



Here We Stand

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Lutherans For **Life** National Conference

October 21-22, 2016

St. Michael's Lutheran Church

Bloomington, Minnesota

www.lutheransforlife.org



A Word From Our President

Welcome and thank you for joining me at the 2016 National Lutherans For Life Conference in the beautiful state of Minnesota—the “Land of 10,000 Lakes.” (Officially, there are 11,842.)

Could there possibly be a more appropriate conference theme than “Here We Stand” as we near the 500th anniversary year of the Reformation? Could there possibly be a more appropriate theme verse than Ephesians 6:13: **“Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm”?**

There is no doubt that the days are evil, and every one of us is in need of putting on the whole armor of God to stand firm. This year’s life conference offers the opportunity to hear numerous speakers who will help equip us to use God’s armor so we can be better Gospel-motivated voices For Life.

This is also a family reunion as we have the honor and privilege of having Dr. Jean Garten, co-founder and President Emeritus of Lutherans For Life, in our presence. We also have former board member and current LFL International Representative, Rev. Don Richman, with us as well—along with all of you! How blessed we are!

If you are new to the LFL family or if this is your first conference, I especially welcome you and trust that you will meet new friends, develop lasting relationships, and feel a part of the LFL family.

I pray that you will be spiritually uplifted and encouraged by the speakers and worship service focused directly on God’s Word, encouraging us to “stand firm” as the great reformer and example himself, Martin Luther.

Your presence here means that you support the life-affirming ministry of Lutherans For Life. May God bless you and challenge you as we strive to “speak for those who cannot speak for themselves” by saying, **“Here We Stand—For Life”!**

Here I stand, serving the Lord of Life,

Lynette Auch
President

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 your congregation can help.

SOMETHING NEW!

This year LFL will be sponsoring two hospitality rooms that will feature two topics of interest, life ministries and development.

These two rooms will be open during the conference between workshop sessions and other presentations.

Please stop by Room 20 (lower level) for life ministries and Room 8 (lower level) for development and visit with our staff and other support people who will be there to answer your questions about opportunities in your congregations in these two special areas.

WiFi access: SMLC-Guest Network. Password: John316!

Schedule: 2016 LFL National Conference

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 21

10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Registration – Exhibitor setup (Church Lobby/Narthex)

12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. Pastor's Luncheon with Col. John Eidsmoe – "Preachers, Politics, and the Two Kingdoms: What Does the IRS Allow?" (Rm. 140)

Pre-Conference Tour & Workshops:

1:30 p.m. City Life Center Tour leaves from church (Meet in Church Lobby)

2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. "Helping Your Church Stand For Life" with Rev. Doug Merkey (Rm. 140)

3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. "Giving 'Unusual' Gifts to Ministry" with John Hawkins (Rm. 140)

5:00 p.m. Opening Worship Service (Rm. 130/Sanctuary)

6:30 p.m. Banquet (Rm. 140)

7:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. Keynote Address – Frank Runyeon – "Hollywood vs. Faith" (Rm. 130/Sanctuary)

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22

7:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m. Registration (Church Lobby)

8:30 a.m. – 8:45 a.m. Opening Devotions (Rm. 130/Sanctuary)

8:45 a.m. – 9:45 a.m. Workshop I

- "Legislation & Medical Perspectives on End of Life – How We Can Make a Difference" with Dr. Sheila Page (Rm. 140)
- "Creation and What You May Not Know" with Allen Quist (Rm. 40)
- "Here We Stand: Welcoming People of All Abilities into the Church" with Deaconess Kimberly Trombley (Rm. 38)
- "Defusing the Tension: Revealing the Heart of the Abortion Debate" with Laura Davis (Rm. 32)

8:45 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Children's Workshop (Rm. 36)

9:45 a.m. – 10:45 a.m. Workshop II

- "Threats to the Lives of the Vulnerable from Assisted Suicide and Euthanasia" with Barbara Lyons (Rm. 140)
- "Advocating for Life: Lutherans in the Public Square" with Rev. Fredric Hinz (Rm. 40)
- "Family For Life" with Stephenie Hovland (Rm. 38)
- "Pain Perception in the Developing Human" with Dr. Sheila Page (Rm. 32)

10:45 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. BREAK

11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Workshop III

- "Creation and What You May Not Know" with Allen Quist (Rm. 140)
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- "Eastern Europe and Russia – The Next Generation: To Kill or to Keep?" with Rev. Don Richman (Rm. 32)

12:00 p.m. – 12:45 p.m. LUNCH (Rm. 140)

12:45 p.m. – 1:15 p.m. Visit the following:

Exhibits (Main & Lower Level)

Development Hospitality Room (Rm. 8 Lower Level)

Life Ministry Hospitality Room (Rm. 20 Lower Level)

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1:15 p.m. – 2:15 p.m. Workshop IV

- “Eastern Europe and Russia – The Next Generation: To Kill or to Keep?” with Rev. Don Richman (Rm. 140)
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1:15 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. Children’s Workshop (Rm. 36)

2:15 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. BREAK

2:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. Dr. Jean Garton, co-founder and LFL President Emeritus (Rm. 140)

