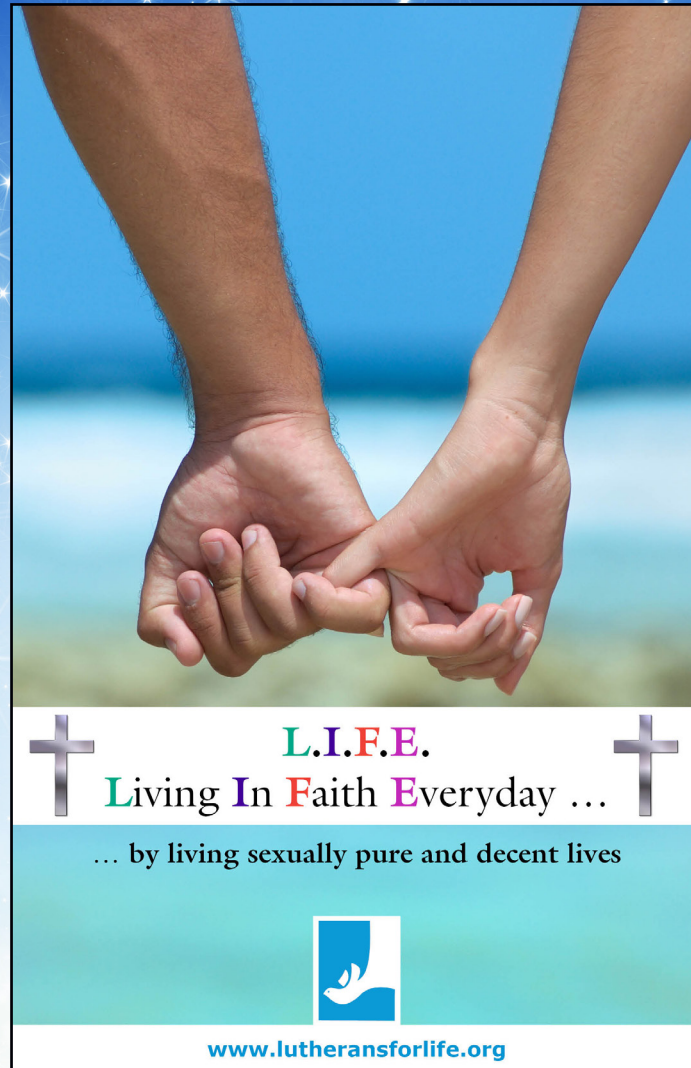


Lutherans For Life • 2014 Annual Report



L.I.F.E. - Living In Faith Everyday by LFL President Lynette Auch



How can a follower of Jesus Christ live any differently? We are surrounded continuously by this culture of death's evils, sorrows, and strife. Many times one feels helpless, alone, and afraid like Elisha's servant in 2 Kings 6:8-23. Seeing the Aramean army around them, the servant became frightened. Elisha prayed that the servant's eyes would be opened to see God's unseen reality of the heavenly army gathered about them. **"The Lord is my light and my salvation—whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life—of whom shall I be afraid? ... Though an army besiege me, my heart will not fear; though war break out against me, even then I will be confident"** (Psalm 27:1, 3 NIV). Yes, whom shall we fear? God brings people and allows circumstances into our lives daily that make us totally reliant on Him for the outcome. Total reliance on God and His promises is what faith is all about. This God-given faith empowers us to speak the life-affirming message of the Gospel effectively and passionately. God has been faithful, blessing and guiding His people and the ministry of Lutherans For Life to equip Lutherans to be Gospel-motivated voices for life, for which we are so thankful. God will continue to surround us with His heavenly army as long as He has work for us to do on this side of eternity. **"What, then, shall we say in response to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us?"** (Romans 8:31 NIV). So, Live In Faith Everyday!

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Have you been assaulted lately? Probably! The assaults on our faith come daily from the world in which we live and from our own sinful nature, which lives in us. But something else—indeed Someone else—also lives in us: Christ’s Holy Spirit.

That is the Biblical truth that was behind our 2014 theme: **L.I.F.E.** – “Living In Faith Everyday.” We can live in faith every day because Christ lives in us. So many things assault our faith: temptations of the flesh, sexual perversions in our culture, the erosion of marriage and family, the devaluing of life both at its beginning and at its end. Satan does his best to make these things look normal and good. Those who oppose them are called intolerant and extreme.

Yes, living in faith every day is not easy. But it is possible! Redeemed by the blood of Jesus and called into an intimate relationship with Him in Baptism, we can make good, God-pleasing decisions. We can resist Satan. We can uphold sexual purity and biblical marriage and the God-given value of human life.

Lutherans For Life (LFL) seeks to equip Lutherans to do just that. We are grateful that God continues to work through us to promote life and to promote **L.I.F.E.** – Living In Faith Everyday! Here are some highlights of how God’s Spirit enabled us to do this in 2014.

New Office

Since 2000, LFL’s national Life Center was located in a former LCMS church building in Nevada, Iowa. We needed this space as we housed our entire inventory and did our own order fulfillment. We had multiple staff people who needed office space. But things change—even for Lutherans! Concordia Publishing House now has our inventory and fulfills orders. Much of our staff works remotely. It became



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clear that maintaining such a large facility and the three acres of land it sat upon was no longer good stewardship.

In 2014, God brought a buyer for the old Life Center property and led us to a much smaller and more efficient office space in downtown Nevada. After extensive remodeling, using a host of volunteers, we are now in the new facility. It is a true blessing that will allow us to use more of people’s donations for the work of the ministry.

New Staff



John Hawkins joined the LFL staff as our new director of development. John comes to us from Austin, Texas. He brought a wealth of development experience with him (most recently with Lutheran Hour Ministries). God is using John to make more people aware of giving opportunities.

