

News and Notes

- **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 and a link to register can be found at www.lutheransforlife.org/conference.
- **Here are two recently updated LFL resources, written by Linda Bartlett, available through CPH:**

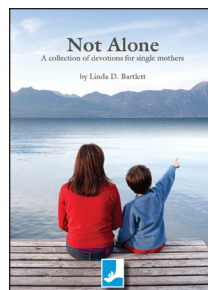
Not Alone – Item LFL901B – A devotion booklet by Linda Bartlett for single mothers. *Not Alone* makes an appropriate and helpful gift for caring pregnancy centers or congregations to give to single mothers.

www.lutheransforlife.org/article/not-alone-a-collection-of-devotions-for-single-mothers

Parental Pondering of Purity, Mystery, and Modesty (formerly Purity, Mystery, and Modesty) – Item LFL903T – Children are entrusted to parents by God. Parents need not be intimidated in their role as teachers for they have been equipped for the job. The Bible contains everything that is needed to help boys and girls respect themselves and others, understand why men and women are equal but different, resist temptation, and protect human life from the moment of conception.

www.lutheransforlife.org/article/parental-pondering-of-purity-mystery-and-modesty

- **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 “Sign Me Up!” in the subject line.
- **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. Lori says, “Chapter leaders, LMCs, Life Team Leaders, pastors and other For Life servants—if I can help you with ideas or pray for you, please call me anytime at 708.839.1200 x225 or email me at ltrinche@lutheransforlife.org.”
- ***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.



- **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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- **Real Estate for Life** – “It takes so little to do so much to save the life of a child.” Real Estate for Life makes it easy for you to help Lutherans For Life by using funds a real estate company has already earmarked for commission fees at no extra cost to you. Under real estate law, Real Estate for Life will receive a referral fee. 100% of the profits of that fee will be donated to pro-life organizations. Find out how it works at www.lutheransforlife.org/real-estate-for-life; 877.543.3871; proliferealestate@yahoo.com.



- **Start your own 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. Learn more at: www.lutheransforlife.org/about/chapters-and-life-teams.



- Check out **Teaching For Life® Online**, 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!** www.lutheransforlife.org/media/teaching-for-life-online.



Every Life Matters

by Rev. Dr. James I. Lamb

Have you seen those electronic signs on interstate overpasses? Sometimes the DOT uses them to make us think:

“104 traffic deaths in 2015 – Drive Safe.”

I just noticed that ours in Iowa now read:

“134 traffic deaths in 2015 – Every Life Matters.”

You see the irony. I could not help getting cynical and wondered what kind of reaction there would be if the sign said this:

“431,200 Abortions in 2015 – Every Life Matters.”

Look up the following Bible Verses and discuss how they help remind us that “Every Life Matters—Because it Matters to God.”

Matthew 10:29-31 –

Psalm 139:13-14 –

Jeremiah 1:5 –

1 Timothy 2:4 –

1 Corinthians 6:20 –

Genesis 1:27 –

Now read 1 John 4:7-12. Why should life matter to us, and why should we love and defend all life?

Every life matters because it matters to God. I thank you for understanding the importance of approaching the life issues from that perspective. I thank you for all that you do to help equip other Lutherans to understand this. Only then will these issues rise above the political and social level and become spiritual issues that the church is compelled to deal with. When we do so with the power of God’s Law and Gospel, hearts change and people change.

Changed people will influence our culture. And just maybe more and more people will see the sad irony of a highway sign that says “Every Life Matters” and be moved to become Gospel-motivated voices For Life!



Free to Be Faithful

The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod offers a number of helpful resources—including marriage and religious freedom toolkits—on their “Free to Be Faithful” page. Follow the outline below to learn more. Many resources can be adapted for any congregation.

- Start at www.lcms.org. On the main menu bar select “Social Issues.”

“As Lutheran Christians, we maintain a dual citizenship in two kingdoms: one spiritual and the other earthly. But living out the Christian faith in witness and mercy, while honoring the governments and rulers set in place, can sometimes be tricky business. What happens when the government promotes lifestyles that are contrary to the Word of God? How does a Christian respond when it intrudes into the realm of the Church?”

- Eight topics are listed on the Social Issues page. One of these topics is “Religious Liberty/Free to Be Faithful.”

“Resources, including those from the Synod’s ‘Free to be Faithful’ campaign, aim to educate and inspire action to protect religious freedom, including the definition of marriage, the work of social service organizations, and confessing the faith in the public square.”

