

News and Notes

- **Join us for a Life Team Leader Conference Call on Tuesday, April 21, 2015, at 7:00 p.m. (CT).** This call is for potential, new, veteran, apprentice, and assistant Life Team Leaders! The purpose is to give leaders “strength for their journey.” Dial 832.551.5516 and enter Pass Code 100219 followed by the # key. Go to www.lutheransforlife.org/about/chapters-and-life-teams to find out more.
- **OPEN HOUSE – April 28** – You are invited to stop by the new Lutherans For Life national office on April 28 from 3:00-6:00 p.m. for an open house. The address is 1101 5th Street, Nevada, IA 50201-1816.
- **It’s time again for Annual Activity Reports.** Find links for Life Team Leader, Chapter, and Life Ministry Coordinators at www.lutheransforlife.org/about/chapters-and-life-teams.
- **We have a Facebook group for Chapters, Life Teams, and LMCs.** The group includes an idea exchange and is a place to connect with other frontline volunteers. To join or contribute an idea, please e-mail ltrinche@lutheransforlife.org and indicate in the subject line “Sign Me Up!”
- **Coming up Saturday, April 11 is the annual Churches for Life Life Team Summit.** The summit will run from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at St. Paul’s Evangelical Church in St. Louis, Missouri. Get inspired and informed! All champions of life—including pastors and ministry leaders—are invited. Go to the “Connect/Calendar” page at www.getintolife.org for more information and to register. Register by April 1 and save 50 percent!
- **Life Team/LFL Leadership Summit – April 18, 2015 – St Paul Lutheran Church, Fowler, Michigan** (See the included flyer for more information.)
- **Training Material scholarships—APPLY NOW!** We have 45 partial scholarships available nationwide to congregations wishing to start a Life Team but needing help with the cost of training. Requests for assistance will be handled on a first-come, first-served basis through June 30, 2015. Contact Lori Trinche at ltrinche@lutheransforlife.org as soon as possible to find out more.
- **Lutherans For Life of Illinois – 2015 State Conference – “Because Life Matters” Job 33:4 – May 2 – Zion Lutheran Church, Lincoln** (See the included flyer for more information.)



- **Our Mission & Ministry Coordinator, Lori Trinche, would love to hear from you!** Her focus is helping, guiding, and mentoring our chapters, Life Teams, Life Ministry Coordinators, and state federations. You can contact Lori at ltrinche@lutheransforlife.org or 630.390.3076.
- **Created – Redeemed – Called:** Our 2015 Lutherans For Life National Conference is set for October 30-31 at the Creation Museum near Petersburg, Kentucky. More information will be posted as it becomes available at www.lutheransforlife.org/conference.
- **Life News is available each month to download and print!** *Life News* is a monthly bulletin insert with life-issue news and more. *Life News* is available as a free, reproducible PDF at www.lutheransforlife.org/media/life-news.
- **What have national church bodies had to say about Lutherans For Life?** Find out by downloading Resolutions on the Sanctity of Human Life by Pro-Life Lutheran Church Bodies. Included are resolutions from The American Association of Lutheran Churches (AALC), The Association of Free Lutheran Congregations (AFLC), The Church of the Lutheran Brethren of America (CLBA), The Lutheran Church–Missouri Synod (LCMS). To download go to: www.lutheransforlife.org/article/resolutions-on-the-sanctity-of-human-life-by-pro-life-lutheran-church-bodies.
- **Vaccines and three-parent babies have been in the news.** Find out more at these links: Three Parent Children by Rev. Dr. James I. Lamb (www.lutheransforlife.org/article/three-parent-children); Vaccine Information and Commentary (www.lutheransforlife.org/article/vaccine-information-and-commentary).
- **Lutherans For Life Grassroots:** LFL has 11 state federations, 116 local chapters, 136 Life Ministry Coordinators, 86 Life Team Leaders, and 96 Life Teams in the US.
- **AmazonSmile** – Shop at AmazonSmile, and Amazon will make a donation to Lutherans For Life! Check it out through the link on our Store and Give pages at www.lutheransforlife.org and in our weekly *Life Notes* newsletter. (This is not an endorsement of all things Amazon, but it is a free opportunity for Amazon shoppers to support Lutherans For Life.)



