



# Lutherans For **Life** National Conference August 5-6, 2011



**Sheraton Grand DFW**  
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# SCHEDULE

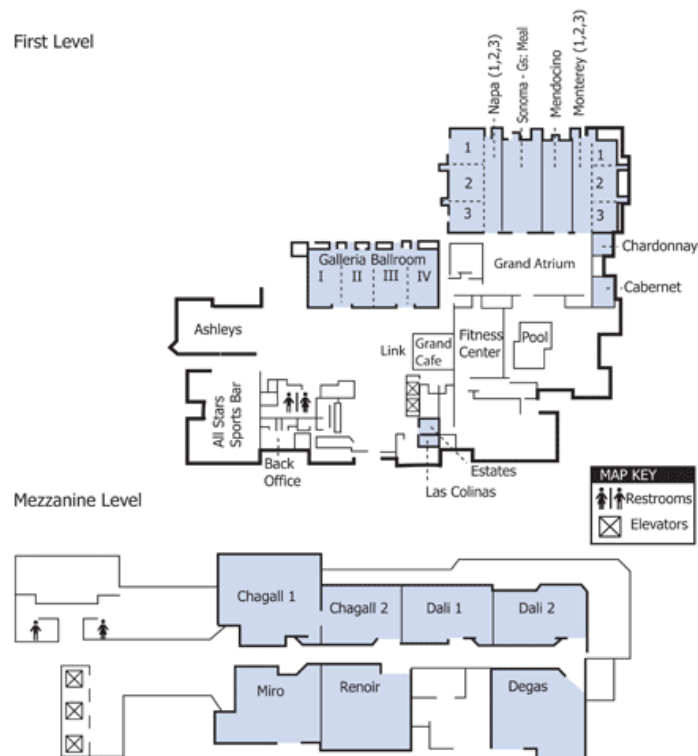
## FRIDAY, AUGUST 5

- 10:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m. Registration • Exhibitor set up
- 12:00 Noon **Luncheon: The Adoption Connection**  
with entertainment by Heather Ruesch
- 1:30 p.m. Break
- 1:30 p.m. **Prayer Vigil at Planned Parenthood**
- 2:30 **Christian Estate Planning** – Jim Schroeder
- 3:30 Break
- 4:00 **Concert with Heather Ruesch**
- 4:45 Break
- 5:00 **Opening Worship**
- 6:30 **Banquet and Keynote Address** – *Orphan Care and the Gospel* – Dr. Russell Moore

## SATURDAY, AUGUST 6

- 7:00 a.m. Registration
- 7:00 **Prayer Breakfast** – Rodney Rathmann
- 8:00 Break
- 8:15 **Plenary 1** – *Bella* movie
- 9:45 Break
- 10:15 **Plenary 2** – Dr. Kurt Senske – *The Lessons of "Bella" – Affirming Life Via Our Own Personal Calling*
- 11:15 Break
- 11:30 **Greetings, Fundraising Fun, and More!**
- 12:00 **Lunch**
- 1:00–4:00 **Servant Event** – Real Choices Pregnancy Center, Grapevine, Texas
- 1:30 **Workshop A: 1, 3, 4, 5**
- 2:30 Break
- 3:00 **Workshop B: 2, 4, 5, 6**
- 4:00 Break
- 4:15 **Workshop C: 1, 2, 3, 6**

**Note: Daycare available for children five and younger.**



**2011 LFL Conference Workshops  
Saturday, August 6, 2011**

**Workshops A: 1, 3, 4, 5**

**Workshops B: 2, 4, 5, 6**

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



**(1) A Baby Changes Everything** – A positive adoption story of two families whose lives have been united by a baby who changed everything for the birth mom, adoptive mom, and the young lady whom God intended to unite these families. Moderated by family member, and LFL board member, Jean Amundson.

**(2) Adoption: Not First Choice, but a Choice of Love** – Janette Clausen, of Lutheran Family Service of Iowa, will share exciting examples of God’s intricate handiwork in adoption. There will also be encouragement and practical ideas to bring a healthy spirit of adoption into your community and congregations.

**(3) Preachers & Politics: What Does the IRS Allow?** – Col. John Eidsmoe will look at church/state relations from the Lutheran Two-Kingdoms viewpoint, examining whether tax-exemption is a privilege or a right, and an explanation of what kinds of political activity are and are not permissible under current IRS 501(c)(3) regulations.

**(4) A Journey to Russia – International Adoption** – In this workshop, Lowell Highby, director of communications for Lutherans For Life, will share his journey from “host dad” to “adoptive dad,” and talk about opportunities for adopting older children internationally.

