



“Life Quotes” from Lutherans For Life

Congregational Bulletin Blurbs for January–December 2014

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January 5 “What work has God prepared for you? (Ephesians 2:10) Is it helping a woman who is pregnant and alone? Is it ministering to someone who has had an abortion and can’t believe that God would forgive her? Is it feeding the hungry? ... Whatever God has called you to do, do it with joy.” *Kay L. Meyer, former director of development for Lutherans For Life – A “Life Quote” from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org*

January 12 “Yes, children are sinful—just like their parents and grandparents. But baptized in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, God sees us as His adopted sons and daughters in Christ. Jesus won for God’s children the privilege of becoming heirs of the heavenly kingdom. This not only bestows value but defines purpose.” *Linda D. Bartlett, www.titus2-4life.org – A “Life Quote” from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org*

January 19 – Sanctity of Life Sunday “From a pagan perspective, that which is in the womb is something. From a moral perspective, it is someone. But from a Christian perspective, it raises that which is in the womb to someone created by God, someone for whom Jesus died, and someone the Spirit desires to call into eternity. The same could be said of the embryo in the Petri dish or the elderly in the nursing home.” *Rev. Dr. James I. Lamb, executive director of Lutherans For Life – A “Life Quote” from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org*

January 26 “Pro-life parents should never compromise on the truth, but we should never neglect compassion, either. I believe it is very important to bring our children along and involve them in pro-life work. In the end, if pro-life parents are truthful, passionate, creative, caring, prayerful, and active, I believe we will go a long way in leading our children to life.” *Kristi Burton Brown, stay-at-home mom and pro-life attorney (volunteering for Life Legal Defense Foundation and also as an allied attorney for Alliance Defending Freedom) – A “Life Quote” from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org*

February 2 “What we see as a burden, God sees as an opportunity for service. To shortchange a life that we determine as a burden is to shortchange opportunities for the love of God to be manifest in others.” *Evan S. McClanahan, pastor of First Evangelical Lutheran Church, Houston, Texas – A “Life Quote” from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org*

February 9 “The world increasingly sees death as a friend, just another part of life, a compassionate way out of suffering. We know better. We believe better. We live in victory. We endure suffering. We suffer with one another. We turn to promises, not death, in the midst of suffering. We have a better refrain to sing than touting death as friend. So sing it! ‘What a friend we have in Jesus, All our sins and griefs to bear!’” *Rev. Dr. James I. Lamb, executive director of Lutherans For Life – A “Life Quote” from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org*

February 16 “‘All life is not equal’ is the lie that upheld slavery for so long in this great land ... is the lie that upholds racism still today ... was the lie that drove the obliteration of six million Jews ... is the lie tyrants still today employ for ethnic cleansing ... is the lie told by the greatest monsters ever to arise from the race of men ... is the lie that the powerful have more rights than the powerless ... is the lie that one person’s convenience trumps another’s most basic human right: the right to life.” *Rev. Christopher Esget, Immanuel Lutheran Church, Alexandria, Virginia* – A “Life Quote” from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org

February 23 “We don’t need to take charge of death; Christ has given us the victory over it. In facing death, whether our own or another’s, the only real and lasting comfort is in our relationship with God in Christ. In the name of Jesus Christ we come into the presence of God in the midst of all of this world’s threats and fears knowing that although, ‘in Adam, all die! ... in Christ, shall all be made alive!’” *Rev. Dr. Richard Eyer, director emeritus, Concordia Bioethics Institute* – A “Life Quote” from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org

March 2 “We limit the power of God if we say He can accomplish things only in people who are healthy and up and around. He’s God! He can work in your life as well as in the life of Paul. He can work in the life of the chronically ill or the terminally ill or the bed-ridden grandma unaware of her surroundings. Christ isn’t honored because of what we do. He is honored because of what He does in us! In fact, you could say that the less we are able to do, the more Christ is exalted as He works through us!” *Rev. Dr. James I. Lamb, executive director of Lutherans For Life* – A “Life Quote” from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org

