

Lutherans For Life National Conference

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



2022

**October 21-22 • Rock Island, Illinois
Holiday Inn Hotel & Conference Center**

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Lutherans For Life has, since 1979, upheld the value of life affirmed by the resurrected Christ. We educate congregations on life issues with a Gospel perspective, equipping Lutherans and their neighbors to be Gospel-motivated voices For Life. **Lutherans For Life** also offers help, healing, and forgiveness for anyone who bears the burden of overwhelming guilt through our 24-hour **Word of Hope** hotline (888-217-8679). This free service is available to men, women, and youths for information, referrals, and Scripture-based spiritual care to address life issues such as surprise pregnancy, abortion recovery, suicide, doubting salvation, and physician-assisted suicide. **Life Teams and Life Chapters** are developed in congregations and communities—in collaboration with our volunteer relations team—to affirm life and participate in motivating others For Life through the Gospel. **Lutherans For Life** also serves youth through its **Y4Life** program! Specifically focused on helping high school and college youth become Gospel-motivated voices For Life, **Y4Life** offers a variety of educational resources, service projects, and interactive, in-person opportunities that teach youth how to uphold the lives of others. **Lutherans For Life** offers a wide variety of print and online resources—including our quarterly journal, *LifeDate*.



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**Your prayers, volunteer involvement, and financial support allow
Lutherans For Life to accomplish its Gospel-centered work.**

**During the conference, participants will be given
an additional opportunity to support the organization.**

**Thank you for prayerfully considering how you,
your family, and your congregation can help.**



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A Word from Our President

WELCOME to Rock Island!

Hello and welcome to the 2022 Lutherans For Life National Conference!

I have heard it said numerous times throughout my history with Lutherans For Life that the life conferences are like big family reunions. These gatherings give us opportunity to make new friendships and renew former ones. I trust that this conference will be no different. If this is your first conference, I especially welcome you and trust that you will meet new friends and develop lasting relationships and feel a part of the LFL family. I pray that we will truly be blessed For Life through this Lutherans For Life family reunion.



That is the theme of this conference: **Blessed For Life!**

I will not belabor the fact that the days are evil; in fact, that is probably why you are here. God has called you out to expose the evil and shed His light on these days (Ephesians 5). In that evil we are surrounded by enemies, but **“The Lord protects him and keeps him alive; he is called blessed in the land; you do not give him up to the will of his enemies”** (Psalm 41:2).

Yes, despite the evil of our enemies, we are under God’s divine protection; we are truly blessed.

- **Blessed with the gift of life.**
- **Blessed by God for one’s entire life.**
- **Blessed to be a blessing to others.**

I pray that we will all be spiritually uplifted, strengthened, and encouraged as we learn valuable information shared by the speakers and in the worship service, focused on God’s Word. Through this, may we be a blessing to others as we share the life-affirming message of the Gospel and equip Lutherans and our neighbors to be Gospel-motivated voices For Life.

Trusting in the timeless truths of God’s Word with you, **Blessed For Life,**

Lynette Auch



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2022 Lutherans For Life National Conference Agenda

Friday, October 21

Breakfast (B's Kitchen – 20% off for conference guests)	6:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.
Registration	8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.
Opening devotions	9:00 a.m.
Plenary I – Jeannie Mancini	9:30 a.m.
<i>Special Greeting</i>	10:15 a.m.
Essay Contest Winner – 6-8 Grade – Alyssa Bivens	10:20 a.m.
Recognition	10:25 a.m.
BREAK	10:30 a.m.
Workshops I	10:45 am. – 11:35 a.m.
Father Frank Pavone: Braving Persecution in the Fight for Life	
Rev. Keith Haney: Healing Racial Divides in America	
Deaconess Tiffany Manor: From Pro-Choice to Pro-Life	
Rev. Scott Licht: Ministry to, with, and from People with Disabilities	
<i>Special Greeting</i>	11:45 a.m.
Essay Contest Winner – Grade 9-12 – Grace MacPherson	11:50 a.m.
Recognition	11:55 a.m.
DELI LUNCH BUFFET – EXHIBITORS HALL	12:00 p.m. – 12:50 p.m.
Workshops II	1:00 p.m. – 1:50 p.m.
Dr. Kim Marxhausen: Blessed to care for the caregiver	
Col. John Eidsmoe: Luther's Two Kingdoms: A Platform for Civic Engagement	
Dr. Roni Grad, MD: Intricately Woven	
Rev. Michael Salemink: The Slave Is a Brother: Human Trafficking and the Sanctity of Life	
Workshops III	2:00 p.m. – 2:50 p.m.
Deaconess Pam Nielsen: The Church's Care and Our Confession as Death Draws Near	
Rev. Fred Hinz: The War of the Worlds: Conveying the Gospel Truth to a Chaotic World	
Dave Probst: Born for Blessing!	
Michelle Bauman: Instagram, TikTok, and Cancel Culture	
LFL Update	3:00 p.m.
BREAK	3:30 p.m.
WORSHIP	5:00 p.m.
BANQUET with music by Wendysue Fluegge	6:15p.m.
Recognition	
Keynote by Melissa Ohden	

Dessert Display – Exhibitor’s Hall

8:30 p.m.

Youth Dessert

9:00 p.m. – 10:30 p.m.

Saturday, October 22

Breakfast Buffet – Exhibitor’s Hall

7:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.

Opening Devotions

8:30 a.m. – 8:45 a.m.

Plenary II – Steve Deace

8:45 a.m.

Special Greeting

9:45 a.m.

BREAK

9:50 a.m.

Workshops IV

10:00 a.m. – 10:50 a.m.

