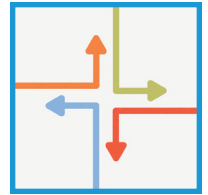


Directions ...

For LFL's Frontline
July-August
2026



Directions is sent bi-monthly to Lutherans For Life's State Federations, Life Chapters, Life Teams, and Life Advocates. Each issue contains a Bible study, Life Project ideas, LFL resources, upcoming events, For Life information, and more.



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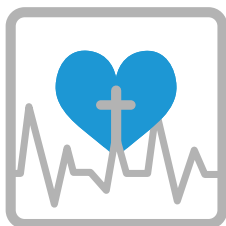
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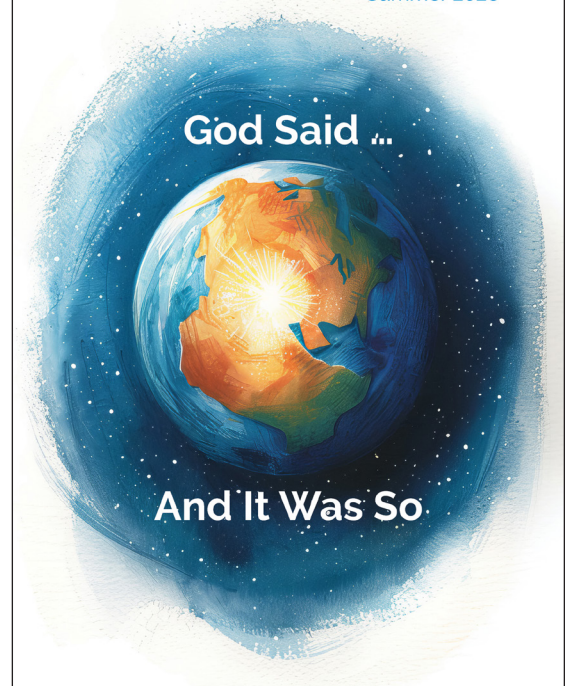
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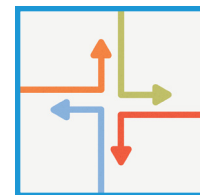
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FRONTLINE CALL

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 13, 2026 • 7:00-8:00 p.m. CDT | 8:00-9:00 p.m. EDT
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83112281793> | Meeting ID 831 1228 1793 | Passcode 866951

Life Project: Delores Desemone, a Life Chapter member of St. Charles County LFL #337 in St. Charles, Missouri, will be speaking about the stigmas around adoption. Language is important, and we should pay attention to what language we use. She will share why talking about adoption more often is important and why wisely choosing the words we use about adoption is beneficial.

Pastor Bill Cate, St. John's Lutheran Church, Grand Haven, Michigan, will share a devotion and prayer.

Deaconess Chrissie Gillet, LFL's Director of Word of Hope, will give an overview of the Redeeming Grace Retreat.

Our Frontline Calls are a great way to get new ideas for sharing the For Life message as well as enjoying online fellowship with other members of LFL's Frontline!

Please encourage everyone on your Life Team or Life Chapter to attend—and Life Advocates, too!





LUTHERANS FOR LIFE

Join us for a night of food, fellowship, and fundraising to spread the For Life message!

LUTHERANS FOR LIFE FALL GALA THAT THEY MAY HAVE LIFE



PLACE: Holiday Inn Airport – Des Moines

DATE/TIME: Friday, September 18, 2026

6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Fellowship time starts at 5:30 p.m.

SPEAKER: Rev. Dr. James I. Lamb

Dr. James Lamb, a prominent voice in the growth and development of Lutherans For Life, will encourage attendees to continue sharing Christ-centered hope and truth in today's culture.

Come and stand boldly For Life!

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Questions about registration or sponsorship opportunities? Call 888-364-LIFE (5433).

Semi-formal attire is suggested.





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 Advocates

We rejoice and **CELEBRATE!** the addition of two new Gospel-motivated **Life Advocates** to the Lutherans For Life Frontline.

- Rick Shaver, Redeemer Lutheran Church, Charleston, West Virginia
- Mark Wellner, Our Savior Lutheran Church, Mankato, Minnesota

New Life Team

We rejoice and **CELEBRATE!** the addition of a new Gospel-motivated **Life Team** to the Lutherans For Life Frontline.

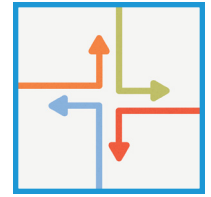
- Trinity Life Team, Trinity Lutheran Church, Holly Hill, Florida; Life Team Leader: Chris Schulz

To learn more about becoming a **Life Advocate** or starting a **Life Team** or a **Life Chapter**, contact Michele Hartshorn, Director of Volunteer Relations, at mhartshorn@lutheransforlife.org.



A Bible Study: Do You Love Your Neighbor?

by Deaconess Amanda Nicks



A Bible Study on Galatians 5:13-16, 6:1-2

In his letter to the Galatians, Paul is upset with the church in Galatia and is writing to them in response to what his opponents are teaching. The sixth and seventh verses of the first chapter read: “I am astonished that you are so quickly deserting him who called you in the grace of Christ and are turning to a different gospel—not that there is another one, but there are some who trouble you and want to distort the gospel of Christ.” Paul’s opponents were distorting what he taught the Galatians. The Galatians were abandoning the truth taught to them. His opponents were teaching that the works of the Law were necessary for salvation, specifically when it came to circumcision. Christ is the One who brings the Gospel into existence, not the works of man. How many times have we been like the Galatians and been distracted by false teachings?

Read Galatians 5:1-6:2 for a better understanding of the context of our passage. Briefly review what Paul has written leading up to verse 13.

Galatians 5:13-16: “For you were called to freedom, brothers. Only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another. For the whole law is fulfilled in one word: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ But if you bite and devour one another, watch out that you are not consumed by one another. But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh.”

What is this freedom that Paul is referring to?

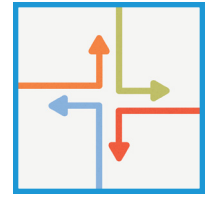
Because of this freedom, are we therefore able to sin freely? What does this freedom look like in the life of a Christian?

Luther explains: “My neighbor is every person, especially those who need my help, as Christ explained in the tenth chapter of Luke. Even if a person has done me some wrong, or has hurt me in any way, he is still a human being with flesh and blood. As long as a person remains a human being, so long is he to be an object of our love” (*A Commentary on St. Paul’s Epistle to the Galatians* by Martin Luther, page 219). Luther reminds us that our neighbor is every human being. Even though it is difficult, we are to love those who have wronged us or don’t believe the same as us.

