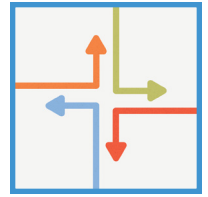


Directions ...

For LFL's Frontline
July-August
2023



Directions is sent bi-monthly to all of Lutherans For Life's Frontline—State Federations, Life Chapters, Life Teams, Life Advocates—with Bible studies and articles on leadership, faith in action, fundraising, news and notes, and facts and stats.



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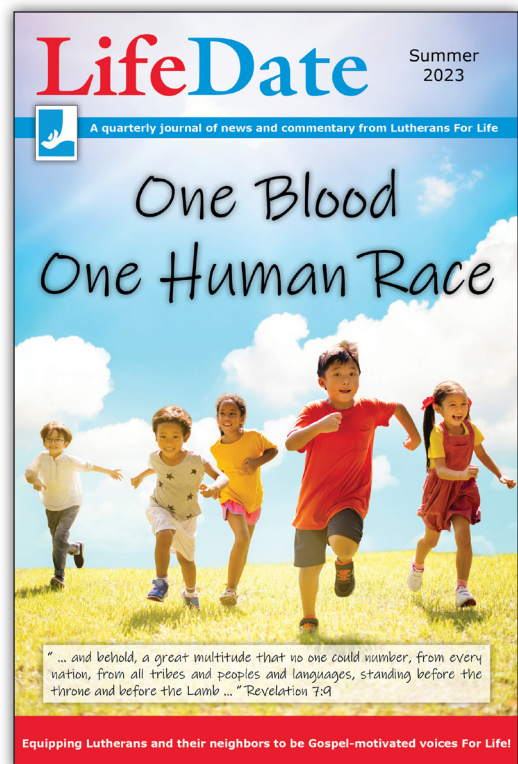
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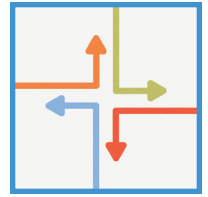
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News and Notes



- Check out word-of-hope.org and y4life.org.
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- Join our Frontline Facebook group for Life Chapters, Life Teams, and Life Advocates: facebook.com/groups/lflfrontlines. The group includes an idea exchange and is a place to connect with other Frontline volunteers.
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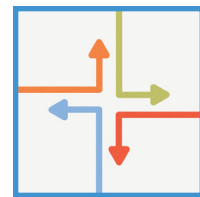




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Our team is here to share ideas, to mentor, and to walk alongside you as a life ministry consultant and partner.

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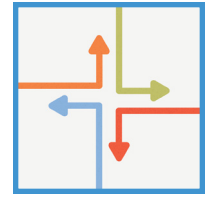
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Volunteer Relations Lutherans For Life



Bible Study: Standing Firm in the Truth Despite Challenges



“Jesus said to them, ‘My time has not yet come, but your time is always here. The world cannot hate you, but it hates me because I testify about it that its works are evil’” (John 7:6-7).

Looking around at the world and observing all that happens, listening to news cycles, speaking with neighbors and community members, even hearing discussions among pious Christians reveals many varied thoughts on life. Does this surprise you? Jesus said, **“You search the Scriptures because you think that in them you have eternal life; and it is they that bear witness about me, yet you refuse to come to me that you may have life”** (John 5:39-40). In a fallen world where sin stains everything, how are you to think about life issues? How are you to discern what is truth? How shall you share that truth, winsomely, so that through all you say and do, the Gospel of forgiveness in our Lord Jesus Christ remains preeminent?

We must understand the times in which we live. What can you discover about how Scripture describes this world and our daily life?

- As you read Ephesians 5:1-21, make a list describing the world in which we live.
- Psalm 12 laments the world’s condition. What do you find to lament still today?
- The wisdom of Ecclesiastes 9 might be difficult to hear and understand. What do you discover about life in *this* age from these words of wisdom?

