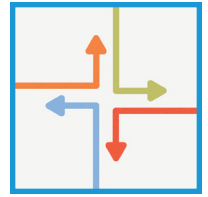


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For LFL's Frontline
May-June
2025



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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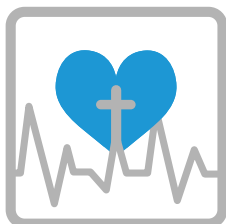
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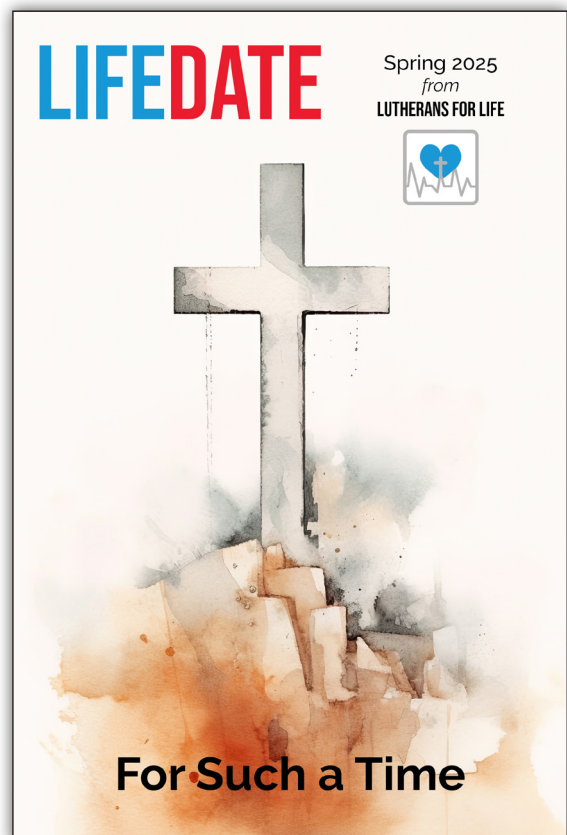
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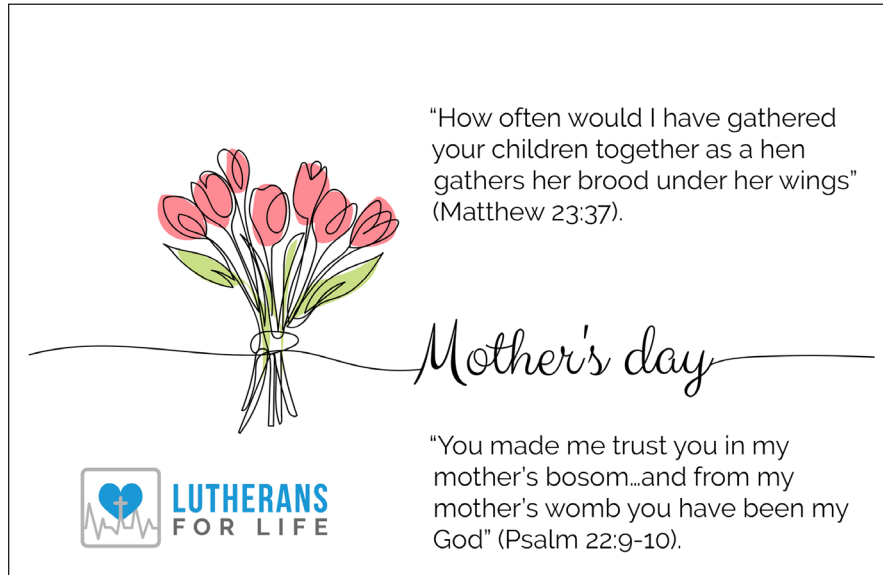


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God Bless Mothers – 2025 Mother's Day Bulletin Insert



This bulletin insert shares how "Mothers do the work of God. Mothers lend their hearts and arms to the Lord's own labors. Moms make up a primary means by which the Almighty Himself wraps us in His compassion and happiness." www.cph.org/god-bless-mothers-2025-mother-s-day-bulletin-insert

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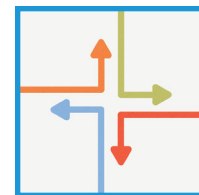


This bulletin insert shares that "The Heavenly Father has us behold God in the face of Dad. Fathers mediate the compassion and power of the Almighty Maker. He has designed us to need meaningful connection to the male parent, and even the best mother will not make a suitable substitute. Dad serves the Lord by supporting us, and the Lord keeps hold of us with Dad's arms." www.cph.org/god-bless-fathers-2025-father-s-day-bulletin-insert



FRONTLINE CALL

For All Lutherans For Life Frontline Volunteers!



If you have projects you would like to share or questions to be answered, email info@lutheransforlife.org or call the LFL national office at 888.364.LIFE (5433) or 515.382.2077.



Monday, July 14, 2025 • 7:00-8:00 p.m. CDT | 8:00-9:00 p.m. EDT
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Lisa Kalscheur, from **Zion Wayside Lutheran Church and School**, Greenleaf, Wisconsin, will describe how their students in grades one through eight produced a 20-foot long mural out of posterboard and colored paper triangles with the 2025 Life Sunday theme verse, “In him was life, and the life was the light of men,” hand-painted on it. This is an incredible project that can be done by anyone with paper, scissors, and glue sticks!

Erika Peterson, Lutherans For Life’s Events Coordinator, will give us a preview of the 2025 Lutherans For Life National Conference to be held September 24-26, at Great Wolf Lodge in Colorado Springs, Colorado. Registration opened April 1! Come and learn more about this wonderful opportunity to join with other Gospel-motivated voices For Life.

Virginia Flo, Director of Volunteer Relations, will give another of her wonderful updates on happenings on the Frontline.





Life Quotes 2025

Share the For Life message all year long with **Life Quotes!**

Life Quotes are quotations on life issues—many from LFL resources and publications—for use in weekly congregational bulletins. You are also free to use the quotations in your monthly newsletter.

The quotes are dated but could generally be used any time.

Life Quotes are available at lutheransforlife.org/resources/life-quotes.



