

News and Notes

- **NEW RESOURCES:** Bulletin insert for the Annunciation (*The Miracle of the Incarnation*). Brochures: *Biblical Biology; Life Issues and the Pew; Questions and Answers Concerning the End of Life; The Soul Wound of Abortion; Three Inches, Two Ounces – Reflections on Jesus in the Womb Based on Luke 1:56*. DVD: *Together for Good* (Included with the DVD is a Bible study based on the movie.) Find out more and order: www.lutheransforlife.org/store.
- **TECH TIP! – Online Meetings Made Easy** – Many of you may have heard of or used Skype to make a video call with a friend or loved one, but did you know that there is a free way to start or join a video call with multiple people at once? Google Hangouts allows you to hold video calls with up to 10 people at no cost—all you need is a Google account and a computer or device that is equipped with a camera and microphone. This is a great way to meet with your Life Team or other groups when travel is not an option. I regularly use Google Hangouts to meet with my life leaders at our Concordia University campuses. Visit <https://hangouts.google.com/> to learn more and get started today! (*Tech Tips offers ideas on using new technology and social media in your Life Chapter or Life Team—brought to you by our resident millennial and director of Y4Life, Laura Davis. To contribute your own Tech Tip contact Laura at ldavis@lutheransforlife.org.*)
- **2016 Churches for Life Life Summit – Get informed and inspired as a champion of life on April 2, 2016.** (From the Churches for Life website) **Who:** Anyone who loves the Gospel and the sanctity of human life (laypeople, pastors, ministry leaders)! **What:** A half-day of inspiration and information to help us enjoy the Gospel and to respond biblically—and equip others to respond biblically—to a variety of life issues. Enjoy godly, professional speakers and great food (continental breakfast and catered lunch provided) while connecting with others who love life and the Gospel. **When:** Saturday, April 2, 2016, from 8:00 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. Doors open at 7:30 a.m. **Where:** St. Paul’s Evangelical Church in St. Louis, MO (9801 Olive Blvd, St. Louis, MO 63141) **Why:** We all need inspiration and information in our continuing efforts to enjoy the gospel and align our churches and culture to the gospel and God’s love for life. **How:** Register as an individual or register yourself and a group of people by going to the link below.
Link: <http://tinyurl.com/hmc22hd>
- **Join us for a Life Team Leader Conference Call on April 19. WHO:** Potential, new, veteran, apprentice, and assistant Life Team leaders! **WHAT:** One-hour national conference to give leaders “strength for their journey.” The call will be led by Pastor Doug Merkey and will include a biblical devotional, leadership coaching, idea sharing, and prayer. **WHEN:** April 19, 2016, from 7:00–8:00 p.m. Central Standard Time. **WHY:** Every leader needs ongoing strength for the leadership journey. **HOW:** Dial 832.551.5516 and enter the Pass Code 100219 followed by # key. If the conference is not in session, you will hear music until the moderator (Pastor Merkey) arrives. He’ll then start the conference. During the call, you can press *3 to exit the conference call, press *6 to mute your phone line so we can’t hear you, and press *6 again to un-mute your line. If you can’t attend this call, please invite someone else from your Life Team to represent you.

Tech Tips



- **We have a Facebook group for Life 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 email ltrinche@lutheransforlife.org and indicate “Sign Me Up!” in the subject line. (Melanie Scarth from Lord of Life Lutheran Church in Plano, Texas, wrote to say she is a “mom of three and an active member of a Lutheran congregation. I am part of a new Life Team and have excitedly taken on the job of ‘advertising’ our events to our congregation and more. I have already been helped a few times in just a few days by this group. I look forward to continuing to bring this information to the masses!”)
- **Our Mission & Ministry Coordinator, Lori Trinche, would love to hear from you!** Her focus is helping, guiding, and mentoring our Life Chapters, Life Teams, Life Ministry Coordinators, and State Federations. Lori says, “Life 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 any time 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 Frontlines:** LFL has 11 state federations, 116 local Life Chapters, 136 Life Ministry Coordinators, and 104 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* e-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. Pro-life organizations will receive 100% of the profits of that fee as a donation. Find out how it works at www.lutheransforlife.org/real-estate-for-life; 877.543.3871; proliferealestate@yahoo.com.



