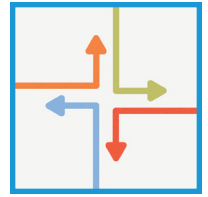


Directions ...

For LFL's Frontline
January-February
2024



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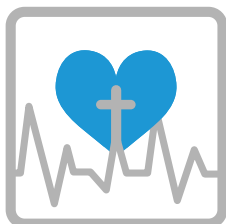
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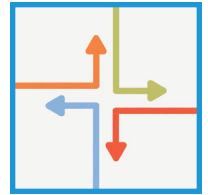
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"For we are his workmanship,
created in Christ Jesus for good
works, which God prepared
beforehand, that we should walk
in them." (Ephesians 2:10)



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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/lflfrontlines

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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.



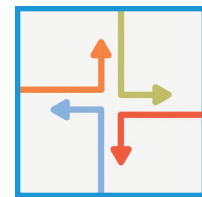
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FRONTLINE CALL

For all Lutherans For Life Frontline Volunteers!



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Monday, January 8, 2024 • 7:00-8:00 p.m. CT
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Frontline Call – Do you know what you may be missing?

If you are a Life Chapter, Life Team, or Life Advocate, you are part of the LFL Frontline. Do you know about our Frontline Zoom Calls? These calls are to keep you informed of happenings at Lutherans For Life that may impact you and your life ministry. Also, project ideas are shared by other Frontline members, and you can ask them directly to relate how they implemented their special project.

These Zoom calls take place the second Monday of the first month of each quarter at 8:00 p.m. ET and 7:00 p.m. CT. The next Frontline Call will be on Monday, January 8. (See additional information above.) Please mark your calendars and plan on attending this online event designed especially for you.

It is so important to find someone in your group who can attend! If you cannot regularly participate, you will miss learning valuable information. In our next call, we will feature a Life Team in Wisconsin who has created an Infant Mourning Garden which focuses on finding hope and healing after the loss of a child. Hear how they planned and built this important ministry. In addition, Michelle Bauman, Y4Life Director and chair of the Life Week Team, will share what resources will be available during **Life Week 2024** and how you can personally get involved. It is coming soon with special events happening each day of the week. The Life Week Team has diligently worked on this project for the past year and will share with you all the exciting details.

Our Volunteer Relations Team will also share special projects and events they are working on specifically for you. These meetings are very important, so please mark your calendars and take the time to join us. You will be glad you did!



Life Advocates Life Teams Life Chapters State Federations

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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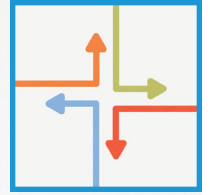
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Check out the Store page on the Lutherans For Life website for the latest new resources:

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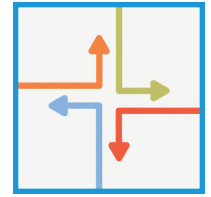


Check out these new resources!

- Psalm 23 for Grandparents
- Ministering to the Victims of Alzheimer's Disease and Their Families
- Just As ... I Am Life Sunday Resources
- I Praise You ... (fold-out brochure)
- 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: *Mortis Dulcia Nomina*



Almighty God did not design humankind for dying. He has always intended us for immortality. Death has nothing natural about it. We dare not befriend it. Death represents an enemy to us, to all life, and to our Lord.

On the other hand, we need not dread death. The Gospel does not obligate us to attempt extending the flesh's existence indefinitely. Death looms larger than any one of us or all of us together, but Another remains even greater than death. And He has wrangled death into serving His cause and benefitting His creatures.

Mortis dulcia nomina means “the sweet names of death.” Our Savior the Son of God has domesticated death by ingesting its venom Himself. By rising alive again triumphant, Jesus gives His Scriptural people the language to look forward to our last hours. In the words of the hymnwriter, “He leads me to the portal | That leads to bliss untold, | Whereon this rhyme immortal | Is found in script of gold: | ‘Who there My cross has shared | Finds here a crown prepared; | Who there with Me has died | Shall here be glorified.’”

Consult Ecclesiastes 12:7 and John 19:30. How does the Bible define death?

Read also Genesis 2:7-9, Romans 5:12, and 1 Corinthians 15:26, 53-57. What events demonstrate to us that death never should have happened to humankind in the first place?

Turn to Ecclesiastes 8:8, Deuteronomy 32:39, Matthew 10:28, and Revelation 1:17-18. Where does death's authority rest? Why does this reality bring us both caution and consolation?

In each of the references below, what delightful description does the Word of the Lord assign to death, and how can this comfort us as we contemplate our final days? In what circumstances might each offer specific encouragement to a loved one or neighbor?