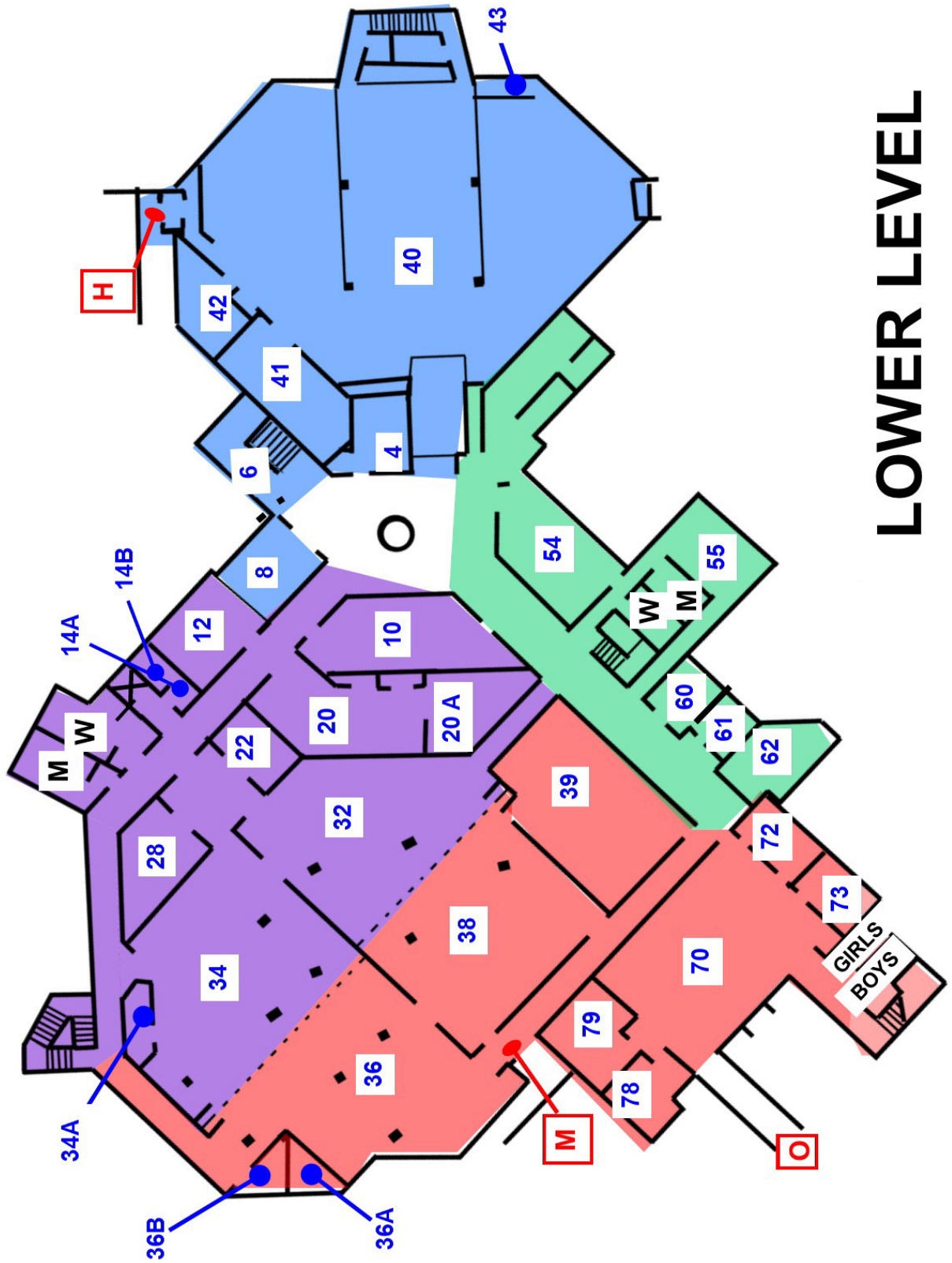
3:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. LFL International Update – Jānis Diekonts/Rev. Don Richman (Rm. 140)

3:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. LFL Closing & Devotions (Rm. 140)

ATTENTION PARENTS

The following rooms are available during the conference for you and your children:

- **Infants - Parent/Child Room 160**
- **Toddlers - Parent/Child Room 162**



LOWER LEVEL

Pre-Conference Events Friday, October 21

Pastor’s Luncheon with Col. John Eidsmoe – “Yes, I know Luther spoke of Two Kingdoms, and I need to educate my people on their responsibilities to the Kingdom of the Left. But if I mention politics, the IRS will yank our tax exemption—won’t they?” May we influence elections? May we influence legislation? What does the IRS allow, and what does the IRS prohibit? And is there a time when we must obey God rather than men?

12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Workshop: Helping Your Church Stand for Life with Rev. Doug Merkey – How do I equip my congregation to get more involved in life issues? What is a “Life Team,” and how can I form one? How can Life Team training help my Life Chapter? How do we keep going when the going gets tough in life ministry? Get extremely practical, field-tested, Gospel-centered answers to these and similar questions at this valuable workshop. It’s ideal for anyone who wants to see their church more consistently and robustly enjoying and expressing the Gospel in the life arena.