**(5) In Vitro Fertilization—Promise or Peril?** – In Vitro Fertilization (IVF) is used more and more to help infertile couples conceive and bear children. What does IVF promise? What are the perils? Should Christian couples be concerned about this procedure? This workshop, with Rev. Dr. James I. Lamb, will seek answers to these questions. Embryo adoption will also be part of the discussion.

**(6) A Picture of Possibilities – Strategies to Live Out Our Calling** – Dr. Kurt Senske, author of *The Calling: Live a Life of Significance*, will lead an interactive dialogue designed to assist us in discovering and living-out our calling via our home, community, and church, and profession. Integrating specific strategies with biblical wisdom, Dr. Senske provides an eight-step road map designed to help discover the lives we are called to lead.

**NEW! Order conference souvenirs through the LFL Clothing and Accessories Store at [www.lutheransforlife.org/store!](http://www.lutheransforlife.org/store!)**



## *A Word From Our President*

Welcome to Dallas!

I am excited to be with you as we celebrate adoption. Adoption holds a very special place in my heart; for God used infertility and adoption to push me into the pro-life movement and Lutherans For Life. God used that experience to peel back all of the rhetoric surrounding abortion so I could see children for what they truly are: **God's gifts created by Him in His image for His**

**purpose.** The infertility and adoption experiences changed my life and I am forever grateful for God's call to serve in the life arena and the purpose and meaning it has given my life.

Adoption is rarely chosen these days by mothers in unplanned pregnancies. Children who could be lovingly placed for adoption are often aborted. I am so grateful for the mothers of my children who made a difficult, loving choice giving them life and me the opportunity to be a mom. So I am excited about this conference and learning how I can make a difference for the children—how I can encourage a healthy view of adoption in my church and community and save babies!

But adoption is more than an earthly blessing. It is God's gift to us as we become His sons and inherit His gift of eternal life. No matter how difficult our struggle here on earth, we know that in the end Life Wins! Christ has triumphed over death and given us the victory! That knowledge gives us strength and perseverance for the daily battles we face in the life movement. So be encouraged—keep moving. Don't give up. Remain faithful to your calling. Continue to be firmly rooted in your Vine, trust in Christ's victory. He has promised that with Him in charge of your life, you WILL bear much fruit and make a difference!

**“I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing” (John 15:5).**

Diane Schroeder  
President

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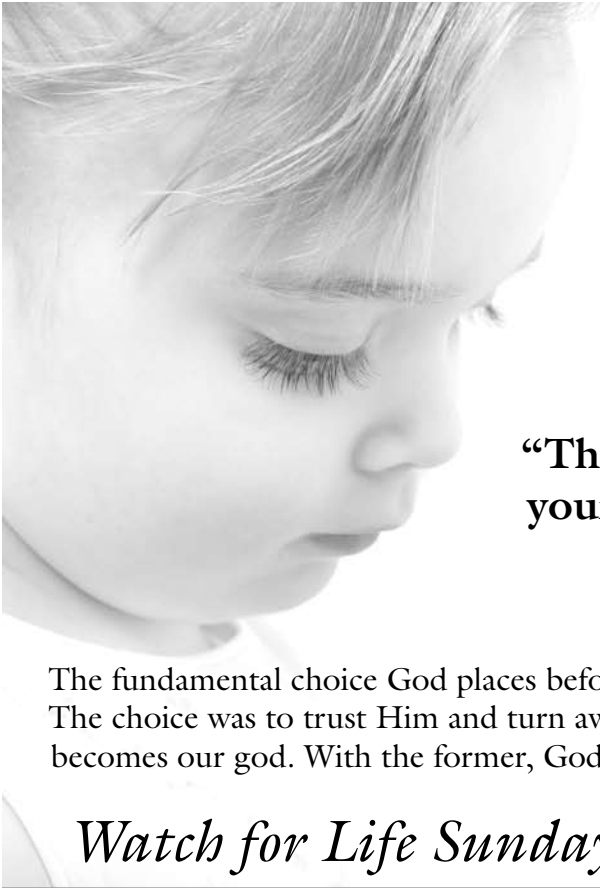
Please leave any of the following at the Lutherans For Life registration table:

- blankets
- diapers
- onesies
- other new infant clothing

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.



Life Sunday 2012

# Trust God – Choose Life

**“Therefore choose life, that you and  
your offspring may live.”**

Deuteronomy 30:19b.