Genesis 25:8 –



Isaiah 57:1 –

Luke 2:29 –

John 11:11-13 –

Revelation 14:13 –

2 Corinthians 5:2 –

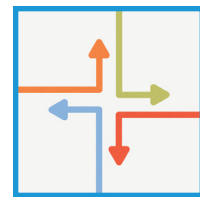
Galatians 2:20 and Romans 6:3 –

Revelation 2:10 –

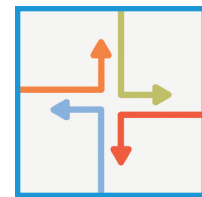
2 Corinthians 5:8 –

Luke 23:43 –

1 Corinthians 13:12 –



Lutheran Adoption Conference to Unite Leaders, Impact Adoption Crisis



More than 114,000 children in the U.S. are currently awaiting an adoptive home and a forever family ([AFCARS, 2021](#)). Lutheran leaders across the nation are urgently called to attend the **Lutheran Adoption Conference, April 10-11, 2024, in Houston, Texas, at the Hyatt Regency Intercontinental Airport**. At this conference, Lutheran pro-life leaders, policy makers, adoption experts, and life issue advocates will collaborate and explore ways to impact the national adoption crisis through the increase of biblically-based Christian/Lutheran adoptions.



“The recent Dobbs decision has increased the need for adoption, and there is a void of biblically-based Christian adoption agencies in the U.S. These two realities necessitate urgent action and collaboration to help renew the Church and her people’s involvement in this life- and faith-giving act of love,” said Rev. Max Phillips, Executive Director, Lutheran Family Service.

The Lutheran Adoption Conference is designed to connect dedicated leaders and organizations across the United States to act as a unified group with urgency and to impact the souls of thousands of babies each year. People hear the voices of pro-life leaders and organizations; however, this is the time to match word with action and to be a force for God’s truth For Life. The conference is based upon the premise of Esther 4:14: “for such a time as this.” The Lutheran Adoption Conference will be the birthplace of the “Lutherans Adopt” movement, and attendees have the opportunity for ground-floor participation, shaping the future of biblically-based adoption in America.

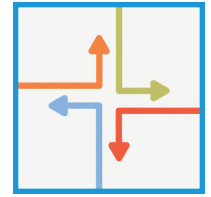
“Gospel-motivated Lutherans can’t ignore the hundreds of thousands of children in need of families and homes. For several decades we’ve been able to collaborate in good faith with the government and public sector in reaching them, but that’s becoming endangered by immoral and non-biblical ideologies. Given the Christian Church’s centuries-long legacy of orphan care, it’s time for us to take the lead again. This conference represents an important step in that course of action,” states Rev. Michael Salemink, Executive Director, Lutherans For Life.

Keynote speaker and former adoptee, Mark Schultz, will share both his adoption story and talents as a Dove Award-winning musician. Additional adoption stories will be shared touching on embryo rescue, infant adoption, and foster care. Lutheran leaders will facilitate important round-table discussions and lead informative and engaging sessions. Hear from and collaborate with Rev. Bob Fleischmann, National Director of Christian Life Resources; Rev. Michael Salemink, Executive Director of Lutherans For Life; Rev. Max Phillips, Executive Director of Lutheran Family Service; Rev. Dr. Jim Lamb, Life Advocate for Lutheran Family Service; and Kim Laube, Deputy Director of Lutheran Family Service. Additional leaders and experts are currently being added to the speaker/facilitator roster as well as the attendee list. Discover expert information, mission-driven collaboration, and exciting opportunities.

“Adoption represents the opportunity to imitate Christ’s love and share the message of salvation. This conference is the inaugural step in what we hope will connect generations of children with Lutheran homes grounded in biblical truth at the cross of Christ,” said Rev. Bob Fleischmann.



Those encouraged to attend the Lutheran Adoption Conference, April 10-11, 2024, in Houston, Texas, are Bible-based, Christian/Lutheran leaders, policy makers, adoption agencies and experts, life issue advocates, congregation members, pastors, lay leaders, pregnancy resource centers and experts, social service leaders and experts, foster care leaders and experts, as well as people who are ready to lead the charge to increase the number of biblically-based Christian/Lutheran adoptions. Learn more and register to attend at LutheransAdopt.org.



Founding sponsor organizations of the Lutheran Adoption Conference are [Lutherans For Life](https://LutheransForLife.org), [Christian Life Resources](https://ChristianLifeResources.org), and [Lutheran Family Service](https://LutheranFamilyService.org). Additional sponsors are being added. If your organization is interested in sponsoring or exhibiting, visit LutheransAdopt.org.

About Lutheran Family Service

Since 1901, [Lutheran Family Service](https://LutheranFamilyService.org) (a private, not-for-profit ministry) has been finding loving, Christian homes for orphan children. As a fully-licensed adoption agency, they specialize in domestic infant adoption, Down Syndrome adoption, international adoption, and embryo rescue through adoption. Lutheran Family Service life advocacy teams work to educate congregations and to impact public policy to end abortion and prevent physician-assisted suicide by promoting God's truth for life from the moment of fertilization until natural death.

About Lutherans For Life

[Lutherans For Life](https://LutheransForLife.org) exists to equip Lutherans and their neighbors to be Gospel-motivated voices For Life. For forty-six years its conferences, counsel, print and digital resources, and nationwide network of volunteer communities have connected Holy Scripture and Lutheran doctrine to life issues like surprise pregnancy and terminal diagnosis. Through initiatives like Y4Life student programming, Word of Hope crisis care, and Volunteer Relations congregational For Life volunteers, the ministry engages hundreds of thousands every year with the joy and hope that God creates, redeems, and calls every human being from fertilization to forever.

