



# Lutherans For **Life** National Conference August 3-4, 2012

“And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ” (Ephesians 4:11-12 ESV).

## Equipping the Saints **For Life!**

Rev. Ken Klaus, speaker emeritus of *The Lutheran Hour*

Carol Tobias, President of National Right to Life

Dr. David Reardon, Director of the Elliott Institute; Jill Stanek, Illinois columnist and blogger; JT Eschbach, Pro-life Action League; Carl Schroeder, J.D.; Barb Kinast, R.N. Doug Merkey, Churches For Life; LFL State Presidents panel; Dr. Jeff and Renee Gibbs, Concordia Seminary

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Westin Chicago Northwest

# SCHEDULE

## FRIDAY, AUGUST 3

- 10:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m. Registration • Exhibitor set up
- 11:30 **Luncheon** – Encouraging the Shepherds
- 1:00-4:00 **RFL Leadership Training** – Doug Merkey
- 1:00-4:00 **Prayer Vigil at Planned Parenthood and visit to Care Net**
- 2:30 **Christian Estate Planning** – Jim Schroeder
- 5:00 **Opening Worship**
- 6:30 **Banquet and Keynote Address** – *All is Well* – Rev. Ken Klaus

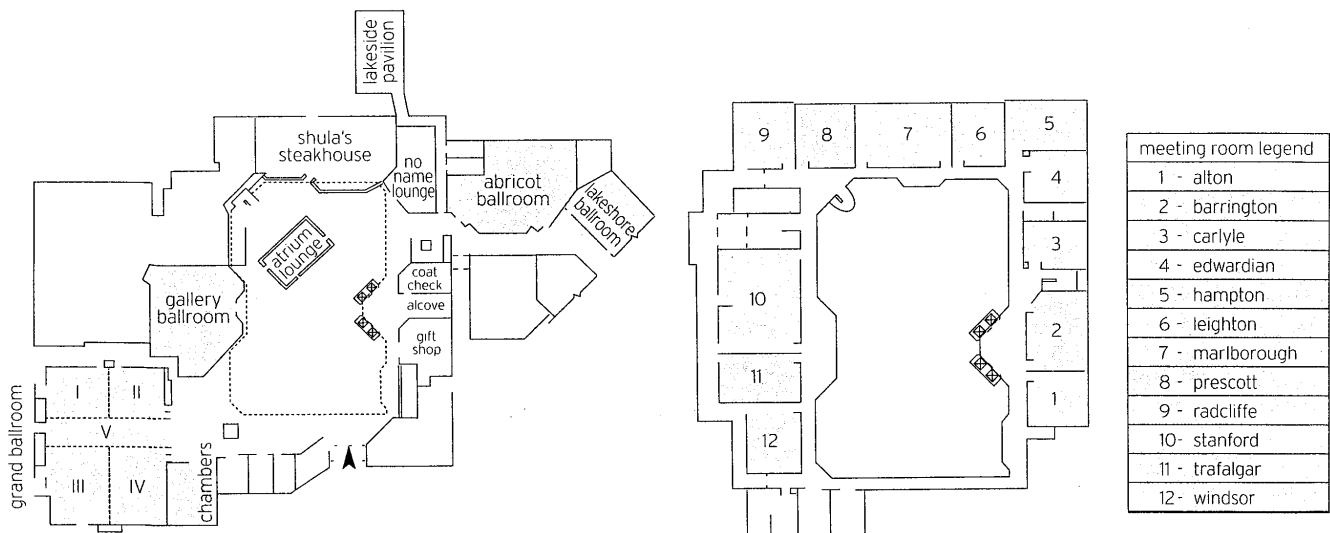
## SATURDAY, AUGUST 4

- 7:30 a.m. Registration
- 7:30 **Prayer Breakfast** – Kay Meyer
- 8:30 Break
- 9:00 **Opening Plenary** – Carol Tobias
- 10:00 Break
- 10:30 **Workshop A**
- 11:30 Break
- 11:45 **Lunch** – Greetings, Fundraising Fun, & More!
- 1:30 **Workshop B**
- 2:30 Break
- 3:00 **Workshop C**
- 4:00 Break
- 4:15 **Closing Plenary** – Marlene Eidsmoe as Corrie ten Boom
- 4:45 **Closing Remarks and Prayer**

## SATURDAY YOUTH TRACK (Junior High through College)

- 8:30 a.m. Registration
- 8:45-1:15 **Youth Plenary: Making Abortion Unthinkable**
- 11:45 **Youth Lunch**
- 1:30 **Workshop B**
- 2:30 Break
- 3:00 **Workshop C**
- 4:00 Break
- 4:15 **Closing Plenary** – Marlene Eidsmoe as Corrie ten Boom
- 4:45 **Closing Remarks and Prayer**

**Note: Activities and an education program for children age 6 to 6th grade and daycare for children five and younger will be available.**



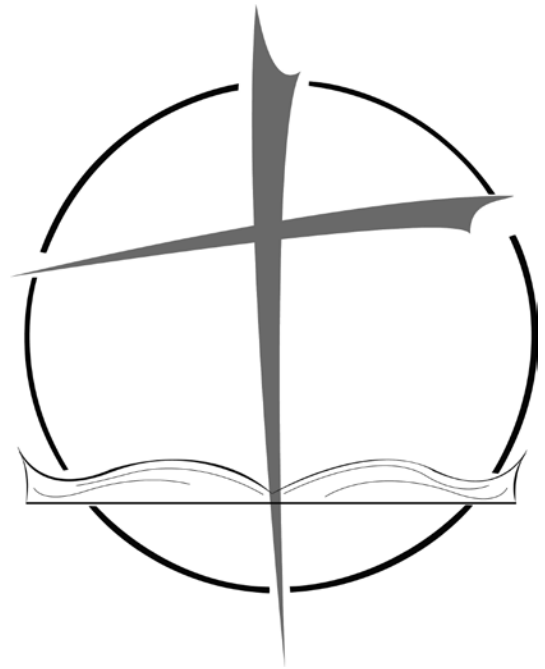
**2012 LFL Conference Workshops**  
**Saturday, August 4, 2012**

**Workshops A: 1, 4, 5, 6**

**Workshops B: 2, 3, 4, 5**

**Workshops C: 1, 2, 3, 6**

**(1) Dr. David Reardon: Equipping a Post-Abortion Society** – This workshop will outline a practical strategy for creating a post-abortion society. This carefully considered approach will create a healing environment for those who have been emotionally wounded by abortion, will draw people together through their common concern for women, and will enforce proper civil liability for abortion related injuries which will bring an end to unwanted and unsafe abortions.



**(2) Jill Stanek: Equipping to Take a Stand** – This workshop will explore how pro-life activists have and can make significant gains in the battle against the Culture of Death via blogging and social media. The best thing? You don't even have to get out of your bathrobe.

**(3) JT Eschbach: Saving Lives Today: Equip Yourself for Effective Sidewalk Counseling** – This talk offers practical, effective guidance on sidewalk counseling, including approaches, materials, legal rights, tactics and what to say. It incorporates numerous examples and images gathered from JT's 8 years of experience sidewalk counseling in front of clinics. Those new to sidewalk counseling can learn the basics to effectively assist women; veterans can glean new tips and techniques to enhance their ongoing efforts.

**(4) Carl Schroeder, J.D. & Barb Kinast, R.N.: Equipping for the End of Life** – Changing medical ethics and societal values have created challenges for Christians in dealing with end of life issues. This presentation will explore these changes, the current state of the law and how Christians can respond in faith and trust.

**(5) Rev. Doug Merkey: Equipping with Renewal For Life®** – Confounded by the complexity of doing ministry in the church? Need refreshment and tools in how to serve people? Come to this workshop and get revived in basic, gospel-driven principles that are essential to robust life ministry in the local church.

**(6) President's Panel: Equipping the Church** - Ideas and resources that individuals and LFL chapters and states can use to promote life issues in congregations, schools, etc.



## *A Word From Our President*

On January 22, 2013, *Roe v. Wade* will be 40 years old. The results of this assault on life have been horrific; over 50 million babies gone, millions of other people left with guilt and despair, the elderly and handicapped threatened, and so much more.

Should we give up? **No!**

Whether we save a million or just one, we know that what we do serves the Giver of Life. It is a great God we serve and He calls us to be faithful witnesses. Let us be like the Apostles in the early Church who, when facing persecution from the Jews, called upon God to hold back the evil of their day and bless the work of their hands that the Kingdom of God may go forward.

**“And now, Lord, look upon their threats and grant to your servants to continue to speak your word with all boldness ...” (Acts 4:29).**

So, pray and then prepare to be a Gospel-motivated voice For Life!

- Be equipped to minister to people who have been devastated by a previous abortion.
- Be equipped to reach out to women who believe that abortion is their only choice.
- Be equipped to engage others through social media and the Internet.
- Be equipped to work within the Church, changing hearts and minds.
- Be equipped to challenge our society’s march toward euthanasia for the feeble and aged.

I am very happy to welcome you to my home town of Chicago. It is an exciting place with lots of energy and this Chicago conference will prepare you for action! May God go with you as you continue to serve Him and make a difference For Life!

Diane Schroeder  
President



This year's ingathering of layette items will be given to Care Net of DuPage. Please leave your gifts at the Lutherans For Life registration table.

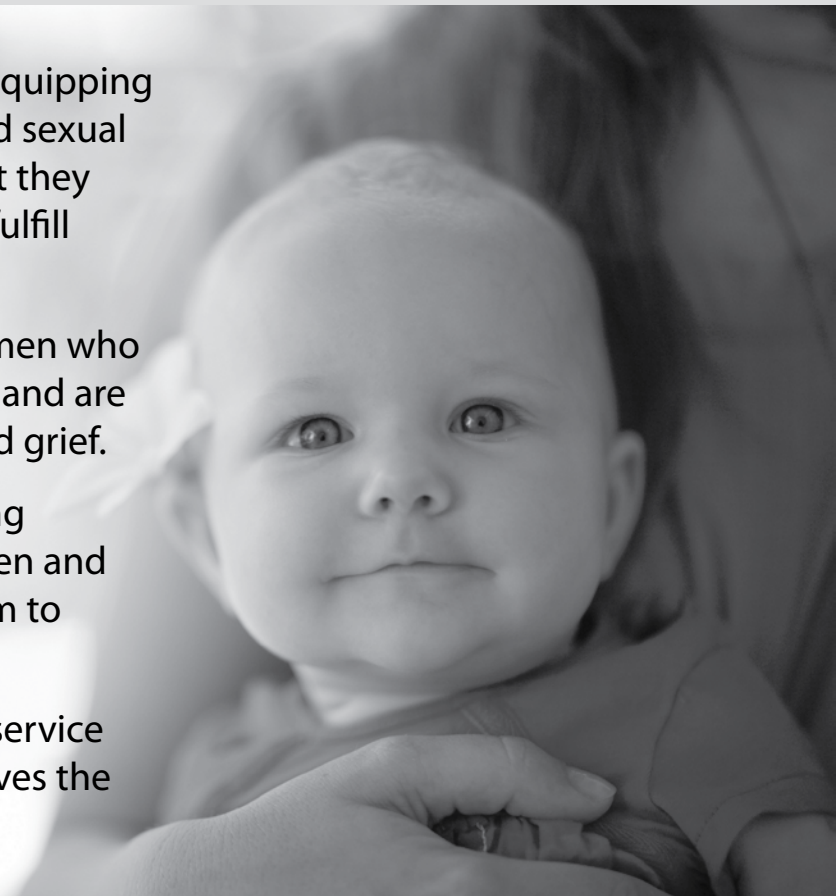
The Heart of Care Net is to reach women in unplanned pregnancies with unconditional love, counseling and support—transforming hearts, impacting the lives of women and saving their babies.

We work with young people equipping them to make choices to avoid sexual activity and pregnancy so that they can have the best future and fulfill their goals and dreams.

We reach out to men and women who have an abortion in their past and are caught in a web of despair and grief.

We seek to make an everlasting difference in the lives of women and their families by bringing them to saving faith.

It is God's love for us and our service to Him that motivates and drives the passion of Care Net.



Your prayers, volunteer involvement, and financial support allow Lutherans For Life to accomplish its Gospel-centered work.

During the conference, participants will be given an additional opportunity to support the organization.

Thank you for prayerfully considering how you, your family, and congregation can help.

# Living with Dying

“For to me to live is  
Christ, and to die is gain”  
(Philippians 1:21)

## Life Sunday 2013

Watch for Life Sunday  
Sample Packs in October!



## Lutherans For Life

Bible-based and Gospel-focused  
materials for all ages on:

Abortion • Adoption • Bioethics  
Creation • End-of-Life  
Family Living • Post-Abortion Healing  
Fetal Development • Sexual Purity

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## **Thank You to the Conference Donors ...**

### **Pastor's Luncheon**

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## Conference Speakers and Workshop Leaders



**JT Eschbach** is a veteran sidewalk counselor, who has assisted couples in front of clinics for over eight years. He regularly hosts workshops and talks on effective counseling techniques, and has traveled across the country to share his insights. JT is

an active volunteer with pro-life organizations, serving as a board member on the Illinois Right to Life Committee, a chairman on Chicago Archdiocese Culture of Life Board, and a SWC trainer with the Pro Life Action League. Outside of pro-life activities, JT has been the Master of Ceremonies for the past two National Catholic Singles Conferences, based in Chicago, Illinois, and Tampa, Florida. He also mentors high school students by teaching catechism classes, giving chastity talks, and leading youth ministry events.



**Rev. Dr. Jeff Gibbs** is Professor of Exegetical Theology at Concordia Seminary, Saint Louis, Missouri, where he has taught since 1992. His parish ministry experience was at Calvary, St. Helens, Oregon (1979-86) and

Grace, Scappoose, Oregon (1979-89). Jeff is a 1979 M. Div. graduate of Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, Indiana, where he also earned the S.T.M. in 1988. His Ph.D. in Biblical Studies is from Union Theological Seminary in Virginia, Richmond, Virginia (1995). Jeff has published articles in the journals of both LCMS seminaries, in *Catholic Biblical Quarterly* and in *The Lutheran Witness*. He is the author of *Jerusalem and Parousia: Jesus' Eschatological Discourse in Matthew's Gospel and Matthew 1:1-11:1*. He is also the New Testament editor for *The Concordia Commentary: A Theological Exposition of Sacred Scriptures*.



**Marlene Eidsmoe**, the daughter of Dutch immigrant parents, grew up on a North Dakota farm and now lives with her husband John (who serves on the board of directors of Lutherans For Life) in rural Pike Road, Alabama. She home-schooled their three children for twenty-two years and now teaches Bible and Art at Montgomery Christian School, an

academy for underprivileged children. She has long been inspired by the heroism of Corrie ten Boom in the Netherlands during World War II and will present Corrie's testimony and its meaning for us in full traditional Dutch apparel.

**Renee Gibbs** is, first and foremost, a daughter of the King! She is the wife of Dr. Jeff Gibbs who teaches at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, where they have lived since 1992. Renee has earned advance degrees both in Special Education (Webster University) and in Theology (Concordia Seminary). A leading pro-life advocate, Renee



speaks out on behalf of the unborn and in love for those women who have been wounded by abortion. She frequently speaks on life issues to groups and seminary classes, encouraging students in their future roles as pastors and leaders. Renee participates in regular prayer vigils at Planned Parenthood. She and Jeff serve as advisors for the Concordia Seminary Life Team. She advised the Teens for Life group at Lutheran High, St. Charles County, Missouri, taking teens to Washington, DC, for the March for Life every year since 1997. Renee leads numerous Bible studies and mentoring groups for seminary wives. She also speaks at retreats and other functions for Christian women. She has led many seminary mission trips to Guatemala. Renee taught and consulted in Special Education for 18 years. The Gibbses have four grown children and ten grandchildren.



