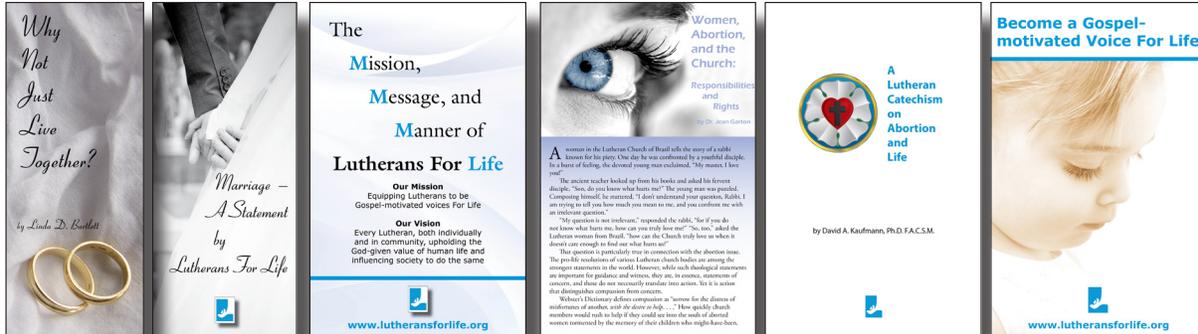


News and Notes

Updated Resources



Marriage – A Statement by Lutherans For Life

Order Link: <http://tinyurl.com/hupv4pf>

Why Not Just Live Together

Order Link: <http://tinyurl.com/h3xychy>

The Mission, Message, and Manner of Lutherans For Life

Order Link: <http://tinyurl.com/jdcjfd0>

Women, Abortion, and the Church

Order Link: <http://tinyurl.com/jmq6tb2>

A Lutheran Catechism on Abortion and Life

Order Link: <http://tinyurl.com/jooy672>

LFL Membership Brochure

Order Link: <http://tinyurl.com/judxqcv>

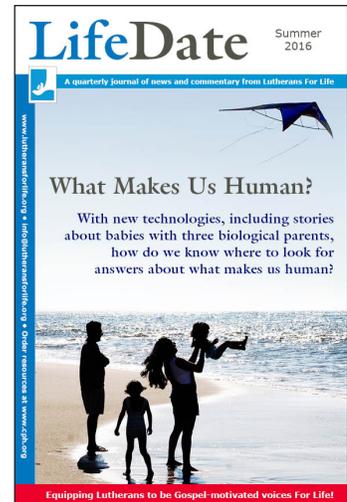
- **The opportunities for LFL's Frontlines to apply the For Life message are endless.** For example, November is **National Adoption Awareness Month**. Check out and order LFL's resources on adoption (booklets, brochures, bulletin inserts) and share them with your congregation: www.lutheransforlife.org/life-issues/adoption. Here's one more: **Orphan Sunday** (<https://cafo.org/orphansunday/>) is November 13.



The Christian Alliance for Orphans (www.christianalliancefororphans.org) offers a wealth of resources to help Christians stand for the orphan ... defend the fatherless ... care for the child that has no family ... visit orphans in their distress.



- **LifeDate is another way to share the For Life message with your congregation!** Order LifeDate in bulk quantities at no charge. (Donations for shipping cost will gladly be accepted.) Call 888.364.LIFE to order!
- **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 lhighby@lutheransforlife.org and indicate “Sign Me Up!” in the subject line.
- **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, 97 local Life Chapters, 118 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.)
- **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.



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Speaking the Truth in Love: A Bible Study

“Given the choice between being right and being kind, choose kind.” The internet says so. One must learn to deftly and delicately to balance truth and love. It’s listed in the Ten Commandments of Tolerance, right after “Don’t judge.” Relationships matter more than righteousness, don’t they? Remember the words of the Prophet Thumper, in the book of Disney, chapter Bambi: “If you can’t say somethin’ nice, don’t say nothin’ at all.”

But Christian Scripture suspects a false dichotomy. Do love and truth in fact operate in tension? Should one really trump the other? Can’t we speak truth and show love at the same time?

1. Is love more of a feeling or a doing? (1 John 3:18; John 14:23-24)
2. How are speaking truth and showing love related? (Ephesians 4:15; 1 Corinthians 13:6)
3. Why do we speak the truth? (Acts 4:20; 2 Corinthians 4:13; Luke 6:45, 24:45-49)
4. What is the truth about love even for us? (Romans 3:23-24; 1 John 3:1, 4:7-10, 19)
5. In what ways is this truth spoken and this love shown to us? (John 6:63; 1 John 5:6-8)
6. What comfort and confidence do we have speaking truth? (Luke 10:16, 21:15; Matthew 10:20)
7. What dual character does truth-speaking have? (John 1:17; Romans 6:23; Acts 5:31)
8. What is our goal in speaking truth? (2 Thessalonians 3:15; James 5:19-20; 1 Corinthians 9:22)
9. With what attitudes do we speak truth? (1 Peter 3:8-9, 15-16; Philippians 2:1-4)



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.



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Here We Stand

“Unless I am convinced by the testimony of the Scriptures or by clear reason ... I am bound by the Scriptures ... and my conscience is captive to the Word of God.



“I cannot and I will not retract anything, since it is neither safe nor right to go against conscience.

“I cannot do otherwise, here I stand, may God help me, Amen.”

Martin Luther at the Diet of Worms, 1521

**Watch for new
resources from
Lutherans For Life!**

Bulletin Inserts

Bible Study

Children’s Message

Worship Service

Sermons



Fishing for Life

Two pastors and a boat don't wait for the punch line. Pastor Joe Burns, Undershepherd of Our Redeemer Lutheran, Eureka, Illinois, and Pastor Bruce Scarbeary, Undershepherd of Trinity Lutheran, Roanoke, Illinois, have a passion for fishing and a passion for life issues. Recently, those two passions crossed paths. When the Lord blessed their poles with a catch of crappie, almost equal to the 153 fish of the disciples, Pastors Burns and Scarbeary decided to hold a fish-fry auction to raise funds for Lutherans For Life.

The bidding was open to all the parishes of the Bloomington North and South Circuits of the Central Illinois District (LCMS). The generosity of the Lord's people quickly took the bids beyond expectations for this fundraiser for life. The men's Bible study group of Our Redeemer, Eureka, and the ladies group—Friends in Faith—of Trinity, Roanoke, were determined to be served the catch of the day by the “fishers of men and fish.” When all was said and done, Friends in Faith placed the highest bid of \$1,160.

The ladies then placed a friendly enticement before the men's group: “If the men put forth their bid money, we'd like them to come to the fish fry and we will fix all the side dishes.” That was too much of a bargain for a group of Lutheran men to pass up. When the fish were fried, the side dishes consumed, and the desert and the beverages ingested by approximately 33 guests, \$2,160 was raised to support Lutherans For Life!

Photos and story submitted by Rev. Bruce Scarbeary.



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 139:15a).

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

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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: \$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.

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“Defend the cause of the fatherless.” Isaiah 1:17

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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, nonsmoking 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.

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Rev. Dr. James I. Lamb (nationwide – based in Marshalltown, Iowa)
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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): | |



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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 Life 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 ensure 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

