

Blessed with Hope

Prolonging Life vs. Extending Death

Provide others with Lutherans For Life resources on prolonging life versus extending death.

Affirm that life is a gift of God and that God gives and God takes.

Provide access to LCMS documents on end of life.

Check in on and visit those who suffer from long-term illnesses.

Meet with your pastor to discuss appropriate responses to illness.

Hold a Bible study about not fearing death and recognizing that it has been defeated.

Recognize that treatments can be beneficial, even if they don't fully heal.

Support families that are caring for loved ones and having to make difficult decisions.

Invite a panel of pastors to talk about prolonging life versus extending death with families.

Encourage the person struggling with long-term illness to record a testimony of his or her faith.

Share information about proper use of medical support and reasons we might prolong and celebrate life.

Define the difference between prolonging life and extending death.

This is my comfort in my affliction, that your promise gives me life. - Psalm 119:50