**Barb Kinast, R.N.** is a Clinical Coordinator at West Suburban Center for Cancer Care in River Forest, Illinois. She graduated from the University of Illinois in 1978 with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing. Her 34-year nursing career has included both patient care and management. For the

last 23 years, her specialty has been caring for patients with cancer and blood disorders. Palliative care and ethics are two of her many areas of interest. She has been active in educating nursing staff and in the local chapter of the Oncology Nursing Society. Barbara is certified in Oncology Nursing. She was selected as the 1999 Leukemia Research Foundation Hematology-Oncology Nurse of the Year, and received the 2004 ONS Pearl Moore Career Development Award. Barbara is a member of Messiah Lutheran Church in Chicago and serves on the Board of Christian Education and as a Bible study leader. (She is famous for her footprint cookies!) Barb and her husband, John, have been married for 32 years, living on the northwest side of Chicago.



**The Rev. Dr. Kenneth R. Klaus** is Speaker Emeritus of *The Lutheran Hour*<sup>®</sup> radio program. As Speaker Emeritus, he writes and records a sermon a month for *The Lutheran Hour*, writes and edits Lutheran Hour Ministries' daily devotions, records Bible studies and other video

clips for the LHM Men's NetWork (an online men's ministry resource), and represents Lutheran Hour Ministries at speaking engagements across the country. Klaus previously served as Speaker of *The Lutheran Hour* from 2002 until his retirement from the position at the end of 2010. Pastor Klaus has 28 years experience as a parish pastor. Before taking the Speaker's microphone, he was administrative pastor of Our Redeemer Lutheran Church in Dallas, Texas. He served the International Lutheran Laymen's League (the same organization as Lutheran Hour Ministries) as its pastoral advisor from 1996 to 2000. He

also held pastoral positions in Minnesota, central Illinois, and South Dakota Lutheran parishes. Pastor Klaus speaks throughout the United States and Canada. A prolific writer, Pastor Klaus has published many works, including volumes one and two of *Stories from The Lutheran Hour - A Changeless Christ in a Changing World* and two prayer books (one for use by people in the military and a companion book to be used by loved ones at home). Currently he is writing daily devotions available via e-mail from Lutheran Hour Ministries that speak to readers with the holiness of God in the here and now. Pastor Klaus holds a Master of Theology degree from Concordia Seminary in Springfield, Illinois, and a Bachelor of Arts degree in pre-seminary studies from Concordia College in Fort Wayne, Indiana. He also was awarded an honorary title, Doctor of Divinity, by Concordia University Wisconsin in December 2005.



**Pastor Doug Merkey** graduated with a degree in Marketing from Penn State University in 1989. After several years in the corporate world, he obtained his Master of Divinity from Covenant Theological Seminary in St. Louis in 1999. His awareness of God's love for all human life—born and unborn—came while in seminary. Since then,

Doug has worked as the college and career pastor and pastor of the Life Team at Twin Oaks Presbyterian Church. He has served on the board of Thrive, St. Louis, a local organization that helps men and women in crisis pregnancies or who are struggling with having chosen abortion. In January, 2008, Doug was called by Twin Oaks to launch Churches for Life ([www.getintolife.org](http://www.getintolife.org)), and organization that exists to nourish churches as gospel-driven champions of life. Doug counts it his special joy to help Christians see themselves as those who have been rescued by God's amazing love in Christ, and who respond to that love by living humble, joyful people who likewise look to rescue others.



**Dr. David C. Reardon, Ph.D.**, director of the Elliot Institute, is widely recognized as one of the leading experts on the aftereffects of abortion on women, a field in which he has specialized since 1983. He is the author of numerous books and popular and scholarly articles on this topic. His studies have been published in such

prestigious medical journals as the *British Medical Journal* and the *American Journal of Obstetrics and Gynecology* and have proven that abortion compared to childbirth is associated with higher rates of maternal death, psychiatric hospitalization, subsequent substance abuse, clinical depression, and numerous other complications. He is a frequent guest on Christian radio and Christian television talk shows and has been a key note speaker at many state and national conventions for crisis pregnancy centers and pro-life organizations.



**Carl F. Schroeder** is a practicing attorney in Wheaton, Illinois, where he specializes in Civil Trials and Appeals. He is a certified as a Civil Trial Advocate by the National Board of Trial Advocacy and has been peer selected to Illinois Law and Leading Attorneys. He received his B.A. from Valparaiso University and his

J.D. from Loyola University of Chicago and has written and taught on a variety of legal subjects. He has defended many prolife activists charged in criminal proceedings for their actions to save lives. He and his wife, Diane, are members of Immanuel Lutheran Church in Elmhurst, Illinois. The Schroeder's have four children aged 22– 29.



**Jill Stanek** was a registered nurse in the Labor & Delivery Department at Christ Hospital in Oak Lawn, Illinois. She discovered not only were abortions being committed there, but babies were being aborted alive to die without medical care. When hospital leaders

said that they would not stop, Jill went public and has become a national figure in the effort to protect both born and pre-born infants. Jill has been quoted in the national media on television, on radio, in print, and by local and national legislators. Jill has testified twice before the Judiciary Constitution Subcommittee of the U.S. House of Representatives and in several state legislatures. Jill's written testimony has been read several times in key U.S. Congressional debates on the Partial Birth Abortion Ban and Born Alive Infants Protection Act. Jill remained at the hospital fighting the fight from the inside, until she was terminated in 2001 for reasons related to her public outspokenness to its abortion practices. In January 2003, World magazine named Jill as one of the 30 most prominent pro-life leaders in the movement over the past 30 years. In January 2009, Jill was recipient of the prestigious Life Prizes Award by the Gerard Foundation. Jill oversees her own blog, [jillstanek.com](http://jillstanek.com), the top ranking pro-life blog in the U.S. Jill is a member of Parkview Christian Church in Orland Park, Illinois. She is wife to Rich, mother to three children, and grandmother to eight grandsons.



**Carol Tobias** is the president of the National Right to Life Committee, the nation's oldest and largest pro-life organization. A native of North Dakota, she has served on the National Right to Life board of directors since 1987.

From 1983 to 1991, she was executive director of North Dakota Right to Life and in 1991 was hired as National Right to Life Political Director, a position she held until 2005. During her tenure as political director, pro-life majorities were elected to both the U.S. House of Representatives and U.S. Senate. In

both 2000 and 2004, she oversaw the efforts of National Right to Life's political action committee on behalf of George W. Bush. She has appeared on ABC's *World News Tonight*, NBC's *Today Show*, CNN, *The News Hour* on PBS, C-SPAN, and Fox News Channel, as well as numerous television and radio programs throughout the country. She has been quoted in the *New York Times*, *Wall Street Journal*, *Washington Post*, *Los Angeles Times*, and *USA Today*.



**James P. Schroeder – Christian Estate Planning Counselor** – grew up on a farm at Laurel, Nebraska. He is a graduate of Concordia College, Seward, Nebraska, with a Master's Degree from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. Jim taught in

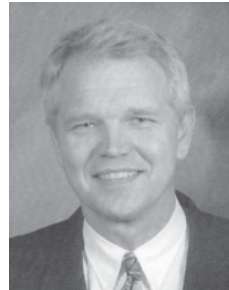
Lutheran schools and coached for four years. He spent ten years as a district representative and general agent for Aid Association for Lutherans before called by the LCMS Foundation in 1989. He and his wife, Sue, have four children: Lukas, Timothy, Mindee, and Adam. Jim is giving a portion of his time as a Christian Estate Planning Counselor for the LCMS Foundation to LFL. He is offering his services to help those who have connections to LFL develop their Lifetime Plan for Giving. There is no charge for his services and LFL pays his expenses. So if you or someone you know would like some help in the area of estate planning, please contact Jim directly (jschroeder@lutheransforlife.org; 877.913.2221).

## National Board of Directors



**Diane Schroeder – President** – and her husband, Carl, are parents of four children. Diane has been active in LFL since 1985 when she helped organize the DuPage County chapter in northern Illinois. She also participated in starting the Illinois federation of LFL and served as its president

until her election as an at-large member of the national LFL board of directors in 2000. In 1991, she helped organize Word of Hope (formerly known as LFL Healing Hearts), the post-abortion outreach ministry of LFL. In addition to her duties as president, she continues to work with Word of Hope and its director, Grace Kern. She is also on staff at Care Net Pregnancy Services of DuPage as Director of Communications. Diane and her family are members of Immanuel Lutheran Church in Elmhurst, Illinois.



**Rodney Rathmann – Vice-President** – taught and served as administrator of Lutheran schools in Minnesota and Ohio before joining the editorial staff of Concordia Publishing House where he now serves as the senior editor of day and midweek school

materials. Rodney was a member of the LCMS Sanctity of Life Task Force. He currently serves as vice president of the National Lutherans For Life Board of Directors. He and his wife, Dawn, attend Christ Memorial Lutheran Church in suburban St. Louis. They are the parents of two grown sons and three grandchildren.



**Rich Greiner – Treasurer** – and his wife Laura, of Dansville, Michigan, have nine children. Rich and his wife own and manage a real estate management firm: GFP Management LLC. He serves on many community associations and is actively involved at St. Matthew Lutheran Church.

Rich is a director of a local community bank and MOST Ministries where he serves as treasurer. His business experience dates back to the 1970s and includes construction, investment, real estate, and military service. Rich has extensive international missionary travel experience.



**Lynette Auch – State Representative** – and her husband, Douglas, are the parents of two grown, homeschooled children, Crystal and Zachary. Crystal and her husband, Marcus Snearley, PO2 US Navy, are the parents to baby Isaac. Lynette has been active in LFL since 1985, helping to form and charter Southeast South Dakota LFL and the

South Dakota State Federation. She has served on the board of directors of LFL of South Dakota since 1993, and as state president since 1997. One of her biggest joys in the pro-life movement has been being involved in the ground-work and fund-raising for an ultrasound machine gifted to a local crisis pregnancy center, with on-going fund-raising for the continuation of this ultrasound ministry. Lynette received a Bachelor’s Degree in Nursing from Mount Marty College, Yankton, South Dakota, in 1990 and has worked as a staff RN on the Women’s Center of Avera Sacred Heart Hospital, Yankton, since 1990. Lynette also assists her husband in the family business, D & Z Energy Systems, featuring alternative energy sources of wind and solar energy systems and providing energy consultations. Lynette and Douglas formerly worked with the South Dakota team of Ongoing Ambassadors for Christ, in which both their children were also involved. The Auch Family attends and is active on committees, lead Bible studies, and are involved in various activities at St. John’s Lutheran Church, Yankton. Formerly they were also active in the local organizations of 4-H and the Yankton Area Ice Association.



**John Eidsmoe** is a retired Air Force Lt. Colonel and Alabama State Defense Force Colonel, Headquarters Judge Advocate, and Deputy Chaplain. He is a Professor of Law at the Oak Brook College of Law and Government

Policy, and in his various teaching assignments his students have given him the Outstanding Professor Award or Prof of the Year Award five

times. He has served as Senior Staff Attorney at the Alabama Supreme Court and is currently Legal Counsel for the Foundation for Moral Law. He is an ordained pastor with the Association of Free Lutheran Congregations and serves on the Board of Lutherans for Life and on the Board of the Plymouth Rock Foundation, and is a constitutional attorney who has defended home schools, Christian schools, the right of students to study the Bible in public schools, and the right of public officials to display the Ten Commandments. He has authored 14 books and numerous audio and video lecture series. He holds six academic degrees in law, theology and political science, as well as graduating from the Air Command & Staff College and the Air War College. He is Third Degree Black Belt with the American Taekwondo Foundation, a Fifth Degree Black Belt with the Gospel Martial Arts Union, and a Fifth Degree Black Belt with Black Belts of the Faith International. Colonel Eidsmoe is an avid horseman and skier. He and his wife Marlene have been married since 1970, have three children (David, Kirsten, and Justin), and live in rural Pike Road, Alabama.



**Karen Frohwein – State Representative** – and her husband, Randy, are the parents of two grown children, Mike and Amanda, and a stillborn son, Brian, who lives in heaven. Amanda and her husband, Adam, will be welcoming their first child into their arms in October, making Karen and Randy

grandparents!! Karen is a graduate of Iowa State University and previously worked at the national office of Lutherans For Life, as well as the Iowa Department of Human Services. Karen is also a two-time cancer survivor and is involved in supporting those who face cancer with the comfort of the Gospel. Randy and Karen live in State Center, Iowa, and are active members of Redeemer Lutheran in Marshalltown.

**Renee Gibbs** (See “Conference Speakers and Workshop Leaders”)



**Rev. Everette E. Greene** was born in Baltimore, Maryland, where he grew up. He attended Concordia College, Bronxville, New York, from 1979-1983, where he received a Bachelor of Arts Degree.

He went on from there to attend Concordia Seminary in St. Louis, Missouri, from 1983-1985 at which time he left school to help his then ailing parents. After leaving school he had various jobs, most involving his occupational second love, driving. He drove everything from armored cars to armored tractor-trailers, regular tractor-trailers, and finally motor coaches (charter buses). During this time his mother went on to her eternal rest in 1987. His father has had many strokes but is now doing well. In 1997 he met Rhonda Sherrice Smith and her daughter Paige. He and Rhonda were married on Christmas Eve that same year. In the summer of 2000 he returned to his studies, this time at Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, Indiana. After completing his classroom preparation, he was assigned to Ebenezer Lutheran Church-Greensboro, NC. There he served as Vicar for a year. He received his Master of Arts in Theology in 2003. In April 2003, he received his call to be pastor at St. Philip Lutheran Church, Chattanooga, Tennessee. He was ordained in June 2003 in Baltimore, Maryland. He was installed as pastor at St. Philip in July 2003. In January 2006 he became pastor at Immanuel Lutheran Church, Cincinnati, Ohio.



**Stephenie Hovland** was born and raised in southern Wisconsin. She received her Lutheran teaching degree from Concordia University – Wisconsin. She has been teaching, playing the organ, and volunteering at churches (in Missouri,

Michigan, Minnesota, and Wisconsin) since she was a teenager. Her husband, Greg, is an LCMS pastor. They currently serve Our Saviour Lutheran Church in Green Bay where their two teen girls attend Lutheran schools. Now a part-time teacher, Stephenie has found more time to volunteer in her church and write devotions, curriculum,

and children's books. She is a Life Advocate and participates in prayer vigils outside a local abortion provider.



**Pastor Evan McClanahan** is the pastor of First Evangelical Lutheran Church near downtown Houston, Texas. From Shreveport, Louisiana, he attended Centenary College of Louisiana, earning a B.A. Music. Following two years of work as an executive recruiter, he attended the Lutheran School of Theology in Chicago for

his M.Div. Before moving to Houston, he was an Associate Pastor at Living Word Lutheran in Grapevine, Texas. Since arriving in Houston, he has focused on a ministry to community college students and young adults, especially those who struggle with unexpected pregnancies. He and his wife Amanda married in 2006, and they have two young children, Adalyn Rose and Alister Gregory.



**Gary Mrosko** – Gary's pro-life activities include daily prayer for life issues and financial support for life ministry. Experienced in non-profit management and strategic planning, he helped the LFL Board develop its current mission, vision, and values statements. Before retirement, Gary directed various non-profit Christian

based facilities for people with disabilities for over 40 years. Gary lives in Faribault, Minnesota, with this wife Barb. They have four children and nine grandchildren.

