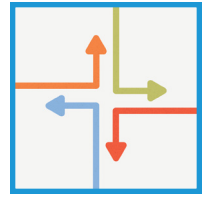


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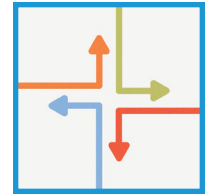


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- Join our Frontline Facebook group for Life Chapters, Life Teams, and Life Advocates: facebook.com/groups/lflfrontlines. The group includes an idea exchange and is a place to connect with other Frontline volunteers.

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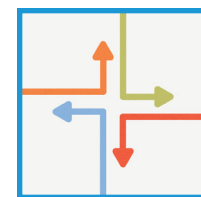
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Life Projects

The Volunteer Relations Team is making a special effort to help you, our Frontline—Life Advocates, Life Teams, and Life Chapters—find interesting projects that you can carry out in your own life ministries. To that end, we have begun adding summaries of projects done by other Frontline members to our bi-monthly *Directions* newsletters.

Go to lutheransforlife.org and hover over the word “FRONTLINES” in the information bar. Life Projects is listed at the end. You may also find it at this direct link: lutheransforlife.org/life-projects.



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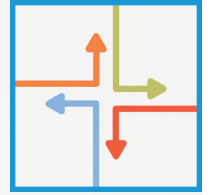
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Check out the Store page on the Lutherans For Life website for the latest new resources:

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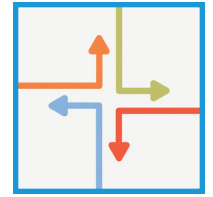


Check out these new resources!

- Lil' Lutherans 4 Life Morning Prayers
- Lil' Lutherans 4 Life Night Prayers
- Here We Stand For Life Resources
- Physician-Assisted Suicide (fold-out brochure)
- A Look at What Lutherans For Life Is All About
- Miscarriages: An Empty Cradle and a Full Hope
- Cohabitation: Is It Really That Big of a Deal? (fold-out brochure)
- Ministering to the Victims of Alzheimer's Disease and Their Families
- Psalm 23 for Grandparents
- I Praise You ... (fold-out brochure)



A Bible Study: Sugar and Spice and Everything Nice



Mother's Day makes a great occasion to celebrate the gift of godly women. Something about being female reflects the image of God. Indeed, "God created man in his own image ... male and female he created them. And God blessed them" (Genesis 1:27-28).

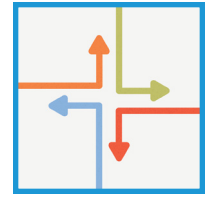
Our sisters matter for more than just how much they can compete with or eclipse men. They have worth far beyond what they can do for themselves or for anyone else. The Scriptures regard it unwise—dishonest and immoral, even—to reduce any daughter of Eve to her intellect, emotion, anatomy, earnings, or authority.

But ladies do bring distinctive qualities and contributions to human communities. Daughters and sisters do not entirely interchange with sons and brothers. Their identities and vocations do not embody inferior ones. They come wonderfully different, gifts and privileges invented and intended by one and the same Almighty Maker. We recognize and receive femininity as equally significant and infinitely special.

1. Which would you find easier—raising boys or raising girls? How much did your upbringing prove or refute this saying: "If Mama ain't happy, ain't nobody happy"? Does it hold true in your present home and family?
2. In what kinds of circumstances do you tend to want or welcome your mom's input and expertise? When do you gravitate toward and have gratitude for your dad's?
3. Luke 15:8-10, Matthew 23:37, and Isaiah 66:13 suggest that sometimes the Lord our God deals with us like a mother. What particular motherly characteristics has He exhibited to you? What mothering activities does Jesus undertake toward humankind?
4. Genesis 2:18-23 indicates that the Heavenly Father configured woman as helper. Which of the following synonyms best captures what this means: assistant? companion? collaborator? complement/counterpart? soulmate? In what ways do they each also fall short?
5. Genesis 3:13-16 specifies that the fall into sinfulness inflicts certain effects upon females. What unique hurts and struggles have you discovered girls experience? Women? Wives? Mothers?



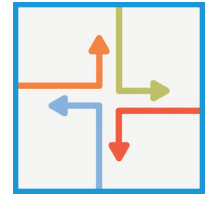
6. Ephesians 5:22-24 describes how women embody and enact a dimension of our relationship to Almighty God through the Lord Jesus Christ as bridegroom. Revelation 21:2-4, 9-12 and the entire Song of Solomon also resonate with this representation. What about femininity corresponds to our Christian faith and worship? How does this both challenge and encourage you?



7. Luke 24:5-10 entrusts to women alone the initial announcing of the resurrection Gospel. What especially suited females for this assignment? 1 Peter 3:1-2, Titus 2:3-4, and 2 Timothy 1:5 insist that the sisters exercise incomparable influence. How do the feminine attributes equip them to continue carrying out the Easter commission?
8. 1 Timothy 2:11-12 and 1 Corinthians 14:34-35 make statements about womanhood that can sound somewhat offensive to contemporary ears. Recall that the Lord God had long ago instituted a comparable command for Old Testament Israel in Exodus 20:8-11. Although it appears He is prohibiting opportunities, what pleasures does it permit for you when someone provides another to lead and labor in your place? How does this womanly instruction and example extend to the whole people of God in Christ Jesus?
9. John 16:16-22 and 1 Timothy 2:15 characterize childbearing as an honor afforded exclusively to women. This profoundly feminine venture does not constitute an impediment or deficiency but an indispensable benefit. What blessings and advantages come with it? Genesis 3:15, Isaiah 7:14, and Revelation 12:1-6 connect it directly to the world's salvation. How does mothering participate in advancing the kingdom of God?
10. 1 Corinthians 11:11-12, 12:22-26, and Galatians 3:28 assure us that differences between the sexes only enhance our enjoyment of life. The devil, the world, and our sinful nature may twist and weaponize them to spawn division and damage. But God promises His ways will yield relief and delight. How might you go about highlighting the wonders of womanhood? How can we help you invite injured or apprehensive neighbors to share in the body of Christ?



A Choice for Life



In August 2023, **Word of Hope** received a call from a young single woman who was surprised by an unexpected pregnancy. She had found the Lutherans For Life hotline number while searching the internet for information about abortion. During the initial conversation, the young lady revealed that she was scheduled for an abortion the following morning. With assistance from local Lutheran pastors and pregnancy care center staff, she had an ultrasound within hours of the phone call. Early the next morning, the young lady was on a video conference with Deaconess Chrissie and Deaconess Janet when she made the final decision to uphold the life of her unborn baby! All eyes were weeping with tears of joy.