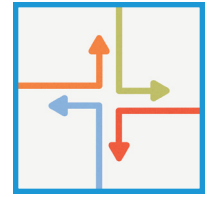
About Christian Life Resources

[Christian Life Resources](https://ChristianLifeResources.org) uses life and family issues as bridges to talk to people about Jesus. Its affiliates operate 11 pregnancy care centers and a residential home for single mothers. Through its Bioethics Institute, CLR explores complicated contemporary issues in the light of God's Word. Christian Life Resources is affiliated with the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod.



Why It Is Important for Pastors to Speak Publicly on Pro-Life Issues

by Rev. David R. Cloeter, Bella Vista, Arkansas



Here are a few reasons why it is important for pastors to speak publicly, in their congregations, about pro-life issues:

1. Scripture directs pastors to teach all that is contained in God's Word.

The Apostle Paul wrote, **"All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work"** (2 Timothy 3:16). Then in Acts 20:27, Paul reminded the pastors of Ephesus, **"I have not hesitated to proclaim to you the whole will of God."**

So also, God has given a commandment to all believers that protects life: **"You shall not murder"** (Deuteronomy 5:17). After receiving the Ten Commandments, Moses said to the Israelites, **"Be careful to do what the LORD your God has commanded you; do not turn aside to the right or to the left. Walk in all the ways that the LORD your God has commanded you, so that you may live long and prosper and prolong your days in the land that you will possess"** (Deuteronomy 5:32). Teaching the Ten Commandments and all that is required by them is a part of the pastor's work.

2. Many post-abortive women are laden with guilt and depression and need to hear the healing voice of the Gospel.

Susan, a college student, found herself pregnant by her boyfriend. Her father, a prominent businessman in the community, insisted on an abortion, against her will. After the abortion, Susan was filled with regret. As years went by, she struggled with depression, went through several marriages, and once tried to take her own life. After thirty years of darkness and depression, she learned of a wonderful Savior who once gave His life on the cross to grant her forgiveness. It was then that she was able to deal with her abortion. She would never forget it, but she always knew that she was a forgiven child of God.

While some women vigorously defend their abortions as their "right," many other women live in desperate need of hearing about Jesus' love and forgiveness.

3. Christians need to hear about the worth of the unborn and the vulnerable elderly so that when they are confronted with questions of life and death *for themselves*, they may do as God has commanded.

The pro-abortion, pro-choice message is ringing loud and clear from universities, politicians, Hollywood, and the media. Christians, too, hear this message. Where are believers to be taught what is right? Certainly, in the Christian home. Then also, in the Christian church. Without this education on the value of human life, the Christian will be influenced by the world and make decisions for themselves that lead to sadness, depression, and death.



4. Christians need to learn about the sanctity of human life so that they may rescue *others* who are in danger of making decisions that lead to danger and death.



A pastor once met with a family who had been visiting his congregation and were considering membership. Present were the father, the mother, and their teenage daughter. In the course of the conversation, the subject of abortion came up. The father then shared, “Our daughter became pregnant, and her mother and I took her to the clinic so she could have an abortion.” Why did these parents make such a decision for their daughter and her unborn child? Were they not taught? Or, perhaps, they were taught, but they buckled under the embarrassment and difficulty of a teenage pregnancy.

What advice will Christians give to others who face questions of life and death if they themselves have not been taught? What advice will they give to their family members, friends, and fellow church members if any of these come to them for guidance?

In the story of the Good Samaritan, a Jewish man was ambushed by thieves, beaten, and left to die. First a priest and then a Levite came by, saw the man, and passed by on the other side of the road. Finally, the Jew’s enemy, a Samaritan, saw the man, took pity on him, and helped him. Jesus asked His audience, **“Which of these three do you think was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hand of robbers?”** (Luke 10:36). It was the Samaritan. When our neighbor’s body is in danger, it is clearly our responsibility to do what we can to save him.

The story of the Good Samaritan is also helpful when we consider that many who claim to be pro-life will say, “I wouldn’t have an abortion myself, but I won’t try to dissuade others who want to have one.” If life in the womb is truly a living, growing human being, it has the right to life, just as any of us. And its life should be defended by all. To walk by, say, or do nothing, as did the priest and Levite, is to sin by omission. Will the pastor also not speak up to defend endangered life?

5. Pastors should learn that sometimes silence is consent.

Some have attributed this quote to Martin Luther:

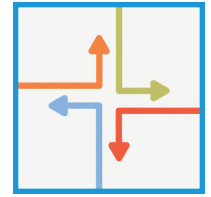
If I profess, with the loudest voice and the clearest exposition, every portion of the truth of God except precisely that little point which the world and the devil are at that moment attacking, I am not confessing Christ, however boldly I may be professing Christianity. Where the battle rages the loyalty of the soldier is proved; and to be steady on all the battlefield besides is mere flight and disgrace to him if he flinches at that one point.

It appears, however, that this quote may not be from Luther. Rather, it appears to come from a nineteenth century novel by Elizabeth Rundle Charles. (For a discussion of this, see <https://creation.com/battle-quote-not-luther>.)

While the quote may not be Luther’s, the thought is still valid. The value of the unborn and of the vulnerable elderly are topics on the forefront of American debate. It is not the only place, but it is one important place where the devil is attacking Christian teaching. Will pro-life pastors have no public response?



