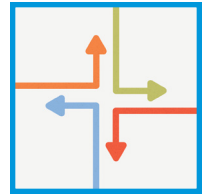


# Directions ...

For LFL's Frontline  
January-February  
2022



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**The Spirit of God has made me,  
and the breath of the Almighty  
gives me life.**

*Job 33:4*



*This edition of Directions includes ...*

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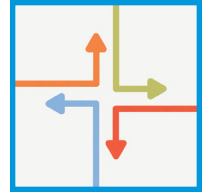
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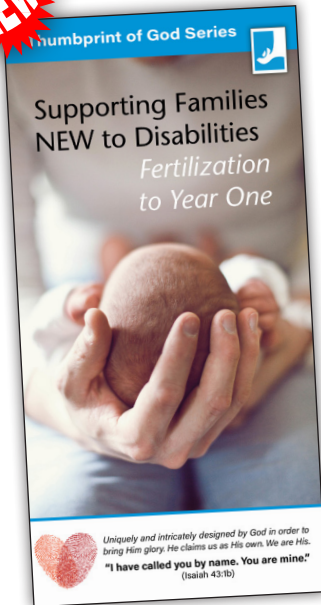
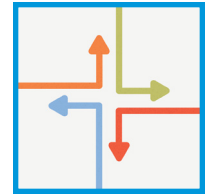


- Check out [word-of-hope.org](http://word-of-hope.org) and [y4life.org](http://y4life.org).
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- **Y4Life in Washington, D.C.** – High-school- and college-aged youth are invited to attend Y4Life in Washington, D.C., each January. In addition to walking in the March for Life, participating youth engage in LFL’s FREE Y4Life in Washington, D.C., conference and activities where they’ll have opportunities to meet other young leaders engaged in the For Life movement, learn about life issues, hear informational and motivational speakers, and prepare to be leaders 4Life in their schools and communities. Register for this exciting educational and life-changing experience through Michelle Bauman at [mbauman@lutheransforlife.org](mailto:mbauman@lutheransforlife.org)! [y4life.org/programs](http://y4life.org/programs)





## Supporting Families **NEW** to Disabilities –

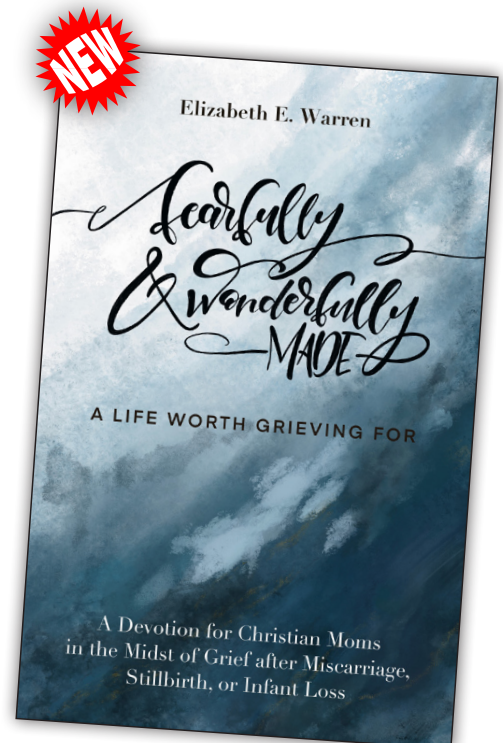
**Fertilization to Year One** by Sandra Rice – Look

Who's Here! Praise God! At Lutherans For Life, we praise God for the creation of all babies. We believe He made us in His image and with purpose. We celebrate life! We do, however, recognize the need for some guidance when certain situations arise, especially when supporting families new to disabilities. We offer this resource of ideas and considerations to encourage you to be a loving and faithful source of support. Of course, we do not have all the answers, but we do know your relationship with this child is key. We believe as you grow together, you will find the best ways to show God's love to this family. But for now, we are hoping to help you unlock the sea of emotions they may be feeling and encourage open and honest discussions. *Item LFL148T. \$0.50 ea.*



