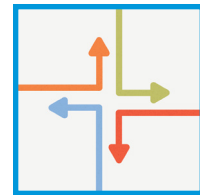


# Directions ...

For LFL's Frontline  
March-April  
2022



*Directions is sent bi-monthly to all of Lutherans For Life's Frontline—State Federations, Life Chapters, Life Teams—with Bible studies and articles on leadership, faith in action, fundraising, news and notes, and facts and stats.*

**F**or you formed my inward parts; you knitted me together in my mother's womb. I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; my soul knows it very well. My frame was not hidden from you, when I was being made in secret, intricately woven in the depths of the earth. Your eyes saw my unformed substance; in your book were written, every one of them, the days that were formed for me, when as yet there were none of them.

*Psalm 139:13-16*



*This edition of Directions includes ...*

A History of Caring for Life

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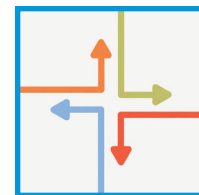
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The Basics of Lutherans For Life



[lutheransforlife.org/resources/journal](https://lutheransforlife.org/resources/journal)

# News and Notes



- Check out [word-of-hope.org](http://word-of-hope.org) and [y4life.org](http://y4life.org).
- Be sure to “Like” and follow LFL on social media! See links below:

[www.facebook.com/LutheransForLife](https://www.facebook.com/LutheransForLife) • [www.facebook.com/groups/teampageLFL](https://www.facebook.com/groups/teampageLFL)  
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[www.youtube.com/user/LutheransForLife](https://www.youtube.com/user/LutheransForLife)

- **Join our Facebook group for Life Chapters, Life Teams, and LMCs:** [www.facebook.com/groups/teampageLFL](https://www.facebook.com/groups/teampageLFL). The group includes an idea exchange and is a place to connect with other Frontline volunteers.
- **LifeDate is a great way to share the For Life message with your congregation.** Order LifeDate in bulk quantities at no charge. (Donations for shipping cost will gladly be accepted.) Call 888.364.LIFE (5433) to order. ([lutheransforlife.org/resources/journal](http://lutheransforlife.org/resources/journal))
- **Life News is available each month to download and print.** *Life News* is a free monthly bulletin insert with life-issue news and more. Go to [lutheransforlife.org/media/life-news](http://lutheransforlife.org/media/life-news).

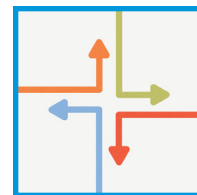


## Lutherans For Life

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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:  
**Monday, April 11, 2022 • 7:00-8:00 p.m. CDT**

Check our online calendar for Zoom login info.

# Step Up 4 Life



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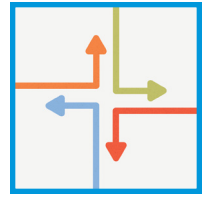
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# A History of Caring for Life

by Rev. Jeff Duncan



So often, only one side of an argument is entertained. We all understand the maxim, “The squeaky wheel gets the oil!” Saying something more often and more loudly, even when it is untrue, is one way people of the opposing viewpoint make their argument and gain adherents.

Case in point, the “Pro-choice movement” has consistently and loudly championed one argument for abortion as:

**“Pro-lifers don’t care about women, and they don’t care about babies once they are born. They have no right to speak against abortion unless they are willing to care for these children.”**

*This argument is recorded on the website: [www.epm.org/resources/2010/Feb/18/39-major-prochoice-arguments-and-their-refutations/](http://www.epm.org/resources/2010/Feb/18/39-major-prochoice-arguments-and-their-refutations/)*

First, anyone who recognizes that abortion takes the life of an innocent child always has the right to speak up for that child and speak out against the act that directly harms that child! Abortion kills human beings who are loved by their Creator. God has chosen them for life in His gracious activity of conceiving them in the womb. What God has created and chosen to love in His Son Jesus Christ for eternity let us never bring to an abrupt end by our own actions, disregarding what God has chosen for Himself.