How has Christ loved us as His neighbor?



“For the desires of the flesh are against the Spirit, and the desires of the Spirit are against the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to keep you from doing the things you want to do” (Galatians 5:17).



How can our flesh get in the way of loving our neighbor? Refer to verse 15.

What are some ways in which we love our neighbors as ourselves? Think of specific examples in your various vocations. Are there any Bible passages that come to mind about loving one's neighbor?

In Galatians 6:1-2, Paul talks about bearing one another's burdens. What does this mean? How does Jesus bear our burdens? In what ways might these burdens differ in our different vocations?

“The Law of Christ is the Law of Love. Christ gave us no other law than this law of mutual love: ‘A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another.’ To love means to bear another's burdens. Christians must have strong shoulders to bear the burdens of their fellow Christians. Faithful pastors recognize many errors and offenses in the church, which they oversee. In civil affairs an official has to overlook much if he is fit to rule. If we can overlook our own shortcomings and wrong-doings, we ought to overlook the shortcomings of others in accordance with the words, ‘Bear ye one another's burdens’” (*A Commentary on St. Paul's Epistle to the Galatians* by Martin Luther, page 239).

We are free in Christ to bear one another's burdens. Christ became the curse for us, and we are empowered by the Spirit to live for the welfare and benefit of others. To not love one's neighbor as oneself shows a lack of understanding of the Law of Christ. His Law is love.

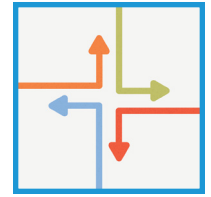
As you go out into the world, keep these passages in mind. Remember how much Christ loves you and your neighbor.

How can you show this love to your family, friends, co-workers, strangers, and enemies?

The simplest gesture can shed Christ's light on someone in need.



Life Project: Advice & Encouragement for New Dads



This life project has been shared by Memorial Lutheran Life Team in Houston, Texas. Thank you to Jess Rosenwinkel, Life Team Leader, and Robert Burmeister, Life Team member, for the helpful information.

“Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord” (Ephesians 6:4).

Welcoming a newborn baby into the world is exciting but can be overwhelming, especially when it’s your first time. Memorial Lutheran Life Team in Houston, Texas, gathered advice from fathers in the congregation and compiled them into a book, *Lutheran Advice and Encouragement for First-Time Dads*, to gift to new dads.

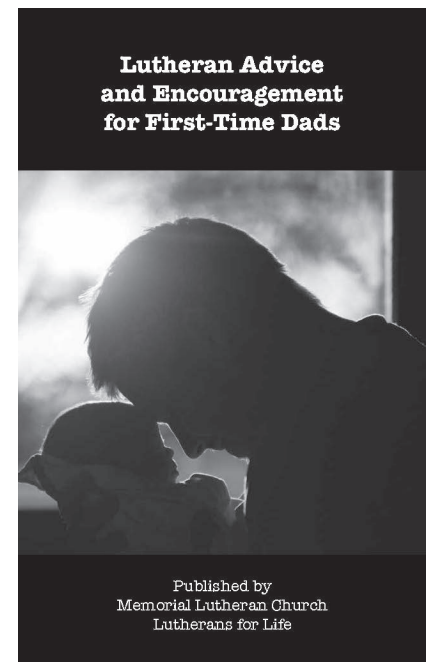
The project started when the Life Team’s pastor, Rev. Ned Moerbe, approached Robert Burmeister (a father of two grown daughters) with the idea. He wanted a project sponsored by the Life Team that would support fathers and suggested passing around a journal to the fathers in the congregation to write down advice and encouragement for first-time fathers. This would be given to them shortly before the baby is born or around the time a baby shower would be hosted.

Initially, it was thought that a journal would be passed around for the fathers to write down advice and words of encouragement. This seemed a bit cumbersome, so Robert had the idea of collecting the writings through email. First, he had Pastor Moerbe write an entry to serve as an example. Then, he contacted a few trusted fathers from the congregation that he knew would be willing to participate. Once Robert had a few meaningful and thoughtful entries, he emailed every father in the congregation and requested they submit any advice to be compiled into the book. Several follow-ups, email reminders, and in-person reminders ensured that many entries were gathered between September and November of 2025.

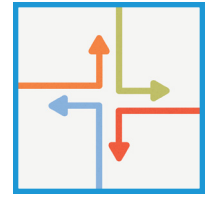
In total, they received 150 entries from 40 fathers, who are all members of Memorial Lutheran Church in Houston, Texas. The entries were compiled into one file and proofread before formatting and printing.

Robert worked with Jess Rosenwinkel during December to format the book and did an initial printing. Jess owns a design company and was able to use her expertise to design and format the entries into the book. It’s just over 50 pages long and is about 4 x 7 inches. The layout includes the father’s name, the names and ages of his children, and then the advice he wrote. The book was printed through Lulu.com. Its grand arrival was Christmas Day in 2025.

They started with ordering 30 books, which cost about \$150. The first batch went rather quickly. Besides the copies given to the new fathers, other dads in the congregation bought copies for themselves and to gift to fathers they knew. Copies are sold for \$5.00. The book costs just over \$4.00 to print, so the little extra received from the sales helps to cover the cost of the next printing.



When gifting the book to a new father, the goal is to present it about one or two months before the baby is born and have a small event with the men of the congregation. These events for the new fathers and men help to create a community. The new fathers know that these men are there to support and guide them as they raise their children. It is a good way to reinforce the message that caring for your children is a masculine thing.



The first book given to a new dad wasn't a big presentation but was simply delivered to his home. For the second new father, the group planned a release party and presentation of the book at a local brewery. There were 25 men in attendance. The book for the third father was presented at an activity which Robert knew many of the men, especially in Texas, would enjoy. They went to a local gun range and did some pistol target practice. This was followed by lunch at a local restaurant.

Whenever there is a new dad in the congregation, Memorial Lutheran Life Team plans to present the new dad with a free copy of the book at a social event. Robert said, "The rationale for having official 'presentation events' is to get the men of the congregation, especially the fathers, to meet each other if this has not happened already." What a wonderful way to build a community of fathers and create a support system for the new ones.

Memorial Lutheran Life Team is blessed with the talents of Jess to design the book. Your group may not have someone who does design work professionally. She said, "Don't let it deter you from doing the project; it's the words for the new fathers that matter. Do the best you can. There are resources out there to help."