Deaconess Chrissie Gillett: Blessed by Life Issues: What was Meant for Evil, God Meant it for Good

Dr. Gregory P. Seltz, PhD: Civic Advocacy

Rev. Dr. Wade Mobley: What We See

Virginia Flo: Engaging Impactful Frontline Life Ministry ... Initiate New or Refresh Existing Efforts

Plenary III – Rev. Michael W. Salemink –

11:00 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.

Being a Gospel-Motivated Voice For Life

Closing Prayer & Survey

11:45 a.m.

Plenary Speakers



Melissa Ohden is the survivor of a failed saline infusion abortion, but like every survivor, she is so much more than a survivor. Melissa is a Master's level prepared social worker and the author of *You Carried Me: A Daughter's Memoir*. She is the founder and director of The Abortion Survivors Network, the only healing and advocacy organization for abortion survivors worldwide and The Education and Policy Center, which impacts policy issues related to abortion and abortion survivors. Melissa and her team have connected with 397 survivors as of July 2021. Melissa is a frequent contributor to pro-life and conservative news outlets and a regular guest on radio and television programs around the world. Although Melissa's heart is for providing help and hope to all affected by abortion, she also strives to humanize the unborn through activism. She has testified before congressional committees numerous times, as well as lobbied, and even met, President Trump in the Oval Office in 2019.



Jeanne Mancini is the President of the March for Life Education and Defense Fund, proudly directing the iconic organization committed to restoring a culture of life in the United States, most notably through the annual March for Life in Washington, D.C., every January and through the growing State March for Life program. She is a sought-after speaker on culture of life topics, has testified before the U.S. Congress, and regularly consults with state and federal elected officials on pro-life issues. Jeanne makes frequent media appearances including on MSNBC, CNN, FOX, ABC, CBS, and others. She resides in the DC area with her husband, David.



Steve Deace is the host of the *Steve Deace Show* on BlazeTV each weekday and the author of several books—including the #1 best seller *Faucian Bargain: The Most Powerful and Dangerous Bureaucrat in American History*. His next book, *Why Thanksgiving: The Pilgrims Started Thanksgiving for the Same Reason They Came to America, Because They Loved God*, will be his first children's book and released later this fall. His 2016 book about a demonic takeover of America, *A Nefarious Plot*, will be released soon as a major motion picture. He lives in Iowa with his family.



Rev. Michael W. Salemink began serving as executive director-elect of Lutherans For Life in August 2015 and became executive director on January 1, 2016. He received a BA in theology from Concordia University Chicago, River Forest, Illinois, in 1999 and a Master of Divinity from Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, Indiana, in 2003. He has served as pastor of St. John's Lutheran Church, Webster, Minnesota (2003-2005), and as associate pastor of St. James Lutheran Church and School in Lafayette, Indiana (2005-2015). Pastor Salemink and his wife, Heather, have been married since 2000 and reside in St. Louis, Missouri, where they attend Immanuel Lutheran Church, Olivette, with their three sons: Christian, Nathan, and Luke.

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Michelle Bauman joined the Lutherans For Life team on June 1, 2019. She earned her Lutheran teaching degree in secondary education from Concordia Nebraska in 1998 and a master's degree in English from the University of Indianapolis in 2011. Before joining Lutherans For Life, Michelle taught middle school English from 1998 to 2002 at Holy Cross Lutheran School in Fort Wayne, Indiana, and English, Drama, and Speech at Trinity Lutheran High School in Seymour, Indiana, from 2002 to 2019. Michelle also served as Trinity's Recruitment Director from 2004 to 2017. She lives in Columbus, Indiana, with her husband, Pastor Doug Bauman, and two sons, Nathaniel and Simeon, and attends St. Paul Lutheran Church, Clifty, where her husband serves as pastor.



John Eidsmoe is a retired Air Force Lt. Colonel, retired Alabama State Defense Force Colonel, current Mississippi State Guard Chaplain (Colonel), and a graduate of the Air Command & Staff College and the Air War College. He is Professor of Law at the Oak Brook College of Law and Government Policy, and in his various teaching assignments his students have given him the Outstanding Professor Award or Prof of the Year Award five times. He has served as Senior Staff Attorney with the Alabama Supreme Court and is currently Senior Counsel and Resident Scholar for the Foundation for Moral Law. He is an ordained pastor with the Association of Free Lutheran Congregations and serves on the Board of Lutherans For Life and on the Board of the Plymouth Rock Foundation, and is a constitutional attorney who has defended home schools, Christian schools, the right of students to study the Bible in public schools and the right to display the

Ten Commandments in the public arena. He has authored 16 books, including *Historical & Theological Foundations of Law, Christianity & the Constitution*, *God & Caesar*, and *Columbus & Cortez*, and has produced numerous audio and video lecture albums including *The Institute on the Constitution* and *Here I Stand: A Biblical Worldview for a New Millennium*. He holds seven academic degrees in law, theology, history, and political science. A lifelong student of the Crusades, he is a Knight Commander and Chaplain for the Sovereign Military Order of the Temple of Jerusalem (smotj.org). He is a Third Degree Black Belt with the American Taekwondo Foundation, a Fifth Degree Black Belt with the Gospel Martial Arts Union, and a Fifth Degree Black Belt with Black Belts of the Faith International. Colonel Eidsmoe is an avid horseman and skier and tries to get eight hours of sleep every week. He and his wife Marlene have been married since 1970, have three children (David, Kirsten, and Justin), and live in rural Pike Road, Alabama.



