

MATTERS OF THE HEART

Lutherans For **Life**
National Conference
October 24-25, 2014

St. Matthew Lutheran Church
Grand Rapids, Michigan





A Word From Our President

Welcome to Grand Rapids!

Thank you for joining me along the path exploring *Matters of the Heart* at this year's Lutherans For Life Conference.

I took a path through Iowa, Illinois, and Indiana to get here. What path did you take? There obviously are numerous paths to get to Grand Rapids, Michigan, or anywhere else in the world. Some paths are well-traveled, in good repair, and safe. Others may be in poor repair, dangerous, and not well-traveled.

Life has many paths also, some of these can bring great joy, others great sadness. These are *matters of the heart*. God has much to say about *matters of the heart*, as we will hear through our speakers and workshop leaders on such topics as: family issues, caring for the elderly, facing infertility, reaching those wounded by abortion, singleness, stillbirth and miscarriage, sexual purity, and others.

God's grace is evident in His Word to us, **"As the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return to it without watering the earth and making it bud and flourish, so that it yields seed for the sower and bread for the eater, so is my word that goes out from my mouth: It will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it"** Isaiah 55:10-11 (NIV).

Though the rain and snow of tribulation in this life is allowed to come upon us, God's Word is profoundly refreshing, life-giving, and powerful enough to accomplish His will for our lives. As we speak words of life in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ, to this culture of death, God's purpose will be achieved.

Our days are filled with *matters of the heart* and God's Words speak to them. **"Your Word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path"** Psalm 119:105. God's Word always accomplishes the purpose for which it was sent and stands as the only certain guide that we have as we journey on the paths of this life.

On the path, with you, serving the Lord of Life!

Lynette Auch
President

SCHEDULE: 2014 LFL National Conference

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 24

10:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m. Registration • Exhibitor set up

11:30 Pastors' Luncheon

Pre-Conference Workshops:

1:00-3:00 Prayer Vigil at Heritage Clinic

1:15-3:00 Chapter and Life Team Summit with Lori Trinche

1:15-3:00 Christian Estate Planning with Jim Schroeder

3:15-4:45 Rev. Jonathan Fisk

5:00 Opening Worship

6:15 Banquet

7:30-9:00 Keynote Address – Dr. John Patrick –
“The Inevitability of Killing by Choice”

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25

7:30 a.m. Registration

8:30 Plenary 1 – Why It Matters to Me! – Matters of the Heart are often compelling but often for different reasons for different people – Rev. Bob Fleischmann

9:30 Announcements and break

10:00 Workshop Session A

11:00 Break

11:15 Workshop Session B

12:15 Break

12:30 Lunch/Greetings

2:00 Workshop Session C

3:00 Break

3:30 Meet Your State Leaders

4:00 Plenary 2 – Matters of the Heart: Ways to Speak to the Heart – Rev. Dr. James I. Lamb

Your prayers, volunteer involvement, and financial support allow Lutherans For Life to accomplish its Gospel-centered work.

During the conference, participants will be given an additional opportunity to support the organization.

Thank you for prayerfully considering how you, your family, and congregation can help.

Pre-Conference Events

Friday, October 24

Pastors' Luncheon: Matters of the Heart in Pastoral Ministry with Dr. Lamb
11:30 a.m. – Family Life Center

Prayer Vigil at Heritage Clinic
1:00–3:00 p.m. – 320 E Fulton Street – Meet in the Commons Area at Saint Matthew Lutheran Church

Chapter and Life Team Summit with Lori Trinche
This workshop will be a time of encouragement, sharing, and education for the “hands and feet” of LFL!
1:15–3:00 p.m. – Room 105

Christian Estate Planning with Jim Schroeder
This seminar will focus on how you can testify to your Christian faith and provide for your family and your favorite ministries.
1:15–3:00 p.m. – Room 104

What's a Life Worth – The Human Soul in the (kind of) Infinite Cosmos with Rev. Jonathan Fisk
3:15–4:45 p.m. – Sanctuary

