



"Life Quotes" from Lutherans For Life

Congregational Bulletin Blurbs for January–December 2013

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January 6 "Maybe you made a New Year's resolution to read your Bible more. Follow through with that resolution. Make church attendance a priority. Get to Bible class. Take advantage of the opportunities for Christian education that you have for your children ... Tell a friend or relative about the great things that God has done for them. Support the work of your congregation with your time, treasures, and talents, so that others might be taught as you are." *From "Meditations," published by Northwestern Publishing House – A "Life Quote" from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org*

January 13 "Our futures are unknown to us (thankfully), but they are not unknown to God. He is all-knowing; He is sovereign. God, through Christ, experienced the supreme suffering in human form when He took it upon Himself to accept the sin of us all through His death on the cross. Because He knows what it's like to suffer, He can empathize with us in our suffering. Not only can He empathize with us, but God promises to one day relieve us of our suffering." *Beth Schaible, former Lutherans For Life national board member – A "Life Quote" from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org*

January 20 "A woman has the right to choose what she does with her body, but the baby is not her body. Where's the lawyer for the baby? How can the dream survive if we murder the children?" *Alveda King, niece of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., speaking with Notre Dame High School students – A "Life Quote" from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org*

January 27 "The Father of Life says, 'Choose Life. Your worth is not determined by what you can no longer do, but rather by how much you are worth in My sight. I have sent My Son for you.' ... The worth of life to the true God of Life is greater than can be measured by human standards and is seen distinctly on a cross and in an empty tomb. Each of us is reminded by the Word of the true God of Life, 'My times are in your hand' (Psalm 31:15a)." *Pastor Paul Sajban, The Lutheran Church of Our Savior, Windom, Minnesota – A "Life Quote" from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org*

February 3 "Adopting one child won't change the world; but for that child, the world will change." *David Avilla, executive director of Advocate for Orphans – A "Life Quote" from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org*

February 10 “As Christians, we know that [marriage] is for the permanent joining of man and woman for the purpose of mutual love and support and the raising of children; that it exists within the context of the family of faith, the Church, and that it is a symbol of the union of Christ and His Church. In other words, marriage is much more than just a ‘relationship.’” *Eric Metaxas, Prison Fellowship* – A “Life Quote” from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org

February 17 “Our Savior started where we did. Our Savior became a holy, one-celled human being and passed through all the stages of our development as part of the price for our redemption. What value His journey gives to all who make this journey from conception to birth and beyond. The path to the cross did not start in a manger, but in a fallopian tube!” *Rev. Dr. James I. Lamb, executive director of Lutherans For Life* – A “Life Quote” from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org

February 24 “Abortionists ... have killed more people than we’ve ever lost in a war ... Just because we’ve sanitized the elimination of millions of pre-born people because we’ve been told that legally we can destroy them, it is no less a wrong for which our nation and our world will be judged by Almighty God.” *Jerry Thacker, Right Ideas Inc.* – A “Life Quote” from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org

March 3 “Any country that accepts abortion is not teaching its people to love, but to use violence to get what they want. That is why the greatest destroyer of love and peace is abortion.” *Mother Teresa* – A “Life Quote” from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org

March 10 “The simple biological truth of the matter is that the Cell Theory states that all cells arise from pre-existing cells. There is no blackout period between sperm and egg uniting, and then the emergence of ‘life’ at some point distant.” *Gerard Nadal, Ph.D.* – A “Life Quote” from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org

March 17 “Unique and irreplaceable potential is crushed in Planned Parenthood abortion clinics about 1,000 times a day. My adopted son could have been one of them. But his birth mom turned the unplanned into a loving plan. And now, he’s loved like crazy. It’s hard to imagine that he might never have been because of the ‘crime’ of being ‘unplanned.’” *Ryan Bomberger, Emmy® Award-winning creative director and co-founder of The Radiance Foundation* – A “Life Quote” from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org

March 24 “Except for the whole manger thing, Jesus’ birth was pretty much like any birth—pain, cramping, pushing, bleeding, maybe with Joseph a little queasy. The miracle happened nine months before when the power of the Holy Spirit overshadowed a virgin and the holy Son of God was conceived in her womb.” *Rev. Dr. James I. Lamb, executive director of Lutherans For Life* – A “Life Quote” from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org

March 31 “Our Lord has written the promise of the resurrection not in books alone, but in every leaf in the springtime.” *Martin Luther* – A “Life Quote” from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org

April 7 “Jesus holds every life—even the tiniest—in the nail-scarred palm of His hand.” *Rev. Gary Blobaum, St. Paul Lutheran Church, Oregon, Illinois* – A “Life Quote” from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org