The fundamental choice God places before His people runs deeper than life and death. The choice was to trust Him and turn away from other gods (v 17). With the latter, death becomes our god. With the former, God becomes our life.

*Watch for Life Sunday Sample Packs this October!*

## Thank You to the Conference Committees ...

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# Adoption Links

**Adoption.Com** – [www.adoption.com](http://www.adoption.com)

**Adoptive Families of America** – [www.adoptivefamilies.com](http://www.adoptivefamilies.com)

**America World Adoption** – [www.awaa.org](http://www.awaa.org)

**Bethany Christian Services** – [www.bethany.org](http://www.bethany.org)

**Camp Hope** – [www.camphope.net](http://www.camphope.net)

**Christian Alliance for Orphans** – [www.christian-alliance-for-orphans.org](http://www.christian-alliance-for-orphans.org)

**Children Awaiting Parents (CAP)** – [www.childrenawaitingparents.org](http://www.childrenawaitingparents.org)

**Children's Home Society and Family Services (CHSFS)** – [www.chsfs.org](http://www.chsfs.org)

**Christian Adopt** – [www.christianadoption.com](http://www.christianadoption.com)

**Focus on the Family's Adoption & Orphan Care Initiative** – [www.icareaboutorphans.org](http://www.icareaboutorphans.org)

**Holt International** – [www.holtinternational.org](http://www.holtinternational.org)

**Lutheran Adoption Network** – [www.lanadopt.org](http://www.lanadopt.org)

**National Council for Adoption** – [www.adoptioncouncil.org](http://www.adoptioncouncil.org)

**Snowflakes Embryo Adoption Program** – [www.nightlight.org](http://www.nightlight.org)

**Stork Adoption Agency** – [www.storkadopt.com](http://www.storkadopt.com)



This is not intended to be a comprehensive list of adoption agencies or sources of adoption information or an endorsement by Lutherans For Life. However, we have found these websites to be helpful and informative.



# Word of Hope



for confidential post-abortion  
referral, counsel, and reconciliation

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[www.word-of-hope.org](http://www.word-of-hope.org)



# Conference Speakers and Workshop Leaders



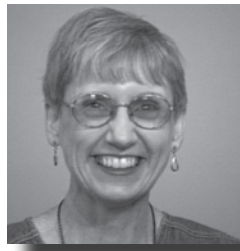
**Dr. Russell Moore** is the Dean of the School of Theology and Senior Vice-President for Academic Administration at The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Kentucky. He also serves as a preaching pastor at Highview Baptist Church in Louisville, where he ministers weekly. Moore is

the author of several books, including *The Kingdom of Christ, Adopted for Life – The Priority of Adoption for Christian Families and Churches*, and *Tempted and Tried*.



**Dr. Kurt Senske** serves as Chief Executive Officer of Lutheran Social Services of the South (LSSS) in Austin, Texas, and as Chair of the Board of Directors of Thrivent Financial for Lutherans. He also serves on the Board of Directors of

Lutheran Services in America. Kurt holds a BS in Business Administration from Valparaiso University, a law degree from the University of Illinois College of Law, a master's degree in International Relations from Schiller International University in Paris, France, and a PhD in Government from the University of Texas at Austin. Dr. Senske has been a regular commentator on television and radio as well as a guest columnist for newspapers and magazines on a variety of issues. He is the author of *The Calling – Living a Life of Significance*; *Executive Values: A Christian Approach to Organizational Leadership*, currently in its fourth printing; and *Personal Values: God's Game Plan For Life*. Dr. Senske, his wife, Laurie, and their daughter, Sydney, live in Austin, Texas.



**Jean Amundson** and her husband, Robert, are the parents of four children and seven grandchildren. Jean became active in LFL after attending a national conference in Dallas several years ago. She is Life

Ministry Coordinator at her congregation and serves as president of Texas LFL and as secretary on the National Lutherans For Life Board of Directors. She organized and leads a post-abortion recovery ministry—Hope in the Mourning—with the support of the local pregnancy center. Jean served five years (2000-2005) as a Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) Mission Ministry Vision consultant for Texas. In 2005, she was nominated for LWML Texas Lutheran Woman of the Year. Jean speaks to adult Bible classes and church organizations on pro-life issues. Robert is a router for a Walmart Distribution Center. Jean is a retired certified professional secretary.



