

News and Notes

- AVAILABLE NOW - NEW LIFE TEAM TOOLS



NOTE: Life Team Tools are available only from the LFL National Office.

- Life Team Tool 1 DVD – \$10
- Life Team Tool 2 DVD – \$10
- Life Team Tool 3 DVD – \$10
- Life Team Tool 4 DVD – \$10
- Life Team Tool 1 Field Manual – \$10
- Life Team Tool 2 Field Manual – \$10
- Life Team Tool 3 Field Manual – \$10
- LIFE TEAM TOOL BUNDLE (Includes tools 1-4 and field manuals) – \$30

Note: \$15.00 shipping on all orders.

SEE THE ORDER FORM IN THIS EDITION OF DIRECTIONS.

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



- These great Lutherans For Life resources are on sale now at 75% off! Order now before they are gone!

Real Love/Real Life – This unique, 30” x 6”, 10-panel fold-out brochure covers fetal development, abortion facts, love and friendship, teen pregnancy, STDs, purity/chastity and sexuality, and safe choices. Also on sale: **Amor Real/Vida Real**—the Spanish version of **Real Love/Real Life**.

Find order and download links at: www.lutheransforlife.org/article/real-loverreal-life

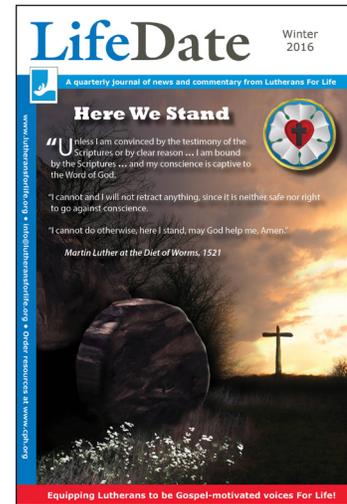
LifeMarks is a set of seven bookmarks designed to directly apply the Bible’s teachings



on life as found in *Luther's Small Catechism*—and they fit right into the catechism itself! This is a wonderful resource for confirmation, congregational, Sunday school, and home use!

Order link: www.cph.org/p-22242-lifemarks-set-of-7.aspx

- **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 (5433) 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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Lutherans For Life • Life Team Tools Order Form 2016-2017

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Name _____

Title _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Daytime phone _____

E-mail _____

Ship to (if different):

Name _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Telephone _____

ITEM #	QTY.	DESCRIPTION	PRICE	TOTAL
LTT1DVD		Life Team Tool 1 DVD	\$10	
LTT2DVD		Life Team Tool 2 DVD	\$10	
LTT3DVD		Life Team Tool 3 DVD	\$10	
LTT4DVD		Life Team Tool 4 DVD	\$10	
LTT1FM		Life Team Tool 1 Field Manual	\$10	
LTT2FM		Life Team Tool 2 Field Manual	\$10	
LTT3FM		Life Team Tool 3 Field Manual	\$10	
LTTBN		LIFE TEAM TOOL BUNDLE (Includes tools 1-4 and field manuals)	\$30	

TOTAL

SHIPPING

\$15

GRAND TOTAL

LFL Business Hours: Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. CST/CDT.
Hours subject to change without notice.

What is a LifeTeam?

TOOL 1
Life Team
Introduction
and Roadmap

TOOL 2
Life Team
Leader
Training

TOOL 3
Life Team
101

TOOL 4
Resource
Disc

IF PAYING BY CREDIT CARD:

Amount \$ _____

Credit Card # _____

Exp. Date _____ Phone _____
Month / Year

Signature _____

You may also purchase Life Team Tools by credit card by calling 888.364.LIFE (5433).



Our New Christmas Bulletin Insert

As we move toward the joyous celebration of Christmas, remember that Jesus existed as a real little God-person known and loved by His heavenly Father nine months before He was actually born.

Indeed, the miracle of the incarnation of our Lord did not happen in Bethlehem at His birth but in Nazareth at His conception.



The great joy of Christmas is multiplied when we realize our Savior, at His birth, had already humbled Himself for nine months because of His unparalleled love for all humanity from the moment of conception.

We pray that you continue to see the lowly Jesus of the manger in the lowliness of the unborn, the despairing, the infirm, and the dying. We pray that you do unto them as you would do unto Him so that they in turn would see in you the love and hope and help of Jesus, and together we would join the angels and sing, "Glory to God in the highest."