## LFL State Affiliate Presidents



**Jeanne Strubbe – LFL of Illinois** – worked for 30 years at the *Jacksonville Journal-Courier* newspaper with her last position being Classified Advertising Manager. She retired in April 2007, wanting to get further involved in the pro-

life movement. Jeanne writes a weekly *Life Lines* article that is sent to area Lutheran churches for publication in Sunday bulletins. She is secretary-treasurer for the Illinois Valley Lutherans for Life chapter 210 and a member of LWML. Jeanne lives on the family farm west of Jacksonville with her horses, Ronnie and Ginger, and her dogs, Callie and Chloe. Jeanne is a widow after losing her husband Richard to cancer in July of 2009. She has a son, Craig, and a grandson, Michael, who live in Jacksonville, Illinois, and two daughters, Sarah and Stephanie. Jeanne is a member of Salem Lutheran Church, Jacksonville and serves as Life Ministry Coordinator for Salem.



**Clarence Zimmer – LFL of Indiana** – and his wife, Arlene, are parents of three children and have two grandchildren. A graduate of Purdue University, Clarence retired from a career in business and engineering in 1996. He has

also studied mathematics at the graduate level and has taught evening courses at a local community college. In 1989 he helped organize the Central Indiana LFL chapter and served as vice president of LFL of Indiana before becoming president in 1995. Clarence was a member of the National LFL Board of Directors from 1997-2004. He has served on the Indiana District, LCMS, Board of Outreach, and has held various offices at the congregational level. With experience as caregivers for a son with autism, (called home to the Lord at age 12) Arlene and Clarence were active for several years in Lutheran Disability Ministry of Indianapolis. They are members of Bethany Lutheran Church in Connersville.

**Karen Frohwein – LFL of Iowa** – (See “National Board of Directors”)



**Jeanne Mackay – LFL of Kansas** – has, since 1980, started local chapters wherever she has lived: Perryville, Springfield, Kansas City (all in Missouri) and Johnson County, Kansas. In 1985

she founded Lutherans For Life of Missouri and served as its president for nine years. In 1996 she worked with Dr. Jean Garton and Jean Heise to organize the Women of Hope Conference in Kansas City. In 2003 she founded Lutherans For Life of Kansas and has served as president since that time, as well as serving as president of her local chapter. Before working with LFL she was a staff member with Lutheran Youth Encounter and parish worker in several churches. Married in 1972 to Jay Mackay, they raised six children and now have 13 grandchildren. Also during her marriage she worked alongside her husband in self-employment endeavors, earned an Associates Degree in Travel and Tourism and an Associates in General Studies, worked as an accounts payable specialist in a large property management company and presently owns and operates The Tasteful Olive, a unique oil and vinegar store in Overland Park, Kansas.



**Connie Davis – LFL of Michigan** – has served as president of Lutherans For Life of Michigan for 18 years. She considers it an honor and a privilege to speak to children, teens and adults on the life issues which affect our culture today. Connie also edits

*Lifelines*, the quarterly newsletter produced by LFL of Michigan. She was formerly a synodically trained Lutheran elementary school teacher, is the wife of retired Lutheran elementary school principal, Terry, the mother of three sons and grandmother of four. In her “spare” time, Connie enjoys babysitting for her grandsons, teaching piano to 15 students and leading ladies’ Bible studies.





**Diane Albers – LFL of Missouri** – and her husband, Mike, are the parents of three children. Tim is an engineer and with his wife, Jackie, gave Mike and Diane their first grandson, Drennon! Bethany is a middle school teacher at Christ Community Lutheran

School in Kirkwood and Justin is a Sergeant in the Army, stationed at Ft. Bragg. Diane helped organize the South St. Louis chapter of LFL and served as president. She served on the LFL of Missouri board of directors as eastern coordinator and chapter development coordinator before becoming president in 1994. Diane is the director and preschool teacher at Word of Life Lutheran School. Mike teaches math at Lutheran South High School in Saint Louis and is the sponsor for Lancers For Life.



**Helen Lewis – LFL of Montana** – and her husband, Patrick, are the parents of three children and six grandchildren. Helen has been with LFL since 1997 serving as a vice president on the Montana LFL state board. She previously worked in

her children’s schools and taught four year old preschool. Helen continues to share God’s Word with children in a Bible study setting. She enjoys enlightening everyone with God’s Word on life issues, participating in various Bible study groups, being outdoors in all types of weather and seeing different parts of the world.



**Jolene Richardson – LFL of North Dakota** – became involved in life issues as a result of the Lutherans for Life organization and has served on the state

board. Jolene is Assistant Director of Continuing Studies at Minnesota State University Moorhead (Minnesota). She is a member of Grace Lutheran Church in Fargo where she is active in Christian education and the Lutheran Women’s Missionary

League. Her daughter, Elsa, recently graduated from Illinois Wesleyan University with a BFA in Theater.

**Lynette Auch – LFL of South Dakota** – (see National Board of Directors)

**Paula Oldenburg – LFL of Wisconsin** (photo not available at press time) was born to Harold & Clair Jensema, of Easton, Wisconsin. She was baptized at home and grew up as a member of Zion Lutheran Church in Aniwa. Because Paula’s Mother had rheumatic fever as a child, had a weak heart, and had already given birth to two children, the option to not carry Paula was given to her mother by the doctor. Her mother refused the option. Paula said, “when find out you could’ve not been born but you were born ... you’re almost automatically, thankfully, of the pro-life mindset – not much to doubt about appreciating life, there”! Several years ago, she felt led to attend a workshop given by Dr. Lamb and Ed Szeto entitled, Learning How You Can Speak. Through this, she learned about the mission, message, and manner of Lutherans For Life. Since then, Paula has helped to bring an LFL presence to a local area congregation, help develop a crisis pregnancy center, and also serve as a Right to Life chairperson in Oneida and Vilas counties. Paula attended the University of Wisconsin Eau Claire. She is a member of Peace Lutheran Church in Antigo. Paula and her husband, Mark, live in Rhinelander. They have no children, but enjoy a combination of students, nieces, nephews, and friends. Paula is thankful for the opportunity to “live the abundant life” in a state that has excellent organizations like Wisconsin Right to Life and Lutherans For Life. She strives to help keep strong those who know that God loves life and wants all of His followers to as well!

## National Life Center Team



**Rev. Dr. James I. Lamb – Executive Director** – grew up in the small, southern Minnesota town of Good Thunder. There he married his childhood sweetheart, RoxAnne. The Lambs have been blessed with two sons and two daughters-in-law, a granddaughter,

Jamie, and grandsons, Luke, Grant, and Zane. Dr. Lamb and RoxAnne live in State Center, Iowa. Dr. Lamb received a B.A. in Biology from Mankato State University in 1973. In 1975 he enlisted in the USAF and served as an Emergency Medical Technician at the USAF Academy Hospital in Colorado Springs. He entered Concordia Seminary, Saint Louis in 1978, served his vicarage year at St. Paul, Royal Oak, Michigan, and graduated with a Master of Divinity in 1982. In 1994 he received his Doctor of Ministry from Concordia, Saint Louis. Prior to accepting the position of Executive Director of National Lutherans For Life in April, 1996, Dr. Lamb served as senior pastor at St. Paul, Garner, Iowa, for fourteen years. During this time he also served as Circuit Counselor, member of the board of directors for Lutheran Family Service of Iowa, chairman of the board of directors for a community/school youth program, spiritual advisor for a local Lutherans For Life chapter, and chaplain of the Garner Volunteer Fire Department. He presently serves on the Sanctity of Life Committee for the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod Life Ministries. He is the author of numerous brochures, articles, and essays connecting God's Word of Life to the life issues.



**Dale Olson – Director of Operations** – Dale joined the staff of LFL in February of 2012. He grew up in Lake Mills, Iowa, where he married his wife Kris. Dale and Kris have been blessed with two sons and three grandchildren. Dale received a B.A. in accounting from Buena Vista College. He is a certified production and inventory control

manager and holds a certification in integrated resource management. He worked for 37 years for Cummins Engine Company in many different managerial positions and locations. He traveled internationally for several years in his last assignment with Cummins. He retired from Cummins at the end of 2008 and was soon led to work for Fender Guitar in California in 2009 and 2010. Dale has held many different offices in local congregations. He currently serves as Chairman of Bethany Lutheran Church in Ames, Iowa, where the Olsons reside. He also leads Bethany's Sunday morning adult Bible study.



**Lowell Highby – Director of Communications** – joined the staff of LFL in January of 1998. Before assuming this position, he served as general manager of KNGN Good News Radio in McCook, Nebraska, from 1992 through 1997. Before 1992, Lowell worked in various capacities at radio stations in Marshall,

Minnesota; Antigo, Wisconsin; and Redwood Falls, Minnesota. He received his broadcast training at Brown Institute of Broadcasting in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Lowell is originally from the Lamberton, Minnesota, area. He has been active in local congregations, serving as a Sunday school and VBS teacher, LYF advisor, Lifelight group leader, local LLL president, choir member, in various church council positions (board of education, president, and secretary), and as a member of the Clemons Lutheran School board. He is a past president and secretary of the McCook Sertoma Club. Lowell has also been in

community theater and local historical societies in Walnut Grove, Minnesota, and Nevada, Iowa. Lowell resides in Nevada, Iowa, with his son, Alexander, and is active at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Ames.



**Kay L. Meyer – Director of Development**

– Kay L. Meyer has been the Director of Development for Lutherans For Life since January of 2009 and has been involved in “For Life” ministries for over 25 years. The half-time contracted position,

includes building trusting relationships with LFL donors and offering her advice and expertise in development to the Life Team, the LFL Board of Directors, and LFL volunteers. In addition to her work with LFL she is also the founder and president of Family Shield Ministries and host of its weekly *Family Shield* radio program. She is a popular speaker and author of numerous books, hundreds of articles, and devotions for children and adults. Her newest book is *Witnessing—A Lifestyle* which helps individuals learn how to share their faith in the home, at work, and in the community. Kay has a Master of Arts Degree in Media Communication from Webster University, St. Louis and a Bachelor of Science in Education from Harris Stowe State University. She and her husband, Tjaden, have been married over 40 years. They have three children (two grown sons are now with the Lord), three grandchildren, and are members of Concordia Lutheran Church in Kirkwood, Missouri.

**James P. Schroeder – Christian Estate Planning Counselor** – (See National Conference Speakers)



**Laura Davis – Development Counselor and Director of Generations For Life**

– joined the Life Team in June 2012. She is the daughter of a Lutheran pastor and a Lutheran preschool teacher from Katy, Texas. She received a Bachelor of Arts

in history from Texas A&M University in 2010

and a Master of Public Service and Administration at A&M’s Bush School of Government and Public Service in 2012, with an emphasis on non-profit management. She was a volunteer and sidewalk counselor with the Brazos Valley Coalition for Life and an active member of the Lutheran Women’s Missionary League, serving as a Zone Young Women’s Representative. She completed an internship at a pregnancy resource center in Lynnwood, Washington and has previously served on the National Board of Directors for Lutherans For Life. She currently resides in Arnold, Missouri, where she attends St. John’s Lutheran Church and is active in the music ministry.



**Trisha Adams – Business Manager and National Conference Director**

– has been our staff accountant since 1999 and LFL national conference director since 2008. She completed an Associate of Science Degree in Accounting in 2000 and a Bachelor of Arts degree in Business Administration

from William Penn University in 2006. She attends St. John Lutheran Church, rural State Center, where she is active in choir, Vesper Circle, and currently serves as secretary of the State Center LFL chapter. Trisha has one grown son and lives on an acreage near State Center, Iowa.



**Amy Rosenberg – Administrative Assistant**

– a native of Nevada, Iowa, joined LFL in May of 2008. After graduation in 2001, she joined the Navy and served on board the USS Abraham Lincoln. Amy also attended Kirkwood Community

College in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, for sign language interpreting. She lives in Nevada with her husband, Nick, and daughter, Lola. Amy attends Bethany Lutheran Church in Ames, Iowa.



**Kim Nessa – Administrative Assistant** – joined Lutherans For Life in April 2008. Before joining LFL, she was the manager of Creative Apparel, a screen printing business in Story City, Iowa. She and her husband, Kevin, have three married children and six grandchildren. They are members of Stavanger Free Lutheran Church where they have been active in youth ministry, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, and many other church activities.



**Jerilyn Richard – Director of Renewal For Life** – joined Lutherans For Life in January of 2006. She received an Associates Degree from the Association Free Lutheran Bible School in Plymouth, Minnesota.

She continued her education at Northwestern Bible College in St. Paul, Minnesota, earning a Bachelors Degree in Business. Jerilyn was a stay-at-home mom prior to working at Lutherans For Life. She has three children and attends Stavanger Free Lutheran Church in Garden City.



**Jean Amundson – Renewal For Life Regional Director of Texas** – is an equipping expert. She and her husband, Robert, have raised four children and have seven grandchildren. Her husband is a router for a Walmart Distribution Center. In 2009, Jean retired from a large utility company in the North Texas

region as a Certified Professional Secretary. She's been with Lutherans For Life for many years and has served as president of Texas Lutherans For Life, a state representative to the national LFL board of directors, and secretary of the national board of directors. Jean organized and leads a post-abortion recover ministry, Hope in the Mourning, with the support of the local pregnancy center—for which she was commissioned by her church. Jean served five years (2000-2005) as a

Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) Mission Ministry Vision (MMV) consultant for Texas. In 2005, was nominated for LWML Texas Lutheran Woman of the Year. Jean speaks to adult Bible classes and church organizations on life affirming issues.



**Katie Friedrich – Office Assistant** – joined the Lutherans For Life staff in April of 2005 as a part-time data processor. She also works part-time at the Ames Public Library. She received an office assistant's certificate from Des Moines Area Community College

in 2000 and her associate of arts degree from Waldorf College in 2002. She has two brothers, two sisters-in-law, and three nieces. Katie lives in Ames, Iowa, and is a member of St. Paul Lutheran Church where she substitute taught in pre-school, taught VBS, and currently teaches Sunday school and sings in the choir and plays on the church softball team.

## Lutherans For Life Outreach Team



**Linda Bartlett – Titus 2** – is the wife of Paul, the mother of two sons and two daughter-in-laws, and the grandmother of six grandchildren. Linda is a homemaker, writer, and speaker. She has been involved in the ministry of Lutherans For Life on the

local, state and national levels. She served on the national board of LFL for 18 years, nine of them as president. In 2004, Linda stepped down from the role of LFL president to start Titus 2 for Life. At retreats, in Bible studies, on radio, and through a website and blog, this ministry uses the model of Titus 2 in mentoring Biblical manhood and womanhood (titus2-4life.org and ezerwoman.wordpress.com). Titus 2 for Life functions under the umbrella of Word of Hope, the abortion healing ministry of LFL (888.217.8679). Linda is the co-founder of the Lighthouse Center of

Hope, a caring pregnancy center in Iowa Falls, Iowa, and serves as president of its board. Linda is the author of Bible studies, devotionals, and booklets including *Men, Women and Relationships*; *Dressing for Life: Secrets of the Great Cover-up*; *Into His Loving Care*; *Not Alone*; and *Faithfulness: One Child at a Time* (available through Concordia Publishing House, or [www.Titus2-4life.org](http://www.Titus2-4life.org)).



**Dennis Di Mauro – LFL Representative to the National Pro-life Religious Council** – is Secretary of the National Pro-Life Religious Council, President of Northern VA Lutherans For Life, and a vicar in the North

American Lutheran Church.