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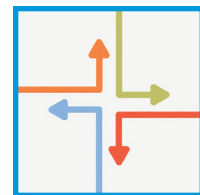
**Fearfully and Wonderfully Made – A Life Worth Grieving For** is a devotional booklet for Christian moms in the midst of grief after miscarriage, stillbirth, or infant loss. From the author, Elizabeth E. Warren: "I wish we could meet under different circumstances. I wish that the heartache and pain of losing a baby had not brought us both here today. I also wish we could sit at my dining room table and get to know each other over a cup of coffee instead of through the pages of this book. I wish I could listen to your story, watch your face light up as you say the name of your sweet baby, and offer you tissues as you recall the moments you had to say goodbye. Please know that even though we can't sit across the table from each other, you are still important to me, and I am still praying for you. I am praying that God speaks to you as we study His Word together and that He comforts your aching heart as we recount His promises." *Item LFL903B. \$5.00 ea.*



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**For all Lutherans For Life  
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Join in on the Frontline Zoom call to get LFL updates and new project ideas:  
**Monday, January 10, 2022 • 7:00-8:00 p.m. CT**

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# Lutherans For Life 2022 MARCH FOR LIFE

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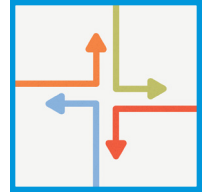


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# Bible Study: God Chose You

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During Life Week 2022 there will be considerable thought given to the theme “God Chose You!” as developed from John 15:16: “**You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you.**”

Consider some of the following Scriptures that describe just how important and valuable you are in the eyes of God—**who chose you!** How might you value your neighbor’s life whom this same God chose? How might you support them, especially at the most vulnerable times of their lives?

Exodus 21:22-25 says, “**When men strive together and hit a pregnant woman, so that her children come out, but there is no harm, the one who hit her shall surely be fined, as the woman’s husband shall impose on him, and he shall pay as the judges determine. But if there is harm, then you shall pay life for life, eye for eye, tooth for tooth, hand for hand, foot for foot, burn for burn, wound for wound, stripe for stripe.**”

What does the Bible acknowledge is in the pregnant woman’s womb?

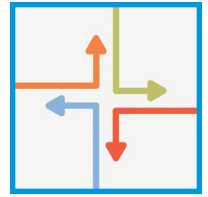
Considering this verse, how might a Gospel-motivated Christian address and show compassion to the pregnant woman, the family members and community, and the offending party who has caused the loss of life?

How could these verses be emphasized for good in the medical community—especially among the doctors, nursing staff, and practitioners who are engaged in the abortion industry? Consider your answer as you meditate on Romans 12:9-21.

Read Galatians 5:16-26. Verses 19-21 give long lists of offending works of the flesh that exclude one from inheritance in the kingdom of God. Discuss how many of these issues are involved in life issues that you and/or your congregation see in your community.



How could your Life Team or Life Chapter discover and address the extent of these life issues in your community? What helps might be available to show compassion and support to those caught up in these works of the flesh?



How could your Life Team or Life Chapter affirm the value of the lives involved in these life issues? Consider what the following Bible passages may add to your discussion as well as options for affirming and supporting the value of all life that God chooses—even life in difficult, vulnerable, and dangerous situations.

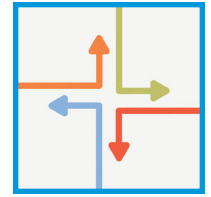
- Psalm 68:1-6, 19-21, 32-35
- Deuteronomy 10:12-22
- Job 31:13-23
- Isaiah 47:8-15
- Jeremiah 22:1-10

As a Life Team or Life Chapter, it is important to study the Word of God and to develop answers and resources for those caught up in dangerous and deadly life issues. It is also important to have a heart that breaks for the circumstances and sorrows of those who suffer under the curse of a broken and fallen world. How might the following Bible verses help your team/chapter apply both the Law (showing people their sins) and the Gospel (showing people their Savior) according to the circumstances of the life issues they are experiencing? How might your Life Teams and Life Chapters apply the resources God has gifted to you in aid and encouragement of those you encounter?

- Psalm 50
- Acts 12:6-11
- 2 Timothy 3:10-17
- 2 Peter 2:1-10
- Luke 10:25-37
- Luke 1:46-56
- 1 Peter 3:8-22



In what ways can/will your Life Team or Life Chapter serve your neighbor, whom God has chosen for life? As you consider this, review the Life Week 2022 materials, especially the fact sheets and activity sheets for each day of Life Week: [lutheransforlife.org/life-week-2022](http://lutheransforlife.org/life-week-2022).



