Directions.

For LFL's Frontline March-April 2023



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.



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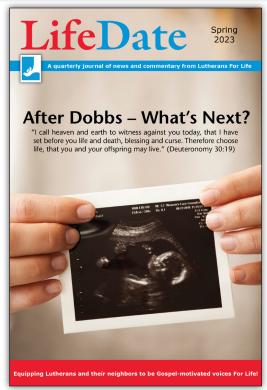
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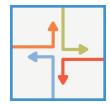
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- Check out word-of-hope.org and y4life.org.
- Be sure to "Like" and follow LFL on social media! See links below:

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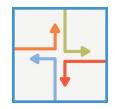
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- Join our Facebook group for Life Chapters, Life Teams, and Life Advocates: www.facebook. com/groups/teampageLFL. The group includes an idea exchange and is a place to connect with other Frontline volunteers.
- LifeDate is a great way to share the 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)
- *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.
- SAVE THE DATE! 2023 Lutherans For Life National Conference | October 11-13 | Holiday Inn Cincinnati Airport | Erlanger, Kentucky, with visits to the Ark Encounter and Creation Museum | Online registration begins April 1, 2023! SAVE THE DATE!









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VOLUNTEER RELATIONS is a Lutherans For Life team dedicated to serving the Frontlines including Life Advocates, Life Teams, Life Chapters, State Federations, pastors, and congregations. They assist them in starting and maintaining a strong, healthy, and vibrant life ministry within their congregations and communities.

Our team is here to share ideas, to mentor, and to walk alongside you as a life ministry consultant and partner.

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Bible Study: Paul's Most Pro-Life Epistle



More than just a few isolated verses of Scripture declare the sanctity of life. Every word on all the pages proclaims how God creates, redeems, and calls every member of our race special and precious. The message of human worth and purpose by His grace and not one's own worth proceeds from the heart of the Gospel and pertains to the heart of it.

Among the most straightforwardly For Life expressions in the Bible is the Epistle to Philemon. While it doesn't directly address abortion or euthanasia, this little letter does deal with a similar dehumanizing practice: slavery. Slaves in classical culture had the legal status of neither persons nor citizens but property. Householders could dispose of slaves, like animals, as they saw fit. St. Paul the Apostle eloquently and winsomely appeals against it, explaining and embodying how the coming of Christ Jesus advocates for receiving every neighbor as gift and treating even the least of these as privilege—no matter what size, skills, or circumstances.

1. Who is Philemon? Who is Onesimus? What history appears to have happened between Paul and Philemon? Between Philemon and Onesimus? Between Paul and Onesimus?

- 2. How does Paul frequently prefer to introduce himself in his letters (Romans 1:1, Philippians 1:1, Titus 1:1)? Why would this designation prove especially appropriate in this case? How does he refer to himself instead (Philemon 1)? How does this capture and convey the same humility? What do the two statuses have in common?
- 3. By not calling himself servant or slave, Paul leaves himself free to take the posture of master with regard to Philemon. How does Paul imply this relationship without openly asserting it (Philemon 8, 19-20)? And how does this dual dynamic of authoritative but unassuming reflect the Lord God's relationship to humankind (Philippians 2:5-8)? What does this imply about Philemon? About Onesimus?

4. How does this establish and emphasize the common ground between Paul and Philemon? What are some common grounds we might identify and highlight between us and neighbors experiencing life issue situations?



- 5. Paul has a keen liking for more intimate terminology. What kind of relationship does he want to foster between Philemon and Onesimus (Philemon 1, 7, 10, 16, 20)? How does this exalt Onesimus and entirely undermine the logic of slavery? What does this suggest about the ultimate intent of for-life speaking and serving (Philemon 15-16)?
- 6. How does this affect the tone and manner in which Paul engages with Philemon (Philemon 8-9, 21)? How might it shape the approaches we employ in advocating for the sanctity of life (1 Peter 3:15-16; Romans 12:14)?
- 7. How does Paul emulate and involve our Savior's atonement and our Father's forgiveness in the situation (Philemon 17-18)? How does he indicate that this proves decisive for sanctity-of-life concerns (Philemon 3, 25)? How can we go about not just announcing but also enacting the Gospel for endangered neighbors?
- 8. How can we identify ourselves with both unborn and incapacitated neighbors (John 15:5; Philippians 2:13)? How does Jesus identify with them and with us (Hebrews 2:17; Matthew 25:35-40)?
- 9. How does Paul surround Philemon and Onesimus with community (Philemon 1, 23)? How might we extend community to someone facing a surprise pregnancy? Someone suffering a terminal diagnosis? A victim of discrimination? An immigrant?