2014 LFL CONFERENCE WORKSHOPS SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2014

Workshop Session A: 3, 4, 5, 6, 7

Workshop Session B: 1, 2, 3, 6

Workshop Session C: 1, 2, 4, 5

Workshop Leader/Sessions	Room
1. Rev. Robert Fleischmann/B & C	Sanctuary/Sanctuary
2. Rev. Max Phillips/B & C	105/105
3. Katie Schuermann/A & B	104/104
4. Diane Schroeder/A & C	105/104
5. Laura Davis/A & C	103/103
6. Rev. Dr. James Lamb/A & B	Sanctuary/103
7. Rev Jonathan Fisk/A (youth)	107

Workshop Leader and Topic

1. Rev. Robert Fleischmann: *Matters of the Heart and Issues in the Family – Wearing My Heart on My Sleeve*
2. Rev. Max Phillips: *Matters of the Heart – Caring for the Infirm and Elderly*
3. Katie Schuermann: *Matters of the Heart – Facing Infertility*
4. Diane Schroeder and Grace Kern: *Matters of the Heart – Reaching Those Wounded by Abortion*
5. Laura Davis: *Relationship Status: Content in Christ* (a workshop on singleness)
6. Rev. Dr. Jim Lamb: *Matters of the Heart – Stillbirth and Miscarriage*
7. Rev. Jonathan Fisk: *Matters of the Heart – Not Until I Say “I Do”* (a sexual purity workshop for youth)

Room Capacities:

Family Life Center 342

Sanctuary 250

Chairs only:

 **Room 105 95-106**

 **Room 104 60**

 **Room 103 72**

Other Suggested Use:

 **Commons Area — registration**

 **Fellowship Hall — Vendor Display**



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Laura Davis is the daughter of a Lutheran pastor and a Lutheran preschool teacher from Katy, Texas. She received a Bachelor of Arts in history from Texas A&M University in 2010 and a Master of Public Service and Administration at A&M's Bush School of Government and Public Service in 2012, with an emphasis on non-profit management. She was a volunteer and sidewalk counselor with the Brazos Valley Coalition for Life and an active member of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League. She completed an internship at a pregnancy resource center in Lynnwood, Washington, and has previously served on the National Board of Directors for Lutherans For Life. She joined Lutherans For Life in June 2012 as the director of the new youth initiative, Y4Life. She currently resides in St. Louis, Missouri, where she attends Saint John's Lutheran Church in Arnold and is active in the music ministry.



Rev. Jonathan Fisk is Pastor for Youth and Witness at Bethany Lutheran Church and School in Naperville, Illinois, and host of the YouTube video podcast *Worldview Everlasting*. He speaks regularly on topics of new media and postmodern culture, especially as they relate to Lutheran theology and the faith confessed in *Luther's Small Catechism*. He is the author of the book, *BROKEN: Seven "Christian" Rules that Every Christian Ought to Break as Often as Possible*, a Christian's guide to interpreting and understanding the classic attacks the devil uses to undermine the Christian faith. In his spare time, he is addicted to Panda Express Orange Chicken and eats it fortnightly, wastes all his Christmas money on gaming/trading cards, and still thinks he might have a shot at playing in the NBA.



Rev. Robert Fleischmann currently serves as the National Director of Christian Life Resources, Incorporated. The organization's primary mission is to educate on life and family issues. Its ministry consists of 17 pregnancy resource centers and one maternity home. Though its theological position reflects that of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS), the agency serves people of all faiths. Robert Fleischmann was born in Pleasanton, California in 1956. He was raised in Lake Geneva, Wisconsin where he attended public grade schools and high school. He considers First Evangelical Lutheran Church in Lake Geneva his home congregation and was confirmed from there in 1970. He became involved with life issues in 1976 while a student at Bethany Lutheran College in Mankato, Minnesota. He later graduated from Bethany in 1979. That year he began working with Wisconsin Citizens Concerned for Life (the precursor to Wisconsin Right to Life) where he served as the volunteer co-editor of the organization's state newsletter. He also helped form the Wisconsin state affiliate of Lutherans for Life. During his seminary years, he began working in the area of life issues within the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS). He attended the May 1983 formation of what is today Christian Life Resources and was one of the original signers of the organization's constitution. Pastor Fleischmann marked his entrance into the pastoral ministry in 1983 upon his graduation from Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary in Mequon, Wisconsin. He was called to serve as the pastor of Good Shepherd Evangelical Lutheran Church in Plymouth, Wisconsin. In 1988 Pastor Fleischmann was called to serve as the first National Director of Christian Life Resources, a position he holds to this day. Pastor Fleischmann's responsibilities include administering all programs and staff for Christian Life Resources, Inc. In 1993 he founded *New Beginnings – A Home for Mothers* which operated in Denver, Colorado, for nearly 21 years. In the summer of 2014 that ministry relocated to Milwaukee, Wisconsin, where it continues to care for single mothers and babies. Pastor Fleischmann speaks throughout North America on the biblical approach to various life and family issues. He writes on a wide variety of life issues and counsels people with God's Word in making medical decisions.