**Janette Clausen** has worked in the social work field nearly 30 years, meeting many unique families and circumstances. She feels that emotionally healthy families are a real treasure, and wishes for each child to have a family with fit parents, unconditional love, and Christian parents. In the first part of her social work career, she worked

with foster children, their birth families, and the foster parents. Oftentimes, the foster care and adoption paths would cross, and her passion for adoption work blossomed. Upon moving into the adoption field full time, her focus moved toward infant domestic adoption, and then soon international adoption work spilled into her agenda and interests as well. Janette has been working as the Director of Pregnancy Counseling and Adoption Services for Lutheran Family Service of Iowa since 2006 full time, and on a contract basis prior to that. She values the belief that while adoption is unlikely to ever be a *first choice* for birthparents, adoptees, and Christian adoptive couples, it certainly can be an *excellent choice* for each.



**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 13 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.



**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,

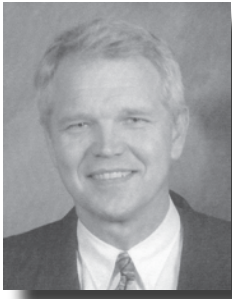
Minnesota; Antigo, Wisconsin; and Redwood Falls, Minnesota. He received his broadcast

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, Lighthouse 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.



**Rev. Dr. James I. Lamb** 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.



**Rodney Rathmann** 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.



**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).

## Conference Music



**Heather Ruesch** is a relatable and passionate singer-songwriter with a perspective that will challenge and uplift others. Her performance is one that will change lives, no matter what age. She is

joyful and uplifting, with a unique edge that gives her a genre of her own. At the age of nineteen, while beginning her sophomore year of college, Heather found herself pregnant and, seemingly, alone in the world. Unwed and barely able to support herself, her faith in Christ and the support of her family kept her grounded and gave her the perseverance to get through the coming years. Now, more than ten years later, Heather is a committed leader in her community with life issues, teen mentoring, family ministry, and Bible-based fundamentals. Heather’s passion is not just for music but for building relationships. She uses her music and message to positively reflect a love for Christ and His people in a hurting world. Heather currently resides in Bear Creek, Wisconsin, with her husband, Matt, and three children, Isabella, Paul, and Sofia.  
[www.heatherruesch.com](http://www.heatherruesch.com)

## 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 CareNet 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** – (see National Conference Speakers)

**Jean Amundson – Secretary** – (see National Conference Speakers)



**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.



**Connie Davis – State Representative** – and her husband, Terry, are the parents of three sons and grandparents of four. She has served as president of LFL of Michigan since 1993. Currently, she is serving as chairperson for the Council of State Presidents and a

federation representative on the National LFL Board. Connie helped organize and served as president of the Loving Arms chapter of LFL in Macomb County (1985-1994). She speaks to Bible classes, church organizations, and parochial schools on For Life issues.



**Laura Davis** is the daughter of a Lutheran pastor and a Lutheran preschool teacher from Katy, Texas. She received a Bachelor of Arts degree in History from Texas A&M University in 2010 and is currently working toward a Master of Public Service and Administration

at A&M's Bush School of Government and Public Service, with an emphasis on non-profit management. She is 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 is currently completing an internship at a pregnancy resource center in Lynnwood, Washington. In addition to her pro-life interests, Laura also enjoys singing in her church's praise team and choir.

**John Eidsmoe** (see National Conference Speakers)

**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 for 19 years. 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 the last 15 years. 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 seven grandchildren.



**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 grown children.



**Patricia Pillman** works with a variety of ministries within her local church and her wider community. God has placed a passion in her for discipling young women. She also loves writing, especially children’s stories. Recently married, she and her husband, Justo, are preparing to serve as missionaries in

Ecuador. They currently live in western Wisconsin.

## LFL State Affiliate Presidents



**Jeanne Strubbe** – LFL of Illinois – (serving the Central and Southern Illinois Districts) 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. Jeanne is a widow after losing her husband Richard to cancer in July of 2009. She has a son, Craig, a grandson, Michael, who live in Jacksonville, Illinois, and two daughters, Sarah and Stephanie. Sarah is a Lutheran school teacher at Salem Lutheran School in Jacksonville, Illinois, where she resides. Stephanie is the store manager for Victoria’s Secret at the Galleria, Clayton, Missouri, and she and her husband, Dustin, live in downtown St. Louis. 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 care-

givers 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 now reside in rural eastern Indiana where they are members of Bethany Lutheran Church in Connersville.



**Karen Frohwein – LFL of Iowa** – and her husband, Randy, are the parents of two grown children, Mike and Amanda, and a stillborn son, Brian, who lives in heaven. They added a new son, Adam, to their family when he married Amanda in 2009. Karen is a graduate of Iowa

State University, currently works for a community action agency, and previously worked at the national office of Lutherans For Life, as well as the Iowa Department of Human Services. Randy and Karen live in State Center and attend church and are active members of Redeemer Lutheran in Marshalltown.