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Since Roe v. Wade in 1973: 57,762,169 abortions in America

Source: www.lifenews.com/2015/01/21/57762169-abortion-in-america-since-roe-vs-wade-in-1973

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March-April 2015

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



Hope for the Hopeless

by Rev. Dr. James I. Lamb

Hopelessness

In one respect, this short Bible study is hopeless! That is, in the first section we want to try to understand utter hopelessness.

Read Ezekiel 34:1-3.

How many bones does Ezekiel see around him? (1c and 2b)

What is their condition? (2c)

Look ahead to vs. 7. What is implied by the fact that these bones are “coming together”?

So, you have a lot of bones, they are extremely dry, and they appear to be scattered every which way, perhaps a leg bone there and an arm bone here. You get the picture. Hopeless.

Not being as wise as Ezekiel, how would you answer God’s question, “Can these bones live?”

These bones picture how God’s people felt. See verse 11.

Have you ever felt that way?

List and then discuss some situations in the life arena that can lead people to feel hopeless. For example, infertility, a crisis pregnancy—add to the list.

In Dante’s *Inferno*, the infamous sign that hangs over the gates of Hell reads, “Abandon all hope ye who enter here.” Is that true? Where else does this sign hang?

I hope your answer to the last question was “nowhere”! It doesn’t hang over hospital beds or surgery suites. It doesn’t hang over cancer wards or Alzheimer’s units. It doesn’t hang over nursing homes or funeral homes. And especially important for us to remember, it doesn’t hang over abortion mills.

The very essence of the Gospel message is that Hell is the only place where we need abandon hope. Every place else, in every imaginable situation, and even in unimaginable situations, there is hope. Why? Study on!



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Who gets things “shaken” in the valley of dry bones? (4-5)

Where did this breath of life come from? (See Genesis 2:7)

In what fact of history is our hope secured? (See 1 Corinthians 15:12-20; 1 Peter 1:3)

Having a living Savior means we have a Savior who can come to us in the midst of our muck and mire and seemingly hopeless lives. We have a Savior who can lift us up.

Now go back to your list of situations that make people feel hopeless. Discuss what a living Savior has to offer in each situation that can bring hope.

What future hope do we have to look forward to that helps our present realities?
(Ezekiel 37:12)

Close by singing “My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less.”





Start Your Own Life Team!

www.lutheransforlife.org/about/chapters-and-life-teams

NEW! Start Your Own Life Team! – Learn how to start and build a Life Team. Find out more about the newly updated Life Team Tool Boxes.

What is a Life Team? A Life Team is a congregationally based group. The Life Team becomes part of the congregation's structure, much like a mission team or evangelism committee. The goal is to make addressing the life issues a part of the ongoing Gospel ministry of the congregation.

Teaching For Life® Online is LFL's latest means of "equipping Lutherans to be Gospel-motivated voices For Life"! This self-study, online course is designed for junior high through adult. **And it's FREE!** The course is based on nine key For Life concepts and instructs on all the basic life issues.

Each of the nine lessons contains an engaging Bible study that will help the student apply God's Word of Life to the lesson's topic. The Bible study is followed by "Case Studies," which will help apply what has been learned to practical situations. Then, for those who want even more, there is "Digging Deeper," which will allow the student to link to a variety of readings, videos, YouTube clips, and ideas for action.

It's easy, fun, self-paced, and packed full of Word-based and Gospel-centered For Life information. So go to the link below and let the For Life learning begin.

We pray you will enjoy learning and that you will become equipped to help others become Gospel-motivated voices For Life!

www.lutheransforlife.org/media/teaching-for-life-online

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Life in the New Year

by Lori Trinche, Mission and Ministry Coordinator

Living in a northern climate, the season of spring for me is always a time of looking forward to longer and warmer days, the return of colorful flowers and birds, the awakening of the soil to plant again, and a time of growth and fruitfulness!

Thanks be to God! We have certainly been blessed with growth in the number of Life Teams and those interested in starting either a new Life Team or chapter and in the stories beginning to come in from our precious volunteers from the annual activity reports for 2014.