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He is a member of the ministerial staff at St. Paul Ev. Lutheran Church in Slinger, Wisconsin, where he serves in a limited capacity as its lead administrative pastor. He is an Adjunct Professor of Philosophy in the Bioethics Department at Concordia University in Mequon, Wisconsin. He is presently serving an advisory role on a forthcoming PBS television documentary on palliative care entitled, "Best Care Possible," based on Dr. Ira Byock's book by the same title. Pastor Fleischmann and his family live in Hartford, Wisconsin, and his parents live next door.



Rev. Dr. James I. Lamb grew up in the small, southern Minnesota town of Good Thunder. There he married his childhood sweetheart, RoxAnne. The Lambs have been blessed with two sons, a wonderful woman they claim as their daughter, and six grandchildren. Dr. Lamb and RoxAnne live in Marshalltown, Iowa. Dr. Lamb received a B.A. in Biology from Mankato State University in 1973. In 1975 he enlisted in the USAF and served as an Emergency Medical Technician at the USAF Academy Hospital in Colorado Springs. He entered Concordia Seminary, Saint Louis in 1978, served his vicarage year at St. Paul, Royal Oak, Michigan, and graduated with a Master of Divinity in 1982. In 1994 he received his Doctor of Ministry from Concordia, Saint Louis. Prior to accepting the position of Executive Director of

National Lutherans For Life in April, 1996, Dr. Lamb served as senior pastor at St. Paul, Garner, Iowa, for fourteen years. During this time he also served as Circuit Counselor, Zone LWML Counselor, member of the board of directors for Lutheran Family Service of Iowa, chairman of the board of directors for a community/school youth program, spiritual advisor for a local Lutherans For Life chapter, and chaplain of the Garner Volunteer Fire Department. He presently serves on the Sanctity of Life Committee for the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod Life Ministries. He speaks nationally and internationally focusing on the God-given value of human life. He is the author of numerous sermons, devotionals, brochures, articles, and essays connecting God's Word of Life to the life issues.



Dr. John Patrick retired from the University of Ottawa in June 2002. He had been Associate Professor in Clinical Nutrition in the Department of Biochemistry and Paediatrics for twenty years. Dr. Patrick's medical training was in London, England. He has done extensive research into the treatment of childhood nutritional deficiency and related diseases holding appointments in Britain, the West Indies, and Canada. He has worked in Central Africa assisting in the development of training programs that deal with childhood protein-energy malnutrition. Dr. Patrick now lectures throughout the world working for the Christian Medical and Dental Society in Canada and the Christian Medical and Dental Association in the United States. He speaks frequently to Christian and secular groups and is able to communicate effectively on moral issues in medicine and culture and the integration of faith and

science. Dr. Patrick supports the Canadian Registry of Hippocratic Physicians. The objective of which is to provide a mechanism for identifying practitioners who practice or are preparing to practice Hippocratic medicine, and to bring together practitioners who have an ethical consensus. It also enables practitioners to group together in order to have more influence and impact in their practices, their hospitals, and their communities.