**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 12 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** (see National Board of Directors)



**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** (bio and photo not available at press time)



**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)

**Jean Amundson – LFL of Texas** – (see National Conference Speakers)



**Anthony Horvath**  
 – LFL of Wisconsin  
 – was raised in the Lutheran church. He attended a Lutheran day school from 1st grade through 8th grade, went to

a Lutheran high school, and then a Lutheran university, where he “promptly lost my faith in God while in the pastoral ministry program.” This agonizing time of doubt and personal reflection resulted in a return to God and a passionate desire to spare others from having the same experience. He remained in the pastoral ministry program but decided not to become a pastor. At the end of his senior year Anthony was asked to teach religion at a Lutheran high school in Mayer, Minnesota. He taught there for one year, got married, and moved to Rockford. In Rockford, his wife took a position as an elementary school teacher at a Lutheran grade school and a year later he took a position as a religion teacher at Rockford Lutheran, a junior and senior high school. After the birth of their first son, he took a position as a Director for Parish Ministries at a Lutheran church near La Crosse, Wisconsin. With the birth of twin boys, life became chaotic in Wisconsin. The net result was that Anthony resigned from the church in order to get a job he felt would be more likely to sustain his family. He became an over the road truck driver. A little less than a year later it was determined as a family that he needed to come off the road. Ever since, he has been the “stay at home dad,” writing books, speaking in various venues, and generally advancing his apologetics ministry. Not too long ago, he and his wife had a fourth child, a girl (at last!) At the 20-week ultrasound it was discovered that she had Spina Bifida and he and his wife were given the “choice” to “terminate” which they emphatically declined. This was a very hard time for them but eventually they “sucked it up” and prepared for life with their daughter. Honestly, life has been good. In large part, because of his experience with his daughter, he has of late spent more time writing and reflecting and, when opportunity arises, speaking on life issues. Even though he has always been passionately pro-life and energetically anti-abortion, he never felt he had credibility to speak on the matter except in the abstract. That is no longer the case. Hopefully in the sharing of his story lives can be saved.

## National Life Center Team

**Rev. Dr. James I. Lamb – Executive Director –**  
 (See National Conference Speakers)



**George Munyon – Director of Operations** – Before joining LFL, George spent 30 years in various management positions at Wellmark Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Iowa. He is a lifelong resident of Iowa and attends Hope Lutheran Church in Des Moines. He has taught Sunday School, volunteered at Agape Pregnancy center, and served

as an officer of Iowans For Life, Warren County Chapter. George has been married to his wife, Geysa, for 36 years. They have a grown daughter, Jennifer.

**Lowell Highby – Director of Communications**  
 – (See National Conference Speakers)



**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)



**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 O'Shaughnessy – 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 daughter. 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.



**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 four grandsons. Linda is a homemaker, writer, and national speaker. She has been involved in the ministry

of Lutherans For Life on the local, state, and national levels since 1981. She served on the national board of LFL for 18 years, nine of those years as president. In 2004, Linda stepped down from the role of President of LFL to begin service as Director of Outreach for Word of Hope, LFL's abortion healing ministry (888-217-8679; [www.word-of-hope.org](http://www.word-of-hope.org)). Linda also started Titus 2 for Life, a ministry model that mentors biblical manhood and womanhood through retreats, training events, and the website [www.titus2-4life.org](http://www.titus2-4life.org). 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 of directors. Linda is the author of *Men, Women, and Relationships*; *Into His Loving Care*; *From Heartache to Healing*; and *Generations of Hope for Generations to Come* (available through Concordia Publishing House). She appears regularly on Christian radio.



**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, a doctoral candidate in

Theology and Religious Studies at The Catholic University of America in Washington, DC, 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** – one of

nine children, was born and raised on a farm near Tower City, North Dakota. After graduation from high school, Pastor Richman served with the Army for two years in Munich. Upon completion of his tour of duty, 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. During his seminary years, Pastor Richman was actively involved in the World Missions committee of Luther Seminary.