Virginia Flo joined Lutherans For Life in September 2013 and currently resides in Eagan, Minnesota. She has spent her life in a dual career both in business management, working for several major corporations in the Twin Cities area, as well as making a career in church work. She has worked extensively in the areas of Christian education, stewardship, and evangelism, while also serving as a choir director, where she is able to share her love of Christian music with both adults and children. In her business experience, she has worked in management, marketing, technology, and the graphic and visual arts. Her strong conviction For Life has given her the opportunity to speak on all the life issues, with a particular emphasis in the area of physician-assisted suicide, which is being addressed in many states today. She grew up in a family that welcomed foster children who found a safe home with them in the country. She has authored a Christian fiction novel capturing some of those

foster care experiences. Virginia has served as an LFL life chapter president and is now working across the United States helping equip Lutherans and their neighbors to be Gospel-motivated voices For Life.

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Deaconess Chrissie Gillet, PsyD – Frequently seen in boots and jeans, Chrissie reveals her Texan upbringing and love for country living. She particularly enjoys time with her family in the garden or at the lake. Down-to-earth and modest, she prefers genuine conversation on a first-name basis over haughty titles related to her education or vocation. Chrissie is married to her best friend, Steph Gillet, who is a pastor at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Tomahawk, Wisconsin. They enjoy working side by side in the ministry as a husband-wife and pastor-deaconess team. Together they have seven children, but only their youngest still resides at home, along with Phoebe, their Labradoodle in therapy dog training. Chrissie earned a doctorate in clinical psychology from Spalding University and completed her psychology residency as an officer in the United States Air Force. She served four years

active duty and another four as inactive reserve. God has blessed her with a range of counseling experiences in settings such as: a domestic violence shelter, the suicide crisis hotline, military mental health clinics, and a Christian counseling agency. Transitioning from an emphasis on psychology to theology, Chrissie attended the Distance Deaconess Program at Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne. She graduated in October 2018 and was commissioned as a deaconess with Lutherans For Life. In her position as the Word of Hope Director, Chrissie answers the hotline calls and emails. Understanding both the secular worldview and the Christ-centered perspective, she listens without personal judgment while also responding in Christian truth and love. Motivated by compassion, she often goes above and beyond to connect people with local services and natural supports. Beyond her typical hotline responsibilities, Chrissie writes articles, speaks publicly, and leads Bible studies on a range of topics related to life issues. Valuing a Christ-centered lifestyle, Chrissie serves her neighbor through acts of mercy. Each year, she opens her heart and home to exchange students from around the world. Amongst her church family, she regularly visits folks who are hospitalized or shut in, and enjoys the fellowship while creating crafts with members in her home. Within the rural and small-town community, she gifts numerous people with produce from her garden, home-cooked dishes, or crocheted newborn-baby blankets. Truly, to know Chrissie is to know her as your loving sister in Christ.



Roni Grad is a retired pediatric pulmonologist (lung specialist). His wife Judy is a retired pathologist. He is a member at Catalina Lutheran Church in Tucson, Arizona, where he chairs the Life Team, serves on council, teaches Sunday school, teaches on the hymns, ushers, assists with altar guild duties, and is enrolled in the Lutheran Servanthood School, a lay-diaconate training program. Roni is also serving as president of the Arizona-South Circuit Forum, as Life Coordinator for the English District (LCMS), and as treasurer of David's Harp – A Center for Musical Development. In the Tucson community outside his congregation, he serves on the board of Family First Pregnancy Care Center and Family Diaper Bank, Oracle, Arizona, and meets regularly with the Tucson for Life coalition. In his free time, Roni enjoys watching NHL hockey on TV and cheering on the Toronto Maple Leafs, as well as traveling.

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Rev. B. Keith Haney, Assistant to the Iowa District West President for Missions, Human Care, and Stewardship, has been an ordained pastor for 28 years, serving multi-ethnic urban congregations in Berea, Detroit, Michigan; as director of outreach and evangelism, St. Louis, for four congregations in the L.U.T.H.E.R. Plan; as senior pastor at Gospel Lutheran in Milwaukee; and as mission facilitator, Northern Illinois District LCMS, until September of 2019. He has also written a Bible study on healing racial divides in America, *One Nation Under God-Healing Racial Divides*, and *Words of Strength and Promise*. In January 2016, he started to write a blog to encourage believers in their faith journey and non-believers to explore difficult faith issues: alightbreaksthrough.org. The blog has over 6,000 faithful followers; over 1,500 of those are millennials. You can subscribe to his new podcast—Becoming Bridge Builders—

on iTunes or Spotify. Pastor Haney's role in Iowa District West is to assist congregations with strategic planning, visioning, outreach to the community, cultivate a culture of generosity, and foster a climate of human care that connects faith to crisis situations. He is married to Miriam (Bickel) Haney, and they have six children: Mitchell, Todd married to Zipporah, Sharon, Jonathan, SaraGrace and Zane. They have two grandchildren, Matheo and Nalah Rose. He is currently working on a doctorate in education with an emphasis on organizational change at Concordia University in Irvine, California.



Rev. Fredric Hinz currently serves as the Public Policy Advocate for both Minnesota North and South Districts of the LCMS. As such, he represents the LCMS in matters pertaining to the life issues (abortion and doctor-assisted suicide); issues related to marriage family and sexuality; issues related to religious freedom, including parental choice in education. A graduate of Trinity Lutheran School (Waconia), Mayer Lutheran High School, Concordia Seward, Chicago State University, and Luther Northwestern Seminary, Fred has taught biological science on both high school and college levels, owned and operated retail shoe stores, and served as a parish pastor in St. James, Minnesota, and Gaylord, Minnesota. In addition to active engagement in the public policy matters of the synod, Fred also advocates for the advancement of Intelligent Design theory. He and his wife, Rachel,

have been married for 45 years, and together they have three married children who have, so far, given them twelve grandchildren. They reside in Gaylord.