March 9 “Like other bonds—friendship, relationships between siblings, parents and children—marriage involves a union of hearts and minds ... it’s all-encompassingness refers to its distinctive feature, that is, in addition to being a union of hearts and minds, it’s a bodily union, where the bodily union is made possible and intelligible by the sexual reproductive complimentary-ness of man and woman ... an all-encompassing union ... that is pledged to permanence and to sexuality fidelity, that which strengthens marriages when respected. Marriage unites husband and wife holistically.” *Dr. Robert George, is McCormick Professor of Jurisprudence at Princeton University and director of the James Madison Program in American Ideals and Institutions* – A “Life Quote” from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org

March 16 “Noah lived in a wicked generation and was often ridiculed and made fun of as he continued to build the ark as commanded by God. But Noah was ready to meet God, and so life went on as usual. It is only when we are ready to meet the Savior, either in His second coming or in death, that we are ready to live and enjoy each day. What a comfort to know that we are ready. Our fears, though they come, are under control. Our values, though influenced by the world, are corrected as we live with the Savior and learn what is really important in life.” *Rev. Homer Larsen, Christian Crusaders radio program* – A “Life Quote” from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org

March 23 “We see the magnitude of God’s love for us in that His Son laid aside His Godhood and became a speck, an embryo in Mary’s womb. This divine humiliation was necessary so that our God could further magnify His love by taking on human flesh, walking among us, and then becoming a bloody and forsaken spectacle on a cross for the sins of the world. This would all be for naught of course if it had not been for the spectacular—the resurrection of Jesus from the dead!” *Rev. Dr. James I. Lamb, executive director of Lutherans For Life* – A “Life Quote” from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org

March 30 “Life is real! Life is earnest! And the grave is not its goal; Dust thou art, to dust returnest, Was not spoken of the soul ...” *From “A Psalm of Life,” 1838, Henry Wadsworth Longfellow* – A “Life Quote” from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org

April 6 “We must help the weak first by repenting of our selfishness. We must help the weak by speaking for the defenseless—the unborn child, the infirm widow ... We must help the weak by supporting the local crisis pregnancy center. We must help the weak by forgiving their sins as we wish to be forgiven. We must help the weak by welcoming the difficult, the different, the strange, the abused, the lonely into our churches.” *Rev. Christopher Esget, pastor at Immanuel Lutheran Church, Alexandria, Virginia* – A “Life Quote” from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org

April 13 – Palm Sunday “Like the myrrh-bearing women, on their grief-shrouded mission to the tomb, we must bear the weight of earthly sorrow and simply do what love and devotion demand of us. Our hearts break, but in their breaking we discover a path to another world where joy heals the broken heart and love wipes away every tear. We have heard the voice of

the angel, greeting us with living words like lightning, ‘He is not here; he is risen. Come, and behold the place.’” *James M. Kushiner, executive director, Fellowship of St. James* – A “Life Quote” from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org

April 20 – Easter Sunday “Death is not our friend who frees us to be with Jesus. The defeat of death—our enemy—does so! (1 Corinthians 15:26) Death does not carry us into eternity. Christ and His victory over death carry us into eternity. ‘When the perishable puts on the imperishable, and the mortal puts on immortality, then shall come to pass the saying that is written: ‘Death is swallowed up in victory’ (1 Corinthians 15:54).” *Rev. Dr. James I. Lamb, executive director of Lutherans For Life* – A “Life Quote” from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org

April 27 “‘As a father has compassion on his children, so the LORD has compassion on those who fear him’ (Psalm 103:13). His love for us moved Him to sacrifice His Son on the cross that we might receive forgiveness and everlasting life through faith. There is no greater love. His love is the source of our love. ‘We love because he first loved us’ (1 John 4:19).” *Daily Devotions email, Redeemer Lutheran Church, Sister Lakes, Michigan* – A “Life Quote” from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org

