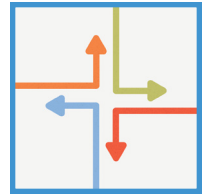


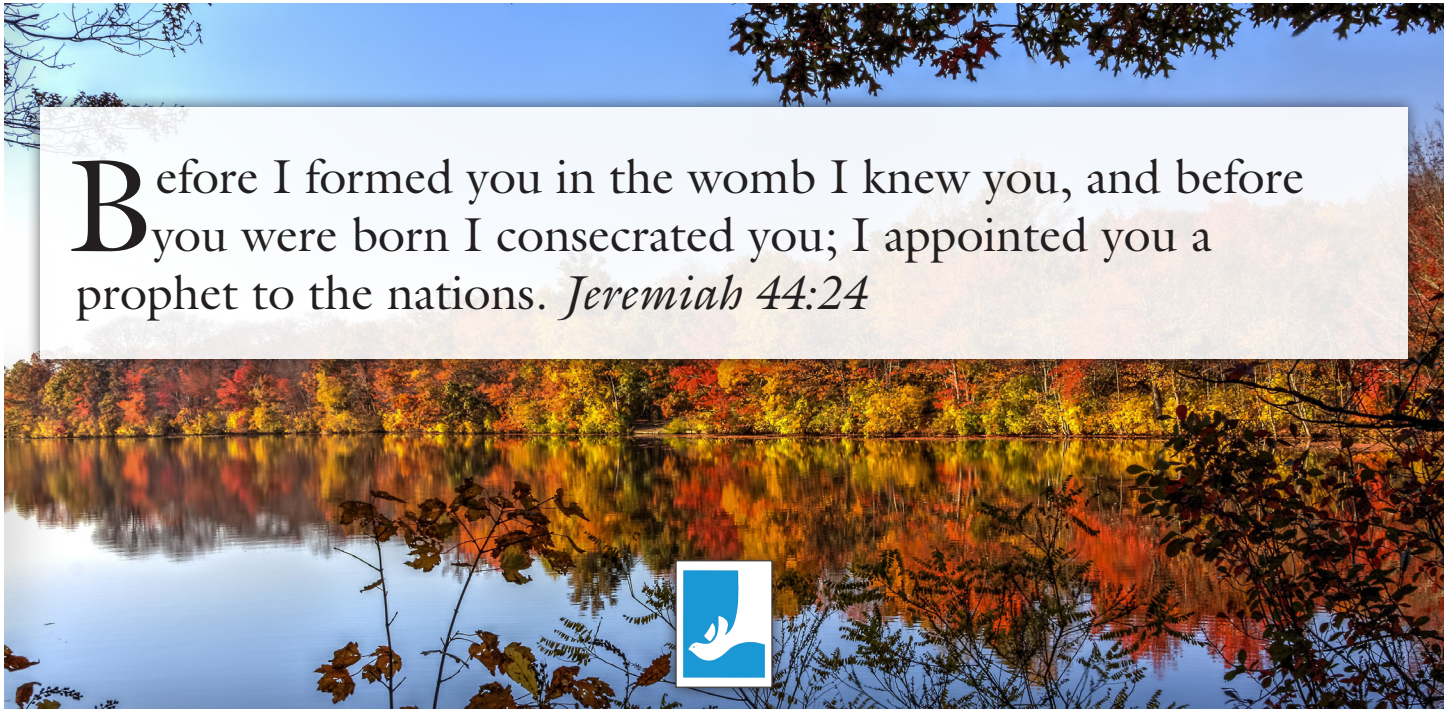
# Directions ...

For LFL's Frontline  
November-December  
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*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.

Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations. *Jeremiah 44:24*



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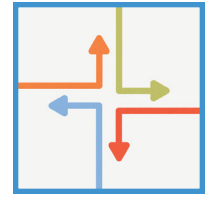
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# News and Notes



- Orphan Sunday (11-13-22) is another way to share the For Life message. Find out more at [cafo.org/orphansunday2022](https://cafo.org/orphansunday2022).

- Check out [word-of-hope.org](https://word-of-hope.org) and [y4life.org](https://y4life.org).

- Be sure to “Like” and follow LFL on social media! See links below:

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- 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](https://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](https://lutheransforlife.org/media/life-news).