Rev. Scott Licht grew up in New Ulm, Minnesota, and was raised in the Wisconsin Synod. He graduated from Martin Luther Preparatory School, Northwestern College (the WELS pastor-training college), and attended Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary for a short time. In 2005, he earned an MBA and a Master of Science in Information Systems from Iowa State University. Scott worked in the corporate world for 30 years before combining his business and theological education and experience at Lutherans For Life beginning in 2012. Scott satisfied the requirements and was ordained in the Lutheran Congregations in Mission to Christ (LCMC) in 2014. In addition to his service at Lutherans For Life, he serves as pastor of Shepherd of the Prairie Lutheran Church in Huxley, Iowa—a congregation rostered with the LCMC and the North American

Lutheran Church (NALC). Scott has an adult daughter in the Des Moines area and a daughter, son-in-law, and two grandsons near Colfax, Iowa. He and his wife, Sue, live near Huxley, Iowa, with three horses. Sue also has three adult daughters. Scott says, "There is never a lack of things to do, and I give thanks for how

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richly God has blessed me. I enjoy serving Him through the mission of Lutherans For Life, and I would ask for your prayers as we continue to ‘equip Lutherans and their neighbors to be Gospel-motivated voices For Life.’”



Deaconess Dr. Tiffany Manor serves as director of The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod (LCMS) Life Ministry. As the director, she provides leadership for the development of pro-life initiatives and programs for nearly 6,000 U.S. congregations, over 1500 educational institutions, and four international regions. She has been a contributing author to multiple books and publications. Tiffany regularly speaks publicly on topics related to the sanctity of human life, health, and family issues. Prior to serving as director of LCMS Life Ministry, Tiffany served as an executive for non-profit human care organizations and was on staff at several LCMS congregations and schools. After a first career in business, a B.A. in marketing, and studies in an MBA program, she received an M.A. from Concordia Theological Seminary and earned a doctorate from Bethel University. She is married to the Rev. Jonathan Manor; they have five children and two grandchildren.



Kim Marxhausen enjoys a ministry of supporting Lutheran educators and families. She uses her doctorate in Educational Psychology to help people to see their work and God’s support in a new way. She presents at conferences all over the country, writes a parenting newsletter for LCMS School Ministry called *Parent Pages*, and is the author of three books, including *Weary Joy: The Caregiver’s Journey*. You are welcome to check out her parenting blog, devotional blog, and ministry resources at faithparent.marxhausen.net.



Dr. Wade Mobley lives in Plymouth, Minnesota, where he has served as president of the Free Lutheran Bible College and Seminary (flbc.edu) since 2015. Along with leadership of the Bible College and Seminary, Dr. Mobley teaches apologetics, Christian thought, leadership, and preaching in the two programs. Before joining the Bible College and Seminary, he served from 2003-2014 as pastor of Living Word Free Lutheran Church in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. Dr. Mobley is married to his wife of over 20 years, Michele, and has two children, Hannah (12) and Benjamin (12). Dr. Mobley earned a Doctor of Ministry degree at Concordia Theological Seminary-Ft. Wayne in 2020, a Master’s of Divinity from the Free Lutheran Seminary in 2003, and a Bachelor’s degree in Ancient History from the University of Northwestern-St. Paul in 1999. He has additional studies at the International Academy of Apologetics, Evangelism, and

Human Rights in Strasbourg, France, and four years of study in math, physics, engineering, and physical education at South Dakota State University in Brookings, South Dakota.

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Deaconess Pamela Nielsen has served in various capacities within the Lutheran—Church Missouri Synod for 37 years. Her early service as a parish deaconess working with the aged and dying shaped her convictions around protecting and preserving the sanctity of life at the end of life. After 25 years serving institutions—as Director of Community Services at Concordia Theological Seminary (4 years); as Senior Editor for Sunday School, VBS, and Youth materials at Concordia Publishing House (9 years); and as Associate Executive Director of LCMS Communications (10 years)—she is returning to her foundations as deaconess focused on mercy work and soul care while pursuing certifications in thanatology and grief counseling. She now works for COALITION LIFE, a St.

Louis based organization that is “committed to providing compassionate and effective advocates for life at the gates of abortion facilities, offering women options and hope.” As part of LCMS Communications, she led the creative team that developed the popular “Eyes of Life” campaign designed to grow the LCMS presence at national and regional marches and make it more cohesive and memorable to the broader pro-life community. Working to build a strong Lutheran presence at the marches and interacting with other pro-life leaders through that work has been a catalyst for a deep personal commitment to preserving and defending life. These experiences have been the foundation for a conviction that we must work shoulder to shoulder with other like-minded people in teaching and reaching a world enamored with death. Such “cooperating in externals” with other Lutherans and Christians in defense of life for the sake of the Gospel is necessary and critical, even as we faithfully practice our unique confession of faith and lead by it in these efforts. Pamela and husband Jeffrey have three married children, with a granddaughter and six grandsons—one due to arrive in October 2022! They are members of Hope Evangelical Lutheran Church in St. Louis, Missouri. She earned her deaconess certification at Concordia University Chicago with a BA in Theology. She holds a MA in Theology from Concordia Theological Seminary in Fort Wayne, Indiana, and is nearing completion on a certificate in Non-profit Management from Washington University.