Pastor Richman was married to the former Mavis Elster in July of 1963. They left for Brazil as missionaries in August of that year. Their three children were born in Brazil where they worked for 11 years. The last five years were in student ministry in the city of Porto Alegre in southern Brazil. The Richmans returned home in 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. In 1990, he and a pastor organized the first East European pastor's conference. 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. This ministry was incorporated in the fall of 1992. Pastor Richman was designated director by the Board of Trustees at their first meeting in October of 1992. In March of 2004, Don handed the primary leadership and administration of EEMN over to Pastor Bill Moberly. He continues as Founding Director of EEMN. Though he continues to reside in Bloomington and the office is located in the same city, he travels frequently to various

countries in Eastern Europe and the former Soviet Union. He is excited about this ministry and is grateful to God for the fellowship and friendship with brothers and sisters in many countries. He is also grateful to be able to partner with people over there in developing Bible schools, colleges and other similar ministries.



**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.



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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.

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## Making the Best Gift to LFL

by Jim Schroeder, Christian Estate Planning Counselor



“How can I make my best gift to Lutherans For Life through my estate?”

This question is one that you as a Christian steward may ask when you get ready to prepare your estate plan. There are many factors to consider when making this decision. You will want to consider your family situation, the types of assets that God has given you to manage, and the different types of charitable gift instruments that are available to you. I know this sounds like a lot to consider but it really is quite simple when you allow a professional gift planning counselor to assist you with your planning.

As Christians, we believe that God has created a special plan for each of our lives. He adopts us into His family at our Baptism. The Holy Spirit will be our guide as we discover God’s plan for us. We cannot take any credit for this as it is God who is working through each one of us to benefit our families and the ministries that He has put into our lives including Lutherans For Life.

As I visit with you about your goals for your estate plan here are some of the things we will discuss:

**Your Family** – I will ask you to tell me about your spouse if you have one, your

children and grandchildren, and even your extended family. We will talk about each individual and your relationship to them. What do you believe God wants you to do for them in your estate plan? How old are your children? How will your family manage the assets that you will transfer to them?

**Your Estate Assets** – I will assist you in making a list of the assets, how they are titled, their value, and any beneficiary designations that you have made for them. We will discuss your goals for these assets during your life and at your death.

**Gift Planning Ideas for Your Favorite Ministries** – I will share with you a few different gift planning ideas to allow you to continue your support for your favorite ministries after you die and go to be with the Lord. I will assist you in deciding which ministries you would like to support and the type of gift you would like to make.

After assisting you in setting your goals for your family and your favorite ministries, I will assist you in completing your plans. This is where the planning process gets bogged down for many families. They are tempted to think that once they have decided what they want that their work is done. I can assist you in scheduling a time to meet with your attorney and other financial advisors. I will prepare a packet of information for you to give to your attorney. If possible, I will go with you to your attorney and help explain your goals for your



estate plan. Beneficiary designations are an important part of almost every estate plan and I will assist you in working with your financial advisors to complete that part of your plan.

In many families there will be discussions that need to be held with other family members during the planning process. These discussions are very helpful in safeguarding family harmony and making a Christian witness. Many families have been torn apart by arguments after a parent dies.

The last question in all of this is how and when should a person get started on their estate planning? My prayer would be that the Holy Spirit is working through me as I write this article and that someone who is reading this will be moved to ask for my help and get started. There is no cost for my help and it is completely confidential.

If you would like to visit with me about developing your Christian Estate Plan contact me at [jschroeder@lutheransforlife.org](mailto:jschroeder@lutheransforlife.org) or 877.913.2221.

### ALGS Update

The Abundant Life Giving Society was begun in 2010. The annual giving society recognizes individuals, families, congregations, church groups, and businesses that donate \$1,000 or more annually to support the mission of Lutherans For Life.

In 2010, the founding year, we had 95 ALGS members.

In 2011 we have set a goal to increase this to 140 members.

To accomplish this we need your involvement and support. You and your family can become an ALGS member in 2011.

Your donations can be made monthly, quarterly, or annually. Abundant Life Giving Society members receive a special certificate, signed by our executive director, that they can frame and display at their home, church, or business. This allows them to tell others about LFL. ALGS members are also recognized in *LifeDate* and recognized at the annual conference.

## 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:

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

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# Giving For Life

**Our Mission ... Equipping Lutherans to be Gospel-motivated voices For Life.**

Lutherans For Life equips Lutheran congregations through the **RENEWAL FOR LIFE**® initiative, schools through the **Teaching For Life**® curriculum, and individuals and their families through a wide range of resources. Your financial gifts, no matter how large or small, allow LFL to continue to change hearts and lives. Thank you!

We invite you to consider how you can give a gift and join us in celebrating the Abundant Life God gives each of us who follow the Savior!

