

## News and Notes

- **Please join Lutherans For Life in welcoming Mr. Scott Licht as LFL's first National Director!** He will be responsible for managing the administrative aspects at the National Life Center and overseeing the implementation and updating of LFL's strategic plan—a plan to expand and improve how we can all help others as we share and apply the Gospel to life issues. LFL's executive director, Rev. Dr. James Lamb, will continue oversight of the entire ministry but will focus primarily upon preaching, speaking, and writing. Lutherans For Life thanks the Lord of Life for His grace in all these changes, and we pray He will continue to bless the ministry of LFL to His glory as we carry out the mission of “Equipping Lutherans to be Gospel-motivated voices For Life.” See the Leadership section to get to know more about Scott and how the Lord will be using his talents at Lutherans For Life.
- **LFL welcomes new state presidents Keith Alabach of LFL of Indiana, and Paula Oldenburg of LFL of Wisconsin.** A bio of Keith Alabach was not available at press time. Paula Oldenburg was born to Harold & Clair Jensema, of Easton, Wisconsin. She was baptized at home and grew up as a member of Zion Lutheran Church in Aniwa. Because Paula's Mother had rheumatic fever as a child, had a weak heart, and had already given birth to two children, the option to not carry Paula was given to her mother by the doctor. Her mother refused the option. Paula said, “when you find out you could've not been born but you were born ... you're almost automatically, thankfully, of the pro-life mindset—not much to doubt about appreciating life there”! Several years ago she felt led to attend a workshop given by Dr. Lamb and Ed Szeto entitled, *Learning How You Can Speak*. Through this, she learned about the mission, message, and manner of Lutherans For Life. Since then, Paula has helped to bring an LFL presence to a local area congregation, helped develop a caring pregnancy center, and also served as a Right to Life chairperson in Oneida and Vilas counties. Paula attended the University of Wisconsin Eau Claire. She is a member of Peace Lutheran Church in Antigo. Paula and her husband, Mark, live in Rhinelander. They have no children, but enjoy a combination of students, nieces, nephews, and friends. Paula is thankful for the opportunity to “live the abundant life” in a state that has excellent organizations like Wisconsin Right to Life and Lutherans For Life. She strives to help strengthen those who know that God loves life and wants all of His followers to as well!
- **2012 LFL National Conference CDs, DVDs, and online video are available!** Find out more at [www.lutheransforlife.org/conference](http://www.lutheransforlife.org/conference).
- **Life Sunday 2013 is coming soon!** The theme is **Living with Dying**. Life Sunday Sample Packs are scheduled to be sent in October. Included with this issue of *Directions* is an extra sample for you. (2013 is also the 40th anniversary of the *Roe v. Wade* and *Doe v. Bolton* Supreme Court decisions that effectively legalized abortion during the entire nine months of pregnancy—for any reason, or no reason at all.)



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- **Kay Meyer, LFL's director of development, shared a PowerPoint devotional at the LFL national conference.** The script for *Equipped to be Christian Stewards* is included in the Christian Responsibility section of the RFL site. You can find the slides at [www.rflonline.org/Christian\\_responsibility/Teaching\\_Tools](http://www.rflonline.org/Christian_responsibility/Teaching_Tools).
- **Elections are just around the corner!** Consider providing our *Is Abortion an Election Issue?* brochure (LFL118T) for your congregation. For guidelines on how to approach the elections as a Gospel-motivated voice for life, see the article titled *The Election and Lutherans For Life* in this issue of *Directions*.
- **Promotional Ideas:** Promote the Lutherans For Life website ([www.lutheransforlife.org](http://www.lutheransforlife.org)), LFL resources available at [www.cph.org](http://www.cph.org), the LFL Clothing and Accessories Store, and Give page in chapter and state newsletters. Also, encourage people to visit the LFL site for life-issue info, articles, and videos—and also to sign-up for LFL email.
- **Please let us know if your congregation or pastor has a Life Sunday or life issue-related sermon, CD, or DVD, focused on the life issues, that you would be willing to share with us.** We may post it on our Facebook, RFL, LFL, YouTube, and Vimeo sites, or as a download on [www.cph.org](http://www.cph.org).
- **If you or your federation, chapter, Life Team, or congregation have local For Life events you would like posted on the Lutherans For Life website calendar please contact the Life Center ([info@lutheransforlife.org](mailto:info@lutheransforlife.org)) and we will add the event.** You can also check out the online calendar to see when Dr. Lamb will be in your area.
- Start a Life Team! Training is available through Churches for Life. Visit [rflonline.org](http://rflonline.org) and click on the “What is Renewal For Life” tab for more information—or call 888.364.LIFE.
- The opportunities for LFL supporters, state federations, chapters, Life Teams, and Life Ministry Coordinators to apply the Life message are endless. For example, **November is National Adoption Awareness Month.** Check out and order LFL's resources on adoption and share them with your congregation—booklets, brochures, bulletin insert.