Father Frank Pavone is one of the most prominent pro-life leaders in the world. Originally from New York, he was ordained in 1988 by Cardinal John O’Connor and has dedicated his entire life and ministry to ending abortion. In 1993 he requested and received permission to serve as the National Director of Priests for Life, the largest pro-life ministry in the Catholic Church. He is also the President of the National Pro-life Religious Council, and the National Pastoral Director of the Silent No More Awareness Campaign and of Rachel’s Vineyard, the world’s largest ministry of healing after abortion. He travels throughout the country, to an average of four states every week, preaching and teaching against abortion. He broadcasts daily to hundreds of thousands of people on television, radio, and online programs. Mother Teresa asked him to speak in India on the life issues. The Vatican appointed him to the

Pontifical Academy for Life and to the Pontifical Council for the Family to help coordinate the pro-life activities of the Catholic Church. He was present at the bedside of Terri Schiavo as she was dying and was an outspoken advocate for her life. Members of Congress have invited him address the pro-life caucus and to preach at the prayer service they had in the Capitol just prior to the vote on health care reform. He served on the Pro-life and Catholic advisory boards of both of President Trump’s election campaigns and in 2020 was National Co-Chair of Pro-life Voices for Trump. He currently serves on former President Trump’s National Faith Advisory Board. He has received the “Proudly Pro-life Award” by the National Right to Life Committee and numerous other pro-life awards and honorary doctorates. His work has been praised by presidents, popes, and countless citizens. He is the author of four books: *Ending Abortion, Not*

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Just Fighting It; Pro-life Reflections for Every Day; Abolishing Abortion; and Proclaiming the Message of Life. Norma McCorvey, the “Jane Roe” of the Supreme Court’s *Roe vs. Wade* abortion decision, called Fr. Frank “the catalyst that brought me into the Catholic Church.”



Dave Probst joined the Lutherans For Life team as the Development Director on January 17, 2022. He received a BS in Financial Management from Southwest Missouri State University in 1993, and a DCE Specialist Certificate from Concordia Nebraska in 1998. Dave worked two years as a Commercial Appraiser in St. Louis, Missouri, two years as a Youth Director at Oak Road Lutheran Church in Lilburn, Georgia, and sixteen years as a Youth Director at St. James Lutheran Church in Lafayette, Indiana. Dave left youth ministry in the summer of 2016 to begin serving as the Development Director at Trinity Lutheran High School in Seymour, Indiana. He and his wife, Jennifer, have been married since 1998 and are blessed with two sons, Josiah and Caleb. The Probst family are members of St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church in Columbus, Indiana, where Jennifer serves as Pre-School Teacher and the Early Childhood Ministry Director.



Rev. Dr. Gregory P. Seltz, PhD is Executive Director of the Lutheran Center for Religious Liberty in Washington, D.C., igniting and fueling a uniquely Lutheran response to increasing intrusions, limitations, and challenges by the government in the life of the Church, while educating, encouraging, and equipping LCMS members and organizations to take informed action in support of marriage, life, and religious freedom. He is Radio Voice, Speaker of The Lutheran Hour®, emeritus, the featured speaker/evangelist on Lutheran Hour Ministries’ flagship Christian outreach radio program, with over one million listeners on more than 1,600 stations across North America. He served as director of the Cross-Cultural Ministry Center, as well as professor of Theology at Concordia University in Irvine, California (2000-2011). Dr. Seltz is a leader in cross-cultural urban ministry and a noted speaker concerning contextual evangelism, entrepreneurial leadership, and team ministry. His ministry/leadership experience includes Cross-Cultural Ministry Director/Professor at Concordia University, CA (training leaders for urban cross-cultural ministry); Executive Director of Life’s Journey Ministries, Manhattan, New York (trainer, church planter); Pastor/church planter, Dallas, Texas; Pastor, Immanuel Lutheran, Brandon, Florida. He and his wife, Yvette Hernandez-Seltz, have one daughter, Devin.

Banquet and Worship Service Music



Always willing to share hope and a song (often to strangers in unlikely places), **Wendysue Fluegge** is a musician, writer, and speaker with a full-time travel ministry. At a different location each week, she “guests in” to give reprieve to music directors and brings faith-filled retreats and concerts that encourage and inspire. Much of her work is set to music on CD recordings, with a recently published girls’ lullaby book combining her song and her daughter’s illustrations. Based in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, she’s a grateful wife of 27 years and was an LFL hotliner for a decade while raising her children who, are now young adults.

www.wendysue.com | www.facebook.com/wendysuemusic

LFL National Essay Contest Winners

Each year the LFL Council of Federation Presidents sponsors a national essay contest for students in two categories. One category includes students in grades 6-8 and the other in grades 9-12. Students in the Federation states and all other Non-Federation states are eligible to participate. After all of the states have submitted their winners, a national committee selects one winner to be the National Essay winner in each category. The essay contest rules for 2023 will be published shortly. You will find them on the State Federation webpage on the LFL website. For a student to qualify, they must either belong to a Lutheran church or attend a Lutheran school.

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Alyssa Bivens

2022 National Essay Winner – Grades 6-8

Good Shepherd Lutheran School, Collinsville, Illinois

Illinois First Place

Essay Title: *The Blessing of Life*

Alyssa Bivens is currently a freshman at Metro East Lutheran High School in Edwardsville, Illinois. She was recently valedictorian of her eighth grade class at Good Shepherd Lutheran in Collinsville, Illinois, and has been published in three poetry volumes. Alyssa enjoys playing soccer and deer hunting in her free time.



Grace MacPherson

2022 National Essay Winner – Grades 9-12

Homeschool Educated

Minnesota First Place

Essay Title: *Blessed*

Grace Emma MacPherson lives in Mankato, Minnesota, and is 16 years old. Until this year, she has been home educated, but thanks to the post-secondary education option in Minnesota, Grace is now completing her first semester at Bethany Lutheran College as a junior in high school. Grace enjoys the flute and plays the organ. She constantly analyzes the grammar around her and carries a dictionary, just in case! She is the author of *The King's Sword*, her first publication. Grace is the beloved biggest sister to six siblings, precious daughter to Ryan and Marie, and God's own child, through faith in Christ.