2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Workshop: Giving “Unusual” Gifts to Ministry with John Hawkins – When it comes to making either a current or planned gift to ministry, donating cash usually comes to mind first followed by other common assets, such as securities, real estate, etc. But are there some “other” things that can be contributed—especially through your estate—that would prove to be beneficial to a donor and/or the receiving ministry? In this session, John will look at some different types of assets which aren’t donated every day but which, nevertheless, ministry friends may want to consider as part of their giving plans.

3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Tour: City Life Center with Betty McGuire, Executive Director – The City Life Center is a multifaceted, pro-life ministry located in Minneapolis in the most diverse neighborhood in the United States, with over 100 different languages spoken in a two-mile radius. We will tour the City Life Center’s turn-of-the-century, converted three-story brick home and the two-story brick carriage house. After touring the center and learning about their ministry, staff will guide us on a square-block prayer walk past a local abortion facility and through the neighborhood where many live who regularly meet at the City Life Center for prayer and Bible study.

Leave church 1:30 p.m./Return 4:00 p.m.

**Directions from St. Michael’s Lutheran Church,
9201 Normandale Blvd,
Bloomington to City Life Center, 2520 Park Avenue
South, Minneapolis:**

North from the church to 494 East

494 East to 35W north

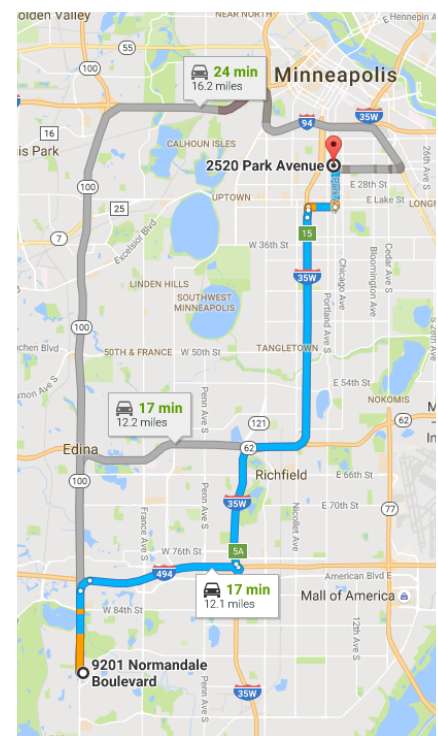
35W north to Lake Street—31st St. exit

Immediately a right turn on 31st Street. Travel seven blocks to Park Avenue.

Left turn on Park Avenue.

Travel about five blocks.

Left turn into the City Life Center parking lot at 2520 Park Avenue



Conference Speaker Topics and Summaries

Allen Quist on “Creation and What You May Not Know” – Those who support abortion on demand commonly defend their position by using an evolutionary model. They say that an unborn child, at various stages of development, is not fully human but is similar to an amphibian, a fish, or even a flatworm. Such arguments ignore our modern understanding of genetics and reveal an ignorance of the genuine evidence for evolution. This presentation describes how new information about human genetics, and evolution versus creation, strongly supports the pro-life position.

Barbara Lyons on “Threats to Lives of the Vulnerable from Assisted Suicide and Euthanasia” – The phenomenon of social experimentation to solve human problems is currently being ratcheted up to include the use of lethal drugs to end the life of a person who is “terminal.” While this feel-good compassion sounds inviting, it is loaded with problems for vulnerable populations and degrades society further by devaluing human life to another great degree. The quest to legalize assisted suicide is prevalent throughout much of the United States today, and an intelligent, targeted response is necessary to prevent this from occurring in your state.

Stephenie Hovland on “Family For Life” – From the time we wake our children to the time we tuck them into bed at night, we witness to them about the value of life. Let’s talk about how to do that intentionally in our everyday family life. We will share practical ideas about big and small ways to influence children of all ages to see life as God does. Please bring your ideas to share with the group!

Laura Davis on “Defusing the Tension: Revealing the Heart of the Abortion Debate” – When the topic of abortion is brought up in conversation, there are usually strong emotions and opinions on both sides. Because of this, it is important to understand why people believe what they believe about this issue and the perspectives that determine their arguments. This workshop will help students and adults alike identify the reason behind the rhetoric and turn what is often a frustrating debate into a productive conversation and an opportunity to share Christ’s love.

Rev. Fredric Hinz on “Advocating for Life: Lutherans in the Public Square” – Rev. Fred Hinz serves as the Public Policy Advocate for the Minnesota South and North Districts. As such, the life issues (abortion, doctor-assisted suicide, etc.) are among the public policy matters he takes an active interest in. Since this degree of intentional public policy activity is new to the Missouri Synod, Rev. Hinz will spend time overviewing the unprecedented cultural change that has made this new level of engagement necessary as well as outlining the different kinds of activities the LCMS is now involved in and the various coalitions that we find ourselves working alongside. He’ll also offer practical insights into how you can become a more effective advocate for God-pleasing government and Christ-honoring culture within your own sphere of influence.