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Equipping Lutherans to be
Gospel-motivated voices For Life.

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888.364.LIFE • Item LFL1636BI



Word of Hope ... after an abortion

For those who have had an abortion,
there is a need for a Word of Hope.

888.217.8679/www.word-of-hope.org

The Joy of Christmas – Item LFL1636BI. \$0.10 ea.

Other Christmas inserts also available (find out more at www.cph.org)

The Time Came – Item LFL6134BI. \$0.10 ea.

Do Not Be Afraid – Item LFL1633BI. \$0.10 ea.

Fear Not! – Item LFL1631BI. \$0.10 ea. • The Touch of Life – Item LFL1627BI. \$0.10 ea.

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.

Consecrated by Incarnation: A Bible Study

Christmas celebrates more than just Jesus' birthday. This historical event testifies to unchangeable truth about humankind and our Almighty Maker. It bestows upon us the honor of a special connection to the Lord God that makes us more precious than any other creature. It forms the foundation for all peace and love and joy and hope by revealing His salvation and testifying to how we participate in His everlasting life. Christmas profoundly proves the Gospel to be our history, identity, and destiny, and it proclaims a distinctly life-affirming reality.

1. What was unusual about Mary's pregnancy (Luke 1:34-35)?
2. What was not unusual about it (Luke 2:5-6)?
3. Why was Jesus born of a virgin (John 6:42, 14:8-10)?
4. What unique and ultimate message do Jesus and Christmas deliver (Matthew 1:22-23, John 1:14)?
5. How does Jesus show He is truly human (Luke 2:42, 8:23; John 2:15-17, 4:6, 11:35, 19:28; Matthew 4:2, 9:36)?
6. Why is this such good news (Galatians 4:4-5; Hebrews 2:14-18, 4:15-16)?
7. How do we know Jesus is fully God (2 Peter 1:17-19, Luke 24:44, John 14:10-11, Luke 7:21-23)?
8. Why is this such good news (Matthew 20:28, Romans 5:19, Hebrews 7:25-26)?



Speaking Up For Life

Here are a few ideas for sharing the life message taken from our *How You Can Speak* booklet (Item LFL100B).

Speaking in the Church

- Share *Life Thoughts in the Church Year* with your pastor. (*Life Thoughts* offer suggestions on how to incorporate a life message throughout the church year.)
- If you have a day school, encourage the use of LFL's *Teaching For Life* integrated curriculum. Offer to purchase it!
- Offer to facilitate a Bible study on one or more life issues in your congregation or provide Bible study materials available from LFL to your church's Board of Education.
- Speak to organizations in your congregation—short presentations of 15 to 20 minutes. They may extend the time with Q & A. DVDs and PowerPoint® sermons are available from LFL.
- Volunteer to serve on the Human Care Board or similar committee in your congregation.
- “Man” a display table a few times a year (or quarterly) at your congregation. Use up-to-date materials/displays and be there to answer questions or give information.
- Sponsor creation events by utilizing speakers, videos, book giveaways, etc.
- Place a small literature rack with brochures and booklets on chastity, post-abortion healing, etc., in the rest rooms at church.
- Review a pro-life book for your church newsletter.
- Design a pro-life page—or submit articles—for your church newsletter and/or website. Include quotes and facts as well as suggested LFL brochures, booklets, tracts, DVDs, Bible studies, and curricula.
- Link to national Lutherans For Life on your congregation's website (and link to your LFL state federation website, if applicable).
- Pass out LFL membership brochures (Item LFL1600) as the congregation leaves church. Have LFL chapter members do this so it is more like a personal invitation. Encourage membership in LFL.
- Host a mother/daughter tea and ask a female Christian medical professional to speak.
- Host a father/son event and ask an environmentalist to speak about how male animals care for their young. An outdoor/nature theme could be incorporated.



