

2025

“I praise you,
for I am
fearfully and
wonderfully
made.”

Psalms 139:14



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Dear Friend For Life,

2025 brought some big changes for us at Lutherans For Life. Most obvious, was the change in leadership. Rev. Salemink moved on to a new role in the Church, and I stepped into the role of Executive Director. We've also added some wonderful new resources and unveiled two new programs: **Congregational House of Refuge** and **Redeeming Grace**. And it would be impossible to list here all the wonderful things that you've done in your own congregations and neighborhoods.



None of this would be possible without your faithful and generous support. Thank you for all that you do to be Gospel-motivated voices For Life!

Of course, the work isn't done. Sin still threatens to destroy lives that are fearfully and wonderfully made in God's image. The opportunities to share the light of Christ in this dark world are plentiful, and I am excited to work alongside you to meet this challenge in the strength that God supplies.

Unfortunately, donations to LFL were down this year. We need your financial support as well as your Gospel-motivated voice and enthusiasm and zeal for life so that, together with you, we can continue to shine the light of Christ into this sin-darkened world.

May the Lord of life bless you as you consider how you can use the gifts that God supplies to be a Gospel-motivated voice For Life!

Your servant in Christ,

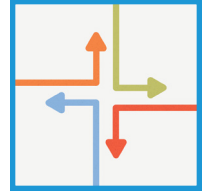
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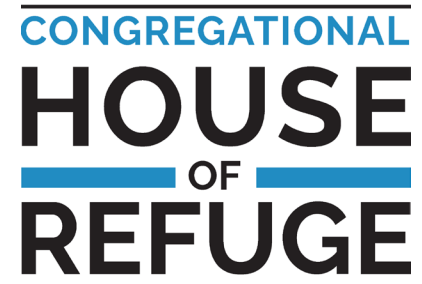
In collaboration with our **Volunteer Relations** department, Life Teams, Life Chapters, and Life Advocates are developed in congregations and communities to affirm life and participate in motivating others For Life through the Gospel.



- **Life Chapters** are volunteer organizations of pro-life Christians who seek to carry out the mission of Lutherans For Life in their community. There are currently 82 Life Chapters in 26 states.
- **Life Teams** are Gospel-motivated groups of church members that apply the love of Christ to life issues within their church and community. There are currently 76 Life Teams in 23 states.
- **Life Advocates** are members of a Lutheran church who work closely with the pastor to look for opportunities to equip their congregation to be Gospel-motivated voices For Life. There are currently 43 Life Advocates in 22 states.

Congregational House of Refuge

New for 2025! Shine your light internally and externally, sharing how your congregation is a safe place for pregnant mothers through the **Congregational House of Refuge** program! Your support will give them hope to raise their baby. Walk with them should they decide adoption is their choice. During this special time, you and your church are there as their child develops and they prepare for this next stage in life. Find out more at lutheransforlife.org/congregational-house-of-refuge.



2025 Lutherans For Life National Essay Winners

This contest provided students in two grade categories, grades 6-8 and 9-12, with the opportunity to affirm and express their belief in the sanctity of life. The 2025 winners were Casey J. Steiner, a freshman at Mayer Lutheran High School in Mayer, Minnesota, who is the national first-place winner in grades 9-12, and Alexa Ulanoski, an eighth-grade student at St. John's Lutheran School in Chaska, Minnesota.



Frontline Ministry in Action

Life Advocate, Good Shepherd – Lincoln, Nebraska – Organized a baby bottle fundraiser to help the local care center for women and a pregnancy resource center. Presented confirmands with a life affirming card and “Precious Feet” pin at their final questioning.

Southwestern Illinois LFL #343 – Red Bud, Illinois – With the assistance of the senior youth, care packages were assembled for residents of a maternity home to support the women as they move out on their own.

Life Advocate, St. Paul – Fowler, Michigan – Held a playpen project drive to collect donations for a pregnancy center. Hosted a breakfast with speakers after the Life Sunday service.

Trinity Lutheran Life Team – Bellingham, Washington – Visited a family with kids who have immune problems and prayed for them and designed poster boards to display that showed pictures of people throughout different stages of life.

Bismarck-Mandan LFL #286 – Bismarck, North Dakota – Hosted the first annual Kuchenfest, a dessert banquet to raise funds for the local pregnancy resource center.

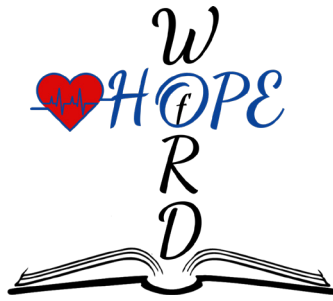
Flint Hills LFL #257 – Manhattan, Kansas – Purchased 250 *Alive Before You Were Born* books for the churches in their circuit; toured the local pregnancy resource center and provided s’mores supplies for a local camp for teens in foster care.

LFL of Denver #023 – Denver, Colorado – Spoke to students at the Colorado University Lutheran Chapel about LFL and participated in several life-affirming events in the Denver area, as well as hosting tables with LFL information at conferences.

LFL Lifelines #096 – New Germany, Minnesota – Hosted an LFL poster contest in which 44 students participated, and the top two students in each grade received a prize.

Life Advocate, Messiah Lutheran – Plano, Texas – Organized service projects and collection drives to support many multi-generation organizations in the area.

