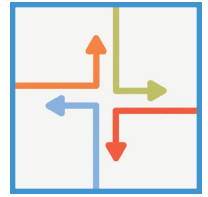


# Directions ...

For LFL's Frontline  
July-August  
2022



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Thus says the LORD who made you, who formed you from the womb and will help you: Fear not, O Jacob my servant, Jeshurun whom I have chosen. *Isaiah 44:2*



*This edition of Directions includes ...*

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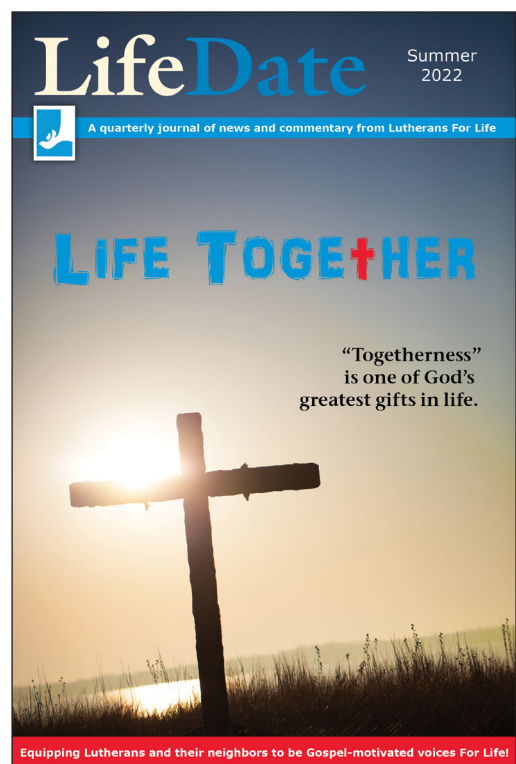
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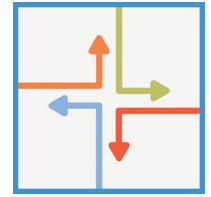
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- **Join our Facebook group for Life Chapters, Life Teams, and LMCs:** [www.facebook.com/groups/teampageLFL](http://www.facebook.com/groups/teampageLFL). The group includes an idea exchange and is a place to connect with other Frontline volunteers.
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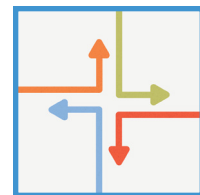


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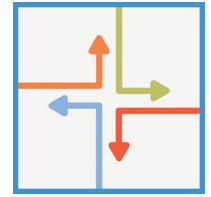


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# Bible Study: The Prodigal Father

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Perhaps no story portrays God's love like the parable of the prodigal son (Luke 15:1-2, 11-32). Its grace, compassion, and forgiveness number it among the Savior's most familiar and beloved of lessons. In the same way that the incarnation, crucifixion, and resurrection of Jesus embody the Lord's goodness toward us, these verses capture and convey the sanctity of life with beauty and comfort. Exploring this narrative offers a gentle, energetic, Gospel-motivated way to bypass defensive objections and behold the heart of the matter.

Whose lives did the Pharisees and scribes find less valuable (15:2)? Why?

Whose rights does the younger son insist on (15:12)? How does he express his desire to use death as a solution? What about this resembles reasoning and rhetoric for abortion and euthanasia?

How does this situation turn out for the younger son (15:14-16)? How does he define himself as less than human (15:19)? And how does his father affirm or undermine this (15:22-24)?

Whom do abortion and euthanasia view as "a long way off"? Why? How does the father treat the long-way-off one (15:20)? What does he sacrifice to retain his younger son (15:12, 20-24)?

How does the older son also end up a long way off (15:28-30)? Whose rights does he insist on? Whom does he seem to wish were dead? How does the father treat him (15:28, 31)? What does he sacrifice to retain this son as well?

Which son do you think the Pharisees and scribes would have identified themselves with? What similarities do you see between the sons and their situations? What similarities do all human lives have in common with unborn neighbors and impaired ones? Which one do you think our Heavenly Father would identify you with? Why?

What does the word "prodigal" mean? How does it apply to the younger son? How does it apply to the older son? How does it apply best to the father? And how does it apply to the sanctity of life?