I want to thank each and every one of our volunteers, no matter where you are or what your role. You are special—created, redeemed and called by God, as a son or daughter and a partner in the work that God uniquely created for you. Sometimes the work is difficult and tiring—at other times simply filled with delight—but always with a very special purpose from the Lord and giver of Life! So be encouraged, pray without ceasing, and press ahead.

I'd like to share a special story by Waunita J. Watt, from our Life Team in Creston, Iowa

In the past few years, Creston, Iowa, has seen God working on the hearts of this community to bring some amazing changes.

In April 2012, the city of Creston was hit by a tornado—a turning point for many in our small town. By the grace of God, no one was killed. The tornado did significant damage to our hospital, community college, and several homes on the north side of town. This was difficult for everyone, but it brought the community together. By talking, working together, serving our neighbors, and listening with compassion, we met the needs of our community and built some strong relationships. This was the beginning of a “God Plan.”

Through this building of relationships and communications, a “40 Days for Life” event was proposed. This sparked talk about what God could do if we peacefully prayed at the local Planned Parenthood affiliate. We heard how it could have an impact on those who worked at Planned Parenthood and those who utilized their services. This event involved anyone who was willing to pray for at-risk children and their mothers. (At that time, a young woman could have a TeleMed abortion performed here in Creston.)

Many of those who were praying were also listening and talking with one another about the possibility of opening a crisis pregnancy center in Creston for those facing unplanned pregnancy and sexual health crises. Shortly after 40 Days for Life, our Planned Parenthood location closed. God used this event in His “God Plan.”

After the closing of the Planned Parenthood office, a crisis pregnancy center



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became more important to the community and weighed heavily on the hearts of many. A task force was put together to explore the possibilities. One option was to partner with a clinic that was already up and operating—the LC Clinic in Stuart, Iowa. The LC Clinic focuses on offering men and women medically accurate and non-judgemental care, allowing their clients the opportunity to make informed decisions for themselves regarding their health.

Timing was important. How could we get a clinic going soon and have it be a clinic that was reputable? This is where the “God Plan” begins to reveal itself in a significant way. God was making this more than a talking point. God was going to make it a reality! LC Clinic in Stuart wanted to open a branch clinic in Creston. This solved a lot of the problems of opening a clinic on our own.

Then came the next step in the “God Plan.” It was asked, “What if the old Planned Parenthood building could be the location for the LC Clinic in Creston?” It was proposed that we start raising funds for a portable ultrasound machine that could be shared between the Creston and Stuart locations. To raise the funds, we thought outside the box and decided to have a trap shoot at the local gun range!

There was good response from the business community—and there was a “God Plan” in this as well. A local tattoo artist was asked to be one of those supporting businesses. At first, great hesitation was expressed by this person about sponsoring an event of this type and for this cause. By God’s grace and mercy, He used the words spoken by ordinary people to change the heart of this tattoo artist. This business became a significant supporter of the event.

A “God Plan” is not always our plan. We are hesitant to approach some people, unsure of what to say, how to say it, or whether it will even be received. Yet we trust in God to bring the right attitude and words to our mouths because His attitude toward us is not to deal with us as sinners but as His chosen children.

It was wonderful to see the response from the community—and to see the donations come in! This is an example of a fun event that brought awareness about our clinic and its work. God worked His miracle and we watched. All those who attended had a wonderful time.

Right now, we are witnessing another part of the “God Plan.” Remember the idea—that we believe God planted—about the Planned Parenthood building? It is a reality. The LC Clinic has purchased it and will open its Creston office in this building. A building that had been used to take the lives of so many precious children is going to be a place that God uses to save children. We have witnessed a “God Plan” realized and a community brought together. Now we wait in eager anticipation of the next “God Plan.”



Beautiful Feet for an Ugly World

by Rev. Mark Wood

The following is a synopsis of a homily given by Rev. Mark Wood, Director of Witness & Outreach/Revitalization for The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod's Office of National Mission, at a regular chapel service at the International Center. The text is Isaiah 52:1-7.

If the Lord were to ask you what part of your body you'd like for Him to make beautiful, you'd probably have a ready answer. Our world presses its own standards of beauty onto us, and we are quick to embrace them. We want beautiful faces for all to see our beauty, beautiful hair to appear youthful, beautiful breasts to be alluring, and beautiful abs to convey our fitness and strength. But God chooses something better for us: He gives us beautiful feet.