- **PROJECT IDEA LINKS**

Adapt this idea for your group or congregation to provide comfort and care for those entering foster care: [theforgotteninitiative.org/dfcs-resource-room-registry](https://theforgotteninitiative.org/dfcs-resource-room-registry).

How to Host a Pro-Life Postcard Party: [www.instapaper.com/read/1536688219](https://www.instapaper.com/read/1536688219).

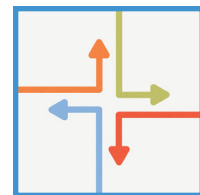


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## For all Lutherans For Life Frontline Volunteers!

Monday, January 9, 2023 • 7:00-8:00 p.m. CT  
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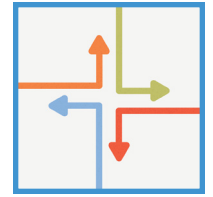


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# Bible Study: Blessed For Life

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Psalm 41 supplied the theme for our 2022 national conference: **Blessed For Life**. It also serves as the theme for our Life Sunday 2023 congregational worship resources. This ancient passage encourages compassionate intervention in the lives and needs of the vulnerable ones around us. It emphasizes how our loving Heavenly Father and gracious Savior will and work life even in the context of sickness and suffering. It explicitly connects the crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus Christ to the afflictions we and our neighbors experience. It centers our value and God's delight on the forgiveness of everyone's sins. And it anticipates the everlasting blessings we may look forward to sharing as brothers and sisters with all who trust His name!

**Psalm 41:1-2** – What does it mean to consider the poor? Who might embody examples of poverty among us?

Whom does the Lord deliver—the poor or the one who considers the poor? In what ways does the Lord deliver?

How do the needs of neighbors invite and involve us in community?

**Psalm 41:3-4** – What connection exists between human sickness and human sinfulness? (Check Genesis 3:16-19 and Romans 8:19-22.)

Why is it especially significant that the Lord wills health?

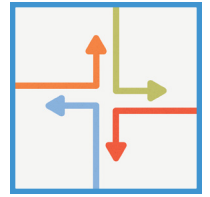
**Psalm 41:5-8** – Why does it suggest that those who seek death are called “my enemies”?

How do Gospel-motivated voices For Life sometimes encounter “empty words” and the malice of adversaries?





**Psalm 41:9** – How has Jesus made the sufferings of this Psalm (and of our own bodies, hearts, and minds) His own? (See John 13:21-30.)



**Psalm 41:10** – How has He repaid those who rise up against Him? (Read 1 Peter 2:23-24, Luke 23:33-34.) With what do we desire to repay our persecutors? (Consult 1 Thessalonians 5:15, 1 Peter 3:9, Matthew 5:39-45.)

**Psalm 41:11** – How can we be certain that the ultimate enemy—death—will not triumph? (Look up Hebrews 2:14-15 and 2 Timothy 1:10.)

**Psalm 41:12** – Why does “faith” make a good synonym for “integrity”?

What about God’s future blessings surpasses any present discomforts (like in Romans 8:18 and 2 Corinthians 4:17-18)?

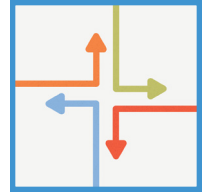
How does this motivate and maintain us in the context of advocacy about the sanctity of life?



# Setting Up Camp

from Redeemer Lutheran Church, Sister Lakes, Michigan

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**“And the tabernacle of meeting shall move out with the camp of the Levites in the middle of the camps; as they camp, so they shall move out, everyone in his place, by their standards” (Numbers 2:17).**

Are you a camper? Do you like to get out into the woods? Pitch a tent under the stars? Roll your sleeping bag out on the hard, cold ground? I think true blue campers have become a rare breed. Most people’s idea of camping today involves a motor home equipped with every luxury known to man.

Tent campers may seem like throwbacks from a bygone age, but if they are experienced, they know how to set up a campsite in such a way that will insure a safe and enjoyable camping experience.



For example, when setting up camp they look for high, level ground for the tent. (Sleeping in a water-filled tent will put a quick end to the allure of tent camping.) If they have a vehicle, they know it's best not to park it too close to the campfire. Food storage is another important consideration. Little varmints, and not-so-little varmints, are always looking for an easy midnight snack.

Our Bible verse from the book of Numbers speaks of the Israelites setting up camp during their trek through the wilderness. No fancy accommodations for them! Tent camping all the way!