**Grace Kern – Director of Word of Hope** – is a social worker and a member of the American Association of Christian Counselors, has been involved in pro-life work for over 30

years. She first served as president, counselor, and speaker for the Care and Counseling Center of Downers Grove, Illinois, and then as Director of Word of Hope (formerly Healing Hearts) since its founding in 1991. Through her ministry, she has helped women and men struggling with a crisis pregnancy or a past abortion in congregations, communities, prisons, and military bases throughout the country. In addition to counseling, Grace is an educator and teacher. She trains others in Post Traumatic Stress Disorder, and works with deaconesses through Concordia University, River Forest. Grace started an abstinence-centered education program that has reached well over forty thousand teenagers. She has written a number of articles for LifeDate, and has been a guest on national talk radio programs such as Mid Day Connection, Prime Time America, and Woman to Woman. Grace resides in Oak Brook, Illinois, with her husband Greg who she has been married to for 47 years. They have three children, eight grandchildren, and are members of Trinity Lutheran Church in Lisle.



**Pastor Don Richman – LFL International Representative** – was born and raised on a farm near Tower City, North Dakota. After graduation from high school, he served with the Army for two years in Munich. After that, he enrolled at Concordia College in

Moorhead, Minnesota where he graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Social Work and Economics in 1959. Soon after beginning his career as a social worker, the Lord called him into the ministry. He enrolled at Luther Seminary in St. Paul, Minnesota, where he graduated with a master's degree in theology in 1969. Pastor Richman was married to the former Mavis Elster in July of 1963. They served as missionaries there until 1974. After serving as an associate pastor in Jamestown, North Dakota, for three and a half years, Pastor Richman was called to the senior pastorate at Emmaus Lutheran Church in Bloomington, Minnesota. After much prayer, thought and consultation, Pastor Richman was led to resign from his position at Emmaus Lutheran church to organize the East European Missions Network—incorporated in 1992. Pastor Richman served as director until March of 2004. He continues as Founding Director of EEMN. Though he and Mavis continues to reside in Bloomington, Minnesota, he travels frequently to various countries in Eastern Europe and the former Soviet Union.



**Kristin Wassilak – Word of Hope** – has served as a Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod deaconess for 25 years, in both parish and institutional settings. She is deaconess at St. Paul's Lutheran Church and School, Brookfield, Illinois.

She is wife of Rob and mother of Collin (15) and Annika (12). Kristin serves on the board of Word of Hope, has served as an LCMS reconciler, on Synodical committees such as President's Commission on Women, Task Force on Domestic Violence and Child Abuse, and others.

The Consequences of Roe v. Wade

**54,559,615**

Total USA abortions since 1973

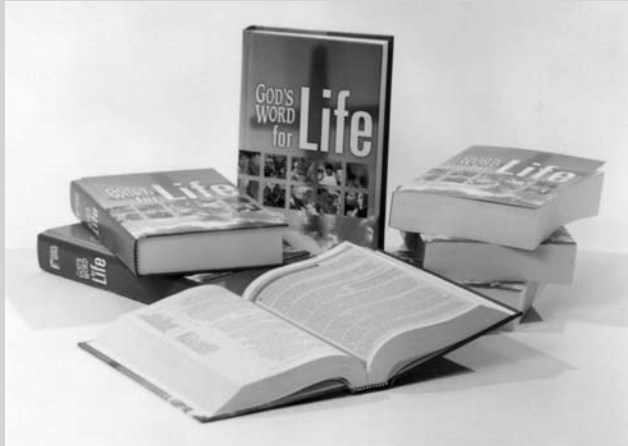
Based on numbers reported by the Guttmacher Institute 1973-2008, with estimates of 1,212,400 for 2009-2011. GI estimates a possible 3% under reporting rate, which is factored into the total.

Source: National Right to Life, 1/12



**Everyday, women and men are left hurting and grieving due to an abortion decision.**

## GOD'S WORD for Life



**Want more Bible-based information on life issues? Here it is!**

Whether you're a pastor or a layperson, a teacher or a student, there is life-changing truth in **GOD'S WORD for Life** for you!

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## GOD'S WORD for Life

### **Give a Life Insurance Policy and Help LFL!**

**If you have a paid-up life insurance policy, you might be able to give that donation on a tax-favored basis.**

Many of us purchased life insurance when we were young. Now that we're older, we may not need it. If this describes your situation, you can use that life insurance to make a significant charitable gift to LFL or another charitable organization of your choice. Here's how:

1. Name Lutherans For Life as the beneficiary of an existing policy—either sole beneficiary, or co-beneficiary, or a contingent beneficiary.
2. Donate an obsolete policy, one that you no longer need for its original intent.
3. Or buy a new policy and donate it to a charitable organization like ours, then continue to pay the premiums. The donations to Lutherans For Life for the premiums are generally deductible on your income tax return.
4. Replace a bequest with life insurance, so you can make a substantial contribution now without reducing your family's eventual inheritance.

Life insurance is an asset that allows a donor who doesn't have large estate assets to make a significant gift. To learn more contact Kay Meyer of Lutherans For Life at 515.441.6571.

**Help Lutherans For Life with Life Insurance • Help Lutherans For Life with Life Insurance**

## You Are Part of Our Lutherans For Life Family



by Jim Schroeder, Christian Estate Planning Counselor

With roughly one million charities operating in the United States it's no wonder that you receive letters from many of them. It seems like everyone is asking you for support. You may wonder at times how some of these charities got your name.

Adding to this is that your telephone seems to ring often now with requests for gifts. "Please help us meet our financial crisis!" "We will have to close our doors if we can't pay our bills!" "Children will starve if you don't give."

It's downright confusing—and irritating.

As you consider the charities that you want to support we hope you will consider at least five things about Lutherans For Life:



### 1. We count you as part of our family.

Whether you are a recent friend of Lutherans For Life or a long-time supporter, we value your interest and involvement. We consider you a partner with us in God's plan for our ministry. You are part of our family. Together, we share a common commitment and common mission.

**2. We remain true to our mission.** Our mission is "Equipping Lutherans to be Gospel motivated voices For Life." We want you to know that we have not veered from this, nor do we intend to. We lay our plans, build our budgets, and monitor our results to better achieve our mission. You can have confidence that we are "staying the course."

**3. We depend on your faithful giving.** Whether

a small gift or a gift from your estate, we rely on your financial support to help us accomplish our important mission. The more you give, the more we can do. It's that simple. Without you and our other supporters, we could not exist.

**4. We pledge financial fidelity.** We wince when we hear of scandals involving other nonprofit organizations because this casts a shadow over all charities. We want to affirm to you that financial integrity is extremely important to us. We maintain strict accounting and reporting rules. Our books are open and we invite you to ask any question that you may want to about how we operate. Please know that any contribution to Lutherans For Life is treated carefully and with a deep sense of stewardship.

**5. We offer personalized service for your annual gifts or for your estate planning gifts.** Do you have appreciated stock or real estate that would make a tax-wise gift? Do you want to establish a gift annuity to benefit Lutherans For Life? Do you want to include a bequest to Lutherans for Life through your will, living trust, or beneficiary designations?

As LFL's Christian Estate Planning Counselor, I am available to provide you with personal assistance in working with your attorney and other advisors. Please contact me at [jschroeder@lutheransforlife.org](mailto:jschroeder@lutheransforlife.org) or 515.490.7371.

If you are a senior friend of Lutherans For Life you may want to consider establishing a gift annuity. This form of giving helps you use your God-given resources to achieve financial security and make a future gift to support the mission of LFL.

**Receive regular fixed payments now!** You can establish a gift annuity with as little as \$5,000 in cash or securities. Your gift is made along with you



signing a contract that entitles you to a lifetime of regular, fixed payments. If you wish, you may name a second person (usually your spouse) to receive these income payments after your death. At the death of the second income recipient (if one was designated), your gift annuity remaining value goes to LFL.

The amount of your payments is determined when you establish your gift annuity. Your payments are based on the size of your gift, your age, and the age of the person named as the second beneficiary, if you named one.

**How a Gift Annuity works for you and Lutherans For Life:** Here is an example of how a gift annuity works: John, age 80, and his wife Mary, age 80, decide to establish a Gift Annuity for LFL. They want to receive regular fixed income payments and make a gift to Lutheran For Life to support its mission after they die. They visit with me for assistance in establishing their gift annuity. I help them fill out their application and assist them in making their gift of \$10,000 for their gift annuity. Based on their ages, they will receive a gift annuity rate of 5.7%. That means that they will receive annual annuity payments of \$570 for their lifetimes. Since a portion of the gift annuity is a charitable contribution they will get an income tax deduction for the year they establish their gift annuity.

And, they enjoy even more tax savings! A little more than one half of their annual payment is tax free.

After John's death, Mary will continue to receive the regular payments from their gift annuity. After her death, the remaining balance of on their gift annuity will go to Lutherans For Life. Generally this is about one half of their gift amount. If they live longer than their normal life expectancies, Lutherans For Life will receive less than one half of their gift.

If you would like to find out how a gift annuity could work for you contact me at [jschroeder@lutheransforlife.org](mailto:jschroeder@lutheransforlife.org) or 515.490.7371. I can give you a personal written analysis that shows the exact amount of your gift annuity payments and the tax benefits of your gift.

Please keep in mind that once you establish your gift annuity, you may not add to or change the agreement. You may however make additional gift annuity agreements.

Remember, your age at the time you establish your gift annuity determines your gift annuity pay-out rate. The older you are, the higher your rate. There is no cost to establishing your gift annuity.

## How Can You Provide For Your Family, Loved Ones, and LFL?

Lutherans For Life has a Christian estate planner, Jim Schroeder, who can offer comprehensive, charitable expertise and services to help you provide for your family, loved ones, and ministries like Lutherans For Life.

Annually, thousands of faithful Christians just like you support a variety of Lutheran ministries through:

- Gift Annuities
- Direct Gifts
- Wills
- Family Gift Funds
- Endowments and Trusts

Contact Jim Schroeder at 877.913.2221 or [jschroeder@lutheransforlife.org](mailto:jschroeder@lutheransforlife.org).

I would like more information about how I can bless my family and my favorite ministries for generations to come.

I would like more information about how I can support Lutherans For Life.

I would like to have someone review my current will or estate plan.

Send information on: \_\_gift annuities  
\_\_family gift funds \_\_endowment fund  
\_\_charitable trusts \_\_bequests  
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Send to LFL (see address on page 2).

# Equipped to be Christian Stewards

by Kay L. Meyer, director of development for Lutherans For Life



God's word says: "Therefore do not be anxious, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' For the Gentiles seek after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you" (Matthew 6:31-33).

Are you worried or anxious about what you will eat or drink? Are you concerned about the type of clothes you wear? Do you trust God to supply all your daily needs? Are you worried about having enough money to pay your bills?

How do we seek God's Kingdom and His righteousness? Seeking His righteousness means remembering what Christ has done for us because He is the righteous one who was perfect and within sin. We are not.

Seeking God's Kingdom involves growing in the knowledge of His Word so we can discern truth from error and loving the Lord with all our heart, soul, and mind. We commit our lives to Christ, attend worship services, take communion, and ask for daily forgiveness from the Lord. Why do we need His forgiveness daily? Although we are Christians, we still sin daily. Thankfully, because of Christ's suffering and death, we have forgiveness and eternal life as a free gift.

Other ways we seek God's Kingdom is by praying for ourselves and others, studying God's Word and reading devotions like *Portals of Prayer*. We talk to our family, friends, and those we meet about Jesus, the author and preserver of our faith. We talk to those we meet about life issues and our faith in Christ as Savior and Lord. As we put Him first we trust in the Lord with all our heart. We believe God's promises. He has promised to take care of us. And He will. Even when difficult times come He walks with us through the trials of life.

Another way we put God's Kingdom first is by remembering the Church and its needs. We donate a portion of our earnings to the Lord's work. 2 Corinthians 9:6-8 says, "**The point is this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work.**"

Besides remembering our congregation, we should also remember ministries we are passionate about—like Lutherans For Life.

God's Word teaches us a lot about being good Christian stewards. We remember that the Lord gave us everything—physical life, family, home, food, faith, and eternal life in heaven. God owns all our possessions. They are His, not ours. As we learn about stewardship through the Bible we become equipped to be Christian stewards. In 1 Corinthians 16:1-2 the Bible says, "**Now concerning the collection for the saints: as I directed the churches of Galatia, so you also are to do. On the first day of every week, each of you is to put something aside and store it up, as he may prosper, so that there will be no collecting when I come.**"

God's word tells us to plan ahead for needs that will arise so we are not caught unaware. We should set aside some of what we earn for needs that will arise. Planning for the needs of the Church is just good stewardship.

Many needs arise in today's world. Sometimes they come from natural disasters like tornadoes or floods. Houses, buildings, and towns are destroyed. Individuals and families are left homeless and alone. Jackie, a 70 year old mother and grandmother, was in the Joplin, Missouri, tornado last year. At the time of the tornado she was in the hospital recuperating from surgery. The hospital was seriously impacted, but God kept her safe. When tragedies like these occur, we pray for the people, volunteer to help, and give a gift of support.

Sometimes financial needs come from bad choices and decisions someone made. It might be someone you don't know at all. Or it might be your daughter or granddaughter who is pregnant and needs help and support. As we seek first His kingdom, we are there for friends and loved ones. We tell others of the

importance of life, of God's forgiveness through Christ, and give of our time, talents, and treasures to help.

Do you know there are over one million nonprofit organizations in the United States? Many are Christian organizations that do wonderful mission work and accomplish much for the Lord. Lutherans For Life is one of them. Lutherans For Life has three initiatives that will help reach more people with the good news about life. The following are summaries of these initiatives:

**Renewal for Life®:** This is a major initiative from Lutherans For Life that seeks to equip Lutheran congregations to be Christ-centered, enthusiastic, and ongoing voices for life. RFL is a way to help congregations incorporate life issues into their ongoing ministry. This initiative helps pastors and congregations deal with the life issues more effectively. Through RFL, we provide members with an online library of easy-to use, Word-based For Life resources. RFL also supports and trains Life Advocates who assist the pastor and other leaders in the congregation. These are volunteers from the congregation who are in contact with LFL, receive updates and ideas, research the online library, and organize and coordinate the life ministry of the congregation. Our current strategic plan includes securing needed funds to expand this initiative to include Directors for Renewal For Life in numerous states. In 2011 we hired our first part-time regional Renewal For Life Director of Texas. Jean Amundson, now works with Renewal For Life congregations, their leaders, and RFL volunteers.

**Teaching for Life®:** Teaching For Life® is a Gospel-centered curriculum developed to help Lutheran school teachers apply God's Word to the life issues. This curriculum teaches nine key pro-life concepts, one for each month of the school year, and provides ideas on how to integrate them into religion, math, social studies, and other subjects. As funds become available we will expand this initiative to include: adult Bible studies, Confirmation bookmarks, Sunday school resources, and a VBS curriculum.

**Generations for Life:** Our newest initiative, Generations for Life, seeks to establish LFL as a leader in providing Gospel-centered, For Life resources and creating opportunities for younger generations of Lutherans to have an influence on their peers in the Church and society. The first phase of this initiative includes establishing and maintaining relationships with leaders on Lutheran campuses of universities and high schools, and developing multi-media resources for the younger generations. We are currently developing an online, interactive training course for youth, young adults, and those who teach them, such as pastors, teachers and youth leaders

How Can You Help?

- Start a Life Team or become a Life Advocate through Renewal for Life®
- Volunteer to serve as a state federation president
- Get involved with Generations For Life
- Pray for the LFL volunteers, staff, and ministry
- Financially contribute to support the mission of LFL through: membership and annual giving opportunities; memorials and honorariums; supporting our Endowment Fund; becoming a part of the Abundant Life Giving Society and Life Legacy Society; using the Simply Giving® program through Thrivent Financial; giving through the Combined Federal Campaign; and by using online giving opportunities on our the LFL website.