Here's one more. **Orphan Sunday** ([orphansunday.org](http://orphansunday.org)) is **November 4**. The Christian Alliance for Orphans ([www.christianalliancefororphans.org](http://www.christianalliancefororphans.org)) offers a wealth of resources to help Christians stand for the orphan ... defend the fatherless ... care for the child that has no family ... visit orphans in their distress.

More info can be found at the adoption and links pages at [www.lutheransforlife.org](http://www.lutheransforlife.org). Also check out the fall edition of *LifeDate* (Orphan and Foster Care and the Gospel).



## The Election and Lutherans For Life

A question has arisen regarding the extent to which Lutherans For Life employees or volunteers may try to influence people to vote for a certain candidate. This seems to be an area of great confusion and misinformation, but it's actually pretty simple.

Any person may, as a concerned, individual citizen, express their own opinion about election issues or candidates. They may be as active as they wish in campaigning, lobbying, or simply providing information. This applies as long as they are acting as an individual expressing their own personal opinion, NOT as a representative of a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organization. (There is an exception allowed for groups that are eligible to lobby under 501(h), but Lutherans For Life is not eligible for that because of its close connection with churches [which aren't eligible for 501(h) either]).

When someone is acting as a representative of a 501(c)(3) organization, they MAY provide information about a particular issue and encourage people to consider that topic when voting for someone, but they may not say (again, when acting as a representative of a 501(c)(3)) that you should vote for a particular candidate.

In practical terms, what does this mean? If you want to tell someone to vote for a particular candidate for the following reasons, you MAY NOT do so under the name of Lutherans For Life—either as an employee or as a chapter or state officer, volunteer, etc. You ABSOLUTELY MAY do so as an individual citizen using a non-LFL-related email address, etc.

While it is VITALLY important to inform people about life issues and the sinful nature of abortion, suicide, euthanasia, etc., it is equally important that we remember Paul's exhortation to the Ephesians to "**Speak the truth in love ...**" The mission of Lutherans For Life is to be GOSPEL-motivated voices For Life.

Lutherans For Life produced an excellent brochure, written by Dr. Lamb, entitled *Is Abortion an Election Issue?* (LFL118T). You might order 1, 10, or 100 through Concordia Publishing House and use them as a way to open a conversation with someone who is struggling with the election decision or Life issues—or as a way to help answer some questions for yourself.

We pray that God will guide you in your voting decisions and in your conversations with others. We thank you for your diligent, faithful efforts to do God's work in spreading the For Life message.





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## The Consequences of Roe v. Wade 54,559,615 total USA abortions since 1973

Based on numbers reported by the Guttmacher Institute 1973-2008, with estimates of 1,212,400 for 2009-2011. GI estimates a possible 3% under reporting rate, which is factored into the total.

Source: National Right to Life, 1/12



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## The Basics of Lutherans For Life

**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.

### Structure and Relationships

A local chapter is a local organization that has been chartered by National Lutherans For Life. The chapter is formally associated with and subject to, but not a part of, the corporation known as Lutherans For Life, Inc.

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 chapters. In a state where a state federation exists, the chapters also become affiliated with the state federation. This occurs automatically at the same time a chapter becomes chartered by Lutherans For Life, Inc. These relationships are basically the same whether or not the 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 Chapters and Life Ministry Coordinators 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 chapter if it is chartered.

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 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 chapter name and number, if chartered, is written on the form in the space provided. This will assure that the state federation and local 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).
- Annual memberships run from July 1 through June 30. New memberships will expire on June 30 of the year following the initial membership donation.
- An annual membership drive will begin in May of each year. Current members will receive renewal information at that time. The membership drive will also encourage new memberships, although they will be accepted at any time of the year.