Seeing our world’s condition and how some seem to prosper despite their sinful lifestyles might cause some to question justice. Some may even question if God still watches over and cares for us in this life. What can you learn as you read how Scripture addresses these thoughts?

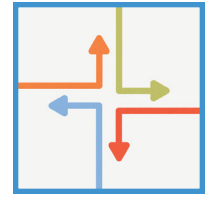
- What do you discover while reading Psalm 49?
- Proverbs 6 drips with justice coming to evildoers, but it also gives hope. What is God doing in these words? Make lists showing how God both executes justice and establishes righteousness.
- John 16:16-33 records Jesus praying with His disciples on the night of His betrayal and arrest. What does He tell us to expect in this age, and how does He provide hope?

Life issues certainly give opportunity for contemplation and conflict. The goal of our study is to increase our knowledge of life issues and their possible supports. We also strive to minimize our conflicts through Gospel-motivated words and actions. Movement toward changing hearts and minds is always better than winning an argument!

- Jeremiah 29 speaks to those of Israel exiled to live in Babylon, a foreign place under godless leadership. How does this chapter give you some insight into living under tenuous circumstances today? In what ways does this message give you hope that God is always in control and seeks only your best, even in difficult circumstances?
- What does Psalm 122 call us to seek with those around us?
- What does Paul reveal to you as he writes to the church in Philippi, chapter one? What good may come out of controversy or suffering? What calling are you charged to support and uphold?



- How does Paul address the saints in Rome with the words of chapter twelve?
When persecution or evil come your way, how do Paul's words give you help and hope?



Life issues call for those blessed in Christ with new life to pursue truth and to support, often at the cost of their own sacrifice, those who are in need. In Matthew 22 we hear Jesus say, **“You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets”** (Matthew 22:37-40).

- What does Proverbs 13 teach you about the differences in thinking of those who are wise compared with those who are unwise?
- Describe the call or vocation that Scripture gives you in these verses:

Matthew 16:24-28

Romans 5:1-11

Luke 10:25-37

1 John 4

Even when the message is difficult, it is imperative for the saints of God to remain faithful to the truth. Spend time contemplating Scripture's reality that speaking the truth in love, though tedious and often met with distrust and unbelief, still yields results. As you read these passages, meditate upon how you might put their truths to work in your life ministry. How might you stand in the truth? How might you lift the concerns of others in prayer to God while also supporting their needs through Gospel-motivated love and forgiveness?

- Read Acts 13; Ephesians 6; Psalm 111; 2 Timothy 3; Galatians 5

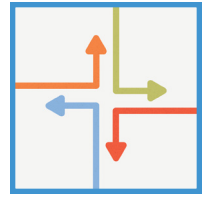
Take time to pray for your Gospel-motivated work in life issues! Praise the Lord for all He does *in* your life and *through* your life to share the truth in love.

Lord and Giver of Life, Holy Spirit of God, **life-giving Breath**, we look to You for the strength to stand up for life in all its stages, from the moment of conception until that time when You say **“return to dust, O children of men.”** Use us to give voice to the defense of life through our voting, our writing, our speaking, our non-violent protests, as well as our fasting and fervent prayers. Work in the hearts and minds of fathers and mothers everywhere. Help all parents to take responsibility for their children. Guide and direct the life-issues decision makers, not only those in the home, but also those in the White House, in the Houses and Senates of our states and nation, and in the courthouses of our country. Together, may we all take it as a sacred obligation to defend the defenseless, to support the weak, and to speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves. We humbly ask for all these things with boldness and confidence in the name of Christ Jesus, our Lord, who is the Resurrection and the Life, and who has come to give us life in all its fullness. Amen.



Others Better?

from Redeemer Lutheran Church, Sister Lakes, Michigan



“Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus” (Philippians 2:3-5).