As always, thank you for your prayers, volunteer service, and financial support. We are so glad you joined us for the annual LFL national conference this year in Chicago and pray that the Lord will bless you and equip you to serve and share Life. Together we are equipping Lutherans to speak up For Life in a loving, and Gospel-motivated manner and are making a difference in our world.



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*by Terry M. Davis, principal at St. Peter Lutheran School, Ma-  
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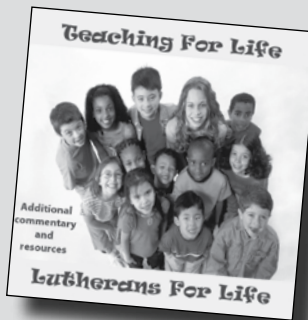
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# A Brief History of Lutherans For Life



Lutherans For Life began as a personal dream of Dr. C. Jack Eichhorst. His efforts to make that dream a reality commenced in 1976 when Jean Garton, Robert Jensen, Leigh Jordahl, Sam Nafzger, Richard Neuhaus, and Michael Rogness agreed to meet with him to “explore common concerns about human life issues with a view to organizing a pan-Lutheran group to deal with them.” Seventeen people attended a meeting in St. Louis on May 24, 1977, initiated by Dr. Ralph Bohlmann, Rev. Sam Nafzger, and Dr. J.A.O. Preus. As a result, a committee consisting of Jack Eichhorst, ALC theologian; Jean Garton, LCMS laywoman; Leigh Jordahl, LCA professor; and Eugene Linse, LCMS professor, met at Concordia College, St. Paul, Minnesota, on August 22, 1978, to consider an organizational structure. A name was chosen; a philosophy was adopted; and officers were selected. Garton became President; Eichhorst, Vice President; Jordahl, Secretary; and Linse, Executive Director.

As its first official act, Lutherans For Life sent letters of announcement to the presidents of the American Lutheran Church, the Association of Evangelical Lutheran Churches, the Lutheran Church in America, The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, and the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Church. A request was made of the presidents to urge their members to observe October 1, 1978, as Respect Life Sunday and “with prayer and meditation express thanks for their own lives and also sadness for the lives of pre-born children that have been terminated because they were unwanted.”

Lutherans For Life (LFL) was officially incorporated on April 17, 1979, with its national office located on the campus of Concordia College, St. Paul, Minnesota. At the time of incorporation, the first board consisted of Dr. George Muedeking and the officers. Soon the board included twelve members; and over the years, numerous Lutheran pastors and laypeople faithfully served on the National Board of Directors.

Rev. Edward Fehskens joined the ministry as Executive Director in August of 1985. In May of 1991, the headquarters of LFL relocated to Benton, Arkansas, southwest of Little Rock. A structure that housed the “Congo Mercantile” for 63 years was

converted into an office as well as living quarters for the director’s family.

The philosophy of LFL was revised in 1992. It states:

*Lutherans For Life believes that the Church is compelled by God’s Word to speak and act on behalf of those who are vulnerable and defenseless. The crisis of our time is the repudiation of biblical truth manifested in the wanton destruction of innocent human life through legalized abortion-on-demand and the growing threat to the lives of others through legalized assisted suicide and euthanasia. Therefore, we will strive together, as Lutherans For Life, to give witness from a biblical perspective to the Church and society on these and related issues such as chastity, post-abortion healing, and family living.*

From 1992-1996, LFL produced a national radio program on the *Jubilee* network. *Speaking of Life* featured daily commentaries by Dr. Jean Garton.

In 1995, Rev. Fehskens resigned his position as Executive Director to return to full-time parish ministry. During his ten years of service, he helped build a strong network of chapters and state affiliates. At the 1995 convention, Dr. Jean Garton was honored for 17 years of service. Linda Bartlett was elected President of the board of directors of LFL.

Rev. Dr. James I. Lamb became the new Executive Director in April of 1996. In May of that year, LFL’s headquarters relocated to Nevada, Iowa, north of Des Moines.

Lutherans For Life, Inc. has assisted in the development of Lutherans For Life of Australia and Lutherans For Life of Canada in addition to working with interested pro-life Lutherans in other countries. At the request of a member of the USSR Academy of Sciences in Moscow, LFL provided them with resources on abortion, chastity, and post-abortion healing. In 1996, LFL was invited to Romania (at that time the country with the world’s highest abortion rate) to assist in the development of Pro-Vita, a Romanian Christian pro-life group. Since that trip, LFL has supported Pro-Vita financially; many brochures have been translated into the Romanian language; and two caring pregnancy centers have been developed. Opportunities exist for continued involvement with Pro-Vita.

The Board of Directors adopted the following Mission Statement in 1997:

*The Mission of Lutherans For Life is to witness to the sanctity of human life through education based on the Word of God.*

The Campus Life Project, which seeks to encourage students to become advocates for human life, was launched at Concordia University, Mequon, Wisconsin, in September 1997. Other Concordias, as well as secular colleges, have benefited from this project.

National LFL officially went “on-line” in 1997, providing Christian pro-life resources and timely information by way of a web site:

[www.lutheransforlife.org](http://www.lutheransforlife.org)

In 1998, Lowell Highby came on staff as the first Director of Media and Development (now Director of Communications). The intent of this position is to enhance and expand the avenues of LFL’s outreach and its “For Life” message.

In 2004, Diane Schroeder, who had been Treasurer, was elected President of Lutherans For Life. Diane took over from Linda Bartlett who stepped down after serving as President since 1995.

In early 2009, LFL contracted with Kay L. Meyer, from St. Louis, Missouri, to work part-time as Director of Development.

Also in May of 2010, James P. Schroeder, began serving LFL as a Christian Estate Planning Counselor.

In February of 2012, Dale Olson joined the staff as Director of Operations.

In June of 2012, Laura Davis became the first Director of Generations For Life as well as a Development Counselor.

LFL has developed a wide variety of pro-life and family resources. Videos have included: *Bearing Burdens* (an honest look at euthanasia), *Family Matters* (an exclusive interview with Dr. James Dobson), *For Life* (the mission, ministry, and biblical foundation of LFL), *Who Broke the Baby* (based on Dr. Garton’s book of the same title), and *Who Will Speak For Me?* (featuring the music of Amy Grant and Don Wharton). LFL of Missouri received a substantial grant to develop *Celebrate the Life* (now out of print), a sanctity of human life curriculum formerly available through Concordia Publishing House. The educational manual, *Living With Dying*, provides materials on euthanasia, assisted suicide, “living wills,” and other end-of-life issues. The quarterly journal, *LifeDate*, is mailed to LFL members and

interested persons nationally and internationally. *Directions* is published quarterly for LFL Chapters, State Federations, and Life Ministry Coordinators. Life Sunday resources, including sermons and bulletin inserts, are new each year. LFL’s *Life Resource Catalog* offers an assortment of brochures, tracts, Bible studies, curricula, and audiovisuals from the Christian perspective.

Resources for pastors, congregations, and lay people are provided at the national headquarters and in the field through LFL Leadership/Speaker Training Seminars, and other educational events. *Word of Hope*, LFL’s post-abortion ministry, brings hurting women together with Christian caregivers so that hope, healing, and reconciliation with the Lord might be experienced. LFL affiliates have established caring pregnancy centers, post-abortion ministries, and congregational programs that provide supportive services for those confronted with unplanned pregnancies. LFL holds an annual national conference.

LFL co-sponsored two *amicus curia* (“friend-of-the-court”) briefs to the U.S. Supreme Court and continues to motivate Lutheran citizens to be “salt and light” in a culture that increasingly embraces death as a solution to human problems. LFL is represented on the National Pro-Life Religious Council.

Numerous LFL state affiliates and local chapters exist to serve both individuals and congregations. Participants in the Life Ministry Coordinator Program work to encourage pastors and congregations. As a grassroots organization which desires to help others live out their faith according to God’s will, Lutherans For Life seeks to share Jesus Christ through teaching, caring, and serving.



## Past Conferences and General Session Speakers

**1982 – MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN – “In His Image”** – Rev. Richard John Neuhaus, Rev. Ralph Bohlmann, Dr. Jean Garton, Dr. R. John Buuck, Dr. William E. Berg

**1983 – DETROIT, MICHIGAN – “Here I Stand”** – Dr. C. Jack Eichhorst, Marjory Mecklenburg, Carl Horn III Esq., Judge Randall J. Hekman, Rev. Roger Drews, Dr. Jean Garton

**1984 – CHICAGO, ILLINOIS – “Known From Eternity For Eternity”** – Dr. Hans O. Tiefel, U.S. Rep. Henry J. Hyde, Beverly Ann McMillan, M.D., Dr. Jean Garton, Rev. Walter D. Otten

**1985 – MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA – “A Future And A Hope”** – Rev. Richard John Neuhaus, Father John Powell, S.J., Dr. Jean Garton, Roger Magnuson, Esq., Dee Jepsen, Jennifer Draper

**1986 – DES MOINES, IOWA – “One God, One Father, One Family”** – Prof. Kurt Marquart, John C. Willke, M.D., John Warwick Montgomery, Ph.D., Kay James, Michael Schwartz, Cindy Namanny, John Tometich, Dr. Ralph A. Bohlmann

**1987 – ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI – “Love the Least of These”** – Rev. Don Richman, Dr. H. James Boldt, Dr. Gary L. Bauer, Attorney General William L. Webster, Hugh Owen, Rev. Gottlob Hess, Adelle Nathanson, Rev. Norman Dietz

**1988 – CHICAGO, ILLINOIS – 10th Year Anniversary & Tribute to Dr. Jean Garton** – Rev. Richard John Neuhaus, Jan Schmidt (Australia), Dr. Samuel Nafzger, Dr. Molly Kelly, Rev. Edward Fehskens

**1989 – OMAHA, NEBRASKA – “In God’s Hands”** – Rev. Charles S. Mueller, Sr., Jill Parkinson, William Brennan, Ph.D., Rev. Richard C. Eyer, Lillian Carson, Jerry Traylor, Dr. Allan Carlson

**1990 – INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA – “Not One Should Perish”** – Rev. Raymond Hartwig, Dr. Duane Lindberg, Dr. Paul Bretscher, Dr. Paul Hinlicky, Dr. Randall Shields, Lillian Carson, Dr. Richard Land, Dr. William Coulson, Denise Shipler, Dr. Molly Kelly, Dr. Jean Garton, Rev. Ed Fehskens

**1991 – HOUSTON, TEXAS – “That They Might Have Life Now and Forever”** – Elise Arndt, Dr. Randall Shields, Keith A. Crutcher, M.D., Dr. Jean Garton, Rev. Ed Fehskens, Rev. Tom Brock, Terry Schlossberg, Guy M. Condon, Dr. Molly Kelly, Maggie Karner, Diane & Jeffrey Kogle

**1992 – CLEVELAND, OHIO – “Choosing Life in a Changing World”** – Rev. Theodore L. Laesch, Don Wharton, Mark E. Ross, Ph.D., Joe S. McIlhaney, Jr., M.D., Anmarie Schweitzer, Dale & Suzette Butler, Guy M. Condon, Cheryl Ward

**1993 – MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN – “The Discipline of Leadership”** – Rev. Dr. Dale Meyer, Rev. Ed Fehskens, Mary Senander, Luhra Tivis, Robert Morrison, Dr. H. James Boldt, Arnold J. Krubsack, M.D., Ph.D., Rev. Howard H. Sale III

**1994 – KANSAS CITY, KANSAS – “See What God Has Done”** – Dr. Jean Garton, Gov. Kay Orr, Rev. David Wende, Shari Richard, Cora Den Harder, Karen Rehder, M.D., Rev. Tim (Scooby) Green, The Wittys

**1995 – CHICAGO, ILLINOIS – “Footsteps of the Faithful”** – Robert Morrison, Dr. Erwin Lutzer, Dr. Nigel M. Cameron, Rev. Bruce Harmann, Rev. Frank Maurer, Rev. Don Richman, Rev. J. David Wende, Janet Parshall, Dr. Eugene Diamond, Dr. Allan Carlson

**1996 – SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA – “His Banner Over Life is Love”** – Dr. Matthew Conolly, Chuck Asay, Dinah Monahan, Mona Riley, Christine Shaw, Brian Young, Dr. Jean Garton, Linda Bartlett, Rev. Donald Richman, Rev. Dr. James I. Lamb

**1997 – INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA – “Speaking the Truth in Love”** – Dr. Leslie J. Fyans, Jr., Ken Ham, Homeward Bound Theater Co., Rev. David L. Adams, Rev. David Paape, Dr. Robert Weise, Linda Bartlett, Rev. Dr. James I. Lamb

**1998 – DALLAS, TEXAS – “God’s Choice: Life!”** – Rev. Raymond L. Hartwig, Franklin E. Payne, Jr., M.D., Rita Marker, Dr. G. Thomas Sharp, Dr. Wayne Browning, Mark Crutcher, Katha Bardel & A.R.T.S., Linda Bartlett, Rev. Dr. James I. Lamb

**1999 – DES MOINES, IOWA – “God Loves Life!”** – Rev. Dr. Dale Meyer, Rev. J. David Wende, Rev. David Renfro, Rev. Don Richman, Rev. Dr. Frank Maurer, Robert G. Morrison, John Patrick, M.D., Dan Hubbard, Linda Bartlett, Rev. Dr. James I. Lamb

**2000 – BLOOMINGTON, MINNESOTA – “Welcome a Little Child!”** – Dr. Don Matzat, Norman Virnig, M.D., Karen E. Karn, M.D., Ross Olson, M.D., Stanley M. Johnson, M.D., Mary Senander, John Patrick, M.D., Joan Appleton, Tina and Lena, Linda Bartlett, Rev. Dr. James I. Lamb

**2001 – DETROIT, MICHIGAN – “Life Under the Cross”** – Rev. John Nunes, Rev. Dr. Richard Eyer, Rev. Paul Clark, Karen Rehder, M.D., Wesley Smith, “Lester Methuselah Gutenberg” (Les Stahlke), Linda Bartlett, Rev. Dr. James I. Lamb

**2002 – APPLETON, WISCONSIN – “Time to Speak”** – Rev. Dr. Laurence L. White, Dr. David Menton, Lael Arrington, Dr. Alvin Schmidt, Frank Runyeon, Linda Bartlett, Rev. Dr. James I. Lamb

**2003 – OMAHA, NEBRASKA – “Just Imagine ... What Will This Baby Be?”** – Tim Goeglein, Linda Bartlett, Rev. Mark Cutler, Greg Koukl, Chuck Asay, Rev. Dr. James I. Lamb

**2004 – CINCINNATI, OHIO – “In the Beginning ... was Life!”** – Dr. Jean Garton, Dr. David Menton, Rev. Dr. David L. Adams, Rev. Ed Fehskens, Rev. J. David Wende, Rev. Dr. Jeff Gibbs, Renee Gibbs, Jean Heise, Dr. David Prentice, Rev. Mark Cutler, Christopher Wright, Cynthia Chapa, Connie Davis, Ed Szeto, Diane Schroeder, Rev. Dr. James I. Lamb

**2005 – ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI – “In Life, In Death, Abide With Me”** – Wesley J. Smith, Rev. Todd Wilken, Nancy Valko, RN, Rev. Dr. Robert Weise, Rev. Dr. Richard C. Eyer, Rev. Randall W. Shields, Carl Schroeder, Rev. Jim Likens, Ed Szeto, Rev. Dr. James I. Lamb

**2006 – CEDAR RAPIDS, IOWA – “Cherish the Children”** – Rev. Dr. Jeffrey A. Gibbs, Chuck Asay, Roberta Bandy, Phil Bandy, Rev. Dr. Alvin J. Schmidt, Eugene Sattler, Maggie Karner, Linda Bartlett, Renee Gibbs, Crystal Auch, C.J. Payne, Karen Abbott, Marilyn Schneiderman, Rev. Ryan Mathias, Rev. Don Richman, Wanda L. Pritzel, Rev. Eric L. Schillo

