTOBER 16 – Living Word Free Lutheran Church, Sioux Falls, South Dakota
- NOVEMBER 13 – St. John's Lutheran Church, Conover, North Carolina

“You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit.”
(John 15:16)

Watch for more info later in 2021.



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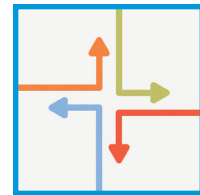
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LAMBs – Mercy Blankets



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” (**L**utherans **A**ssembling **M**ercy **B**lankets) 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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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).





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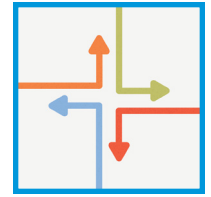
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Owen's Mission



**"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."



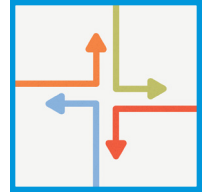
As Owen's grandpa, Dr. Lamb wanted to do something special to remember Owen, honor Jesus, and help others understand the value God gives to even the smallest of lives. With the help of Owen's family, *Owen's Mission* was born. We are training facilitators to present these fetal model sets along with 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.

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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.

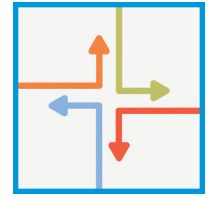


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The Basics of Lutherans For Life



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



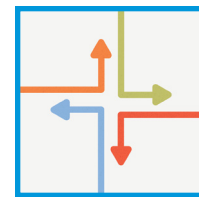
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Since 1973: 62,502,904 abortions in America

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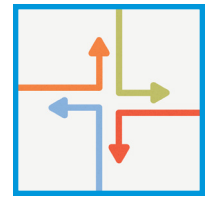


Lutherans For Life

First Annual Walk 4 Life

Since 1979 Lutherans For Life has been equipping Lutherans to be Gospel-motivated voices For Life.

Join the **Step Up 4 Life** campaign and make a difference by helping to raise awareness and funds 4 Life in this new and exiting way.



Equipping Lutherans to be Gospel-motivated voices For Life

Step Up 4 Life runs from **May 8 thru July 5**. You pick the times you choose to participate. Make this your personal march for life as you walk, run, roll, stroll, wash the car, vacuum and even rock in your favorite chair. **Check out the fitness conversion chart** on the website to convert your activities to steps.

On or after May 8, go to lutheransforlife.org/stepup4life and register to join. After paying a one-time \$25 fee you are set to go. (*Check out the family, team and student discounts*). Connect your personal tracking devices or manually record your activities. You'll be counting steps toward raising awareness and funds for LFL, especially when you involve others. **You can even share your participation on social media and invite others to sponsor you.**

As you work toward your goals you will be helping LFL reach its \$30,000 fund-raising goal. More importantly, you'll be raising awareness and funds For Life.

There is no registration fee for sponsors. If walking and rolling aren't for you, don't worry. Become a sponsor and supporter through your prayers, encouragement and donations. You can give online at the website listed above or send your contributions to:

Lutherans For Life
1101 5th Street
Nevada, IA 50201-1816

(Please add "Step Up 4 Life" in the memo line of your check)

Want to increase awareness as you Step-Up 4 Life? Consider purchasing and wearing a **Step Up 4 Life t-shirt while supplies last**. T-shirts are only \$12.00 for S-XL and \$14.00 for 2XL-3XL including shipping and handling! Order yours today at the same website as above! Plan ahead, allow two weeks for delivery.

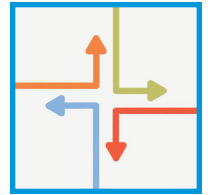


This is the t-shirt design

lutheransforlife.org/stepup4life



Step Up 4 Life FAQ



1. HOW TO FIND THE REGISTRATION PAGE (2 Options)

OPTION 1: go directly to <https://www.charityfootprints.com/StepUp4Life/>

OPTION 2:

- Go to Lutherans For Life home page www.lutheransforlife.org
- On the home page, click on the purple box under the video to go to the Step Up 4 Life webpage.

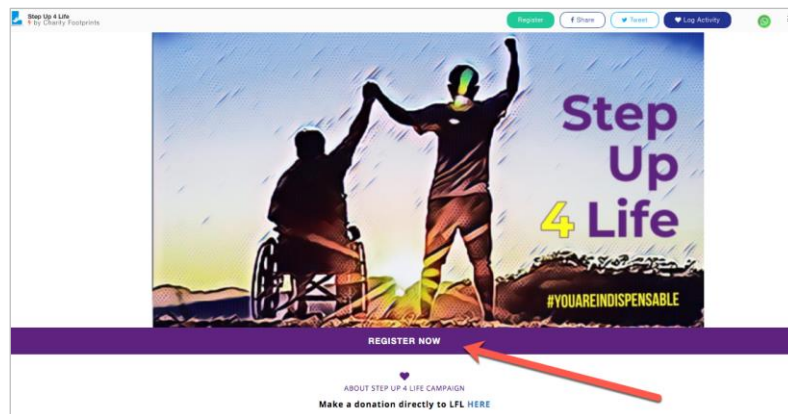
STEP UP 4 LIFE REGISTRATION

- On the webpage, click the red line to go to the Charity Footprints registration page.

CLICK HERE TO REGISTER BEGINNING MAY 8 OR TO DONATE NOW!

2. HOW TO REGISTER

- Click on the Purple Registration Bar under the picture that says “REGISTER NOW”.



- Complete the User Sign-up.

User Sign-up

Or [click here to login](#), if you have participated previously

First name

Last name

Email

Confirm Email

Password

Confirm Password

By signing up, you are agreeing to our [terms](#) & [privacy policy](#)

SIGN-UP

Already have an account? [log in here](#)