Easter Everything: A Bible Study

The earth turned last night because Christ is risen. The sun shone this morning because Christ is risen. Every raindrop and every warm breeze announces Christ is risen. Every budding flower and every chirping bird echoes that Christ is risen. We awoke today because Christ is risen, and our every breath and heartbeat proclaim it. Our whole body and life, each yesterday and tomorrow, all the world and the entire universe, by simply continuing to exist, declare Christ is risen (Psalm 19:1-4). It is historical event, objective fact, and absolute truth, whether anyone believes it or not, and no matter what we may feel. If Christ who was crucified was not risen and living, unforgiven sinfulness would have ended and annihilated creation long ago (1 Corinthians 15:17).

Christ is risen means Jesus is Lord of all despite our sin. Christ is risen means God is Father over everything even amidst death. Not only is His resurrection (and ours!) our faith's foundation, our hope and joy, our answer and identity, but Easter owns and operates everything. Our resurrected Savior secures us in so many more ways and for so many more situations than just immortality.

How does Christ's resurrection bring comfort to our loneliness? (Matthew 28:20; Romans 8:38-39; 1 Thessalonians 4:14-17)

What does Easter have to say about crisis and uncertainty? (Genesis 50:20; Hebrews 6:19-20; 2 Corinthians 12:7-10; 1 John 3:1-2)

How can a risen Lord encourage during suffering? (Romans 8:28; Philippians 3:20-21; 1 Corinthians 15:51-53; 2 Corinthians 4:7-11)

Why is Easter the ultimate antidote to conflict and adversity? (1 Corinthians 15:54-57; John 16:33)

What will our crucified and risen Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, do with guilt and regret? (2 Corinthians 5:17; Romans 6:4, 7, 10; Isaiah 65:17)

Why is only our back-from-the-dead Savior able to ease grief and loss? (Romans 8:18, 28; 2 Corinthians 4:17-18; Revelation 21:1-5)

In what ways does the Easter Jesus bring a better way to those dealing with life issues such as pregnancy, disability, infertility, terminal illness, and the frailty of the human body?



To the Frontline

by Rev. Michael W. Salemink, Executive Director of Lutherans For Life

In Lutherans For Life's mission to equip Lutherans to be Gospel-motivated voices For Life, we know and appreciate the many "For Life" workers in the field, workers like you. Our focus is on the scriptural truths out in front of all we do at all times. In doing so, we never want to take for granted the many dedicated workers who share God's love and the value of life with others. It is for this reason that we recently completed an evaluation of our communication practices and adopted a couple of significant updates.

First, you will see our future communication referencing our on-the-ground workers as the "Frontline." You are the ones on the front lines doing the For Life work in your congregations and surrounding communities. The term "Frontline" is all encompassing and includes our State Federations, Life Chapters, Life Teams, congregations, and all other areas where life-affirming work is being done in the field.

Secondly, we will be calling our Chapters "Life Chapters." Those of you in our Life Chapters have been some of our longest standing Frontline workers, and we want to recognize your life-affirming efforts. We also want to be consistent in how we reference our Frontline entities. Therefore, we will now have Life Chapters, Life Teams, and Life Ministry Coordinators working in our State Federations and congregations.

We are so thankful to be blessed with a faithful Frontline that keeps our work going forward with energy and devotion, sustained by God's love For Life. Thank you, good and faithful voices For Life.