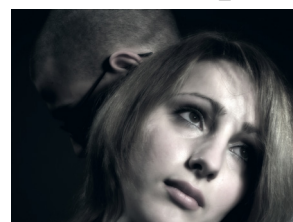
Loss of Thrivent Funding

Not all the news in 2014 was good news. Thrivent Financial dropped LFL from receiving Choice Dollars, Gift Multiplier funds, and matching funds from local chapters. This was a significant financial loss for us. But God is good and He keeps raising up people and congregations to help make up the difference. We trust He will continue to do so in 2015 as we will still feel the effects of this shortfall.

New Resources

New resources for 2014 included **L.I.F.E.** – **Living In Faith Everyday** Life Sunday materials (bulletin insert, Just For Kids insert, sermons, worship service, children’s message, and Bible study); free downloadable posters; and Mother’s/Father’s Day bulletin inserts—both *Christian Motherhood* and *A Compassionate Father* quickly sold out!; *Life News* continues to be offered as a free, monthly download for congregations.

Word of Hope



LFL’s post-abortion ministry, **Word of Hope**, formerly its own 501(c)(3) organization, moved under the umbrella of Lutherans For Life in 2014. We felt this a necessary change to assure the long range

sustainability of this vitally important ministry. Word of Hope is the only Lutheran post-abortion help line in existence. With nearly 300 calls each month, Word of Hope has many opportunities to share the compassion of Christ. (www.word-of-hope.org; 888-217-8679)

Mission and Ministry

We were very blessed with many new Life Teams getting underway in 2014. We began the year with 46 teams and ended the year by more than doubling this number! Thanks be to God and to Him be the glory! Thank you to all of our volunteers and supporters. You are making a difference! Lori Trinche, our director of mission and ministry, spoke on behalf of LFL in the Illinois, Wisconsin, Missouri, Kansas, Michigan, and Iowa. Some other highlights include:

- Building relationships with LCMS District Life Coordinators and expanding our congregational outreach
- Conducting our first webinar with LCMS Rural and Small Town Mission in March
- Holding the first regional leadership event with LFL of Wisconsin in August
- Hosting the first combined Chapter and Life Team Summit at the LFL National Conference in October
- Launching a new Facebook group in December for Chapters and Life Teams

Y4Life



Y4Life continues to grow and expand to reach more Lutheran youth and young adults and provide them with the tools they need to be Gospel-motivated voices

For Life. In 2014 we saw the introduction of the new Y4Life Campus Ministry Program. This program is designed to start and mentor student-led, life-affirming ministries on Lutheran high school and college campuses. Representatives from six Concordia campuses attended the first Y4Life Campus Ministry Student Leadership Summit in March and, from that event, three new campus groups were started! In addition to campus ministry, Y4Life also expanded the servant event program, hosting the first servant event in Texas in December. Please continue to pray for the student leaders across the country who are working to speak for life every day in their schools and communities.

What Are People Saying

“What you do changes lives. Especially mine.” *From a note sent to LFL*

“This is what we need to hear ... We had someone talk to us about abortion a while back, and he tried to shock us with gory pictures. That doesn’t work with us. This is what we need to hear.” *Comments from a high school student*

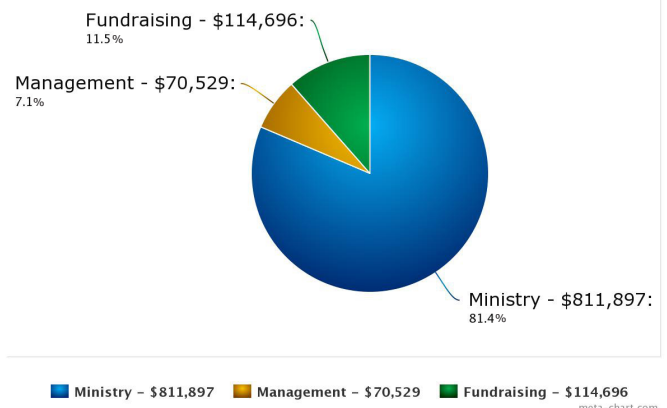
“Everything changed after you were here. We talk about these things now and want to do something to make a difference.” *A congregational member who wrote to LFL after an LFL staff person spent a weekend discussing the importance of God’s people affirming life at all stages of development and under all conditions of health*

“What you said changed the way we looked at mom’s apparently meaningless life in the nursing home. God is at work through her.” *From a note received with a donation*

“I would still be lost today if I hadn’t called Word of Hope. My life has changed, Christ has cleansed me. I no longer need drugs and alcohol to fill the void I had in my heart from my abortion. My sins have been covered by His atoning blood. If I had never had the opportunity to receive that hope and counsel, I would still be lost today. My counselor, Grace, was a reflection of His life, a mirror of His love and hope. Because of her gentle words of counsel, I was able to see the promise of God. She led me back to His loving merciful arms. I no longer live in darkness!” *From a Word of Hope client*

Actual Income & Expenses for 2012, 2013, and 2014

2012 Income	\$912,169	Expenses	\$933,312
2013 Income	\$932,487	Expenses	\$950,735
2014 Income	\$1,021,885	Expenses	\$997,123



Lutherans For Life is a 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.



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Our Mission . . . Equipping Lutherans 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.

Our Philosophy . . . Lutherans For Life believes that the Church is compelled by God's Word to speak and act on behalf of those who are vulnerable and defenseless. The crisis of our times is the repudiation of biblical truth manifested in the wanton destruction of innocent human life through legalized abortion-on-demand and the growing threat to the lives of others through legalized assisted suicide and euthanasia. Therefore, as Lutherans For Life, we will strive to give witness, from a biblical perspective, to the Church and society on these and other related issues such as chastity, post-abortion healing, and family living.