

LIFE NEWS—OCTOBER 2024



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Life Newsbytes

Election Day is approaching. Thanks be to God that we get to participate in representative government, contribute to the common good, serve our neighbors, share life together, and advocate for righteousness. What a privilege, opportunity, and even responsibility! Several states are entertaining ballot initiatives concerning the sanctity of every human life. You can learn the details about each of these from our friends at Priests For Life: www.stateballotmeasures.org. Of course, the sanctity of life means that everyone's voice counts. The National Association of Secretaries of State has a convenient online portal where you can check your voting registration status: www.nass.org/can-i-vote/voter-registration-status. And you can encourage and even assist those around you to confirm their registration there as well. National Right to Life has affiliates in every state that prepare voter guides. Find your locale here and educate yourself about candidate positions: nrlc.org/about/stateaffiliates. Susan B. Anthony Pro-Life America will compensate you for canvassing door-to-door and connecting with your fellow citizens as they prepare to vote: sbaprolife.org/voter-contact-program. Find out more: lutheransforlife.org/article/election-day-is-approaching.



Speaking up For Life

"The science is conclusive: Human life starts at fertilization. The Bible is conclusive: Life is from God, it begins at fertilization, and God's commandment of 'You shall not murder' (Exodus 20:13) certainly applies to the slaying of an innocent child in the womb. Because that little baby in the womb IS a human being." *Pastor Paul Clark, President of Lutherans For Life of Michigan*

"These two choices are vastly different: to give birth to a child or to abort it. But one thing is the same: to choose Jesus is to choose life. For Jesus holds every life—even the tiniest—in the nail-scarred palm of His hand." *Rev. Gary Blobaum, St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church, Oregon, Illinois*

"So no matter how offensive we find a neighbor, we do not regard her or him as enemy, adversary, or opponent. God has created, redeemed, and called each one as His own precious treasure, the same as us. We want to rejoice with them as brothers and sisters unto eternity in all the blessings our Savior Jesus has obtained for us." *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 took 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 be presenting at all three conferences, presenting on the same subject. Our very own Rev. Scott Licht shared on the Gospel of Life among widows and orphans in India; our National Director of Y4Life, Michelle Bauman, presented on raising life-affirming kids; and Rev. Michael Salemink, our Executive Director, also shared 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.