You may want to take one or two days for each month of 2022 and go in depth in exploring these ideas. As you do, using the Bible verses below, consider the way God chooses you to exercise the gifts of salvation in service and support of your neighbors.

- Romans 12:1-8
- Proverbs 19:1-8
- 1 Corinthians 12:1-11

### Prayers:

Almighty and ever-living God, You make us both to will and to do those things that are good and acceptable in Your sight. Let Your fatherly hand ever guide us, and Your Holy Spirit ever be with us, to direct us in the knowledge and obedience of Your Word that we may obtain everlasting life through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Again, we pray, Lord God: You have called Your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, and through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go but only that Your hand is leading us and Your love supporting us, through Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

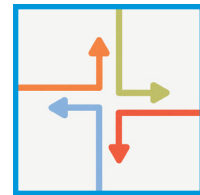
(Prayers adapted from *Lutheran Service Book, Altar Book*, 2006. Concordia Publishing House, St. Louis, Missouri.)





# A Prayer for the Nation

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*The following was written by Pastor David Thompson of St. Timothy Lutheran Church (ELS), Lombard, Illinois.*

Wednesday, December 1, was a very important day in our nation's history. The Supreme Court heard oral arguments on a case that will likely determine whether or not state laws can recognize the humanity of the unborn and therefore restrict abortions (*Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization, Mississippi*). As Christians, we want our nation to uphold the sanctity of human life. The unborn are members of this class, precious in the sight of God for He created them (Psalm 139). This is the best chance, and perhaps the last chance, of overturning *Roe v. Wade*, the Supreme Court decision of 1973 that legalized abortion in all 50 states throughout all nine months of pregnancy. *Roe v. Wade* has resulted in over 60,000,000 deaths of unborn children.

Christians are to love their neighbors, including the unborn. As Proverbs says, **“Rescue those being taken off to death, and save those stumbling toward slaughter”** (24:11). **“Speak up for those who have no voice, for the justice of all who are dispossessed. Speak up, judge righteously, and defend the cause of the oppressed and needy”** (29:8-9). This means we can and ought to pray for the unborn, for women who have the choice of preserving or ending the life of their unborn child, for women who have had abortions and who need for forgiveness in Christ—freely given through faith, for abortion doctors who are directly responsible for killing these children, and for our governing officials.

We also pray for the Supreme Court of the United States, now that it has the case before it, and for all those who still work to represent to it the important truth that unborn babies deserve the full protection of our laws.

## WE PRAY:

“Lord, we poor sinners come before You, asking you to hear our plea for the sake of our nation and our governing authorities, as You have commanded us to do. We especially pray for the lives of the unborn. May the wisdom and truth presented to the Supreme Court by pro-life attorneys on December 1 [*Dobbs v. Jackson*] prevail within minds and hearts of our Supreme Court Justices. May the arguments of the opposing attorneys be seen for what they are: shallow, unjust, and evil. We pray this in order that the sanctity of unborn life may be recognized and thus protected, for You created the lives of all and each one is precious to You. We also pray that those who have been or are involved in the sin of abortion would turn to You in repentance and faith, finding complete forgiveness and comfort because of Your Son. As for those who have repented, continue to comfort them and assure them they are Your dear children, no less than any other Christian, for none of us is holy in Your sight apart from Your gracious mercy. All have sinned and fallen short of Your glory. We are justified only by faith in Your Son and His redeeming work on the cross. But the sin of abortion has been a plague among us far too long. If You must judge our nation because of it, may we Christians remain faithful and continue to love our neighbors, no matter who they are. But above all, we pray: Lord, have mercy upon us and our country. In the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.”

Written by Pastor David Thompson (ELS)

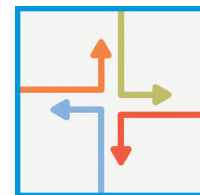
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# Walther Christian Academy Y4Life Team

by Jeff Carnehl



At Walther Christian Academy/Walther Lutheran High School, Melrose Park, Illinois, we are in the beginning stages of a Y4Life Team. As faculty leader of the team, I am very hopeful our core team of students will grow as we have more exposure at the school. We have already had the support of a couple of enthusiastic moms and even a grandpa.