### *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 chapter to which the particular members may belong. The membership donations are divided as follows:

#### *Annual Memberships:*

- 20% goes to the local chapter (If there is no local 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 chapter (If there is no local chapter this 1/12 goes to the state federation.)
- 1/12 goes to the state federation
- 10/12 remains at national

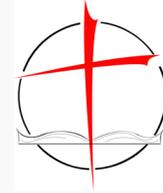




# Lutherans For Life

## 2012 National Conference

### Equipping the Saints For Life



National Lutherans For Life Conference  
Chicago, IL August 3-4, 2012

**Single CDs \$9.00 Full CD Set (9 discs) \$65.00**

Day	Session Title	CD
3-Aug	Opening Worship	
3-Aug	Keynote Address -- All is Well – Rev. Ken Klaus	
4-Aug	Opening Plenary – Carol Tobias	
	<b>Workshops</b>	
4-Aug	Equipping a Post-Abortion Society – Dr. David Reardon	
4-Aug	Equipping to Take a Stand – Jill Stanek	
4-Aug	Equip Yourself for Effective Sidewalk Counseling – JT Eschbach: Saving Lives Today	
4-Aug	Equipping with Renewal For Life – Doug Merkey	
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## Welcome Scott Licht as National Director

Hi!

My name is Scott Licht and I am the new National Director at Lutherans For Life. I grew up in New Ulm, Minnesota, and was raised in the Wisconsin Synod. I graduated from Martin Luther Preparatory School, Northwestern College (the WELS pastor-training college), and attended Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary for a short time. In 2005 I earned an MBA and a Master of Science in Information Systems from Iowa State University.



I have held a variety of positions over the years. Most recently I worked for Burke Corporation in Nevada, Iowa, as the Information Technology Manager and Supply Chain Manager. My true passion, however, is fulfilled in my weekend job—I am the Pastor of Shepherd of the Prairie Lutheran Church in Huxley, Iowa. We are a mission congregation rostered with the Lutheran Congregations in Mission to Christ (LCMC) and the North American Lutheran Church (NALC). My new role at Lutherans For Life will allow me to combine my business experience with my passion for serving our Lord of Life.

I have two daughters who are grown and living on their own in the Des Moines area. My wife, Sue, and I live near Huxley with her three daughters, three horses, two cats and a dog. There is never a lack of things to do and I give thanks for how richly God has blessed me. I look forward to serving Him through the mission of Lutherans For Life and I would ask for your prayers as we continue to “equip Lutherans to be Gospel-motivated voices For Life.”

*You can reach Scott at [slicht@lutheransforlife.org](mailto:slicht@lutheransforlife.org) or 888.364.LIFE.*





## Annual Activity Reports

*By Kim Nessa, Administrative Assistant*

**“But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord”**  
(1 Corinthians 15:55-9 KJV).

I don't need to say much more except **“thank you”** for all of the ways you are abounding in the work of the Lord of Life! **“Thank you”** that you remain steadfast and unmoveable! Your work is not in vain!

Once again, we are sharing your comments which we love to read and pass along to others.

### Speaking Opportunities

- I gave presentations at our church's Christian day school for their Celebrate Life week. I used materials such as the Lutherans For Life PowerPoint DVD.
- Each spring at our Lutheran school I have the opportunity to speak to our eighth graders on the life issues. We talk about what Scripture says, as well as dealing with the topics of sanctity of life, abortion, adoption, abstinence, etc.
- One member of our life group spoke on adoption to our youth last fall during adoption month.
- Pastor Yoakum and Bill Plug spoke on the theology of end-of-life decisions.
- Thirteen friends and family took a cruise in October. While at sea one day, I presented a pro-life message followed by Bible study led by my brother-in-law (who is a pastor). We had discussion following.
- Immanuel Lutheran Church held an open house for the public about all of our ministries. I represented Lutherans For Life. I spoke to several interested people about our mission and showed a DVD that gave them a greater understanding about LFL. I also handed out pamphlets and Precious Feet pins. Now, more people understand the mission of LFL.
- Our president attended the Northern Kentucky Right to Life Convention. A display table was set up to encourage people to find out what Lutherans For Life is all about. I also had an info board displaying pictures of the 4000 white crosses that were displayed at our church. Many people stopped to view it.
- A member of our LFL chapter had the opportunity to teach the “saved sex” message to students in our local public high school. We are very blessed to have her as a member of our group.
- Our chapter became associated with a local organization, Cradles of Grace. They help single mothers with unplanned pregnancies by providing counseling and support. They had a display at our fall rally and we promoted their organization in our program at our event.