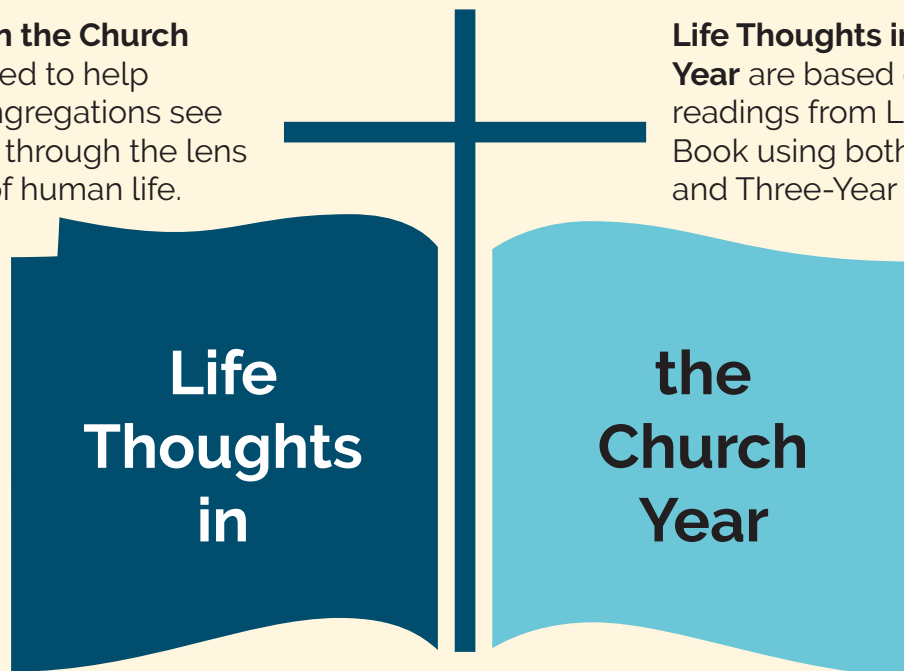
Free Downloadable Resources!

Life Thoughts in the Church

Year are designed to help pastors and congregations see the church year through the lens of the sanctity of human life.

Life Thoughts in the Church

Year are based on the appointed readings from Lutheran Service Book using both the One-Year and Three-Year Lectionaries.



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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 Chapter

Congratulations to the Bismarck-Mandan Life Chapter from North Dakota who recently reorganized and reactivated their mission. A special thank you to Jay Reinke, President, and the Executive Board who have diligently pursued this endeavor, including drafting a new Constitution and Bylaws with a focus on serving a broader community. We praise the Lord for these dedicated servants For Life.

New Life Teams

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

- Christ Lutheran Church, Eagan, Minnesota | Life Team Leaders – Steve & Kathy Ivanca
- Zion Lutheran Church, Holland, Michigan | Life Team Leader – Christine Schultz

New Life Advocate

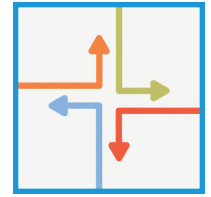
We rejoice and CELEBRATE! the addition of this Gospel-motivated Life Advocate to the Lutherans For Life Frontline.

- Caitlin Krueger-Meyer, Concordia Lutheran Church, Oakwood, Ohio

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!**



A Bible Study: Sanctity of Life in Numbers



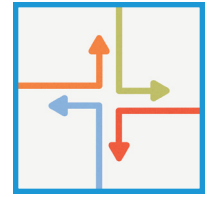
The Book of Numbers certainly constitutes a curious document among the Scriptures. It begins with some rather repetitive census statistics. Then attention turns to peculiar details about obscure matters like sanctuary appointments, garment tassels, more census records, investigating adultery, and the Nazirite vow. But we also get sprinkles and sparkles like the Aaronic benediction, a first glimpse of the Promised Land, wilderness wandering, the earth opening up to eat insurgents alive, Moses' rock-striking sin, cities of refuge, the bronze serpent, and a talking donkey. We discover the character of the Lord God in His dance and romance jealous for human hearts.

Out of that passion emerges the sanctity of human life. The delight integrates so deeply into the fabric of all reality that it shows up even in the most unexpected dimensions. Relationships, the ones that make our times worth having and sharing, consist of Numbers-like stuff. We get to enjoy finding it as much as the Heavenly Father who has hidden it all there for us in the first place. Around the corners, in the cracks, under the rocks, beauty and blessing abounds. Even the Numbers cry out truth and love and life.

1. How large was the family you grew up in? Your family now? Would you have wanted a larger family anywhere along the way? Why or why not?
2. What has been your favorite family pet? Least favorite? What memory of euthanizing or burying an animal still sticks with you and why? Would you describe yourself more quiet as a mouse, stubborn as a mule, loyal as a dog, or cuddly as a kitten?
3. This biblical book takes its name from the detailed census records it contains. What sense does it make to keep such meticulous accounting of persons? What does it suggest about the sanctity of life from the divine perspective (Matthew 10:28-31; John 17:12)?
4. The Lord God and His Word organized the people into tribes and clans and families. Heritage forms a key component of individual and social identity. How does this sacred reality bring both caution and encouragement into the context of "my body, my choice" (1 Corinthians 6:19-20; Romans 12:5; Romans 14:7-8)?
5. Moses rhetorically laments a third party's decisive involvement in the children of Israel coming about (Numbers 11:10-14). What additional agency besides father and mother has a hand in human conception (John 1:12-13)? To whom then does every life ultimately belong (Numbers 6:27)? How might this affect husband's and wife's procreative considerations, even for Christians?



6. These consecrated chronicles register several uncomfortably severe repercussions for deviating from heavenly intentions (5:27, adultery illness; 11:1, fire; 11:33, plague; 15:32-35, stoning; 16:32, sinkhole; 21:6, serpents; 25:4-5, hanging; 25:7-8, impalement; 31:7, massacre and plunder). Why does Almighty God take sin so seriously? What—or whom—does it appear He is endeavoring to protect? And what provision does He institute to prepare for the only ultimate deliverance from the violence cycle (Numbers 29:11)?