- Select the “Free to be Faithful” page from the Social Issues page to find many additional resources, including marriage and religious freedom toolkits and much more.



Word of Hope Update

At the recent retreat for our board of directors, state federation presidents, and national LFL staff, an update was shared on LFL's Word of Hope ministry. Here are a few stats and facts. You can find out more about Word of Hope at www.lutheransforlife.org/about/word-of-hope.

- National Hotline calls average about 250 per month (888.217.8679).
- Counseling hours average twenty hours per week, five days a week at Trinity Lutheran Church, Lombard, Illinois.
- Phone hours average twenty hours per week (answering calls, phone counseling and returning client calls).
- Office work averages ten hours per week (setting up appointments, writing reports on clients, emails, mailings).
- Post-abortion groups meet every Thursday.

Word of Hope Counselors and Staff

- Jennifer Knox counsels approximately ten hours per week.
- Word of Hope also works with the Midwest Center for Hope & Healing with three additional licensed Lutheran counselors.
- Grace Kern continues to do post-abortion syndrome counseling.
- Stephanie Barrera was recently hired to help with office work.

Word of Hope Clients and Callers and Comments

- One woman had scheduled an appointment for an abortion, called Word of Hope inquiring about the procedure, and changed her mind.
- "It always amazes me how they find us—God is good!" *Grace Kern*
- Grace finds that she can usually convince callers to cancel the abortion appointment
- "I always tell them to call back and that I will be praying for them." *Grace Kern*
- A lot of men call too.
- Grace is working with five prisoners—all female.
- Clients needs have become increasingly complex.
- Mother's Day calls were high this year.

Word of Hope – Five Babies Saved This Year (so far)!

- Isabella – born March 27
- Eddie – born April 9
- Carmella – born April 25
- Maxwell & Olivia (twins) – born May 14



Special Needs Fun Fair

Recently, the St. Charles County Chapter 337 of Lutherans For Life sponsored an LFL Special Needs Fun Fair. Here are a few stories, comments, and photos from those involved.

Becky Ferber: “God blessed the day with suitable weather and many, many volunteers and activities. I don’t know the count of how many families with children and adults with special needs came, but overall those who came seemed to have fun! I heard several parents say they were so happy an event was planned specifically for their ‘special’ kids to enjoy.”

Kathryne Chapin: “[W]hat will stand out most in our family is the Lego table ... it wasn’t surprising to me that [my daughter] Adria spent almost an hour at one activity where she could sit and focus and not be overwhelmed by constant changes while doing an activity where she could tune out loud noises. But what did surprise me was that she chose Legos. This type of fine motor activity is highly recommended for her, but she’s never shown any desire. Volunteer Ben and his sister willingly shared the Legos, but they also shared pieces of themselves that made a lasting impact on Adria. Through conversation, we learned that Ben’s sister has Aspergers. Adria could relate to her struggles. She really felt the warmth of their friendliness ... Adria was able to earn her first set of Legos by doing household chores and showing good, helpful behavior. As she excitedly opened her first Lego set and began playing, she looked at me with the widest grin and said, ‘Ben would be so proud of me for getting my first Lego set.’ Honestly, at first, I didn’t know who she meant. After thinking it through, I realized the lasting impact of the day. Not only is she now hooked on something that is so great for her fine motor development and creative thinking skills, but she feels the impact of the opportunity to try something new, and Ben’s encouragement has reached far beyond one Saturday afternoon. Thanks be to God for the volunteerism, the beautiful Christian comradery, and for you who made it all possible. And for Ben and his Legos!”



Delores Desemone (on right) and family check out the firetruck provided by the Cottleville Fire Department



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Family Fun Fair photos provided by Nicole Laskowsky.



American Heritage Girls volunteered to run a sensory station.



Participants enjoyed the prize walk.



Volunteers facilitated volleying games for all ability levels in the gym.



Participants loved the miniature horse brought by Tree House of Greater St. Louis Therapeutic Horsemanship.