More importantly, it was the LORD who gave them specific instructions as to how they should set up their camp. Each tribe was assigned a spot, with the tabernacle (the tent church) at the center. The message was obvious for them and for us. Keep the LORD at the center of your life. Make His sure Word your foundation, His blood-bought forgiveness your peace, His promise of Heaven your certain hope.

As we “pitch our tent” in this world—en route to our home above—we need the LORD at the center of camp. That's where He belongs. How blessed we are when it is so.

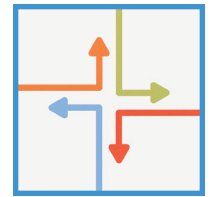
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# Assembled with Love!

by Rev. Jeff Duncan

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Your family is expanding. God has blessed you with a fourth child—maybe a fifth or sixth, or even more. You come back from the post office with a package. It is non-descript, has your name, and is fluffy and crinkly. Upon opening, all your wonder is revealed as you hold in your hands the soft expression of love and appreciation for what God has gifted you—a large family.

**LAMBs – Lutherans Assembling Mercy Blankets** is all about sharing the love of God in Jesus through the simple service of creating handmade blankets. This is the brainchild of Anne Carter of Emanuel Lutheran Church in Lancaster, Ohio. About seven years ago she had this idea: make blankets by hand and give them away as an expression of love to people in need—and especially those blessed with a family of four or more children. She went to her pastor with the idea. He encouraged her to contact Lutherans For Life, as he knew it was a good group with which to partner in life issues. He knew LFL was all about love and encouragement to celebrate life!

Anne began making the blankets in the basement of the church. She has been joined by up to ten people at a time. Currently, about six work side by side. Some have medical issues. Some spend time on their own family issues. Yet all come, gather, and do work at home in the form of crochet, quilting, or the familiar fleece they assemble at church. All the blankets they create have their branded tag—a way to designate and identify that this is a handmade gift from the loving hands of Christians in Ohio.



Anne says this is also a way to get the name of Emanuel Lutheran Church out in a unique way. Maybe you'll be on vacation in Lancaster and look for a church. Remember that LAMBs blanket you received or shared with a loved one? Wasn't that from Emanuel Lutheran in Lancaster, Ohio?



**Lutherans Assembling Mercy Blankets**  
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The ladies have partnered with a Life Chapter to help advertise and distribute their handiworks of love across our small Lutheran world. The Miami Valley Life Chapter #060 of Kettering, Ohio, heads up distribution and even provides some blanket making assistance. Under the direction of President Kimberly Merritt, this Life Chapter takes your requests, fulfills the tracking, and coordinates shipping across America.

Anne says they also share their handmade blankets with Pregnancy Decision Health Center, a local pregnancy resource center. They have considered offering blankets to those who are shut-in, elderly, widowed, and those without family or visitation. To do so might mean expanding their collection of handmade blankets by enlisting other groups willing to share in the work. You could write to me at [jduncan@lutheransforlife.org](mailto:jduncan@lutheransforlife.org) and I can forward your interest in helping Anne and the others of LAMBs share the love.

If you want to order a LAMBs blanket for your family of many, see the order form at: [lutheransforlife.org/article/lambs-lutherans-assembling-mercy-blankets](http://lutheransforlife.org/article/lambs-lutherans-assembling-mercy-blankets).

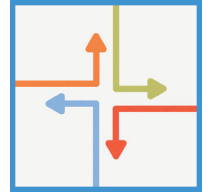




# Words Matter

by Rev. Ian Kinney

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Because we are saturated with words of various kinds, we don't give them much weight. You have words on your phone, you communicate most often by texting with words, you have to work with words in emails, you are reading words right now, and you probably always have the TV, radio, or Spotify on with words flooding your mind.

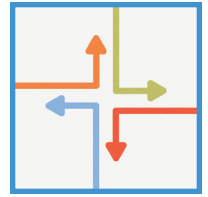
Words are everywhere, right? They are not that valuable, and they really don't make a difference, right?

But there is a Word that says otherwise: the Word of God. The Word of God matters, and it teaches that words actually have meaning. The words we use and the words we take in shape how we think and speak. Therefore, when it comes to matters of life, be watchful of the words you take in and the words you use—because they matter. They will influence the way that you talk and think about the sanctity of life and the value of a person.