### Personal Stories

- We honored the dads in our congregation on Father's Day with a fellowship hour after church. We gave out LFL pens and Precious Feet pins. It was very well received as mom's seem to get all the attention—not the dads.
- Every year the social ministries and outreach program participates in the Meals on Wheels Holiday Program associated with Collin County Committee on Aging. During the first weeks in November we collect food for their fall harvest boxes to be distributed to local Meals on Wheels clients. Later in the month of December we deliver Christmas gifts. It's always great to meet the residents and hear their stories.
- I had the opportunity to talk with those who had stillborn babies or infants who were born alive and only lived a short time due to prematurity or developmental issues making it impossible for survival. I hand out materials to help them with their grief. (Available through CPH: *Into His Loving Care* by Linda Bartlett. Item LFL902B.)
- Each year we give LFL's *GOD'S WORD for Life* Bibles to the Arklatex Pregnancy Crisis Center. They use these Bibles when they share devotions with the unwed mothers and by God's will some of these mothers have come to know Christ as their Savior.
- Every year we go into the classrooms of our Lutheran school with a Life message. We show fetal models. Two children in one of the classrooms were very excited to see the models because their moms were expecting a baby and they wanted to see what their baby brother or sister looked like.
- Our chapter held a rally at St. Mark Lutheran Church. International pro-life speaker Rebecca Kiessling was the keynote speaker. She spoke of her experience as an adopted child, about how she discovered that her life is precious to God, and how all Christians are adopted in Christ. Rebecca also shared that she was conceived in rape, targeted for abortion, and was adopted.
- We are partnering with Bradley College Students For Life in Peoria. We have provided them funds and will supply materials also. *Word of Hope* brochures will soon be shared around campus.
- I invited the sixth-grade class to participate in an ultrasound display for Life Sunday. It created a lot of talk among the students and congregation. Our pastor also used the poster I had displayed with ultrasound pictures for his childrens' sermon.
- We walked in three local parades last summer. At each parade we had 10-25 people walk with us. We handed out informational cards containing facts on abortion. Our chapter designed t-shirts for those who walked that said, "What Does Your Heart Tell You?" on the front and "Every Life Deserves A Lifetime" on the back. We all shared stories of positive support from those who were watching the parades.
- This year we chose to support the Primary Home Care in Williamson County. The PHC had lost its grant for purchasing cribs for those women, men, or couples who had completed courses at the PHC. We set a fundraising goal of three sets for our church (crib, mattresses, and sheets: \$156.00) Much to our delight, in three weeks we gathered funds for eight sets.



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- Our chapter has helped a friend through two challenging pregnancies. We hosted showers for her and arranged for her to live with a chapter-member family. We lost contact with her for about nine months. She then called us this past year to invite us to her baby's first birthday party. She is with the baby's father and they are attending church.
- Our chapter was hosting an evening to learn more about the local pregnancy resource center. Because of an announcement at the end of the worship service a man contacted us asking if we could help his wife who had recently had a breakdown at which time he learned she was 20 years post abortive. They both came to a presentation we held. Before the presentation I had an opportunity to offer her Jesus' forgiveness, prayed with her, and gave her a *GOD'S WORD for Life* Bible. She told me two weeks ago she is attending the post-abortive support group classes at the pregnancy resource center and is being helped.
- Norfolk Area LFL and Norfolk Right to Life are presently working together to stop Planned Parenthood from building a clinic here. We had petitions signed and presented them to the City Council showing our concern.

### Comments, Suggestions, or Concerns

- Thank you for upgrading your bulletin insert artwork. We handed out *Trust God, Choose Life* on Mother's Day. The text continues to be excellent. Thank you also for putting news articles back on the first page of your website. They are much easier to find. Your contact people are consistently courteous and helpful.
- I helped Connie Davis present at the LFL table for the Michigan pastor's conference this October. This year our table was markedly more popular than before. We heard several stories about how the pastors have been dealing with life issues in their ministries. They sought us out and checked the materials for what was new.
- I think you're doing a great job at making informational materials available and organized. I especially love the *Life Quotes* and use them in our bi-monthly church newsletter.
- Life Ministry Coordinators have a lot of materials to sort through. I find it overwhelming and desire a simpler approach to reaching congregational members. For years they have been getting *LifeDate* and I have yet to receive a positive response. It's not your fault. It seems to me to be a matter of busyness, priorities, apathy, or simply a subject some wish to avoid. Prayer moves mountains. Thanks so much for your dedication and hard work.
- We need more user-friendly resources—like the DVDs. Few of us can speak as eloquently as Dr. Lamb.
- We are a small chapter and our chapter has not had the funds to attend seminars. My desire for our LFL chapter is to reach out to other Lutheran churches. I also desire to reach out to teens and preteens. So few of the teens stay in the church. God will show us His way as long as we keep our eyes and ears open to His word.
- I really enjoy the articles in *LifeDate*. They are inspirational, educational, and provide encouragement.
- Just a thank you for being there for us. Knowing we have support, encouragement, and