Second, caring for women is provided through many positive instances of support and concern for those vulnerable to abortion. Ever since Lutherans For Life took to the For Life field, our constituent members have opened hearts and pocketbooks to care for the woman who is pregnant. We have paid for pre-natal care. We have supported pregnancy resource centers that provide parenting classes and maternity care. We have supported and encouraged homes where pregnant women who are kicked out of households or lack support of partners and family could be safe, warm, and loved while delivering their child into this world. Many of these homes also provide a time of transition after birth. They support education, job training, and financial planning to give this woman and her new child a fresh start in moving forward in their lives.

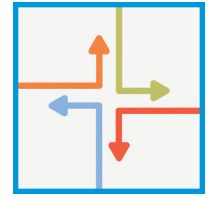
Finally, caring for babies is at the heart of all that Lutherans For Life encourages and accomplishes.

Those same pregnancy resource centers provide diapers, daycare, and support for parents caring for their newborn babies. Additionally, LFL encourages support for adoption agencies and adoptive families. This helps the birth mothers or couples who cannot keep their child while also providing a loving family to that child in need of caring parents.

Let me give a concrete example of why this “Pro-choice” argument holds no water. Here is what one Life Chapter has done specifically.



First, someone interested at the chapter level took classes in sidewalk counseling. Through this they became sensitive and trained to meet the needs of the abortion minded woman (and her partner) as they came to an abortion center. Through a caring conversation and explanation of help that would be provided, a connection was made, and a life was saved. A baby was born and not aborted.



Help didn't stop there. The mother was supported in her education goals. Some of the congregations donated funds to help the mother complete her career training. As she was involved in career training, members of the LFL Chapter and of the constituent congregations opened their homes to provide daycare and support. As the child and their siblings grew older, the whole family was invited to church. Invitations proved fruitful and relationships flourished. Eventually, baptisms happened for the children of the family. This provides not just a "this life" perspective, but an eternal life perspective!

These children are not just cared for now in time, but by God for an eternity! What a wonderful blessing inclusion in the family of God obtains.

But help didn't stop there either. As the children continued to grow, there was opportunity to support Christian school participation. Once again, the Life Chapter and constituent members and congregations could marshal the support and financial encouragement to meet the needs of this family. Through LFL Chapter support, not only was a child saved from an abortion provider's scalpel, but this child was given eternal life in Baptism and funded with growth in wisdom and stature as their educational need was met.

### **Does this sound like “Pro-lifers” care nothing for the woman or the child once the baby is born?**

Here is where we continue to encourage your support. Here is where you too can join in the work of Gospel-motivated voices for Life! Your Life Team or Life Chapter could duplicate this story over and over. Imagine the hundreds, maybe thousands, of babies across America who could not only see life but thrive in that life because of the support of For Life Lutherans in your congregations and communities.

Isn't that a wonderful picture? Wouldn't that be a worthy goal for your group to commit to in this coming year?

What do you need to see it to fruition? First, find out where the babies are destroyed in your community. Where is the building where babies are torn from wombs, or the abortion pill is distributed to those vulnerable to abortion in our society? Next, find out how you can support those already on the Frontlines in that setting. What groups are meeting the needs of abortion-minded women and couples? What gaps are aching to be filled? Where can your time and talents be best utilized? Then, go and fill those gaps! Get involved in saving lives and supporting those vulnerable to abortion in your community.

Finally, share the work you are doing with your congregation and Life Teams and Life Chapters. Celebrate the Gospel-motivated work for Life you are completing. Encourage the involvement of everyone, whether writing checks, authoring prayer cards, or skillfully navigating the sales of diapers and filling the supply chain abundantly. There is always work to be done, no matter how skillful or aged the hands. Find ways to share the load and give encouragement for others to join in the effort of saving and supporting life.

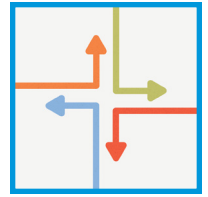
### **Prove the argument wrong in your community one life at a time!**





# Million Dollar Life Match

by Cheryl Magness



Applications are now open for the 1 John 3 Initiative Million Dollar Life Match, a program of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) that seeks to support LCMS congregations involved in providing beginning-of-life care in their local communities. The program allows for up to \$1 million in matching-fund grants ranging from \$1,000 to \$50,000. Any LCMS congregation is eligible to apply.