Our feet are beautiful because Christ has fitted them with His Gospel of peace. But what makes having beautiful feet so important? In the first place, He has given us beautiful feet to stand. As the people of God in the world, we must endure many difficulties, hardships, and even persecutions. The Lord gives us the feet to stand in the face of these things. But we are called to do more than stand; we are called to go. With our beautiful feet we carry the Gospel of Peace to our broken and dying world. As we go, our feet are reflections of the most beautiful of feet, the feet of Jesus.

The beautiful feet of Jesus are feet of flesh that brought God's love into our world. They are dusty feet that walked the paths that we walk and experienced all of the hardships, troubles, and temptations that we experience. They are feet washed by the tears of one who had used her beautiful body in ugly ways, welcoming those tears and washing them away. His beautiful feet are feet that served, even serving in the lowly way of washing others' feet. Above all, His feet carried the Cross to Calvary and were pierced for our transgressions. The blood that flowed from the beautiful feet of Jesus has taken away the ugliness of all of our sins.

Your feet have been made beautiful to carry the Good News of Jesus to those who are perishing because they either do not know the Name of the Lord or they despise it. They may take you near or far. You may be shod with snow boots, flip-flops, or go barefoot in the places God has chosen for you. Wherever your beautiful feet go and whatever you may experience in those places, you can be certain that you will stand because your God reigns. Rejoice, be glad, be confident; God has given you beautiful feet.

(Source: Witness, Mercy, Life Together email, 3/7/15)



Fundraising Tips and Project Ideas

Make your fundraising events fun! For example, chili or pie cook-offs, Bowling for Babies, trivia nights, name that baby contest (old baby picture identification), Concert for Life (www.lutheransforlife.org/about/speakers-bureau-concerts-for-life), or a best “diaper cake” contest.

Here are just two of the many adorable “diaper cakes” the young moms and mentors from the Trinity Lisle Parents of Preschoolers (POPS) group assembled at their February LOVE event. Items were gathered, lovingly assembled in baskets, and prayed over to send to local moms in need through the CareNet of DuPage crisis pregnancy center. A CareNet representative shared a ministry update, provided a resource sheet to share with those gathered, and had a display table with information on the POPS group and CareNet volunteer opportunities. It was a beautiful time of smiles and sharing the love of Christ in the community!



Lori Trinche’s baptismal church is having a “March Baldness” contest at their school. The principal and former principal will each shave their heads if a certain fundraising goal is met. Giant sized pictures have been made and their heads decorated with pledge notes to keep them warm.

These are just a few ways to raise money in a fun, fellowship-oriented way for the For Life cause of your choice.



World Down Syndrome Day – March 21

Your chapter, Life Team, or congregation could help raise awareness and celebrate people with Down syndrome by participating in a random acts of kindness day. Go to this link for great ideas and how to extend the message using social media:

www.worlddownsyndromeday.org/random-acts-kindness



April is Abortion Recovery Awareness Month

Your chapter, Life Team or congregation could help raise awareness and encourage healing. Go to this link below for great ideas and make sure to have information available about Word of Hope: www.word-of-hope.org/your-church-can-help-with-post-abortion.html.

Your Church as a Community Center

Interested in learning how your church could help as a community center for adult and infant daycare and afterschool activities for at-risk youth, or as an “express” center for a crisis pregnancy center in a local “hot spot”? Contact Lori Trinche, our mission & ministry coordinator, at 630-390-3076 or ltrinche@lutheransforlife.org.

The Drop Box Movie

From Focus on the Family (3/6/15):

The figures are still being tallied, but by all accounts, hundreds of thousands of viewers turned out for this week’s three-night limited engagement of *The Drop Box* in movie theaters nationwide. If you were among them, thank you! Through experiencing this powerful film and panel discussion, we hope moviegoers caught the vision for Pastor Lee’s sacrificial work on the streets of Seoul. But as you know, this issue is not confined to South Korea. There are more than 150 million orphans worldwide, including right here in the United States. That is why Focus on the Family is honored to share Pastor Lee’s story—and why we’re committed to promoting adoption and orphan care on a number of other fronts ...