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resources available is so wonderful.

- We appreciated the worship service format again this year, particularly the hymns. We are still a small group, but try to be active through communication with our Lutheran school and youth group. We continue to get info out in our newsletters and bulletins.
- Thanks for all the resources you provide For Life. We have given Teaching For Life to our school staff this year. We continue to encourage them to use it “intentionally” as the St. Charles, Missouri, chapter presenter stressed.



## Equipped to be Christian Stewards

by Kay L. Meyer, director of development for Lutherans For Life

God's word says: **“Therefore do not be anxious, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ For the Gentiles seek after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you”** (Matthew 6:31-33).

Are you worried or anxious about what you will eat or drink? Are you concerned about the type of clothes you wear? Do you trust God to supply all your daily needs? Are you worried about having enough money to pay your bills?

How do we seek God's Kingdom and His righteousness? Seeking His righteousness means remembering what Christ has done for us because He is the righteous one who was perfect and without sin. We are not.

Seeking God's Kingdom involves growing in the knowledge of His Word so we can discern truth from error and love the Lord with all our heart, soul, and mind. We commit our lives to Christ, attend worship services, take communion, and ask for daily forgiveness from the Lord. Why do we need His forgiveness daily? Although we are Christians, we still sin daily. Thankfully, because of Christ's suffering and death, we have forgiveness and eternal life as a free gift.

Other ways we seek God's Kingdom is by praying for ourselves and others, studying God's Word, and reading devotions like *Portals of Prayer*. We talk to our family, friends, and those we meet about Jesus, the author and preserver of our faith. We talk to those we meet about life issues and our faith in Christ as Savior and Lord. As we put Him first we trust in the Lord with all our heart. We believe God's promises. He has promised to take care of us. And He will. Even when difficult times come He walks with us through the trials of life.

Another way we put God's Kingdom first is by remembering the Church and its needs. We donate a portion of our earnings to the Lord's work. 2 Corinthians 9:6-8 says, **“The point is this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work.”**

Besides remembering our congregation, we should also remember ministries we are passionate about—like Lutherans For Life.

God's Word teaches us a lot about being good Christian stewards. We remember that the Lord gave us everything—physical life, family, home, food, faith, and eternal life in heaven. God owns all our possessions. They are His, not ours. As we learn about stewardship through the Bible we become equipped to be Christian stewards. In 1 Corinthians 16:1-2 the Bible says, **“Now concerning the collection for the saints: as I directed the churches of Galatia, so you**



**also are to do. On the first day of every week, each of you is to put something aside and store it up, as he may prosper, so that there will be no collecting when I come.”**

God’s word tells us to plan ahead for needs that will arise so we are not caught unaware. We should set aside some of what we earn for needs that will arise. Planning for the needs of the Church is just good stewardship.

Many needs arise in today’s world. Sometimes they come from natural disasters like tornadoes or floods. Houses, buildings, and towns are destroyed. Individuals and families are left homeless and alone. Jackie, a 70 year old mother and grandmother, was in the Joplin, Missouri, tornado last year. At the time of the tornado she was in the hospital recuperating from surgery. The hospital was seriously impacted, but God kept her safe. When tragedies like these occur, we pray for the people, volunteer to help, and give a gift of support.

Sometimes financial needs come from bad choices and decisions someone made. It might be someone you don’t know at all. Or it might be your daughter or granddaughter who is pregnant and needs help and support. As we seek first His kingdom, we are there for friends and loved ones. We tell others of the importance of life, of God’s forgiveness through Christ, and give of our time, talents, and treasures to help.

