



Life Quotes from Lutherans For Life

Congregational Bulletin Blurbs for January–December 2023

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“Hurting from abortion? Word of Hope can help. word-of-hope.org; 888.217.8679.”

January 1 “[Jesus] will care for you until you stand before His throne. Trust Him. Seek Him. Serve Him. Love Him. He’s your King. He suffered and died for you. He rose for you. He only has words of love and promise to speak to you. So, when all is equal for you on your deathbed, you can rejoice and say, ‘Come quickly, my King,’ because He has given you the promise, ‘You will be with me in paradise.’” *Rev. Peter Sulzle, St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church, Redwood Falls, Minnesota – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

January 8 “When an abortion is performed, we proclaim that we know better than God. We disregard His wisdom, for He taught us that we should never kill innocent human beings. We proclaim that we do not want or need a gift from God. And in doing so, we seek to make ourselves more powerful than God. We seek to make ourselves God.” *Archbishop Samuel Aquila – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

January 15 “Christians are to love their neighbors, including the unborn ... (Proverbs 24:11, 29:8-9) ... This means we can and ought to pray for the unborn, for women who have the choice of preserving or ending the life of their unborn child, for women who have had abortions and who need forgiveness in Christ—freely given through faith, for abortion doctors who are directly responsible for killing these children, and for our governing officials.” *Pastor David Thompson, St. Timothy Lutheran Church, Lombard, Illinois – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

January 22 “When someone struggles with the overwhelming guilt of a past sin, like abortion, repentance and reconciliation are the only source of relief. There is hope! ‘If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness’ (1 John 1:9). Through all our days, the Lord never leaves us nor forsakes us. He is a patient God, waiting and wanting all to come to repentance and be saved.” *Deaconess Pamela Buhler and Deaconess Chrissie Gillet, Word of Hope – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

January 29 “Pre-born babies are patients who deserve the rights and protections applicable to children and adults.” *Dr. William Lile, Pensacola, Florida – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

February 5 “How sad as we hear of the overturning of *Roe vs. Wade* by the Supreme Court that so many are acting like this is the worst thing that could happen in our world. Stop and think of what they are arguing about. They want the right to kill a baby in their womb. They want the right to do what they want with their body. It is such a selfish, sinful, and demented way of thinking. Yet, as you hear the arguments and as your kids go off to college, you often feel like you as a Christian are such an uncaring person. My friends, we are all sinners. Imagine what Jesus must think of this. He loves

every soul!” *Pastor Darren Green, St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church, Redwood Falls, Minnesota (6-26-22) – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

February 12 “When God tells us He knew us before we were born in our mother’s womb, we can hardly say life doesn’t begin at fertilization. When God tells our days are numbered and He will decide when our life is over, we can hardly ask for our life to be taken prematurely rather than dying a natural death. As you ponder God’s Word and stand up For Life, your witness will have remarkable power and you, only you, will be impactful in your response. So, even if you are going it alone, you can and should contribute to the message For Life, and God will bless your efforts.” *Virginia Flo, Lutherans For Life – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

February 19 “‘You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit’ (John 15:16). Those words are meant for every one of us. We should never cease to be amazed at God’s gifts and timing to bear the fruit of God’s love.” *Lynette Auch, former President of Lutherans For Life – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

February 26 “Going to be with the Lord is not meant to be an escape from the responsibilities and good works God has prepared in advance for us to do!” *Barbara Lane Geistfeld, D.V.M., Lutherans For Life – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

March 5 “But death isn’t a part of the life for which we were created—for we were created. You didn’t morph from pond scum into an intelligent hairless monkey; you were handcrafted by the Lord of the Universe.” *Hannah Nissing, Bulldogs4Life, the Y4Life team at Concordia, Nebraska – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

March 12 “Despite the hardships we experience and the sin we face, God’s work submerges us in a pool of joy; through our Baptism, He daily refreshes us, strengthening our bonds to Him and to each other. Yes, we Christians are connected more deeply than participation in any march or gathering can offer. By God’s grace, we have become family. We share a home and a future.” *Michelle Bauman, Y4Life – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