Our first official team Y4Life Team outing was on October 16 at a life rally in Palatine, Illinois, organized by a local Catholic church/school and attended by several other pro-life groups. I was happy to have a group from Walther participating in the afternoon event!

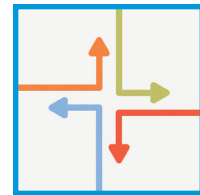
On December 3, we served at a Feed My Starving Children warehouse bagging meals for people in third world countries. I was especially impressed that five students were willing to give up a Friday evening to help after a long day of school!



# Encourage One Another with These Words of Hope

by Pastor Peter Sulzle

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**“Brothers and sisters, we do not want you to be uninformed about those who sleep in death, so that you do not grieve like the rest of mankind, who have no hope. For we believe that Jesus died and rose again, and so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in him. According to the Lord’s word, we tell you that we who are still alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will certainly not precede those who have fallen asleep. For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage one another with these words” (1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 NIV).**

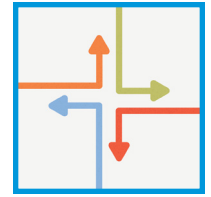
It’s happened to most of us. If it hasn’t happened to you, it will. Some of you are going through it now. It takes its toll emotionally and physically. It can shake your faith and cause grief and pain. Death. Death leaves a vacant spot at the dinner table and a deeper hole in the heart. What do you say to your friends and family when death comes? When you approach that grieving family, the gravity of the situation can be so profound that you don’t want to say a word for fear that you’ll say the wrong thing. So maybe a common phrase comes out. “He was a wonderful person.” “She will be missed.” “They’re in a better place.” “Let me know what I can do.” We want to encourage one another in our grief. But sometimes we don’t know what to say. We want to be genuine and sympathetic while avoiding anything inappropriate.

The Apostle Paul was dealing with believers who struggled with the same thing. Some misunderstandings regarding the end of human life and the end of the world shaded the way they viewed and talked about death and Judgment Day. So he gave them—and he gives us—some words of hope from God that help us to encourage one another in the face of death with appropriate words.





Did you know there was a person in the Bible who seemed to approach grieving families with very inappropriate words? It seemed brash and insensitive. One time He walked up to the house of a deceased 12-year-old girl. People were mourning and wailing. Her parents were distraught. It was a tragedy. And what did He say? “The child is not dead, but asleep.” They laughed thinking, *How could he make light of such tragedy?!* But then Jesus spoke even crazier words, “Little girl, I say to you, get up!” And she did! Then there was a widow walking in a funeral procession to bury her son next to her husband. Jesus stopped the procession and told the woman, “Don’t cry.” How could a widowed mother not cry at a time like this! How inappropriate. But then came the short and sweet funeral sermon, “Young man, I say to you, get up!” And he did! Then there was that time Jesus’ friend Lazarus died. His body had been in the tomb four days. How could Jesus command them to open the tomb with such an odor? This was mocking the dead. But a few powerful words broke the chains of death again. “Lazarus, come out!” And he did! The dead don’t stay down when the Resurrection and the Life is involved.



This is the sure hope of life in the face of death that the Apostle Paul shared with the believers in Thessalonica, so they could share it with each other. From the looks of it, they had been sharing many words of comfort from God. They eagerly received the Gospel. They were sincere in their faith. But they were confused about the events of the Last Day. This was their question: “Would their loved ones who died prior to Jesus coming miss out on His return?”

Paul put their fears to rest. **“For we believe that Jesus died and rose again, and so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in him. According to the Lord’s word, we tell you that we who are still alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will certainly not precede those who have fallen asleep. For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first.”** Not only would their loved ones be there in the bodily resurrection, but their souls would accompany Jesus when He comes!

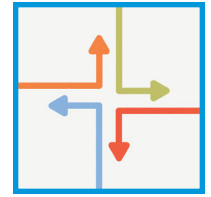
These words change everything about the view of death. Think about the lack of hope there is for those who don’t have this comfort. Have you been to a funeral of those who don’t believe? Death has destroyed their hope. You’ll often hear uncontrollable wailing like Jesus heard when He walked into the home of the young girl. Unbelievers can only seek comfort in memories that fade, funerals that end, and people that aren’t there anymore. When you have no eternal hope, people are really all you have to hold on to. So when those people are gone, hope is gone.