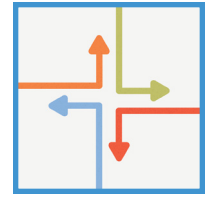
Why do you think Jesus withholds revealing the resolution of the older son's situation? What message does this parable have for those of us who have participated in using death as a solution? How does the story invite us to regard and respond to surprise pregnancy and terminal diagnosis? And how might we go about putting this into practice?





# A Standing “O” for Lutherans For Life

by Rev. Dr. James I. Lamb



Serendipitous some would call it. Maybe others, a “God thing.” I stood in the back of the Iowa District East convention assembly when President Saunders announced the overturning of *Roe v. Wade* on June 24 (also observed as the Nativity of leaping-for-joy-womb-resident John the Baptist, by the way!). Next to me stood Dr. Peter Scaer, Fort Wayne professor and convention essayist. He has been a great voice For Life, a friend of LFL, and my personal friend as well. We have spoken together on several occasions over the years. As the delegates stood and sang the doxology, we both wept. He then grabbed me and took a selfie!



Later, before he began his presentation, he addressed the historic ruling. He mentioned the serendipitous moment described above. Then, to my surprise, he called me his hero in the life movement and lauded my work as leader of LFL. He then asked the convention to acknowledge that work. That resulted in a standing ovation.

What I want the readers of this article to know is you are the real heroes, and you deserve that standing “O” much more than I did. I did my best to make that clear as people came up to me afterward with congratulations and acknowledgements. And I want to make it clear to you now. Oh, I know you do not see yourself as the hero type but as a servant of the Lord of Life. That makes you even more heroic in my book! But remember, it is okay once in a while to receive acknowledgement for your long-standing service promoting and protecting God’s gift of life.

We read in Leviticus 25:8-10:

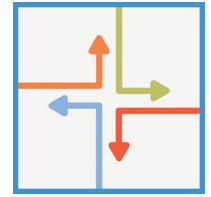
**“You shall count seven weeks of years, seven times seven years, so that the time of the seven weeks of years shall give you forty-nine years. Then you shall sound the loud trumpet on the tenth day of the seventh month. On the Day of Atonement you shall sound the trumpet throughout all your land. And you shall consecrate the fiftieth year, and proclaim liberty throughout the land to all its inhabitants.”**

I’m not the first to point this out. We labored for forty-nine years under *Roe v. Wade*—2023 would have been year fifty. But it will not be! We have a Jubilee instead, a trumpet to sound and liberty to proclaim throughout the land! Do so! Celebrate! Praise and thank our life-giving Lord. Enjoy a standing “O”!

But now back to work. For, as you know, the liberty we proclaim is not complete liberty from the killing of unborn children. However, we can now proclaim that those who champion and celebrate such killing have lost the high ground. No more can they retreat and take a stand on a faulty claim of constitutional



right. Now they must deal with the voice of the people. That would be your voice. That would be your Gospel-motivated voice For Life.



For we have, and always will have, the high ground. We find it just outside the walls of Jerusalem, the place of the skull, Golgotha. There we saw a life-giving death. And nearby in an empty tomb we saw death giving way to life, new life now, resurrected life forever. From this high ground comes the message we proclaim throughout the land. This high ground moves us to boldness in defending all life and showing compassion to all struggling with life.

The need for our voices will be greater now. Many who were once smugly silent have found voice. Some of them are in our pews. I was struck by the number of Facebook posts shared with me by pastors at recent conventions. Their reactions went something like, “Wow! I didn’t know he/she was in favor of abortion.”

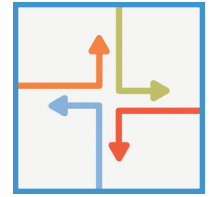
From our high ground of Golgotha comes the compassionate action we will continue to share throughout the land. The need will be greater now. Amidst the ever-growing list of companies paying for travel to have children killed, we need to be all the more ready to share the other choices, choices for good, choices for life, choices for doing what is right. No travel needed! We are right here to love and help in any way and every way possible.

I have been humbled and proud to serve with so many For Life heroes over the years. It was an honor to receive a standing “O” on your behalf. It’s okay for all of us to receive some acknowledgement once in a while. You deserve it. So, listen to the standing “O,” LFL-ers. Take a little bow, enjoy it . . . . . Okay, long enough! Now back to serving the Lord of Life with Gospel-motivated voices and actions louder and more compassionate than ever.