April 14 “With so much abortion taking place, let us not consider it a lost cause and give up. No, many battles have been won, and every battle is a victory—every saved life a real person. I believe that there are thousands alive today who otherwise would not have been without pro-life action. Are not these saved lives worth the effort? Yes, they are!” *George Verwer, founder and former international director of Operation Mobilization* – A “Life Quote” from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org

April 21 “Adoption can be a beautiful solution for a child who needs a stable, loving home; for birthparents who want the best for their child which they are not able to provide; and for adopting parents who are ready in every way to parent but are unable to give birth to a child.” *Janette Clausen, Lutheran Family Service of Iowa* – A “Life Quote” from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org

April 28 “For the Nazis, the Jews were not human beings, for certain Americans of the South in the 19th century, blacks weren’t, and for certain doctors of the 21st century, a child who has almost been born, whose heel is still inside the womb of his mother, is not a human being. He’s nothing but a lucrative clump of cells when he is eliminated ... because this child could cause a disturbance, he simply can’t be recognized as a human being, with the rights that follow.” *Campagne Québec-Vie (Quebec Life Campaign)* – A “Life Quote” from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org

May 5 “God does not require mothers and fathers to sacrifice their children so that others might live well or fear less. God made the sacrifice for us. The cross of Jesus Christ is the reminder of amazing grace on pitifully desperate people. The cross tells us that no one else—not even a ‘fetus’ (Latin: young one)—needs to be sacrificed.” *Linda Bartlett, www.titus2-4life.org* – A “Life Quote” from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org

May 12 “The grave may come my way, and you can be certain that it will, but for those of us who trust in Jesus Christ, it is simply a graduation time. A place is prepared for us in our Father’s heaven, and nothing can snatch us away from the loving hand of Jesus Christ, not even death.” *Rev. Homer Larson, speaker on “The Christian Crusaders” radio program* – A “Life Quote” from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org

May 19 “So, how do we as a church reclaim holding out for marriage? ... We pray. We repent. We spend lots of time in God’s Word. We receive the Sacrament regularly. We talk about it. We talk about it with our kids when they’re young. We don’t fall prey to the ‘Well, they’re going to have sex anyway, so I may at least tell them how to be protected.’ No. We tell our young women about their worth and their value. We tell our young men what it means to be a man. We lift up the values of waiting. And we wait with them.” *Adriane Dorr, editor of “The Lutheran Witness”* – A “Life Quote” from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org

May 26 “John 14:18-19 says, ‘I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. Yet a little while and the world will see me no more, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live.’ Isn’t that but a promise and encouragement from God to those of us who give of our time to help these needy ones? With the help of our families—and our church families—God is telling us to share of our time with those who are desperate and alone.” *Rick Fey, foster and adoptive dad* – A “Life Quote” from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org

June 2 “The sanctity of marriage and the family relation are the corner stone of our American society and civilization.” *President Rutherford B. Hayes* – A “Life Quote” from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org

June 9 “Traditional marriage ... is ordained by God, one man and one woman. People say if you look in the Old Testament, men had several wives. That was not God’s intent. He made a beautiful design for the family. But Satan came in and began to get some things tangled up. It took a very powerful and loving God to send His only begotten Son to shed His blood and to correct that.” *Alveda King, niece of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and pastoral associate and director of African-American outreach for Priests for Life and Gospel of Life Ministries* – A “Life Quote” from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org

June 16 “Our society badly needs the witness of God’s Word to regain a sense of appreciation for His designs for marriage and the raising of children. Fathers, don’t sit around sulking, waiting for the cards and gifts. Commit to your woman and lift her up in honor. Support, mentor, and lead your children ... know that you will have God’s mighty Spirit to help you.” *Rev. Mark Jeske, Time of Grace* – A “Life Quote” from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org

June 23 “It is true that God can take what seems like the worst of all circumstances and turn them into the best. A healthy adoption is a shining example of this miracle!” *Janette Clausen, Lutheran Family Service of Iowa* – A “Life Quote” from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org

June 30 “And can the liberties of a nation be thought secure when we have removed their only firm basis, a conviction in the minds of the people that these liberties are the gift of God? That they are not to be violated but with His wrath? Indeed I tremble for my country when I reflect that God is just: that His justice cannot sleep forever.” *Thomas Jefferson, Notes on the State of Virginia, Query 18, 1781* – A “Life Quote” from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org

July 7 “The rights of man come not from the generosity of the state but from the hand of God.” *President John F. Kennedy, 1961* – A “Life Quote” from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org