Today's pastor may have fears about speaking on life issues. Statistics indicate that quite a few women in Christian congregations have had an abortion. A pastor may fear that, if he preaches on this subject, he may lose members. And he may worry that he will sound judgmental.



As to the worry of being judgmental, it is the Word of God that calls abortion and euthanasia “sin.” The moral Law of God does expose us and show us our sin, rightly so, so that we see a need for the Savior and the forgiveness of sins. The Apostle Paul wrote, **“Through the law we become conscious of sin”** (Romans 3:20). But, having exposed his members to their sin, the pastor must always be ready to share the wonderful forgiveness of God in Christ, as Paul wrote, **“But where sin increased, grace increased all the more ...”** and, **“While we were still sinners, Christ died for us”** (Romans 5:20, 8).

There are other teachings of God's Word that are difficult to discuss, such as homosexuality and divorce. It takes a great deal of courage to be a teacher of God's Word, especially when more and more Christian teaching is being mocked by the world. Pastors need to hear the charge of the Apostle Paul,

“In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who will judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I give you this charge: Preach the word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage—with great patience and careful instruction. For the time will come when people will not put up with sound doctrine. Instead, to suit their own desires, they will gather around them a great number of teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear. They will turn their ears away from the truth and turn aside to myths. But you, keep your head in all situations, endure hardship, do the work of an evangelist, discharge all the duties of your ministry” (2 Timothy 4:1-5).

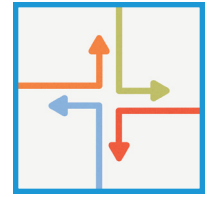
Pastors, ask God to fill you with the Holy Spirit and with courage to proclaim all of God's Word. Jesus said,

“Which of you fathers, if your son asks for a fish, will give him a snake instead? Or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? If you then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him?” (Luke 11:11-13).

(Scripture quotes are from the *New International Version*.)



Introducing Michele Hartshorn



“For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother’s womb. I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well” (Psalm 139:13-14).

Every life is a precious gift from God! This life verse is a favorite of LFL’s newest staff member, Michele Hartshorn. Michele is passionate and committed to life-affirming ministry from fertilization until forever. Michele joined LFL as an Assistant Director of Volunteer Relations on November 8, 2023. She is humbled and honored to be serving with the other Volunteer Relations Team members: Virginia Flo, Director of Volunteer Relations, and Dr. Barbara Geistfeld, Assistant Director of Volunteer Relations. Michele looks forward to supporting the volunteers on the Frontlines.

Before joining LFL, Michele was the Center Administrator at Amnion Pregnancy Center in Burnsville, Minnesota, for eight years. Amnion’s mission is to offer the hope of Jesus Christ to those impacted by an unplanned pregnancy. Assisting with life-affirming activities at her church, she continues to support the local pregnancy center.

Prior to that position, she served as Communication Coordinator at Messiah Lutheran Church in Lakeville, Minnesota. Michele and her family have been members of Messiah Lutheran Church since October of 2006. Michele is active at her local Lutheran Women’s Mission League (LWML), serving as a co-officer for Human Care Missions. Throughout Michele’s career, she has served in ministry and non-profit organizations overseeing administration, communications, fundraising, special events, and volunteer management.

Growing up in Mosinee in Central Wisconsin, she earned a Bachelor of Arts in Communication (Emphasis in Public Relations) and a minor in Political Science from the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point. After college graduation, she moved to Minnesota. Michele and her husband, Jim, live in Lakeville with their Cavalier King Charles Spaniel, Dakota Marie. They have two adult sons: Patrick and Nicholas.



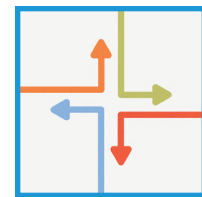
Michele enjoys spending time outdoors, traveling, and relaxing at her family’s home on Lake Dubay in Wisconsin, making lasting memories! In August, Michele’s family traveled to Maine with her mom, Patricia Marver, to visit the final state on mom’s bucket list. The family hiked Acadia National Park, spotted four humpback whales off the coast of Bar Harbor, took an afternoon cruise on a Windjammer schooner, and delighted daily in fresh caught seafood.

“Rise up and pray ...” (Luke 22:46). Michele is a prayer warrior. She feels blessed to be called by God to be a part of the Volunteer Relations team to work nationwide to help equip “Lutherans and their neighbors to be Gospel-motivated voices For Life.”



Word of Hope: A Look at Marketing

by Deaconess Chrissie Gillet



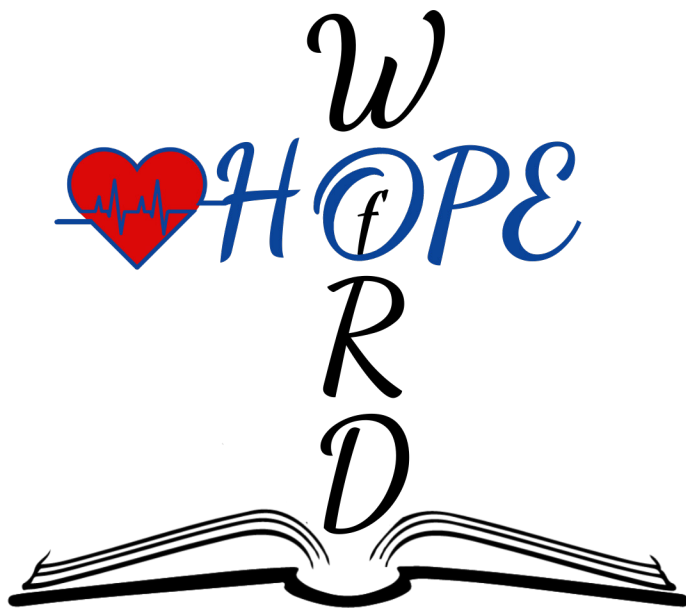
Over the past six months, the **Word of Hope** team focused heavily on marketing goals such as addressing brand recognition, completing a basic needs assessment, producing a range of new resources, and reaching an online audience. Some accomplishments are already available to the public and others are soon to be released. However, we are excited to share the progress with you now so you know what to look for in 2024.