Do you know there are over one million nonprofit organizations in the United States? Many are Christian organizations that do wonderful mission work and accomplish much for the Lord. Lutherans For Life is one of them. Lutherans For Life has three initiatives that will help reach more people with the good news about life. The following are summaries of these initiatives:

**Renewal for Life®:** This is a major initiative from Lutherans For Life that seeks to equip Lutheran congregations to be Christ-centered, enthusiastic, and ongoing voices for life. RFL is a way to help congregations incorporate life issues into their ongoing ministry. This initiative helps pastors and congregations deal with the life issues more effectively. Through RFL, we provide members with an online library of easy-to use, Word-based For Life resources. RFL also supports and trains Life Advocates who assist the pastor and other leaders in the congregation. These are volunteers from the congregation who are in contact with LFL, receive updates and ideas, research the online library, and organize and coordinate the life ministry of the congregation. Our current strategic plan includes securing needed funds to expand this initiative to include Directors for Renewal For Life in numerous states. In 2011 we hired our first part-time regional Renewal For Life Director of Texas. Jean Amundson, now works with Renewal For Life congregations, their leaders, and RFL volunteers.

**Teaching for Life®:** Teaching For Life® is a Gospel-centered curriculum developed to help Lutheran school teachers apply God’s Word to the life issues. This curriculum teaches nine key pro-life concepts, one for each month of the school year, and provides ideas on how to integrate them into religion, math, social studies, and other subjects. As funds become available we will expand this initiative to include: adult Bible studies, Confirmation bookmarks, Sunday school resources, and a VBS curriculum.



**Generations For Life:** Our newest initiative, Generations For Life, seeks to establish LFL as a leader in providing Gospel-centered, For Life resources and creating opportunities for younger generations of Lutherans to have an influence on their peers in the Church and society. The first phase of this initiative includes establishing and maintaining relationships with leaders on Lutheran campuses of universities and high schools, and developing multi-media resources for the younger generations. We are currently developing an online, interactive training course for youth, young adults, and those who teach them, such as pastors, teachers and youth leaders

### How Can You Help?

- Start a Life Team or become a Life Advocate through Renewal for Life®
- Volunteer to serve as a state federation president
- Get involved with Generations For Life.
- Pray for the LFL volunteers, staff, and ministry
- Financially contribute to support the mission of LFL through: membership and annual giving opportunities; memorials and honorariums; supporting our Endowment Fund; becoming a part of the Abundant Life Giving Society and Life Legacy Society; using the Simply Giving® program through Thrivent Financial; giving through the Combined Federal Campaign; and by using online giving opportunities on our the LFL website.

As always, thank you for your prayers, volunteer service, and financial support. We pray that the Lord will bless you and equip you to serve and share Life. Together we are equipping Lutherans to speak up For Life in a loving, and Gospel-motivated manner and are making a difference in our world.





## Speaking the Truth in the Church and Society

As Christians we live at the same time in both the kingdom of power—secular government, the world etc.—and in the Kingdom of grace—God’s rule of grace in Jesus. We are called to give witness to the truth of the Gospel in both kingdoms. But we need to use different language in each. In the short Bible study below, Paul gives us an example of each.

### Speaking the Truth in the Church

Read Acts 17:1-5

Discuss why there was a need for this truth to be proclaimed in the Synagogue. (See also Romans 9:1-5.)

What did Paul use to communicate the truth? (2b)

What were the results? (4-5)

Ultimately, what was it that “persuaded” those who believed? (See also Romans 10:17.)

Now discuss the above in terms of Lutherans For Life.

1. What is the truth that LFL wants to share?
2. Is there a need for this truth in our churches?
3. Why?
4. How do we communicate this truth? (See also Ephesians 4:11-16.)
5. What will be some of the results?
6. If people’s hearts are changed, why will that be?

### Speaking the Truth in Society

Read Acts 17:16-33

What was the truth that Paul ultimately wanted to share with the Athenians? (31)

Was there a need for such truth in Athens? Why?

What did Paul use to communicate this truth? (It might help to ask these questions: Did he quote Bible passages? Who did he quote? Did he reason with them from the Scriptures? Even though he did not quote the Bible, did he share biblical truths?)

What were the results? (32-34)

Who produced those results?



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Now discuss these verses in terms of Lutherans For Life.

1. What truth does LFL want to share with society?
2. Is there a need for such a truth and why?
3. How do we communicate this truth? See Paul's method above. (See also 1 Corinthians 9:22-23; James 1:22-27; Matthew 5:43-46.)
4. What may be some results? If people are swayed, who gets the credit?