March 19 “When we ignore the baby in the womb and focus instead on what is now being labeled as the rights of the mother and women’s health care, we are turning our backs on God. Never has God authorized killing and called it a right. Never has God condoned promoting abortion and called it health care. His love for life is written throughout Scripture. What are we doing when we ignore His sacred Word?” *Virginia Flo, Lutherans For Life – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

March 26 “The God who chose to give us life at the moment of fertilization is the same God who chose to rescue us and redeem us and give us salvation. And He did it by sending His Son, Jesus, to experience every stage of human life so we could be forgiven and given life everlasting with Him!” *Rev. Craig Michaelson, Faith Community Lutheran Church, Las Vegas, Nevada – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

April 2 “As you travel with Jesus through Holy Week, don’t lose heart. He is your Palm Sunday King. He will always come to you and give you the best of what He has to offer because of His humble attitude and His devotion to His mission. When you see this Savior who personally cares for you, you can’t help but join the believers of old to give to the Lord your best and most precious treasures of your heart and life, and then to join with all believers saying, ‘Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!’” *Rev. Peter Sulzle, St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church, Redwood Falls, Minnesota – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

April 9 “Our true identity turns us back toward our Creator, the one who not only made us but also defines us in His Word. So, permit me to remind you of that truth once more: You are a created child of God. You are handmade by Him, loved by Him, redeemed by Him, and sustained by Him. The gifts you possess are gifts He’s given you; all that is good comes from Him. Your identity and your value are, always were, and always will be, found in Him.” *Michelle Bauman, Y4Life – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

April 16 “Today, we often find lines, divisions, and hate, but we hope to spread a little love and hope. Life is a valuable gift at all ages and all stages of life, and it should be protected.” *Kambria Steinhaus, Knights 4 Life – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

April 23 “I encourage everyone that I meet with to check my words and teaching against God’s Word. Ask questions, challenge everything by that Word. I want them to know Jesus and to have that faith which says, ‘This is what Jesus says, I am forgiven! I am set free! I am serving and living as a disciple of Jesus! I will go into heaven because of Jesus! ... I am part of God’s family!’” *Pastor Darren Green, St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church, Redwood Falls, Minnesota – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

April 30 “God’s Word is full of stories of people who gave up, got discouraged, and quit. His response to them was words of encouragement and support, a call to courage and perseverance, a call to strengthen trembling knees and put on the armor of God.” *Barbara Lane Geistfeld, D.V.M., Lutherans For Life – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

May 7 “We were created by a loving God, redeemed by His self-sacrificial act of love, and called to love one another. God loves us; therefore, our life has value. God calls us to love; therefore, our life has purpose. And this, dear friend, is the greatest purpose.” *Hannah Nissing, Bulldogs4Life, the Y4Life team at Concordia, Nebraska – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

May 14 “This, dear friends, is why Christ’s ascension is a good goodbye. Jesus leaves you with everything! He has done it all. The grave is empty. Death is defeated. Life is yours. So, people of God, ‘Why do you stand here looking into the sky?’ You have an ascension victory to celebrate and an ascended Savior to proclaim!” *Rev. Peter Sulzle, St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church, Redwood Falls, Minnesota – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

May 21 “God has chosen each one of us from the beginning of creation. God has also chosen our body to be a temple. He gave us the beautiful gift of a body, and we are called to be stewards of that body, to take care of it and be aware of what we do with it. God also chooses each one of us to belong. We all have a spot and purpose in God’s family—and not one of us is useless or random. God chose us with a purpose. Nothing He does is random.” *Kambria Steinhaus, Knights 4 Life – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