# “What Impact Can I Have For Life?”

by Virginia Flo



Have you ever wondered what impact you might have on the For Life movement? I'm sure even those who are deeply involved in life-affirming ministry wonder if what they are doing is productive. It's easy to fall into that trap and sit back and do little to nothing for fear of not being very effective. Well, after the recent SCOTUS decision to overturn *Roe v Wade*, I don't think we can ever say that something is impossible.

It took 40 years for the Israelites to finally get to the promised land. It actually took 49 years for *Roe* to be overturned. Yet it did happen. During those 49 years, did you pray about this unjust law? Did you speak out against it so others knew where you stood? Did you work on a project that helped pregnant mothers, like a bottle drive or a diaper drive? Were you part of a Life Team or Life Chapter in your church or on any committee to do life ministry? Did you donate to For Life organizations, like Lutherans For Life or your local crisis pregnancy center? There is so much that might have been done. The question is, did you engage?

At Lutherans For Life, we want everyone to use their voices to support life. That doesn't mean we stand on the street corner and yell out our support For Life, although you could do that if you so choose. It does, however, mean that when the opportunity shows up, you open your mouth in support of life when someone else is tearing it down or when someone needs support to do the right thing when faced with life decisions. There is much that you, as an individual, can do by yourself if you remain diligent to God's plan For Life. We have all the answers as God provided them to us in scripture. You don't need to get on a political platform, unless that is your calling, to speak the truth. Our political environment could use a little more truth speaking when it comes to the life issues.

If you want to be impactful, just be faithful to God's Word. Lift your voice in prayer as it is a powerful thing God has given. Don't shirk when someone speaks for abortion, assisted suicide, or another life issue. Be brave and speak up, even if it's only to say, I don't agree with you as we have a loving God who loves life. For years, Lutherans For Life has used the three-fold answer in sharing God's love for life that proves He is For Life. He loved life so much that He created it. When man fell into sin and was doomed to death, He sent His Son, Jesus, to save us from our sins and eternal death. And, through the waters of Baptism God calls us into an eternal relationship with Him as He gives us eternal life. What more proof do we need and should be willing to share?

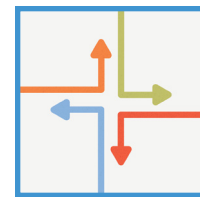
When God tells us He knew us before we were born in our mother's womb, we can hardly say life doesn't begin at fertilization. When God tells our days are numbered and He will decide when our life is over, we can hardly ask for our life to be taken prematurely rather than dying a natural death. As you ponder God's Word and stand up For Life, your witness will have remarkable power and you, only you, will be impactful in your response. So, even if you are going it alone, you can and should contribute to the message For Life, and God will bless your efforts.





# Life and Ministry Beyond *Roe*

by Pastor James L. Kroonblawd



As Christians, we rejoice over the decision of the Supreme Court to overturn *Roe v. Wade* and *Casey* in the *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health* ruling. Abortion on Demand in our country has wreaked havoc on women and babies for 49 years. Many people across the nation have dedicated themselves to protecting the lives of the unborn, leading to this decision of the Supreme Court. Let us give thanks for the ministries, organizations, and individuals who have worked tirelessly to protect women and unborn children and end the travesty that resulted in the wake of the *Roe* decision in 1973.

## **Abortion Is Not Over**

While we thank the Lord for this decision, we must understand there is much work to be done. As members of the Body of Christ, our Lord calls all believers to use our voices to speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves. Talk to family and friends. Abortion is not over. Get involved. Use your time, talent, and treasure to make a difference for life. It is our joy to share the transcendent dignity and moral worth of every human being with all who will listen.

Life is precious. Every person is created in the image of God and therefore has eternal value. If people do not know Jesus as their Savior, they will not know their moral worth. Because we are all sinful, even from conception, we falter and fail in our own lives and in our treatment of the gift of life God has given, and in our love toward others. In Baptism into the name of Jesus, God claims each of us as His child, purifying us, cleansing us, washing away sin, and bringing us into the family of God through the blood of Jesus.

## **We're Here for You**

To the abortion workers, women who have had an abortion, men and women who encouraged abortion, hear the Good News! Jesus came to forgive! His love covers over a multitude of sin. The center of the pro-life movement is love: love for the life that God gives through Jesus Christ, love for life that God creates in the womb, love for women, love for children who need support, and love for fathers who are called to faithfulness in family and commitment to care for their sons and daughters. Jesus invites you to trust in Him for forgiveness.