While that declaration for life was music to our ears, we knew the journey with this new family was just beginning. **Word of Hope** continued to provide regular spiritual care sessions and connections with other resources to address numerous life issues that often co-occur with surprise pregnancy and abortion. One example was an email invitation to Life Teams, Life Chapters, Life Advocates, and Lutherans For Life staff and board members to join in a celebration of life by supporting the pregnant mother with items for a virtual baby shower.

The baby shower, scheduled for the evening of March 3, was delayed by the onset of labor. Baby Camille was born early the next morning. A week after returning home, the mother was blessed with the delivery of 32 boxes from unknown neighbors demonstrating an immense outpouring of compassion. While opening gifts, she exclaimed to her daughter, “Look how much you are loved, Camille,” and then she cried, “I can’t believe I ever thought about aborting her!”



Camille – 6 lb 2 oz, 20 inches

This event was the first time **Word of Hope** had the opportunity to serve a client through the hotline with a virtual baby shower. We give thanks to all of you who sent gifts and prayers. We also appreciate the support of Faith Community Lutheran Church for the assistance in the collection and delivery of items.

While we hope future callers reach out to **Word of Hope** to share their surprise pregnancies, this project was not intended to create a widespread precedent. Rather, we pray the experience inspired some of you to consider unique ways in which the Body of Christ can express a Gospel-motivated voice through acts of service.





The Lutherans For Life **Volunteer Relations Team** joyfully and diligently spends many hours speaking to individuals from Lutheran churches around the country—encouraging, equipping, and supporting them as Gospel-motivated voices For Life whether as **Life Advocates**, **Life Teams**, or **Life Chapters**. As an encouragement to all of you already working For Life on the Frontline, we would like to introduce to you the newest members of your Frontline community.

New Life Teams

Certified Life Teams who have completed both the Life Team Leader and Life Team Member training are:

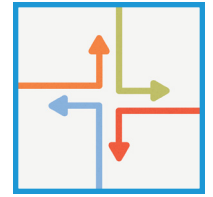
- **Trinity Lutheran Church**, Twin Valley, Minnesota

We rejoice in and celebrate the addition of these new Gospel-motivated voices For Life to the Lutherans For Life Frontline. If you would like to know more about becoming a Life Advocate or starting a Life Team or Life Chapter, please contact Virginia Flo, Director of Volunteer Relations, at vflo@lutheransforlife.org. The entire Volunteer Relations Team is here to help you!



Singing of Everlasting Life at Death

by Rev. Michael Brockman



C.F.W. Walther's hymnal of 1892 (translated by Matthew Carver in 2012 and titled *Church Hymnbook for Evangelical Lutheran Congregations of the Unaltered Augsburg Confession*) boldly announced 35 hymns under the title of "Death and Burial" and seven more under "Eternity, Resurrection, and Judgment."

The Common Service Book with Hymnal of the Lutheran Church (1917–1918) prominently sectioned 31 hymns under "Life Everlasting" with subheadings of Death, Resurrection, and Heaven.

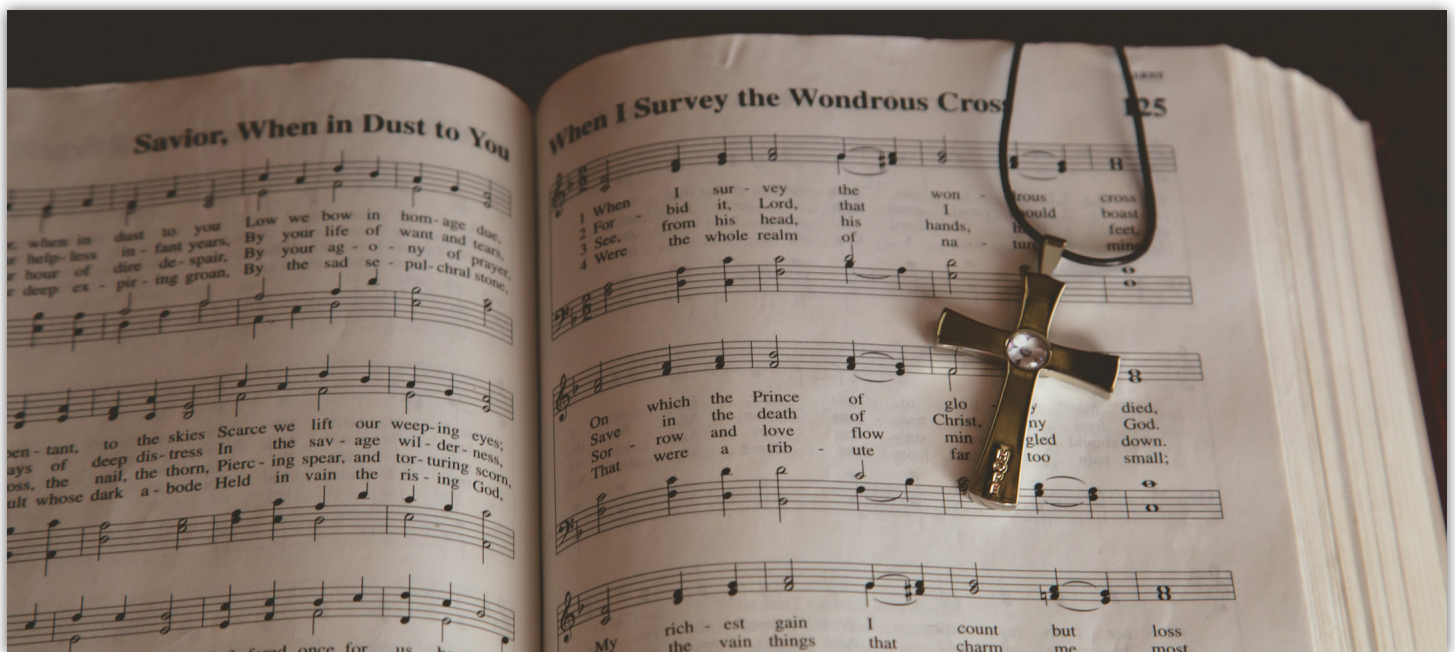
The 1941 LCMS hymnal called *The Lutheran Hymnal (TLH)* had a total of 35 hymns for these four categories: "Death and Burial," "Resurrection," "Judgment," and "Life Eternal."

The Lutheran Church–Missouri Synod's newest hymnal, *Lutheran Service Book* (2006), uses none of these familiar words as headings for hymns about the end of life and eternal life. The hymns are there, but one must use the Topical Index (p. 993) to find such hymns.

For Lutherans, singing hymns—and, yes, finding hymns—about death and life everlasting should be second nature.