AARs—Reports from LFL's Frontline!

by the Volunteer Relations Team



Our Lutherans For Life Life Sunday theme for 2022—God Chose You—was based on John 15:16: "You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit." This basic truth of being chosen and equipped by our Lord is surely what motivated each one of us to give of our time, strength, and finances to bear fruit for our Lord in 2022!

As a member of a Life Team or Life Chapter or as a Life Advocate within your congregation, your works are of great value not only to God, but to all of us at Lutherans For Life. As you fill out your 2022 Annual Activity Report (AAR2022), remember all the ways that God chose you to affirm life!

Please tell us about the activities you accomplished in 2022. Where has His Gospel-motivated voice of love been shown through you to others? Even if you have struggled to bear fruit, don't feel discouraged! We at Lutherans For Life are praying for you and know the Lord has allowed you to accomplish goals to the best of your abilities in 2022.

As you complete this **2022 Annual Activity Report**, remember how loved and appreciated you are! We also encourage you to send us your stories and photos of what life ministry in 2022 looked like for you. Finally, as we leave 2022 behind, we are reassured to find that we are **Blessed For Life**, the Life Sunday theme for 2023. No matter what life throws at us in 2023, we know that God promises to bless us in every way. As you reflect on 2022 and plan for 2023, remember these promises of our Lord!

The AAR 2022 will soon be available online at lutheransforlife.org/frontlines. If you prefer a paper copy to be mailed to you, please call the LFL office at 888-364-LIFE (5433). As a reminder, an Annual Activity Report must be submitted annually!

If you are mailing your AAR, please send it to the Lutherans For Life office at 1101 5th St., Nevada, IA 50201-1816 by April 30, 2023.

If you are submitting your AAR online, please have it submitted by April 30 as well. Please do not hesitate to call us with any questions!

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Are You Consistent?

by the Volunteer Relations Team



One of the aspects of a healthy life ministry as a Life Advocate, Life Team, or Life Chapter is to be consistent. You need to seek regular opportunities to serve your church, keep carefully paced actions, and avoid overwhelming people. How are you doing with that? When you do things consistently, people start to expect what you do and even look for it. Being consistent is a good quality in life ministry. Here are a few ideas that will make it easy to be consistent if you utilize any of these tools:

Life Quotes is a great way to provide regular quotes on life issues that are just a few short sentences, easy to fit into your weekly church bulletin or newsletter. People can read them in a few seconds, and they are impactful. They are dated but may be used any time. If you use these unique quotes weekly, you might also consider including a standard message for those in need of spiritual guidance due to having had an abortion. Our Word of Hope ministry is ready to help. Here's what a message could look like:

> Hurting from abortion? Word of Hope can help. word-of-hope.org | 888-217-8679

Life Thoughts is a helpful means of explaining the weekly Scripture readings from the perspective of the sanctity of human life. Put these in your bulletin or newsletter, and people will start looking for them. Life Thoughts are based on the Three-Year or One-Year Lectionary from Lutheran Service Book.

Find both Life Quotes and Life Thoughts on the Resource tab at lutheransforlife.org

- **Life Notes** is a weekly e-news digest of the latest LFL news. You will receive notice of upcoming events and quick links to LFL programs and commentaries. Life Notes is filled with information you won't want to miss! It will become a regular resource tool for valuable information you can use in your communication efforts. To sign up, go to lutheransforlife.org and click the small purple box in the upper righthand corner of the home page.
- Frontline Teleconference Calls are conducted consistently the second Monday each quarter (January – April – July – October). Join this Zoom call and learn about projects LFL is sponsoring or activities being done by Life Teams and Life Chapters. Hear and see projects you can take back to your church and use. Check the LFL website for the Frontline Teleconference Call details.

If you need help in being consistent, reach out to our Volunteer Relations Team, and they will work with you. Here is their contact information. Feel free to reach out to any one of them. May the Lord bless you in your For Life ministry in your local churches. May you consistently serve the Lord!

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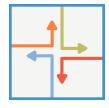
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LMCs Now Life Advocates

by Virginia Flo



It's time, and it's happening now!

Our faithful Life Ministry Coordinators (LMCs) have been busy advocating for life ministry in their churches for years. They are regularly making sure words For Life are getting communicated to their church members in multiple ways. They have worked closely with their pastors to be an aid in researching up-to-date thoughts and recognizing the need for information necessary in fulfilling our LFL mission to equip Lutherans and our neighbors to be Gospel-motivated voices For Life. They are more than just coordinating, and through a name change, we are recognizing that.

Going forward, these faithful servants of the Lord will be known as Life Advocates.