## **Pray for Life**

The Church has a wonderful opportunity to proclaim the love of Jesus to all who have been impacted by abortion. Let us lift up our voices in prayer and speak up on behalf of the vulnerable. Pray that the *Dobbs* decision will be the beginning of the end of the culture of death in our nation and the Lord will grant a resurgence of the culture of life, honoring and protecting life from conception through natural death. It is imperative that the Church demonstrate love and tangible support to all the women and children who will be impacted by this decision.

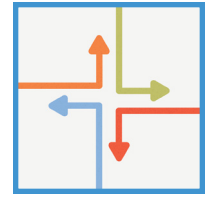
*Pastor James L. Kroonblawd is the MN South District Life Coordinator.*





# Protected in Law and Cared for in Life

by Rev. Fredric Hinz



“Protected in law and cared for in life” ... With that simple phrasing, Father Richard John Neuhaus once articulated the ultimate goals of the pro-life movement. It seems to me that this is an articulation worth recalling as we try to grasp where we—those of us who support the sanctity of human life from conception to natural death—now stand in the light of the Supreme Court’s recent Dobbs decision. That decision, of course, overturned the *Roe vs. Wade* decision of 1973, declaring, in no uncertain terms, that there never was, nor is there now, a right to abortion contained within the U. S. Constitution. And thus, it returns “the abortion question” to the 50 states where the political process ... the voice of the people ... will ultimately determine the legality or illegality of abortion within that state.

Now, what does that mean? Of course, it means many things, but surely one of those things is that for the first time in nearly fifty years, the pro-life community can begin to give equal weight to the second half of Father Neuhaus’ formulation. That is, the pro-life community can feel comfortable in starting to shift the spotlight from “protecting unborn life in law” to the equally important task of “caring for the unborn and newborn in life.” It means we can begin to direct more of our energies to the massive task of supporting mothers and fathers and their children as they face the challenges of life together in less than hospitable circumstances. It means we can begin to redirect our attention away from the happenings in Washington, D.C., and toward the happenings within our own local communities. It means investing much more of our time and many more of our resources to strengthening the local organizations that will likely have the most direct contact with those needing services, most often a local pregnancy resource center (PRC). While some pro-life folks have been heavily engaged in these “caring for life” efforts for many years, the truth is many of us have been distracted by far-away legal battles and, therefore, have not been as actively engaged in the local aspects of the pro-life cause as we might have been.

And so, in this new Dobbs era, my hope and prayer is that many more of us will be moved to a greater level of personal and congregational activity, especially in support of these local helping agencies. If you haven’t yet established a relationship with a PRC in your area, pick up the phone and give them a call. If you haven’t given the members of your congregation an easy opportunity to regularly contribute time or money to a local PRC, consider having a regular monthly door offering dedicated to your local PRC or to Lutherans For Life. If you haven’t been in the habit of including the pro-life cause in your personal or corporate prayer life, why not start today?!

There is still, of course, plenty of work to be done in the political arena to secure legal protections for all of the unborn in every place, and we continue to encourage people to be active in that sphere as well. Indeed, that’s especially true here in Minnesota, where the courts continue to provide a barrier to recognizing the full humanity of the unborn. But now, thank God, we are at a place where the “caring for mother and child in life” can take its proper place alongside our efforts to “protect them in law.” For those of us who have been on the receiving end of such lavish care and protection by our Heavenly Father, this ought to come very naturally. God’s blessings as you feel your way ... as you pray your way ... into this new and exciting era, where life is recognized for the great and precious gift that it is: a gift from God!

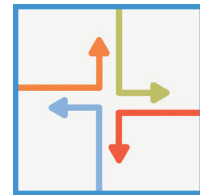
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# Watchers or Workers?

from Redeemer Lutheran Church, Sister Lakes, Michigan

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What do you do when you turn the key, but all the car does is sputter and die? Do you pop the hood, grab your tool box, roll up your sleeves and get to work? When you want to relax with a ball game, do you reach for your bat and glove, gather a few friends, and head for the park? Probably not. We're far more likely to take the car to a mechanic and watch a game from the comfort of the stands. We tell ourselves that we don't know how to even diagnose the engine problem, let alone repair it. We're too klutzy, too old, or too tired to actually play ball ourselves. We're accustomed to being passive "watchers" rather than active participants in life.