Speak to your pastor or church secretary about ideas for design resources. They may know of someone in the congregation or community. There are also several online resources that can help create a wonderful book. You may start with designing it in Word and printing it on your church printer. Lulu.com has templates that seem to be fairly user friendly. Find what works best for your group and congregation.



Here are some examples of the advice from *Lutheran Advice and Encouragement for First-Time Dads*:

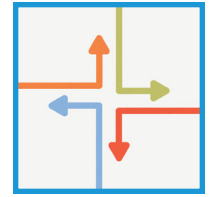
"Those early years of bringing little ones into the pew can feel exhausting, but don't underestimate how important they are. Even in the frustrating moments, understand you are planting roots of faith your children will carry for a lifetime. Stay patient, stay present, and continue leading them; these small struggles are shaping their future in Christ."

"Never feel like you can't ask for help or advice. The men of the church are there to help each other."

"Your words as a father are very powerful. Be very careful in choosing them. Once you 'cast' the words out, they are almost impossible to 'reel' back in."



Blessings from the Frontline: An Overview of the 2025 AARs

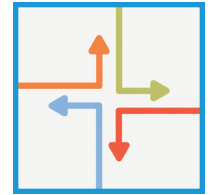


Every year, Volunteer Relations requests that Life Advocates, Life Teams, and Life Chapters complete an Annual Activity Report. These reports provide information for Volunteer Relations to better serve and support the Frontline. We appreciate all the life-affirming work of the Life Advocates, Life Teams, and Life Chapters. May these updates be inspirational and encouraging.

- **Trinity Lutheran Life Team (Twin Valley, MN)** – “We have a designated area in our Commons Dining Room where our Life Team has a cabinet with several educational and life-affirming pamphlets, brochures, and booklets from Lutherans For Life. These are for our congregation to take. This is where our fetal models for Life Education are also kept. Our Life banner made by one of our Life Team members hangs above the cabinet.”
- **Life Advocate, Bethesda (Hot Springs, SD)** – Each month, this Life Advocate provides a page in her church’s newsletter. She posts life-affirming activity flyers and conducts life activities in her church. Some activities are the Baby Bottle Boomerang to support a local pregnancy resource center and hosting an Aging Gracefully workshop.
- **Lincoln Area LFL #184 (Lincoln, NE)** – This Life Chapter supports the pastors at their churches with materials for Life Sunday, which also strengthens the Life Chapter’s personal relationship with the pastors. Members invited people from their churches to participate in the Nebraska Walk for Life. Cards were given to the confirmation class along with a Precious Feet pin, and students from Concordia University in Seward were supported to attend the Y4Life Conference and March for Life in Washington, D.C.
- **Salem Lutheran LFL #246 (Black Jack, MO)** – The greatest satisfaction for this Life Chapter in 2025 was their Chili Cook-Off. The chili was made by ten people and brought to the event in large crockpots. After tasting the different chilis, people voted for their favorite, and prizes were given to the three winners. Dessert was served, and a speaker from Wings of Hope presented.
- **Cross Lutheran Life Team (Yorkville, IL)** – The members of Cross Evangelical Lutheran Life Team had a busy 2025 filled with wonderful diaper drives and bottle drives to support a local pregnancy resource center and maternity home. They’ve freshened up the memorial garden site to beautify the space for those facing loss. “We have had so many answered prayers in terms of cooperative efforts with the staff at church and greater openness to Life Ministry among our members ... We continue to grow together in grace and love for one another and for our neighbors, and that is a wonderful blessing!”



- **Janesville Area LFL #206 (Janesville, MN)** – For Mother’s Day, this Life Chapter hosted an event where Sunday school and school children could pick out gifts to give to their mothers. They also collected baby items, participated in the local March for Life, hosted a Lenten supper, hosted Michelle Bauman (Director of Y4Life) for a youth event, and much more.



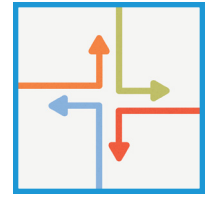
- **Life Advocate, Trinity (Clintonville, WI)** – During the fall, this Life Advocate helped with the “Witness of the Crosses” event at the local Lutheran High School as a way to remember and honor those lives lost to abortion.



- **Yellowstone Valley LFL #331 (Billings, MT)** – Some of the events this Life Chapter organized were delivering diapers to families with new babies, hosting Michelle Bauman for a Y4Life event, creating a memorial cross display, and hosting a BBQ and bunco fundraiser and family night.



Words of Encouragement from the Frontline



“Hang in there. Sometimes things seem to take a long time to come together. Wait on the Lord.” *Zion Lutheran Life Team (San Luis Obispo, CA)*

“Be open to ideas; ask for the Lord’s guidance in all endeavors.” *Treasure Valley LFL #352 (Nampa, ID)*

“We are blessed to have very supportive leadership at Our Savior Lutheran Church & School. We strive to keep our pro-life message in front of our church family and to communicate God’s love for all. Thank you, National Lutherans For Life, for all you do!” *Life Advocate (Lansing, MI)*

What was your greatest satisfaction? “Knowing that God is guiding our mission to be salt and light and to be Gospel-motivated voices for life in our community through love of one another.” *Faith Lutheran Life Team (Great Falls, MT)*

“Anchor everything you do in prayer. We are small but mighty—because God does all the good work!” *Miami Valley LFL #060 (Dayton, OH)*

“Our greatest satisfaction was the collaboration between all generations. While our individual events highlight a different stage in life each time, all generations came together to support, encourage, and celebrate God’s creation, work, and blessings.” *St. Peter Life Team (Hemlock, MI)*

“We are blessed to be able to support families in our community and beyond. He blessed us with anonymous gifts to help with our Diaper Drive and Christmas Aid.” *Trinity LFL #220 (White Lake, SD)*

There Is Still Time!

If you haven’t submitted your 2025 Annual Activity Report, **there is still time**. Please reach out to Deaconess Amanda Nicks (anicks@lutheransforlife.org) if you need another copy sent. You can also find blank online forms here:

- **Life Advocate**

2025 Life Advocate Report (online): <https://forms.office.com/r/Cx06dC5i9v>

2025 Life Advocate Report (form-fillable PDF): <https://lutheransforlife.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/02/AAR-2025-Life-Advocate-Fillable-Form.pdf>

- **Life Team**

2025 Life Team Report (online): <https://forms.office.com/r/7NGH0nqvxy>

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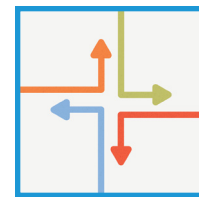
- **Life Chapter**

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Staff Profile: Jerilyn Richard



“For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life as a ransom for many” (Mark 10:45).