Dr. Sheila Page on “Legislation & Medical Perspectives on End of Life – How We Can Make a Difference” – The most powerful weapons that can be used against the defense for life are complacency and careless deference to self-proclaimed experts. As responsible citizens, we need to carefully examine proposed legislation to determine its impact on our lives. Misleading promotion of dangerous legislation can split pro-life groups and pit them against each other, weakening otherwise unified voices for life. This presentation will cover some important concepts to remember when discussing end-of-life issues.

Dr. Sheila Page will also speak on “Pain Perception in the Developing Human” – Much of the discussion about abortion in recent years has involved the question of whether the unborn child is capable of feeling pain. This human perspective is a helpful argument for protecting unborn children from the suffering inflicted by abortion techniques. The evidence provided by the fetus itself leaves little doubt as to the sensitivity of the developing human to its environment. We have a duty as a civil society to protect these helpless babies from harm.

Conference Speaker Topics and Summaries

Deaconess Kimberly Trombley on “Here We Stand: Welcoming People of All Abilities into the Church” – Come learn about how you and your local congregation can welcome people of all abilities into the church. At Bethesda, we believe that all people are wonderfully made from conception to natural death, and we strive to enhance the lives of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities through services that share the Good News of Jesus Christ. We will be providing a resource from our Wonderfully Made series titled “Adapting Your Communication and Interactive Skills for Success,” along with some practical tips for welcoming people of all abilities, families, and staff into your church family. Join us in welcoming people of all abilities into the church. You can go to this website to learn more: www.bethesdalutherancommunities.org.

Rev. Don Richman on “Eastern Europe and Russia – The Next Generation: To Kill or to Keep?” – Learn what’s happening in Eastern Europe and Russia relative to their abortion policies. After years of allowing open abortions, Russia is taking a serious look at how their policy has depleted their population. In an effort to maintain their legacy and future generations, they are making changes to their abortion practices, creating a decrease in the number of abortions. Will they sustain this new approach? Is the future of the next generation to kill or to keep?

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Betty McGuire, Executive Director, Minneapolis City Life Center – The City Life Center is a multifaceted, pro-life ministry located in the Phillips neighborhood of Minneapolis, the most diverse neighborhood in the United States with over 100 different languages spoken in a two-mile radius. It is a poor area of Minneapolis. We will tour the City Life Center’s turn-of-the-century, converted three-story brick home and the two-story brick carriage house. After touring the center and learning about their ministry, staff will guide us on a square-block prayer walk past a local abortion facility and through the neighborhood close to where many live who meet at the City Life Center for prayer and Bible study.

Heather Salemink will be leading a children’s workshop on life activities with games, stories, and more.

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Laura Davis joined the Lutherans For Life national staff in June 2012. She 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 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 currently resides in Edmonds, Washington.



Jānis Diekonts currently is director of Lutherans For Life in Latvia. He started to attend pro-life conferences that were organized by Lutherans For Life in 2008 and became director in 2012. He has a professional higher education degree in marketing and trade economics and is currently studying theology in the Lutheran seminary in Riga. He serves as an evangelist in the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Latvia. Together with his wife, Ieva, they live in the small town of Cesvaine in the eastern part of the country and volunteer in the local congregation's human care center.



John Eidsmoe is a retired Air Force Lt. Colonel, a retired Alabama State Defense Force Colonel, a Mississippi State Guard Colonel and Chaplain, and a graduate of the Air Command & Staff College and the Air War College. He is professor of law at the Oak Brook College of Law and Government Policy, and in his various teaching assignments, his students have given him the Outstanding Professor Award or Prof of the Year Award five times. He has served as senior staff attorney with the Alabama Supreme Court and is currently senior counsel & resident scholar for the Foundation for Moral Law. He is an ordained pastor with the Association of Free Lutheran Congregations and serves on the board of Lutherans For Life, on the board of the Plymouth

Rock Foundation, and on the board of the Gospel Martial Arts Union. He is a constitutional attorney who has defended home schools, Christian schools, the right of students to study the Bible in public schools, and the right to display the Ten Commandments in the public arena. He has authored fourteen books, including *Historical & Theological Foundations of Law, Christianity & the Constitution, God & Caesar*, and *Columbus & Cortez*. He has produced numerous audio and video lecture albums, including *The Institute on the Constitution* and *Here I Stand: A Biblical Worldview for a New Millennium*. He holds seven academic degrees in law, theology, history, and political science. A lifelong student of the Crusades, he is a knight commander and chaplain for the Sovereign Military Order of the Temple of Jerusalem. He is a third-degree black belt with the American Taekwondo Foundation, a fifth-degree black belt with the Gospel Martial Arts Union, and a fifth-degree black belt with Black Belts of the Faith International. Colonel Eidsmoe is an avid horseman and skier, and he tries to get eight hours of sleep every week. He and his wife Marlene have been married since 1970, have three children (David, Kirsten, and Justin), and live in rural Pike Road, Alabama.

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Dr. Jean Garton is an author and lecturer on issues related to education, the family, life concerns, and the Christian life. She has taught classes to students from kindergarten through the college level. Dr. Garton is the co-founder of Lutherans For Life and served as its national president for 17 years. For five years her commentaries called “Speaking of Life” were heard daily on radio stations throughout the U.S. She has been a frequent and popular guest of “Focus on the Family” with Dr. James Dobson and chaired the Declaration Committee for the World Congress of Families when it was held in Prague, Geneva, and Mexico City.



