



“Life Quotes” from Lutherans For Life

Congregational Bulletin Blurbs for January–December 2015

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January 4 “If you sit silently alone in the darkness, know that God loves you. He enters the very depths of your darkness and shines upon you with the light of His forgiveness. In that light you can find hope and begin the path toward healing. ‘Keep your voice from weeping, and your eyes from tears ... there is hope for your future, declares the Lord’ (Jeremiah 31:16-17).” *Rev. Dr. James I. Lamb, executive director of Lutherans For Life – A “Life Quote” from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org*

January 11 “We can’t stop all evil in this fallen world, but we can fight it in our own neck of the woods with love. Love never ends. Love can save lives. Love declares that there is no such thing as an unwanted child.” *Dr. Alveda King, niece of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. – A “Life Quote” from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org*

January 18 “A just law is a man-made code that squares with the moral law of God. An unjust law is a code that is out of harmony with the moral law.” *Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King in “Letter from a Birmingham Jail” – A “Life Quote” from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org*

January 25 “Roe is a radical decision and a legally indefensible one. But what really makes Roe unbearably wrong is its consequences. The result of Roe and Doe has been the legally authorized killing of nearly sixty million Americans since 1973. *Roe v. Wade* authorized unrestricted private violence against human life on an almost unimaginable scale, and did so, falsely, in the name of the Constitution.” *Michael Stokes Paulsen, University of St. Thomas, St. Paul, Minnesota – A “Life Quote” from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org*

February 1 “The danger of Roe [v. Wade] is that it legalized the idea that MIGHT makes RIGHT.” *Dr. Jean Garton, past president of Lutherans For Life – A “Life Quote” from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org*

February 8 “Time and experience have taught me a priceless lesson: Any child you take for your own becomes your own if you give of yourself to that child. I have borne two children and had seven others by adoption, and they are all my children, equally beloved and precious.” *Dale Evans, writer, film star, and singer-songwriter – A “Life Quote” from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org*

February 15 “[W]e can set an example in purity by honoring God’s plan for sexuality and relationships. For those of us who are single, we do this by living a pure and chaste life and not being ashamed of it. This can be a daily challenge and struggle but, by living differently, we show others how different, and wonderful, love in Christ can be!” *Laura Davis, director of Y4Life (Y4Life.org) – A “Life Quote” from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org*

February 22 “Be strong and courageous, the Lord goes before you every day. Be strong and courageous, the Lord went before you, even before you were you. His For Life work through you becomes clearer every day. Hearts and minds are changed. Our life-affirming younger generation inspires us all. More pastors connect the Gospel to the life issues. More educators teach our children to value every life. We have the most powerful and positive For Life message in the universe and nothing can stand against it! Be strong and courageous!” *Rev. Dr. James I. Lamb, executive director of Lutherans For Life – A “Life Quote” from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org*

March 1 “As baptized persons, we are sons and daughters of God in Christ. That makes us holy. Holy means being set aside for noble purpose. We are not common, but uncommon. As such, we are usable not just by anyone but by God. What a difference it makes to see ourselves this way.” *Linda D. Bartlett, titus2-4life.org – A “Life Quote” from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org*

March 8 “Christians do not permit the lifestyle modeled by the world to limit their compassion, but rather they imitate Christ, who willingly gave of Himself to serve others. When the world cries, ‘Inconvenience—not now, that’s not my job, no, not for me,’ imitators of Christ say, ‘Heavenly Father, not my will, but Thine be done.’” *Ryan C. MacPherson, Bethany Lutheran College, Mankato, Minnesota – A “Life Quote” from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org*

March 15 “God does not give His truth and grace to speak generically and say that sin is bad and Jesus died for sin. He gives us truth and grace to speak to matters of people’s hearts. He gives us truth to call wrong things wrong, to call killing babies and embryos a sin, and to call assisted suicide a sin. He gives us His grace to ‘speak tenderly’ to the hearts of people crushed by such sins.” *Rev. Dr. James I. Lamb, executive director of Lutherans For Life – A “Life Quote” from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org*