Brand Recognition

As you may know, Lutherans For Life (LFL) updated its logo in 2023. What may be surprising to learn is that the former **Word of Hope** logo incorporated the dove silhouette from the L in the former LFL logo.

Word of Hope lost the connection to the LFL logo when the dove flew the coop! Therefore, we revised the **Word of Hope** logo by replacing the dove with the heartbeat line through the heart, which made the previous heart outline redundant, so it was removed. Likewise, the cross symbol from the LFL heart was not included since “Word of Hope” already forms the cross. The rest of the logo was unchanged to maintain the brand recognition established over the last five years and to communicate that the Gospel message found in Scripture remains central to all we do. We want this message to be consistent across all **Word of**

Hope media, such as our website, promotional items, and print media. So, if you use the **Word of Hope** logo in any of your materials, please contact us for an updated version.



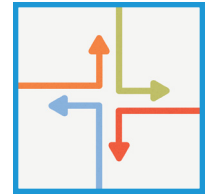
Basic Needs Assessment

In September, we sent out a brief survey to several hundred spiritual leaders inquiring about the life issues encountered last year, resources used in the past, how resources are accessed, and the population they serve. We collaborated with **Y4Life** to reach principals, teachers, and **Y4Life** team leaders. In the same manner, the **Volunteer Relations Team** extended the survey to leaders of Life Teams and Life Chapters, State Federation Presidents, and Life Advocates. The return rate was approximately 10% from a wide range of spiritual leaders including those I just mentioned, as well as pastors, teachers, LFL board members, youth directors, volunteers, ministry directors, and directors of Christian education. Half of these leaders serve all ages, while a significant proportion of others serve age groups of 15-18 years and 19-24 years.

As might be anticipated, the resources most frequently used in the past were on the topics of abortion and end-of-life issues. Resources were accessed most often on the websites or through Concordia Publishing House. However, they were also frequently acquired through email, exhibit displays, social media, and at presentations. Life issues encountered last year by 50% or more of the respondents included: anxiety/fear, end-of-life, gender identity, premarital cohabitation, adoption/foster care, bereavement, depression, and parenting. The survey results were vital in the planning of our new life issue



awareness campaign including the priority of life issue topics to be covered, the format best suited for new materials, and the means to make them accessible.



New Resources

Word of Hope kicked off a life issue awareness campaign in October. Topics are selected in response to monthly awareness issues and prioritized based on information from the survey results. For example, October was Down syndrome awareness month, and we recorded a podcast on the joy of raising a child with Down syndrome. In addition to a wide range of life issue topics, resources are being produced in various formats such as Bible studies, podcasts, blog articles, digital infographics, and printed media. Materials are accessible on the Word of Hope website (word-of-hope.org) and the LFL app.

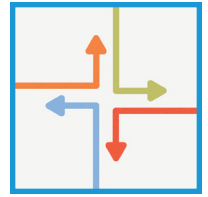
Online Audience

To extend our reach, meet the needs of a younger population, and market materials, we turned our attention to the online arena. In September, **Word of Hope** established an Instagram account, ([healing_at_wordofhope](https://www.instagram.com/healing_at_wordofhope)) along with weekly posts on Instagram and Facebook. Join us on either social media platform for Hope Day Wednesday when we post a brief Scripture reading and prayer around noon Central Time. You will also want to like and follow us to hear about all of our new items as they are released throughout 2024.



Is Your Life Ministry INTERFACED?

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.

The next facet to be addressed is how you *interface* with other organizations and ministries as you consider supporting them or inviting them to speak (e.g., pregnancy resource centers, hospice facilities, adoption agencies, nursing homes).

The Oxford dictionary defines the verb *interface* as follows: “**to interact with** (another system, person, organization, etc.),” as in, “His goal is to get people interfacing with each other.”

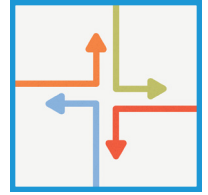
As part of the Lutherans For Life Frontline, your definition is more critically focused. As Christ-centered Life Chapters, Life Teams, and Life Advocates, you want to be interfaced—interacting in a relational manner and having good working relationships—with *Christ centered, life-affirming agencies*.

Isaiah 55:8 reminds us of an important truth: “**For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways,’ declares the LORD.**” But, as a *member of the Body of Christ*, given through God’s grace and mercy in your Baptism, you have been gifted with the “thoughts and ways” of God as revealed by the Holy Spirit who lives in you!