For example, there is a trend that dehumanizes the human body. There is a genre of shows and movies with plot lines about aliens or transhumanism or technology. In these genres, the human body is often referred to as a “meat bag” or a “meat sack.” Now, in the shows, this language is used by alien characters. But in its own sinister way, it teaches us to hate the body as something that has no value—something that



can be used, abused, tossed, and discarded. This is not God's will for how we talk about the bodies He has created, redeemed, sanctified, and will raise again.



Many of us don't take the language too seriously in media because "it's just a show" or "it's just entertainment," and we fail to realize that words matter. And when we use words that dehumanize us, that is precisely what we learn to do.

So how do we learn to start using humanizing language in our vocabulary as we fight for the rights of the unborn and the aged?

First, use humanizing language when speaking about the unborn. When a woman is pregnant, there isn't a baby "on the way"—the baby is already here. Then, when we refer to unborn children, it is dehumanizing of the unborn's personhood to refer to them as "it." Would it be respectful to your humanity if I called you an "it"? Probably not. That is dehumanizing, whether you are born or unborn. To use humanizing language is as simple as referring to the unborn child as "baby" before we know baby's gender, or as "he" or "she" after we do. Always referring to an unborn child as "baby" may feel awkward when you start, but such language will aid in humanizing God's littlest children.

In addition, use humanizing language with mothers, including those who miscarry. When a woman is pregnant, we need to avoid saying, "Congratulations! You're going to be a mother!" or writing on cards, "Congrats, mother-to-be!" A woman walking down the aisle to become a wife is now a mother-to-be. A woman two months pregnant is already a mother.

The same applies when comforting mothers and fathers who have suffered miscarriages or stillbirths. These are some of the hardest things to go through in life, but it doesn't help to say things like, "Well, maybe one day you'll be able to be a mother/father." Instead, grieve with them and acknowledge that she is a mother and he is a father who lost their child, even though that child never got to be born.

Words matter. So, as those shaped by the Word of God, let's use words that respect the value God has given to those He has made in His image and redeemed by His Son.

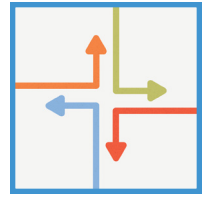
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(Source: LFL of Kansas e-newsletter, September 2022)



# Personhood, Humanity, and Dignity

by Bruce Schultz, VP of LFL of Kansas



Being pro-life is far more than being against abortion on demand. A pro-life perspective focuses on value associated with personhood, humanity, and dignity.

Much can be written to define these terms, and I will start with a weak definition that is embraced by many. In 1973, philosopher Mary Anne Warren indicated five factors that define personhood: consciousness, reason, self-motivation, communication, and self-awareness.

It is intriguing that biological characteristics, such as chromosomes, a voice box, thumbs, or a beating heart are absent in the definition. It is unsettling that, by this definition, much of the human race could be dismissed from personhood; most of us would not meet all these criteria at some point during most days. The stated definition dehumanizes much of our society, which is a first step toward eugenics, genocide, racism, or massacre.

In 1973, and still today, we often hear a somewhat gentler but equally misguided statement that a fetus is “potentially human.” This statement is false, based upon the implicit inference that the embryo is potentially something else. In human procreation, a fetus is potentially a teacher, leader, criminal, etc.—only because it is first and unfailingly human.

A human fetus has biological characteristics that are consistent with personhood. While a fetus is dependent initially on maternal space and processes for growth to occur, and while the fetus (typically) shares some genetic identity with its mother, the fetus is not a part of the mother and exhibits an identity that is demonstrably different from the mother. The fetus is a unique human being that should be recognized and defended by society.

The *Roe v. Wade* case developed the concept of trimesters, and it thereby opened the door to the concept that different levels of societal value and different levels of protection by the state might be associated with each trimester. In essence, the majority opinion opened the door to varying levels of protection for human dignity; perhaps they imputed various levels of human dignity.

This is an area that must be addressed today, not only in the pro-life versus pro-abortion debate, but also in debates on other aspects of human life, including DNR directives, right-to-die laws, assisted suicide, and third-party decisionmakers for the right/need to die. Each of these debates hinges on the concept of human dignity, not on economic value to a family or the impact on a hedonistic lifestyle of a caregiver.

With this in mind, I believe that Lutherans For Life should be positioned to support apologists and educational materials that provide members of society, especially Lutheran laypeople, with a foundation from which they can join in the public square to acknowledge and protect human dignity in all debates and especially to speak on behalf of those who have no voice.