March 22 “In America, we removed the religious moral compass from our children and now we are shocked when some sad soul murders his classmates. We removed morality from our youngster’s education, and we are surprised to see high schoolers ‘sexting’ ... This is why we say we can do no better than to listen to the Lord.” *Rev. Ken Klaus, speaker emeritus on “The Lutheran Hour” – A “Life Quote” from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org*

March 29 “A Christian father will also serve as spiritual priest of the family. As such he is to nourish the souls of the children, teaching them about the Lord, His will for their lives, and about His loving, gracious, and merciful ways.” *Rev. Mark Gullerud, Redeemer Lutheran Church, Bowdle, South Dakota – A “Life Quote” from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org*

April 5 – Easter – The Resurrection of Our Lord “Today we remember the fulfillment of God’s promise, the story of how our forgiveness and salvation was won. Today we hear the story of humanity’s God-given, blood-bought gift of forgiveness, redemption and renewal. It is the story of good news of great joy. It is the story of the Babe of Bethlehem, the Christ of the cross, the Savior of the empty tomb.” *Rev. Ken Klaus, speaker emeritus on “The Lutheran Hour” – A “Life Quote” from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org*

April 12 “Easter says you can put truth in a grave, but it won’t stay there.” *Clarence W. Hall, pastor – A “Life Quote” from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org*

April 19 “The Gospel is not a picture of adoption; adoption is a picture of the Gospel.” *John Piper, pastor – A “Life Quote” from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org*

April 26 “[W]hen we faithfully proclaim God’s grace and truth and apply it to matters of the heart, we give Satan a bad day. People are ‘struck by the heart’ and realize their sin. People experience ‘evil of the heart’ because of their sin. Then the comforting Good News of ‘warfare ended,’ ‘iniquity pardoned,’ and boundless grace can restore that heart to ‘leaping’ once again. The Gospel is tailor made to speak to matters of the heart!” *Rev. Dr. James I. Lamb, executive director of Lutherans For Life – A “Life Quote” from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org*

May 3 “The Apostle Paul seemed to have thought that giving thanks was front and center in the life of the Christian: Give thanks in all things (1 Timothy 5:18) ... always and for everything giving thanks (Ephesians 5:20) ... in everything by prayer ... with thanksgiving (Philippians 4:6). And be thankful ... with thankfulness in your heart toward God ... do everything ... giving thanks to God the Father (Colossians 3:13-17). Continue steadfastly in prayer, with thanksgiving (Colossians 4:2).” *James M. Kushiner, the Fellowship of St. James – A “Life Quote” from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org*

May 10 – Mother’s Day “As I think back, I feel so blessed with the experiences God has given to me. Adoption is a particular blessing in so many ways. I am so thankful that I chose the gift of life and that my adoptive daughter’s birth mom chose the gift of life—for life is indeed a sacred gift from God.” *Sandy Nielsen, adoptive mom – A “Life Quote” from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org*

May 17 “Christian fathers will want to keep in mind that the threats and demands of the Law can never transform a child’s attitude. Rather, we want them to be motivated by the love of Christ. We will teach and remind our children of their Lord’s redeeming love and His wonderful merciful kindness toward them and all sinners.” *Rev. Mark Gullerud, Redeemer Lutheran Church, Bowdle, South Dakota – A “Life Quote” from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org*

May 24 – Memorial Day Weekend “You and I will one day die. But the truths of Scripture we uphold when it comes to the sacredness of life will never die. That is why it is so important to not only protect and defend God’s gift of life, but also to protect and defend His truth about what gives value to life. If we lose the latter, the former will quickly erode. Thank you for being people who are ‘holding fast the word of Life’ (Philippians 2:16)!” *Rev. Dr. James I. Lamb, executive director of Lutherans For Life – A “Life Quote” from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org*