Peace Lutheran Life Team – St. Louis, Missouri – Along with the many Life Sunday activities, they sent cards with poems, prayers, bookmarks, etc., every six months to the homebound members in the church.



Lutherans For Life offers help, healing, and forgiveness for anyone who bears the burden of overwhelming guilt through our 24-hour **Word of Hope** hotline (888.217.8679). This free service is available to men, women, and youth to receive Scripture-based spiritual care in addressing life issues such as surprise pregnancy, abortion recovery, suicide, and divorce.

Accomplishments:

- Averaged over 420 contacts a month via phone, text, email, video, and in person.
- 18 adults and 19 youth have received individual spiritual care so far in 2025.

Goals:

- Complete the pilot run of the HOPE for Suicide Awareness Intervention Postvention (HOPE S-AIP) training and make final edits before opening to the public.
- Host at least one online group for death of a family member and one online group for survivors of suicide that is founded in Scripture and Lutheran doctrine.



"I can't emphasize enough how much the post-abortion stress treatment program through **Word of Hope** helped me get my life back and on a better track. I was able to get to the root of why I believed my life had very little value. I will always have regret, but now I finally have peace—the peace that comes from knowing and believing Jesus paid the price for my sins. I never thought I was worthy of forgiveness, not until I went through this program. I highly encourage any woman who has had an abortion to go through this program so you too may have peace in your heart that comes only from repentance and receiving forgiveness through Christ."

Priscilla—referred for abortion recovery and completed Redeeming Grace Program



Lutherans For Life serves youth through its **Y4Life** program that focuses on helping high school and college youth become Gospel-motivated voices For Life. **Y4Life** offers a variety of educational resources, service projects, and interactive, in-person opportunities that teach youth how to uphold the lives of others.

Accomplishments:

- Over 520 youth and adults attended the **Y4Life** Conference and March for Life in Washington, D.C., in January 2025.
- The **Y4Life** team has already interacted with more than 11,000 youth from around the country in 2025.

Goals:

- Transition all **Y4Life** materials to electronic versions.
- Complete **Y4Life** life issues library.
- Build life-affirming resources for parents and teachers to use with young children and pre-teens.



"I appreciated the time getting to meet others in my age range and discuss and learn about important topics. Informative and thoughtful sessions and a comfortable place for people to talk about sensitive topics in their own lives and get appropriate advice and support."

YAforLife testimonial

Dear Champions For Life,

Thank you for your steadfast commitment and generosity in upholding the sanctity of all human life.

Your unwavering help in proclaiming the truth that all human life is created by God, redeemed by Jesus Christ, and called by the Holy Spirit is making a profound impact in our churches, communities, and country.



As a vital member of our LFL family, you understand the critical life issues we are facing today.

Abortion remains a significant threat to women and families. Millions of individuals fall victim to human trafficking each year.

And suicide rates among youth and the elderly continue to rise, highlighting the urgent need for the life-affirming work of Lutherans For Life.

Please continue your partnership with Lutherans For Life and donate generously today, not just for our Gospel-motivated, life-affirming work, but for every life God has created.

God's blessings to you and your family,



David Probst
Director of Development

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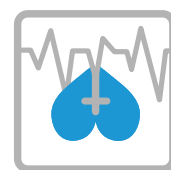
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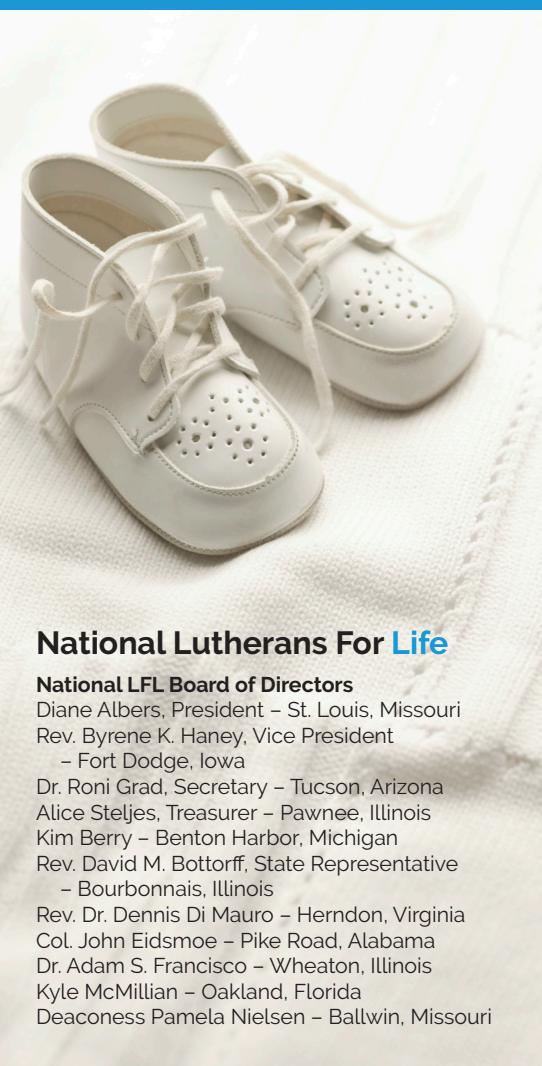
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