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Rev. Max Phillips serves in God's Kingdom in a variety of ministry roles. He is the Pastor of Christ Lutheran Church in rural Bouton, Iowa, Chief Executive Officer of the Perry Lutheran Home in Perry, Iowa, and Executive Director of Lutheran Family Services headquartered in Fort Dodge, Iowa. In each of these, he blends a love for serving God's people and a rich background of experience in ministry, community, and business leadership roles. Max has served as a bi-vocational pastor for many years, retiring from a 33 year career at Qwest Communications in July of 2011. Over the course of his career at Qwest he had many assignments including stints in sales, marketing, operations, regulatory, legal, and government affairs. His final assignment was as Regional State President. He has served in several state and community leadership areas including being the three-time chairman of the Iowa Business Council (made up of Iowa's 20 largest employers and three regents institutions), co-chair of the Institute for Tomorrow's Workforce, and the Drake University International Board of Adviser's, among others. In addition he has served in elected and appointed governmental offices including mayor, president of a local school board, chairman of the Iowa Community College Council, and a member of the Iowa School Board. As a church worker, Pastor Phillips has twice been elected chairman of the LCMS – Iowa District West Mission's Department, the District Board of Directors, and serves as the Iowa West District LWML Pastoral Adviser. He is also an elected member of the Lutheran Church Extension Fund Board of Directors. Pastor Phillips, the Perry Lutheran Home, and Lutheran Family Services have been working together with a number of churches and ministry organizations to help recognize the mission potential of bringing the love of Christ through LCMS members to families suffering from disease such as Alzheimers or other dementias. Pastor Phillips' wife Sherrill is a managing pharmacist and they have been married for 33 years. They make their home on a farm near Woodward, Iowa. They have three grown children living in Emmetsburg and Phoenix.



Jim Schroeder grew up on a farm at Laurel, Nebraska. He is a graduate of Concordia College, Seward, Nebraska, with a Master's Degree from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. Jim taught in Lutheran schools and coached for four years. He spent ten years as a district representative and general agent for Aid Association for Lutherans before called by the LCMS Foundation in 1989. He and his wife, Sue, have four children: Lukas, Timothy, Mindee, and Adam. Jim is giving a portion of his time as a Christian Estate Planning Counselor for the LCMS Foundation to LFL. He is offering his services to help those who have connections to LFL develop their Lifetime Plan for Giving. There is no charge for his services and LFL pays his expenses. So if you or someone you know would like some help in the area of estate planning, please contact Jim directly (jschroeder@lutheransforlife.org; 515.490.7371.)



Katie Schuermann lives in Sherman, Illinois, with her husband of twelve years, the Rev. Michael Schuermann, where she pounds out articles for publications such as *The Lutheran Witness*, *Lutherans Engage the World*, *Reporter*, *Higher Things Magazine*, and *Lutheran Women's Quarterly*. Schuermann's nonfiction books, *He Remembers the Barren* (LL 2011) and *Pew Sisters* (CPH 2013), address the topics of suffering and the theology of the cross for the benefit of her sisters in Christ. *House of Living Stones* (CPH, 2014), Schuermann's first fiction release, tells the story of Emily Duke, a choir director from the big city who moves to a small town in Illinois to direct the local LCMS church choir. Schuermann was awarded the Sabre of Boldness from *Gottesdienst Journal* in 2013 for her advocacy for the rights of embryonic children on the blog, HeRemembersTheBarren.com, as well as an Award of Merit from the Associated Church Press for her journalistic work on the feature article, "A Light in the Darkness," in the September/October 2013 issue of *Lutherans Engage the World*.

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Lori Trinche was born in Chicago and grew up in Elk Grove Village, Illinois, where her sister and extended family currently reside. She graduated from Roosevelt University in Chicago with a BSBA and later completed her MBA through Ellis College –New York Institute of Technology. Most recently, Lori worked for Waste Management in Downers Grove, Illinois. Her career there was multi-faceted and included roles in billing, accounting, pricing analysis, and application development management. Her true passion is her volunteer work for church and community where she served as a leader in the Restore post-abortion ministry for CareNet of DuPage, as a small group leader, GraceCare provider, member of the hospital visitation ministry team, and steering committee member for DuPage PADS at Trinity Lutheran Church in Lisle, Illinois. She also served at People’s Resource Center in Wheaton and in the HavenSource financial ministry as well as on the volunteer data entry team for Lutheran Church Charities. She has been active in helping to organize mobile packs for Feed My Starving Children and in leading volunteer coordination and registration for Community Serving Clinics. She enjoys nature, gardening, and playing the trombone and is active in music ministry as a member of Trinity’s wind ensemble. Lori is widowed.