John Hawkins joined LFL in May 2014. Previously, he had served since September 2011 as ministry advancement officer for the Southwest Region for Lutheran Hour Ministries. Before then, John worked as director of development and public relations for Lutheran Outdoors Ministry of Texas. His extensive fundraising and stewardship experience also includes serving as director of planned giving for the Lutheran Foundation of Texas; major gifts officer for Children’s Hospital of Austin, Texas; vice president for development at Providence Health Center in Waco, Texas; annual giving director & assistant director of development for Children’s Hospital of Michigan; and annual fund manager for the University of Detroit. John earned a bachelor’s degree in history and mass communications and an MBA in marketing from the University of Detroit. He has been a certified fund raising executive (CFRE) since 1982 and is also a member of the Partnership

for Philanthropic Planning and the Association of Fund Raising Professionals (AFP). He has also been active in life causes, having previously served as an officer of both an LFL chapter in Texas and the Waco Crisis Pregnancy Center. Hawkins and his wife, Diane, are members of Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church in Lago Vista, Texas, and have one adult son.



Rev. Fredric Hinz, currently serving as the Minnesota South executive for mission formation and public policy advocacy, was raised in Waconia, Minnesota, and currently resides in Gaylord, Minnesota. A graduate of Mayer Lutheran High School, Concordia Seward, Chicago State University, and Luther Northwestern Seminary, Fred has taught biological science on both high school and college levels, owned and operated retail shoe stores, and served as a parish pastor in St. James, Minnesota, and Gaylord. In addition to active engagement in pro-life efforts, Fred also advocates for enhanced parental choice in education and advancement of intelligent design theory. He and his wife, Rachel, have been married for 38 years, and together they have three married children who have so far given them eight grandchildren.

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Stephenie Hovland has several vocations: mother to two grown daughters, wife of a Lutheran pastor, church musician, Lutheran school teacher, speaker, and professional writer. She has been involved with Lutherans For Life for several years, mostly at the national board level. In raising her children and teaching all different ages, she has found plenty of subtle (and some not-so-subtle) ways to infuse life-affirming lessons into everyday living and learning. Stephenie currently teaches language arts to middle school students at St. John's Lutheran School in Portage, Wisconsin, where her husband is senior pastor. She is also speaking at the national Lutheran Education Association convocation and the South Wisconsin District LWML retreat this fall. She has been published by a few different companies, including Creative Communications for the Parish and Concordia Publishing House.



Barbara Lyons is executive director emerita of Wisconsin Right to Life and coalitions director for Patients Rights Action Fund. She shares her expertise on all pro-life subjects from abortion to embryonic stem cell research by participating in hundreds of media interviews each year for the past 40 years. The awards Barbara has received include: 2000 recipient of the Spirit of Pius Award from St. Pius X parish of Milwaukee, 2003 recipient of the Council Service Award from the Wisconsin Council on Developmental Disabilities, 2005 recipient of the Vatican II Award for Service to Society from the Archdiocese of Milwaukee, 2005 recipient of the Cardinal O'Connor Pro-Life Award from Legatus International. Her extensive background in the life arena includes many varied positions since 1975, including: executive director of Wisconsin Right to Life from 1987 to 2014; legislative director of

Wisconsin Right to Life from 1977 to 1987; president of Milwaukee Chapter of Wisconsin Right to Life from 1975 to 1977; founder of the Nightingale Alliance, an international information resource in opposition to assisted suicide and euthanasia; member of Milwaukee Chapter of Legatus from 2000 to present; member of Wisconsin Council on Developmental Disabilities from 1987 to 2003 as an appointee of Governor Tommy Thompson; chair of the Wisconsin Council on Developmental Disabilities from 2001 to 2003; member of the Majella Society Board of Directors from 2004 to present; member of the Board of Directors of the National Legal Center for the Medically Dependent and Disabled from 2002 to 2013; member of Advisory Board of Adoption Information Center from 2000 to 2002; member of Wisconsin Birth to Three Council from 1989 to 1996 as an appointee of Governor Tommy Thompson; member of St. Camillus Adult Day Care Advisory Committee from 1995 to 1998; and parish coordinator of meal program in Milwaukee's inner city from 1977 to present. She is a member of Bel Canto Chorus of Milwaukee from 1991 to today. Barbara graduated from Creighton University in Omaha, Nebraska, with a B.S. in mathematics. She is married, the mother of four, mother-in-law of three, and "nana" of three granddaughters and one grandson.

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Betty McGuire serves as president/CEO of City Life Center, a multifaceted, pro-life ministry located in Minneapolis, Minnesota. She has led the ministry for 20 years. Her background is rich in Christian and community service, including many leadership roles. Betty speaks nationally and internationally in a variety of settings, sharing compelling, inspirational stories that testify to the living power of God. She seeks to affirm the dignity of human life at all stages and in all conditions. Betty lives in Minnesota with her husband with whom she has three grown children and seven grandchildren. City Life Center is located in the Phillips neighborhood of south Minneapolis—an area of the city known for its international diversity. Having spent many years in small offices located around the city, the center now operates out of a turn-of-the-century, three-story mansion and two-story carriage house that were

given to the ministry.