Wow! Count others more important than oneself? Is that ever heresy by the world’s standards today! And our own sinful nature lines up with the world, for which of us does not enjoy—and even seek—the admiration of others? We like to be honored by others for our wisdom or common sense or cool calmness or strength for practicality or zeal, eagerness, contributions, sincerity, honesty, abilities, our this, and our that! Have you ever thought how much better off your group would be if things went as you know they should?

Against all self-exaltation, Paul urges us to consider the other person as better than ourselves. The conceited old Adam within us must be daily put down and drowned. But this is only done by the power of the Spirit. He holds before our eyes our blessed Savior, who so loved us that He humbled Himself even to death on a cross for us. Looking to Him is what will fill us with a love that **“is not rude, ... is not self-**

seeking, ... is not easily angered, ... keeps no record of wrongs” (1 Corinthians 13:5), as Paul writes to the Corinthians. And here: **“Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus ... ”** In the Roman world even suicide, which Judas committed, would have been looked upon as more dignified than the death which Jesus suffered. But He went through it all out of love, in humility and concern for you and me. Here is encouragement, comfort, consolation in Christ!

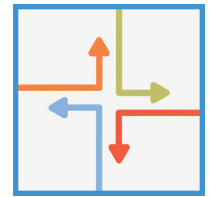


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Unified

by Barbara Lane Geistfeld, D.V.M.



As you may have previously heard or read, there are nine aspects of a healthy Life Chapter or Life Team. When you incorporate these nine aspects within your life ministry group, you *will* make a greater impact for life! Our focus today is on the aspect “**UNIFIED.**”

Merriam Webster’s dictionary defines “unified” in this way: **brought together as one** – “When people or groups are all on the same page, working for the same goals and doing the same thing, they are unified.”

The Free Dictionary defines it this way: unified – **formed or united into a whole**.

Sound familiar? What Christian can hear these words and not *immediately* think of our Lord Jesus and His Body, the Church? “One” and “whole” *defines* the Body of Christ! For example, our Lord Jesus, in His prayer to His Heavenly Father recorded in the Gospel of John, is very specific about how He sees those who believe in Him. He is very specific about how He wants us to become “one” ... in other words, “united.”

John 17:11: “... I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, keep them in your name, which you have given me, that they may be one, even as we are one.”

John 17:20-21: “I do not ask for these only, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one, just as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me.”

The Apostle Paul confirms this in Ephesians when he speaks of all the parts supporting one *whole body*, one *unified body*.

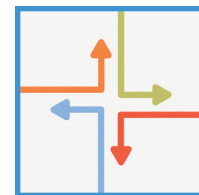
Ephesians 4:15-17: “**Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love.**”

How do these words apply to our Life Teams and Life Chapters? Our latest Volunteer Relations brochure puts it this way: “UNIFIED: When you are unified, you are *working in harmony with God and each other*. Life Chapters and Life Teams who are unified have a *clear mission statement to guide them* in equipping their churches. They have *specific processes in place to guide their work*, and *each member uses their unique gifts to serve others*.”

How do you know if your Chapter/Team is unified? How might you *become* unified? We suggest you schedule a way to communicate with all of your members—in person, via media, or through e-mails and work through these following UNITED ITEMS *together*. Ask each person to honestly answer these items and then compile the results. *Discuss where you are and where you want to be*. This will take time,



effort, and much prayer, but **it is essential for building oneness and wholeness: i.e., you become unified!**



1. Our Life Chapter/Team works harmoniously together.
2. Our Life Chapter/Team listens to one another.
3. When discussing initiatives, our Life Chapter/Team Leadership helps the members focus and set goals.
4. Our Life Chapter/Team leadership communicates with us simply to encourage us.
5. Our Life Chapter/Team holds one another accountable on action items.
6. Our Life Chapter/Team has a written mission statement.
7. When setting goals, our Life Chapter/Team strives to discern God's will and follow His lead.
8. As a Life Chapter/Team, we share the work and tasks.
9. Our Life Chapter/Team filters opportunities through our mission statement.
10. I pray for our Life Chapter/Team at least once a week.
11. Our Life Chapter/Team is learning information about the life arena together, e.g., sharing articles, bringing in speakers to a Life Chapter/Team meeting, etc.
12. When there is conflict, the Life Chapter/Team seeks godly resolution. This last item is critical. We are the Body of Christ. He calls us to be one. He calls us to be a vital part of the whole. He calls us to repentance, forgiveness, and harmony in our relationships with one another.