May 4 “Babies are a gift from God—from the moment of conception. Every life is precious to God because He is the Creator of life (Jeremiah 1:5a)” *Kay Meyer, former director of development for Lutherans For Life* – A “Life Quote” from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org

May 11 – Mother’s Day “God knows and evidence proves that if a man and a woman have a child, that child will do better when raised by a father and mother who are committed to one another in the life-long relationship of marriage ... If a man and woman are married but cannot bear their own or adopt children, they remain an example to nieces, nephews, and neighboring children that marriage is a meaningful union that strengthens society. It is one man committing to unselfishly love, partner with, and guard one woman under God. It is one woman committing to unselfishly respect, partner with, and complete one man under God. It is intimacy—far beyond the sexual.” *Linda D. Bartlett, www.titus2-4life.org* – A “Life Quote” from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org

May 18 “It’s time for men to stand courageously in the Lord. Real men change diapers, as Luther was fond of remarking, and real men also instruct their families in the Christian faith. And real men support their wives, daughters, and sisters so well that they render abortion unthinkable in their midst. When men lead, provide, and protect, women will not feel vulnerable, afraid, or alone. When men are men, children have their needs met.” *Ryan C. MacPherson, associate professor of history at Bethany Lutheran College, Mankato, Minnesota* – A “Life Quote” from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org

May 25 “Yet this God, also a man, rose from the dead and ascended into heaven. Moreover, He has promised to be with us to the end of age. And so He is, in the breaking of the Bread. For we shall find God Incarnate when we come to be fed by Him, the Bread of Life. He is the One whom the shepherds found in the feeding trough (manger) of Bethlehem, the ‘House of Bread.’” *James M. Kushiner, executive director of the Fellowship of St. James* – A “Life Quote” from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org

June 1 “Jesus is the One who defeated every enemy that overwhelms people. He is the success of God for fallen sinners, and His name Jesus (which means ‘He will save’) is most certainly the name of hope, the name above all names. This is why, even now that He is risen from the grave and is ascended, it is impressive that Jesus sits at the right hand of God. Here, God’s ‘right-hand Man’ who is also true God prays for us and brings our needs before God. He is God’s strength, God’s skill, God’s Deliverer who now gives fallen sinners victory.” *Rev. Robert Mayes, pastor at Immanuel and Zion St. John Lutheran Churches, Beemer and Wisner, Nebraska* – A “Life Quote” from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org

June 8 “Marriage, from a biblical worldview, is the practice of generational faithfulness. It is the union of one man and one woman with all that they uniquely bring into partnership for the benefit of family and community.” *Linda D. Bartlett, www.titus2-4life.org* – A “Life Quote” from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org

June 15 – Father’s Day “The Book of Proverbs offers the best advice the world has ever received on fatherhood. First, seek wisdom from God, not from the man (Proverbs 1:7). Second, learn from what God has taught your own father (2:1; 3:1; 4:1; 5:1; 6:1, 7:1). Third, guard your chastity, whether single or married (chapters 5 and 7). Fourth, actively train and correct your own children (13:24; 19:18; 22:15; 23:13-14; 29:15, 17). Above all, confess your sins and receive God’s mercy (28:13).” *Ryan*

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June 22 “The Bible contains much guidance for men, so turn to it regularly. Ask God to help you mature into a role model for the young men in your midst. And while you’re at it, ask Him for what He desires to give you more than any other gift: forgiveness through Jesus Christ for all of your failures as a man.” *Ryan C. MacPherson, associate professor of history at Bethany Lutheran College, Mankato, Minnesota – A “Life Quote” from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org*

June 29 “Father’s Day has come and gone ... If you were able, did you take your Dad out to dinner? Did you give him a card or talk to him on the phone? Fathers are intended to be blessings from God. They are to be His representatives in protecting, caring for, and leading the family. They are to bring up their children ‘in the training and instruction of the Lord’ (Ephesians 6:4 NIV). It is God pleasing, therefore, to honor them for the role they have been given.” *Daily Devotions email, Redeemer Lutheran Church, Sister Lakes, Michigan – A “Life Quote” from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org*