Pastor Doug Merkey is president and CEO of Churches for Life, a trusted Lutherans For Life partner. Pastor Merkey earned his marketing degree from Penn State in 1989 and his Master of Divinity from Covenant Theological Seminary in 1999. He was ordained in the Presbyterian Church in America in 2001. Since undergrad, God employed him in the corporate world, then as an assistant pastor of a local congregation, and then with a local crisis pregnancy center before God used him to start Churches for Life in 2008. His main passion is to integrate the Gospel, the local church, and the life arena. This desire is being fully expressed through the work of Churches for Life, which exists to nourish churches as Gospel-driven champions of life. He and Churches for Life have partnered with Lutherans For Life since 2008 by providing valuable ministry coaching and practical training for building Life Teams in Lutheran churches.



Dr. Sheila Page is board certified in neuromusculoskeletal medicine and osteopathic manipulative therapy and treats a wide spectrum of patients from the newborn to the elderly, including patients with irreversible and terminal illness. Dr. Page has a special interest in children with disabilities, particularly those whose burden of care is difficult and who have been given little hope for a better quality of life. *“The care and protection of the most vulnerable among us is a responsibility I take personally. I am especially interested in treating difficult illnesses, offering a chance for healing and comfort to those who have lost hope. I am a strong advocate of fostering the individual doctor-patient relationship and preserving the integrity of medicine.”* The impact of politics on the medical profession and the physician-patient relationship has been a recent focus of Dr. Page’s efforts. Her interests include policy related to independent physician practices, access to care, charitable care, and sanctity-of-life issues. Dr. Page is an associate scholar with the Charlotte Lozier Institute, a board member

of Lutherans For Life, and serves on the advisory council of Grace House Ministries. She serves on multiple committees for the Texas Osteopathic Medical Association and is a member of the board of trustees of TOMA. She is founding chair of the Fort Worth Osteopathic Study Group. Dr. Page

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received her Doctorate of Osteopathic Medicine from the University of North Texas Health Science Center, College of Osteopathic Medicine, in 1992, during which she completed an additional year of training as an undergraduate teaching fellow, specializing in osteopathic manipulative therapy. Following an internship at Northeast Community Hospital, Dr. Page practiced family medicine for seven years while working on her board certification in neuromusculoskeletal medicine. She has been practicing and developing her skills in that specialty for 23 years, and currently has a private solo practice serving the Fort Worth area. Dr. Page works on referrals by word of mouth only and makes house calls for patients with advanced disabilities. She graduated with a B.S. in biochemistry at Texas A&M University in 1986 and then spent a year doing cancer research at MD Anderson Research Center in Smithville, Texas. She continued to do cell biology research while in medical school and has several scientific publications. Her most recent publication was *The Neuroanatomy and Physiology of Pain Perception in the Developing Human*, Issues in Law and Medicine, Fall, 2016. Sheila has been married for 26 years to Ray Page, D.O., Ph.D., oncologist, and has 5 children, ages 11-24, whom she has primarily homeschooled. She lives in Aledo, Texas, and is active in St. Paul Lutheran Church. She has donated services to the Sudanese refugees who are living in the Dallas-Fort Worth area. She loves gardening in her spare time.



The Honorable **Allen Quist** was professor of psychology at Bethany Lutheran College from 1968 to 1981. In 1981 he was elected to the Minnesota House of Representatives where he served three terms from 1982 until 1987. He served as chair of the social services subcommittee and vice-chair of the human services committee. While in the House, Quist was the author of numerous bills and amendments. He was chief author of the bill that created Minnesota's Department of Jobs and Training, replacing the old department of economic security. Quist was also chief author of the bill that led to the legalizing of homeschooling in Minnesota. In the governmental arena, Quist has received numerous awards, including the Legislator of the Year award given by Minnesota Citizens Concerned for Life, the Advocates for Hearts award given by the American Heart Association, and the Vigilant

Guardian Award given by California's Eagle Forum. Quist was the Republican-endorsed candidate for governor of Minnesota in 1994 but lost in the primary to the incumbent governor, Arnie Carlson. He has been the Minnesota chair of three United States presidential campaigns. Allen Quist is a nationally recognized researcher and writer. He has authored seven previous books, one of them being an unofficial best-seller with sales of over 13,000 copies. As a researcher, Quist uncovered the extraordinary marriage penalty hidden in the Affordable Care Act (Obamacare). The results of his research were widely publicized in a variety of national venues, including Family Life in Focus. The prestigious Heritage Foundation used Quist's work as the starting point of its own research and exposé on the marriage penalty. Allen Quist's primary interest and area of research is in Christian apologetics. While a professor at Bethany Lutheran College, Quist taught a course in apologetics called "The Case for Christianity." In 2014 he was one of two featured speakers at the Bjarne Wollen Teigen Reformation Lectures on the topic of apologetics. He has been a frequent speaker at various national conferences and other events, especially those focusing on Christian apologetics and natural law. Quist holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from Gustavus Adolphus College (St. Peter, Minnesota); a Master of Arts degree from the University of Minnesota, Mankato; and a post-graduate Divinity degree from Bethany Lutheran Theological Seminary (Mankato, Minnesota). He and his wife, Julie,