So, does all this seem a bit scary? Don't know where to start? Fortunately, the Volunteer Relations Team will help you! Give us a call or send us an email describing your needs, and we will work alongside you. Blessings to all of you as you minister to those around you in the life arena. Your work is vital to the oneness and wholeness—the unity—of the Body of Christ and its for-life message!!

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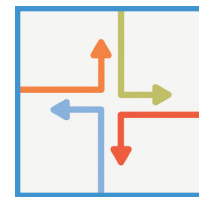
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Let's Get Back to the Basics—God's Word

by Virginia Flo



Right now, our world is fixated on issues of death. From abortion through physician-assisted suicide and everything in between, this culture of death surrounds us. Views and discussions on life issues are being twisted to look to *death* as the only hope to overcome these personal life issues. Whether the state you live in allows abortion up to the moment of birth or it has been banned, I am guessing this has become a topic of discussion in most circles. Add discussions about legalizing physician-assisted suicide, about parental rights in making decisions involving their children's education and gender, and much more, and we have an overflowing bucket of life issues.

Yes, the level of frustration, disappointment, and depression may have serious consequences. So, what can you do about this culture of death that is creeping even into the minds of our parishioners? It is simple because God has sent Jesus to save us from our sins—even the sin of doubt as we listen to the worldly perspective of life that drives people to question God's Word. The world is trying to make new rules based on human thinking. It says we have the right to take our life or even that of someone else. It says we can ruin the lives of others, including that of an innocent child, because of a life situation where people want to have an instant solution or to push their own ideological agenda. Without God, we are powerless to change these thoughts being perpetuated by politicians, the media, and even friends and family who are confused by the messages they are hearing. Things can appear bleak, and we may even start questioning what we are doing For Life and whether it is influencing anyone.

The one thing we *can* count on is God's Word being persistent and unchanging. That is how we need to be as well: always speaking the truth in love. Our job is not to change laws, although we would like that to happen at times. Our job is to plant the seed of God's love For Life, and He will see that it bears fruit. In our life-affirming work, we receive encouragement from God as we read His Word of hope: **"Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God our Father, who loved us and gave us eternal comfort and good hope through grace, comfort your hearts and establish them in every good work and word."**

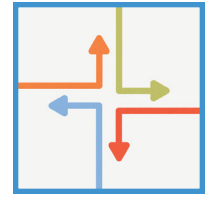
Our hope is in God's grace and in His unfailing love for everyone that He has created as His workmanship. This year, our annual state federations' essay contest invited students to write an essay based on the theme **Just As ... I AM** with a focus on Ephesians 2:10: **"For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them."** The statements of faith that came from these students are inspiring and give us hope for the future. We would encourage you to *promote the student essay contest* every year to bring more students into the life arena.

Do not lose heart, as our God is powerful and capable of overcoming the evil that persists around us. *Now* is the time to strengthen our efforts to support life and to use our Gospel-motivated voices to continue sharing God's message of hope. So, how do you do this? This is a good time to *get back to the basics*. Please consider doing one or more of these in your life ministry as a Life Advocate, Life Team, or Life Chapter:

1. Establish or re-establish a consistent prayer ministry For Life.
 - a. Try something as simple as sharing life-affirming prayers that turn our eyes to God for sup-



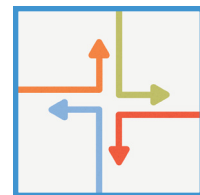
port in dealing with worldly issues. He has the power to change these issues as He has already won the victory. Ask to place these prayers in your church bulletins or newsletters.