Death is inevitable—outside of the second coming of Jesus. Lutherans acknowledge death. We cannot hide it by having only a celebration of life at death or by thinking cremation will remove the sting of death. Man's seventy, eighty, or ninety years on earth are full of toil and trouble. The Scriptures are clear from Genesis to Revelation.

Genesis 3:19 – "By the sweat of your face you shall eat bread, till you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; for you are dust, and to dust you shall return."

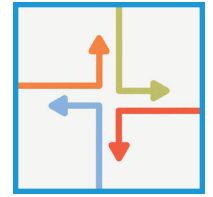


Psalm 146:4 – “When his breath departs, he returns to the earth.”

Ecclesiastes 8:8 – “No man has power to retain the spirit, or power over the day of death.”

Romans 6:23 – “The wages of sin is death.”

Revelation 20:12 – “And I saw the dead, great and small, standing before the throne.”



So, too, are the Scriptures clear about death being defeated and life everlasting. Jesus has come and brings pleasure eternal. Which love is deeper? Broader? Higher? Thus, for Jesus' sake, we pray that His peace may bless our dying day. It has.

Isaiah 25:8 – “He will swallow up death forever; and the Lord God will wipe away tears from all faces.”

John 11:25 – “I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live.”

1 Corinthians 15:54, 57 – “Death is swallowed up in victory. Thanks be to God who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.”

1 John 12:5 – “Whoever has the Son has life.”

Revelation 21:4 – “He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away.”

What is revealed in the blessed truth of the Word of God cannot help but be voiced in song. Just as we have favorite hymns for the Baptism of our grandchildren, for our morning prayers with our wife, and for the church seasons of Lent, Easter, Advent, and Christmas, so we have favorite hymns heard and sung at funerals. So be it. That is how it should be for Lutherans.

The Rev. Dr. Peter Scaer says that our funeral service is the punctuation mark on a blessed end that marks the beginning that has no end. And hymns? They are the exclamation point!

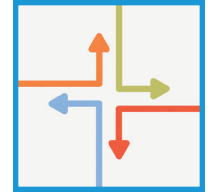
*When we die, dear Savior,
When we die, dear Savior,
Grant we pray,
On that day
That from sorrow Thou wilt lead in mercy
To the joy before Thy throne forever.
At Thy side,
Glorified,
Oh, may we ever praise Thee!*

(TLH 603: “In the Resurrection,” stanza 4)

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Is Your Life Ministry MULTIPLIED?



There are nine aspects of a healthy Life Ministry that we have been learning about in this *Directions* series. So far, we have deepened our understanding of Gospel-motivated, Unified, Consistent, Multi-faceted, Resourced, Interfaced, and Trusted. When you incorporate these aspects into your life ministry group, it will make a greater impact For Life!

Our focus today is on the aspect “Multiplied.” What does it mean for a Life Ministry to be multiplied? Why should being multiplied be our goal?

As is our custom in this series, let’s start with a definition. Merriam-Webster defines “multiplied” as “to increase in number, especially greatly or in multiples; to augment.” Wow! Is there any other word that so clearly defines the goal of the Church in sharing the sanctity of life message with the world? Multiplied. Greatly increase in number. Hmm. Where have we read that before?

“So the church throughout all Judea and Galilee and Samaria had peace and was being built up. And walking in the fear of the Lord and in the comfort of the Holy Spirit, it multiplied” (Acts 9:31).

In other words, it greatly increased in number, in multiples of believers, and in influence. We surely want our Frontline ministries—Life Advocates, Life Teams, Life Chapters—to grow in numbers of members and to be more active in more churches. But numbers aren’t everything! We also want to multiply our *influence* on others and help them, too, become Gospel-motivated voices For Life.

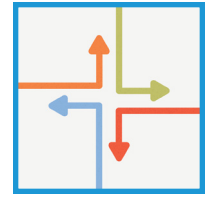
How does “being multiplied” happen in our Frontline ministries? One immediate way is to engage our fellow church members into participating in our sponsored activities and being the recipients of the ongoing For Life communications we share. Also, consider engaging existing groups in your churches and help them become involved in the life arena. Perhaps you can partner with your worship or outreach committees, your youth and Sunday school leaders and teachers, your women’s and men’s groups, or your Stephen Ministers to involve them in the For Life message of your church family. Plan events together. Weave your goals and theirs into life-affirming words and actions.

Here are some thought-provoking statements to which your answers may be “yes,” “no,” or “we’re working on it.” These may help you determine if you are multiplying and expanding your life ministry to those around you or if there is room for improvement.

- Our Life Ministry seeks out people in our churches who are life-affirming.
- Our Life Ministry looks for opportunities to equip our congregations for Gospel-motivated ministry in the life arena.
- People in our churches are engaged in the life arena because of our work.
- We have implemented at least one equipping effort in the past year that involved members of the congregation: e.g., March for Life, 40 Days for Life, Diaper Drives, supporting our local pregnancy center, working with the elderly, etc.



- Our Life Ministry expands our impact by mentoring other Life Advocates, Life Teams, or Life Chapters, or being a catalyst in helping other churches start a life ministry group.



How did you do? As a Life Team Leader in my own congregation, I confess that we could be doing more. What is the solution? As seen in the Bible verse quoted above, God has the answer. We are to walk in the fear of the Lord and be filled with the Holy Spirit. We cannot multiply by our own strength!

“The Lord your God has multiplied you, and behold, you are today as numerous as the stars of heaven” (Deuteronomy 1:10).

Pray that the Lord would grant us the grace, perseverance, and strength to multiply Life Ministries to be as numerous as the stars of heaven!

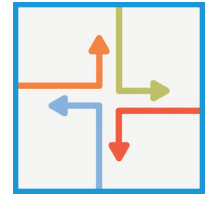
Pray that the Holy Spirit would open doors so more hearts would hear and respond to the words of Life coming from our lips and seen through our actions.

May God’s proclamation to “Go, be fruitful and multiply” be the power behind our desire to multiply the influence of the For Life values that He has revealed to us, His Church, and to us, the Life Ministries within His church.

To God be all the glory!



Ask!



“Ask and it will be given to you” (Matthew 7:7).