July 6 “The Declaration of Independence ... claims ... the ultimate source of authority by stating ... they were ... ‘appealing to the Supreme Judge of the World for the rectitude of’ their ‘intentions’... The foundations of our independence and our Government rests upon basic religious convictions. Back of the authority of our laws is the authority of the Supreme Judge of the World, to whom we still appeal. It seems to me perfectly plain that the authority of law, the right to equality, liberty and property, under American institutions, have for their foundation reverence for God. If we could imagine that to be swept away, these institutions of our American government could not long survive.” *President Calvin Coolidge, September 21, 1924 – A “Life Quote” from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org*

July 13 “God has put us into community, into church and family and state precisely so that we will learn to love our neighbor, so that we will set aside the delusion of autonomy and our selfish desires to serve our neighbor ... (Romans 14:7) ... To be the Lord’s, to belong to the Lord Jesus Christ, is to love the weak, the wretched, the burdensome, the annoying, the stinking, the foolish.” *Rev. Christopher Esget, Immanuel Lutheran Church, Alexandria, Virginia – A “Life Quote” from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org*

July 20 “We all live with dying. We also live in a culture that does not know how to live with dying and turns to death as a solution to the problems of life. Paul reminds us that as we live with dying, Christ comforts us with the certainty that it would be ‘far better’ to depart and be with Him. But he also reminds us that the timing belongs to God. If He gives continued life it is ‘more necessary’ that we go on living. But whether we live or die, Christ is at work and He will be honored!” *Rev. Dr. James I. Lamb, executive director of Lutherans For Life – A “Life Quote” from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org*

July 27 “Yes, fathers today need godly models, but more than that, we need forgiveness. Thankfully, God has provided us with both.” *Ryan C. MacPherson, associate professor of history at Bethany Lutheran College, Mankato, Minnesota – A “Life Quote” from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org*

August 3 “It is to the Christian home that God’s Word speaks telling those who are fortunate enough to live in this environment to share their values ... God can use your family’s witness to build a new creation. Imagine what differences there could be in our society if the Christian home would make its witness felt. Remember, culture can be changed, and we can have a part in changing it. Isn’t that exciting and challenging?” *Rev. Homer Larsen, Christian Crusaders radio program – A “Life Quote” from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org*

August 10 “In Scripture, fathers are told to emulate the Savior; they are told to give as Jesus gave. That means giving when it’s not wanted, giving when it’s not appreciated, giving when it is not applauded. It means putting the welfare of others above that of yourself. It means giving until it hurts, giving even to the point where you are ready to sacrifice yourself. We are to give because that is what Jesus has done for us. From start to finish, from beginning to end, Jesus’ life was dedicated to us. And we fathers with our families can honor our Lord and impact the future by doing as He did.” *Rev. Ken Klaus, speaker emeritus of “The Lutheran Hour” – A “Life Quote” from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org*

August 17 “When boys and girls see themselves the way God does, the way they view each other will improve. Relationships will take on new meaning. Think about it. If boys see themselves in light of their baptism as sons of God and girls see themselves as daughters of God, then all baptized people become brothers and sisters in Christ.” *Linda D. Bartlett, www.titus2-4life.org – A “Life Quote” from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org*

August 24 “Children are never too young to learn that life is precious. And teaching our children the value of life will lead them not only to reject abortion. It will also lead them to reject suicide and other unnecessary violence. If life is precious, no one has the right to destroy it to make his or her own life easier.” *Kristi Burton Brown, stay-at-home mom and pro-life attorney (volunteering for Life Legal Defense Foundation and also as an allied attorney for Alliance Defending Freedom)* – A “Life Quote” from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org