Jerilyn Richard has been a member of the Lutherans For Life staff since January of 2006. She has worked in multiple positions over her 20 years at LFL. She is currently the Director of Donor Relations, overseeing and caring for our precious donors and the gifts they so generously give. Prior to serving at Lutherans For Life, she was a stay-at-home mom and worked part-time as a bridal consultant.

Jerilyn grew up in Forest Lake, Minnesota, in a loving Christian home. From very early on, her parents instilled the value of human life because every life is a life created by God. Fun fact, her mom and sister have both worked for Lutherans For Life, serving the Lord of life together.

After high school, she attended the Free Lutheran Bible College, earning an AA degree in Bible & Ministry, and went on to Northwestern Bible College in St. Paul, Minnesota, to receive her BA in Business Administration. After unexpectedly becoming a single parent, she moved to Iowa to be close to family as she navigated this new path. The Lord brought her to Lutherans For Life shortly after and surrounded her and her family with the love and support of the life-affirming, pro-family community she needed and they were an integral part of her children becoming Gospel-motives voices For Life. Working at Lutherans For Life has been life-changing, and will always be a special place for her and her family.



“Blessed be the Lord because He has heard the voice of my supplications. The Lord is my strength and my shield. My heart trusts in Him, and I am helped. Therefore my heart exults, and with my song I shall thank Him” (Psalm 28:6-7 NASB).

Jerilyn has been blessed with three children: Kailey (30), Cody (27), and Natalie (25), along with son-in-law, Jared, and soon to be son-in-law, Brandon. She is grandma (or also known as lovey) to Miley (18 months) and yet to be named baby girl due this month. When she isn't serving the Lord at Lutherans For Life or spending time with her family, she enjoys reading, knitting, and her new love—sourdough!

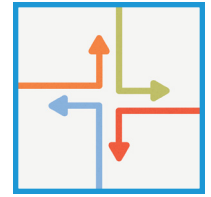


(l-r) Jerilyn, Kailey, Jared, Miley, Cody, Natalie, Brandon



Your Service Shares Christ-Centered Hope and Life

by Dave Probst, Director of Development



Across our churches, schools, families, and communities, people are searching for truth, hope, and compassionate care in the midst of challenging life situations. Students face gender and sexuality challenges, anxiety, and messages that replace Christ-centered identity with self-centered values. Congregations need trusted biblical resources to address complex cultural issues such as physician-assisted suicide, bioethical challenges, and adoption support while remaining grounded in God's Word. Families seek encouragement as they navigate caregiving responsibilities, aging loved ones, infidelity, and other personal struggles.

As a volunteer with Lutherans For Life, you encounter these needs firsthand through your service to churches, schools, families, and communities. Whether serving as a Life Advocate, participating in a Life Chapter or Life Team, or supporting a State Federation, you help bring Christ-centered hope and guidance to those facing life's challenges. Through your faithful witness and service, people are encouraged by the life-changing truth that every human life is created, redeemed, and called by God. Because of volunteers like you, lives are touched, communities are strengthened, and the Gospel-centered message of life continues to be shared where it is needed most.



This mission continues because of faithful servants like you.

Every conversation you have, every event you support, every resource you distribute, every prayer you offer, and every opportunity you take to share the message of life helps extend the reach of this ministry. Your dedication strengthens the work of Lutherans For Life and helps bring the hope of Christ to people facing difficult circumstances and important life decisions. Your service makes a real difference—sometimes in ways you may never see—but God uses every act of faithfulness to accomplish His purposes.

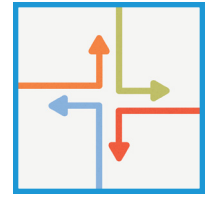
As someone who already shares your time, talents, and prayers with this ministry, we invite you to further support the mission of Lutherans For Life through a membership donation. Membership is a tangible way to strengthen your partnership with Lutherans For Life and invest in the Gospel-centered work you help carry out every day. Your gift helps provide life-affirming resources, strengthen outreach efforts, equip volunteers, encourage youth and families, and share the hope and mercy of Jesus Christ with even more people. Together, we can continue proclaiming the value of every human life and the saving love of our Savior.

To provide a membership donation, please visit lutheransforlife.org and click on DONATE. You may also send a check payable to Lutherans For Life to our National Office at 1101 5th Street, Nevada, IA 50201-1816.

Thank you for your faithful service and partnership in this ministry. For information on LFL giving opportunities, please contact me at dprobst@lutheransforlife.org.



Lutherans For Life of Kansas



“But now, thus says the Lord, who created you, O Jacob, And He who formed you, O Israel: ‘Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by your name; You are Mine’” (Isaiah 43:1 NKJV).

As the above verse states, God calls each of us by name because He created us and redeemed us through Jesus Christ, His Son. We have nothing to fear because we know He loves us and strengthens us through His Word and by His Spirit. Thus, we can share this Good News with those He puts in our lives, starting in our homes, our church family, and our communities.

Lutherans For Life of Kansas (LFL-KS) was founded in August of 2004 and has been witnessing ever since to the sanctity of all human life, from conception to natural death. Eight men and women founded it, one or more of whom continued on the board until 2023: Patricia Barrett, Rev. Ervin A. Daugherty, Jr., Jeanne Mackay, Kent Moyerhoff, Francis Szarejko, Marsha Szarejko, Michelle Walters, and Shari Weber. The Lord blessed them in their faithful service and still moves us forward as we seek to walk with churches, schools, and families to defend and protect the vulnerable among us.

The last few years have seen a number of changes to LFL-KS as we seek to bring the passion and faithfulness of our founders into a new generation. The board now includes seven board members and two pastoral advisors from all over the state and from many walks of life: Rev. Caleb Stoever, President; Dr. Bruce Schultz, Vice President; Curt Engelbrecht, Treasurer; Katherine Schultz, Secretary; Aretta Gordish, Rev. Sean Kilgo, James MacGregor, and Deaconess Bethany Stoever, Directors-at-Large; and pastoral advisors Rev. Michael Brockman (president emeritus) and Rev. Matthew Koterba. The state federation is also blessed to serve alongside six Life Chapters, two Life Teams, and one college Y4Life Team (and one in the works!).