LFL State Essay Contest Winners Grades 6-8

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Sophia Arroyo
Immanuel Lutheran Church
St. Charles, Missouri
Missouri First Place



Ethan Hilgenkamp
St. Paul's Lutheran School
Arlington, Nebraska
Nebraska First Place Winner

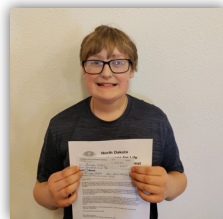


John Bird
Our Shepherd Lutheran
School
Avon, Indiana
Indiana First Place Winner



Samantha Krueger
Trinity Lutheran School
Wausau, Wisconsin
Non-Federation States First Place
Winner

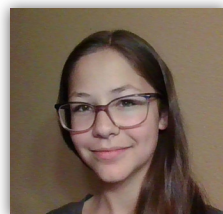
Sophia Squire
Immanuel Lutheran Church
St. Ansgar, Iowa
Iowa First Place Winner



Connor Olson
Zion Lutheran Church
Gwinner, North Dakota
North Dakota First Place Winner



Lana O'Farrell
Our Savior Lutheran School
Hartland, Michigan
Michigan First Place Winner



Olivia Brown
St. Paul Lutheran Church
Spearfish, South Dakota
South Dakota First Place Winner



Amelia Wagner
St. John's Lutheran School
Chaska, MN
Minnesota First Place Winner



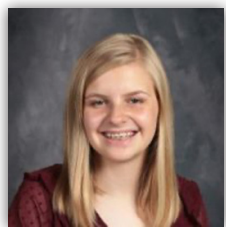
Laila Childers
Crown of Life Lutheran School
Colleyville, Texas
Texas First Place Winner

LFL State Essay Contest Winners Grades 9-12



**NATIONAL SECOND
PLACE WINNER**
Madalyn Kohlmeyer
St. John Lutheran Church
Tecumseh, Nebraska
Nebraska First Place Winner

Jacob Schaper
Metro-East Lutheran High School
Alton, Illinois
Illinois First Place Winner



Grace Levitt
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Sioux Falls, South Dakota
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Mansfield, Texas
Texas First Place Winner

Thank You to Our Conference Exhibitors ...

The Abortion Survivors Network – abortionsurvivors.org

(Melissa Ohden) – Our Story: Nobody should have to experience the pain of abortion and being shamed into silence. We know what it's like to feel helpless and hopeless. We've been there, ourselves. We understand how it feels to be dismissed and silenced because of your experience and beliefs. Our Mission: To create a world where the incidence of failed abortions and the lives of survivors is openly discussed and accepted, and survivors and their families are supported and healed.

John Eidsmoe Book Display

See Col. Eidsmoe's bio on page 7.

FaithReasonCulture | www.dangoodbooks.com

FaithReasonCulture Press is the imprint of author Daniel E. Johnson, who will be showcasing his flagship product, the book *Disposable: When Dating Is Not Loving Your Neighbor*. The corresponding **e-book will be free on Amazon during the conference**, October 21-22, so spread the word! Hard copies will be available at the conference. Declining standards in premarital relationships have paved the way for the abortion culture, divorce, and the exodus of young people from the Church. Responding most effectively to these cultural shifts requires an understanding of the dominant dating culture. The author deconstructs this culture and offers the Great Commandments as foundational to a much-needed Christian counterculture. Radical ideas are introduced into the discussion, such as: male-female relationships, even romantic ones, should be based on the commandment to love our neighbor (which includes friendship); and abstaining from sex outside of marriage is actually an act of love.

Wendysue Fluegge | www.wendysue.com

See “Banquet and Worship Service Music” on page 12.

Gottesdienst the Journal of Lutheran Liturgy | www.gottesdienst.org

Gottesdienst the Journal of Lutheran Liturgy, has been publishing quarterly since 1992. We strive to assist in the proclamation of the Gospel, providing the very best on the Historic Western Liturgy, from a Confessional Lutheran perspective. The following can be said (and, for the past 30 years, *has* been said) about our quarterly journal: It's easy to read, but no fluff. It has sermons proclaiming Christ, liturgical commentary with a flair, and meditations on the Sacred Scriptures. In addition, there are explanations of the historic liturgy, instructions in the rubrics, encouragement in liturgical decorum, and why we do it this way. We also provide excellent reading and listening material through our active blog and weekly podcast and the publication of books we have produced over the years.

Her PLAN | herplan.org

Her PLAN (Her Pregnancy and Life Assistance Network) facilitates collaboration between assistance providers and their communities to empower women and families through comprehensive medical, social, and material support.

Into Your Hands, LLC

See “LFL National Essay Contest Winners” on page 13.

KFUO Radio | kfuo.org

KFUO Radio proclaims the saving Gospel of Christ Jesus to a sin-sick world through Bible studies, worship services, sacred music, and talk programs that apply God's Word to our daily struggles. All this is possible through God's grace and the generosity of supporters like you. Visit KFUO.org to learn about your station, the Broadcast Ministry of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod.

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LCMS Life Ministry | lcmslife.org

The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod's Life Ministry is devoted to upholding the sanctity of human life, both in our church body and the culture at large.

LutheranBnB | lutheranbnb.com

LutheranBnB is a network of likeminded Lutherans from around the world who travel and share their homes. By traveling with LutheranBnB you are going to make new friends, but not just any friends. These are friends you can share songs with, debate theology with, and perhaps most importantly, share meals with. From hot dishes and jello salads to curried vegetables and tea, LutheranBnB is everywhere you want to be, and it's growing every day. Through a quick sign up form on the homepage, you can help Lutherans around the world connect. Whether you want to travel or host just a few times a year or you plan on flinging your door wide open for guests every weekend, LutheranBnB is perfect for you. With millions of Lutherans around the world, you're bound to have a great time.