August 31 “Just as God forgave Saul, the great persecutor of the early church, transforming him into Saint Paul, the great evangelist to the Gentiles, so also God redeems men who have been entangled by the sin of abortion. Some of these men have become, like Saint Paul, powerful spokespersons who proclaim, ‘There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus’ (Romans 8:1). Other men are still waiting to hear comforting words like these—might you be the one to tell them?” *Ryan C. MacPherson, associate professor of history at Bethany Lutheran College, Mankato, Minnesota* – A “Life Quote” from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org

September 7 – Grandparents Day “[M]y grandchildren need me to remind them of what happened at the baptismal font. Their baptism is ‘an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God ... (1 Peter 3:21-22).’ I can literally tell my grandchildren that their Lord and Savior rules! This means that someday, when they are teenagers, they won’t have to be subject to raging hormones or made foolish by lack of judgment. In remembering who they are, they will know the source of their wisdom and strength. This will affect their choices and behavior.” *Linda D. Bartlett, www.titus2-4life.org* – A “Life Quote” from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org

September 14 “Why should the Church speak out for life? Because people in the Church are not immune to the problems of life and it is the obligation of the Church to equip them through the Word of God to make God-pleasing decisions. The reality is if the Church fails to speak, it leaves its people vulnerable to the siren song of personal autonomy that says ‘think about yourself ... you can do whatever you want.’ But Christians know differently. We are not our own, we were bought with a price! (1 Corinthians 6:19-20)” *Diane E. Schroeder, former president of Lutherans For Life* – A “Life Quote” from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org

September 21 “Every human life is someone for whom Jesus shed His blood. Every human life is one He wants to call to faith in this redemptive event.” *Rev. Dr. James I. Lamb, executive director of Lutherans For Life* – A “Life Quote” from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org

September 28 “The world says, ‘All life is not equal,’ but God says, ‘All life I made.’ The devil says, ‘All life is not equal,’ but God says, ‘All life I love.’ The flesh says, ‘All life is not equal,’ but God says, ‘All life I desire be saved, and come to the knowledge of the truth.’” *Rev. Christopher Esget, Immanuel Lutheran Church, Alexandria, Virginia* – A “Life Quote” from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org

October 5 “There is nothing political about preaching the Gospel of Jesus Christ into the hearts of those men and women crushed by an abortion decision in their past. There is nothing political about proclaiming that the blood of Christ, the blood on our altar, was shed for the sin of abortion. It is the ONLY message that can possibly bring healing to hearts broken by the sin of making a decision to have their own child killed. Indeed, it is a horrible offense to the Gospel to have this precious news and never apply it to the sin of abortion, never speak it for fear of being ‘political.’” *Rev. Dr. James I. Lamb, executive director of Lutherans For Life* – A “Life Quote” from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org

October 12 “We are not the ones to determine if a life has value or not, if it is a burden or not, if it should be lived or not. To live is Christ and to die is gain. God, through His creation, through the incarnation of Jesus, through His redemptive death, and His resurrection from the dead has proven again and again that His Word in the face of death is life. When the world says ‘no,’ God says ‘yes,’ no matter how helpless or desperate the situation. For that, all we can say is, ‘Thanks be to God!’” *Evan S. McClanahan, pastor of First Evangelical Lutheran Church, Houston, Texas* – A “Life Quote” from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org

October 19 “Usually, when people think of life issues, they think of ‘political’ or ‘social’ or ‘controversial’ issues and come to the erroneous conclusion that we should not be talking about them in church. But do you know what I call issues of life and death, pain and suffering, fear and anxiety, sin and guilt, regret and grief, end of life decisions? I call them ‘spiritual’ and ‘biblical’ issues! The Gospel of Jesus Christ is tailor made for such issues.” *Rev. Dr. James I. Lamb, executive director of Lutherans For Life* – A “Life Quote” from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org