7. The pages of Numbers include a veritable zoo of animals. Lambs and calves and turtledoves and quail and snakes and even an ass have cameos. What do the service and purpose of these creatures signify about humankind? How do they regularly reveal the value of even the humblest human life?
8. Elders feature prominently in the structure and function of the biblical community (11:16-30). Does Numbers refer to advanced age as a condemnation or a commendation? How does this compare with our current culture's connotations of "old"? And how might we implement a more scriptural attitude in interactions with aging neighbors?
9. The narrative arc of Numbers nears conclusion with an extended exposition about cities of refuge (Numbers 35:9-34). While "blood pollutes the land" (35:33), the merciful Lord makes provision for recognizing factors that complicate homicide. He introduces the possibility of forgiveness instead of vengeance for the most serious of crimes. What anxieties or pressures might cloud the decision-making of someone experiencing a surprise pregnancy? What comforts may we offer to the sister or brother suffering grief and guilt after abortion?



A Parting Profile

by Pastor Michael Salemink



I guess this means goodbye!

The Lord our God is calling me to a new vocation of service to His Church. More details about it will become public in the coming weeks. But the end of May marks the conclusion of an era.

Our Heavenly Father intertwined my destiny with Lutherans For Life from the beginning. We both came into being the same year, and the location of its current headquarters—Iowa—also served as my birthplace. My parents married as teenagers experiencing a surprise pregnancy in 1974, only one year after courts imposed abortion access across the land. The courage and compassion of a Lutheran congregation gave me my folks (celebrated fifty years last fall with twelve grandchildren and five great-grandkids!), my sister (fifty years old three months ago), my life, my family, my faith, and my vocation.

My wife's family likewise inculcated in her a love for little ones and aging neighbors. So while serving our second parish, she involved us as volunteers at the local pregnancy resource center. Before long, I was participating in the center's programming—leading rally prayers, joining the board of directors, offering relationship counsel, fatherhood mentoring, and even abstinence education at the local public high school.

We came to Lutherans For Life in 2015 (after I happened upon the position opening notice in the *LCMS Reporter*). None of our three sons had even reached their teenage years. This spring, we'll have resided in St. Louis for a whole decade (the longest we've lived in any one house!). The oldest son has married, is graduating university, entering seminary, and welcoming our first grandchild (a boy in late May!). The middle son is completing his freshman year at college, and the youngest is (actually!) looking forward to enrolling as a junior at a new high school in the fall. Serving deployed as Executive Director has allowed me to attend most of the soccer, tennis, and academic team matches, band, choir, and theater performances, taekwondo tournaments, and recognition banquets.



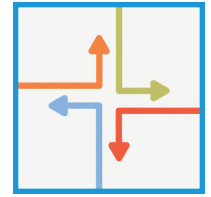
Luke, Michael, Christian, Maggie (and Oliver), Heather, Nathan

I've traveled extensively representing the sanctity of life. Thirty-eight states (including Hawaii!), Puerto Rico, Canada, Grand Cayman, and the Dominican Republic have hosted me. It's meant presentations, displays, sermons, Bible studies, articles, devotions, recordings, research, and more e-mails and meetings than I ever anticipated. Best of all, I get to keep the priceless souvenirs: stories and memories of interactions and relationships with dear audiences, inquirers, pastors, donors, volunteers, and lifelong colleagues from our matchless staff and exemplary board who have become beloved brothers and sisters.

We'll continue to cross paths. My next vocation also has a somewhat public dimension, and you've given me a voice forever Gospel-motivated and For Life. And I will spend the rest of my life and labors expressing what a privilege and delight I have received as the fourth Executive Director of Lutherans For Life.



Annual Activity Report Update



Please note: All Life Advocates, Life Teams, and Life Chapters

We have been asked recently why the **Annual Activity Reports** (AAR) are a year behind. It's quite simple. We want each of our Frontline life ministry areas to be able to capture information for an entire year at a time, and that isn't possible until an entire year is completed. So, at the beginning of the new calendar year, we ask for new AARs to be completed for the previous year. A good comparison would be that they follow the same pattern as your taxes, only hopefully they are easier to complete.

For the 2024 AARs, we are using technology to pre-populate as much of your group's personal information as possible. You will be receiving an email with an attached personalized pdf for you to complete and submit. Simply follow the instructions in the email. If you still want to download a hard copy and fill everything out manually, you will still be able to access a blank pdf on our website. They will be available after we email the automated version. You will find them on the webpage for your type of life ministry located on the Frontline tab, e.g., Life Chapter, Life Team, or Life Advocate.

These are so important. We cannot stress enough how much completing your form helps our overall life ministry. It is one of the only things we ask you to do if you are in one of the life ministry areas, along with maintaining your LFL annual membership to help us offset the costs to maintain our resources and services for you and your church. Here's a handy link to log in to update your membership: **form-renderer-app.donorperfect.io/give/lutherans-for-life/donate**.

Why is this so important to us? First, we want to know how you are doing. We never want to find out after the fact find that a life group ceased to function, and we didn't know there were issues. Perhaps we may have been able to help. Secondly, when you share wonderful projects or events that worked well, we want to share those great ideas with others who may use your ideas to serve the Lord at their churches. It's about sharing and helping each other. Those who have benefited from the ideas of others will attest to the rewards they have seen with the help of others like you.

Finally, it is important that we keep up on who is currently serving, not just as a leader, but as members of your groups so we can keep our records up to date and keep every active member informed and encouraged. It goes without saying that we use our insights into what is happening in the field to provide useful programs and resources you can use going forward. It helps us a lot when we read your completed AARs, and we do read them all. They are inspirational to us at LFL as we walk vicariously with you in the work you are doing. Nothing is too small or too simple in the work you do. Please share it with us.

We trust you will find the new AAR easy to use. The more information you update and populate this year, the more we will pre-populate next year. If you struggle filling out the 2024 AAR, please reach out to our Volunteer Relations Team. Our contact information is found at <https://lutheransforlife.org/volunteer-relations>.

We are so grateful for the work you do at your churches. God has blessed the churches you serve and LFL. We give thanks for each of you who serve in life ministry and praise the Lord for your service.

We give God the glory!



Life Project: Life Shines in Art



This project is presented by members, staff, and students of Zion Lutheran Church and School, Greenleaf, Wisconsin. Thank you to our Life Team at Zion Lutheran Church for sharing this project.

“Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them” (Romans 12:6).

Now, gifts are not just spiritual gifts. The two projects in this edition of *Directions* involve a gift from God that we sometimes overlook: artistic talent! The first project involves graphic arts and the second involves textile arts.