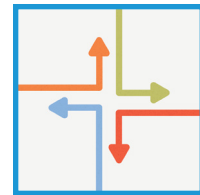
The last several years have brought many landmark events for LFL-KS, but 2023 was a particularly eventful year. We underwent a total brand and logo refresh, headed by Emily Kerschen from St. Paul Lutheran Church's Life Team in Cheney, Kansas. We recommitted ourselves to providing every Lutheran school in Kansas with a fetal model set. We fully sponsored an essay contest for the first time as a state federation. The essay contest, in particular, has been extraordinarily successful, as it has grown from between 22–28 entries for the first three years to a grand total of 50 this year!



And while we have had a newsletter practically since our founding, we now publish an online newsletter nearly every month, often featuring articles by board members and/or pastors, upcoming events,



highlights from our local chapters, and (throughout the school year) the top essays from our annual essay contest. This has provided us with the ability to regularly highlight both the theology that grounds us and the many ways in which our lives may demonstrate the love of Christ.



LFL-KS has also had the unique opportunity in the last few years to partner closely with the LCMS Kansas District. Three of the LFL-KS board members are on the LCMS Kansas District Board of Directors, and, in 2025, Rev. Caleb Stoever was elected LFL-KS President and appointed Life Coordinator for the Kansas District. This has afforded LFL-KS great opportunities for promoting life throughout the state, including in the Kansas District's annual Life Conference preceding the March for Life in Topeka.



Furthermore, we look forward to encouraging even more partnership this year. Our Annual Conference is set for Saturday, September 26, at Redeemer Lutheran Church in Lawrence, Kansas. We plan to partner with the Y4Life team there alongside Redeemer's pastor, the Rev. Sean Kilgo, who also serves on the LFL-KS board.

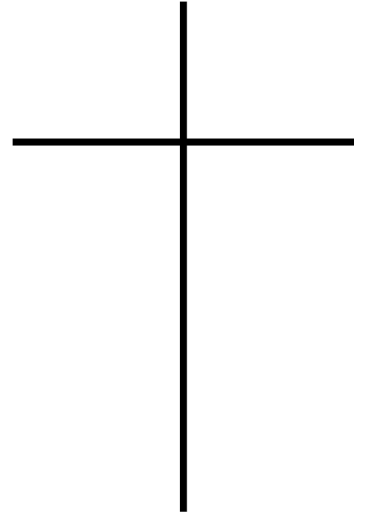
As we look back at the last 22 years of service as a state federation of LFL, we pray for the Lord's continued blessings on this and all coming years. To God alone be all the glory!

To learn more about the Lutherans For Life of Kansas and our work, to become involved in Kansas, or to subscribe to our monthly newsletter, you can reach us via email at info@lflfokansas.org.

This article was submitted by Rev. Caleb Stoever, President of Lutherans For Life of Kansas.



THAT THEY MAY HAVE LIFE



CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 2026 LFL NATIONAL ESSAY CONTEST WINNERS!

The annual Lutherans For Life Essay Contest, sponsored by the Council of Federation Presidents (COFP), continues to offer our Lutheran students the opportunity to affirm and express their belief in the sanctity of life. The theme this year was **That They May Have Life**, based on John 10:10: **“The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.”**

The national essay contest has two categories: grades 6-8 and grades 9-12. Students in both federation states and non-federation states are eligible to participate. After each state has submitted their first-place winner, a committee selects a national first-place and second-place winner in each category. Any student in a Lutheran school or Lutheran congregation (e.g., confirmation class, youth group, or Lutheran home school) is eligible to participate when validated by their teacher or pastor, along with parental consent.

Students qualify for the national essay contest by winning first place in their state for their grade category. All state winners should be commended on winning at their state level, as the number of submitted essays increases every year.

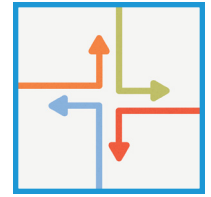
The national first-place award in both categories is \$700 and a framed certificate. The second-place award for both categories is \$250 and a framed certificate.

2026 LFL Grades 9-12 National Essay Contest Winners

First Place: Olivia Brown, St. Paul Lutheran Church in Spearfish, South Dakota, is the national first place winner in grades 9-12 (shown here with Jill Johnsen, President of LFL of South Dakota). Olivia was a senior when she wrote her essay. Her essay, titled “That May Have Life,” reads: “Abundant life is a spiritual state of communication with God and should not rely on obtaining life through any technical means. The life-affirming approach establishes that every embryo from the moment of fertilization is a human person made in the image of God.”



You may read Olivia's essay at: lutheransforlife.org/article/that-they-may-have-life-a-2026-lfl-essay-contest-winner-grades-9-12.



Note: For more info on IVF, see the position statement of Lutherans For Life as well as these additional resources:

lutheransforlife.org/life-issues/position-statements

cph.org/catalog/product/view/id/17628/s/in-vitro-fertilization-moral-or-immoral

www.cph.org/a-4life-view-of-ivf

Second Place: Julia Koester, Wittenberg Academy, from Stover, Missouri, won second place in grades 9-12 of the national essay contest. Julia was a senior when she won the national award. Her essay, titled “The Gospel Motivation For Life,” demonstrated her understanding of the value of being a Gospel-motivated voice For Life. Julia wrote, “God has equipped us to support life; we all are motivated by the Gospel. We love others because God has first loved us. We serve others because He became a Servant.”



2026 LFL Grades 6-8 National Essay Contest Winners

First Place: Connor Jones, Good Shepherd Lutheran School in Collinsville, Illinois, is the national first place winner in grades 6-8. Connor was a seventh grade student at Good Shepherd Lutheran School when he won this award. Connor's essay, titled “Against the Odds,” highlighted foster care. Connor wrote, “God's love can be shown in foster care, and my aunt and uncle's choice demonstrates it. Foster care shows God's love by giving hope to vulnerable children so that their lives may reflect God's will for them.”



You may read Connor's essay at: lutheransforlife.org/article/against-the-odds-a-2026-lfl-essay-contest-winner-grades-6-8.

Note: For more information on foster care, see the following resource:

cph.org/foster-care-fold-out-brochure

Second Place: Lydia Nissing, Trinity Lutheran Church in Bridgeton, Missouri, won second place in the national essay contest for grades 6-8. She was in seventh grade at the time. Lydia's essay, titled “Abortion: Stealing God's Precious Lambs,” depicts her understanding that life is a gift from God that should be protected. Lydia wrote, “When a baby is aborted, this little lamb has been stolen from our Good Shepherd's flock. However, Jesus has come for the purpose of giving us life. We should uphold the God-given life, not destroy it.”