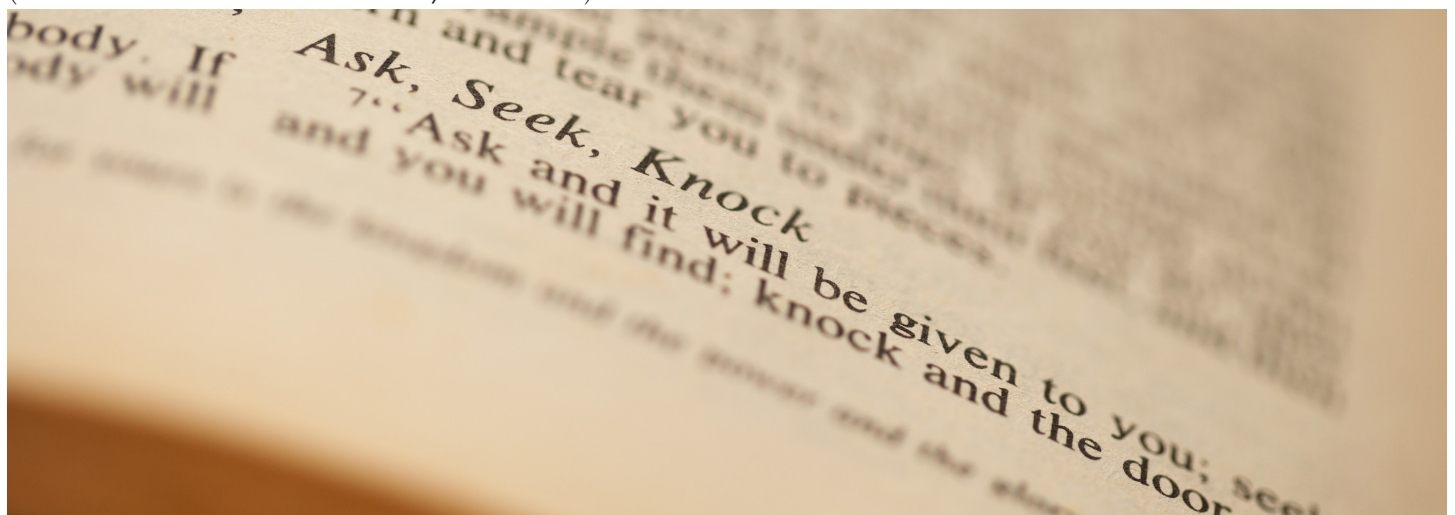
I learned a valuable lesson. I was standing in the grocery store aisle when an elderly woman said, “Excuse me. Would you mind getting that jar on the top shelf for me?” I was happy to help. I’ve wondered, though, if I would have done the same if I were in her place. I might have tried to think of some other option than to ask for help. I might have looked for some other brand of the same item on a lower shelf. I don’t always like to ask for help. Have you felt the same way? Do you ask for directions when traveling or do you just keep driving? Maybe it’s a matter of pride. I don’t want to admit that I need help. I might hesitate because I’m not sure how someone might react to my request. Yet as I learned from my own experience, asking for help can provide just what one needs.

It’s a sure thing when it comes to our requests of God. James writes, “**You do not have, because you do not ask God**” (James 4:2). Jesus says, “**Ask and it will be given to you**” (Matthew 7:7). God is the loving heavenly Father who wants only the best for His children. He loves it when we come and ask for His help. No request is too large. Instead of stubbornly ignoring our guilt, we can come to Him with all our sins against Him and the people around us, ask for His mercy, and hear Him say, “**Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red as crimson, they shall be like wool**” (Isaiah 1:18). No request is too small for His full attention. “**Indeed, the very hairs of your head are all numbered**” (Luke 12:7).

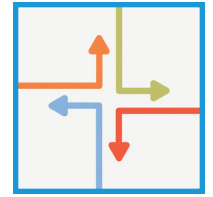
Many times our prayers for help are answered through the people the Lord places in our lives: parents, friends, healthcare workers, and especially fellow believers. Have you missed out on that help because you didn’t ask? Has someone told you, “Why didn’t you ask? I would have been glad to help. You didn’t have to figure this out on your own.” Knowing that God is always near as our Help moves us to reflect the Savior’s love in helping others. “**Carry each other’s burdens**” (Galatians 6:2).

Sometimes the answer to a problem is as simple as asking for help. Let’s not hesitate to bring all our questions, troubles, and needs to the Lord. Thank Him for the people He provides for our help. Pray that He will give you opportunity today to be His help to others.

(Source: www.redeemerclc.info/ministries)



Life Project: A New Twist on Diaper Drives



This project is shared by the Peoria (Illinois) Area Life Chapter LFL #268.

“Put on then, as God’s chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience” (Colossians 3:12).

Many Life Teams, Life Chapters, and churches hold annual diaper drives to collect this needed resource for Pregnancy Resource Centers (PRCs). Some time ago, the Peoria Area Life Chapter experienced an unexpected twist during their diaper drive. People donated boxes of protective underwear for adults! In investigating where to place these donations, they contacted local nursing homes and discovered there was indeed a great need for these products. They found that Medicare and Medicaid did not pay for these items in certain situations, and thus their use became a financial burden for some.

Because the Life Chapter now has several locations that accept their donations, they promote their drive in their churches’ bulletins, newsletters, and other Life Chapter communications. They accept any size and gender, and the underwear is acceptable even if packages have been opened. Families sometimes donate other items such as blue-and-white paper bed pads, wipes, or other personal care products.

Chapter members take the collections to the recipient facilities when the drive is finished. Since items may become available throughout the year, they have someone “on call” for additional deliveries. Storage of the donations—both during the drive and throughout the year—is not a problem. Nursing homes are almost always open and are glad to receive the items at any time.

Some helpful suggestions if you want to begin a service project like this in your own church:

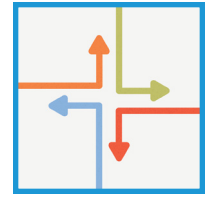
- Discuss the project with your pastor. The pastor may know of places or persons needing such items. It may even be someone in your own congregation.
- Before you start the project, contact potential recipients. These may be nursing homes, hospice facilities, or rehabilitation centers. Be aware that state public health laws may apply regarding opened packages of certain products, so know *exactly* what the facility can and cannot accept. Include that detailed information in your promotional materials.
- In your promotion, please refer to these products as *protective underwear*. We often call these “adult diapers,” but it is a term to avoid. We are trying to be sensitive to how people using such products might feel about that term.
- Involve your youth in the delivery process if allowed by the facility. Young people are *always* a welcome sight, and it can be a great experience for your youth as well.

Our Lord encourages us to care for those around us, especially those who may need extra love and material blessings. This project is a great way to help others share their extra resources with those in need. It is a way to let those who might otherwise be forgotten know that someone really cares about them and their well-being.

“And the King will answer them, ‘Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me’” (Matthew 25:40).



Making a Difference



“The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective” (James 5:16).

Will what you do today matter? Will it make a difference in the world? It might not seem that way. What will Saturday house cleaning matter? A load of laundry washed won't help the neighborhood. Overtime at work won't even be a tiny blip on the radar of the nation's economy. So why bother?