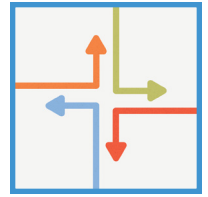
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# Chapter/Team Idea: Membership Drive

by Rev. Jeff Duncan



Effective groups are blessed when partners affirm their value and worth. Partnering with Lutherans For Life is an expression of your assent and agreement of our accomplishments. Are LFL activities and equipping materials valuable, informative, and useful? Becoming a member of LFL expresses a confidence in our organization. It affirms your commitment to join in our mission: To equip Lutherans and their neighbors to be Gospel-motivated voices For Life!

Has your Life Chapter or Life Team considered the benefits of having an annual LFL membership drive?

Plan times into your year to actively discuss the benefits of partnering with Lutherans For Life! We are a faith-based organization that operates entirely through the generosity of those who partner with us. All the materials we develop—Life Sunday, Life Week, Y4Life, Word of Hope, brochures, booklets, videos, as well as speaking engagements and conferences—are all possible and sustained through the generous support of those who partner as annual or monthly Sponsor members. Find out more here: [lutheransforlife.org/donate](https://lutheransforlife.org/donate)

## *A few things to keep in mind:*

**Life Chapters** have a requirement that all officers are current members of Lutherans For Life (through a contribution of any amount) **and** members in good standing of a Lutheran congregation. An additional benefit is extended by members listing your group name on their membership form. LFL shares a percentage gift back to the Life Chapter as a remittance, received quarterly into the Life Chapter treasury. Many chapters use these funds to promote life issues, send members to national events, or share with local life-affirming agencies.

**Life Teams** are developed in Lutheran congregations and supported by the budget of that congregation. Membership drives not only support the work of LFL in general but provide opportunity for continued recognition of your team/congregation as a life-affirming community. Support us by promoting congregation members to join Lutherans For Life individually. Additionally, encourage your congregation to partner with LFL. Develop a resolution and gain the support of adding LFL into the annual church mission budget! Can you think of a way to affirm life issues better than partnering with Lutherans For Life?

Bulletin inserts, membership brochures, an organized annual membership campaign, meeting people in the narthex and giving opportunity to sign-up and support are all effective membership drive ideas. It really comes down to a commitment of offering membership partnering opportunities regularly. Planning these opportunities into the year, promoting the need, and providing the required materials to make membership connections fast and easy are simple keys to successful growth. Use this link to download your own membership forms or to renew your own membership now: [lutheransforlife.org/about-membership-in-lutherans-for-life](https://lutheransforlife.org/about-membership-in-lutherans-for-life). You can also order membership brochures through CPH: [www.cph.org/p-17689-lutherans-for-life-membership-brochure.aspx](https://www.cph.org/p-17689-lutherans-for-life-membership-brochure.aspx).

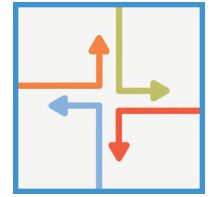
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# Give Them the Catechism

by Rev. Dr. Matthew C. Harrison

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We just finished the last of the 35 LCMS district conventions. I was able to attend most of them. Many of the conventions discussed the violence occurring in our nation. What ought Christians do about gun violence, murder, or disrespect for the police? How should the Church respond to racism?

At the LCMS Nebraska District convention, an elderly farmer pulled me aside. With a depth of sincerity and emotion I haven't seen in quite a while, he said, "Pastor, I see young people and all kinds of people hurting. ... When I see they're hurting or know they're confused about God, I give 'em a catechism."

I responded, "The little pamphlet of *Luther's Small Catechism*?"

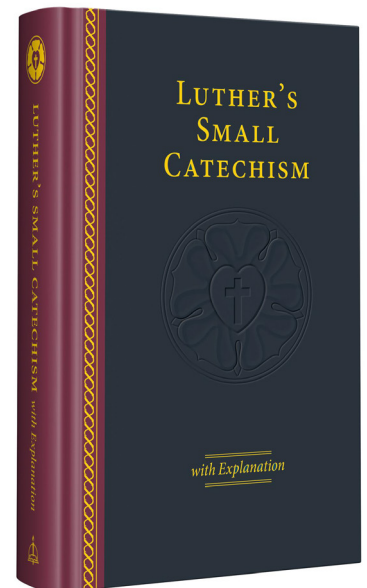
"No," he said, "I give 'em the whole thing."