Lutheran Family Service | lutheranfamilyservice.org

For more than a century, Lutheran Family Service has been there for people in their time of need, providing a variety of services including unplanned pregnancy support, marriage counseling, mental health counseling, adoption services, church worker wellness, and youth and elderly outreach. Lutheran Family Services also offers a number of congregational outreach programs designed to equip people with what they need to successfully manage life challenges before they become a crisis. Lutheran Family Service is a private, not-for-profit organization. We help anyone in need, regardless of their faith. You do not have to be Lutheran or Christian to use or support our services.

Lutherans For Life | lutheransforlife.org

The message of Lutherans For Life is the heart-changing truth of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Our primary message is not so much: "Here's what we should do." Rather it is: "Here is what God has done that gives value and dignity to all human life."

The North American Lutheran Seminary Network (NALS) | www.thenals.org

The North American Lutheran Seminary Network (NALS) is the seminary of the North American Lutheran Church (NALC), a confessional Lutheran movement believing that Christ's Church is the community built on biblical truths confessed in the ecumenical Creeds and given clarity in the Lutheran Confessions. Founded in 2014, the NALS seeks to respond to unprecedented cultural changes by being a seminary that reflects the faith and ensuing ethical commitments of the one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church. We are convinced of the timeless truth of the Gospel of Jesus Christ and seek to bear witness to that Gospel. We believe that the best response to the cultural changes is to be disciples of, and make disciples for, Jesus Christ. Crucial to this endeavor is the formation of pastors and lay leaders who will preach and teach the Gospel of Jesus Christ. The NALS provides a seminary education that is academically rigorous as well as pastorally and spiritually enriching. Centered in Ambridge, Pennsylvania (just north of Pittsburgh), the NALS Network has several locations across North America.

The Northern Illinois Life Task Force

"Affirming God's will to create and sustain mortal life in the anticipation of life in Christ, the Northern Illinois District Life Task Force's mission is to engage and equip congregations in NID to be witnesses for life, enabled to speak, care, and educate." A heavy focus this 2022 year has been encouragement for LCMS Life grants, connection with pregnancy resource centers, and also the expansion of a maternity home (Redeeming Life Outreach Ministries) within our district boundary.

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Priests for Life | priestsforlife.org

Priests for Life has come to signify two distinct but related movements within the wider pro-life movement. On one level, Priests for Life refers to a very specific effort to galvanize the clergy to preach, teach, and mobilize their people more effectively in the effort to end abortion and euthanasia. On another level, Priests for Life represents a family of ministries that reach and enrich every aspect of the pro-life movement, for clergy and laity alike, in a wide variety of activities. In activating clergy, we are activating all the segments of the Church, the pro-life movement, and the wider society in the defense of life.

Save The 1 | www.savethe1.com

Save The 1 is comprised of individuals and families who represent the pro-life exceptions, the so-called “hard cases” in the abortion debate: babies conceived in rape or incest, mothers from rape or incest, and babies identified with special needs in utero. We are 100% pro-life, no exceptions. Our purpose is to bring our stories to the community to change the discussion of “hard cases” from “concept” to “real life.” We strive to use our voices to encourage everyone who is pro-life to be 100% pro-life, no exceptions.

Voice of Care | voiceofcare.org

Voice of Care’s mission is to equip the local church to embrace, empower, and engage people who experience disabilities and their families in their discipleship walk with Christ. Voice of Care is ministry by and with people with disabilities. Trained ministry facilitators work with congregations (individually and in groups) to provide training, resources, and coaching geared toward building inclusive discipleship ministries among people of all abilities. Voice of Care helps congregations to assess needs, execute disability awareness, develop targeted programming, and serve area facilities, and it also trains and certifies volunteer respite companions.

Wittenberg Academy | wittenbergacademy.org

Wittenberg Academy is a fully accredited institution that serves families or schools on a part-time or full-time basis. Our faculty teach courses for sixth through twelfth grade, and our grammar school curriculum serves families or schools with scholars in kindergarten through fifth grade. The objective of education should be directed toward citizenship in two kingdoms: Catechesis to stay alive in the battle against the devil, the world, and our sinful nature; and the Liberal Arts to be of some earthly good to our neighbor. A classical Lutheran education is truly an education from conception to grave and is an education for all people.

Word of Hope | word-of-hope.org

Word of Hope exists to bring healing found in Christ to those whose hearts have been broken by abortion. At Word of Hope, we know God is a God of mercy and compassion. Word of Hope is here to help people find joy once again—the kind of joy that is only found in the healing of Christ.

Y4Life | y4life.org

Y4LIFE seeks to equip high-school- and college-aged youth to be Gospel-motivated voices 4 Life, publicly and privately answering the question: Why should I be 4 Life?

A Special Thank You to ...

- The LFL Board of Directors for their faithful leadership.
- The LFL National Staff for their dedicated service For Life.
- The LFL Council of Federation Presidents, who keeps LFL active and moving forward in our State Federations and the Frontline.
- Our Life Teams and Life Chapters, who work so diligently every day to affirm life in so many God-pleasing ways.
- All the conference presenters for providing enlightening presentations on various life topics, equipping us to be Gospel-motivated voices For Life.
- All the exhibitors who have invested time and money to share their For Life work.
- Shepherd of the Prairie Lutheran Church and Bethany Lutheran Church for allowing us to borrow items for our worship service.
- All the conference attendees for helping to continue life-affirming work in their churches and communities.
- All the ongoing donors who support LFL with their financial gifts in order to sustain our work throughout the year.

Become a Member of Lutherans For Life ...

Membership in Lutherans For Life will help deepen your commitment to serving the Lord of Life. Membership makes you an active partner in the mission of LFL on a regular basis. Ongoing, regular support is both a way of declaring commitment and developing commitment. Your partnership will help expand our mission of “witnessing to the sanctity of human life, through education, based on the Word of God.”