Life Theme Mural Art Project

Lisa Kalscheur, Christine Wyman, and Hillary Krahn, members and staff at Zion Lutheran Wayside Church and School, enlisted the help of their first through eighth grade students to create a “stained glass” mural that is ... are you ready for this? ... twenty feet long by three-and-a-half feet wide!

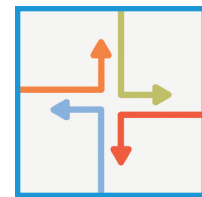


Between all the classes, this example of graphic art took about ten hours to complete. The process started with cutting paper...lots of paper. The “glass” is made up of colored card stock. The students cut the paper into geometric, “sort-of-triangular” shapes of different sizes, being careful not to have rounded corners on any of the pieces. The backboard is made of six pieces of black mat board, 32" x 40" each.

As the first step in the construction, Christine Wyman, their day school art teacher, freehanded the outlines of the words of John 1:4 across the mat boards. (Note: if your church(es) is interested in doing a project like this, Zion staff can provide size-appropriate letter templates if you give them the dimensions of your planned mural.)



The letters were then filled in with white acrylic paint. When the paint was dry, the pre-cut paper triangles were carefully and thoughtfully aligned and glued (using glue sticks) onto the black backboard in a pattern like that of a stained-glass window. The results were stunning!



The value of this project to you, the Frontline, is this: it enables the members of your congregation—those of different ages and skills—to bond together and work together to produce a beautiful work of art that celebrates life—or anything else you want to celebrate. As Lisa said, “It is one of those projects that teaches us to ‘let go’ a little, especially when working with different grades and personalities.” First graders will not “glue” like eighth graders. Some people, even grown-ups, cannot cut a straight line no matter how hard they grip the scissors. Some people are perfectionists and must consciously give up the desire to “make it perfect” so others can share in the blessing of making something with their own hands. Crafting something beautiful together teaches many valuable life lessons.

What supplies do you need? Scissors—glue sticks—colored cardstock paper—ruler and pencil to mark lines for the triangles—32" x 40" black mat boards (x6)—white acrylic paint—paintbrush.

The first thing for you to do if contemplating this project is to determine the size, in square inches, of the mural you want to create. That will help you plan how much colored card stock and glue you will need. Not everyone has the space for a 20-foot mural! If you look closely at the photos, you will see exactly how they were cut, laid out, and glued. The project is a pretty straightforward process with a stunning result.

Life Theme Banner Art Project

This project was brought to our attention by Angie Korsgaden, Life Team Leader at Trinity Lutheran Church, Twin Valley, Minnesota, when she shared a photo of Trinity’s current Life Sunday banner made by Life Team Member, Pat Sakrismo. Pat graciously shared details about banner making with us.

Pat Sakrismo has been making banners for over forty years, so whether you have never made a banner or have made dozens of them, here are some ideas that might be helpful.

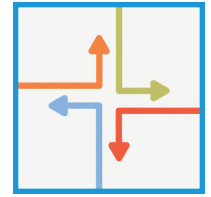
Any type of fabric may be used, but high-quality fabric is best, so it hangs well and is durable. Pat especially likes velvet for its heft and drape. Fabric may be found at Hobby Lobby, Walmart, and for some of the heavier fabrics, such as the velvet, check out the upholstery section of your fabric store. Thread type does not matter if it is a quality, name brand thread.

No need to pre-wash the fabric as most banners will never be washed. It is even possible that pre-washing fabrics may permanently damage them, e.g. wrinkles, bleeding colors, uneven shrinkage, warping, etc.

Pat’s appliques are ironed on to the banner after attaching a fusible backing. HeatnBond®-Ultra Bond® or Pellon®



Heavy-duty Wonder-Under® are two brands that work well. If the appliques loosen up at some point, one can just re-iron them.



You may use different applique methods if you desire. Turned-edge, hand-applique, or fusing followed by satin stitching of the applied piece's edges are other methods that can be used. The method you choose depends on your experience as well as the look you want for your banner. Pat's banner, shown here, is done with fusible bonding and no other stitching. This gives the banner a formal, clean line.

Where do you find patterns and ideas? Pat goes to the Lutheran Women in Mission (Lutheran Women's Missionary League-LWML) website. A new banner is designed for each annual LWM Sunday, and archived patterns may be found there: www.lwml.org/lwml-sunday-archives.

Both Concordia Publishing House (cph.org) and Christian Book Distributors (christianbook.com) sell how-to books for crafting Christian banners. Search for "banner art" to find resources. Another source of ideas, Pat says, is to Google a favorite Bible verse. Photos of banners or posters with this verse are numerous, and you may find an idea for your banner that way.

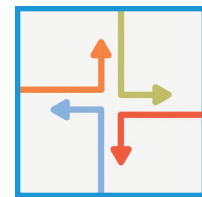
One last project idea shared by Pat is to use white, quilted fabric to make a personal baptismal banner for each baby baptized in your congregation. What a perfect way to remind ourselves that a new Life Shines in Art.

Perhaps you have someone in your congregation that already knows how to make banners. They might want to start a class for beginners and teach participants how to make a simple banner. It may even be something your teens are interested in learning.

A final thought: no matter what projects you undertake, no matter what medium you use, may God bless your efforts to let Life Shine in Art! And have fun!



We're a Life Team, Now What?



It is very likely that your very first question after becoming a certified Life Team is, “What are we going to do to equip our church to be voices For Life?” That is not an unfamiliar question, as it has probably been floating around in your mind during your entire training process. In fact, you may have even thought about it as you were deciding to become an official Life Team.

It doesn't need to be difficult or complicated. Perhaps you already had some ideas, and you are already in the process of implementing. But, what then? There is a solution to this, if you are concerned. It's called the **Mission Discovery Process (MDP)**. You will find the MDP resources in Tool 4 of your Life Team training. If your Life Team was certified previously using the old manual system, you qualify for free access to our new online training program with Tool 4 Resources online and easy to access. Just have your Life Team Leader contact Michele Hartshorn, Assistant Director of Volunteer Relations, at mhartshorn@lutheransforlife.org, and she will give you online access for your entire Life Team.

Here is a quick overview of this valuable MDP process and why it is so valuable:

SEE MDP BENEFITS

This process that your entire team does together will build **UNITY** within your team. It will build **TRUST** with your church leaders. It will **CONFIRM** your Life Team principles and **GUARD** your team from pursuing its own plans in vain. It will **CULTIVATE** an attitude of prayer and dependence on God. And it will **BLESS** your Life Team with God's very own plans for equipping your church as a voice For Life.

