

LIFE NEWS—SEPTEMBER 2024



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Life Newsbytes

A statement: Surrogate pregnancy is gaining popularity. The process promises to equalize access to childrearing. Couples experiencing infertility, same-sex and transgender couples, and even individuals can now raise their genetically related offspring when the natural processes do not work. Laboratory technology has captured the power to make life and give kids. Of course, children always embody blessings from heaven. Even the desire for them comes from Almighty God. And He grieves infertility, as do His people, alongside everyone who suffers it. But surrogacy involves a lot of ethical concerns. It operates outside the Heavenly Father's design for sexuality and procreation. It requires either adultery or in vitro fertilization and thus endangers the physical survival and psychological welfare of the little ones. Its financial considerations and exchanges invite corruption of sacred relationships. It appears above all to prioritize adult preferences ahead of children's benefit. For these reasons, and motivated by the Gospel of Jesus Christ, LFL's Board of Directors is offering a position statement and prays it will guide and persuade consciences to proclaim and practice the sanctity of every human life so that all may receive what our Lord and Savior promises.

Read more: lutheransforlife.org/article/a-statement-on-surrogacy

Speaking up For Life

"We are made holy by the perfect righteousness of Jesus Christ, ours by faith in His life, death, and resurrection. Yet we are holy in another sense, too. We have been set apart, called out, by a holy God for God's holy purposes—to love God and our neighbor, to serve, to make disciples. We have been set apart to serve as spouses, parents and grandparents, citizens, workers." *Rev. Dr. Dean Nadasdy, Guest Speaker on "The Lutheran Hour"*

"No matter what our days bring, God is the answer. His love never ends. His strength is our strength. He cares about each one of us in the most intimate of relationships. Through Jesus, we are His beloved children. We are here, in the land of the living, for His good purpose and at His will. Each day is a day that the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it!" *Barbara Lane Geistfeld, D.V.M., Lutherans For Life*

"Every human life meets us as gift and privilege, created and redeemed and called by our Lord as His own precious treasure from fertilization to forever. And our life-affirming witness and service is surrounded and celebrated by a magnificent multitude of like-minded saints gone before, yet to come, and the world over." *Pastor Michael Salemink, Lutherans For Life*



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2024 Regional Conference Update

By Erika Peterson, Events Coordinator

"In him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it" (John 1:4-5).

There is such hope in the Gospel message! With three regional conferences taking place this fall—under the theme **Life Shines in Darkness**—we'll be able to draw near to folks across the nation to share the Gospel of Life.

REGISTER TODAY!

The first conference takes place on **September 14** in the outskirts of Hartford, **Connecticut**, in Bristol, at Immanuel Lutheran Church. Rev. Evan McClanahan, author of our recently released biblical manhood resource, will present at all three conferences, presenting on the same subject. Our very own Rev. Scott Licht will share on the Gospel of Life among widows and orphans in India; our National Director of Y4Life, Michelle Bauman, will present on raising life-affirming kids; and Rev. Michael Salemink, our Executive Director, will also share the For Life message.

On **October 12**, at Hope Lutheran in Shawnee, **Kansas**, in the Kansas City Metro area, we'll hear again from Rev. McClanahan.

As a complement to his presentation on biblical manhood, Deaconess Rose Adle of Concordia Theological Seminary Fort Wayne will present on Christian womanhood. Our Director of Volunteer Relations, Virginia Flo, will facilitate a panel with local Life Teams sharing their inspiring work. And wrapping up the conference, Rev. Dr. James Lamb, formerly of LFL and Lutheran Family Service, will shed light on Christian citizenship, especially in light of this election year.



Finally, rounding out the conferences on **November 9**, we will be in Winter Garden, **Florida**, just outside Orlando at Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church. In addition to Rev. McClanahan and Rev. Licht presenting, we will also hear from the founder and owner of Skoog Dementia Support, Teri Skoog, on caring for those with dementia; and on the heels of our election day, author and current Vice President of External and Government Relations at Focus on the Family, Tim Goeglein, will share his thoughts on faith in the halls of power, exploring what is next for America in the Pro-Life movement.

We hope you will be able to join us at one or more of these conferences to be encouraged and equipped to continue on your Gospel-motivated For Life journey. For additional information on each conference, or to register, visit lutheransforlife.org/conferences or snap a photo of the QR code.



Special Note: Go to the conferences webpage to find out about a free Conference for Life on Friday, October 11, in Shawnee and about childcare at all three conferences.