- b. Pray for each other in your life group as you continue to work to support life. Ask for strength and wisdom as you move forward as God's servant. This is Lutherans For Life's prayer for you as well.
 - c. Consider starting a prayer chain where needs are brought before your life group on a regular basis. These may be via telephone calls or texts, emails, or even Facebook posts in a private prayer group.
2. Continue or start providing *Life Quotes* and *Life Thoughts* to the church(es) you serve. These short, consistent messages, when read repeatedly by parishioners, may greatly impact them, give them hope, and perhaps even cause a change of heart if their thoughts have wandered away from God's Word. Sometimes, it is the simple things that have the greatest impact. You will find both of these resources on the Resources tab on our LFL website.
 3. Consider contacting your local pregnancy center, nursing home, hospice care facility, or other life supporting agency, asking what help they may need to support their work. Certainly, most will always accept monetary donations, but ask if they need other support such as material things, prayer, or even something totally new that you and your life group could develop to engage your church(es). God will *always* help you if you sincerely seek His help.
 4. Think about sponsoring a life event where you can use the positive elements of fellowship and mutual support to bring people together to celebrate life.
 - a. Sponsor a congregation-wide birthday celebration for the lives of all the elderly in your church(es). Conduct a phone or in-person interview and write a short biography for each of them. Add their photo and put this in a booklet to hand out at your celebration. Additionally, you could use these bios for a "Featured Person of the Month" article in your church newsletters.
 - b. Celebrate life with baby showers within your church(es) to support families with newborns or young children. What a wonderful way to honor the gift of life in your very midst.
 - c. Plan a life-issue educational event. Lutherans For Life will help by sending a speaker to your event as part of our Spotlight on Life program. You can find information about this program at lutheransforlife.org/spotlight-on-life. Basically, your group sponsors the event, and LFL provides a speaker.
 - d. Work with your pastor(s) to organize an anniversary celebration of the June 24, 2022, overturning of *Roe v Wade*. Perhaps things haven't gone as we would like in all states, but that does not minimize the great potential for saving the lives of many more babies with this monumental decision. Celebrating this event continues to keep our eyes focused on life and the work still before us.

The bottom line? *Let's get back to the basics* and drown out the ugly message that death is the solution to life issues. ***God loves life and His creation.*** He has no desire for any of us to take our own life or the life of someone else. Our days are in His hands, not our own. May your For Life work be blessed, and may you be filled with the joy that comes with doing the Lord's work as a faithful servant.





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Step Up 4 Life

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WE DID IT! Thanks to everyone in the Lutherans For Life Community for “STEPPING UP” and abundantly blessing our 2023 Step Up 4 Life Campaign. Your impactful contributions through participation, prayer, and stewardship offerings helped us REACH and EXCEED our Step Up 4 Life goal! As of June 27, we have raised more than \$90,000! Thank you for partnering with us and our Gospel-motivated mission for life!

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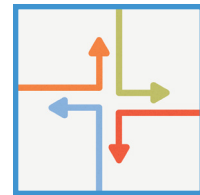
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Spotlight on Life