If you want to see *The Drop Box* again, or if you know someone who missed the in-theater event but would like to see the documentary, be sure to check [www.thedropboxfilm.com] and “Like” our Facebook® page [www.facebook.com/thedropboxfilm]. In the near future, we’ll be posting details about how you can share this important film at your church. Stay tuned!



Two national Lutherans For Life staff members went to the showing on March 3:

“What a powerful and profoundly life-affirming message!”

Lori Trinche, Mission & Ministry Coordinator

“It is excellent—profoundly moving ... When we were walking up to the theater, someone heard me mention *The Drop Box* to [my son] Alex. I was asked if I had bought tickets yet. I had not. A woman then asked me, ‘Would you like to be blessed tonight?’ She gave us free passes—and we were definitely blessed.”

Lowell Highby, Director of Communications



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Owen's Mission – Little Babies Making a Big Difference

by Rev. Dr. James I. Lamb

“My frame was not hidden from you when I was being made in secret” (Psalm 139:15).

Over 10,000 students have now heard about Owen's Mission! Many of you know the effect that the *Touch of Life* fetal models have on students of all ages. From preschoolers to seminarians, they give visual and tactile reality to God's handiwork in that “secret place” of the womb. The impact of that reality stays with them and can inform future decisions and choices. A Lutheran school teacher shared with me the impact seeing these babies had on her when she was in elementary school. Later on she was able to help a friend dealing with an unplanned pregnancy see and understand the reality of her unborn baby.

Wouldn't it be great if we could place a set of these models in every Lutheran school in the country? Wouldn't it be great if we could touch the lives of over 137,000 students? Yes, it would! And we will!

That is the goal of Owen's Mission. Our 21-week-old grandson, Owen James, who died during fetal surgery to remove a large tumor, inspired Owen's Mission. The nurse brought little Owen's body to our son and me as we waited in the recovery room for Owen's mom, Heather. Owen was wrapped in a little blanket and had one of those little stocking caps on his head. Holding Owen in my hand affected me profoundly. I had held the twenty-week fetal model in that same hand hundreds of times over the years, but I had grown numb to the reality of what the model represents. Owen brought me back to that reality and the urgent need to help others see it as well. Owen's Mission desires to honor the Lord of Life by presenting these models to every Lutheran elementary and high school in the country. That's a big project! Would you like to help? Here are some ways to do so.

- Pray that the Lord will bless this mission with His mighty power and provide the people and financial resources needed.
- Pray that God's Holy Spirit will be at work through these models in classrooms around the country.
- Give personally to this mission. Our financial goal is \$175,000.
- Conduct a fundraiser in your area.
- Volunteer to be a presenter to schools in your area. We have a DVD and guidelines for its use to make this as easy as possible. If interested, contact your state federation president or regional director. If you are not in a state that has these or you are just not sure, contact us at 888.364.LIFE or info@lutheransforlife.org
- Use the flyer we have included to promote Owen's Mission.

Thank you for all that you do to help equip Lutherans to be Gospel-motivated voices For Life! Owen's Mission will provide yet another avenue to do so. May the Lord of Life continue to bless your service to Him through Lutherans For Life.



Owen's Mission Update

To review: The goal of Owen's Mission is to present a set of *Touch of Life* fetal models into every Lutheran elementary and high school in the country. (You can learn more about Owen's Mission online at www.lutheransforlife.org/owens-mission.)

The financial goal to make this happen is \$175,000. To date we have received \$51,000 plus. As you can see, we have a long way to go. Thanks to those who have already raised some funds and supported this. Clearly this will be an ongoing project, so please keep it on your radar. Things you can do:

- Pray for this project.
- Have a fundraiser for Owen's Mission in your area.
- Make your church and/or school aware of this mission.
- Have a special offering on Life Sunday or other time for Owen's Mission.
- Do you know folks who have lost children or grandchildren through miscarriage or stillbirth? Perhaps they would want to support Owen's Mission as a memorial.
- Do you know people with "deep pockets" who may have a heart for such a mission? Tell them about it!
- Think "out of the box"! Send us your ideas!