Members of Lutherans For Life Receive:

- LFL’s quarterly journal, *LifeDate*, at no cost to you—keeping you informed on all the life issues.
- An initial membership packet that will help you grow in your understanding of the mission, message, and manner of LFL.
- An official membership card.
- Semiannual mailings updating you on new materials.
- An annual report to help you see how your gifts are being used.
- Sponsor members, who give monthly gifts, receive a letter from the executive director each month giving some devotional thoughts, comments on pertinent issues, and updates on what is happening at the national office.

These items will help you stay connected. Through this ongoing connection you will:

- Be reminded of how the Gospel of Jesus Christ relates to these issues.
- Grow in your faith as you see how God’s Word changes lives.
- Keep informed about what’s going on at the national office.
- Keep up to date on the latest life issues.
- Become better equipped to do more to make a difference in your congregation and community.
- Receive encouragement as you realize you are partnering with your fellow members all across the country.
- Learn about becoming involved at the local and/or state level of LFL.

lutheransforlife.org/about

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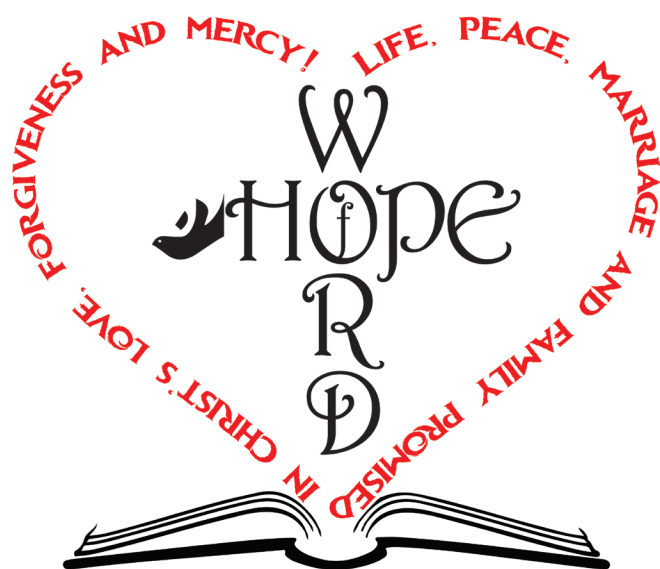
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broken hearts.

Call 888.217.8679 or go to
www.word-of-hope.org.

Word of Hope is confidential and
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A top-down view of a teal-painted wooden surface. In the top left corner, a white notepad and a black pen are partially visible. In the top right corner, a white mug filled with dark coffee sits. In the bottom left corner, a white smartphone lies flat. In the bottom right corner, an open book with text is visible. Centered on the surface is a small square logo with a blue background and a white stylized flame or heart shape.

FRONTLINE CALL

For all Lutherans For Life Frontline Volunteers!

Join in on the Frontline call to get LFL updates and new project ideas.

When: Monday, January 9, 2023 – 5:00 p.m. PT, 6:00 p.m. MT, 7:00 p.m. CT, 8:00 p.m. ET

What: There will be a devotion, activity update, life project ideas, and Q & A.

CONNECT: lutheransforlife.org/event/lfl-frontline-call

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Y4Life in Washington, D.C. January 19-21, 2023

Conference and March

Open to all high school and college students!

Thursday

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January

Blessed with Hope @ 6 PM ET

- Registration and Exhibits
- Opening Devotions: Rev. Bryan Wolfmueller
- Introductions and Icebreakers
- Y4Life Conference Session 1: Blessed with Hope Rev. Bryan Wolfmueller
- Music, Sign-making, Exhibits, and Social Time

Friday

20

January

Blessed from the Beginning @ 9 AM ET

- Y4Life Conference Session 2: Pre-natal Development with Dr. Donna Harrison
- Pre-March Devotion: Rev. Harrison Goodman
- March for Life: Rally, March, and Testimonials
- Dinner on own
- Exhibits, Social Time
- Devotion and Post-March Discussion
- Y4Life Conference Session 3: Panel Discussion on CRT and Cultural Marxism

Saturday

21

January

Blessed for Serving @ 9 AM ET

- Y4Life Conference Session 3: Standing Firm in the Face of Persecution with Chaplain Craig Muehler
- Y4Life Conference Session 4: Shining Light in the Darkness - Human Trafficking Survivor with Keeya Vawar
- Closing Devotion: Rev. Michael Salemink

Ends @ Noon ET

Location:

Hilton Crystal City at Reagan National Airport
2399 Richmond Hwy, Arlington, VA 22202

Cost:

Conference is FREE for registered youth. Rooms cost \$120 per night with group rate, up to 4 people per room. Breakfast included. Limited availability.

Registration: Register with QR code or at y4life.org

Conference registration closes

Dec. 15, 2022

For more information, visit: ***Y4life.org***

Or email Director of Y4Life, Michelle Bauman, at:
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AT THE MARCH
JANUARY 19-21, 2023

LIFE



Conference and March OPEN TO ALL ADULTS!

Thursday

19

January

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- Registration and Exhibits
- Opening Devotions: Rev. Bryan Wolfmüller
- Conference Session 1: Rev. Mark Chavez

Friday

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January

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- Pre-March Devotion: Rev. Harrison Goodman
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- Dinner on own
- Exhibits, Social Time
- Conference Session 2: Dr. Donna Harrison

Saturday

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January

BLESSED FOR SERVING @ 9 AM ET

- Conference Session 3: Rev. Greg Schultz
- Conference Session 4: Chaplain Craig Muehler
- Closing Devotion: Rev. Michael Salemink

Conference ends @ noon ET.

Location:

Hilton Crystal City at Reagan National Airport
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Cost:

Register for \$50. Rooms cost \$120 per night with group rate, up to 4 people per room. Breakfast included. Limited availability.

Registration: Register at lutheransforlife.org or call 515-382-2077

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION
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