**2007 – OMAHA, NEBRASKA – “In the Hand of God”** – Rev. Dr. Wallace Schulz, Dr. David Menton, Rev. Dr. Dean O. Wenthe, Buddy Davis, Rev. Dr. Francis W. Monseth, Linda D. Bartlett, Rev. Dr. Kevin E. Voss, Rev. Jonathan Unverzagt, Rev. Eugene L. Boe, Grace Kern

**2009 – ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI – “Celebrating the Abundant Life”** – Linda Bartlett, Col. John Eidsmoe, Charles Ford, Renee Gibbs, Dr. Peter Greenspan, Rev. Russell Saltzman, Rev. Don Wagner, Jennie Williamson, and Rev. Dr. Jim Lamb

**2010 – GREEN BAY, WISCONSIN – “Bringing Good News to Life”** – Wesley J. Smith - John-Paul Deddens - Rev. Mark Erickson - Rev. Dr. Jeff Gibbs - Renee Gibbs - Anthony Horvath - Kim Ketola - Rev. Dr. James I. Lamb - Dr. Ryan MacPherson - Alan Shlemon - Dr. Kevin Voss

**2011 – IRVING, TEXAS – “Adopted in Christ”** – Dr. Russell Moore, Dr. Kurt Senske, Rev. Dr. James I. Lamb, Janette Clausen, Col. John Eidsmoe





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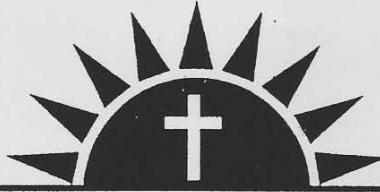
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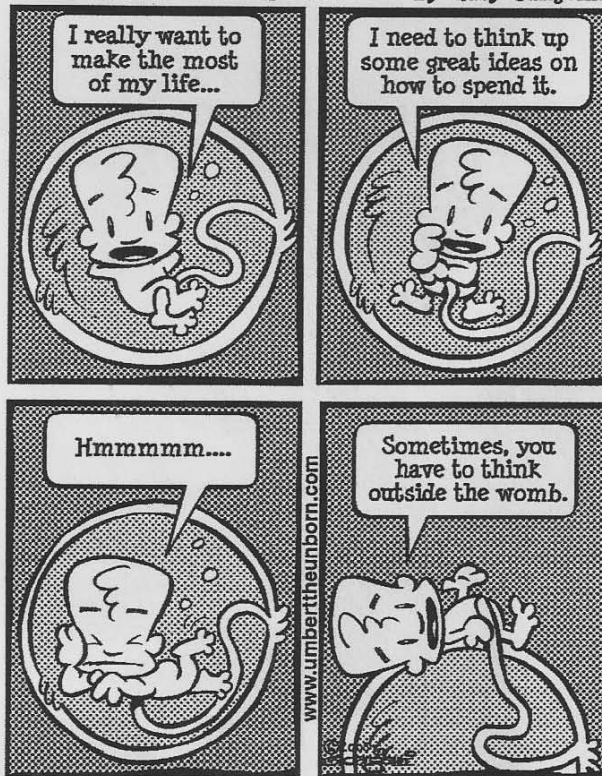


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*“It was He who gave some to be apostles, some to be prophets,  
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*to prepare God's people for works of service,  
so that the body of Christ may be built up...”*

*Ephesians 4:11-12*

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Leonard spent his life “equipping the saints For Life!” He was an original member of the Board of LFL of MO and served willingly and gladly until a few years before his death at age 94. He was a shepherd to many women who found themselves with an unplanned pregnancy and a teacher to all of us with his humor, hospitality and devotion to the Lord. Thank you, God, for Leonard’s example!





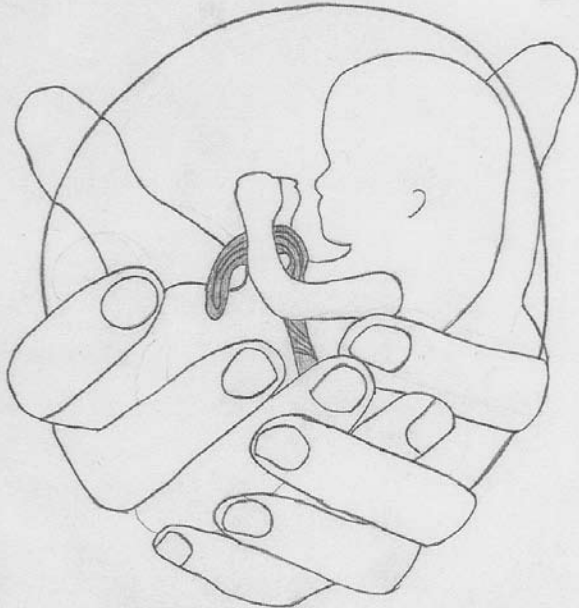
Young Saints hear Law & Gospel,  
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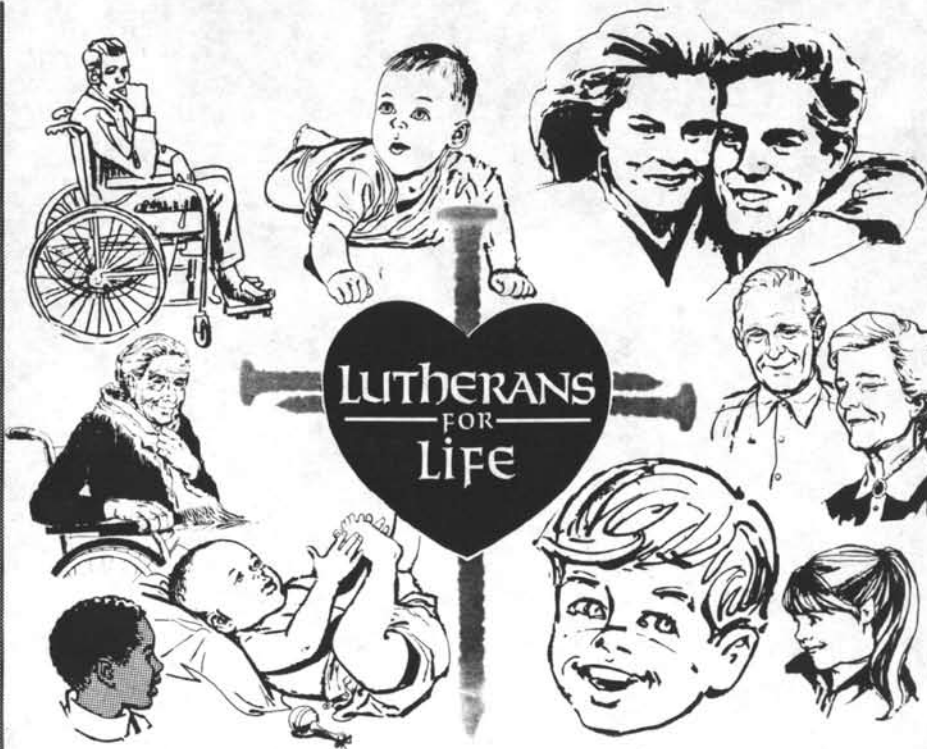
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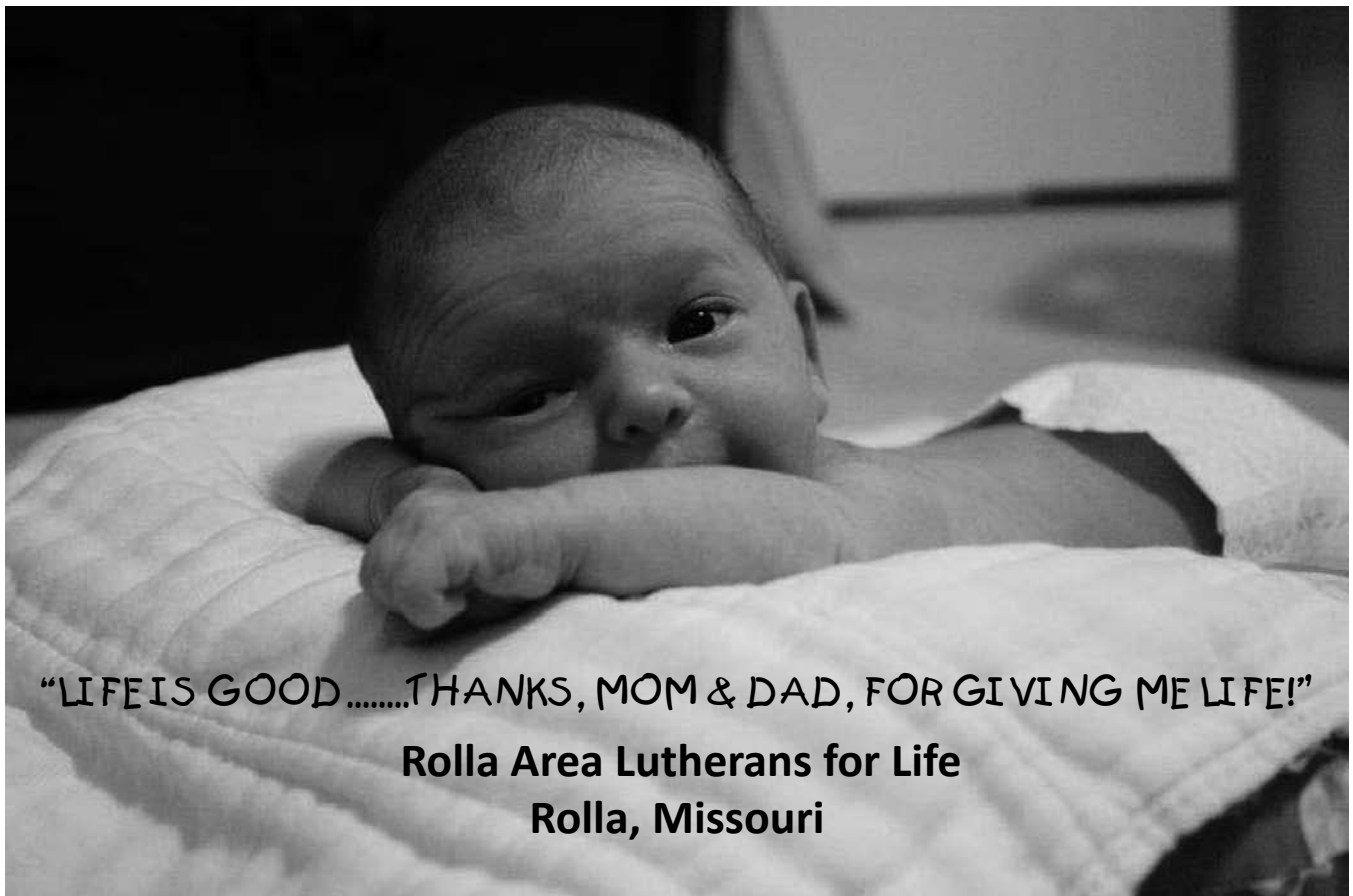
**John 10:27-28**

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**“Children are a blessing and a gift from the Lord.” Psalm 127:3**



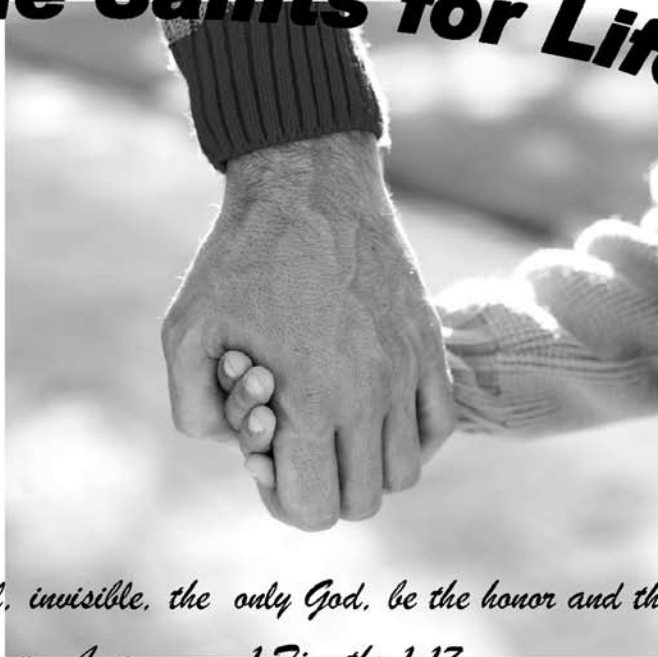
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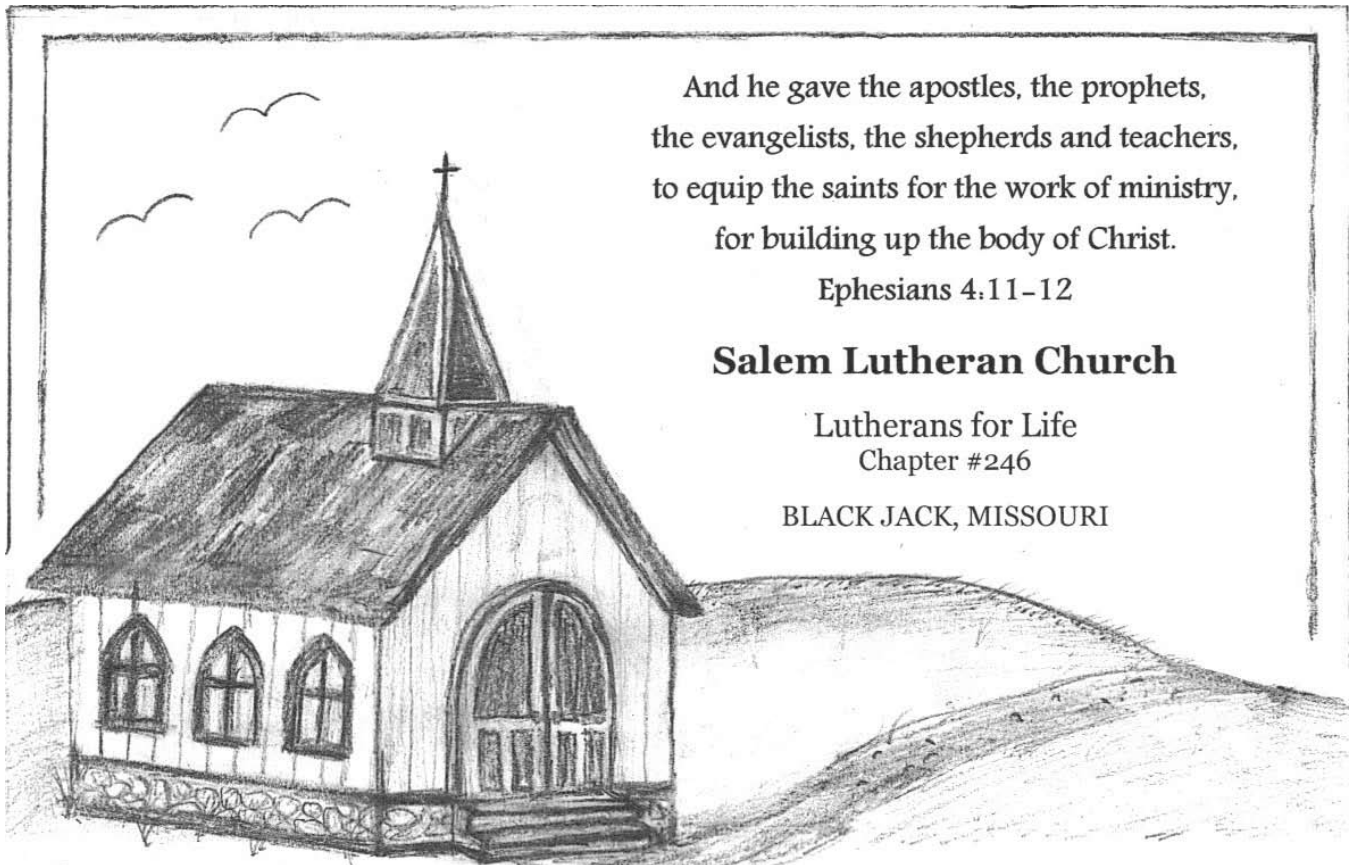
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*Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only God, be the honor and the glory for ever and ever. Amen. 1 Timothy 1:17*