Remember, these models will not merely be sent to the schools. We want them presented. Right now we are working through our state presidents and regional directors to organize these presentations. We have a DVD and a presenter's guide that can help just about anyone present these models. If you have Lutheran schools in your area and are interested in presenting, please contact your state president or regional director. If you do not have one or do not know who that might be, contact Kim Nessa at knessa@lutheransforlife.org, and she will help coordinate your efforts.

Thanks for ALL you do!





Owen's Mission

**"A PERSON'S
A PERSON,
NO MATTER
HOW SMALL"
-DR. SEUSS**

Horton the elephant was right! The Bible agrees! In fact, the Bible says more: A person's a person created by God (Psalm 139:13-14), a person redeemed by Jesus (Galatians 3:13), and a person the Holy Spirit wants to call to be His child (1 Timothy 2:4), **no matter how small!**

Owen's Mission is a very special project of Lutherans For Life. The goal of this project is to honor Jesus by presenting a set of *Touch of Life* fetal models to every Lutheran elementary and high school in the country. (That's 1078 schools affecting 139,000 students!) We want students to understand the God-given value of each life from the moment of conception. We want students to be motivated by what God has done as our Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier that gives value to life. We want students to value themselves and to value others as persons because of this God-given value.



Where did Owen's Mission come from? From a very small and special baby named Owen. Rev. Dr. James I. Lamb, Executive Director of Lutherans For Life, shares his story:



"I held my little grandson, Owen, in the palm of my hand. He died at twenty-one weeks during pre-natal surgery to remove a large tumor. The nurse brought him to our son as we waited in the recovery room for Owen's mother. I find it difficult to describe what I felt when I was able to hold him. I had held the twenty-week *Touch of Life* fetal model in my hands hundreds of times in front of students from preschoolers to seminarians. Holding Owen revived in me the reality behind those models. I will never hold them in the same way again."

As Owen's grandpa, Dr. Lamb wanted to do something special to remember Owen, honor Jesus, and help others understand the value God gives to even the smallest of lives. With the help of Owen's family, *Owen's Mission* was born. We are training facilitators to present these fetal model sets along with a DVD message from Dr. Lamb.

Our Goal: \$175,000

You can support Owen's Mission by:

- Giving a personal gift
- Encouraging your school to give
- Encouraging your congregation to give
- Encouraging groups within your congregation to give

To give a gift online to Lutherans For Life go to:

www.lutheransforlife.org/give

Please designate your gift to “Owen’s Mission.”

You can also send your check to:

Lutherans For Life
PO Box 76
Garden City, IA 50102-0076

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Please keep Lutherans For Life in your prayers.

You can also find out about many other ways to give, including estate planning assistance, at our Give page.

“I came that they may have life and have it abundantly” (John 10:10).

Amount Raised So Far: \$51,000 plus!



Lutherans For Life is a Recognized Service Organization of The Lutheran Church–Missouri Synod. We are a non-political ministry whose mission is to equip Lutherans to be Gospel-motivated voices For Life. We produce a variety of multi-media resources that connect the life issues to the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We affirm life at all stages of development and in all conditions of health. We are For Life, not because we live in a society that isn’t, but because we serve a God who is.

www.lutheransforlife.org

Speakers Bureau

www.lutheransforlife.org/about/speakers-bureau-concerts-for-life

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 workshop/seminar. A variety of formats are available. 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 screen may be needed.

Speakers:

James I. Lamb (nationwide and Canada)
Jean Amundson (nationwide)
Linda D. Bartlett (nationwide)
Rev. Paul M. Clark (nationwide)
Connie Davis (nationwide)
Daniel M. Domke (within five to six hours of Huron, South Dakota)
John Eidsmoe (nationwide)
Kim Hardy (nationwide)
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)
Patti Smith (nationwide)
Francis W. Szarejko (nationwide)
Ed Szeto (nationwide)
Luke Timm (nationwide)



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.

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



Life Team/LFL Leadership Summit

April 18, 2015

St Paul Lutheran Church
Fowler, MI

What?

A forum to discuss: 1) the goals and activities of Lutherans For Life of Michigan
2) ideas and opportunities to educate and equip congregational members to be Gospel-motivated voices FOR LIFE

Who?