Living Lent as People of the Resurrection

by Lori Trinche, Mission and Ministry Coordinator

Imposition of the ashes—a solemn reminder that from dust we came and to dust we shall return. Lent is a time for reflection. In his sermon for the day, my pastor reminded us that Ash Wednesday is a day to ponder our relationship with God and with one another. In our life ministry efforts, many of us have just come through a period of exhilaration. We've traveled near or far, braved sub-zero wind chills and unprecedented blizzards—or maybe even enjoyed nice weather—to gather with other life-affirming brothers and sisters to March for Life. We're home now, pictures and stories shared, memories and new friends made, and sometimes also hearing from those that were unable to march for whatever reason and are perhaps feeling a little left behind. Perhaps some of us are thinking, Now what?

In our society, it is often hard to find time to pause and reflect. We are busy with work, children, grandchildren, and our volunteer activities. We are often deceived into thinking we are not doing enough for God. I would encourage you to pause during Lent to ponder, to reflect, and to pray. If you don't have a current activity planned, plan to meet to pray and ask God for help to guide your Life Chapter, Life Team, or other life ministry to what He has planned for you next. Start with simple things: find out where your nearest crisis pregnancy center, camp for the disabled, maternity home, senior center, Alzheimer's and dementia care center, cancer care center, abortion facility, community center for at-risk youth, or hospice center is and take time to learn about what they do, where they are, or how they show compassion and mercy. This can be life changing. If you can't serve personally, you can pray for them or support them financially.

Know that Jesus uses broken and imperfect people in the life arena. We don't need a pedigree. God looks at our hearts to find those willing to step out in faith. Doing so is often hard. It requires faith; a commitment of time, talents, and treasures; sometimes discomfort or stretching us beyond what is familiar, comfortable, and easy to accomplish with our own strength. This is how we grow in our faith and continue to run the race.

Hebrews 11 is a great reminder of heroes of the faith and how God used the very old; the very young; those who'd committed murder; and those who were prostitutes, foreigners—anyone willing to trust God and step out in faith. In Hebrews 10, the writer calls us to persevere. Verses 24-25 say, **“And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.”**

As you reflect, know that Jesus tells us we'll have trials in this world, but have confidence that His death and resurrection have given us the free gift of forgiveness and eternal life if we follow Him. Our confidence comes not in ourselves but in living each day as people of the resurrection. Blessed Easter!



Sharing the For Life Message at the County Fair

(Adapted from the National Right to Life Chapter Newsletter, July 1999)

County fairs are a time to reach out and connect with hundreds of millions of people across the nation. Each summer, Life Chapters participate in these events by sponsoring a fair booth and spreading the message of life. Because of your efforts at these fairs, lives are saved!

We frequently hear stories about a fairgoer walking up to a booth and tearfully relating how the information she picked up at the fair a previous year convinced her, her daughter, or a friend to carry a pregnancy to term.

A PRO-LIFE PRESENCE AT THE FAIR: Booths a Top Priority for Your Life Chapter

For many people, the county fair booth is the first place they come into personal contact with our pro-life message. This initial greeting sparks interest and causes a pro-life domino effect ... This is accomplished by the hundreds of pro-life volunteers across the nation who take time out of their busy schedules to patiently discuss pro-life issues with fairgoers.

CHAPTER VOLUNTEERS AT BOOTHS PROVIDE FACTS

The most important functions of the fair booth are face-to-face contact with fairgoers and the distribution of factual information. Since 1973, the abortion industry and its biased media allies have hidden the facts. Astonishingly, when fairgoers stop at the booth, they see the facts for the first time.

- A pro-life booth has biological information and pictures, videos, and models of unborn babies.
- A pro-life booth exposes the falsehoods of the abortion industry.
- A pro-life booth offers information on alternatives to abortion.
- Also, most importantly, at an LFL booth, the Good News of forgiveness and new life is shared one-on-one and through our materials.

FAIR BOOTH OUTREACH BENEFITS YOUR LIFE CHAPTER AND COMMUNITY

- Volunteers are attracted to hands-on opportunities to enlighten their community.
- Membership increases as interested fairgoers ask, “What can I do to help?”
- A fair booth increases your Life Chapter’s visibility and credibility in the community.