**Our Vision ... Every Lutheran congregation upholding the God-given value of human life and influencing society to do the same.**



*“Let each one do just as he has purposed in his heart; not grudgingly or under compulsion; for God loves a cheerful giver” (2 Corinthians 9:7).*

# Going Fishing ...

by Kay L. Meyer, Director of Development



“When they came to Capernaum, the collectors of the two-drachma tax went up to Peter and said, ‘Does your teacher not pay the tax?’ He said, ‘Yes.’ And when he came into the house, Jesus spoke to him first, saying, ‘What do you think, Simon? From whom do kings of the earth take toll or tax? From their sons or from others?’ And when he said, ‘From others,’ Jesus said to him, ‘Then the sons are free. However, not to give offense to them, go to the sea and cast a hook and take the first fish that comes up, and when you open its mouth you will find a shekel. Take that and give it to them for me and for yourself’” (Matthew 17:24-27).

Have you ever worried or been anxious about how you or your family would pay your bills? You are not alone. Jesus’ disciples were anxious and worried about how they would pay their taxes. Jesus told them to “go fishing.” He told Peter that the first fish he caught would have a coin inside its mouth. Take it and give it to them for my tax and yours (Matthew 17:27). A pretty amazing story, isn’t it?

Well, why not? Our God is an amazing God. He performed many miracles and this was just one of them. But, have you ever wondered what else Jesus might have been communicating to His disciples, including us, through this story? The story encourages us to trust God in all circumstances. He will, as He promised, supply all our needs. Our needs include those that are physical, emotional, and financial. So, if you are worried and anxious about how you will pay your bills, look up! Look up to the cross and remember that Jesus suffered for your sins and mine. He, who was without sin, took our sins upon Himself and suffered in our place. Thankfully, He didn’t remain in the grave. He rose from the dead as He had promised (Luke 24:45-49).

We are so pleased that you are attending the LFL annual conference. We pray God will bless you and equip you. Lutherans For Life also relies upon the Lord to supply our needs, just as you do. How will the Lord supply Lutherans For Life with the financial support to pay our expenses and fund the strategic plans for the future?

He probably won’t have us go fishing, but he will send His Holy Spirit to encourage supporters like you to give and give generously!

Thank you for supporting Lutherans For Life with your time, talents, and treasures. You are special. Your prayers, volunteer involvement, and financial support allow Lutherans For Life to accomplish its mission. Please prayerfully consider how you, your family, and congregation can join hands with us and help us accomplish our mission—to help Lutherans be Gospel-motivated voices for Life.

We encourage you to prayerfully consider an annual gift that demonstrates your love for the Lord and your commitment to life.

## **How can you support LFL?**

Some of our supporters give an annual gift. Others give a quarterly or monthly gift. If you have never thought about giving quarterly or monthly, please consider it now. Other LFL supporters put us into their will or trust. They want to provide financial support for Lutherans For Life beyond their lifetimes. Did you know that only 30 percent of Lutherans have wills or revocable living trusts? Did you know that only two or three percent of those Lutherans who have wills have left a gift to a specific ministry they care about? What a missed opportunity to be excellent stewards of the gifts God gives us. Please let us know how we can serve you.

Prayer: Lord Jesus, thank you for reminding us that you supply our needs every day. Thank you for helping Lutherans For Life promote life as its volunteers and supporters share the Gospel. In Your Name. Amen.

*I would be happy to visit with you or arrange for you to meet with a gift planning counselor who lives in your area. To learn more contact me at 515.441.6571 or [kmeyer@lutheransforlife.org](mailto:kmeyer@lutheransforlife.org). You can also learn about planned gift options at [www.lutheransforlife.org](http://www.lutheransforlife.org).*



## Nine Months of **Teaching For Life**<sup>®</sup>

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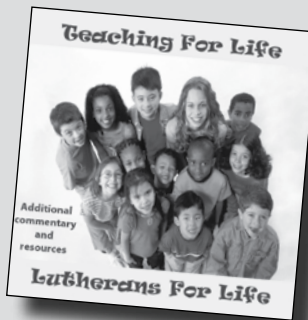
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# A Brief History of Lutherans For Life



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.

In May of 2010, George Munyon joined the staff as Director of Operations.