Additional 2026 State Essay Contest Winners Grades 9-12

Christian Westfall – *Photo not available*
First Place Illinois
Christ Our Rock Lutheran High School
Centralia, Illinois

Logan Post
First Place Iowa
Redeemer Lutheran Church
Marshalltown, Iowa

Kale'a Achong
First Place Kansas
Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church
Independence, Kansas

Clara Brown
First Place Michigan
Lutheran High North
Macomb, Michigan



Mariana Winkelman
First Place Minnesota
Mayer Lutheran
Mayer, Minnesota

Grace Bader
First Place Nebraska
Grand Island Lutheran High
Grand Island, Nebraska

Jack Arnold
First Place Texas
Lutheran South Academy
Houston, Texas



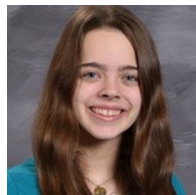
Additional 2026 State Essay Contest Winners Grades 6-8

Tyler Jacob
First Place Kansas
Hope Lutheran School
Lenexa, Kansas

Adalena Allen
First Place Michigan
St. John's Lutheran School
Midland, Michigan

Elizabeth Hennen
First Place Minnesota
St. John's Lutheran School
Chaska, Minnesota

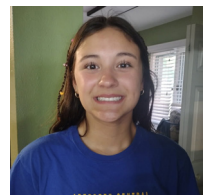
Newman MacPherson
First Place Non-Federation
Mount Hope Lutheran Church
Casper, Wyoming



Skylure Waldvogel
First Place North Dakota
Grace Lutheran School
Fargo, North Dakota

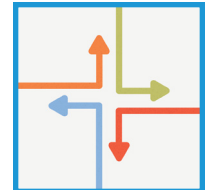
Joy Drevlow
First Place South Dakota
St. Paul's Lutheran Church
Aberdeen, South Dakota

Charlotte Nelson
First Place Texas
Redeemer Lutheran Church
Atlanta, Texas



Eating History ... Day by Day

by Rev. Paul Clark, President of LFL of Michigan



“I ain’t gonna bump no more with no big fat woman.”

That most likely got your attention!

Poor grammar, a triple negative, and insensitive “fat-shaming”—sorry!—but that’s an actual line from a song from the top-thirty charts, back in 1977, sung by a guy named Joe Tex. Look it up if you don’t believe me.

Some of you weren’t around in 1977. If you were, you may remember the movie *Saturday Night Fever*, the disco craze, and a dance called “The Bump,” which is what Joe Tex is referring to in his crazy song.

I’m slightly nauseated when I think back to that year, when I wore open neck bright colored disco shirts and weird flared-out pants, had rather long (and dark) hair, and a rather gruesome-looking mustache—and yes, I may have actually (hard swallow here!) done “The Bump”!

Oh, my. I need to shut down those memories. Personally, I’d rather recall 1977 as the year that the original *Star Wars* came out, when I sought to be a Jedi Knight like my father.

Sometimes it is very strange to contemplate the past.

Wendell Berry has a line in one of his poems that strikes me: “I eat my history, day by day.”

We do, don’t we? Whether good or bad, whether things we are proud of or things that we are ashamed of—we eat our history, day by day. We cannot escape it. In one way or another, it is always there. And those memories crop up—even at times when we least expect them (or welcome them).

But we are far more than a collection of memories. We are not manufactured droid-like products of the past. By God’s grace, we are those destined for a bright future.

And so, we remember whose we are. We belong to Christ, who redeemed us by His blood to be His people. The past is still there, but those parts we would sooner forget can no longer harm us. Our sins, however many, and of whatever nature, are forgiven in the calling of our Lord in Holy Baptism, in His grace and mercy shown to us by His death for our sin on the cross, and in His life-giving, sacred Meal Divine, as we receive His body and blood and thus feast upon His salvation at the Table of our Lord.

“Come to Me, all who are weary and heavy-laden. I will give you rest” (Matthew 11:28).

The past is still there. You eat it day by day. But it does not rule you. It cannot condemn you. No matter what you have done. No matter how many sorrows you have endured. In Jesus, your sins are forgiven. In Jesus, you have peace. In Jesus, you are made sparkling new. And in Jesus, you have a future, one that is bright with hope and promise.

Oh, one more thing. I will tell you this about my future: I will never again do “The Bump.”



Redeeming Grace Retreat

Confidential Women's Retreat

Oct 1-4, 2026
Wildwood Hills Ranch
St. Charles, IA



- **Safe, Small-Group Retreat Led by Professionals**
- **Christ-Centered Emotional & Spiritual Restoration**
- **Find Forgiveness & Peace after Abortion**
- **Rest, Reflect & Connect in Nature**

Thanks to generous donors, the cost to attend is only \$75, which includes housing, meals, activities, and all materials. Travel assistance is available.



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Gather with women who truly understand and
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Serve with Us: Word of Hope Hotline Volunteers Needed

To meet growing demand, Word of Hope is seeking volunteers to help cover the hotline, especially on weekends and during staff travel.

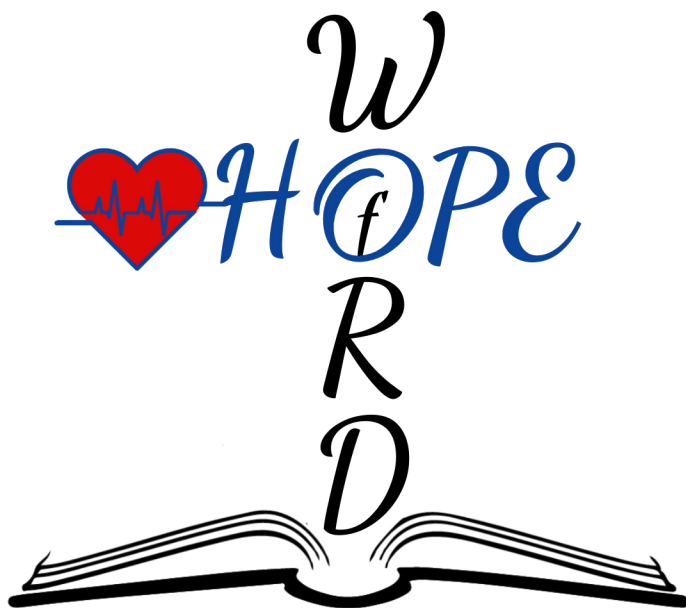
Volunteers serve one weekly four-hour shift between 10:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m. and may receive zero to two calls per shift.