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

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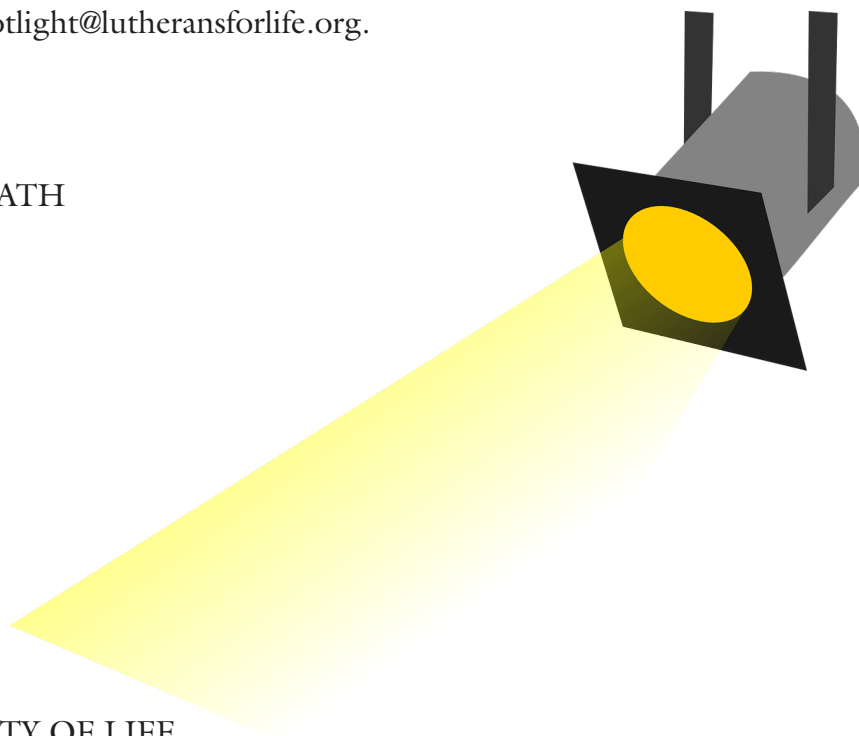
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- Abortion
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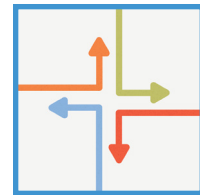


Lutherans For Life

*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 Virginia Flo, our director of volunteer relations, at vflo@lutheransforlife.org so that she 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.

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: Belén Fry
Miami Valley Life Chapter
1505 Tipperary Court
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“He will tend his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms” (Isaiah 40:11a).





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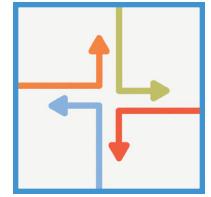
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Owen's Mission



**"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."



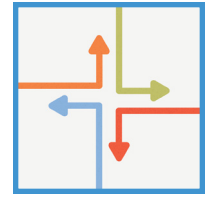
As Owen's grandpa, Dr. Lamb wanted to do something special to remember Owen, honor Jesus, and help others understand the value God gives to even the smallest of lives. With the help of Owen's family, *Owen's Mission* was born. We are training facilitators to present these fetal model sets along with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

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.

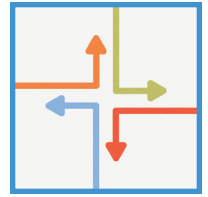


Speakers:

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

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



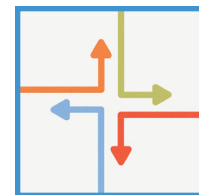
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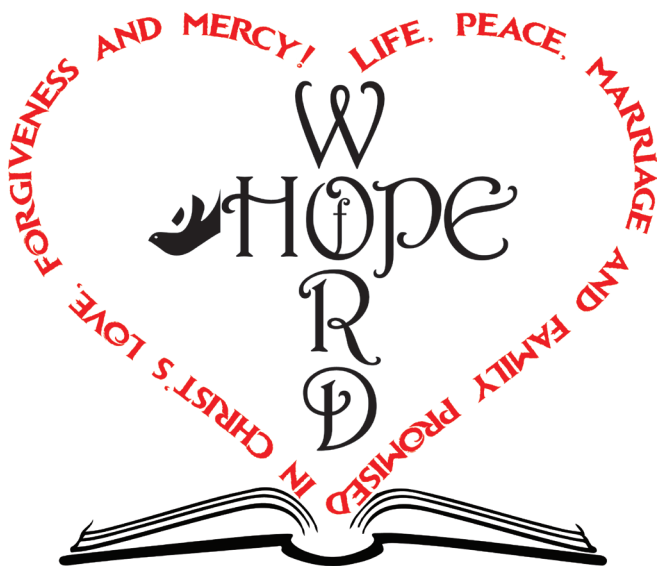
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