There is more to the picture than meets the eye. Even if no one else notices us or sees what we do, God does. We matter to Him. Every hair on our head is known to Him. Even more important to the Lord is our eternal well-being. His love for each of us is so great that He punished His only begotten Son for our sins that we might be His children and heirs of eternal life. **“For Christ died for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous to bring you to God”** (1 Peter 3:18).

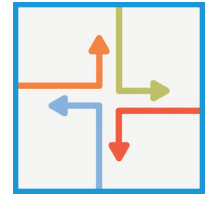
What we do today truly matters because of what Jesus did for us on the cross. We are now God's workmanship created in Christ Jesus to do good works. All we do is to reflect Christ's light into the lives of those around us. When you are kind to family members and helpful around the house today, God calls it a good work. It makes a difference in a world filled with selfishness. When you share with someone overwhelmed by fear that there is forgiveness and security in Christ, it makes a real difference. When you spend time with the Lord in prayer asking that His will be done in hearts and lives around the world, it matters. **“The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective”** (James 5:16).

Jesus has reconciled us to God by the sacrifice of His own holy life. Salvation is already ours by faith. Let us live that way. May the Lord graciously use us this day in making a difference to His praise and glory.

(Source: www.redeemerclc.info/ministries)



Life Project: Bibs for Adults



You may be quite familiar with providing shawls, lap blankets, and other crocheted and knitted items to those in assisted living facilities or in nursing homes, but there is one additional item these places *always* need but rarely get. Adult-sized bibs! Yes, bibs.

Bibs are used to protect the clothing of the wearer—whether it is a baby, an older person, or someone with a disability that impairs their ability to feed themselves. Because they are worn several times a day and may have to be washed after each use, they wear out quickly. This means there is likely to be an ongoing need for these.



For those of us who do not knit or crochet but love to sew, this is good news! A quick search on Amazon revealed a Simplicity pattern for adult-sized bibs. You may also find this and other adult-sized bib patterns at your favorite fabric store.

Some suggestions from a friend who manages a nursing home:

- First, talk to a nursing home manager in your area to confirm the need for adult-sized bibs, to discover how many bibs they need, and to determine how often they may need to be replaced.
- Ask if they want bibs specifically for women and for men or if they prefer unisex patterns.
- Make sure the bib is long enough to cover the entire lap. Take the pattern pieces, hold them in place on a volunteer, and measure where their length ends. You may want to extend the pattern pieces to allow for making a regular version and a longer version.
- Use high quality Perma press fabric with generous seam allowances and a standard stitch count. These will be washed often. The better the fabric quality, the longer the bibs will last.
- Don't be afraid to use some unique (maybe wild) fabric patterns. If in doubt, call a nursing home for suggestions.
- Some patterns make bibs that are open down the front. Use solid front patterns for the best protection.
- Ask what type of closure at the neck works best. My friend prefers Velcro on the ends that go around the neck. Easy on, easy off.

Sewing adult-sized bibs may be a novel idea for you, but you may be surprised at how gratefully these bibs are received. You may even find someone in your own congregation that would be glad to receive a bib. Just announce your project and see what happens!

In the end, know that providing a gift that is truly needed will bring joy and satisfaction both to those giving and to those receiving. Happy sewing!!



Step Up 4 Life

MAY 12 - JUNE 24, 2024



SIGN UP AT:
[STEPUP4LIFE.ORG/2024](https://stepup4life.org/2024)



Join Us to Step Up 4 Life!

Lutherans For Life invites **YOU** to join in the fun and participate in our fourth annual Step Up 4 Life fundraising campaign. Here's how **YOU** can Step Up 4 Life!

Get Ready! First, "Get Ready" to Step Up 4 Life

- Step Up 4 Life is LFL's annual Walk For Life fundraising campaign taking place May 12 through June 24. Participants can join in the fun by walking as an individual or team, assisting with a one-day 4 Life Day at your church, or donating to LFL.
- Information and downloadable materials for individuals, teams, and congregations to participate in our Step Up 4 Life campaign can be found at stepup4life.org/2024.
- **FREE** Step Up 4 Life kits are available to assist you with all your planning needs! Kits include registration and sponsorship forms, posters, a Bible study, bulletin announcements, ideas for a one-day congregational event, and so much more! Visit stepup4life.org/2024 to sign up for your free kit!

Get Set! Second, "Get Set" to Step Up 4 Life

- Register to participate as an individual or create a team with your congregation, Life Team, Life Chapter, or State Federation. Register at stepup4life.org/2024. (Use the QR code.)
- Registration is **FREE!** However, we are encouraging everyone who registers to provide a suggested donation to LFL of \$100 for adults and \$30 for children and youth.
- Volunteer your time and assist your church in running a one-day congregational 4 Life Day event. For more information on creating a 4 Life Day church event, visit stepup4life.org/2024.



Go! Lastly, “Go” forth and Step Up 4 Life

- Walk as an individual or team member from May 12 through June 24.
- Donate to LFL and our Gospel-motivated Voice For Life mission. **Help us raise our \$80,000 goal!**
- Assist or participate in a one-day congregational 4 Life Day event.

Questions? Check out the resources at stepup4Life.org/2024, email questions to stepup4life@lutheransforlife.org, or call 888.364.LIFE (5433).

Step Up 4 Life T-shirts

Show your support and wear your **Step Up 4 Life** T-shirt! The 2024 design is available in assorted colors (the sampling is only a few of the colors offered) for purchase at lutheransforlife.myshopify.com. Printed t-shirts are \$25 each for sizes small to XL and \$30 for larger sizes. There is flexibility in printing of the images in either four-color or black and white.

Another option is for individuals and teams to create their own shirts by downloading the **Step Up 4 Life** graphic (.png file) included in the **Step Up 4 Life** kit and printing shirts locally.



Step Up and Become a Step Up 4 Life Sponsor!

Sponsors play a key role in the **Step Up 4 Life** fundraising campaign. Please prayerfully consider participating as a campaign sponsor to assist our continual efforts to change hearts and save lives!

Sponsorship Levels

- Pace Setter (\$250 or more)
- Marathon Runner (\$500 or more)
- Winner’s Circle (\$750 or more)

If you are interested in supporting **Step Up 4 Life** as an event sponsor, please contact Dave Probst, Director of Development, at dprobst@lutheransforlife.org.



Step Up 4 Life

Kit Content

Check out the items you'll receive in the **FREE**
Step Up 4 Life Kit!