The same thing can happen in our lives as followers of Jesus. The Lord's commission to go and make disciples of all nations is directed to every believer, not just a chosen few. Yet it's so easy to convince ourselves that we have no idea where to start or what to say to tell others about Jesus. We don't have the education or time to work in the Lord's kingdom. That's what pastors and teachers are for. Yet Peter wrote, **"You are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light"** (1 Peter 2:9).



The Lord calls each of us not to be merely passive "watchers" but active "workers" in His name. He provides the opportunities and means to carry it out. No one is too young. Last Sunday even the littlest VBS students were singing, "Jesus loves me, this I know!" No one is too old. Even if homebound, the most senior believer can pray, "Thy kingdom come," and offer specific petitions for our missionaries both at home and abroad. No one can say, "There's no one for me to reach." All of us have relatives, friends, neighbors, or coworkers who need the peace of forgiveness only Jesus can give. Besides working as individuals, all of us have God-given opportunities to work together as a spiritual family in Christ in the congregation and church body.

It's work, but not a chore. What could be more joyful and rewarding than to share with everyone the best news they will ever hear: Jesus has saved you from sin and death and won eternal life for you as a free gift of His love. Let's roll up our sleeves and begin today with the prayer, "Lord, help me be an eager worker in Your kingdom."

(Source: [www.redeemerclc.info/ministries](http://www.redeemerclc.info/ministries))



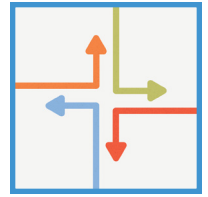


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**Friday, October 21 – 8:30 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. | Saturday, October 22 – 8:30 a.m. to noon**

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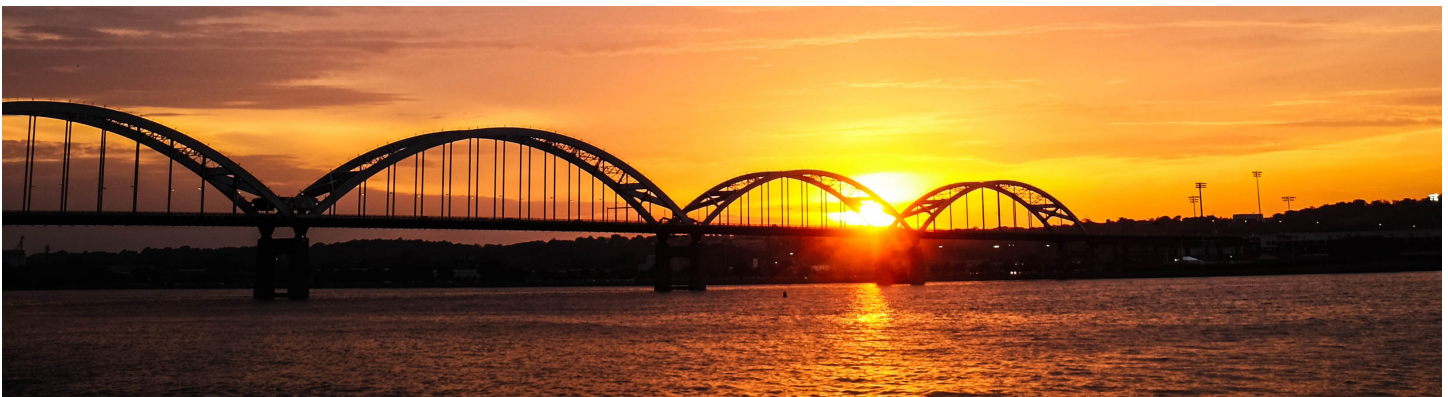
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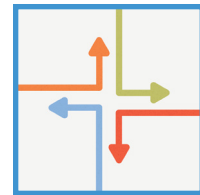
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# Spotlight on Life

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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 email [info+spotlight@lutheransforlife.org](mailto:info+spotlight@lutheransforlife.org).