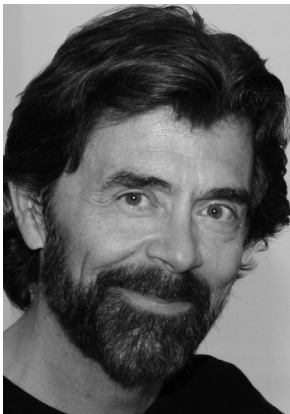
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live in rural St. Peter, Minnesota, where he runs a farm together with his son Nathan. Allen and Julie have ten children and 44 grandchildren.



Rev. Don Richman was born and raised on a farm near Tower City, North Dakota. After graduation from high school, he served with the army for two years in Munich. After that, he enrolled at Concordia College in Moorhead, Minnesota, where he graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree in social work and economics in 1959. Soon after beginning his career as a social worker, the Lord called him into the ministry. He enrolled at Luther Seminary in St. Paul, Minnesota, where he graduated with a master's degree in theology in 1969. Pastor Richman was married to the former Mavis Elster in July of 1963. After serving as an associate pastor in Jamestown, North Dakota, for three and a half years, Pastor Richman was called to the senior pastorate at Emmaus Lutheran Church in Bloomington, Minnesota. After much prayer, thought, and consultation, Pastor Richman was led to resign from his position

at Emmaus Lutheran church to organize the East European Missions Network—incorporated in 1992. Pastor Richman served as director until March of 2004. He continues as founding director of EEMN. Though he and Mavis continue to reside in Bloomington, Minnesota, he travels frequently to various countries in Eastern Europe and the former Soviet Union.



Frank Runyeon has won national acclaim for his work as a translator and performer of biblical texts over the past 25 years. He has performed the Gospel for hundreds of thousands of people in almost every state in America, earning rave reviews from critics, scholars, and church leaders of every denomination. He is regularly reviewed as “the best speaker we have ever heard” by students and faculty at private and public schools across the nation. He is perhaps still best known, however, for his many roles on television. He starred for seven years as Steve Andropoulos on *As the World Turns* opposite Meg Ryan, a storyline that garnered the second-highest ratings in the history of daytime television. He next appeared for four years as Father Michael Donnelly on the Emmy award-winning *Santa Barbara* and as tycoon Simon Romero on *General Hospital*, opposite Emma Samms. Frank has also guest-starred

in recurring roles on *Falcon Crest* as chess genius Jovan Dmytryk, on *Melrose Place* as Father Tom, on *All My Children* as Forrest Williams, and on *L.A. LAW* as talk-show host Brooks Tapman. He was recently nominated for a Daytime Emmy for his guest-starring role as Angel on *The Young & the Restless*. Frank starred as Detective Marty Lowery in the feature film *Sudden Death* and as Pierre Lyon in *Bolero*. He appeared to rave reviews on the New York stage as Hercules in Aristophanes' *The Birds* and in regional theater as Clifford in *Deathtrap* and Oliver Costello in *The Spider's Web*. On the radio, he has hosted his own comedy talk show on the top-rated L.A. station KFI and on WCNN in Atlanta. He co-hosted Charles McPhee's nationally syndicated radio show *The Dream Doctor*. (And he continues to appear as a recurring guest expert on radio and TV.) Frank is a graduate of Princeton University with a degree in religion. After studying acting in New York and Los Angeles for 15 years, he attended Fuller Seminary in preparation for the writing and performance of his first one-man play, *AFRAID!: The Gospel of Mark*. He continued his studies at Yale Divinity School and General Theological Seminary from which he received his masters, with honors, in 1994. He workshopped his

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first productions in cooperation with the faculty of Holy Cross College in Worcester, Massachusetts, and the University of Dayton. He has been a featured speaker at the Woodrow Wilson School at Princeton University, the commencement speaker at several prep schools, and the keynoter at numerous state and national youth conventions. Frank is busy writing an autobiographical book: *ESCAPE FROM HOLLYWOOD: An Actor's Unlikely Journey to Faith*, due out next year. He and his wife Annie live in Los Angeles with their three children.



Heather Salemink is wife to Michael and mom to Christian, Nathan, and Luke. A life-long Lutheran, she grew up in suburban Detroit as the youngest of four siblings. Her parents valued Lutheran education and worked to ensure that all of their children could attend Lutheran grade school and Lutheran high school. She, like her brothers before her, graduated from Concordia University, River Forest in 2001 with dual certification as both an elementary school teacher and a DCE. She uses these skills in service to her church by teaching Bible study and organizing events and programs in the parish and Lutheran day school of Immanuel Lutheran Church in Olivette, Missouri, where she is a member. She has found that sometimes the simplest things

lead to the greatest conversations with her sons so she strives to look for ways to use the ordinary experiences of childhood to instill in her children a “Life-Minded” perspective that values all human life.