July 14 “The foundation of national morality must be laid in private families ... In vain are schools, academies, and universities instituted, if loose principles and licentious habits are impressed upon children in their earliest years ... The vices and examples of the parents cannot be concealed from the children. How is it possible that children can have any just sense of the sacred obligations of morality or religion if, from their earliest infancy, they learn their mothers live in habitual infidelity to their fathers, and their fathers in as constant infidelity to their mothers?” *John Adams, 1778* – A “Life Quote” from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org

July 21 “Life has its question marks and scary moments that can cause us anxiety and make us feel insecure. However, we have a wonderful Shepherd who laid down His life for you, rose again, and lives to walk with you. He knows you and wants to hold you close in all circumstances. He promises that no one and nothing will snatch you from His nail-pierced, loving, strong hands.” *Rev. Steven Kramer, speaker on “The Christian Crusaders” radio program* – A “Life Quote” from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org

July 28 “While not always easy, foster parenting is a wonderful way to share your time and natural parenting abilities with those who need it the most! ... Are these children tugging at your heart? Find out more. God has plenty of promises that your love will be returned, not only today, but in eternity!” *Rick Fey, foster and adoptive dad* – A “Life Quote” from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org

August 4 “If you feel that something is missing in your life or you want to have just plain fun, connect with kids. Be a volunteer, teach Sunday school, help out in a club, join a buddy organization. They will keep you young and smiling!!! Praise God for kids!” *Bonnie Berrey, Clemons (Iowa) Lutheran School* – A “Life Quote” from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org

August 11 “God wanted you. So God made sure not to put that choice in your hands ... In fact, God *commanded* you to be. In the exact cadence of His words at the beginning of creation, God said: ‘Let there be Abigail. Let there be Ramon. Let there be Maya.’ And it was so ... And the Lord guided you into life.” *Pastor Gary Blobaum, pastor at St. Paul Lutheran Church, Oregon, Illinois* – A “Life Quote” from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org

August 18 “Is the pro-life movement missing something? Is the Church missing something? Will we take the opportunity to speak out For Life, but not against immorality? Sexuality, marriage, Law or Gospel—puzzle pieces that need to be addressed if we are to complete our culture of life puzzle. May the Holy Spirit guide the discussion.” *Karen Frohwein, president of Lutherans For Life of Iowa* – A “Life Quote” from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org

August 25 “At the close of the day, before you go to sleep, you should not fail to pray to God to keep you from sin and from harm ... You should thank Him for all His good gifts; and learn, while young, to put your trust in Him; and the kind care of God will be with you.” *Evening Prayer, from McGuffey’s Eclectic First Reader (Selling a million*

copies a year for over 100 years, “McGuffey’s Readers” were the mainstay of public education in America.) – A “Life Quote” from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org

September 1 “Christianity is not a power of fear that binds the hearts of men, but a power that breaks the bonds of fear and sets the believers free. The incarnate Christ, the ‘Word become flesh,’ has come down to earth to mediate between God and man through His death on the cross. Where this message is proclaimed, hearts are set free.” *Pastor Martin Horn, chairman of the AFLC Schools Board of Trustees, serves Emmanuel Lutheran and Hauge Lutheran in Kenyon, Minnesota – A “Life Quote” from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org*

September 8 “In my view, the Christian religion is the most important and one of the first things in which all children, under a free government ought to be instructed . . . No truth is more evident to my mind than that the Christian religion must be the basis of any government intended to secure the rights and privileges of a free people.” *Noah Webster, the “Father of American Scholarship and Education” – A “Life Quote” from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org*

September 15 “Let us be who we are in Christ: a safe haven for every sinner’s confession and a vehicle of God’s mercy!” *Kristin Wassilak, Word of Hope (www.word-of-hope.org; 888.217.8679) – A “Life Quote” from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org*

September 22 “In the short-term, it appears that the ungodly will prevail. Christians, however, must begin to think long-term; while the ungodly burn themselves out, the godly steadily influence their world: ‘You, however, continue in the things you have learned and become convinced of . . . And let us not lose heart in doing good, for in due time we shall reap if we do not grow weary’ (2 Timothy 3:14; Galatians 6:9 NASB®). *Gary DeMar, president of The American Vision – A “Life Quote” from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org*

September 29 “When we get too comfortable in our Christian bubbles, we run the risk of ignoring the fact that there are many lost children out there, both young and old, who desperately need the light of God’s love that we are called to share.” *John E. Roper, a missionary/pastor/teacher in Africa – A “Life Quote” from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org*