May 31 “With love, children are adopted, not aborted. With love, children are cherished, not abused. With love, there is less room for the oppressor because his hunting grounds are smaller.” *Dr. Alveda King, niece of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. – A “Life Quote” from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org*

June 7 “[A]s a Christian worldview teaches, encouraging someone to break God’s law is to engage in cruelty, not compassion. God defines love. Hanging the word ‘love’ on a counterfeit does not make it authentic.” *Warren Cole Smith, vice president of WORLD News Group – A “Life Quote” from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org*

June 14 “We can be a witness to the world around us by simply living the lives God has called us to live. By doing so, we show the world there is a reason to be For Life, that there is something different and good about it.” *Laura Davis, director of Y4Life (Y4Life.org) – A “Life Quote” from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org*

June 21 – Father’s Day “The primary goal in fatherhood is to help children grow in the Lord so that throughout their lives they will look to the Savior in faith and follow Him in Christian love. Our most fervent hope and prayer is that they will be and remain members of God’s eternal family. May God bless our fathers in carrying out their crucial role in Christian fatherhood!” *Rev. Mark Gullerud, Redeemer Lutheran Church, Bowdle, South Dakota – A “Life Quote” from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org*

June 28 “There is no future in gay marriage, nor in any sexually permissive culture—not for very long, despite new drugs and technologies. Christians are called to sexual purity. It’s there in Genesis, right on through to Revelation (see 22:11, 15). Fortunately, God is able to forgive and heal us of our failings when we repent. He is merciful and gracious. No need for despair, but always hope in the Lord!” *James M. Kushiner, the Fellowship of St. James – A “Life Quote” from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org*

July 5 “All law is enacted morality. Every criminal law says that a certain thing is right, and another wrong. Every law is thus a piece of legislated morality. Moreover, all morality represents a religion, as every system of law is an establishment of religion. Thus, there can be a separation of church and state, but there cannot be a separation of religion and the state because every system of law is a religion and a morality in action.” *R. J. Rushdoony, philosopher, historian, and theologian* – A “Life Quote” from *Lutherans For Life* • www.lutheransforlife.org

July 12 “Is the church today perhaps something like it was in the sixteenth century with all the corruptions that have come in, all the adjustments that have been made to fit into the lifestyle of the day? If it is, we need a reformation so everything contrary to the Word of God can be swept up, and we can start again. If there is any other teaching than the only way to heaven is through faith in Jesus Christ, then it has to go. Anything that cheapens grace has to go.” *Rev. Homer Larsen, “The Christian Crusaders” radio program* – A “Life Quote” from *Lutherans For Life* • www.lutheransforlife.org

July 19 “Though the rain and snow of tribulation in this life is allowed to come upon us, God’s Word is profoundly refreshing, life-giving, and powerful enough to accomplish His will for our lives. As we speak words of life in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ, to this culture of death, God’s purpose will be achieved.” *Lynette Auch, president of Lutherans For Life* – A “Life Quote” from *Lutherans For Life* • www.lutheransforlife.org

July 26 “Are you ‘pro-life’ or ‘life-affirming’? Undoubtedly your answer is ‘Yes!’ However, I believe we will have a greater impact on our congregations and culture if we see ourselves as ‘life-affirming.’ But this must be more than changing an adjective. It must also reflect a change in perspective—affirming life because that is precisely what the Gospel of Jesus Christ does!” *Rev. Dr. James I. Lamb, executive director of Lutherans For Life* – A “Life Quote” from *Lutherans For Life* • www.lutheransforlife.org

August 2 “Parental love is vital. In homes where children are not adored by at least one parent (or a parent-figure), they wither like a plant without food.” *The New Dare to Discipline* – A “Life Quote” from *Lutherans For Life* • www.lutheransforlife.org