THE “PERFECT” FAIR BOOTH

A distinctive, professional-looking Life Chapter booth will make a lasting impression and promote awareness of the pro-life message. Use the following guidelines when planning your booth.

- Ultrasound video catches people’s attention and makes the case that it’s a human being. LFL’s *For Life* DVD also works well!
- Display baby photos, quilts, or other contest/drawing items.
- Fetal models—known to change minds and save lives—would be a great addition. (With-



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out a doubt, fetal models are the most effective tool to show the humanity of the unborn child. Ideally, they should be prominently featured in every fair booth.) To purchase contact Heritage House: www.hh76.com, heritage@hh76.com, 800.858.3040.

- Give away items such as candy, pens, or LFL items.
- Offer pins such as the Precious Feet and Precious Hands.
- Focus literature—too many choices can confuse people. Use only recommended pieces. LFL has a wide variety of items available at www.cph.org. See the “Books and Bibles” tab and then the “Sanctity of Life” subheading. Also display sample copies of the current *LifeDate* and state or chapter newsletters.
- Promotional Idea – Contests and drawings are a great way to attract fairgoers to your booth!
- Set out a free-will donation container.

Important: Use a three-panel display whenever possible. The elevated display at the back of the booth will increase its effectiveness. Powerful, thought-provoking posters may also be used. Other display units are also effective, however, three-panel displays are generally less expensive.

Many Life Chapters have had success with:

- A baby photo contest or drawings for quilts or teddy bears
- Balloons
- Bumper Stickers

FAIR BOOTH PROMOTION: SIMPLE TWO-STEP DIRECTIONS

Get free advertising for your Life Chapter. Encourage your newspaper to print an article about your fair booth. Make sure you get a community calendar announcement in the newspaper and try for a feature story and photograph.

How to get an article about your booth published (most preferred).

- Step 1: Prepare a pre-fair release and send with photographs (see “hints” below) to your newspaper.
- Step 2: Send a post-fair release with action photos of the booth at the fair’s conclusion.

How to get a photograph of your booth published (very effective).

- Step 1: Email pre-fair photographs (see “hgints” below) to your newspaper.
- Step 2: Email action photos of the booth during and at the conclusion of the fair.



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How to get a community calendar announcement published.

- Step 1: Prepare a pre-fair release and mail or email it to your newspaper.
- Step 2: Specifically ask them to include your item.

Hints: Call the newspaper ahead of time. Find out to whom and when the information should be sent. Make sure radio and local cable TV stations also get a pre-fair news release. Ask them to include it in their Coming Events segment. Pre-fair photos taken at planning meetings or action poses of members setting up the booth work well. Clear, close pictures of the subjects are best. Include an explanation. For post-fair release, take action shots, such as photos of children looking at fetal models or carrying balloons, adults signing petitions, etc. Identify Life Chapter members in photos.



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:

Jean Amundson (nationwide – based in Cleburne, Texas)
Linda D. Bartlett (nationwide – based in Iowa Falls, Iowa)
Paul M. Clark (nationwide – based in Fowler, Michigan)
Connie Davis (nationwide – based in Macomb, Michigan)
Daniel M. Domke (within five to six hours of Huron, South Dakota)
John Eidsmoe (nationwide – based in Pike Road, Alabama)
Kim Hardy (nationwide – based in Grand Haven, Michigan)
Kimberly Ketola (nationwide – based in Peachtree City, Georgia)
Rev. Dr. James I. Lamb (nationwide – based in Marshalltown, Iowa)
Sheila Luck (nationwide – based in Scandinavia, Wisconsin)
Ryan C. MacPherson (nationwide – based in Mankato, Minnesota)
Betty McGuire (nationwide – based in St. Paul, Minnesota)
Allen Quist (within Minnesota and Iowa – based in St. Peter, Minnesota)
Rev. Michael W. Salemink (nationwide – based in St. Louis, Missouri)
Andrew Schatkin (nationwide – based in the New York/Long Island area)
Alvin J. Schmidt (nationwide and in Canada – based in St. Louis, Missouri)
Carl F. Schroeder (nationwide – based in Lombard, Illinois)
Diane E. Schroeder (nationwide – based in Lombard, Illinois)
Patti Smith (nationwide – based in Huntington Beach, California)
Francis W. Szarejko (nationwide – based in the Kansas City, Kansas area)
Ed Szeto (nationwide – based in Virginia)
Luke Timm (nationwide – based in Des Moines, Iowa)