## Presentation Topics

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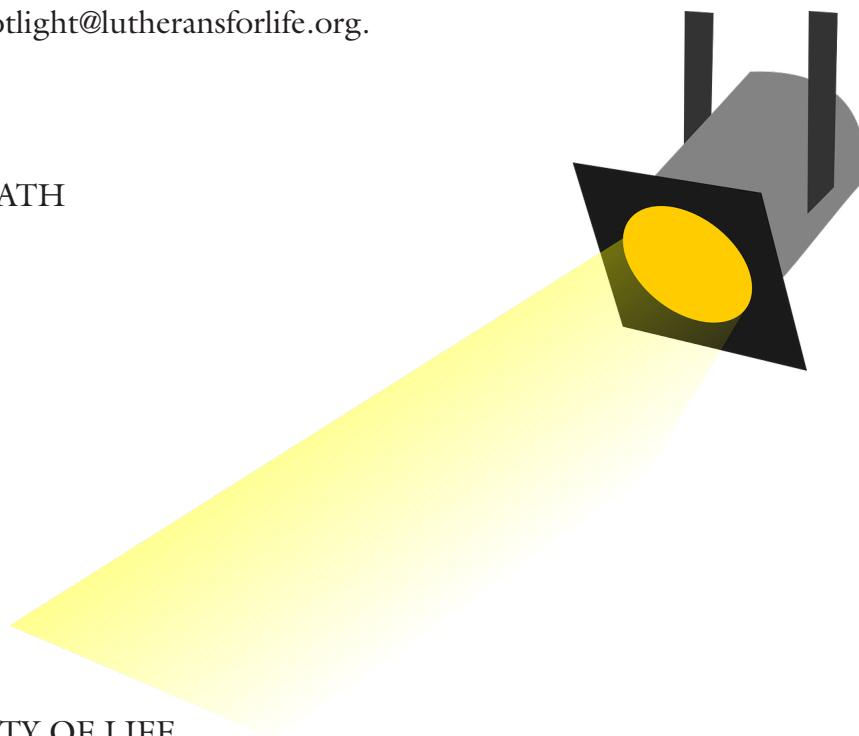
- Fetal development
- Unplanned pregnancy
- Mental health
- Physical & mental disabilities

### 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
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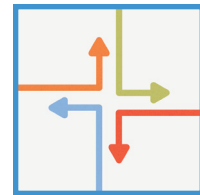


# Lutherans For Life

*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 assistant director of volunteer relations, 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 give them a homemade blanket in celebration of this new life? Simply fill out this form and the Miami Valley Lutherans For Life Chapter, and other Lutherans from the state of Ohio, will ensure that a blanket made with love will be sent directly to the 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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Baby's Gender: Boy \_\_\_\_ Girl \_\_\_\_

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Please send completed forms to: Kim Merritt  
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).





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			<b>SHIPPING</b>	\$15
			<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	

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**What is a LifeTeam?**

**TOOL 1**  
Life Team  
Introduction  
and Roadmap

**TOOL 2**  
Life Team  
Leader  
Training

**TOOL 3**  
Life Team  
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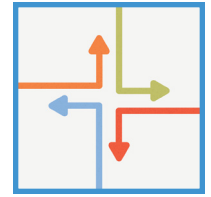
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# Owen's Mission



**"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.

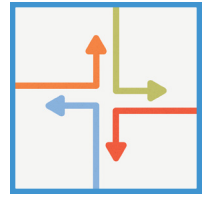
**You can support Owen's Mission by encouraging your Lutheran elementary or high school to have an Owen's Mission presentation! Call 888.364.LIFE (5433) or email [info@lutheransforlife.org](mailto:info@lutheransforlife.org).**

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



# Need a Speaker?

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Lutherans For Life will work with you to help meet your needs for a speaker at a rally, convention, Bible study, worship service, public or parochial school, college/university, or workshop/seminar. A variety of formats are available.

## General speaker guidelines (may vary by individual):

- Airfare/Mileage: Actual airfare and/or current standard IRS mileage rate to airport or event.
- Lodging: Quiet, nonsmoking hotel room.
- Honorarium: Affiliated speakers for Lutherans For Life are not in a paid position. Therefore, we ask that sponsoring groups provide an honorarium for affiliated speakers. The sponsoring group determines the amount of the honorarium. Honorariums depend on number of events. Honorariums begin at \$200.
- Meals: \$25 per day unless other arrangements are made.
- Other: A lectern will be needed. A TV, video projector, DVD player, and screen may be needed.



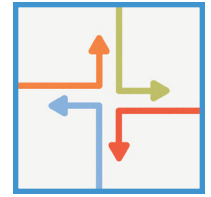
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Linda D. Bartlett (nationwide – based in Iowa Falls, Iowa)  
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Kim Hardy (nationwide – based in Grand Haven, Michigan)  
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Kimberly Ketola (nationwide – 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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# 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





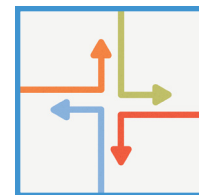
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