Some possible uses for the funds are:

- Congregational efforts in pregnancy and infant support (for example, Swaddling Clothes).
- Congregational partnerships with LCMS Recognized Service Organizations in adoption services and maternal and family support (for example, Redeeming Life Outreach Ministries).
- Congregational partnerships with Christian pregnancy resource centers (for example, Care Net).

The above list should not be considered comprehensive or limiting to congregations that wish to apply for a grant. If desired, congregations and circuits may collaborate on a project and application. The congregation completing the application will be the one to receive the grant award.

The Million Dollar Life Match grant process will be conducted in three phases, with the following application deadlines and award dates:

- Phase 1: Applications are due April 8, with awards made in June and reports due November 15.
- Phase 2: Applications are due July 1, with awards made in September and reports due March 1, 2023.
- Phase 3: Applications are due April 1, 2023, with awards made in June 2023 and reports due November 1, 2023.

For more information, or to begin the application process, visit the Million Dollar Life Match webpage. Address questions to Kris Freeman, manager of LCMS Life Ministry, at [lifeministry@lcms.org](mailto:lifeministry@lcms.org) or 314-996-1217

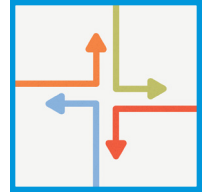
(Source: [reporter.lcms.org/2022/million-dollar-life-match-applications-now-open](https://reporter.lcms.org/2022/million-dollar-life-match-applications-now-open))



# Life Means Hope

by Pastor Michael Salemink

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Give a man a fish, and he'll eat for a day. But teach him to fish, and he'll eat for a lifetime. Address the sanctity of life with laws, and we may change a neighbor's behavior. This one may become an obedient citizen. But envelop the matter in the Gospel, and we will change the neighbor's heart. That one becomes a brother or a sister in Christ. Why fling a few coins or a couple crumpled bills when you can break the bank and empty the treasury?

Lutherans bring a distinctive voice to conversations about life issues. We do not deny the suffering they sometimes involve. Surprise pregnancy or terminal diagnosis can leave people feeling afraid, abandoned, ashamed. Most who support abortion, endorse physician-assisted suicide, or engage in embryocidal biotechnologies do so in anxiety or anger. Legislation and elections apply a necessary triage to the immediate trauma. Protesting and closing clinics treat the symptoms.

But only God's truth and Christ's love cure the root condition of sinful selfishness. We come with a courage, a compassion, and a community that relieves and heals. We have hope and joy to give. No one needs to use death as a solution once they know the Lord creates, redeems, and calls every human life to be His own precious treasure from fertilization to final breath. (And beyond that, forever!) Whatever a person's size or skills or circumstances, we can lead our culture to receive him, to receive her, to rejoice in every member of our race as a gift and a privilege.

Lutherans For Life delights to put this ministry into practice across the country. Our Owen's Mission project leads chapel services and teaches classroom discussions. Our Y4Life initiative engages youth and networks students. Our Word of Hope hotline provides post-abortion and crisis care. Our Life Teams, Life Chapters, and State Federations connect volunteers in taking local action. Our professional staff prepare life-affirming articles and devotions, brochures and booklets, podcasts and social media posts, in-person education and online presentations. And we proudly partner with and represent LWML as recipients of a series of district awards along with a generous 2019-2021 national mission grant!

What can you do? Learn: Browse our home page or visit our YouTube channel and explore how Holy Scripture and Lutheran doctrine intersect life issues. Love: Involve yourself in the experiences and concerns of relatives and neighbors to affirm their worth and purpose. Serve: Invest your abilities and interests in the relationships and opportunities God gives you. Converse: Ask questions and listen when sanctity-of-life topics arise, and testify to how His grace makes up for all our failings. And celebrate: Invite others around you to enjoy marriage, family, health, and length of days as blessings from the Heavenly Father.

God bless your Gospel-motivated voice For Life!