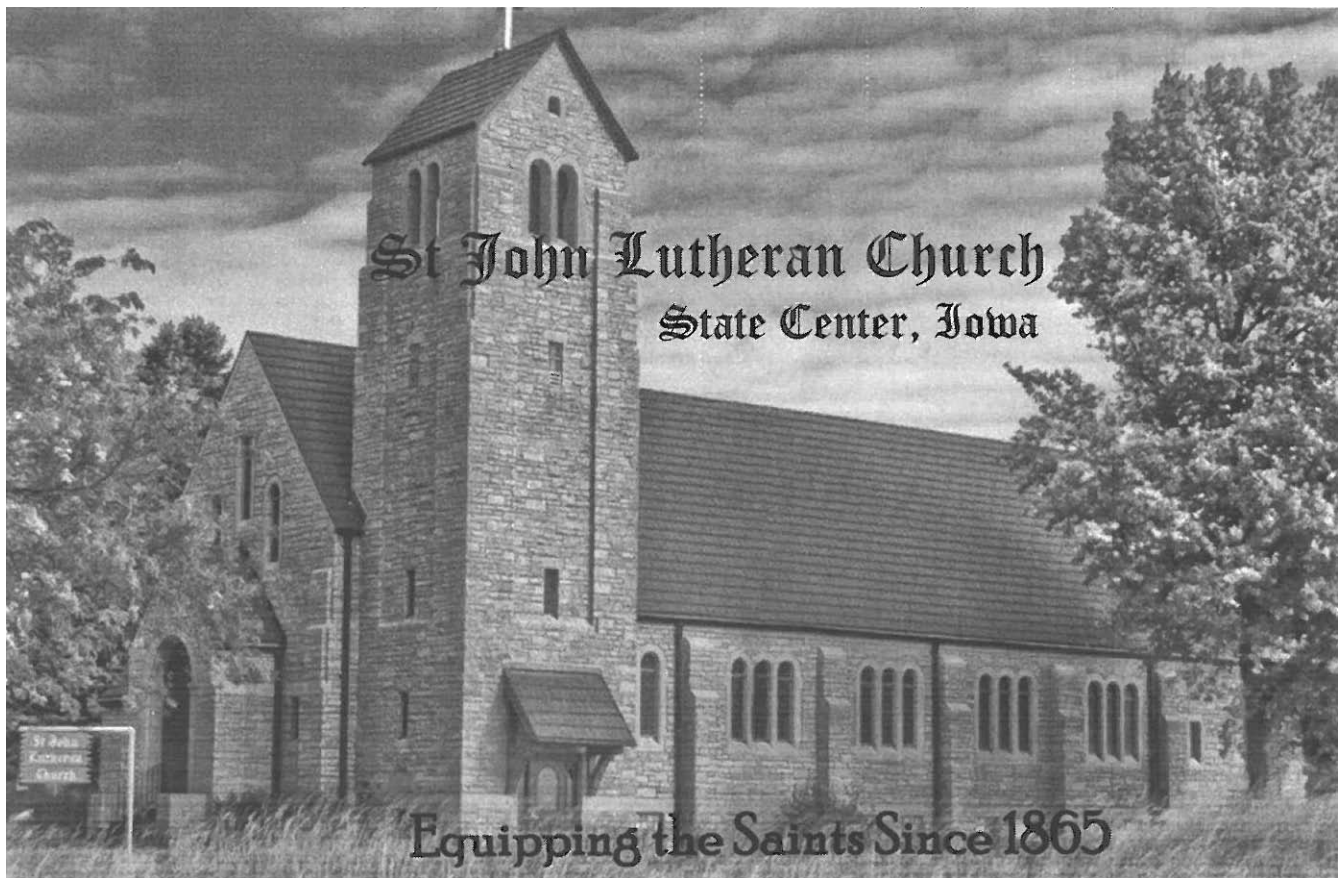
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Ephesians 4:11-12

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# Titus 2 for Life



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(Colossians 2:8)

**What is Titus 2 for Life?** A ministry to encourage Biblical manhood and womanhood using the model of Titus 2:1-8.

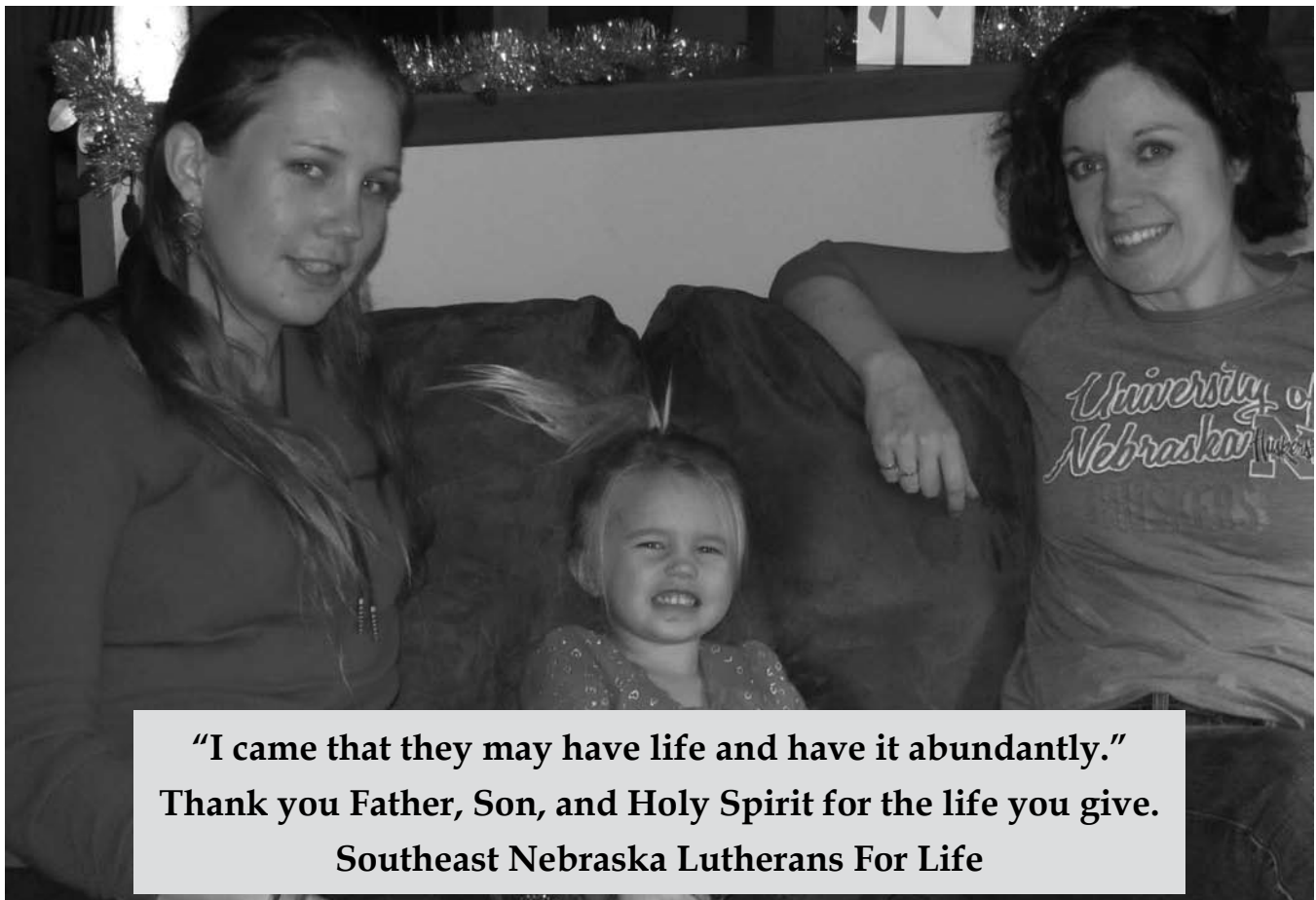
**What is the purpose?** To rebuild crumbling foundations while mentoring identity as creations of God and treasures of Christ.

**Why does Titus 2 for Life exist?** Theories of evolution, militant feminism, and Planned Parenthood-style education have produced bitter consequences. We seek to expose darkness and, with Gospel, set captives free.

**What are the objectives of a Titus 2 Retreat?** To recognize vulnerability; trust our identity as "equal, but different;" contrast worldly ideas with God's Word; and discover that, wise or foolish, we need the covering of Jesus Christ.

**What are women saying about Titus 2?** *"You acknowledged that women can do most anything, but, should we? Thank you for always bringing us back to: What does God say?"* + "The wealth of material reveals experience and careful research . . . wrapped in a welcoming spirit." + *"God's Word was used without lecturing. It is that Word that turns hearts and adjusts attitudes."* + "There were many reasons I didn't think I needed this retreat. I've been a Christian all my life, but never knew the significance of Genesis for my life." + *"Thank you for telling me I can look in the mirror and say: Jesus loves you!"* + "I've been caught between my feelings and the the world's influence. I've been there, done that. Thank you for providing a model I can use for others."

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# Lutherans For Life of Iowa

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The **World** has **QUESTIONS**  
The **Word** gives us **ANSWERS**

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Question 1: How did this child come to be? *Genesis 21:1-2*



Question 2: Who calls this child by name? *Isaiah 49:1*



Question 3: Who treasures this child with His life? *1 Peter 1:3*



Question 4: Does this child have purpose? *Jeremiah 29:11*

Answers - 1: God brings new life into the world through the procreative act of one man and one woman; 2: The God of Creation, "I Am"; 3: The Lord and Savior Jesus Christ; 4: Yes. Every life is a message of hope in the hands of Almighty God.

*Special thanks to LFL of Iowa board members Laurie Rogers, Kie Maas, and Karen Frohwein for sharing pictures of their grandchildren!*

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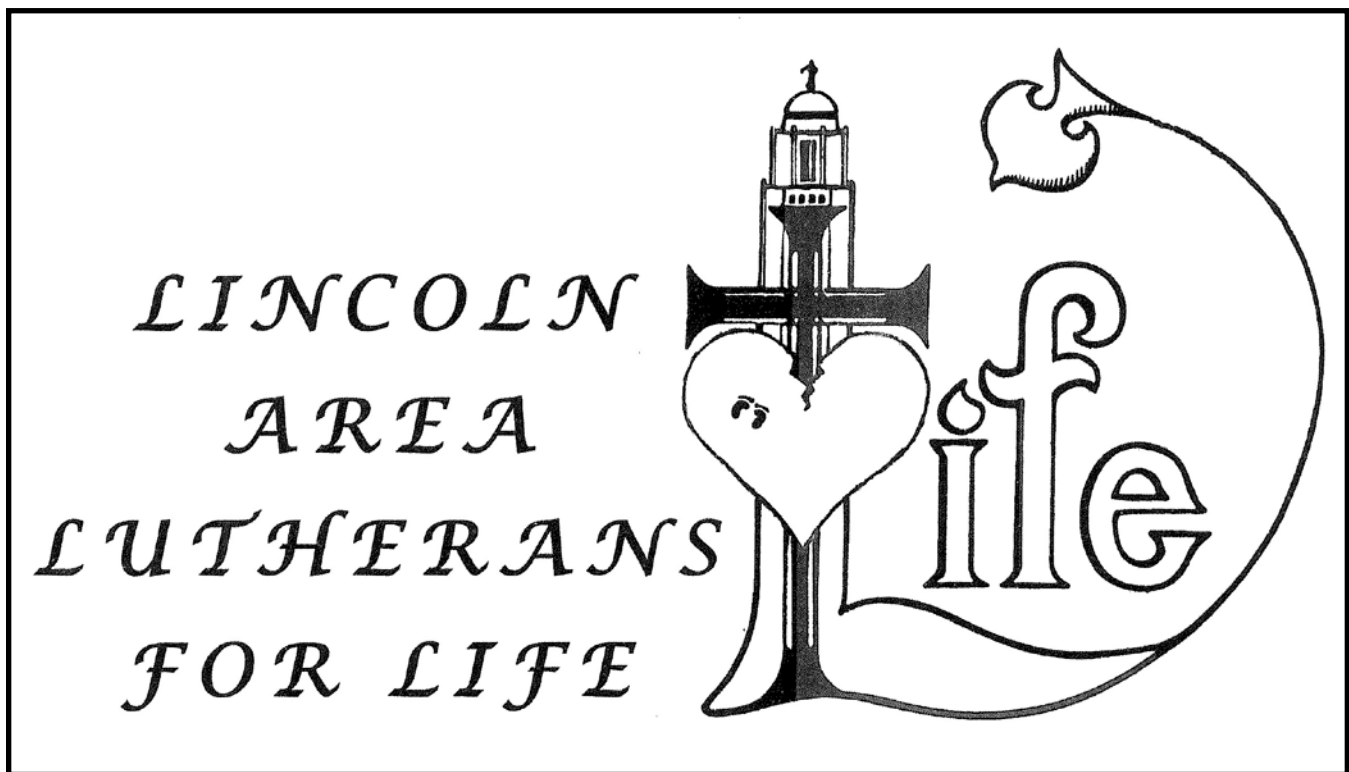
## Whoever welcomes one of these little children in my name welcomes me...Mark 9:37

A Christian fiction novel called *"First Mercy Then Grace"* uses this powerful bible verse as its theme. The book portrays a young family's experience with foster care in 1952 in rural Minnesota. Christian faith is what sustained them through hard times. Getting to know Jesus gave young Billy Spencer, their first foster child, a new perspective on his life of hurt and despair.

A portion of all book sales at the 2012 Conference will be donated to Lutherans for Life by *Virginia J. Flo*, the author, who will be on-site in the Exhibit Area during the Conference.

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God has a purpose and plan for everyone, including those born with developmental disabilities.