Ideal volunteers have a strong catechetical foundation or theological training; basic counseling experience is helpful but not required.

Training, monthly consultation, and ongoing support are provided.

If you feel called to support others with Christ's compassion, please review the job description and send your resume along with the completed application to cgillet@lutheransforlife.org.

The Word of Hope Hotline Volunteer job description, application, and more information about Word of Hope can be found in the March-April 2026 edition of *Directions* (pages 17-22).



Want to be a voice For Life?

Lutherans For Life can help YOU!

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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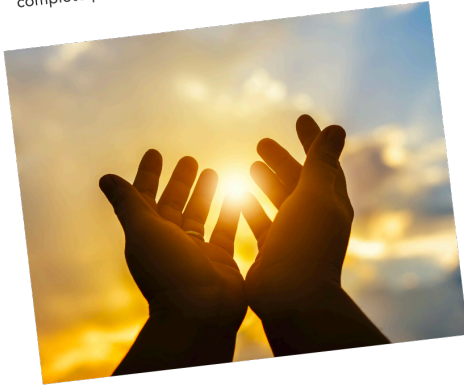
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...from fertilization to forever



Frontline Playbook Series

This is a collection of life-affirming resources in a series of programs with each having its own theme. All items are usable in group settings or one-on-one activities. Each life topic has multiple elements. Use them as a complete program or as a stand alone resource.



HOPEFUL

"He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds...but the Lord takes pleasure in those who fear him, in those who hope in his steadfast love." (Psalm 147:3,11)

CONDUCT YOUR OWN LIFE EVENT

The Frontline Playbook gives you guidance, ideas, and resources!

Video Presentations
Topical Devotions
Life Topic Facts
Supportive Activities

Follow the link and click on
**FRONTLINE PLAYBOOK
RESOURCES – Hopeful**
lutheransforlife.org/frontlineplaybook/

It's FREE and
available NOW!

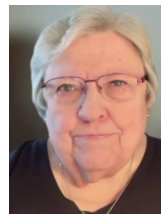
Life Topics in Hopeful



Deaconess
Rachel Geraci
"Just As...I Am Surviving
and Thriving"



Rev. Mark Chavez
"Blessed with Hope"



Virginia Flo
"Life Shines at Church"



Rev. Michael Salemink
"Just As...I Am as Male
or Female"



BECOME A CONGREGATIONAL HOUSE OF REFUGE

Shine your light internally and externally, sharing how your congregation is a safe place for pregnant mothers. 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.



How do you do this?

- ✓ The pastor reviews the program carefully recommending it to church leaders.
- ✓ The congregational leaders review and approve the program.
- ✓ The leaders share the program with the congregation for approval.
- ✓ The pastor submits the Congregational House of Refuge agreement.
- ✓ The pastor reads a commitment statement in worship twice a year.
- ✓ The congregation gets involved through mentoring, praying, and providing a representative to handle the program details.
- ✓ The congregation is listed on a locator map of other Lutheran congregations engaged in this program.

If you are interested in knowing more, visit
lutheransforlife.org/congregational-house-of-refuge/



Equipping youth to be...

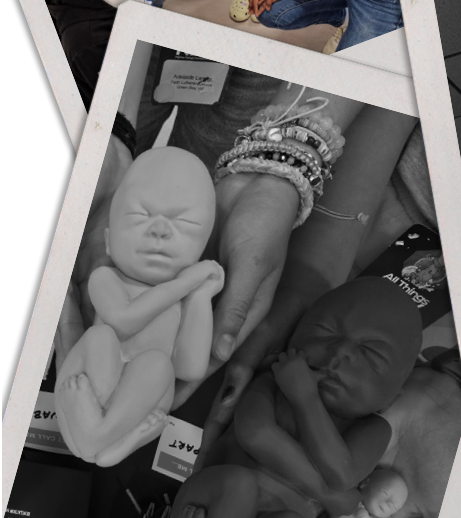
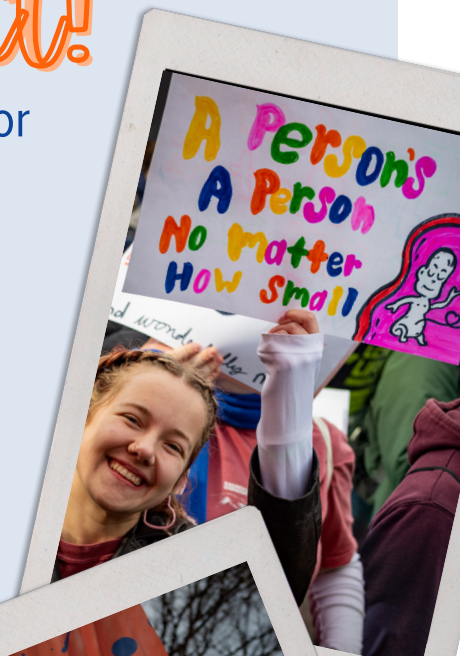
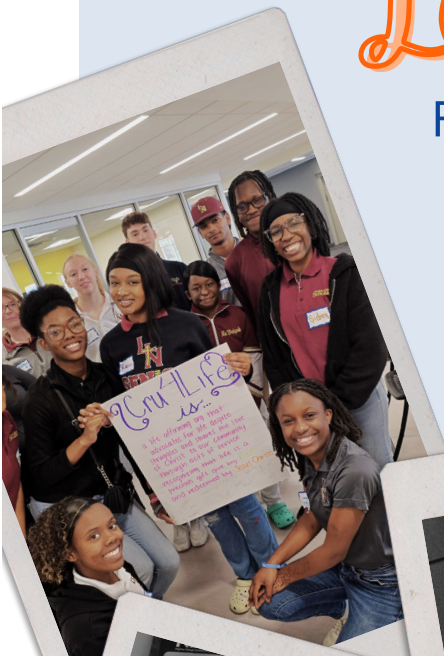
Gospel-motivated voices 4 Life!

Y4Life equips high school and college-aged youth to share the Gospel-motivated message that

YOU are made 4 LIFE.

Let's connect!

Find out more at Y4Life.org or
contact Michelle Bauman,
Y4Life Director, at
michelle@y4life.org.





YA+LIFE

YA For Life seeks to equip young adults in their 20s and 30s to be Gospel-motivated voices for LIFE! Through service, celebration, worship, and education, young adults are encouraged to engage in life-affirming activities and become advocates for LIFE in their families, churches, communities, and world. In this way, their life-affirming work ripples into the future — not only changing lives today, but also for eternity.



