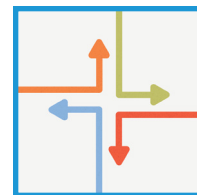


Directions ...

For LFL's Frontline
November-December
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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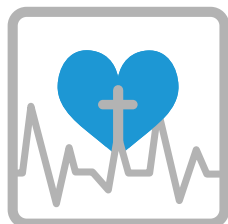
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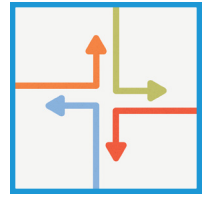
Just As ... I AM

"For we are his workmanship,
created in Christ Jesus for good
works, which God prepared
beforehand, that we should walk
in them." (Ephesians 2:10)



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News and Notes



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

www.facebook.com/LutheransForLife • www.facebook.com/groups/teampageLFL

www.facebook.com/WordOfHopeHealingHearts

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www.youtube.com/user/LutheransForLife

- 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.
- 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.



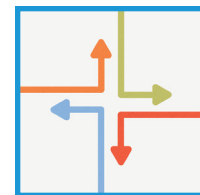
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FRONTLINE CALL

For all Lutherans For Life Frontline Volunteers!



Meeting ID:
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Monday, January 8, 2024 • 7:00-8:00 p.m. CT
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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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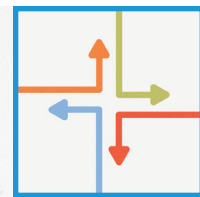
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Check out these new resources!

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- I Praise You ... (fold-out brochure)
- Hoy me siento ... | Today I'm Feeling ... Prayers for anyone who is involved in a child's life (Spanish)
- Foster Care (fold-out brochure)
- Abortion and Race (fold-out brochure)
- Charitable Conversation: 8 Tips for Redirecting a Hostile Discussion (fold-out brochure)
- Paul's Most Pro-Life Epistle - A Bible Study
- Health Risks of Abortion (fold-out brochure)



A Bible Study: Aging with Grace



America is aging. Advances in medical technology, healthcare treatments, and knowledge about nutrition and fitness are making it possible for people to live longer than ever before. Declining birth and fertility rates are also driving up the average age of the population.

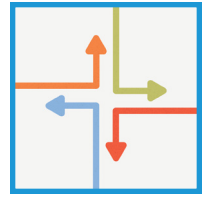
It seems that we have significant discomfort with aging. Popular culture considers “old” a bad word. Advertisers and manufacturers lead us to idolize youthfulness as if human existence peaks in the late teens or early twenties. Many cover wrinkles and color away the gray. Others feel the need to apologize for slower movements and “senior moments.” Waning physical faculties make everyone uncomfortable, but advocates of physician-assisted suicide go so far as to designate it “undignified.”

Our Lord thinks differently about aging. His Word actually has quite a high regard for length of days. In the hands of God, advancing age can offer incomparable opportunities to receive blessings and confess Christ!

1. What do you think popular opinion considers as the ideal age? What do you think the Lord God sees as the ideal age (Isaiah 65:19-22)?
2. Do the Scriptures employ the word “elder” as more of a criticism or a compliment (Exodus 24:9-11; Numbers 11:24-25; 1 Timothy 5:17; 1 Peter 5:5; Revelation 4:4)?
3. What circumstances or characteristics can make advancing age similar to infancy (Isaiah 40:30; John 21:18)? What nevertheless makes it distinct from early life (2 Chronicles 10:8-19; Proverbs 20:29; Ecclesiastes 4:13)?
4. How does the aging process reflect and embody the sinful nature (Psalm 90:9-10; 1 Peter 1:24)? How does the aged condition reflect and embody the nature of God (Daniel 7:9; Job 12:12)?
5. In what ways do individuals of advanced age serve integrally in biblical history (Genesis 7:6; Genesis 17:1-2; Exodus 7:7; Job 42:16-17; Luke 1:13-18; Luke 2:36-38)?



6. What aspects of advanced age did Jesus embody in His earthly ministry (Matthew 13:54-56; Mark 15:20-21; John 19:28-29)?