August 9 “Sadly, our culture has reverted to the pagan practices of old. Nevertheless, through the Messiah’s unfailing love, God turns our hearts to Himself as our Heavenly Father. To preserve this Gospel heritage in future generations, God turns the hearts of the fathers to their children, and the hearts of the children to their fathers. May God in Christ forgive us our failings and preserve us in His saving truth unto life everlasting.” *Ryan C. MacPherson, Bethany Lutheran College, Mankato, Minnesota* – A “Life Quote” from *Lutherans For Life* • www.lutheransforlife.org

August 16 “As Man alone, Jesus could not have saved us; as God alone, He would not; incarnate, He could and did.” *Malcolm Muggeridge, British journalist* – A “Life Quote” from *Lutherans For Life* • www.lutheransforlife.org

August 23 “Should there be a line that determines when humans have value? Some say it’s at viability, others say when there’s a heartbeat, and others say at birth. Some even argue that the ability to reason should be the dividing line, which would making killing infants ok, too. These lines we draw are so arbitrary, meaningless. My seven-year-old sister gets that. Human beings are valuable because we are human beings. And it’s as plain and simple as that.” *Micaiah Bilger, education director of the Pennsylvania Pro-Life Federation – A “Life Quote” from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org*

August 30 “I find it impossible to subscribe to a philosophy that believes that the destruction of human life is a legitimate solution to a problem that is mostly social, economic, and psychological ... In reality, most women ‘choose’ abortion because they believe they have no other choice.” *Patricia Heaton, actress (“Everybody Loves Raymond” and “The Middle”) – A “Life Quote” from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org*

September 6 – Labor Day Weekend “[A]s you go about your work for the Lord of Life, use Jesus as your example. He proclaimed truth but had compassion on the sinners who surrounded Him and so should we. Let the light of your compassion shine through in all that you do and say. It will make a difference.” *Diane Schroeder, former president of Lutherans For Life – A “Life Quote” from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org*

September 13 – Grandparent’s Day “Compassion is the hallmark of our discipleship and the sign of God’s care for us ... [See Psalm 145:8-9] ... This includes all ages and stages of life. Being compassionate means being open to share another’s burden, being a burden bearer.” *Rev. Donald L. Wilke, vice president of Spiritual Care of Good Shepherd Community and pastor of The Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd, Sauk Rapids, Minnesota – A “Life Quote” from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org*

September 20 “Christian fatherhood goes beyond merely ensuring that children are well cared for and provided for. A Christian father will also be actively engaged in the rearing of his children. The apostle Paul gives divine counsel both on how to—and how not to—go about this parental function, when he exhorts, ‘Fathers, do not exasperate your children; instead, bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord’ (Ephesians 6:4 NIV).” *Rev. Mark Gullerud, Redeemer Lutheran Church, Bowdle, South Dakota – A “Life Quote” from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org*

September 27 “We can set an example in love by showing love for our neighbor, compassion for those in need, and forgiveness for those who have made mistakes in the past. No sin is too great for God to forgive and we have the awesome opportunity to share this love and forgiveness with others, especially those who have a sin against life in their past.” *Laura Davis, director of Y4Life (Y4Life.org) – A “Life Quote” from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org*

October 4 “So the next time you see some fading flowers, remember how short life is and then remember how eternal God’s Word is and pray, ‘Lord, more than anything else, help me uphold the

truth of Your Word and the value You give to life.” *Rev. Dr. James I. Lamb, executive director of Lutherans For Life – A “Life Quote” from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org*

October 11 “If anybody understands God’s ardor for His children, it’s someone who has rescued an orphan from despair, for that is what God has done for us. God has adopted you. God sought you, found you, signed the papers, and took you home.” *Max Lucado, pastor and author – A “Life Quote” from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org*

October 18 “We simply need to see no child as unwanted. We need to focus on others, rather than ourselves, and be open to visiting orphans—that is, be open to wanting the ‘unwanted,’ helping the child in need. And it can start with just one. One life loved can make all the difference. After all, one life changed the entire world.” *Dr. Alveda King, niece of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. – A “Life Quote” from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org*