May 28 “Jesus became incarnate as embryo, fetus and teenager, infant and adult. In this way He consecrates humankind of all ages, appearances, and abilities. The Good Lord comes close in skin and bone, the same as ours. He remains near with muscle and blood like we have. He humbly bears these sicknesses and gently carries these sorrows of ours. Jesus has crucifix-ed God on you, ever the servant and once-for-all sacrifice. *Pastor Michael Salemink, Lutherans For Life – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

June 4 “Almighty Triune God, thank You for Your amazing love for us. Thank You that You have rescued us from ourselves and that You have made us Yours through Christ dying on the cross for our sin and rising again to give us eternal life. Thank You for Your Holy Spirit, which calls us and opens our eyes and minds and hearts to respond in faith to Your message of salvation. And bless us this day as we cling to You and as You hold us up in the palm of Your hand and in the grip of Your grace.” *Rev. Roland Syens, Guest Speaker on “The Lutheran Hour” – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

June 11 “The God who created us and redeemed us and lives in us has put His seal of ownership on us! He has chosen us and appointed us for a purpose—to live as Jesus’ disciples by bearing fruit for His kingdom. By God’s grace, and with His help, may we bear good fruit and make God-pleasing choices that glorify God who chose to create us and save us!” *Rev. Craig Michaelson, Faith Community Lutheran Church, Las Vegas, Nevada – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

June 18 “Have confidence in God. Jesus Christ died for you, and Jesus Christ lives for you ... By faith in Christ, enjoy real life without that constant covetousness which makes life a living hell for so many people. By faith in Christ, know once and for all what this means: A man’s real life in no way depends upon the number of his possessions. A man’s life

does not consist of the abundance of the things he possesses.” *Rev. Dr. Oswald Hoffman, Guest Speaker on “The Lutheran Hour” – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

June 25 “We need campfires and cookouts and picnic lunches filled with laughter. Yet, as members of the household of God, we also need conversation and consolation and prayer. We need to gather, in person, at the Communion rail. Surrounded by our eternal family, we need to hear God’s promises and rejoice in His forgiveness.” *Michelle Bauman, Y4Life – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

July 2 “We may think our prayers are small in relation to the magnitude of the problem of abortion. Not so! ... Educate yourself, your children, and the people you know ... Support leaders who embrace these words, ‘All men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness’ ... We have the most hopeful message the world has ever heard. You know it. God does big things with small stuff. How can we be so sure? Shiphrah and Puah, Jochebed, Miriam, and Moses ... and especially Jesus. Amen.” *Rev. Dr. Reed Lessing, Concordia University, St. Paul, Minnesota – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

July 9 “Announcing a pregnancy, feeling a fetus kick, cradling a newborn, attending a Baptism, what happens and what we experience defy description. Grieving and believing over a terminal diagnosis, listening to an aged neighbor’s wisdom and reminiscences, holding a loved one’s hand at a hospital bedside, singing hymns and reciting Scriptures as a relative enters eternity, the encounter exceeds even the beauty and power of words.” *Pastor Michael Salemink, Lutherans For Life – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

July 16 “Waiting is difficult; in Christ, we have the now and not yet. But as we learn and relearn to wait on Him, we find joy in His good work and patient craftsmanship in our lives. Though under construction, God works through us to bless the world. May you find great joy in fruit-bearing as you faithfully wait on HIM.” *Michelle Bauman, Y4Life – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

July 23 “Jesus, who is all Man and all God, becomes one of us in order that all of us might become one with Him. Finally, a sigh of relief, a cry of joy, even, a shout of thanksgiving! God is on the throne. Amen.” *Rev. Dr. John Nunes, Guest Speaker on “The Lutheran Hour” – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

July 30 “The Church is under an incredible assault, but perhaps never has the opportunity been greater. The question is whether we wish to take it, whether we want to be salt, or whether we’ll just mark time, leaving nothing but ruins for those who follow in our footsteps.” *Rev. Peter Scaer, Concordia Theological Seminary – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