"The full *Luther's Small Catechism with Explanation*?" I asked.

"Yeah, Pastor. I carry a stack of 'em in my truck. You can't believe what happens." Then he shared an amazing story of the comfort and hope the clear Word of God has brought to people to whom he's given the catechism.

After that, I went down to Concordia Publishing House and bought ten catechisms (the new version with loads of great info and responses to contemporary problems and issues). Before the end of the day, I'd given three away to people who need Christ.

As I was reviewing the explanation of the Fifth Commandment, I noticed all the fabulous verses teaching us both to not harm our neighbor and to do good to our neighbor and all people. The Bible and catechism firmly oppose violence. The biblical teaching distinguishes clearly between the role of government, the individual, and the Church. It condemns hateful thought, speech, and action. Scripture rejects all racism and much more. The catechism reflects the Scriptures in asking the question: Who is my neighbor?



What shall we do in these difficult and violent times? Never forget that every day, in half the counties of the United States, LCMS pastors (5,700 active!), teachers, and others, including LCMS parents, are using *Luther's Small Catechism* to teach young and old that God condemns violence and commands us to care for our neighbor. God's love is demonstrated most wondrously in the cross of Jesus who, precisely in the struggle of a violent crucifixion and death, worked forgiveness, life, and salvation. And that's why we love all people, especially the neighbor God places right in front of us.

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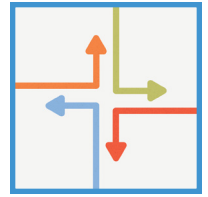
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# Chapter/Team Idea: Let the Son Shine

by Barbara Lane Geistfeld, DVM



Is your Life Team looking for ways to express love and concern to members of your congregation who are no longer able to worship in person? Are there members who have recently lost a loved one or are facing other crises in their lives? The Life Team at Trinity Lutheran Church in Auburn, Illinois, has developed a special ministry for their shut-ins and those recently bereaved. They call it their *Son Shine Ministry*.

They started by *communicating with their pastor*, receiving the names of those desiring visits, and coordinating their visits with pastoral ones. If you have a Stephen's Ministry team in your church, it is important to coordinate your visits with theirs as well.

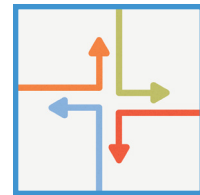
Asking your pastor for basic training in visiting techniques or going online to read articles explaining what to say, what not to say, and how to handle problems that might arise is important groundwork. *The more prepared the volunteers are, the better the visits will be.*

*The goal is to visit each person on the list at least once a month, every month.* It works best if the same volunteer visits the same member every month to build a meaningful relationship. The Trinity Team found that visits may last from twenty minutes to two hours or more, so the more people on your list, the more volunteers you will need! They asked for volunteers from the congregation to join them, so no one was assigned more than two or three persons per month. You don't want to overwhelm your volunteers. One of Trinity's Life Team members reminded us that **this ministry is "a marathon, not a sprint."** *You are looking for compassionate, caring people who are committed to being a long-term friend to those who need one.*





*Whether a person is a shut-in or someone who is bereaved, the need for support may go on for quite an extended time.*



*There are benefits to having a ministry like this. One, the church member may no longer feel left out of the life of the congregation where he or she served faithfully for many years. They may again feel part of the congregation in spirit, even if they cannot be present physically. It is also important for the congregation to remember and pray for those who are a part of their Body of Christ but are no longer able to be physically present. A second benefit is that often the spouse, family member, or caretaker finds hope and joy in the visit as well. And best of all, both the volunteer and the one(s) visited often look forward to the time spent together, and *all lives are enriched!**

*Besides a cheerful face, a warm hug, a listening ear, or a shoulder to cry on, visitors often bring small gifts: devotional booklets like *Portals of Prayer*® (the digest size—the large print version is sometimes too bulky for older people to hold) and *Strength for the Day*® (CPH); baked goodies (please check with staff or family to be sure you know of any dietary restrictions); seasonal gifts; boxes of writing paper or cards with postage stamps for those who still enjoy writing letters to family and friends; or *the volunteer might offer to write letters for them, read to them, play games with them, do a craft with them, sing with them—the list is endless!. Every visit may be different from the last or exactly the same. Be flexible!**

***Pray before your visits.*** Ask God to bless your time together and to make you receptive to your friend's needs. Some visits may be very difficult, and issues may arise that you are not equipped to handle. If so, don't hesitate to ask for help from your pastor, a family member, or a staff member. ***Be a voice of love and concern.*** Show the love of Jesus to the best of your ability and let the Holy Spirit guide your words and actions. Above all, let the Son shine on your relationships and bring joy and peace to all involved.