“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come” (2 Corinthians 5:17).

“Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind” (Romans 12:2).



Your life ministry is part of the Body of Christ! This means you must carefully select any ministry partners with which you interface by careful planning, detailed research of that organization, and prayerful examination of their ministry. Here are four key areas in which your life ministry should align with a partner's ministry:

- **Theological essentials**—Does the potential partner group affirm your church's core theological teachings?
- **Mission**—Does the potential partner fit with your ministry's mission and strategies?
- **Values**—Does the partner match your ministry's values on the sanctity of life from fertilization to forever as expressed in God's Word? Partner with someone who values life. Also, you value grace, truth, and Gospel-motivated words. You would not want to partner with a ministry that is abrasive or confrontational.
- **Partnership**—Does the partner embrace your ministry on an equal basis? Beware of partners whose attitude is “Here's what we can do for you.” You want a partner that answers your question, “What can *we* do for *you*?” with meaningful opportunities to share your knowledge and ministry values.

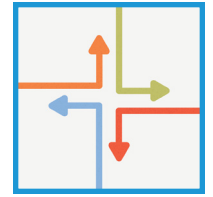
Throughout this entire process of choosing life-affirming partners with which to interface, it is important to involve your pastor and church leaders. *Any partnership that involves your Life Team, Life Chapter, or role as a Life Advocate deeply and directly involves your local church as well.* Make sure you share all gathered information with your pastor/leaders so decisions of this magnitude are made together.

May God bless your labors as you seek to expand your Gospel-motivated life outreach to those around you.

For additional assistance, you may contact the Volunteer Relations Team any time (lutheransforlife.org/volunteer-relations).



What Is Life Week?



For the past several years, LFL has designated the week prior to and including the March for Life in Washington, D.C., as Life Week. This is also in conjunction with the Y4Life in Washington, D.C. event, which takes place from Thursday through Saturday, January 18-20, 2024. This year, the March takes place on Saturday, January 20, 2024, so our Life Week begins on Sunday, January 14.

Each day of the week features a special life topic, with accompanying resources, that allows you to highlight this topic in your church. Each evening, Sunday through Friday and Saturday morning, a Zoom Conference Call will feature a special presenter who will share their expertise on the chosen life topic. These presentations will be live and will also be recorded for future access.

In addition to these expert presenters, there are other resources available for your use on our LFL website on the Resource tab with the Life Week 2024 listing.

- **Fact Sheets:** These daily sheets are meant to help people understand basic facts relative to a specific life issue and then our Christian response is included to help them discern God's perspective on this issue. Knowing true facts regarding a life issue is extremely valuable. Without them, and especially if we don't know how God's Word applies to these facts, we can easily be misled by the



world's misinterpretations and accept the world's view on a life issue as the truth. You will find the Fact Sheets to be extremely important in your Life Week endeavors.

- Activity Sheets: These daily sheets provide you with ideas on how to inform or engage your congregation in learning more about the topic of the day. Suggested optional activities can be used in a group setting or individually as a personal activity. It can be an exciting time around your church as people engage in these activities.
- A devotion and short videos are available which may be used to promote your use of the Life Week materials.

There are multiple ways you can utilize Life Week at your church. Here are a few ideas to consider:

- Provide daily links to our LFL Life Week 2024 webpage and note the presentation start time so individuals, families, or congregational groups can go online each day to view the live presentations on the daily life topics.
- Publish the entire week of speakers and life topics and encourage people to get online for whichever day they choose. If they can't attend all of them, they may at least select specific topics of interest.
- Promote viewing these daily life topics as a home movie night or have a viewing at church with popcorn and refreshments to make the event inviting and engaging.
- Consider sending out the Fact Sheets ahead of time to increase interest. As people read them, they may be excited to learn more and will join the Zoom conferences.
- Sponsor a movie night at church with associated activities from the Activity Sheets. Adding a hands-on servant event or other form of entertainment will increase the learning gained through viewing and hearing the presenters. Activities can be promoted weeks in advance, or they can be a follow-up to the daily events.

Be creative and make it fun. Although these are serious topics, learning about them together can build fellowship and deepen understanding, so please join the daily Zoom conferences to expand your knowledge of the life topics. These daily events will be recorded and posted on our LFL website so you may use them at any time in the future.

Special note! Watch for the new *Frontline Playbooks* that we will release beginning in February and March. These will discuss even more potential uses of our collection of Life Week materials.

Please consider getting involved and engaging your church as well. In all of this, turn to the Lord in prayer, ask for His guidance, and He will provide ways for you to be a Gospel-motivated voice for life and help others to do the same.



Life Project: Gift Bags for PRC Clients



The Flint Hills Life Chapter in Manhattan, Kansas, shared their PRC gift bag project with us, so we share this great idea with all of you!

Pregnancy Resource Centers (PRCs) are often the first contact a woman has when she believes she may be pregnant. Modeling the love of Christ and clearly presenting the Gospel to this woman, and those who may be with her, is the life-affirming ministry of many of our *faith-based* PRCs. Your church's Life Team, Life Chapter, or Life Advocate can assist your church in providing valuable resources that enable your local PRC to reach out to those in need. Remember, it is always a good idea to check with your pastor before initiating any new project.