Registration Form Each kit includes one reproducible sign-up sheet as well as directions for signing up online at <https://stepup4life.org/2024>. Help your family, friends, and congregation members register for Step Up 4 Life beginning on Mother's Day (Sunday, May 12)!

Announcements and Inserts Not sure how to get the message out? The Step Up 4 Life Kit includes sample newsletter and bulletin announcements as well as reproducible bulletin inserts.

Posters Each kit provides five full-color posters you can use to advertise Step Up 4 Life. Equipped with QR codes and showcasing different life issues, each poster not only builds excitement but also makes registration easy!

Fundraising Tips Individually or as a team, you'll be raising money to support Lutherans For Life, a ministry that equips Lutherans and their neighbors to be Gospel-motivated voices for LIFE. Each kit will include a pledge form and actions you can take to reach your fundraising goals!

Step Up 4 Life Bible Study Wondering how to prepare your congregation for Step Up 4 Life? Consider leading or participating in the life-affirming Bible study included in the kit.

Ideas for a Day of Celebration Part of being 4 LIFE is celebrating it! The Step Up 4 Life kit provides ideas for your congregation to hold a celebratory event. Consider celebrating life with others across the nation on June 24, the anniversary of the Dobbs case and the overturning of *Roe v. Wade*.

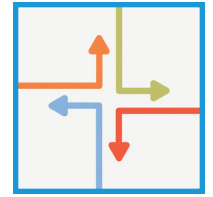
Step Up 4 Life Swag Each kit will also include swag you can use to build excitement!

Order your FREE Step Up 4 Life Kit today!

Call 888.364.LIFE (5433) or visit <https://stepup4life.org/2024>



A Step Up 4 Life Bible Study: Divine Accounting



The sanctity of life needs dramatic gestures. It takes sidewalk counseling outside abortion facilities. We've got to dialogue with elected representatives. The labors must include engaging in sensitive conversations addressing arguments and objections. The obligations have to involve attending and advocating at state and national demonstrations. We can't proceed without opening and operating pregnancy resource centers. And it won't go forward without coordinating Life Advocates, Life Teams, Life Chapters, and other volunteer communities.

But we also rejoice that the little things matter just as much. The Gospel of Jesus Christ assures us that size, skills, and circumstances do not affect worth. The figures to the right of the decimal make the same difference that the figures to the left do. Every detail and every dimension can serve to proclaim God's truth and put Christ's love into practice. If anything, the Lord favors the incremental over the monumental because it leaves room for His grace to operate. After all, our Savior came unto us as an embryo before becoming adult and ministered as humble servant rather than heroic soldier. He lives and loves to accumulate and amplify the minuscule into the miraculous!

What dish or recipe is your specialty? Which ingredient of limited quantity makes or breaks it?

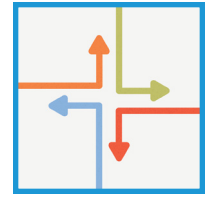
Which superpower do you wish you had—teleportation, invisibility, strength, or clairvoyance? Which of your current expertises or abilities would your friends and family regard as a superpower?

Dear Father in heaven, Your Word brings us the Spirit of Your Son, and in Him we have abundant and everlasting life. Open our ears, our minds, and our hearts to receive and understand the joy and hope You are sharing with us. And then open our mouths and our hands to speak it and show it in all our interactions so that every neighbor may know the sanctity of their own life and of all humankind; for Jesus' sake. Amen.

Look up Luke 15:3-7. What number matters most in the work of the Lord God Almighty? How does this apply in sanctity-of-life activities?



Turn to Isaiah 55:10-11 and 1 Corinthians 3:5-8. What metaphor do the Scriptures use to illustrate our participation in God's doings? What makes this image particularly suitable?



Read Matthew 14:15-21. Why doesn't apparent insignificance pose any obstacle in God's economy?

Check out 1 Corinthians 1:26-29. Why does our God gravitate toward the least of these? What are two or three dimensions in which this informs our For Life convictions?

Consult Mark 4:26-32 and Matthew 6:1-4. Why needn't we get discouraged even when it seems we are accomplishing nothing?

See also Colossians 3:23-24. What does the word "vocation" mean? What does this expression highlight about our undertakings? What are some of your vocations? How could they serve the sanctity of life? Which one do you think delivers the greatest impact?

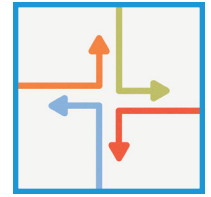
What For Life activity would you like to try out—or do more of?

Lord God Almighty, You have given us body and life, worth and purpose through the coming of our Savior Jesus Christ. We thank You for forgiving our sinfulness and surrounding us with Your immediate and eternal mercies. Grant us to live the righteousness that we have received and to delight in the fellowship of human community; for Jesus' sake. Amen.



In the Beginning, God Created ...

by Barbara Lane Geistfeld, D.V.M.



“Then God said, ‘Let us make man in our image, after our likeness ...’ So, God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them. And God blessed them” (Genesis 1:26-28).

The truth that all humankind is created in the image of God is foundational to everything we believe at Lutherans For Life. One of the valuable tools we use to share that belief is the set of fetal models that we take with us everywhere: to churches, schools, conferences, and seminars. Through Owen’s Mission, we donate these models to Lutheran schools and even to Lutheran churches in other countries whenever possible. We always look for opportunities to share the truth that the unborn child is a unique person created by God: in His image, on purpose, and for His purpose!

“You knitted me together in my mother’s womb. I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; my soul knows it very well ...” (Psalm 139:13-14).

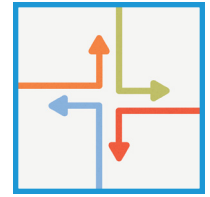
Lutherans For Life was recently invited to have a display table at the Institute of Creation Research (ICR), in Dallas, Texas, as part of their “Made in His Image” seminar. Doctors Barb (Volunteer Relations Associate) and Jim Geistfeld had an extra set of fetal models with them and donated them to the Discovery Center.

Mr. Chris Kinman, Director of the Discovery Center at ICR writes: “Thank you again for donating the baby models to ICR. We look forward to using them in the future at our Made in His Image/pro-life events. They are a great tool to show people the truths of what God has created and how these precious little ones develop in their mother’s womb ... At the Institute for Creation Research, we want you to know God’s Word can be trusted with everything it speaks about—from how and why we were made, to how the universe was formed, to how we can know God and receive all He has planned for us.”

We praise God for this chance to share the sanctity of life with others. We pray that many people will see these models and grasp the truth that all human beings, from fertilization to forever, are created in the image of God, redeemed by the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus, and precious in His sight.



Life Project: LFL County Fair Display



This project is shared by the Ozaukee County Life Chapter in Cedarburg, Wisconsin.