A video recording of Trinity Life Team's presentation of their ***Son Shine Ministry*** during the October 10, 2022, **Frontline Teleconference** may be found here: **Frontline Call Archive**

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**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](https://y4life.org)

***Conference registration closes  
Dec. 15, 2022***

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

Or email Director of Y4Life, Michelle Bauman, at:  
***michelle@y4life.org***



AT THE MARCH  
JANUARY 19-21, 2023

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## Conference and March OPEN TO ALL ADULTS!

### BLESSED WITH HOPE @ 6 PM ET

Thursday

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January

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

### BLESSED FROM THE BEGINNING @ 9 AM ET

Friday

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January

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### BLESSED FOR SERVING @ 9 AM ET

Saturday

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January

- 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  
2399 Richmond Hwy, Arlington, VA 22202

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](http://lutheransforlife.org) or call 515-382-2077

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION  
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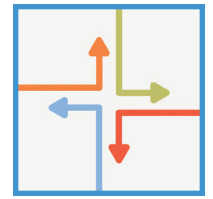
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# Spotlight on Life

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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

### FACTORS AFFECTING LIFE AND DEATH

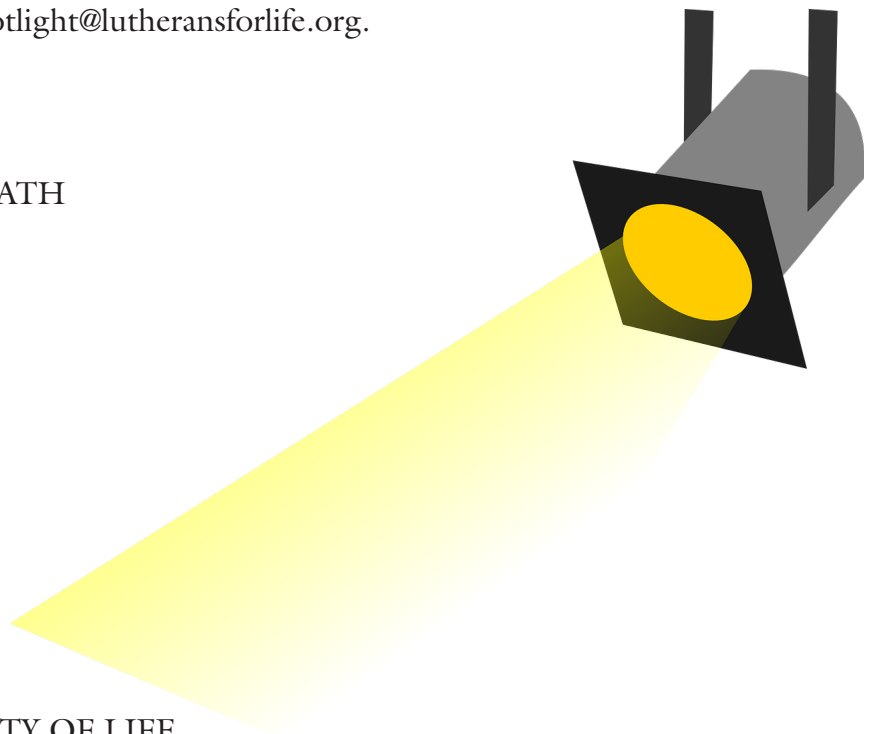
- Fetal development
- Unplanned pregnancy
- Mental health
- Physical & mental disabilities

### LIFE AND DEATH

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

### FACTORS REGARDING THE SANCTITY OF LIFE

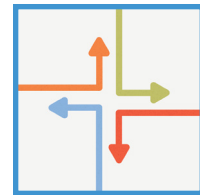
- For-Life apologetics
- Human-trafficking
- Sexuality & gender
- Family



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*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” (**Lutherans Assembling Mercy Blankets**) 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 Kim Merritt 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.