One person working in a church For Life can have a powerful impact as they consistently share the life message in important ways. Smaller efforts can have a large impact, and our LFL Life Advocates are proof of that.

If you know of a church that has one life-affirming person who is willing and excited to be a Life Advocate, please contact me at vflo@lutheransforlife.org or drop an email to our LFL home office at info@lutheransforlife.org.

If you would rather speak to someone, do give us a call at 888.364.LIFE (5433) or 515.382.2077. We would love to hear from you.

May the Lord continue to use our Life Advocates, Life Teams, and Life Chapters to share the message of life in many creative ways. God has chosen each and every one of these faithful servants, and we praise Him for this vital part of our Lutherans For Life ministry.

Save the Dates for Step Up 4 Life 2023

by the Step Up 4 Life Team



What is **Step Up 4 Life**, and why should you be a part of it? Good question! Lutherans For Life wants to connect you, your friends, your family, and everyone in your church to all the wonderful, life-affirming work that we do. **Step Up 4 Life** is both an awareness and fundraising campaign for doing just that!

Walks for Life are a fantastic way to engage people in healthy activity while highlighting the financial needs of an organization. Step Up 4 Life (SU4L) is that activity for spring 2023 from Lutherans For Life. We encourage your Life Team, Life Chapter, and all the members of your church to actively support the way Lutherans For Life equips people to exercise Gospel-motivated voices For Life! For now, use the QR Code and save the dates in your calendar. More information will be coming and posted on our website. Teams will be formed! Challenges will be laid down! Who will gather a team that stretches toward the finish line and raises the most funds for Lutherans For Life and their important, essential, life-affirming work?

In addition, June 24 is an anniversary. It will be one year since the Supreme Court decision that turned back *Roe v. Wade* and returned abortion laws to the individual states. We encourage groups and individuals to celebrate life on or around that date. More information will be coming, but it is not too early to start thinking about what you might do! Will you make signs, march around your neighborhood, and celebrate God's gift of life? Will you have a picnic and games—a carnival atmosphere? Will you bring in a speaker? Will you do a materials support drive for a local pregnancy resource center and highlight all their great work to support mothers and children through difficult pregnancies and first years of life? What will your day of celebration look like in 2023? This year, Lutherans For Life will provide churches with a free **Step Up 4 Life Kit!** These kits contain:

- Registration forms
- Bulletin announcements and inserts
- Posters
- Fundraising tips
- A Step Up 4 Life Bible study
- Ideas to make your day of celebration grand
- Step Up 4 Life swag to build excitement



You'll find the information for ordering our kits soon on the Lutherans For Life website. Just look for the **Step Up 4 Life** button or use the QR Code and stay informed about **Step Up 4 Life** 2023!



2023 Essay Contest – Just As ... I Am

by Virginia Flo, Director of Volunteer Relations



It's time again for the Lutherans For Life Essay Contest ... How can you help?

Have you been wondering how to reach out in a meaningful way to equip the young people in your Lutheran churches and Lutheran schools to be voices for life? Do you wonder how they personally perceive life issues in their world today? Do you want to find a way to share the Gospel message of life and to get them to dig into scripture to find for themselves the answers to life's questions? Well, please consider getting involved in the LFL Essay Contest in your area.

The Lutherans For Life Essay Contest is a great way to engage students in your churches and schools in the life arena. The only criterion for participating is that the student must be enrolled in a Lutheran school or attend a Lutheran church. When a teacher or pastor validates their entry into the essay contest, they are good to go.

So, how does it work? There are LFL state federations in 11 states, the leaders of which form the Council of Federation Presidents who sponsor this contest. A student living in a state with a federation (or in Minnesota or Texas) enters that state's contest through their school or church. If you do not live in a federation

Just As ... I Am



Eph 2:10

state, Minnesota, or Texas, your students are eligible to enter through what is called the *Non-Federation Essay Contest*.

Go to lutheransforlife.org/2023-lutherans-for-life-essay-contest to find the contest rules, the link to the listing of the state federations, and contacts for the Minnesota, Texas, and Non-Federation contests. Contact the Federation President in your state to be certain they are running the essay contest this year, to validate the state rules, and to find out where to send completed essays. The rules for Minnesota, Texas, and the Non-Federation essay contests are listed below the State Federation link. If your state's



federation is not running an essay contest in 2023, you may have your students enter through the Non-Federation contest.

There are basically two contests: one for grades 6-8 and one for grades 9-12. Consider promoting this in your area by contacting your local Lutheran schools or asking your pastors to assist in engaging students to participate.