*Pastor Salemink has served as Executive Director of Lutherans For Life since 2015, after twelve years in parish ministry. He writes regularly and speaks nationwide, equipping Lutherans and their neighbors to be Gospel-motivated voices For Life. He lives in St. Louis with his wife, Heather, and their three sons. He enjoys music and sports.*



# Step Up 4 Life



[lutheransforlife.org/step-up-4-life-2022/](https://lutheransforlife.org/step-up-4-life-2022/)

What do you get when you combine passionate, Gospel-motivated life affirming people, a novel twist on the traditional “walk for life,” and some good-natured competition?

## **The Step Up 4 Life 2022 Fundraising Campaign is about to begin!**

It's time to sign up your team from April 25 to May 1. Then, get out and walk, run, bike, shop, mow, clean, rock your rocker, or wheel your wheelchair. Whatever you do, do it with the goal of supporting Gospel-motivated voices for life in your church and community as you get active for life! LFL has all manner of help, aids, and support for you and your Life Teams, Life Chapters, and State Federations to make this 2022 Step Up 4 Life Campaign our best!

## **Challenge those you know to Step Up 4 Life!**

Learning from the positive lessons of 2021, we've made some changes to this year's campaign.

## **Will you help us reach our new goal of \$60,000?**

Start by registering your team to walk from May 1 to June 20, 2022 (a shortened campaign season).

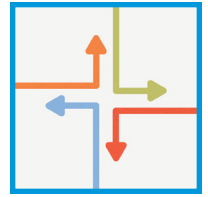
Individual registration is only \$30. Or enlist a team (2+), and members can register for only a \$25 donation each.

Wear your support by ordering the program t-shirt (t-shirt orders include shipping fee) featuring this year's 2022 Step Up 4 Life logo.





Additionally, we have added a sponsorship opportunity to this year's campaign. Here are the details that your Life Team, Life Chapter, or State Federation could challenge yourself and others to complete:



## **Sponsorship levels and benefits are:**

**Pace Setter** – a sponsorship donation of \$250 or more

- 2 free participant registrations (OR free t-shirts) for Step Up 4 Life
- Your name on our sponsorship page

**Marathon Runner** – a sponsorship donation of \$500 or more

- 4 free participant registrations (OR free t-shirts)
- A paragraph/picture of your organization on our sponsorship page
- A hyperlink to your website

**Winner's Circle** – a sponsorship donation of \$1,000 or more

- 8 free participant registrations (OR free t-shirts) (worth \$200)
- A paragraph/picture of your organization on our sponsorship page
- A 30-second video about your organization or message
- A hyperlink to your website

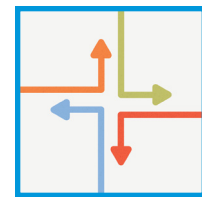
Get your group, team, or church to sponsor this campaign. Challenge several teams in your organization or community to compete. Let's see who can become the champion of life this year as you promote our Life Sunday theme "God Choose You!" and you **Step Up 4 Life!**

More details will be available on our website soon! Until then, please feel free to ask your questions via our campaign email.