August 6 “‘Be as patient with others as you know God is with you. In so doing, you will be keeping your head in all circumstances’ (2 Timothy 4:5). You will find the resolve to remain calm and patient, even though ideologically you may become incensed. Theologically, you know what it means to be the object of perfect love. Let Christ be your role model.” *Rev. Robert Fleischmann, Director of Christian Life Resource – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

August 13 “In Jesus there is healing; there is forgiveness. You, dear brother and sister in Christ, need not fear His wrath. For you, the words ‘Christ is risen’ are good words, they are the best words. They are words so good they should not be contained but shared with the world. They are pure Gospel.” *Rev. Dr. Jason Broge, Guest Speaker on “The Lutheran Hour” – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

August 20 “Live as a son or daughter of God, for He loves you as only a Father could. One thing you can know about God: He will never say about you, ‘These are not Our kind of people.’ Because of Christ and what He has done for you, the Father will never say that about you.” *Rev. Dr. Oswald Hoffman, Guest Speaker on “The Lutheran Hour” – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

August 27 “The rainbow is a reminder that God’s grace will always preserve you and this beautiful world in which you live until He raises you and takes you to heavenly glory. This is God’s amazing grace, and His grace generates your life of

genuine gratitude.” *Rev. Peter Sulzle, St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church, Redwood Falls, Minnesota – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

September 3 “We are made holy by the perfect righteousness of Jesus Christ, ours by faith in His life, death, and resurrection. Yet we are holy in another sense, too. We have been set apart, called out, by a holy God for God’s holy purposes—to love God and our neighbor, to serve, to make disciples. We have been set apart to serve as spouses, parents and grandparents, citizens, workers.” *Rev. Dr. Dean Nadasdy, Guest Speaker on “The Lutheran Hour” – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

September 10 “There is no more valuable work for God and for all of Christendom than bringing up your children in the faith and trust of Jesus! It’s not hard to believe that if this were our primary aim, that our children would not question their gender, that they would respect their neighbor and love their spouses, that they would welcome the opportunity to serve the public with politics that reflect solid biblical values, and that they would continue to attend church well after confirmation!” *Rev. Jeff Duncan, Lutherans For Life – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

September 17 “No matter what our days bring, God is the answer. His love never ends. His strength is our strength. He cares about each one of us in the most intimate of relationships. Through Jesus, we are His beloved children. We are here, in the land of the living, for His good purpose and at His will. Each day is a day that the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it!” *Barbara Lane Geistfeld, D.V.M., Lutherans For Life – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

September 24 “Every human life meets us as gift and privilege, created and redeemed and called by our Lord as His own precious treasure from fertilization to forever. And our life-affirming witness and service is surrounded and celebrated by a magnificent multitude of like-minded saints gone before, yet to come, and the world over.” *Pastor Michael Salemink, Lutherans For Life – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

October 1 “The science is conclusive: Human life starts at fertilization. The Bible is conclusive: Life is from God, it begins at fertilization, and God’s commandment of ‘You shall not murder’ (Exodus 20:13) certainly applies to the slaying of an innocent child in the womb. Because that little baby in the womb IS a human being.” *Pastor Paul Clark, President of Lutherans For Life of Michigan – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

October 8 “These two choices are vastly different: to give birth to a child or to abort it. But one thing is the same: to choose Jesus is to choose life. For Jesus holds every life—even the tiniest—in the nail-scarred palm of His hand.” *Rev. Gary Blobaum, St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church, Oregon, Illinois – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

October 15 “For all who have been damaged by the sin of abortion—and for all who have been complicit by not speaking up in defense of innocent babies—repent, and then hear the sweet and comforting words of Jesus: ‘Come to me, all who labor and are heavy-laden, and I will give you rest’ (Matthew 11:28). God give us courage to engage in the battle For Life!” *Pastor Paul Clark, President of Lutherans For Life of Michigan – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

October 22 “So no matter how offensive we find a neighbor, we do not regard her or him as enemy, adversary, or opponent. God has created, redeemed, and called each one as His own precious treasure, the same as us. We want to rejoice with them as brothers and sisters unto eternity in all the blessings our Savior Jesus has obtained for us.” *Pastor Michael Salemink, Lutherans For Life – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