October 6 “When we are faithful to our calling, people will learn through the work of the Holy Spirit that the best choice in any life crisis is to know what God says in His Word and then make a decision that is God pleasing. Christians need to trust God and choose life. But if we don’t talk about it, how will they know?” *Diane E. Schroeder, president of Lutherans For Life – A “Life Quote” from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org*

October 13 “We are to obey government except when it tells us to disobey God. Then, we must speak up and resist evil. We must use God’s Word to defend life, marriage, and family—the very foundation for civil society. When we are told to keep God’s Word ‘private’ and not share it in the marketplace of ideas, then we have lost our freedom of religion. How, then, can we be ‘salt and light’ (Matthew 5:13-16)?” *Linda D. Bartlett, www.titus2-4life.org – A “Life Quote” from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org*

October 20 “God, author of all life, bless, we pray, this unborn child; give constant protection and grant a healthy birth that is the sign of our rebirth one day into the eternal rejoicing of heaven . . .” *Excerpt from the Prayer of Blessing – A “Life Quote” from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org*

October 27 “The Church cannot just be against abortion, it must be FOR LIFE! Sharing the truth of the immeasurable value God gives to life not only exposes the heresy of abortion it also prevents Christians from falling prey to this heresy. For those who have been seduced by the heresy of abortion, the truth offers The Way back—Jesus Christ and His grace.” *Rev. Dr. James I. Lamb, executive director of Lutherans For Life – A “Life Quote” from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org*

November 3 “Voting is not just a right; it is your God-given privilege to live in a great country which allows each of us the freedom to address these issues. You and I play a vital role in shaping the future of this country, most importantly, in the cause for life. If we don’t do our part, the next generation may not even be born.” *Bradley Mattes, executive director of Life Issues Institute* – A “Life Quote” from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org

November 10 “Even if you feel alone, even if you do not see the effects of your labors in this life, resist for the sake of others, and so you may effectively pray for your brothers and sisters throughout the world who struggle, who suffer for Christ. We are all allies together, and urged by St. Paul to ‘put on the armor of light’ (Romans 13:12) and thus thwart the works of darkness.” *Jim Kushiner, executive director of the Fellowship of St. James* – A “Life Quote” from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org

November 17 “It has always been evident to us, scientifically, morally, and logically, that life begins at conception. For the last word on the matter, we consult our Creator’s guidebook. The Psalmist wrote, ‘For You formed my inward parts; you wove me in my mother’s womb’ (Psalm 139:13 NASB®). He then noted, ‘Your eyes have seen my unformed substance; and in Your book were written all the days that were ordained for me, when as yet there was not one of them’ (Psalm 139:16 NASB®).” *Patriot Post* – A “Life Quote” from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org

November 24 “It therefore becomes our indispensable Duty, not only to acknowledge, in general with the rest of Mankind, our dependence on the Supreme Ruler of the Universe, but as a People peculiarly favored, to testify our Gratitude to the Author of all our Mercies, in the most solemn and public manner.” *Former New Hampshire Governor, and first president of the New Hampshire Bible Society, John Langdon* – A “Life Quote” from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org

December 1 “As we move toward the joyous celebration of Christmas ... it might be good to 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.” *Rev. Dr. James I. Lamb, executive director of Lutherans For Life* – A “Life Quote” from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org

December 8 “God went to *staggering* lengths to rescue us, dear friends. His conception, fetal life, and birth are only part of His condescension and sacrifice to save us. This Christmastime let’s let these jaw-dropping truths do just that—drop our jaws and melt our hearts as joyful, speechless rescued rescuers.” *Rev. Doug Merkey, Churches for Life* – A “Life Quote” from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org

December 15 “Christmas is also for the unborn. The Savior has come also for the children yet living in their mothers’ wombs. The Gospel message is addressed also to our youngest brothers and sisters. In fact, we can say it is addressed *especially* to them, because they are the most helpless.” *Father Frank Pavone, Priests for Life* – A “Life Quote” from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org

December 22 “The great joy of Christmas is multiplied when we realize our Savior, at His birth, has already been humbling Himself for nine months because of His unparalleled love for all humanity from the moment of conception.” *Rev. Dr. James I. Lamb, executive director of Lutherans For Life* – A “Life Quote” from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org

December 29 “Instead of doing what might have been expected, the Lord held out a promise. He said that any and everyone who looked upon His Son as Savior would be given eternal life. Read through Scripture and you will find that invitation extended again and again. It was a promise that found its fulfillment in the birth, life, death, and resurrection of the Savior whose birth we celebrate this month.” *Rev. Ken Klaus, speaker emeritus of “The Lutheran Hour”* – A “Life Quote” from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org