7. What does aging reveal or remind us of regarding God and His grace (Psalm 91:16; Isaiah 46:3-4; John 15:5)?

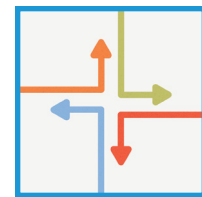
8. What makes physician-assisted suicide or euthanasia such an attractive temptation for some? What superior alternatives does the way of Christ provide (Isaiah 40:31; 2 Corinthians 4:16-17)?

9. What gifts and ministry may we receive from our aging neighbors (Titus 2:2-5)? What can we do to celebrate and support the sanctity of their lives (1 Timothy 5:1-2)?



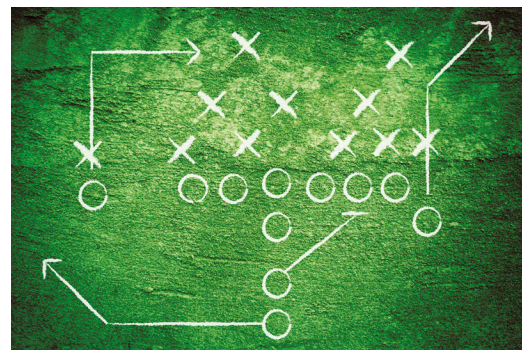
The Frontline Playbook

by Virginia Flo



At the 2023 LFL National Conference a few weeks ago, we introduced the **Frontline Playbook** concept. With this new initiative, it is our intent to provide valuable materials to the Frontline that will give you ideas and useful programs that you can easily pick up and utilize in your churches. If you weren't there to hear firsthand what this is about, here is an overview of what the **Frontline Playbook** will consist of:

- A **Frontline Playbook** is designed to gather and share new and creative ways to repurpose existing Lutherans For Life projects and materials to utilize their full potential. In doing so, it is our hope that what may have been overlooked or not fully understood in the past will be seen as new possibilities for the future in your Frontline efforts.
- Just as a playbook might be used by a sports team to keep the team focused and working together with positive outcomes, so is our goal in providing new opportunities for the work in the Frontlines. There is an enormous number of valuable materials in our Lutherans For Life arsenal that we intend to gather and repurpose in ways the Frontline will be inspired to utilize.
- Sometimes our Lutherans For Life programs are so jam-packed with important information that due to the sheer volume and timelines when introduced, the data and useful materials are not totally utilized in the field. It is our goal to revive these materials as much as possible over time and create playbooks that will help you in planning new and exciting ways to implement these programs in your local environments.



As an example, we will provide both thematic approaches and life topical approaches to implement. We may select four appropriate topics from previous Life Week programs that will consist of devotions, fact guides, activity sheets, and videos that might be implemented at various intervals. You may use the four selections over a period of time, e.g., one a week for a month or one each quarter for a year. You may also simply choose to pick one topic with its complementary components and use it at your next planned event. We will make every effort to give you ideas and strategies for implementation with options for each. And you can use your own creativity to come up with new ways to implement that we may not have provided. Our goal is to provide you with the prepared components, and all you need do is apply them to what works best in your environment.

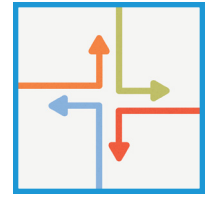
We pray you will find this effort both useful and effective in your Frontline For Life ministries. Sometimes it's a small tweak, and sometimes it's a bigger revamp to make what is already available more useful for your needs. We value any input you choose to provide. Please feel free to reach out with any suggestions or questions you may have to our Volunteer Relations Team through Virginia Flo, Director of Volunteer Relations at vflo@lutheransforlife.org. It is our plan to start developing these Frontline Playbooks in early 2024 and continue them going forward as they prove useful.

May God continue to guide and bless your life-affirming work!



Is Your Life Ministry Resourced?

by Barbara Lane Geistfeld, D.V.M.



In our series of informative articles directed toward the Lutherans For Life ministries within the Body of Christ—Life Advocates, Life Teams, Life Chapters—we have been discussing the *Nine Facets of a Successful Life Ministry*. We believe these facets, or important principles, are essential components of your life ministries that will enable you to be fruitful and to reach your full potential as Gospel-motivated voices For Life.