We would also recommend using along with this study the summer 2012 edition of *LifeDate* (Our Christian Faith—Our Christian Citizenship). If you do not have a copy, you can go to [www.lutheransforlife.org/media/lifedate/](http://www.lutheransforlife.org/media/lifedate/) and download a PDF file.



## A Journey of Faith and Life

*by Laura Davis, development counselor and director of Generations For Life*

This past summer has been a summer full of changes for me. I have transitioned from the school life to the work life, I have left the great state of Texas for the beautiful land of Missouri, and, most importantly, I have gone from a part-time, For Life volunteer to a full-time voice For Life. There is no greater blessing than to be able to spend my entire day working toward a church and a society that respects Life in all its forms. I am even more blessed that I get to do this through as wonderful of an organization as Lutherans For Life. A large part of that blessing comes from you, our dedicated supporters and volunteers. I firmly believe that the grassroots are part of the heart of LFL, the veins that circulate the message and keep the ministry flourishing. Thank you for all that you do!

Just as new and exciting things have been happening to me personally this past summer, new and exciting things are also happening at Lutherans For Life, especially with the **Generations For Life** initiative. We have been hard at work strategizing, planning, and working to make the dream of equipping Lutheran youth and youth adults to be Gospel-motivated voices For Life a reality. We have had to ask tough questions about how to best reach out to this generation and its unique culture. One of those questions led us to a new name for the program, which will be revealed very, very soon. Other questions led us to begin planning several new events and programs that meet youth and young adults where they are and equip them within in their own societal and cultural context. These programs include taking youth and young adults into the field, both in their own neighborhoods and in a national context, to see what being For Life truly looks like. They also include training future church workers on life issues, so that they will be ready and willing to include Life as an intentional part of their ministry.

There are a few ways in which you, our dedicated volunteers, can help us move forward with bringing the Gospel message of Life to the young people of our church. First of all, you can keep the Life Team, the Generations For Life committee, and myself in your prayers as we create a plan and a strategy for this initiative. This is something very new to Lutherans For Life and we want to do it in the most effective and God-pleasing way possible. Please pray for wisdom and opportunity to witness For Life.

In addition to your prayers, there are some practical ways that you can help us achieve our goals:

- 1. Help start and/or mentor a Student Life Team**

Student Life Teams can be started either at a church or at the student's school and are a great way for them to discover and work with other For Life people their own age and do real action in the community. Your expertise and experience would be a huge blessing to them as they get started. Look for a Student Life Team How-to Guide from LFL soon, which has practical advice on initiating this kind of project.

- 2. Host a Life Servant Event in your community**

One of the programs mentioned above included taking youth and young adults out into the field to experience the actions associated with being For Life. We hope to achieve



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this through weekend Life Servant Events held in communities throughout the country. These events would include Life training, volunteering at local pregnancy centers and senior centers, and a sidewalk counseling session. We are planning on hosting the first event in the St. Louis area in April and then expanding from there. If you are interested in bringing this program to your area, please let me know and I will include you in our list of future sites.

### **3. Sponsor a Student to attend the March for Life in Washington D.C.**

In January 2013, people from around the country will gather at our nation's capital to stand for Life in a very public way at the March for Life. This year's March will be especially important because it will mark the 40th Anniversary of the *Roe v. Wade* decision and effectively legalized abortion in America. Lutherans For Life has committed to financially sponsoring ten students from around the country to attend this event. Students will also have an opportunity to attend the Students For Life of America Conference, where they will hear from prominent Life leaders from around the country and attend workshops on the full spectrum of Life issues. Each student will receive a scholarship of \$250, or about half the cost of attending. We would like to give you, our dedicated volunteers and supporters, the opportunity to sponsor these ten scholarships. If you or your chapter are interested in sponsoring a student, please contact me for more information.

These are just some of the many ways in which you can help youth and young adults spread the Gospel-message of Life. I am becoming more and more excited every single day about this generation and the possibilities they bring to our ministry. I am exceedingly grateful for the prayers, feedback, and positive responses I have received from our supporters. And, finally, I am looking forward to continuing to work with all of you in achieving our great mission of a church, young and old, that is equipped to be a Gospel-motivated voice For Life.