But death can suppress a believer’s hope, too! We try not to think about it, but the obituaries in the paper, the heart-pounding accidents, the murderous crimes, the aging bodies, committing body after body to the ground remind us of death. Death can destroy hopes and dreams, love and friendships, and we never know who it’s going to take next. Death causes fear and despair and pain. We sinfully fear and tremble in the face of death. How can we have hope?!

Only God can give true hope. That’s what Paul encourages: **“Brothers and sisters, we do not want you to be uninformed about those who sleep in death, or to grieve like the rest of mankind, who have no hope.”** Jesus came to give hope in death. Most people see hope like trying to catch a feather fluttering in the wind. But this was a sure hope that their hearts could grasp and hold on to when it came to the death of their loved ones. They had a promise from God in His Word that someone came to defeat death.



Death was the curse that humans brought into the world by sin. The curse needed to be lifted. So God made a promise to send someone to erase sin and defeat death. Jesus absorbed the wrath of God for our sins. On the cross His heart stopped beating. His lungs exhaled for the last time. His body went cold and limp. He died your death that you might live. You live in Him, and so you have hope in death.



So when your fellow believers die, you don't need to despair. You can confess in the creed, *"We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come."* You know what you're saying with these words: "I believe that Jesus lived a perfect life for me. I believe Jesus died for my sins. I believe Jesus rose from the dead to defeat death. Therefore, I believe that through faith in my Savior, I will rise to live in heaven forever, and you will, too!" What better encouragement could we offer to each other!

This is what you and I need to believe and hear when we remember the loved ones who have gone before us ... You'll think of them and the names of loved ones you carry in your heart. There are days you'll never forget when your loved one took their last breath or you received the crushing phone call or the doctor's expression said it all. Names inscribed on your heart. At those times of grief, you need more than sympathies and kind platitudes. You need to hear about victory in Christ.

You need to hear that you actually already attended your own funeral because you were baptized into Jesus' death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead, you too may live a new life. You've already heard the Son of God's funeral sermon preached over you. "Don't cry! Get up! You are mine!" And you got up, raised to life in Baptism, because the spiritually dead don't stay down when Jesus Christ is involved.

This is our confidence for our loved ones who have fallen asleep in Jesus. If God could raise us to spiritual life in Baptism, he can raise us again. Your fellow believers who rest in death will rise again. Jesus' grave was empty; so on the Last Day, the graves of all the saints will be empty! **"For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever."** Are you ready? Guard your hearts and minds in God's Word. Trust that God has prepared heaven for you and you for heaven.

I'm sure you remember it like it was yesterday. You stood before the casket wondering what to say or waiting to hear what others would say. When that time comes again, encourage one another with God's words of hope. "Your loved one who died in Jesus isn't dead at all. They are safe with Jesus. Your loved one was baptized into Christ's death and resurrection. They are not lost. They are in the best place receiving God's heavenly embrace. You will see them again." Be there for the grieving like you would want them to be there for you. Point them to the cross of Jesus and their eternal crown so they can rejoice that God has gained another soul in heaven.

A Christian funeral isn't the end. Yes, we don't deny death. That would be foolish and insensitive. But in Christ, we defy death. That's Christian. Because the dead don't stay down when Jesus is involved. They are saints triumphant! Encourage one another with these words.





# LIFE Week 2022

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**LIFE WEEK 2022: GOD CHOSE YOU**

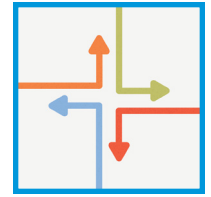
*January 16 – 22, 2022*

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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](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.