So, today we want you to ask yourselves, “Is our Life ministry resourced?” What does this mean? The Oxford Language Dictionary defines the verb “resource” (past tense: “resourced”) as this: “to provide (a person or organization) with materials, money, staff, and other assets **necessary for effective operation.**” Too often, the Body of Christ asks their members to carry out their different ministries as volunteers with no resources whatsoever. Expenses come out of the pockets of the volunteers themselves! Those of you who are financially able may have no problem giving both your time and treasure to a particular ministry, but how long can you sustain it? What about those of you with a passion to be part of this same ministry who do not have the funds to do so? You may struggle to meet the need, but if you truly cannot afford to do so, you will be left out. Or you may choose to not even try to participate if you feel you cannot financially support the ministry, and then the joy of serving the Lord in that ministry is denied to you. Additionally, if your volunteers’ financial resources run out, the ministry stops or is curtailed. Small goals may be met, but bigger dreams and projects are out of reach.

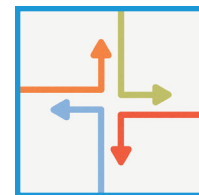
You as volunteers are also part of the “Resources.” Are you adequately trained? Are you recruiting new members and nurturing and educating those you already have? What happens if the leader steps down? Will your For Life ministry continue to bear fruit or will it close? Have you encouraged your congregation to be Gospel-motivated voices for life and to be completely invested in this ministry with their prayers and deeds as well as their finances? Remember that you can engage your congregational members to be important workers in your ministry without them being actual members of your team.

Let’s examine this a bit more closely. Any thriving church ministry needs financial resources, communication resources (such as access to newsletters, announcements, and the church’s website), physical resources (such as meeting rooms, kitchen access, etc.) and of course staff (member) resources. As a viable and trusted ministry within the church, your Life Advocate, Life Team, or Life Chapter will need these things as well. You want your ministry’s financial needs to be part of your church’s budget so you can plan projects that fit within that budget. Of course, for bigger endeavors, special requests may be made as needed. Resources often follow the level of trust that is established between the life ministry and the leaders of the church. It is important for you as life ministry leaders to work closely with the leadership of your church to determine how much a project may cost and how this project will be financially supported. Working together to manage your desires for certain projects with available financing is critical, and being good stewards of these finances is equally important. Together, you and your church leaders should ensure that your projects and ministry efforts are always Gospel-motivated. (*This important facet was discussed in depth in the Directions: September-October 2023 edition, page 17.*)

It may take prayer, time, and compromise for a life ministry to become fully resourced, but the fruits of your labors will bless you, your church, and your neighbors! The table below gives you an idea of what to look at in determining how well you are resourced.



RESOURCED ITEMS	RATING: 1-4
Our life ministry has the financial resources to do what it needs to do.	
Our life ministry is given access to church resources (e.g., meeting rooms, copy machine, website, newsletter, and announcements).	
Our life ministry has the people to do what it needs to do.	
Our life ministry has the educational resources to do what it needs to do (brochures, videos, Bible studies, etc.).	
Our life ministry does activities specific to fund raising.	



Now, your determination of financial resourcing is important, but there is one more area of resourcing that is critical. Your life ministry thrives best if it is spiritually resourced as well. A special effort must be made to grow spiritually together as a life ministry with Bible study, prayer, and discussions of the needs you identify as well as the directions you must take to meet those needs. In your planning, always ensure that your ideas and projects will bring the Gospel to those around you, both within your church and without. Regularly remind your congregation that your project or program is designed to bring the Gospel-sanctity-of-life message to them and to their neighbors. The Apostle Paul's reminder to the Saints in Colossae is valid to us today:

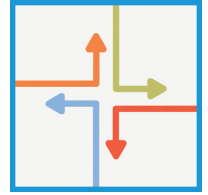
“Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters, since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving” (Colossians 3:23-24).

We at Lutherans For Life encourage you to build and maintain relationships within your own congregations so that you will be fully resourced and fully supported—working together for the Lord and His kingdom For Life!



In God We Trust

by Virginia Flo



“The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace” (Numbers 6:24-26).

We often talk about being Gospel-motivated in our For Life ministry. That is the center of our mission at Lutherans For Life. We pray all our Frontline workers have that motivation and with the help of God keep our life-affirming efforts moving forward. We do this because we trust the Lord will guide our way and give us the strength and wisdom to do and say the right thing at the right time. Yes, in God we trust.