Planning Your Project: Choosing a PRC

Choosing a Pregnancy Resource Center to support is an important first step. Partner with a group who is *Gospel-motivated and life-affirming*. Many of our faith-based resource centers share the Gospel with their clients on their first visit. Others also offer continuing Bible classes and other support services. Talk with the PRC director and ask if a gift bag program would be helpful in their ministry.

Determining Project Costs and Frequency:

- Determine how many bags are needed by your PRC and *when* they are needed. Allow them to set the schedule that best suits *their* needs.
- Scan the list of suggested gifts below or ask your PRC to recommend items they know the moms appreciate. Finalize your list and determine the *approximate* cost of each bag.



- Determine the source of funding. Church general budget? Specific fundraiser? Designated donations?
- Does the PRC want some of the bags to include Spanish-language resources? How many? Lutherans For Life is a great source for life-affirming English- and Spanish-language devotional materials.

Suggested Contents:

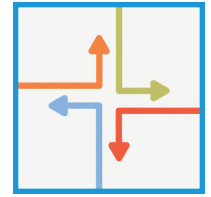
- Small Bible (ESV or NIV)
- Bookmark with a meaningful Bible verse
- Devotional booklet or card set
- Christian themed magnet
- Chocolate (What woman doesn't love chocolate!?)
- Herbal tea bags and a mug with a Scripture verse
- Lip balm
- Nail polish (or a nail kit with polish and an emery board)
- A pair of cuddly socks
- \$15 gift card
- Zippered pouch
- A hand-written note from church/team/chapter members containing uplifting Scripture verses and words of encouragement. We suggest the Life Team or Life Chapter Leader/Life Advocate review these notes to ensure they are Gospel motivated and supportive.
- Place your gift items in a gift bag or tote with a handle.

Who Should Receive the Gift Bags?

The PRC will ultimately determine who gets the bags, but those who work with PRCs recommend they be given to women who are *receiving counseling and support at the center*. These women often need a great deal of spiritual, emotional, and material support. Our prayer is that your gift bags will help meet these needs and will especially communicate the love of Jesus to them—His love that flows *through us* to bring them His hope and peace.



Life Project: Bless the Years Weekend



This idea was shared by Ascension Lutheran Church in Tucson, Arizona. This project can be adapted for your individual congregation.

Goal: To celebrate church members 85 years of age and older.

The first step in the process is to receive approval from church leadership to host the event. Recruit a planning committee to oversee the festivities. Select a date or weekend and location to host the celebration. Allocate 4-6 months for the planning process.

Planning Activities

- Enlist team members to host recorded personal interviews of seniors to compile in a book of memories or to share their stories in videos.
- Collaborate with the worship team to plan a recognition of all seniors in a special worship service(s).
- After worship, celebrate life with a birthday party. Consider including decorations and party favors, fellowship, and sharing of personal memories or video clips (either read out loud some of the memories or play videos, or if time permits, share by both means), food & refreshments (snacks and cake, appetizers, or a meal). An optional game could be to play a few rounds of Bingo or whatever game for seniors you feel appropriate. Small prizes are a nice touch.
- Invitations: Compile a guest list of relatives to invite and utilize church communications for internal promotion.
- Transportation: Recruit volunteers to chauffeur those in need of transportation to the events. Families will be a good transportation resource.
- Potential funding sources: Church's budget, project donations, or a special offering.



Comments from the Life Team Sponsoring This Project

While one group planned the party, a second group compiled personal interviews, hoping to publish a book of memories and biographies, with inspiring stories of the Great Depression and WWII.

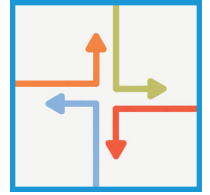
During the meal, much laughter acknowledged former cheerleaders, football players and wrestlers, military members, ladies who learned to drive at age ten, and one lady who admitted to touching Liberace's chest! Memories of the war effort, the Oklahoma dust bowl, and Lutheran Hour rallies with Ozzie Hoffman were shared.

Following the afternoon party, our congregation's Saturday evening worship continued the theme of Bless the Years, as did Sunday's service. Sunday's coffee hour highlighted still another birthday cake and more festivities for our honored guests. We are so blessed to have 57 over 85 and more than 26 who are over 90!



Faithful Servants

by Bishop Nils Jacob Laache



Lord, make us Your faithful servants. Amen.

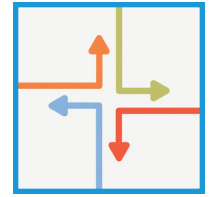
“Let a man so consider us, as servants of Christ and stewards of the mysteries of God. Moreover it is required in stewards that one be found faithful. But with me it is a very small thing that I should be judged by you or by a human court. In fact, I do not even judge myself. For I know nothing against myself, yet I am not justified by this; but He who judges me is the Lord. Therefore judge nothing before the time, until the Lord comes, who will both bring to light the hidden things of darkness and reveal the counsels of the hearts; and then each one’s praise will come from God”
(1 Corinthians 4:1-5 NKJV).

John the Baptizer was the servant and steward of Christ, and the same is true of all real and genuine preachers of God’s Word. They are sent by the Lord to administer His mysteries in the Gospel. Everyone who is rightly called to the ministry of the Word should be regarded as a servant of Christ, who has received the office from Him and administers it in His stead. In themselves the servants of the Word are only weak human beings, but the office makes them glorious, and the Lord gives them power in their testimony of the truth.