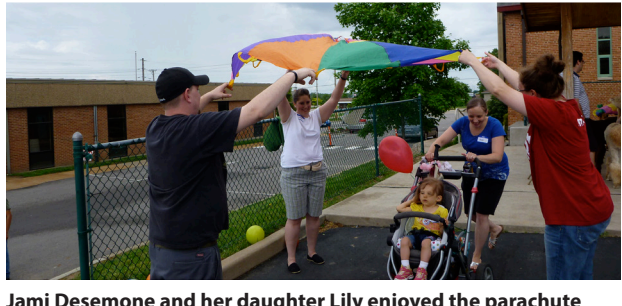
Face painting



A participant petted one of the alpacas brought by Alpaca Patch.



The Knights of Columbus clowns were a big hit.



Jami Desemone and her daughter Lily enjoyed the parachute games.

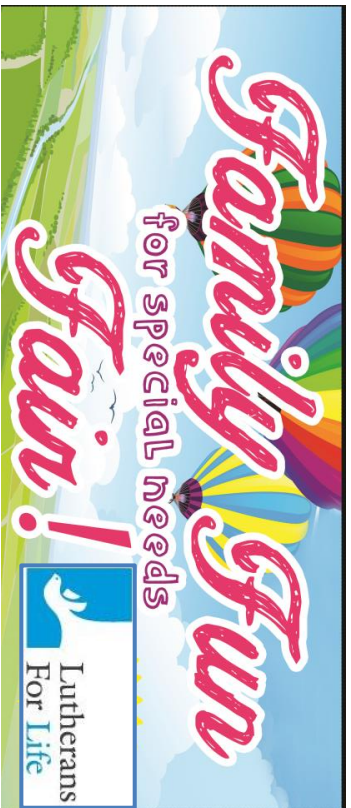


RHD-Missouri provided a painting wheel activity.



Children played instruments with guitarist Michael Laskowsky.





Lutherans For Life applies the Good News of the Gospel of Jesus Christ to all life issues, proclaiming Jesus as the Son of God and Savior of all. Lutherans for Life acknowledge every life is precious not because of who we are, but because of Whose we are.

"I will give thanks to You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made." - Psalm 139:14a

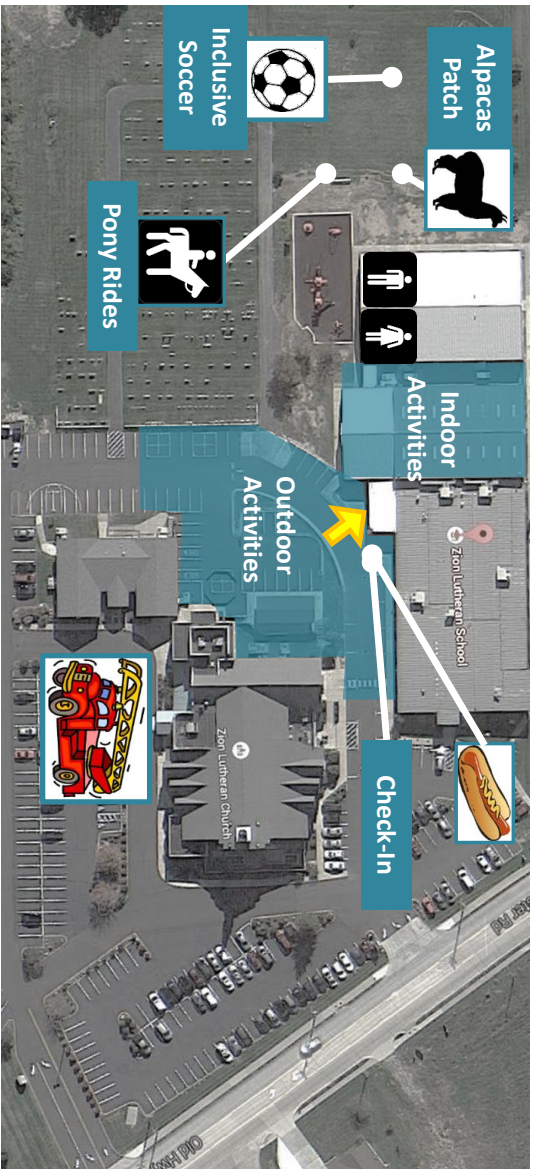
Food served inside 11:30-1:30

Inside

- Check-in and Balloons
- Puppet Shows: 10:30, 11:30
- Photo Station
- Face Painting
- Temporary Tattoos
- Prize Walk
- Volleying Games
- Coloring Table
- Build with Legos