October 26 “There is no such thing in God’s economy as an ‘adopted child,’ only a child who was adopted into the family. ‘Adopted’ defines how you came into the household, but it doesn’t define you as some other sort of family member. In the book of Romans, Paul defines all Christians, both Jew and Gentile, as having received a common ‘Spirit of adoption’ (Romans 8:15; 9:4).” *Dr. Russell D. Moore* – A “Life Quote” from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org

November 2 “In the pagan first century, Christianity was the catalyst that moved the Roman world from killing to caring. It didn’t happen overnight. Now, in the pagan 21st century, let us again be that catalyst. We have so many footsteps of faithful saints to follow. God gave them purpose and success and He gives it to you, too. Go! God will bless your efforts as you continue to serve Him.” *Diane E. Schroeder, former president of Lutherans For Life* – A “Life Quote” from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org

November 9 “[A]s long as God gives life, then God is at work giving life meaning and purpose. As long as God gives life, life has value and it is ‘more necessary’ to keep on living.” *Rev. Dr. James I. Lamb, executive director of Lutherans For Life* – A “Life Quote” from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org

November 16 “Adopted children, like all children, are a blessing from God, and we are privileged indeed to be granted the honor of raising one of His precious kids.” *Solid Answers/Bible Gateway* – A “Life Quote” from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org

November 23 “These blessings have not descended upon us in restricted measure, but overflow and abound. They are the blessings and bounty of God ... In accordance with the wise custom of the civil magistrate since the first settlements in this land and with the rule established from the foundation of this Government ... do appoint ... a day of National Thanksgiving and Prayer, enjoining the people upon that day to meet in their churches for the praise of Almighty God and to return heartfelt thanks to Him for all His goodness and loving kindness.” *President William Howard Taft, November 5, 1910* – A “Life Quote” from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org

November 30 “As you are reading this, Thanksgiving will ‘be in the books’ for another year. Family will be back home. Leftovers will hopefully be eaten or frozen. The scale will be WRONG! Before your thoughts shift toward Christmas—if they haven’t already—take a few more minutes to consider how good God is to you and how much you have to be thankful for. Then consider how you can share that goodness during the holiday season. (Matthew 25: 37-40)” *Bonnie Berrey, Clemons Lutheran School, Clemons, Iowa* – A “Life Quote” from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org

December 7 “The step He made in leaving heaven’s high throne to be born in Bethlehem is a descent we cannot imagine, replacing the perfection of paradise with a world soured by sin and sadness. Jesus’ birth gives us an indication of the amount and quality of His love and commitment ... No other faith can tell its followers: ‘Look into the manger and see this thing which has come to pass, which the Lord has done to save you’ (see Luke 2:15). Christianity—and Christianity alone— says, ‘We have a Redeemer who not only felt sorry for sin-sick souls, He actually took that sickness into Himself and carried it until it was gone and He could say, ‘It is finished.’” *Rev. Ken Klaus, speaker emeritus of “The Lutheran Hour”* – A “Life Quote” from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org

December 14 “In the Christmas story, God descends to reascend. He comes down ... down to the very roots and sea bed of the Nature He has created. But He goes down to come up again and bring the whole ruined world up with Him.” *C.S. Lewis, from “Miracles”* – A “Life Quote” from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org

December 21 “God is a person, and in the Church, He offers Himself to you. Jesus has promised that where two or more are gathered He is here Himself. Though we can’t detect this with our eye, it is nevertheless real. Jesus was born to Virgin Mary [and] ... This very Jesus gives Himself to you in His holy Word and Sacrament. He will not abandon you ...” *Dr. Harold Senkbeil, executive director for Spiritual Care for DOXOLOGY* – A “Life Quote” from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org

December 28 “[T]he very hand that formed us in the beginning and shapes us in our mother’s womb, came to seek us in these latter days, when we were lost, laying hold on His lost sheep and placing it on His shoulders and joyfully restoring it to the sheepfold of life.” *Irenaeus, second bishop of Lyons (second century)* – A “Life Quote” from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org