**The Step Up 4 Life Team**  
**[stepup4life@lutheransforlife.org](mailto:stepup4life@lutheransforlife.org)**



# Spotlight on Life



**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

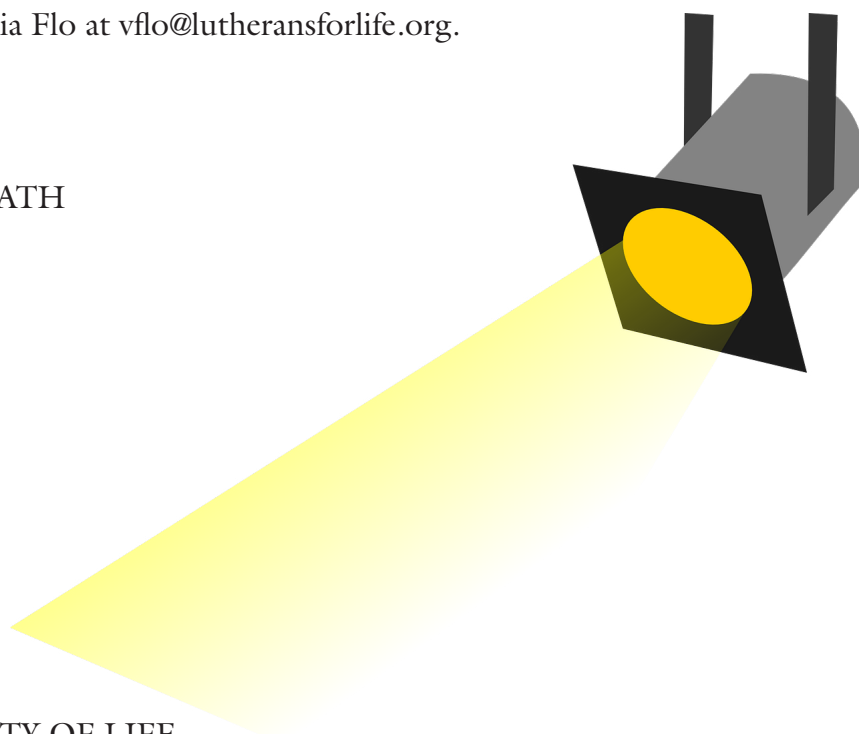
- Fetal development
- Unplanned pregnancy
- Mental health
- Physical & mental disabilities

### 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

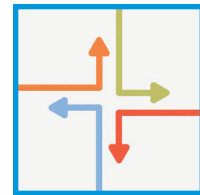


# Lutherans For Life

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



# 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.

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Your Congregation: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Mother's & Father's Names: \_\_\_\_\_

Baby's Gender: Boy \_\_\_\_ Girl \_\_\_\_

Mother's Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Please send completed forms to: Angela Jones/Miami Valley Life Chapter  
7163 Pugliese Place  
Dayton, OH 45415-1207



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







## Lutherans For Life • Life Team Tools Order Form 2022

**NOTE: LIFE TEAM TOOLS ARE AVAILABLE ONLY FROM THE LFL NATIONAL OFFICE.**

Lutherans For Life • 1101 5th Street • Nevada, IA 50201-1816 • 888.364.LIFE (5433)

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

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

LFL Business Hours: Monday-Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. CST/CDT. Hours subject to staff availability.

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

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

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Month / Year

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

**You may also purchase Life Team Tools by credit card by calling 888.364.LIFE (5433).**

**What is a LifeTeam?**

**TOOL 1**  
Life Team  
Introduction  
and Roadmap

**TOOL 2**  
Life Team  
Leader  
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**TOOL 3**  
Life Team  
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**TOOL 4**  
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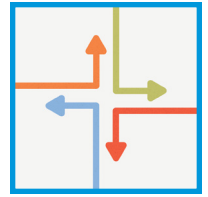
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# Owen's Mission



**"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."



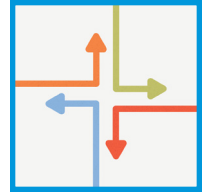
As Owen's grandpa, Dr. Lamb wanted to do something special to remember Owen, honor Jesus, and help others understand the value God gives to even the smallest of lives. With the help of Owen's family, *Owen's Mission* was born. We are training facilitators to present these fetal model sets along with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

[lutheransforlife.org/owens-mission](http://lutheransforlife.org/owens-mission)



# 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)  
Allen Quist (within Minnesota and Iowa – based in St. Peter, Minnesota)  
Rev. Michael W. Salemin (nationwide and Canada – based in St. Louis, Missouri)  
Andrew Schatkin (nationwide – based in the New York/Long Island area)  
Rev. Caleb Schewe (nationwide – based in Monticello, Iowa)  
Alvin J. Schmidt (nationwide and in Canada – based in St. Louis, Missouri)  
Carl F. Schroeder (nationwide – based in Lombard, Illinois)  
Diane E. Schroeder (nationwide – based in Lombard, Illinois)  
Patti Smith (nationwide – based in Huntington Beach, California)  
Francis W. Szarejko (nationwide – based in the Kansas City, Missouri, area)  
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



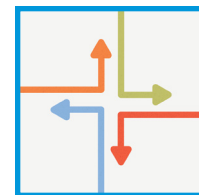
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