Rev. Michael W. Salemink began serving as executive director-elect of Lutherans For Life in August 2015 and became executive director on January 1, 2016. He received a B.A. in theology from Concordia University Chicago, River Forest, Illinois, in 1999 and a Master of Divinity from Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, Indiana, in 2003. He has served as pastor of St. John’s Lutheran Church, Webster, Minnesota, (2003-2005) and as associate pastor of St. James Lutheran Church and School in Lafayette, Indiana (2005-2015). Pastor Salemink and his wife, Heather, have been married since 2000 and reside in St. Louis, Missouri, where they attend Immanuel Lutheran Church, Olivette, with their three sons: Christian, Nathan, and Luke.

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Deaconess Kimberly Trombley is vice president of religious life at Bethesda Lutheran Communities. She is passionate about seeing people of all abilities be actively involved in the life of the church. It brings her great joy to see people receiving God's Word and sacraments from their pastor and being part of a community where they can be strengthened in their faith. Kim provides leadership to the religious life team as they connect people supported by Bethesda with local congregations, support staff within the organization, and engage congregations. She also provides leadership to the organization in carrying out its mission to *enhance the lives of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities through services that share the Good News of Jesus Christ*. She has a Bachelor of Science degree in education from Ball State

University in Muncie, Indiana, and a Master of Arts degree leading to deaconess certification from Concordia Theological Seminary in Fort Wayne, Indiana.

National Essay Contest Winners

The Council of Federation Presidents (COFP) sponsors the National Essay Contest. Many of our Lutherans For Life State Federations and Life Chapters conduct state and local essay contests annually. Winners at the local events move up to the state contests. All of the states submit their winners to the national contest. Two levels are included: the elementary category, grades 6-8, and the high school category, grades 9-12. The national award for one student in each category is \$250 plus a travel stipend and the opportunity to read their winning essay at our LFL National Conference banquet. All entries are based on life issues relative to the conference theme and Bible reference.



Brooke Fandrich is an eighth-grade student and member of St. John’s Lutheran School and Church in Portage, Wisconsin. She is the daughter of David and Jessica Fandrich. Brooke is an avid reader and deeply enjoys writing. She has been inspired by Stephenie Hovland, her current English literature teacher, to follow her passion of writing. She is a practitioner of uncommon sports like archery and taekwondo. Her motto is, “I volunteer!” She enjoys the spontaneity of life. Recently she’s been working on writing a fantasy-novel series and is using the Bible as a backbone for her ideas. Brooke loves how God doesn’t discriminate against anyone when it comes to giving forgiveness and love. She was born November 11, 2002, at the northern-most point in the continental United States, the northwest angle and islands area of Lake of the Woods. A Mennonite missionary at St. Luke’s Church at Angle Inlet, Minnesota, baptized her on Christmas Eve. The pastor had been in the region for over 80 years spreading

the Gospel to the native peoples of Canada’s First Nations. She attended the last one-room schoolhouse in the nation. The teacher boated each day from Bear River at Lake of the Woods to her tiny classroom in Angle Inlet. Living in Angle Inlet was like stepping back in time 100 years to a simpler time when people placed God and family first. It was there that Brooke learned the value of hard work and devoted herself to her studies, and she has been a straight “A” student all her life. When Brooke was four years old she lost her sister Joy who passed away at birth at the Fetal Prenatal Center in Minneapolis, Minnesota. As a little girl she had a hard time understanding the passing of her sister. This is why she believes so deeply and serves as an advocate For Life. To Brooke, all life is sacred. Her parents have always known that God has placed a special calling on Brooke’s life and that she will find God’s perfect will. Her essay is titled “Many Shapes and Sizes.”



Amanda Dressel is the high-school-category winner and is a sophomore at Watertown-Mayer High School. She is the daughter of Robert and Melanie Dressel and is a member of St. Paul’s Lutheran Church in Watertown, Minnesota. She attended Christ Community Lutheran School in preschool through eighth grade. In high school, she has been active in drama, band, and golf. One of the things Amanda loves to do is draw. She won a bookmark drawing contest for the Carver County Library System and a national poster contest for the White House Easter Egg Roll in Washington, D.C. Writing, reading, and playing the piano are some of her other hobbies. Amanda’s winning essay is titled “The Truth Behind Abortion of the Handicapped: What Our Society Isn’t Seeing.”



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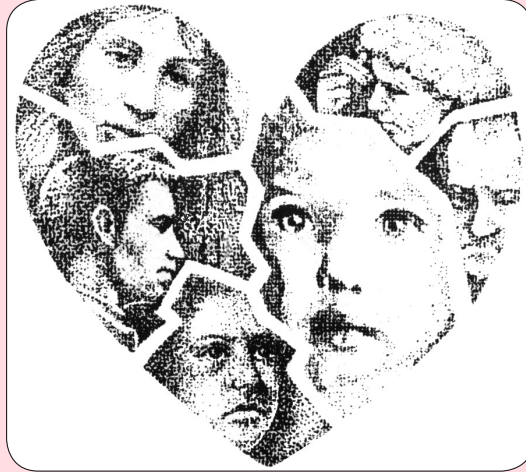
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