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: Kim Merritt  
Miami Valley Life Chapter  
3055 Vale Drive  
Kettering OH 45420-3920



**“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.**

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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
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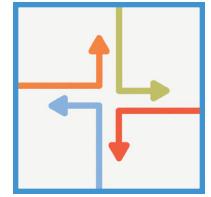
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# Owen's Mission



**"A PERSON'S  
A PERSON,  
NO MATTER  
HOW SMALL"  
-DR. SEUSS**

Horton the elephant was right! The Bible agrees! In fact, the Bible says more: A person's a person created by God (Psalm 139:13-14), a person redeemed by Jesus (Galatians 3:13), and a person the Holy Spirit wants to call to be His child (1 Timothy 2:4), *no matter how small!*

Owen's Mission is a very special project of Lutherans For Life. The goal of this project is to honor Jesus by presenting a set of *Touch of Life* fetal models to every Lutheran elementary and high school in the country. We want students to understand the God-given value of each life from the moment of conception. We want students to be motivated by what God has done as our Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier that gives value to life. We want students to value themselves and to value others as persons because of this God-given value.



Where did Owen's Mission come from? From a very small and special baby named Owen. Rev. Dr. James I. Lamb, former executive director of Lutherans For Life, shares his story:

"I held my little grandson Owen in the palm of my hand. He died at 21 weeks during prenatal surgery to remove a large tumor. The nurse brought him to our son as we waited in the recovery room for Owen's mother. I find it difficult to describe what I felt when I was able to hold him. I had held the 20-week *Touch of Life* fetal model in my hands hundreds of times in front of students from preschoolers to seminarians. Holding Owen revived in me the reality behind those models. I will never hold them in the same way again."



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

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

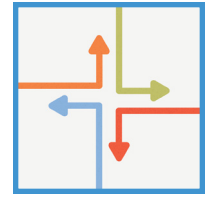
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# Need a Speaker?

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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.



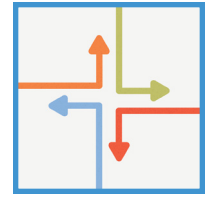
## Speakers:

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Linda D. Bartlett (nationwide – based in Iowa Falls, Iowa)  
Rev. Paul M. Clark (nationwide – based in Fowler, 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)  
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Ryan C. MacPherson (nationwide – based in Mankato, Minnesota)  
Allen Quist (within Minnesota and Iowa – based in St. Peter, Minnesota)  
Rev. Michael W. Salemink (nationwide and Canada – based in St. Louis, Missouri)  
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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



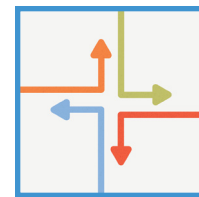
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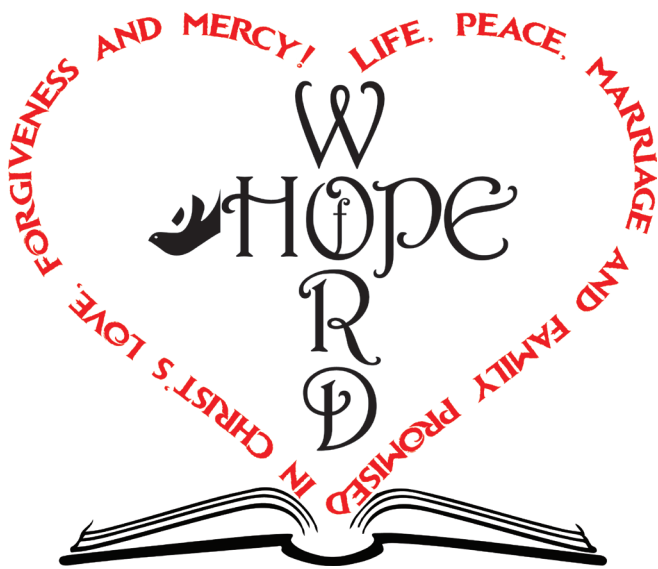
**Since 1973: 62,502,904 abortions in America**

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# Life Sunday Resources for 2023

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



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**Bulletin Insert: Blessed For Life** (2023 Life Sunday theme)

*Item LFL1643BI. \$0.10 ea.*

**Other new resources: Blessed For Life Downloads** (Find them at the link below.)

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Available downloads include our 2023 bulletin inserts, Bible study, worship service formats, children's message, several sermons (including one PowerPoint® sermon), and additional resources. Downloads are reproducible.

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## Life Sunday, Life Week, and More! *A few suggestions on sharing the For Life message ...*

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