Those who have been serving as Life Ministry Coordinators, Life Advocates, LFL Chapter or Life Team leaders, pastors, plus anyone else who desires to be a voice FOR LIFE

When?

Saturday, April 18, 2015

Where?

St Paul Lutheran Church, 329 North Sorrell Street, Fowler, MI 48835

Why?

We live in a culture that increasingly looks to death as a solution to life's challenges. Our God loves Life! As those called to be obedient to His Word, we seek to share the news that God values each and every human life...no matter the size or condition.

How?

Lori Trinche, the Mission and Ministry Coordinator from National LFL, will travel to Michigan to facilitate the summit.



Schedule

9:30 – 10:00 – Registration & Opening Devotions
10:00 – 12:00 – Breakout Session 1
[Sharing goals & activities of LFL-MI and congregational LMCs/Life Teams]
12:00 – 12:45 – Lunch [provided by St Paul Fowler]
12:45 – 2:15 – Breakout Session 2
[Discussion of implementing goals in local congregations]
2:15 – 2:30 – Closing Devotions

Please RSVP to lflmi@comcast.net or call 586-949-9261 before April 10 to assist us in planning for materials and luncheon. We are willing to help coordinate car-pools from different areas of the state. We look forward to working with pastors and lay leaders in sharing the FOR LIFE message in their congregations and communities.

Lutherans For Life of Illinois 2015 State Conference "BECAUSE LIFE MATTERS" *Job 33:4*

Zion Lutheran Church, 205 Pulaski Street, Lincoln, IL 62656
Saturday, May 2, 2015 • 9:00 a.m. - noon
(Doors open at 8:30 for coffee and rolls)

- Keynote Speaker: Rev. Dr. James Lamb, Executive Director of Lutherans For Life
- Plenary Speaker: Mrs. Sara Hintz of MEND Ministries (a grief support group)
- Also speaking: Lori Trinche, Mission & Ministry Coordinator for Lutherans For Life

**No pre-registration or fee required.
(Please e-mail lakamps@gmail.com with questions.)**

Conference offering will be going to **Owen's Mission** (which will provide a **Touch of Life** fetal model set and teacher's packet to every Lutheran High School and Elementary School in the United States)

Ingathering: Bring diapers, diaper wipes, receiving blankets, newborn "Onsies" & booties for Living Alternatives Pregnancy Resource Center in Lincoln.

Continental Breakfast, Mid-Morning Snack, and Lunch provided by LFL of Illinois. Meals prepared and served by Zion Lutheran Church Ladies Aid. (A free will offering will be taken.)





2015 Lutherans for Life of Illinois State Conference "Because Life Matters"

"The Spirit of God has made me; the breath of the Almighty gives me life." Job 33:4

- 9:00 a.m.** Welcome – Deb Lakamp, President of LFL of Illinois
Opening Hymn: "Lord of Life" (text: Rev. Gerald Scheperle; tune: Hyfrydol)
Opening Remarks & Prayer – Rev. Mark A. Thompson, Zion, Lincoln
- 9:30 a.m.** Keynote speaker: Rev. Dr. Jim Lamb, Exec. Director of LFL
Offering – for "Owen's Mission" ("Jesus Loves Me" sung during offering)
Prayer – Rev. Mark D. Peters, Faith Lincoln
- 10:30 a.m.** Break (15 minutes)
- 10:50 a.m.** Plenary speaker: Mrs. Sara Hintz, MEND Ministries
- 11:30 a.m.** Lori Trinche, Mission & Ministry Coordinator for LFL
- 11:45 a.m.** Q & A session for all our speakers
Closing Remarks & Prayer – Rev. Bruce Lakamp, LFL of Illinois, pastoral advisor
Closing Hymn - "Breathe My Name" (text: Rev. Darryl L. Andrzejewski; tune: Hymn to Joy)
- Noon** Common Table Prayer and Lunch

Special thanks to Zion Lutheran Church, Lincoln, for the use of their facilities; Eleanor Gunderman (pianist); our speakers and pastors; the Ladies Aid of Zion Lutheran Church, Lincoln, for preparing our food; and YOU for being interested in LIFE issues.