A servant of the Lord has many difficult struggles to endure. The flesh is always weak and wants to be clothed in soft clothing. If he is gifted and has obvious success in his work, then he is tempted to pride and vanity. If he is less richly gifted, or if he must work without apparent fruit, he easily sinks down into apathy and despondency. The Baptizer calls himself the voice of Christ, and Paul says about himself: “I am nothing.” This attitude is needed to be faithful.



And it depends on faithfulness. What the Lord judges us on means something, but not what people judge. He sees rightly; the eyes of men are often deceived by appearance. When that day shall test each one's work with its fire, much that is regarded as gold will prove to be gilded hay and straw (1 Corinthians 3:12-13).



The Lord requires faithfulness from us, not grand accomplishments, diligence in the use of the talent entrusted to us and in the work He gave us, not glittering proofs of brilliance or higher gifts. How lovely are those little flowers in the Lord's garden, that instead of being resplendent with their beauty hide themselves under the others. But they cannot hide from the Lord's view or hold back the richness of their charming fragrance!

Many an unnoticed parish pastor and lowly teacher shall shine more beautifully there than the most famous bishops and scholars. Sincere love and genuine faithfulness are more than all great gifts.

Help us with our intercessions, you faithful, and with obedience to the Word, which we proclaim to you from the Lord, so that one day we may give account with joy and not with sighing. But You, Lord Jesus, help us with the light and power of Your Holy Spirit. Give us Your love that we may serve You with joy and truly be faithful stewards over the glorious things of Your House. Amen.

How can I ever rightly say
And worthily consider
How all the world in sin once lay
Till God did grant His favor
To give His blessed saving Word
And Baptism and Communion Board
To help us live forever?

To bring His grace to us so near
His teachers He does send us;
His Word and Sacraments they bear
In mouth and hand to tend us,
To each they speak uplifting word
As faithful servants in the Lord;
This grace, O Lord, e'er lend us!

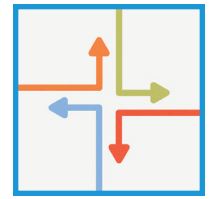
This ministry, worthy and dear,
Grant that we're ne'er effacing,
And let us those who serve You here
With love be e'er embracing,
And dwell together peacefully
With blessed conscience, saved and free!
It brings us many blessings!

Kingo: O kjære Sjæl luk op din Mund L 578:2-4 tr. DeGarmeaux; tune: Es ist das Heil (ELH 378); alternate hymn: Lord of the Church ELH 502

Bishop Nils Jacob Laache (1831-1892) lived in Norway. This devotion was taken from Book of Family Prayer, copyright © 2000 by Mark DeGarmeaux. Used by permission. To order go to: bookstore.blc.edu/laache-book-of-family-prayer.html.



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

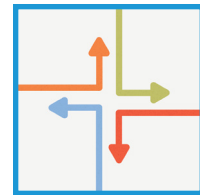


LUTHERANS FOR LIFE

*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**” (**L**utherans **A**ssembling **M**ercy **B**lankets) 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).





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Ship to (if different):

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ITEM #	QTY.	DESCRIPTION	PRICE	TOTAL
LTDDVDR		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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Pastor: _____

Church Address: _____

City, State, Zip Code: _____

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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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Life Team
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and Roadmap

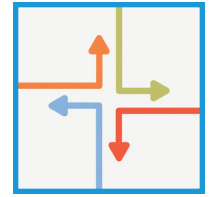
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Life Team
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**TOOL 4**
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Owen's Mission



**"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.

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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 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



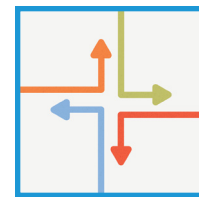
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Since 1973: 64,443,118 abortions in America

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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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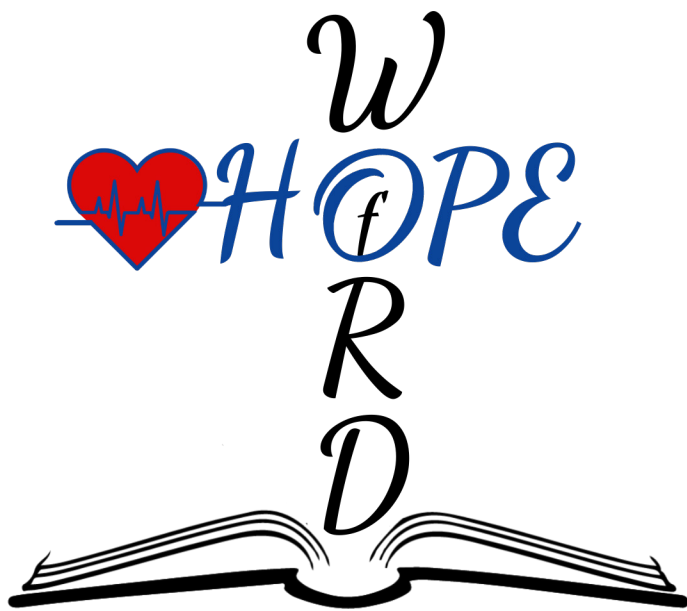
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