WRITE MISSION

You will be guided to write a **MISSION STATEMENT**, which is a short sentence describing the overall reason for which God has formed your Life Team. It's a simple means toward keeping your Life Team focused on all you do. Lutherans For Life's mission statement is “Equipping Lutherans and their neighbors to be Gospel-motivated voices For Life.” Yours may be very similar, only it will be personalized to the work of your church.

OBSERVE GOD

This exciting step will help you to prayerfully **OBSERVE** evidence of God's work in the life arena in and around your Life Team, church, and community so you can follow Him. You will find this step exceptionally satisfying as you discover all the ways God is already leading you in your life-affirming work.

DISCOVER PATTERNS

Not only is God leading you in your work, but you will **DISCOVER PATTERNS**, seeing how everything flows together. Only God could make that happen. This will be the foundation for moving forward in your Life Team ministry.



**ADJUST
TO GOD**

As you see the patterns developing over time, you will easily see where God is leading you and you will be able to **ADJUST** as needed to God and His plans. As you are doing this, you will be able to set goals around supporting God's plan and providing great service and support to your congregation.

**EQUIP
YOUR
CHURCH**

Now it's time to begin to **EQUIP** your church. Before starting, share your plans with your pastor, and together you will refine your plans to fit the church's overall ministry. You are ready to use opportunities you develop to grow as Gospel-motivated voices For Life.

The Mission Discovery Process is meant to be continuous. Periodically you will want to repeat the process to account for things changing at your church or in your Life Team or in your community. We would suggest you do this once a year to stay current. You may find changes where you will adjust your goals and plans. Or you may find things are still current, and you can keep moving forward with confidence with the plans you have in place.

Adding new projects periodically, even if your goals are the same, will add new life and excitement to your work. Keeping projects that have been successful is certainly always good, as it brings consistency and supports your mission with familiarity that keeps your Life Team active and visible.

As you serve the Lord, may you find joy in your service and rewards in your work. The Lord of Life will bless your efforts as you are focused on fulfilling the mission set before you.

If you want to know more about the Mission Discovery Process, contact the Volunteer Relations Team (lutheransforlife.org/volunteer-relations).



Want to be a voice For Life?

Lutherans For Life can help YOU!

Serve all people in all generations...they are God's children For Life!

THREE WAYS TO MAKE IT HAPPEN!

- † **It only takes one!** A Life Advocate works with their pastor to share God's love For Life!
- † **Grab your friends!** A Life Team is a group of life-affirming volunteers at church creating meaningful and fun ways to support life!
- † **Strength in numbers!** A Life Chapter is one or more churches working together to impact their communities.



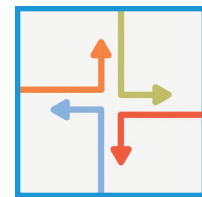
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God Will Make It Grow!



“I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. So, neither he who plants nor he who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth” (1 Corinthians 3:6-7).

Throughout life, everyone experiences things for the first time that are impactful and very helpful. The knowledge gained was a gift as those new collections of information are there for you to use at any time. Yes, knowledge is a gift, and it's indeed free for the taking. God has made it possible for you to have exposure to new insights throughout your life. It may be in a formal setting like a classroom or simply through a life experience where God took your hand and guided you to a better place, leaving you with knowledge gained during that life experience. Even bad life experiences will provide lessons that make repeating them less likely, if we heed the lessons learned. Hopefully you are growing in your understanding of God's plan in your life every day.

There is no doubt to Christians that God is the answer to all things. Paul tells us in 1 Corinthians that he may plant the seed, Apollos may water it, but only God gives it growth. So, even the work you do in life ministry is dependent on God's hand of blessing. You are the one who plants the seeds and even waters them, but only God will ripen the fruits of your labor, making them ready to harvest.

So, if God is the answer, wouldn't it be a good thing to see how God is working in your life, church, and community to be able to build on the gifts and strengths He is providing already? You will then be equipped to look for opportunities to serve Him and walk alongside Him throughout the For Life work you are doing in equipping others. The answer is likely to be “Yes I want to know more about God's plan.” If you haven't been exposed to the **Mission Discovery Process (MDP)**, you will want to investigate it to bring clarity to the work you are doing in your churches. Look for the previous article in this edition of *Directions* titled “We're a Life Team, Now What?” for more information.

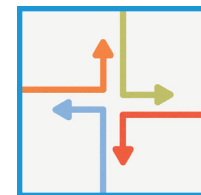
The new Life Team at Messiah Lutheran Church in Lakeville, Minnesota, recently went through the Mission Discovery Process as they looked to answer the question, “we're trained, now what do we do?” Carrie Strauch, their Life Team Leader, had this to say after going through the MDP Process one evening with her Life Team:

“I came home after the first MDP session and I could not even sleep. I was so excited! I was not expecting so much energy and such amazing observations from all our Life Team members. The results from the Mission Discovery Process along with prayer have so much power! Our Life Team generated brilliant observations, patterns, discoveries, and actions! So many people have been asking our Life Team what we are going to do! After going through the MDP we have specific answers to that question! Miraculous!”



Although the Mission Discovery Process is part of the Life Team training, it can be used by Life Chapters as well. Recently the Central Florida Life Chapter's Executive Committee went through Mission Discovery at an executive board meeting. Virginia Flo, Director of LFL's Volunteer Relations, joined their meeting via Zoom to walk them through the process. Since Life Chapter





members are not always right next door to each other, it worked well to utilize Zoom to bring everyone together. As good Lutherans, this group found that including food in their onsite meeting provided an additional incentive to their fellowship opportunity. Certainly, each life group understands what type of environment works best for their organization.

Kelly Guerrier, Central Florida Life Chapter President, had this to say about the process:

“The Mission Discovery Process was wonderfully beneficial in identifying the life issues most relevant to our community and unifying us in addressing them. Even though I have worked with this team for nearly two years now in our efforts to get the Chapter started, I learned a lot about the life experiences, talents, passions, and skills of our group, which then shaped the life issues we selected to focus our efforts on. We came away from the session renewed and with greater confidence and clarity of mission.”