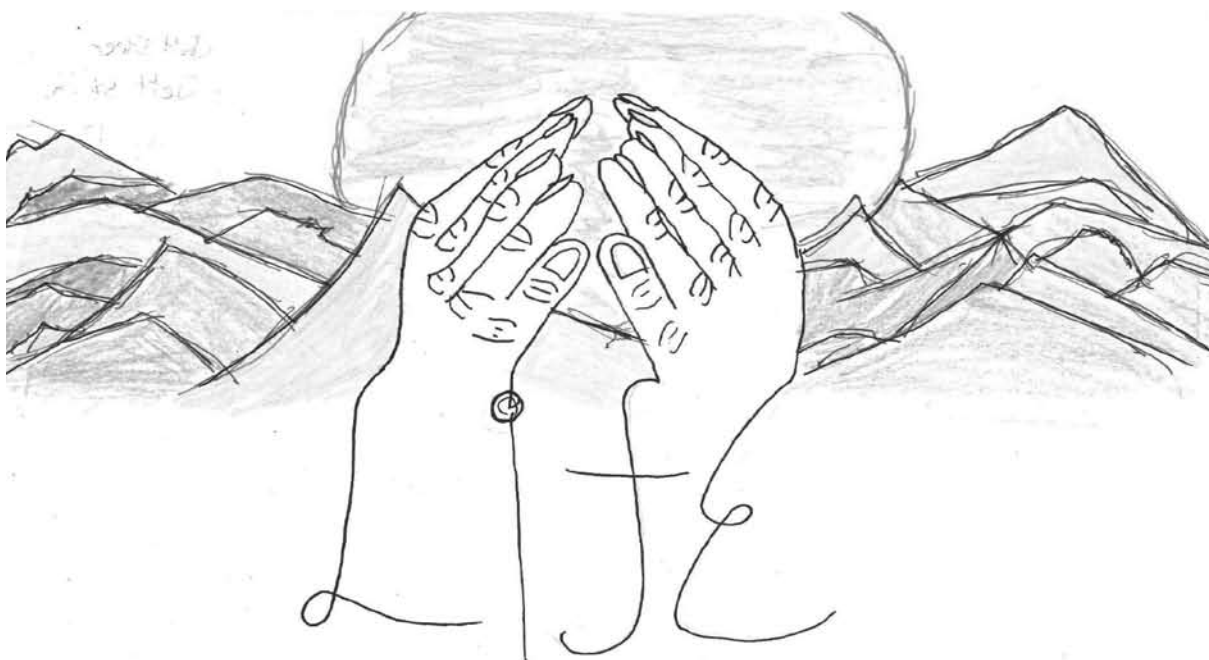
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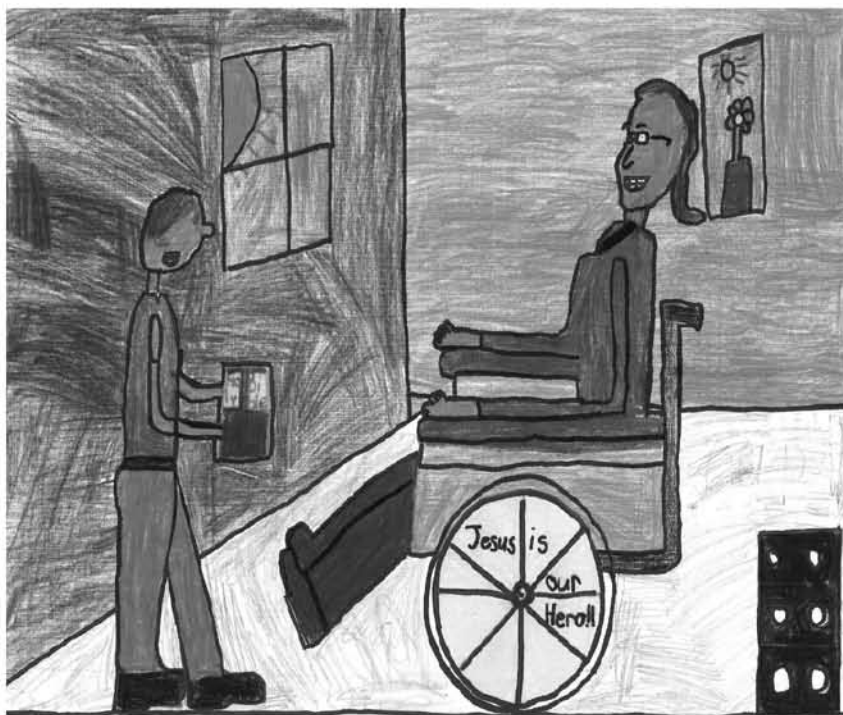
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Winners of the state-wide art contest sponsored by Lutherans For Life of Montana are Jett Steen, age 12, First Lutheran Church, Missoula (above) and John Read-Smith, age 7, First Lutheran Classical School, Missoula (below). The verse for the contest was Ephesians 4:12, "To equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ."





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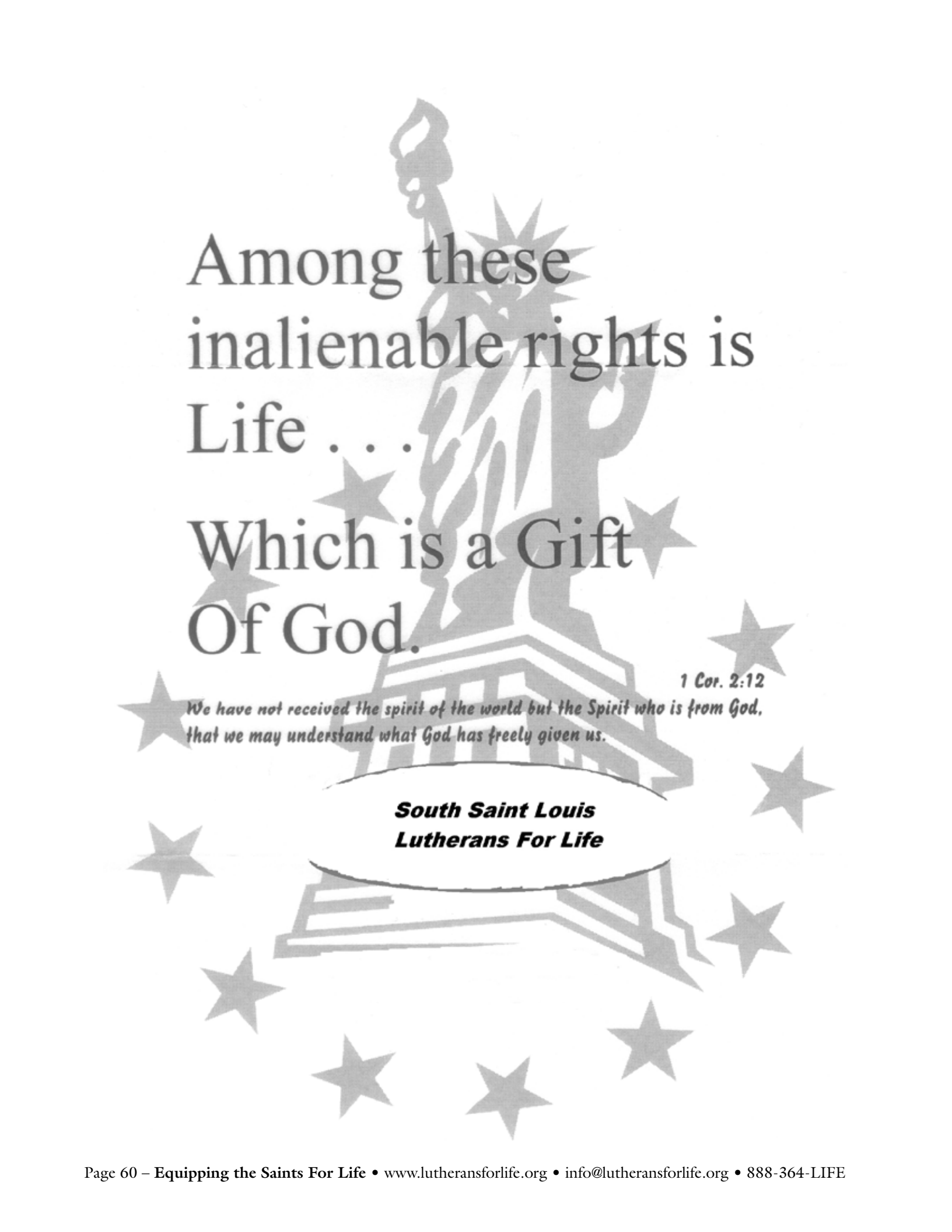
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Which is a Gift  
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1 Cor. 2:12

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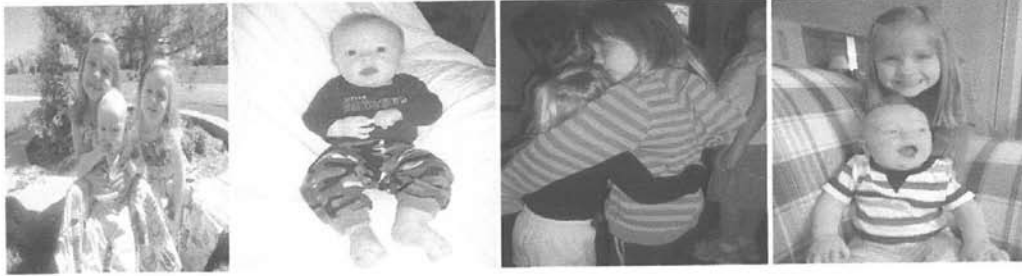
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world, and all it contains, the world, and those  
who dwell in it. Psalm 24:1*



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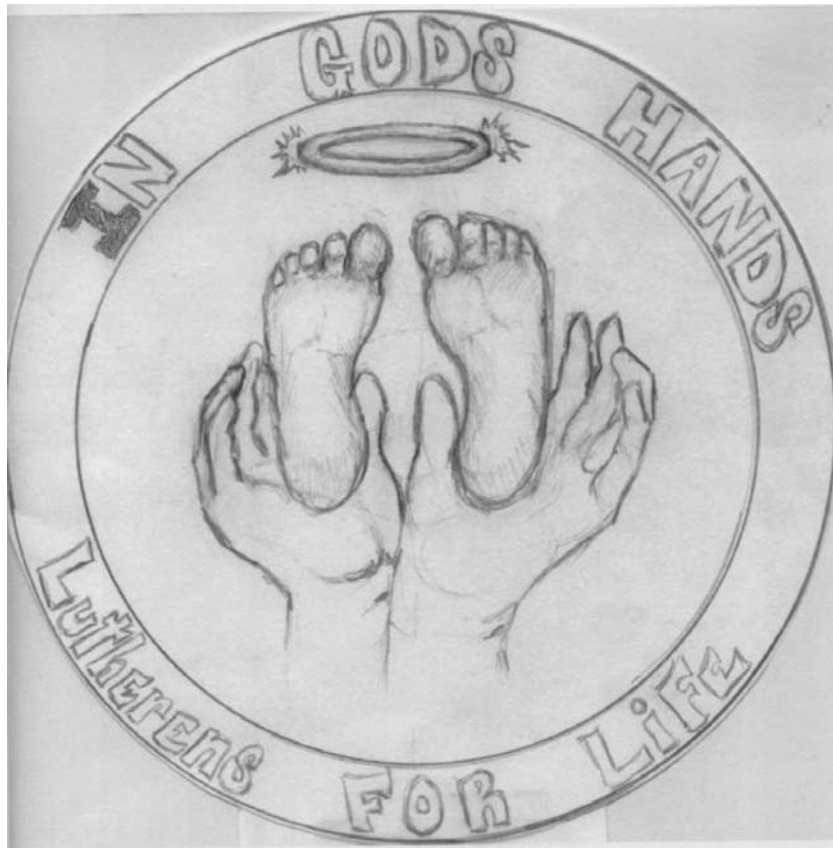
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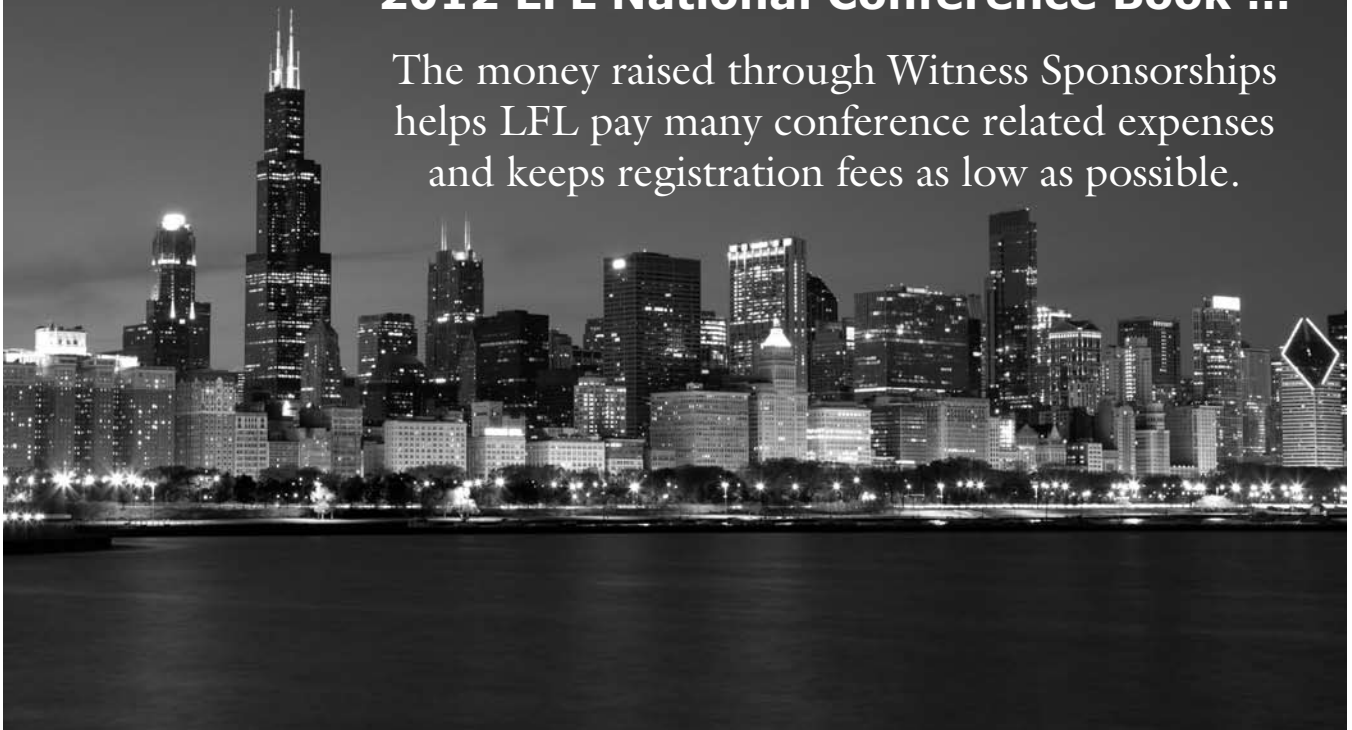




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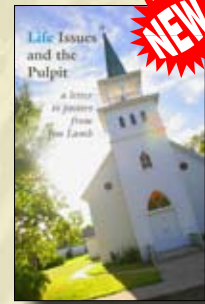


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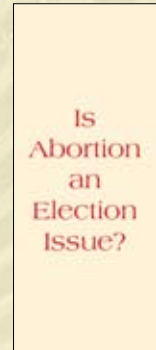
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## Speak Up For Life!

**Life Issues and the Pulpit** – Author James Lamb, in this letter to fellow pastors, writes, “Addressing the Life Issues is the Responsibility of the Church and her pastors for they are spiritual and theological issues. The Church and her pastors have what it takes—the Gospel!!!” *Item LFL1629B. \$1.00 ea.*



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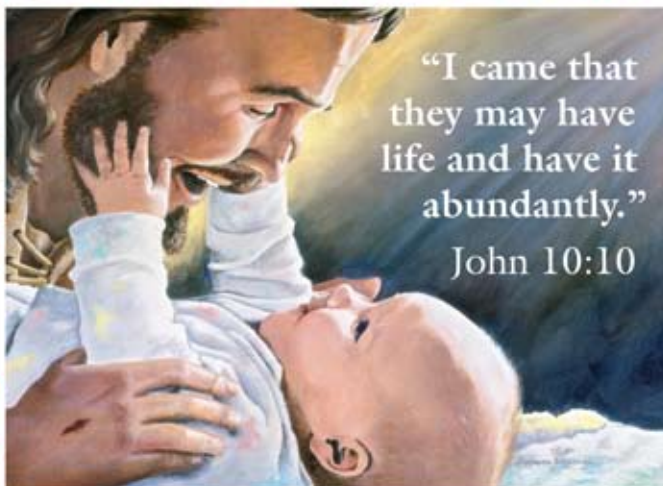
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