Lutheran school and homeschool teachers often use the essay contest as a classroom assignment. Pastors may use it as a confirmation or youth group project. They may also make their parishioners aware of the contest so member students can write their essay, have their pastor validate it, and then submit it themselves.

Churches, Life Chapters, Life Teams, and Life Advocates can strongly promote the essay contest and thus give these young people a terrific means to share their thoughts on life issues. Each year a theme and related Bible verse are selected and published in the rules. Students must include the theme Bible verse in their essay. The 2023 essay contest theme is **Just As ... I Am** based on Ephesians 2:10: "For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them." As students dig into scripture to support their essay, God's Word will encourage them in their writing.

Please consider supporting this project. If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to your State Federation President or Virginia Flo, LFL's Director of Volunteer Relations at **vflo@lutheransforlife.org** or 651-333-0337 for answers.

May God bless your efforts to engage and serve students in grades 6-8 and 9-12 through your encouragement and support.

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2023 Lutherans For Life National Conference October 11-13

Holiday Inn Cincinnati Airport | Erlanger, Kentucky, with visits to the

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Online registration begins April 1, 2023!







Spotlight on Life



Spotlight on Life (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.

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 forever

FACTORS REGARDING THE SANCTITY OF LIFE

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



Lutherans For Life

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



LAMBs - Mercy Blankets



Although our world might tell us otherwise, children are truly a blessing. Lutherans For Life would like to celebrate children—especially those families with a lot of them! Through the skillfulness of some LFLers in Ohio and elsewhere, along with the Miami Valley Life Chapter, a project called "LAMBs" (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 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 Belén Fry of the Miami Valley Life Chapter.)

Thank you for helping us care for your neighbor in this way!

"Behold, children are a heritage from the Lord, the fruit of the womb a reward" (Psalm 127:3).

LAMBs – Lutherans Assembling Mercy Blankets

Do you know a family in your congregation who is having its fourth or more child? Wouldn't it be nice to give them a homemade blanket in celebration of this new life? Simply fill out this form and the Miami Valley Lutherans For Life Chapter, and other Lutherans from the state of Ohio, will ensure that a blanket made with love will be sent directly to the expectant mother anywhere within the continental United States. There are no strings attached. As the Body of Christ, we want to use this as an opportunity to share the mercy that our Savior Jesus Christ first showed us on the cross.

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Your Congregation:		
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Mother's & Father's Names:		
Baby's Gender: Boy Girl		
Mother's Address:		
City, State, Zip:		
Please send completed forms to:	Belén Fry Miami Valley Life Chapter 1505 Tipperary Court	

"He will tend his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms" (Isaiah 40:11a).

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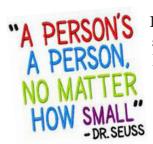
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Owen's Mission

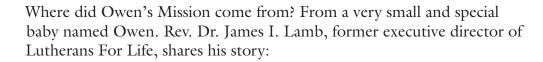


Horton the elephant was right! The Bible agrees! In fact, the Bible says more: A person's a person created by God (Psalm 139:13-14), a person redeemed by Jesus (Galatians 3:13), and a person the Holy Spirit wants to call to be His child (1 Timothy 2:4), no matter how small!



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.



"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.

lutheransforlife.org/owens-mission



Need a Speaker?

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:

Jean Amundson (nationwide – based in Cleburne, Texas)

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)

Marie K. MacPherson (Minnesota and border states – based in Mankato, Minnesota)

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)

Andrew Schatkin (nationwide – based in the New York/Long Island area)

Rev. Caleb Schewe (nationwide – based in Monticello, Iowa)

Alvin J. Schmidt (nationwide and in Canada – based in St. Louis, Missouri)

Carl F. Schroeder (nationwide – based in Lombard, Illinois)

Diane E. Schroeder (nationwide – based in Lombard, Illinois)

Patti Smith (nationwide – based in Huntington Beach, California)

Francis W. Szarejko (nationwide – based in the Kansas City, Missouri, area)

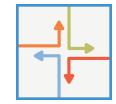
Ed Szeto (nationwide – based in Virginia)

Rev. Luke Timm (nationwide – based in Des Moines, Iowa)



The Basics of Lutherans For Life

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 Advocates 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

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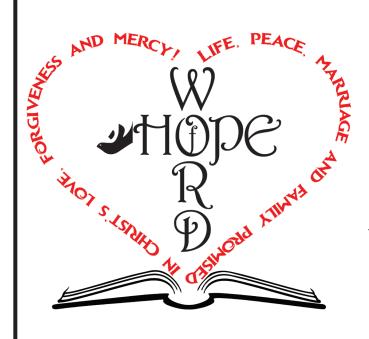
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