“For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written, “The righteous shall live by faith”” (Romans 1:16-17).

The Ozaukee County Fair is one of the last **FREE** fairs in the Midwest. Since 1859, the Ozaukee County Fair has been offering residents and visitors live music, a full midway, food and exhibit vendors, fireworks, 4-H and livestock exhibitions, and more! See the website for more information: www.ozaukeecountyfair.com.



The county fair is one of most memorable events that takes place each year for families and friends to attend. What a wonderful opportunity for outreach to be Gospel-motivated voices For Life to attendees of all ages! Frontlines, consider participating in your local fair as a place to exhibit as an outreach opportunity to reach your local community.

Since the 1990s, the Ozaukee County Life Chapter has been participating as a vendor in the Commercial Marketplace building. This event is a highlight each year for the Life Chapter.

“It is a great outreach to our community and county to reach people who may be unchurched or pro-choice.”

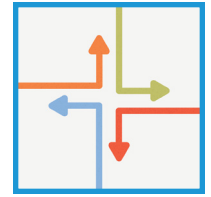
*Susie Pipkorn,
President of Ozaukee County Life Chapter*

Susie Pipkorn coordinates the exhibit, sets up the display on Tuesday, and takes the display down on Sunday evening. Chapter members and volunteers staff the booth throughout the exhibit hall hours: Deb Aussprung, Jane Boesch, Irma Brockberg, Joy Friede, Kevin Hickey, Ron and Kathy Kabitzke, Lorrie Reimer, Karen Stremski, Jean Vorpahl, and Kevin and Kaye Voss.

The life project is self-funded by the Ozaukee County Life Chapter. The cost of the fair vendor space is \$250. Lutherans For Life materials, giveaway items, and other supplies are donated by a Chapter member. Lutherans



For Life print resources are available for purchase at Concordia Publishing House: www.cph.org. Precious Feet pins (exact size and shape of a 10-week unborn baby's feet), realistic 12-week fetal models, and other life-affirming display materials can be purchased at Heritage House '76: www.pro.life.

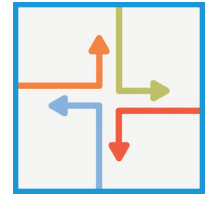


Plan a Trip to the 2024 Fair!

Visit the Ozaukee County Life Chapter's exhibit at the Ozaukee County Fair to be held July 31 through August 4, 2024. The fairgrounds are at W67 N866 Washington Avenue in Cedarburg, Wisconsin. The exhibit buildings are open on Wednesday (noon to 10:00 p.m.), Thursday through Saturday (10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.) and on Sunday (10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.).



The Person of Christ Is Everything



“For of Him and through Him and to Him are all things, to whom be glory forever. Amen” (Romans 11:36).

In the Christian faith, the person of Jesus the Savior is everything.

There are countless religions and philosophies based on a man’s various principles and opinions, but no other religion in the world is based and focused solely on the very Person Himself.

Take Christ out of Christianity, and all you have is an empty shell of rules and teachings which leave the heart burdened and toyed about.

Who is this Person? He is both true God and true man. The God-man Christ, who has achieved, in His Person, what neither God nor man alone could. Lifted up on a cross for our offenses, raised for our justification, and lifted into glorious habitations, the “Triple Crown” of His death, resurrection, and ascension have earned you what no other religion even begins to dare claim.

The simple proclamation of Jesus’ attributes and merits grants you the fruit of all He is: “**And I, if I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all peoples to Myself**” (John 12:32).

Thus, the Scriptures declare of everything we say and do: “**For no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ**” (1 Corinthians 3:11).

Every doctrine both flows from and directs the soul to the sole center and core of the eternal life that is yours in Him: “**Built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief cornerstone**” (Ephesians 2:20).

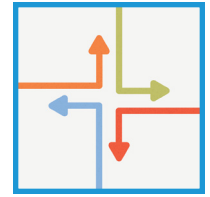
He alone removes fear of sin, death, and hell from the conversation. Through faith alone, you ride His coattails out of this life into the next: “**For there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved**” (Acts 4:12).

Take Christ out of Christianity, and all you have are scattered slogans and proverbs which disappoint. He is everything. Refocus yourself simply on who He is, as you have again this day, and everything you encounter finds new meaning in Him.

(Source: www.redeemerclc.info/ministries)



Frontline Playbook in Sight!



We are excited to share with you that soon after this issue of *Directions* is published, we will be in the process of launching the Frontline Playbook project. We will be sending a copy of the first edition called **BELONGING** to all Frontline Life Advocates, Life Teams, Life Chapters, and Federations.

The **BELONGING** edition is inspired by these words: **“So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God”** (Ephesians 2:19). Each of the four topics contained in this edition will provide a sense of belonging as God welcomes people into His household. What a blessing to share this welcome news with others through these presentations!

Within each Frontline Playbook issue will be four topical presentations and associated resources. Much like we have done with Life Week in past years, you will have available to you a video presentation, a devotion, fact sheets, and activity sheets. Use these to plan or implement an event, a Bible study, or another creative way to use the material provided.

You may use the entire Playbook as an educational opportunity for your life group during your meetings. Consider sponsoring an event at church and include the video presentations and other useful resources. Talk to your pastor about using these during a Bible study hour for either large or small group studies. Each video will run about 40 to 50 minutes, giving you time to review the fact sheets and do an activity. You may choose to

Frontline Playbook Series

This is a collection of life-affirming resources in a series of programs with each having its own theme. All items are usable in group settings or one-on-one activities. Each life topic has multiple elements. Use them as a complete program or as a stand-alone resource.



BELONGING

“So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God.”
(Ephesians 2:19)

Blessed as a Gift

Life Speaker: Rev. Michael Salemink
Executive Director of Lutherans For Life
Video: "Blessed as a Gift" (50 minutes)
Life Topics: Creation and identity, developmental and intellectual disabilities, the unborn, surprise pregnancy.

Devotion: "Blessed as a Gift - You Are a Gift!"
Fact Sheet: (Sample)

Activity Sheet: Topics are provided for activities associated with creation and identity, developmental disabilities, the unborn, and surprise pregnancy.
Resources: Find them at lutheransforlife.org/frontlineplaybook/.
View the video and download the devotion, fact sheet, and activity sheet.

God Chose You to Belong

Life Speaker: Michelle Bauman
YLIFE Director of Lutherans For Life
Video: "God Chose You to Belong" (43 minutes)
Life Topics: Marriage, family, divorce, adoption, foster care, cohabitation and barrenness, marriage, family, and barrenness.