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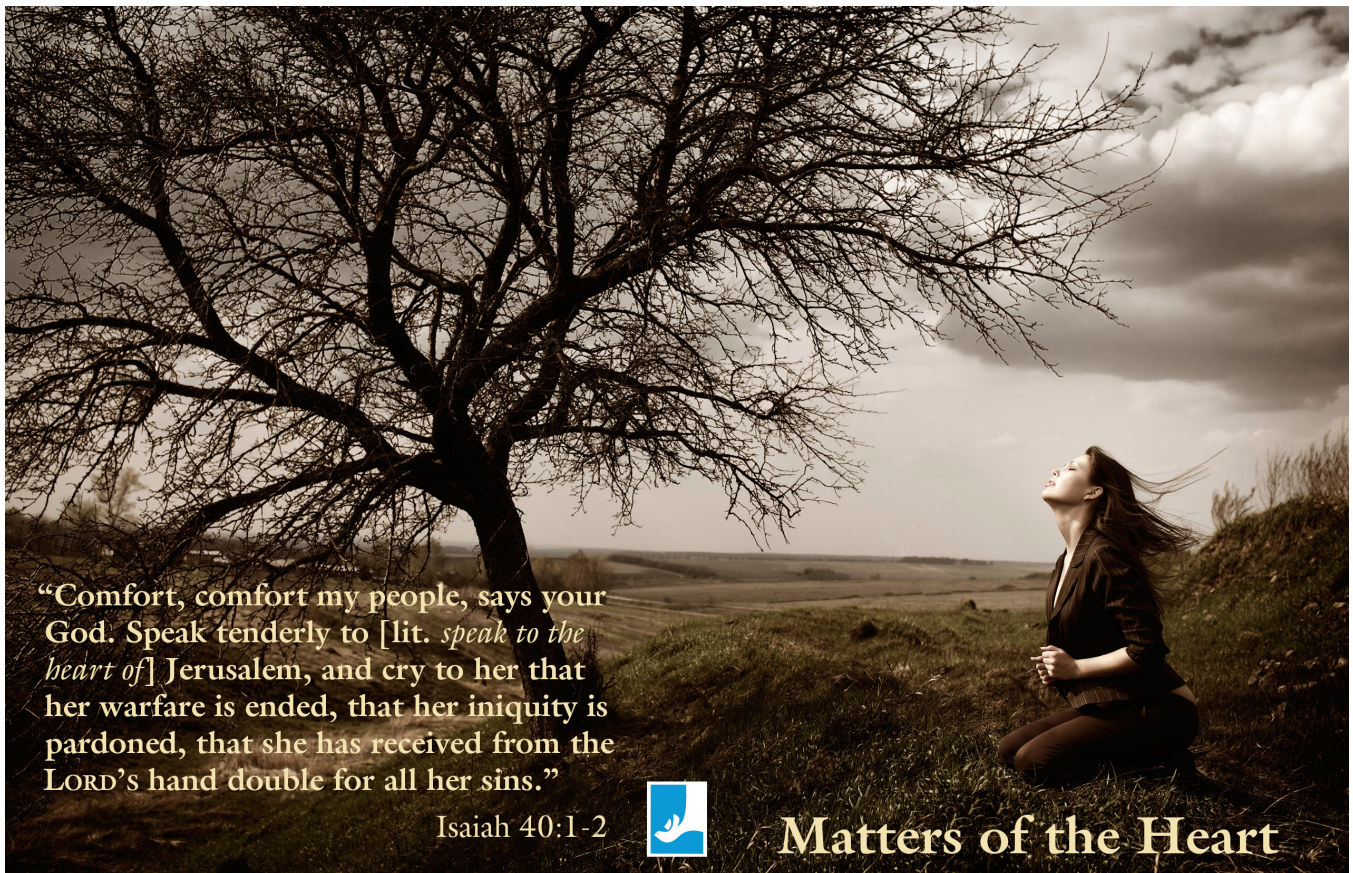
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