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Please send completed forms to: Angela Jones/Miami Valley Life Chapter  
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**“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 2022

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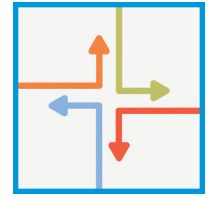
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# Owen's Mission



**"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](mailto:info@lutheransforlife.org).**

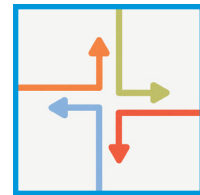
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# Spotlight on Life

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**Spotlight on Life** ([lutheransforlife.org/spotlight-on-life](http://lutheransforlife.org/spotlight-on-life)) is a focus on featured life topics that can be presented at a local church or community gathering. Lutherans For Life staff are offering to be featured speakers and extend their expertise on the various life topics (see below).

With **Spotlight on Life**, your event will be equipping many others to be Gospel-motivated voices For Life. It's simple! You conduct the event and LFL will provide the speakers, based on availability. The cost will be minimal as we are excited to bring these life-affirming messages to your area. Whether your event is one hour, a half day, an evening, or something else, LFL will be pleased to assist you in planning.

If you are interested, please contact Virginia Flo at [vflo@lutheransforlife.org](mailto:vflo@lutheransforlife.org).

## Presentation Topics

### FACTORS AFFECTING LIFE AND DEATH

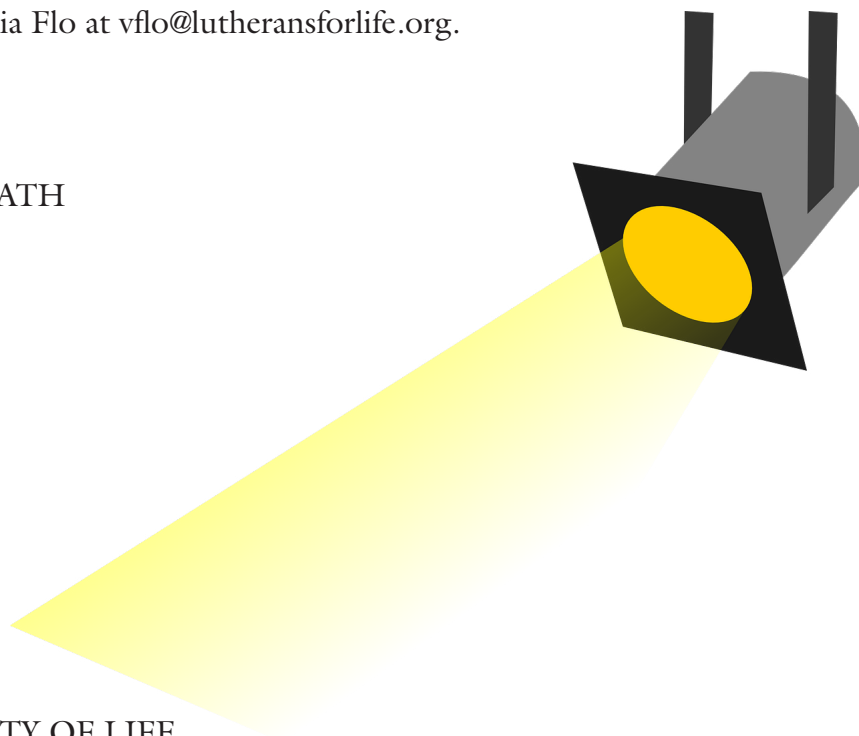
- Fetal development
- Unplanned pregnancy
- Mental health
- Physical & mental disabilities

### LIFE AND DEATH

- Abortion
- Suicide
- Assisted suicide & euthanasia
- Fertilization to natural death

### FACTORS REGARDING THE SANCTITY OF LIFE

- For-Life apologetics
- Human-trafficking
- Sexuality & gender
- Family

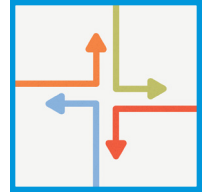


# Lutherans For Life

*Equipping Lutherans and their neighbors  
to be Gospel-motivated voices For Life*



# 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.



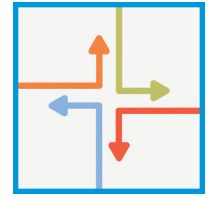
## Speakers:

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



# The Basics of Lutherans For Life

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**Our Mission:** Equipping Lutherans and their neighbors 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



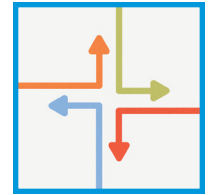
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