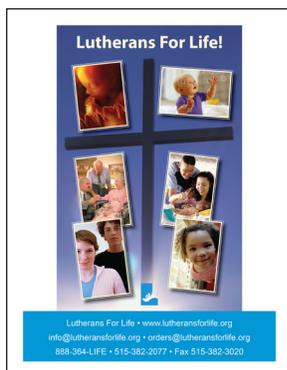
## Wish List

We want to share with you our “Wish List.” Most of these items are not included in our annual budget. Please prayerfully consider how you could support one of the projects. A gift of any amount is welcome. We also encourage you to organize a fund raising project with your Bible study, state federation, chapter, Life Team, or another group from your congregation to assist us.

### Repaving the LFL National Life Center Parking Lot

Estimated cost: **\$25,000**

*This is not a “glamorous” project, but the parking lot definitely needs attention!*



### Educational Resource Manuals

Each year, Dr. James Lamb travels to Lutheran seminaries and presents the Life message. At the same

time, each student is given an *Educational Resource Manual* full of information on life issues for pastors and seminary students.

Estimated cost for the travel and binders for two years: **\$5,000**

### LFL Teaching For Life® Expansion

## Teaching For Life®

LFL is in the process of expanding the Teaching For Life® resources to include life studies for youth, an online course, and Sunday school curriculum. We currently have an amazing group of educators working on this project. Your designated financial support for this project is very much needed!

Estimated cost: **\$10,000**

### LFL National Conference Scholarships

LFL offers scholarships to youth and church workers so that they can attend our annual LFL conference. Your gift can support this project.

Estimated cost: **\$250 per person**

When you send your donation, please let us know which of the above projects you are giving a gift to support. Let us know if you need more information. We would welcome the opportunity to visit with you.





## Speakers Bureau

Do you need a speaker? Lutherans For Life will work with you to help meet your needs for a speaker at a rally, convention, Bible study, worship service, public or parochial school, college/university, or at a workshop/seminar. A variety of formats are available from a single presentation or sermon to a multi-day series of workshops. Dr. Lamb says, “These speakers not only address a variety of life issues, but do so based on the Word of God.”

### General speaker guidelines (may vary by individual):

- Airfare/Mileage: Actual airfare and/or current standard IRS mileage rate to airport or event.
- Lodging: Quiet, non-smoking hotel room.
- Honorarium: Affiliated speakers for Lutherans For Life are not in a paid position. Therefore, we ask that sponsoring groups provide an honorarium for affiliated speakers. The sponsoring group determines the amount of the honorarium. Honorariums depend on number of events. Honorariums begin at \$200.
- Meals: \$25 per day unless other arrangements are made.
- Other: A lectern will be needed. A TV, video projector, DVD player, and/or an overhead projector and screen may be needed.

### Speakers:

James I. Lamb (nationwide and Canada)  
Jean Amundson (nationwide)  
Linda D. Bartlett (nationwide)  
Tracy L. Carmack (nationwide)  
Rev. Paul M. Clark (nationwide)  
Connie Davis (nationwide)  
Daniel M. Domke (within five to six hours of Huron, South Dakota)  
John Eidsmoe (nationwide)  
Peter B. Greenspan (within two-three hours of Kansas City)  
Anthony Horvath (nationwide)  
Kimberly Ketola (nationwide)  
Sheila Luck (nationwide)  
Ryan C. MacPherson (within 150 miles of Mankato, Minnesota)  
Betty McGuire (nationwide)  
Allen Quist (within Minnesota and Iowa)  
Russell E. Saltzman (nationwide)  
Alvin J. Schmidt (nationwide and in Canada)  
Carl F. Schroeder (nationwide)  
Diane E. Schroeder (nationwide)  
Francis W. Szarejko (nationwide)  
Ed Szeto (nationwide)

**Find out more about these speakers at [www.lutheransforlife.org](http://www.lutheransforlife.org).**



## Speaking Engagement Report Form

We appreciate the many hours our faithful grassroots workers contribute to sharing the For Life message. If you or your state federation/chapter have the opportunity to speak on the life issues in your community, please let us know! This information will help us as we look at our strategic plan and determine the resources that are most needed to help you carry forth your mission for life! Please return to the Life Center or e-mail [jrichard@lutheransforlife.org](mailto:jrichard@lutheransforlife.org).

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<b>Speaker's Name:</b>	
<b>Location:</b>	
<b>Date:</b>	
<b>Topic of Presentation:</b>	
<b>Audience presented to</b> (teens, adults, children, etc):	
<b>Number of people in attendance:</b>	
<b>Resources used at pre- sentation</b> (DVD, bro- chures, articles, etc):	