October 25 “Luther looked back to the days of the apostles and saw the same thing that happened to them happening in his day: Christians standing up for the truth getting blamed for everything. We can see history repeating itself again. Conservative Christians today are being blamed for being ‘seditionists’ and intolerant of abortion, homosexuality, living together outside of marriage, etc. Throughout the history of the world, the minority is often set apart and blamed for the ills of the land or time. God has truly set us apart; He has called us to be holy to humbly proclaim His Word of truth and the Gospel that has redeemed the world from its sin! ... May we ever repeat history in being willing to speak our faith with all boldness and confidence in Christ Jesus our risen Lord and Savior!” *Daily Devotions email from www.redeemerclc.info/devotional.html – A “Life Quote” from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org*

November 1 “Dear ones, in a culture and society increasingly divided by ideas and behaviors, let us never forget that we have no human enemies. Our God came to a ‘hostile’ people to win them with His love, not His ‘correctness.’ Let us do the same with those who are their own worst enemies. Today ... let us overcome darkness not with rhetoric and force, but with humility and faithfulness. Love one another, even those who hate you.” *Father Barnabas Powell, Cumming, Georgia – A “Life Quote” from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org*

November 8 “Do you want to do something beautiful for God? There is a person who needs you. This is your chance.” *Mother Teresa (on adoption) – A “Life Quote” from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org*

November 15 “The entire canon of Scripture throbs with God’s commitment to the fatherless and to the widows, His wrath at the shedding of innocent blood. Just as every Lord’s Day should be Easter, with the proclamation of the Resurrection of Jesus, and Christmas, with the announcement of the Incarnation, so every Lord’s Day should highlight the worth and dignity of human life. I pray that my grandchildren and great-grandchildren will grow up in an age when abortion is not just illegal but unthinkable.” *Dr. Russell D. Moore, pastor and author – A “Life Quote” from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org*

November 22 “If you keep thinking of your life—which is utterly unique in the entire universe!—as a true gift, you will draw nearer to the Giver of that gift. So, Happy Thanksgiving!” *James M. Kushiner, the Fellowship of St. James – A “Life Quote” from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org*

November 29 “After you have thought about your earthly blessings, take some time and meditate on your spiritual blessings from the Lord. Think of your baptism where the Lord adopted you into His family and gave you forgiveness of your sins, life, and salvation.” *James Schroeder, LCMS Foundation – A “Life Quote” from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org*

December 6 “Why was God’s Son in a manger, a feeding trough for animals? Because He is the Bread of Life, spiritual food for starving mankind. So the True Bread from Heaven is first encountered by humble shepherds in a place where food is placed for animals, in Bethlehem, which means ‘House of Bread.’ What’s more, the Good Shepherd was found by the shepherds!” *James M. Kushiner, the Fellowship of St. James – A “Life Quote” from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org*

December 13 “He whom nothing can contain has been contained in a womb. He is in the Father’s bosom and His Mother’s embrace. How can this be, but as He knows and willed and was well pleased. Fleshless as He was, He willingly took flesh. And He Who Is became what He was not, for us. And while departing not from His own nature, He shared in our nature’s substance. So Christ was born with dual natures, wishing to replenish the world on high. Christ is born! Glorify Him!” *Father Barnabas Powell, Cumming, Georgia – A “Life Quote” from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org*

December 20 “I encourage you to look upon the little hands [of baby Jesus] and remember they will be pierced to save you. See His beautiful brow and recall how it will be crowned with thorns. Listen to His first cry and hear that cry echo, 33 years later, upon Calvary’s cross as He proclaims our salvation is finished.” *Rev. Ken Klaus, speaker emeritus on “The Lutheran Hour” – A “Life Quote” from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org*

December 27 “Satan would love us to believe that the Herod-like destruction of unborn children and the abuse of women through this destruction are political issues and do not belong in the Church. But that is precisely where they do belong! We have the Gospel, the only message that can shatter the darkness and bring hope.” *Rev. Dr. James I. Lamb, executive director of Lutherans For Life – A “Life Quote” from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org*