Speaking Engagement Report Form

We appreciate the many hours our faithful Frontline workers contribute to sharing the For Life message. If you or your State Federation/Life Chapter have the opportunity to speak on 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 presentation (DVD, brochures, articles, etc):	



Projects and Fundraising Tips

March 21 is World Down Syndrome Awareness Day

Consider sponsoring an event to benefit a local organization that helps those with Down syndrome. An example is the Atlanta Color Dash 5K. Find out more at this link:

<https://worlddownsyndromeday.org/2nd-annual-color-dash-celebrating-wdsd-usa>

April is Abortion Recovery Awareness Month

Sponsor an abortion recovery awareness event and/or start a group Bible study. An excellent resource is *Forgiven and Set Free: A Post-Abortion Bible Study for Women* by Linda Cochrane.

Easy Fundraising Ideas (potentially using Thrivent Action Teams)

- Hold a teddy bear drive for hospitalized children
- Make tie-together fleece baby blankets or lap blankets for those in nursing homes
- Donate, assemble, and distribute new parent kits
- Bowling for Babies
- Establish a nursing home/school pen pal project
- Chili/barbeque cook-off
- World's Finest Chocolate fundraiser
- Spring baby showers
- Baby care kits
- Easter egg hunt for disabled or foster care kids

For more ideas and encouragement, please be sure to request to join our Facebook group (www.facebook.com/groups/teampageLFL).

Looking Ahead ...

Plan a special event to commemorate the Annunciation of our Lord on March 25, 2016. For example, hold a special worship service and share the story of the Annunciation with your confirmation class. Throughout the school year, you could also post fetal development posters to share the developmental stages of the baby Jesus leading up to His birth.

www.lutheransforlife.org/article/the-annunciation-of-our-lord-march-25/

<http://search.cph.org/search#w=Watch%20Me%20Grow>



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 17,000 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 20-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

**"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 1,078 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, former executive director of Lutherans For Life, shares his story:



"I held my little grandson, Owen, in the palm of my hand. He died at 21 weeks during prenatal 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 20-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
1101 5th St.
Nevada, IA 50201-1816

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: \$132,000 plus!

You will find many more photos from Owen’s Mission events on LFL’s Facebook page.



Lutherans For Life is a Recognized Service Organization of The Lutheran Church–Missouri Synod. We are a nonpolitical ministry whose mission is to equip Lutherans to be Gospel-motivated voices For Life. We produce a variety of multimedia 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



Bulletin Insert – “The Miracle of the Incarnation”

\$0.10 ea. Item LFL1106BI

This bulletin insert, focused on the Annunciation, observed on March 25, covers the miracle, purpose, and implications of the Incarnation. “Jesus passing through all the stages of human development gives value to all human life in all stages of that development. Jesus being ‘conceived by the Holy Spirit’ enables us to joyfully proclaim and defend the precious worth of all human life from the moment of conception.”

You can find more resources to observe the Annunciation at www.lutheransforlife.org/article/the-annunciation-of-our-lord-march-25 including a sermon (“Pregnant with God”) and worship service.



Best Way to Order LFL Resources: At www.cph.org or 800.325.3040.
Shipping/handling applies to all orders. Quantity pricing on select resources.