It was a good experience for the executive committee of the Life Chapter to go through the process as a small group. Life Chapters have the option of doing this with their executive committee or their entire Life Chapter. Pastor Joseph Signore, the Life Chapter Pastoral Advisor, also has an established Life Team at his church, Our Redeemer in Ocala, Florida. His Life Team has already done the Mission Discovery Process. Here is what he had to say after the Life Chapter MDP process:

“I think the MDP process overall went well. The biggest benefit was physically getting together as a team to accomplish a common objective. It’s good to rub elbows and share a meal. Having been through the process already with Our Redeemer’s Life Team, there were no ‘aha’ moments for me. But it was very encouraging to list the many experiences, skills, and opportunities we can build on!”



The personal engagement of everyone in your ministry group is essential to building a team approach. Calling on the Lord in prayer during this process and at all your meetings is very significant as you ask the Lord to guide your steps. As you observe God and see how His plan is unfolding in the area you serve, it brings all your work into focus as you see the many blessings He has already shared. Kyle McMillian, Life Chapter Treasurer, said:



“The MDP process was good and well received. It provided an opportunity to dedicate significant time working together toward team building. It was eye opening to see areas of overlap, shared strengths and interests. Having the roadmap laid out, with specific things we could do, helps visualize next steps. I am excited to implement our shared strategy and looking forward to further collaboration. I can see our recent efforts paying dividends in the future.”



James Weinberg, Chapter VP, shared:

“I think the training was very good. It showed us how to spread our mission throughout the area.”

Karl Schmidt, Chapter Communications Chair, added:

“The inventory exercise was very good as it drew out what LIFE ISSUE activities are engaged by the executive team members, the pastor leaders, and the congregations. The activities and experience of the congregations in addressing LIFE ISSUES was uplifting.”

From individual gifts, to work in which your churches are already engaged, to the needs of your communities, it all comes into focus during the Mission Discovery Process. By identifying the work God is already blessing you with, you can adjust to His plans as you see them unfold. May you find fulfillment in this process, in trusting, observing, and adjusting to God’s plan as you set your future goals and execute the task of equipping the churches you serve to be Gospel-motivated voices For Life. You do the planting and watering, and God will make it grow!

To God be the glory!



Step Up 4 Life



#LIFESHINES



Step Up 4 Life 2025! – Registration is open!

Join our efforts to change hearts and save lives this spring by participating in our **Step Up 4 Life** campaign. You are a vital member of our Lutherans For Life community, and we once again need your help to make our annual **Step Up 4 Life** fundraising campaign a success!

- Register as a team, an individual, or a donor at STEPUP4LIFE.ORG/2025. Registration is free, but the suggested donation is \$100 for adults and \$30 for children and youth.
- Once you register for **Step Up 4 Life** online, you will be given a link to your fundraising page. Reach out to church members, neighbors, family, friends, or co-workers to join your team or sponsor your **Step Up 4 Life** fundraising efforts. The more money you donate or raise, the more points you earn on the platform. Share your fundraising page on social media to increase donations! (Use the QR code.)
- **Step Up 4 Life** will be held May 11 (Mother's Day) through June 24 (the reversal of *Roe v. Wade* anniversary) with a goal of raising **\$85,000** for our Lutherans For Life's current and future ministry needs.
- **Step Up 4 Life Kits** are downloadable or available to order in print. The Life Kit is filled with resources to support your team (registration forms, bulletin announcements and inserts, posters, fundraising tips, and a Bible study). **New this year** – there is also a Life Kit specifically for individuals.
- **Questions?** Check out the resources at STEPUP4LIFE.ORG/2025, email stepup4life@lutheransforlife.org, or call Lutherans For Life's National Office at 888.364.LIFE (5433).



2025 Lutherans For Life Impact Card



Listed below are examples of the many ways your impactful gift might be used to assist our Gospel-motivated, life-affirming mission.

● Gospel Motivation -- (\$250 - \$499)

- One Word of Hope spiritual care session
- Resources for Y4Life Youth Encounter events in 2025
- Professionally print 100 Lutherans For Life brochures
- Professionally print 100 Lutherans For Life infographics
- One month of Hope Day Wednesday Prayer videos
- Maintain the 24/7 Word of Hope hotline for one day

● Gospel Transformation -- (\$500 - \$749)

- Lutherans For Life, Word of Hope, and Y4Life website maintenance
- Word of Hope nine-week Christ-centered mindfulness course
- Publish and print Word of Hope spiritual care resources
- Professionally print 100 Lutherans For Life books

● Gospel Proclamation -- (\$750 and Up)

- Develop and publish new LFL brochures and infographics
- Develop one Frontline Playbook in the series (print, video, and online)
- Word of Hope video production of online training materials
- Host a Spotlight on Life event with a LFL staff member speaker
- Travel expenses for presenting and exhibiting at congregations, conferences, and conventions
- Sponsor a Y4Life retreat or Summit in 2025
- Sponsor a YA4Life (young adult) retreat in 2025
- Production of Volunteer Relations Frontline help videos
- Develop training materials for Life Chapters, Life Teams, and Life Advocates
- Mail our "LifeDate" journal to 2,500 individuals + 500 congregations

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Step Up 4 Life

Kit Content

Check out the items you'll receive in the **FREE**
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Registration Form: Each kit includes one reproducible sign-up sheet as well as directions for signing up online at www.stepup4life.org/2025. Help your family, friends, and congregation members register for Step Up 4 Life beginning on Mother's Day (Sunday, May 11)!

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!

Celebrate Life Bible Study: Wondering how to have your congregation participate in our Step Up 4 Life campaign? Consider leading our "Life Shines in Money" adult Bible study on Sunday morning during the campaign (May 11 to June 24) and provide a free-will donation to Lutherans For Life. A printed copy of the Bible study is included in the kit.

Order your FREE Step Up 4 Life Kit today!
Call 888.364.LIFE (5433) or visit www.stepup4life.org/2025



Life Shines in Money: A Step Up 4 Life Bible Study

The Bible talks a lot about money. While the Scriptures outline no step-by-step framework for financial management or spending and saving allocations, Jesus does have a great deal to tell us about wealth, riches, possessions, and treasures. Sometimes it even makes us uncomfortable!