October 29 “On this Reformation weekend, let’s rekindle our commitment to be faithful to the God who both preserves and redeems this world in His ways. And let’s remind ourselves of the blessings that come from following Him in all things, now and forever.” *Rev. Dr. Gregory Seltz, Executive Director of the Lutheran Center for Religious Liberty – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

November 5 “Our comfort and motivation do not derive from laws. We neither live only according to the body nor labor for this world alone. No matter who holds office or how they decide and lead, the Lord our God reigns.” *Pastor Michael Salemink, Lutherans For Life – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

November 12 “What could be more joyful and rewarding than to share with everyone the best news they will ever hear: Jesus has saved you from sin and death and won eternal life for you as a free gift of His love. Let’s roll up our sleeves and begin today with the prayer, ‘Lord, help me be an eager worker in Your kingdom.’” *Daily Devotions, Redeemer Lutheran Church, Sister Lakes, Michigan – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

November 19 “For it can be easy on Thanksgiving to be thankful for the things, thankful for what we are and have, but thankfulness in faith cries out to God, ‘Jesus, Master, have mercy on me!’ and falls on its face at Jesus’ feet, giving thanks to Christ.” *Rev. Cody Cooper, Guest Speaker on “The Lutheran Hour” – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

November 26 “Being For Life is right in line with God’s plan of creation! YOU are the missing element that is needed! Don’t be satisfied to sit back and wait because now is the time! Don’t stop praying as you ponder your next step. Ask God for His guidance and be ready for more than you asked for, as we have a loving and merciful God who loves life. Please consider being a part of a life-affirming ministry in your congregation. Help protect lives and serve God in this special calling.” *Virginia Flo, Lutherans For Life – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

December 3 “In view of God’s display of love in Advent and Christmas, we gladly unite to praise Him. Christmas brings out that unity as we join with Mary and Joseph and shepherds and angels to glorify our Savior as one united family. For this reason, we pray as Paul did, ‘May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him.’” *Rev. Peter Sulzle, St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church, Redwood Falls, Minnesota – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

December 10 “You might not be impressive by the world’s standards. You might be a third-shift worker, a nameless neighbor, or a sinner who messed up in very public ways. But the angel declared good news for all people, which logically must include you. So, rejoice today! A Savior was born to you!” *Pastor Mike Novotny, Time of Grace – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

December 17 “I don’t know what exactly you expect this Christmas. But I can tell you to set your expectations high as you listen to God’s Advent call. Listen to His promises. Look in the manger. And you’ll find hope and unity now and into eternity.” *Rev. Peter Sulzle, St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church, Redwood Falls, Minnesota – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

December 24 “This time of the year always fills us with cheer | But the reason we celebrate is not always clear | The cookies, the lights, the presents, the tree | The carols, the decorations, the family parties | But all of the delight and all of the fun | Does not mean a thing if we don’t know God’s Son | The tiny baby that was born to die | Can sometimes cause us to stop and ask why | Do we really deserve the sacrifice He made? | Are we worth the offering and the price that was paid? | In His eyes, we are, because He made us His own | And on the cross, the ultimate love was shown | So take joy in the season and spread His true love | But always remember the gift from above!” *Jerrod Nelson – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

December 31 “While it is true that we need to be good stewards of God’s earthly gifts, it is sinful to think that we are in full control of preserving this world. It is sinful to fret about the destruction of this world before the Last Day. This world will not run out of natural resources. We will not be wiped out by climate change, a worldwide pandemic, or a meteor shower if and when those things happen. God says that as long as this earth endures—until Judgment Day—seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night will never cease. God is in control. God will protect, provide, and preserve this world. Trust in God and see His grace and mercy, especially when sin affects this world. Trust that He gives you what you don’t deserve and more than you could imagine.” *Rev. Peter Sulzle, St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church, Redwood Falls, Minnesota – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*