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New Report Shows 1.1 Million Babies Killed in Abortions as Abortion Pills Flood America – The most accurate, current, and complete compilation of abortion data shows over 1.1 million abortions took place via licensed providers from July 2023–June 2024, according to new analysis compiled by the Charlotte Lozier Institute. This establishes a baseline number of recorded abortions nationwide. This analysis is the first to collect abortion totals from different types of abortionists and examine which estimates are the most complete and definitive. The analysis used the regularly cited data from #WeCount and Guttmacher Institute because the U.S. government doesn't have a complete and thorough reporting system for a comprehensive evaluation. Neither organization publishes the raw data from abortion centers. While this is the best estimation of total abortions taking place in that timeframe, researchers cannot definitively calculate how many abortions occurred because there's no federal abortion reporting requirement and there's no verifiable way to track certain abortions, such as abortion drugs mailed into the U.S. by foreign abortion organizations ... CLI's full analysis can be found at this link: www.lifenews.com/2025/05/23/new-report-shows-1-1-million-babies-killed-in-abortions-as-abortion-pills-flood-america.

Speaking up For Life

"So, what are we as Christians to do in a culture that rejects God's gift of marriage, sex within its bounds, and children? Repent. Turn from your sin. Receive Jesus' forgiveness. And do not forget to pray. Pray for all marriages and all families, that the Lord who makes two into one flesh would richly bless them with His love, joy, and mercy." *Rev. Matthew Wietfeldt, Concordia Theological Seminary*

"For the Christian, changing hearts and minds isn't just about meeting bodily needs; it also means connecting our neighbor to the true source of life—Christ Himself. It means providing for her needs in this world and the next by boldly intertwining our works and words of mercy with the gift of mercy Himself. It means helping him carry the crosses of this world on the way to his heavenly home." *Michelle Bauman, Director of Y4Life*

"I can finally perceive that God put some of the most difficult neighbors in my life at some of the most difficult times in order to bring me to the end of myself. Jesus didn't say that what God asks us to do would be easy. What God asks is impossibly difficult if God were not actually alongside us, helping us every step of the way. But the good news is that He is alongside us, helping us every step of the way." *Donna Harrison, M.D., AAPLOG* (aaplog.org)

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Our New Executive Director

Lutherans For Life is delighted to announce that Rev. Dr. Aric Fenske has accepted the divine call to serve as the next Executive Director of Lutherans For Life!

Dr. Fenske began his duties with LFL on May 1. On accepting the call, Dr. Fenske said, "I pray that God will strengthen and equip me to serve faithfully for the benefit of His Church."

The Rev. Dr. Aric Fenske is a 2011 graduate of Concordia Theological Seminary in Fort Wayne, Indiana. Since that time, he has served as the pastor of two dual parishes in the North Wisconsin District – LCMS, where he has been active in several different pro-life organizations. Dr. Fenske earned his Doctor of Ministry in 2019, again from Concordia Theological Seminary in Fort Wayne. He and his wife, Marie, have four daughters—Madison, Alexis, Hailee, and Marta—along with two grandsons, James and Rustyn.

Please pray for Dr. Fenske, his family, and the Lutherans For Life community that our Father would bless this time of transition, and our Savior would continue to abundantly provide for the needs of His people at Dr. Fenske's former congregations.

The outgoing Executive Director of Lutherans For Life, Pastor Michael Salemink, will soon transition to a new vocation of service to the Church. The details will become public once final. Pastor Salemink said, "A delightful decade is drawing to an end. It makes me somewhat sentimental to reflect on what the time together with Lutherans For Life has taught me. No doubt I have learned far more than I have delivered and gained well beyond what I've given."