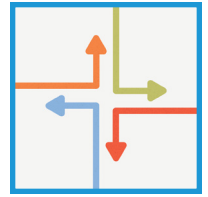
On the one hand, we cannot avoid dealing with property and commerce. In fact, it seems, Almighty God would have us engage in these enterprises both to enjoy His blessings and to extend His kingdom. On the other hand, we ought not idolize these things. Fortune greatly tempts the mortal and sinful human heart toward misplaced trust and even selfishness. Nevertheless, what humankind wields for evil, God can redeem to serve His purposes and deliver His gifts. So currency can declare the sanctity of human life.



1. What would you characterize as the best purchase or investment you've ever made? The worst? What has resulted from them that leads you to assess them as you do?
2. What's the most important message your household of origin communicated to you about money? How has it affected your adulthood for better and for worse? What one family perspective toward money from your formative years have you sought to depart from? Why?
3. How would you summarize what Matthew 6:24, Matthew 21:12, Acts 8:20, and 1 Timothy 6:10 indicate about one's funds? How does this make Exodus 12:43-44, Exodus 30:16, Deuteronomy 23:19, and Malachi 3:10 sound strange to contemporary Christian ears?
4. Money, of course, derives its value more from what it represents than from what it actually consists of. The paper and metals make promises and testimonies of greater realities. How do Psalm 50:8-13, Job 41:11, and 1 Corinthians 15:27 relate this to all material goods? What does it reflect about ownership?



5. Everybody comes into contact with money to some degree and deals with purchase and exchange. What does money's abundance and proximity say of God's demeanor concerning what belongs to Him (Matthew 5:45; 6:33; 7:11)?



6. How do Exodus 16:11-12, Matthew 6:26-30, and Matthew 26:26-28 indicate that God encounters and interacts with us through commodities? What responses does this invite and encourage (1 Timothy 4:4-5)?
7. What financial terms do Proverbs 1:19, Mark 10:21-22, Luke 12:15-21, and Matthew 6:12, 19-21, and 18:32-35 employ to describe humankind's sinful condition? What ultimately makes money problematic (Mark 7:15, 21-22)?
8. How does fiscal language capture and convey the grace of God in 1 Corinthians 6:19, 1 Peter 1:18-19, Matthew 13:44-46, and Luke 7:41-42? Why do we rejoice so much in notions like ransom, redemption, purchase, and price?
9. So Jesus expects His people to have and use money for much more than the passions of the flesh. What would He have us invest and convert our incomes and expenditures into (1 Timothy 6:17-19, Luke 14:13-14, Proverbs 19:17, and Luke 16:9)? What favorite ways have you developed for doing this? What new ones interest and excite you to try?





Lutheran
Family Service



Adoption Conference

We would like to invite you to an informational conference about adoption in our South Dakota District. Lutherans For Life has always been a strong supporter of adoption as it is the logical outcome of supporting life and supporting mothers who choose life. Lutheran Family Service has also become a fixture in our South Dakota District, and they are focused on providing adoption services in South Dakota and every other state in which they work. We saw a logical partnership to lead several discussions to take the mystery out of adoption and to encourage our South Dakota Lutheran brothers and sisters to consider this beautiful work.

To make it easier for people to attend, we have planned two conferences:

May 3, 10am-12pm at Peace Lutheran Church in Brookings, SD

May 10, 10am-12pm at Zion Lutheran Church in Rapid City, SD

The schedule at each will be as follows:

10:00 am – 10:45 am	Cathy VandeBraak	Domestic Adoption Presentation
10:45 am – 11:00 am		Questions
11:00 am – 11:45 am	Rev. Ryan Drevlow	Foster Care and Foster Adoption
11:45 am – 12:00 pm		Questions

Our Presenters

Cathy VandeBraak is an adoption and pregnancy case worker serving Lutheran Family Service in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. She has been with Lutheran Family Service since June of 2022. She works with adoptive parents navigating the various hurdles of adoption in South Dakota. She also works with birth mothers making difficult decisions about whether they choose to parent or whether to make an adoption plan.

Her master's degree is in marriage and family therapy. Prior to joining LFS, she worked with individuals, couples, and families to strengthen the foundation of their families for 27 years. She was able to accomplish this through providing education needed to develop healthy communication skills, conflict resolution, active listening, and much more. She continues to utilize her educational skills as she works with adoptive families and those facing unplanned pregnancy. She will be leading a discussion about domestic and embryo adoption.

Rev. Ryan Drevlow is a pastor of St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Aberdeen and an advocate for life and adoption. Rev. Drevlow and his wife Laura have been providing foster care for the last twelve years and have adopted two children out of foster care. He will lead us through a conversation about foster care and the possibilities of adoption.

If you are interested, could you please RSVP at

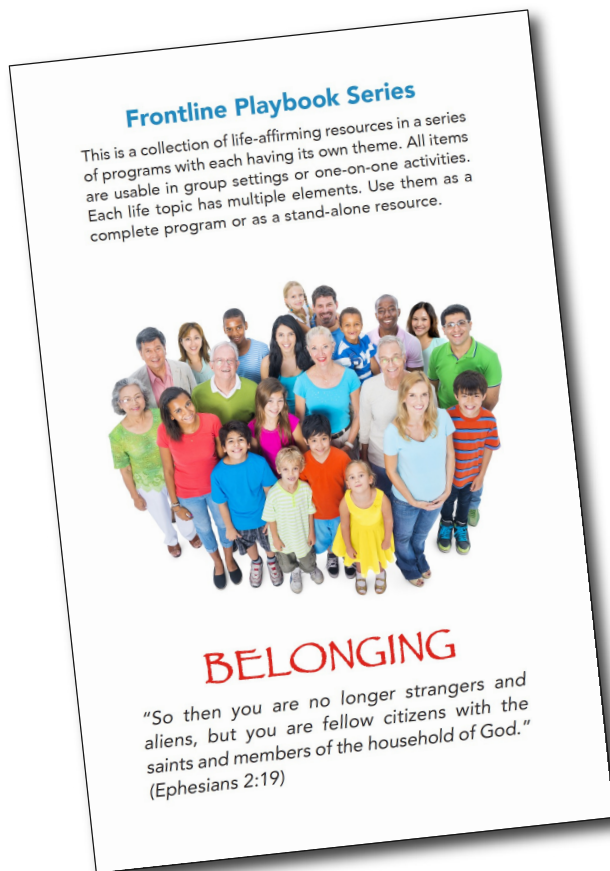
<https://forms.gle/B2KUjAEAVaJqLaZB6>

or to this number 605-251-5243

or this email address pastordrevlow@gmail.com

We hope you can come and learn about adoption and its wonderful effects both on children and on parents.
God bless you!