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- Hold a class for parents of preschool children at your church, asking your pastor to discuss Baptism, Sunday school, and other opportunities for Christian education and family ministry. A Christian financial planner and a Christian psychologist could also be very useful speakers.
- Put For Life materials in the church library.
- Host an annual soup/sandwich supper on Life Sunday and invite a speaker, sing songs/hymns, and have a prayer vigil.
- Provide life issue bulletin inserts (such as LFL's *Life News*) for your congregation.
- Sponsor an annual "Resurrection Workshop" at your church. This workshop led by your pastor will let participants share their wishes concerning their will, funeral, and burial arrangements. Have LFL materials concerning end-of-life issues available for the class. Participants may also fill out and sign a notarized form that states their desire to have pastoral care until life's end. This has shown itself to be important for dealing with situations where the spouse or children are unbelievers.
- Computer-generate pro-life Christmas cards and give one to each family in the congregation using the church mailboxes or send out with the church newsletter.
- Establish a life-affirming bulletin board at church with simple pro-life messages and cartoons. This could be set up in the fellowship area where lots of folks will see it. Keep it current.
- Speak about the ministry of Lutherans For Life and the importance of addressing the life issues at your church's new-member-orientation activities.
- Sponsor Lenten soup suppers for your congregation.
- Sponsor a Mother's Day breakfast.
- Host a coffee hour after worship and distribute pro-life/LFL materials.
- Speak to church groups and community organizations about the ministry of Lutherans For Life and the importance of connecting God's Word to the life issues.
- Place LFL's *Life Quotes* in your congregation's weekly bulletin and/or monthly newsletter.
- Give a life issue and/or LFL chapter report at a congregational voters' meeting.
- Set up a "Life" Christmas tree in a prominent place.
- Sponsor a candlelight memorial service in front of the church.
- Hold a "Celebrate LIFE!" party.
- Provide copies of *LifeDate* for members of your congregation. (Contact Lutherans For Life for bulk ordering information.)

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- Post baby/baptism pictures on church bulletin board.
- Place a small Christmas tree somewhere outside the sanctuary, along with red hearts on ornament hooks. Anyone who has lost a child through any means (abortion, miscarriage, illness, etc.) has the opportunity to write the child's name on a heart and hang it on the tree, offering a private prayer.
- Make laminated crosses for Mother's Day with pro-life Bible verses on them.
- Encourage your congregation to observe a Sanctity of Human Life Sunday. New materials are available each year from Lutherans For Life (bulletin insert, sermons, worship service formats).

Speaking Through Worship

- Provide altar flowers dedicated to mothers (Mother's Day) and give them to moms after church service has ended.
- Have your adult and/or children's choir sing "God Knew Your Name" during the worship service. Have the lyrics printed in the bulletin.
- Place a white flower in chancel/altar when a person is baptized (representing the new life found in Christ).
- During worship services display banners designed as crib quilts which can later be donated to a pregnancy center.
- Have a "Celebrate Life" service on March 25 (The Annunciation of our Lord).
- Check with LFL to see what special services/sermons they offer connecting the life issues to the Church Year.
- Make a For Life banner for church in conjunction with Life Sunday or other event.
- Use LFL's Mother's Day and Father's Day inserts.
- On Life Sunday, celebrate the baptism of all children baptized since the previous year's Life Sunday. Each family gets a letter of invitation prior to the Life Sunday "celebration."



A Variation on “Jesus Loves Me”

Marian Kopperud of Lamberton, Minnesota, a long-time supporter of Lutherans For Life, shared a special version of “Jesus Loves Me” that is printed below. It was recently sung at an “80 and Over” party at her congregation.

Jesus loves me, this I know,
Though my hair is white as snow.
Though my eyesight's growing dim
Still He bids me trust in Him.

(Chorus)

Yes, Jesus loves me, Yes, Jesus loves me
Yes, Jesus loves me, the Bible tells me so.

Though my steps are oh, so slow,
With my hand in His I'll go.
On through life, let come what may,
He'll be there to lead the way.

(Chorus)

When the nights are dark and long,
In my heart He puts a song.
Telling me in words so clear,
“Have no fear, for I am near.”

(Chorus)

When my work on earth is done,
And life's victories have been won.
He will take me home above,
Then I'll understand His love.

(Chorus)

I love Jesus, does He know?
Have I ever told Him so?
Jesus loves to hear me say,
That I love Him every day.

(Chorus)



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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



**Check out new
resources from
Lutherans For Life!**

Bulletin Inserts

Bible Study

Children's Message

Worship Service

Sermons





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

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.

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.

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 and Canada – 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 email 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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Since Roe v. Wade in 1973: 57,762,169 abortions in America

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November-December 2016

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