Biblical Biology – You were you from the moment of conception. In this brochure, Rev. Dr. James I. Lamb takes a look at how we came to be through “Biblical Biology.” *Item LFL135T. \$0.50 ea.*

Life Issues and the Pew – Rev. Dr. James I. Lamb writes, “When I was active on the National Pro-Life Religious Council, we did a workshop every year at the National Right to Life Convention entitled, ‘Here are the sheep! Where is the shepherd?’ It was an effort to help people in the pew encourage their pastor to address the life issues from the pulpit. Some time ago I authored a brochure with a similar goal called ‘Life Issues and the Pulpit’ ... One year, during the discussion following our workshop, a pastor spoke up. ‘Hey! Here’s a shepherd! Where are the sheep!’ He was expressing his frustration with people in the pew not supporting him when he did address life issues from the pulpit. So as a sequel to ‘Life Issues and the Pulpit,’ I offer ‘Life Issues and the Pew.’” *Item LFL1635T. \$0.50 ea.*

Questions and Answers Concerning the End of Life – The public promotion of physician-assisted suicide will lead to more pressure on states to enact pro-assisted-suicide legislation. This can lead Christians to ask questions. *Item LFL810T. \$0.50 ea.*

The Soul Wound of Abortion – For all the millions of walking wounded in our society, for those who have had an abortion or have been affected by an abortion decision, there is a Word of Hope—Lutherans For Life’s healing ministry. Word of Hope connects men and women “soul wounded” through the act of abortion to the forgiveness and healing that comes only through knowing that God loves you and sent His Son to free you from the guilt of all sin—including abortion. The author, Diane E. Schroeder, is a former president of Lutherans For Life. *Item LFL408T. FREE* (quantities limited)

Three Inches, Two Ounces - Reflections on Jesus in the Womb Based on Luke 1:56 – Jesus, who was formed in the womb of Mary, who began life smaller than a grain of salt, grew to three inches long and weighed two ounces, became a newborn in the Bethlehem manger, and lived a sinless life to become a 33-year-old who hung on a cross outside of Jerusalem. He did this so that you might be saved from the power of the devil, so that you might receive forgiveness of sins, and so that you might spend eternal life with Him in Paradise. The author, Rev. Michael J. Schmidt, is pastor at Peace Lutheran Church, Natoma, Kansas, and First Lutheran Church, Plainville, Kansas. *Item LFL110T. \$0.50 ea.*

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Together For Good DVD

Together for Good is a movie written by Pastor Dave Ahlman, Senior Pastor of Peace Lutheran Church in Arvada, Colorado.

The movie is loosely based on the adoption story of Pastor Ahlman and his wife, Beth, which took place in 2004.

Also included with the DVD is a Bible study based on the movie.

Item LFL506DVD. \$12.99 ea.

TOGETHER FOR GOOD



A Powerful Story of Christian Adoption

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Teaching For Life®

www.lutheransforlife.org/store-teaching-for-life

Teaching For Life® teaches nine key pro-life concepts by giving ideas on how to integrate them into religion, math, social studies, etc.

Teaching For Life® offers lessons for five grade levels (PK-K, 1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8) and provides the teacher with all that is needed to teach a key life concept each month.

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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.

It's easy, fun, self-paced, and packed full of Word-based and Gospel-centered For Life information. Find it at the link below.

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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LFL has 11 State Federations, 100 Life Chapters, 122 Life Ministry Coordinators, 104 Life Teams in the US.

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

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

Life 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 Life 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 Life Chapter name and number, if chartered, is written on the form in the space provided. This will assure that the State Federation and local Life 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 Life Chapter to which the particular members may belong. The membership donations are divided as follows:

Annual Memberships:

- 20% goes to the local Life Chapter (If there is no local Life 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 Life Chapter (If there is no local Life Chapter, this 1/12 goes to the State Federation.)
- 1/12 goes to the State Federation
- 10/12 remains at national