Devotion: "God Chose You to Belong!"
Fact Sheet: (Sample)

Activity Sheet: Topics include adoption and foster care, contraception, infertility and barrenness, marriage, family, and divorce.
Resources: Find them at lutheransforlife.org/frontlineplaybook/.
View the video and download the devotion, fact sheet, and activity sheet.

Those With Disabilities are Indispensable

Life Speaker: Mona Fuerstenau
Disability Advocate, Parent, Keynote and Workshop Speaker
Life Speaker: Rev. Scott Licht
CFO and COO of Lutherans For Life

Video: "Those with Disabilities are Indispensable" (40 minutes)
Life Topics: Disabilities and those who are indispensable, no matter their circumstances.
Devotion: "That the Works of God Might Be Displayed"

Fact Sheet: (Sample)

Activity Sheet: Topics are provided for activities associated with celebration, education, service, and worship.
Resources: Find them at lutheransforlife.org/frontlineplaybook/.
View the video and download the devotion, fact sheet, and activity sheet.

Blessed in Longing

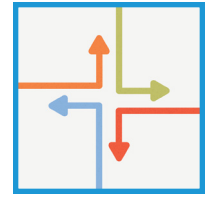
Life Speakers: Rev. Steven & Stephanie Cholak
The pastor and his wife at Our Savior Lutheran Church & School, Houston, Texas
Video: "Blessed in Longing" (42 minutes)
Life Topics: Miscarriage, stillbirth, infertility, IVF, surrogacy.

Devotion: "Blessed in Longing!"
Fact Sheet: (Sample)

Activity Sheet: Topics include infertility, IVF and surrogacy, miscarriage and stillbirth.
Resources: Find them at lutheransforlife.org/frontlineplaybook/.
View the video and download the devotion, fact sheet, and activity sheet.



engage people in an activity either pre- or post-event to spur interest in the actual event. We suggest you use the devotion provided as an opening followed by the video, which can be accessed from a video link on our LFL website. The webpage will be shared as soon as it is ready.




To share a bit more, the **BELONGING** series will contain four presentations you can pick from or use in a series over a period of time. The booklet will give you examples of how to plan these projects and will include complete details of the options and important things to consider in planning your event. We've shared a sneak preview of the four topical presentations and associated resources in the **BELONGING** Playbook.

And there will be more ... We have been asked for more ways to assist you in planning For Life activities at your churches, and we are thrilled to provide the Frontline Playbook series. The second edition is already in production and will be released shortly after the **BELONGING** playbook. It will be called **HOPEFUL** and is based on God's Word that reads, **"He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds...but the Lord takes pleasure in those who fear him, in those who hope in his steadfast love"** (Psalm 147:3, 11).

As you plan your For Life goals for this coming year, please consider including the Frontline Playbook series in your plans. We have provided detailed steps, but if you have questions or suggestions on how to make this even better, please reach out to the Volunteer Relations Team at lutheransforlife.org/volunteer-relations.

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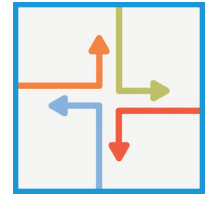


HOPEFUL

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Spotlight on Life



Spotlight on Life (lutheransforlife.org/spotlight-on-life) is a focus on featured life topics that can be presented at a local church or community gathering. Lutherans For Life staff are offering to be featured speakers and extend their expertise on the various life topics (see below).

With **Spotlight on Life**, your event will be equipping many others to be Gospel-motivated voices For Life. It's simple! You conduct the event, and LFL will provide the speakers, based on availability. The cost will be minimal as we are excited to bring these life-affirming messages to your area. Whether your event is one hour, a half day, an evening, or something else, LFL will be pleased to assist you in planning.

If you are interested, please email info+spotlight@lutheransforlife.org.

Presentation Topics

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

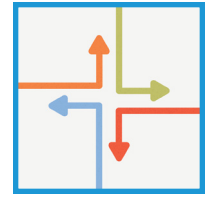


LUTHERANS FOR LIFE

*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 2024

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ITEM #	QTY.	DESCRIPTION	PRICE	TOTAL
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	

LFL Business Hours: Monday-Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. CST/CDT. Hours subject to staff availability.

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

Church Name: _____

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).

TOOL 1
Life Team Introduction and Roadmap

TOOL 2
Life Team Leader Training

TOOL 3
Life Team 101

TOOL 4
Resource Disc



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.

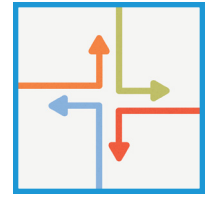
Where did Owen's Mission come from? From a very small and special baby named Owen. Rev. Dr. James I. Lamb, former executive director of Lutherans For Life, shares his story:

"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."

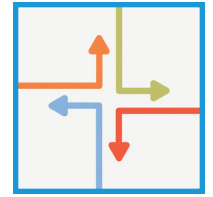
As Owen's grandpa, Dr. Lamb wanted to do something special to remember Owen, honor Jesus, and help others understand the value God gives to even the smallest of lives. With the help of Owen's family, *Owen's Mission* was born. We are training facilitators to present these fetal model sets along with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



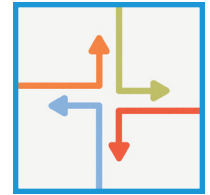
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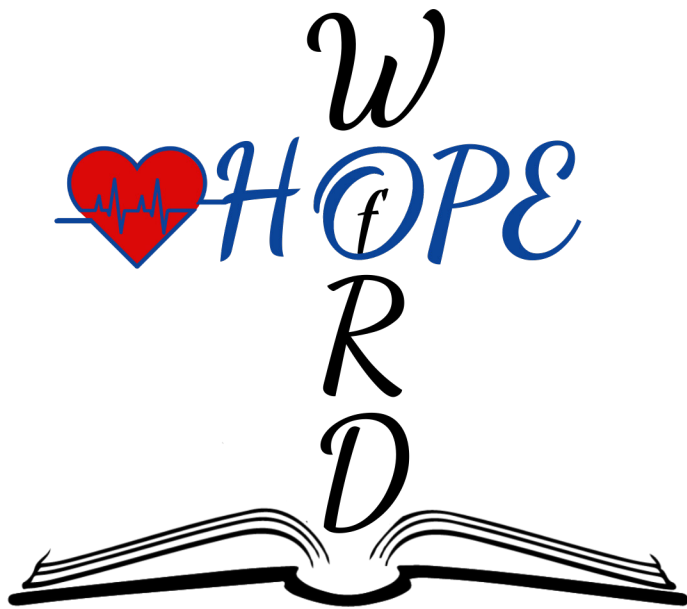
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