Our country has been through much as we recount our history, from wars to a terrorist attack, to a pandemic, to a movement that focuses on humanism rather than God, our Creator and Redeemer, to a resurgence of people openly supporting life. We have witnessed how God continues to walk beside us, bringing us through many adversities. For those who have walked away from God and lost their focus, putting their trust in worldly things and mere humans, these things will never bring them the peace and hope we have in our loving God. For those people we continue to pray and share the love of Jesus and the price He paid with His life and His resurrection that fulfilled the ultimate promise of eternal life. This is no small thing indeed as we know how important the sanctity of life is to God.

Not too long ago, on this past September 11, we celebrated another year of remembrance of that morning in 2001 that those who lived through will never forget. It is so important that we, as a country, never forget as a country 9/11, as it is a strong reminder of the significance and value of life and its importance in God’s plan for all of us. Plus being thankful for the freedoms we have here in America, especially our freedom of religion, is what we never want to stop being thankful for to our Lord and Savior. When we see a significant loss of life, we catch our breath and gasp, realizing what an impact this has on many people. Yet, each and every day, there is also a loss of life through abortion, physician-assisted suicide, euthanasia, and other deaths caused by human intention. Let us never forget and continue to trust in God as our only resource when we face difficult life issues. Continue to pray for our country as some leaders continue to pursue making laws that jeopardize precious lives and challenge God’s plan for life. Let us put our trust in God, not man.



I was given the link below to a video, which is a speech given by the Rev. Dr. Mark Steiner, who today is our Life Chapter president of the Northern Virginia (NOVA) Life Chapter. This is a presentation he made as Captain in the Chaplain Corp of the United States Navy on the 10th anniversary of 9/11. His focus on the book of Numbers, where we receive that very familiar and meaningful benediction, was not only relevant that day but today as well. I hope you will find inspiration, as I did, in hearing this historic speech again, these years later. (<https://youtu.be/Xoo07srmys8?si=QGWaedXY4sEujoNf>)





MICHIGAN MARCH FOR LIFE

WHEN:

Wednesday,
November 8, 2023

WHERE:

Michigan State Capitol
Steps

100 N Capitol Ave,
Lansing, MI 48933

SCHEDULE

11:00 a.m. MI March for Life Rally at
Statehouse Steps

12:00 p.m. MI March for Life

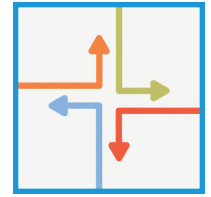


For more
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MI.MarchforLife.org



LFL Rally at the Michigan March for Life



One of the most important events this year for all those who value the God-given sanctity of human life will be the **MICHIGAN MARCH FOR LIFE** at the Capitol on **Wednesday, November 8, from 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.**

This will be held on the first anniversary of last year's horrific passing of Proposal 3, which basically struck down all protections for the unborn in Michigan.

By joining in this rally and march, pro-life citizens of Michigan will make their voices heard in defending the right of our unborn children to be protected in the womb.

Besides strongly encouraging your presence at the rally and March for Life in Lansing, **we would like to invite you and the members of your congregations to A FOLLOW-UP LUTHERAN GATHERING** for those who are coming to the march. This gathering will be held at **Hope Lutheran Church in DeWitt** following the rally and march at the Capitol. We are very thankful to the congregation of Hope Lutheran for doing this. This will enable us to rest a bit after the march and have some light refreshments (which Lutherans For Life of Michigan will provide).

We are very pleased to announce that we have a special speaker for the event—**Pastor Michael Salemink**—the Executive Director of national Lutherans For Life.

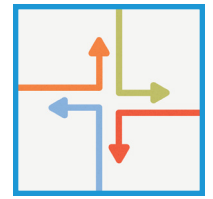
There may be other speakers as well.

Please do everything you can to spread the word! Thank you and God bless!

Questions? Contact Pastor Paul Clark at revpmclark@gmail.com or 517-420-4826.



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

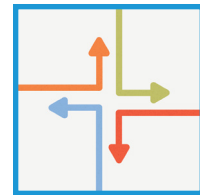


LUTHERANS FOR LIFE

*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 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 as well as Alaska, Hawaii, and Puerto Rico. 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/Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

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
Middletown, OH 45042-3038



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





Lutherans For Life • Life Team Tools Order Form 2023

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LTTDVDR		Life Team Tool DVD Replacement: (Circle) 1 2 3 4	\$10	
LTTBN		LIFE TEAM TOOL BUNDLE (Includes tools 1-4 and field manuals)	\$30	
			TOTAL	
			SHIPPING	\$15
			GRAND TOTAL	

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Are you purchasing this for a church? Please list name and address:

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You may also purchase Life Team Tools by credit card by calling 888.364.LIFE (5433).

