

# 2009 Lutherans For Life Annual Report



Bringing  
Good News  
to Life



*LFL: Building on Success ... from President Diane Schroeder*

For 30 years God has blessed the educational work of Lutherans For Life and now there is a greater openness in the church to the message of LFL. Pastors are asking for help, teachers are looking for resources, and lay people are saying “what can we do?” From that need, Renewal For Life® was born. Renewal For Life® transfers the responsibility of holding up life issues from Lutherans For Life and places it correctly on the Church. Let me tell you how it is working in my church.

Our pastors preach and teach on life issues. Confirmation classes focus on the Fifth Commandment, emphasize Scripture and the value of life, and educate about the life issues. Our women’s group has taken it one step further by “adopting” a young pregnant girl through our local crisis pregnancy center. One of our members meets with her weekly. Our women’s Bible study group prays for her. We are providing for her physical needs, mentoring her, and will soon give her a baby shower to which all the women in the church will be invited.

This is the spirit of Renewal For Life®—renewing the Church to deal with the greatest issue of our time, the devaluing of God’s gift of life. So get on board. Get your church involved with Renewal For Life®. Talk to your pastor and church leadership. Preach life, teach life, and equip and encourage your congregation to demonstrate the love of Christ to those around us. What a wonderful opportunity God has given us to serve Him through serving others!



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**Lutherans For Life is about Bringing Good News to Life. We exist to equip the Body of Christ to apply the Word of Life to the life issues.**

**Here's some of what happened in 2009!**

**Dr. Lamb:**

- Preached in 19 churches to 4,623 people.
- Taught 13 Bible studies to 488 people.
- Conducted 7 school chapels reaching 965 students.
- Spoke at 7 youth events and 278 youth.
- Led 11 seminars totaling 930 people.
- Spoke at two pastoral conferences to 384 pastors.
- Presented to 158 4th year students at 2 seminaries.

**Total 7,826**



**Speakers' Bureau**

LFL's Speakers' Bureau offers speakers with expertise in a variety of life-related subjects. Right now we have seventeen speakers. Information on these speakers may be found at [www.lutheransforlife.org/Who\\_Are\\_We/Speakers\\_Bureau.htm](http://www.lutheransforlife.org/Who_Are_We/Speakers_Bureau.htm)

**Grassroots**

LFL is more than a national office in Iowa. Our state affiliates, chapters, Life Ministry Coordinators, and Life Advocates bring Good News to life in a variety of ways all across the country. Here are just a very few examples:

- Coordinated "40 Days of Life" prayer vigils outside of Planned Parenthood.
- Rented billboards to proclaim an alternative to abortion by supplying a phone number for a help line.
- Hike For Life and Bike For Life fundraisers.
- Purchased ultrasound machines.
- Provided congregations with Life Sunday inserts.

**Renewal For Life®**

In 2009, this initiative brought Good News to:

- 34 LCMS Circuits representing 259 congregations.
- An AFLC Pastors' Conference with 33 congregations responding.
- 104 attended an LCMC convention workshop on Renewal For Life®.



**Displays at Conferences and Conventions with an LFL exhibit in 2009**

- AFLC Conference, Fergus Falls, Minnesota
- FLY 2009 (AFLC Youth Conference), Estes Park, Colorado
- Higher Things Youth Conferences, Grand Rapids, Michigan and San Antonio, Texas
- International LLL Convention, Greensboro, North Carolina
- LCMC Convention, Fargo, North Dakota
- LCMS Campus Ministry Confabulation, St. Louis, Missouri
- Lutheran Women's Missionary League, Portland, Oregon
- Orphan Grain Train International Convention, Norfolk, Nebraska
- Students for Life of America Annual Conference, Washington D.C



## Printed Materials

In 2009, 830,604 pieces of our materials were sold and thousands more given away at displays and presentations.

## LifeDate

Currently our mailing list for LifeDate is 31,852. We probably get more positive comments on LifeDate than anything else we do. For example: *"The latest issue of 'LifeDate' was so good! It really rejuvenated me to get out the Life message in my locality."*

## Web Site

LFL's web site offers in-depth information on all the life issues as well as daily updates on the latest news. It is used by pastors, educators, and students to do research on these issues based on the Word of God. It is used by the general public to become informed and to make the connection between the life issues and the Word. A brand new site is in the works for 2010. Stay tuned!

## Word of Hope

Word of Hope is the post-abortion ministry associated with Lutherans For Life. This national hotline averaged nearly 300 calls per month in 2009. Recently a Canadian number was established. Written and e-mail counsel is sought from military personnel and inmates in women's prisons. Many lives are being touched. From one of their clients: *"I will never forget talking to the director, Grace, for the first time. She loved me unconditionally and with her help I accepted the reality of what I had done and began to accept God's forgiveness for my sin of abortion."*

## Teaching For Life®

LFL's day school curriculum integrates key For Life concepts into the subjects already being taught. Teachers are telling us that it is colorful, easy to use, and effective. In 2009, 107 full sets were sold along with 71 single grade units. We have plans to expand this curriculum into other areas including Sunday school, VBS, confirmation, youth, and adult studies.

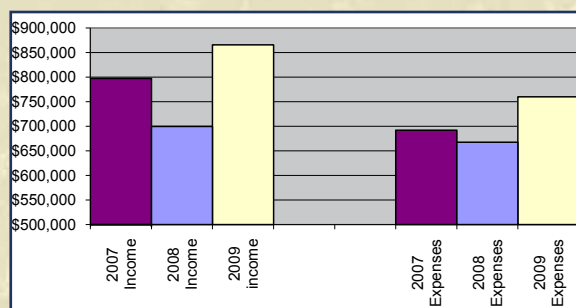
## Volunteers at the Life Center

Volunteers are an integral part of helping LFL Bring Good News to Life. Selflessly giving of their time, 58 volunteers clocked over 1400 hours in 2009!

**Yes, LFL is about Bringing Good News to Life. We are grateful for the opportunities God gave us to accomplish this in 2009. We are grateful for the financial support of so many that enabled us to take advantage of these opportunities. We look forward to even greater opportunities in 2010 to Bring Good News to Life!**

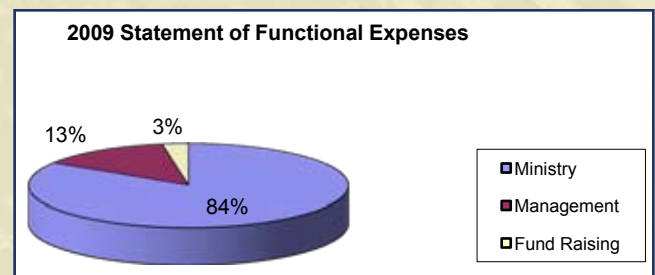
### Actual Income & Expenses for 2007, 2008, and 2009

2007 Income	\$797,312	Expenses	\$691,813
2008 Income	\$699,580	Expenses	\$667,516
2009 Income	\$865,544	Expenses	\$759,748



### 2009 Total Expense

Ministry	\$670,830	84%
Management	\$106,973	10%
Fund Raising	\$21,150	3%
Total 2009 Expenses	\$798,953	



Lutherans For Life is a pan-Lutheran, non-profit 501(c)(3) organization and does not receive funds from a specific church body. LFL strives to network pastors and lay people to make a positive difference in people's lives. By the power of the Holy Spirit, LFL seeks to change hearts and minds through the Word of God.

# Who are National Lutherans For Life?

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*Jesus ... said to them, "Let the children come to me; do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God" (Mark 10:14 ESV).*

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**Our Mission ... To witness to the sanctity of human life,  
through education, based on the Word of God.**