Outside

- Fire Truck 10:30-12:00
- Bubble Blowing
- Sensory Stations
- Painted Cross Art
- Knock Down Cans
- Ladder Golf
- Pony Rides
- Soccer
- Parachute Play
- Tic-Tac-Toe
- Hit the Target
- Bean Bag Toss
- Hat Races
- Making Artwork
- Alpacas



LFL St. Charles County Chapter 337 Thanks All Our Volunteers and Donors

- Alpaca Patch
- American Heritage Girls-MO 0110
- Bethesda Lutheran Communities
- Chick-Fil-A (Mid Rivers)
- Cottleville Fire Department
- Cub Scouts Pack 757
- Dairy Queen (Jung Station)
- Jansens Clocks
- Joy FM 99.1 and KFUD AM 850
- Knights of Columbus Clown Club
- Leaps and Bounds
- Lutheran Association for Special Education (LASE)
- Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML)
- People First - St. Charles County
- Resource Human Development (RHD): Black Canvas Studios
- St. Charles County Calendar
- Team Activities for Special Kids (TASK)
- Thrivent Financial
- Trail Life USA MO-0110
- Tree House of Greater St. Louis Therapeutic Horsemanship



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):	



Fundraising Tips

The following are some life-affirming and pro-abstinence fundraising tips (including some from www.physiciansforlife.org):

- bake sales
- car washes
- concerts
- banquets
- coffees
- raffles
- walkathons
- rock-a-thons (rocking chair marathons)
- sports events
- auctions
- yard sales
- recycling drives
- seasonal sales (flags, perennials, fruit & veggie stands, garden crafts)
- mother/daughter fashion shows (for encouraging stylish but modest dress for young women)

All involve people and allow you to keep the life issues in the public eye. Each event provides another opportunity for life-affirming displays and literature distribution—and conversations.



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 14,000 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 schoolteacher 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

As dear Alvina would say after receiving communion in her home, "Thank you, thank you, thank you." I called it her Trinitarian thank you. She said it every time!

I don't say it enough, but thank you, thank you, thank you to those who have been supporting Owen's Mission through gifts and/or by making presentations.

This past school year was really the first full time "push" for getting into schools. How have we done? Here are the numbers as of May 31:

Number of elementary schools: 96

Number of high schools: 10

Number of students: 14,269

Number of states: 14

Sets are also being used in schools in Latvia and Kenya!

So we are at about ten percent of our goal. Here are some things we have learned.

1. Getting into a school's chapel schedule can be difficult. You almost need to start the year before. So start now for next year or the year after that. We will be at this awhile. Have patience, but be persistent.
2. Chapel settings are not the only time a presentation can be made. Perhaps it can be added to a gathering of students for some other reason. For example, I did one recently that preceded a "pep rally" for an upcoming track meet.
3. Another option that has been used is to present to the staff during their morning devotions. I have done this a couple of times. This is not ideal, but better than no presentation at all. I left the Presentation DVD and encouraged it be shown to the students.
4. The least desirable option is to present the babies to the principal with encouragement to show the DVD. Again, not the place to start, but if all else fails it is acceptable to do this.
5. We have found that if the principal sees the DVD, it makes a big difference in terms of understanding what our mission is about and subsequent receptivity.
6. When doing a presentation, I have found it fruitful to suggest that the school collect a chapel offering for Owen's Mission to help other schools get these babies.
7. Please, please, please (there's that Trinitarian thing again) report the schools you have presented to according the guidelines.

Remember, almost anyone can do these presentations. But please follow the guidelines found at www.lutheransforlife.org/owens-mission.



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National LFL can have babies sent to the presenter or to the school ahead of the presentation. Also remember that it is not necessary to raise funds in order to “purchase” a set. We have an ample supply, and God is providing generous hearts so we have funds to operate with at present.

In this regard, I am happy to report that we have received a grant from LCMS Life Ministries for \$50,000 for Owen’s Mission! Please join me in thanking God for this gift and for our good relationship with LCMS Life Ministries that made it possible. With this gift, we have received just over \$100,000 of our 175,000 goal. So there is still room to raise funds!

If you have any questions, please give us a call at National LFL or email Kim Nessa at knessa@lutheransforlife.org.

So let me say it again: Thank you, thank you, thank you!

Now get ready, get ready, get ready for the next school year!





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

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

Lutherans For Life is a 501(c)(3) ministry and contributions are deductible as a charitable donation.

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: \$100,000 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.

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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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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