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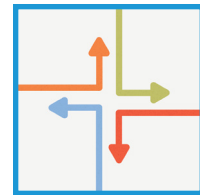
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Rev. Scott Licht
*"Those with Disabilities
Are Indispensable"*



Rev. Steven &
Stephanie Cholak
"Blessed in Longing"



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: _____

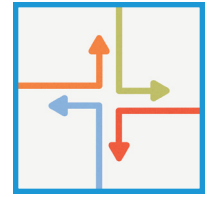
Please send completed forms to: Belén Fry
Miami Valley Life Chapter
1505 Tipperary Court
Middletown, OH 45042-3038



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



Owen's Mission



**"A PERSON'S
A PERSON,
NO MATTER
HOW SMALL"
-DR. SEUSS**

Horton the elephant was right! The Bible agrees! In fact, the Bible says more: A person's a person created by God (Psalm 139:13-14), a person redeemed by Jesus (Galatians 3:13), and a person the Holy Spirit wants to call to be His child (1 Timothy 2:4), *no matter how small!*

Owen's Mission is a very special project of Lutherans For Life. The goal of this project is to honor Jesus by presenting a set of *Touch of Life* fetal models to every Lutheran elementary and high school in the country. We want students to understand the God-given value of each life from the moment of conception. We want students to be motivated by what God has done as our Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier that gives value to life. We want students to value themselves and to value others as persons because of this God-given value.



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

"I held my little grandson Owen in the palm of my hand. He died at 21 weeks during prenatal surgery to remove a large tumor. The nurse brought him to our son as we waited in the recovery room for Owen's mother. I find it difficult to describe what I felt when I was able to hold him. I had held the 20-week *Touch of Life* fetal model in my hands hundreds of times in front of students from preschoolers to seminarians. Holding Owen revived in me the reality behind those models. I will never hold them in the same way again."



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

You can support Owen's Mission by encouraging your Lutheran elementary or high school to have an Owen's Mission presentation! Call 888.364.LIFE (5433) or email info@lutheransforlife.org.

lutheransforlife.org/owens-mission



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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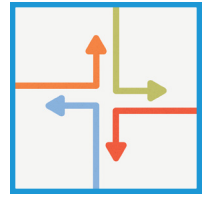
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www.youtube.com/user/LutheransForLife



- 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.

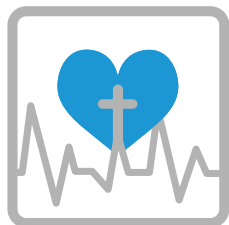
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- Life News is available each month to download and print. Life News is a free monthly bulletin insert with life-issue news and more. Go to lutheransforlife.org/media/life-news.

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- Contact Volunteer Relations about next steps.
- Use the link provided to Volunteers Academy to register for the Life Team Leader Training for only \$25!
- Engage other members at your church to be Life Team Members.
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Tool 1 – Why and How to Start a Life Team This course will give you an overview of the Life Team training process. free <input type="button" value="Enroll"/>	Tool 2 – Life Team Leader Training This course will equip you to guide your Life Team in being Gospel-motivated voices For Life. \$25 <input type="button" value="Enroll"/>	Tool 3 – Life Team Member Training This course will equip you to participate with your Life Team in being Gospel-motivated voices For Life. free <input type="button" value="Enroll"/>	Tool 4 – Resources Tool 4 contains resources that supplement Tool 2 & Tool 3. free <input type="button" value="Enroll"/>
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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
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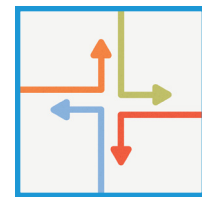
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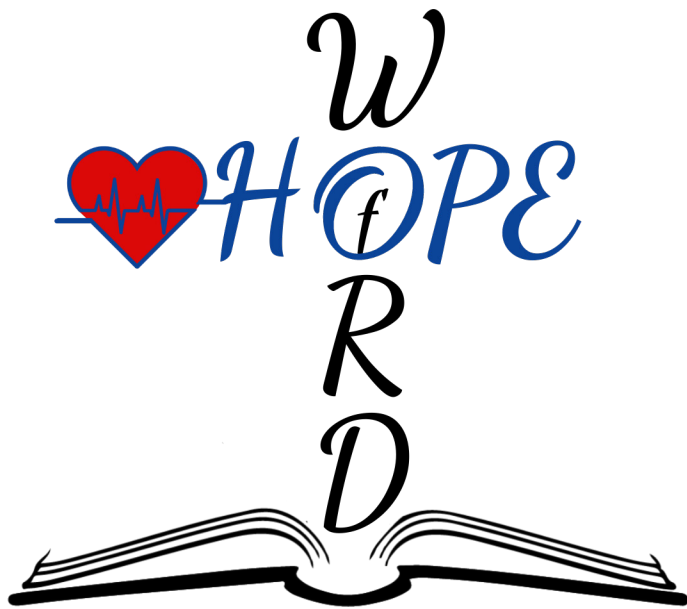
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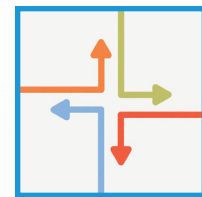
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Lutherans For Life National Conference

September 24-26, 2025

Great Wolf Lodge | Colorado Springs, Colorado



"I praise you, Lord for I am fearfully and wonderfully made" (Psalm 139:14).

Get equipped to deal with life issues with Gospel-motivated speakers at the Great Wolf Lodge in Colorado Springs for this three-day national event! The sweeping views of Pike's Peak in the conference center will inspire us as we hear testimonials from courageous For Life speakers.

This family-friendly venue offers the largest indoor water park in Colorado, along with dozens of engaging activities for children of all ages.

Registration includes access to all conference sessions, as well as breakfast and dinners at the conference hotel. Note: Lunches and afternoons will be on your own to explore the area!

Registration Fees

Early Bird – Adult (through June 30, 2025): \$100

Adult (July 1, 2025, and after): \$150

Students and Youth, 13 years old through college-age: \$25

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REGISTRATION IS OPEN!