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Lutherans For Life will work with you to help meet your needs for a speaker or preacher at a worship service, Bible study, circuit pastors' forum, rally, conference, convention, public or parochial school, college/university, workshop/seminar, or just about any other event at your congregation. An LFL speaker will help bring life issue awareness and education to your local Lutheran congregation or church-sponsored community event, even in smaller venues and rural areas. With an LFL speaker, your event will be equipping many others to be "Gospel-motivated voices For Life" in your community.

Not sure where to start? Don't worry. LFL is pleased to offer consultation with a staff member to assist you with identifying needs and brainstorming solutions for your exciting event. Begin your planning now by contacting Lutherans For Life at info@lutheransforlife.org or 515-382-2077.



How much will it cost?

We try to keep your costs as low as possible. For most events, we ask for our expenses to be covered. Also, for most events, we ask that a free-will offering that will be given to LFL be collected from attendees. Specific financial arrangements will vary depending on the speaker and the location of the event, but here are some general guidelines:

- **Airfare/Mileage:** Actual airfare, car rental fee and fuel, and/or \$0.725 per mile to airport or event. (Mileage charges coincide with the current IRS rate.)
- **Lodging:** Quiet non-smoking hotel.
- **Meals:** \$40 per day unless other arrangements are made.
- **Honorarium:** For LFL employees, an honorarium is not necessary. If the sponsor/host wishes to give an additional monetary gift, it should go directly to Lutherans For Life. For volunteer speakers, we ask that sponsoring groups provide an honorarium to the speaker. The sponsoring group determines the amount of the honorarium. Past honorariums have ranged from \$100 to \$500.
- **Other:** A video projector and screen may be needed. (This will vary depending on the speaker and presentation.)

Please keep in mind that these are general guidelines. Our main goal is to share the For Life message in as many locations as possible, while at the same time being good stewards of the resources God has given us.

Are you ready to go to the next step? We look forward to hearing from you!



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.



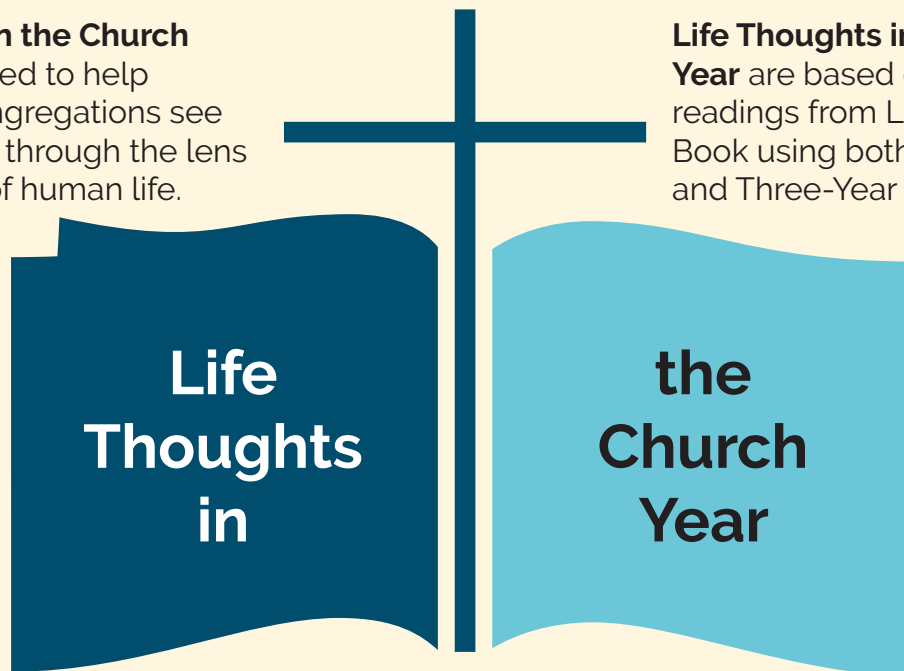
Free Downloadable Resources!

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

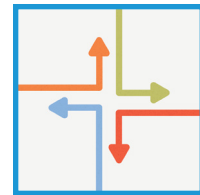
Year are based on the appointed readings from Lutheran Service Book using both the One-Year and Three-Year Lectionaries.



lutheransforlife.org/resources/life-thoughts



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 Michele Hartshorn at mhartshorn@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).



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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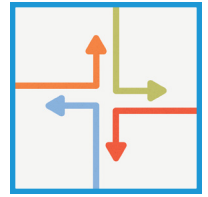
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Lutherans For Life Online



- Check out word-of-hope.org and y4life.org.
- Be sure to “Like” and follow LFL on social media! See links below:

www.facebook.com/LutheransForLife

www.facebook.com/groups/lflfrontlines

www.facebook.com/WordOfHopeHealingHearts

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www.youtube.com/user/LutheransForLife

www.instagram.com/healing_at_wordofhope



- 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.

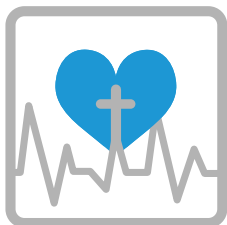
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- *LifeDate* is a great way to share the For Life message with your congregation. Find the online digital edition of *LifeDate* at lutheransforlife.org/resources/journal.

LIFEDATE

- *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.

LIFE NEWS



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INTERESTED IN STARTING A LIFE TEAM AT YOUR CHURCH?

It just got easier, making it possible for you
to be a trusted, certified Life Team Leader
or Life Team Member!

Here are the simple steps:

- Talk with your pastor about starting a Life Team at your church.
- 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.
- Life Team Member Training is FREE!

Tool 1 – Why and How to Start a Life Team This course will give you an overview of the Life Team training process. free 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 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 Enroll	Tool 4 – Resources Tool 4 contains resources that supplement Tool 2 & Tool 3. free Enroll
 LIFE TEAM Introduction and Roadmap	 LIFE TEAM Leader Training	 LIFE TEAM Member Training	 LIFE TEAM Resources

Register at:

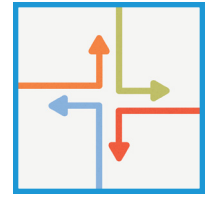
volunteersacademy.lutheransforlife.org

Questions? Contact Volunteer Relations:

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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
- 10/12 remains at national



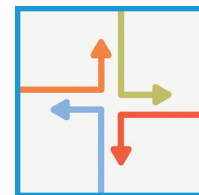
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