What is a LifeTeam?

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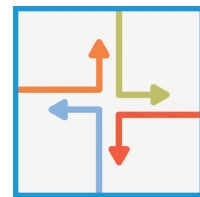
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Owen's Mission



**"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



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 Life Team is a group of dedicated church members forming a For Life group within one congregation to serve under the auspices of the local congregation.

A Life Advocate is an individual working to support the church's pastor in keeping the flow of educational information in front of the congregation on a regular basis. *Life Teams and Life Advocates do not qualify for the remittance program.*

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



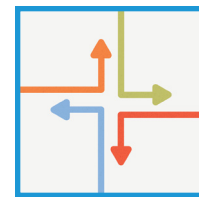
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Sunday, January 14, 2024

Zoom Presentation: Just as ... I AM from Fertilization to Forever *with Rev. Scott Licht* @ 8:00 PM ET

Life issues: Creation and Identity; Surprise Pregnancy, Pregnancy, and the Unborn

Theme color: Purple

Monday, January 15, 2024

Zoom Presentation: Just as ... I AM in Terminal Diagnosis *with Ed Szeto* @ 8:00 PM ET

Life issues: Disabilities, Aging Communities, Terminal Diagnosis

Theme color: Red

Tuesday, January 16, 2024

Zoom Presentation: Just as ... I AM Surviving and Thriving *with Deac. Rachel Geraci* @ 8:00 PM ET

Life issues: Hope in Illness, Hope in Pre-term Delivery, Mental Health, Rejoicing in God's gifts

Theme color: Light Blue

Wednesday, January 17, 2024

Zoom Presentation: Just as ... I AM in Surprise Pregnancy *with Diana Vaughn* @ 8:00 PM ET

Life issues: Prenatal Diagnosis of Disability, Unplanned Pregnancy, Adoption

Theme color: Yellow

Thursday, January 18, 2024

Zoom Presentation: Just as ... I AM with Courage and Compassion *with Rev. Michael Salemink* @ 8:00 PM ET

Life issues: Persecution, Christian Confession and Gospel-motivated Speaking, Engaging with the World

Theme color: Pink

Friday, January 19, 2024

Zoom Presentation: Just as ... I AM as Male and Female *with Rev. Chris Esget* @ 8:00 PM ET

Life issues: Masculinity and Femininity, Marriage, Homosexuality and Transgenderism

Theme color: Green

Saturday, January 20, 2024

Zoom Presentation: Just as ... I AM for Blessing and Service *with Christa Petzold* @ 10:30 AM ET

Life issues: Goodness of My Body, Goodness of Relationships, Engaging the Elderly, Christian Living and Serving Others

Theme color: Orange

Zoom Codes

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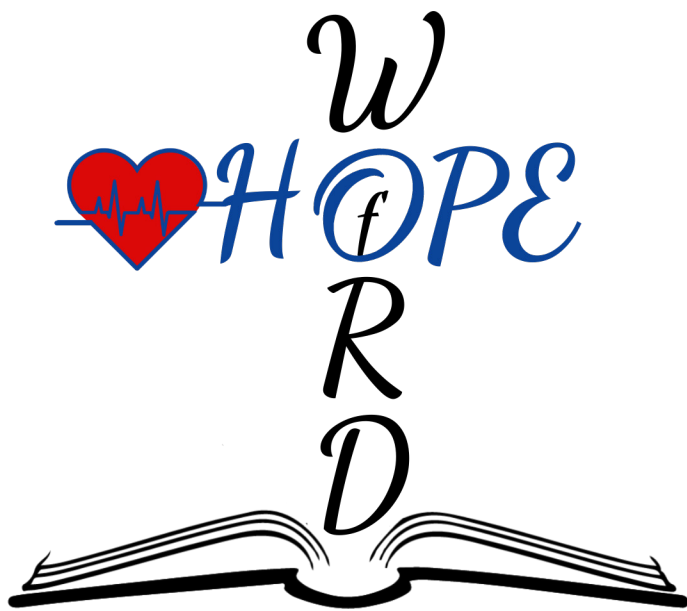
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