Also in May of 2010, James P. Schroeder, began serving LFL as a Christian Estate Planning 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 Sipler, 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. McIlhane, 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 Harrmann, 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 Mauer, 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. Kam, 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 Goegelein, 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”

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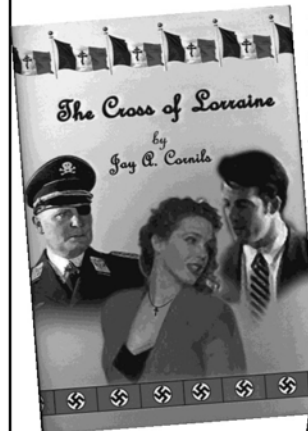


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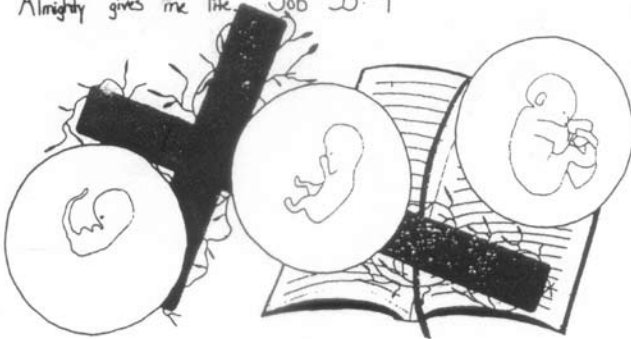
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Heather Ruesch – **Growing up** in the hospitality industry, I worked alongside my family in various inns and hotels. Because my father is a master chef, I learned my way around the kitchen, and eventually the dining room, very early on in life. I merit these experiences for **my love of people** and ability to speak and perform in venues of all sizes and styles; After all, aren't relationships **best built first around Christ and then around food**?



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*Presently, Heather Ruesch performs in a wide variety of venues, from local congregations, to charity fundraisers, to high school and university campuses, to denominational youth gatherings, to annual assemblies of national organizations.*

*Heather currently lives in Bear Creek, Wisconsin, with her husband, Matt, and three children, Isabella, Paul, and Sofia. In addition to her career in the music industry, Heather is also the Executive Director of the Pregnancy Information Center in Waupaca, Wisconsin, a Christian Crisis Center for individuals facing an unplanned pregnancy or dealing with issues of Life and Sexuality. Further information about that ministry can be found at [www.wpic.info](http://www.wpic.info).*

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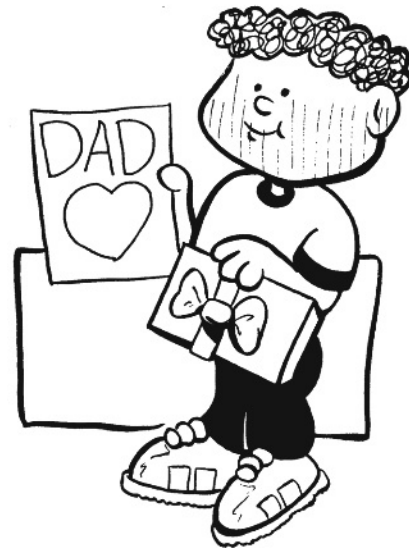
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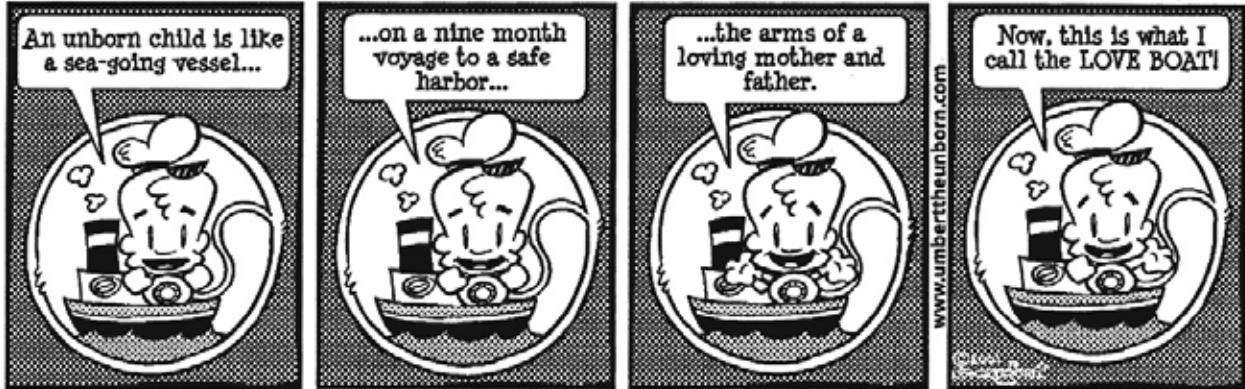


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God sent his Son, born of a woman,  
born under the law, to redeem those  
under the law, that we might receive  
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Galatians 4:4-5



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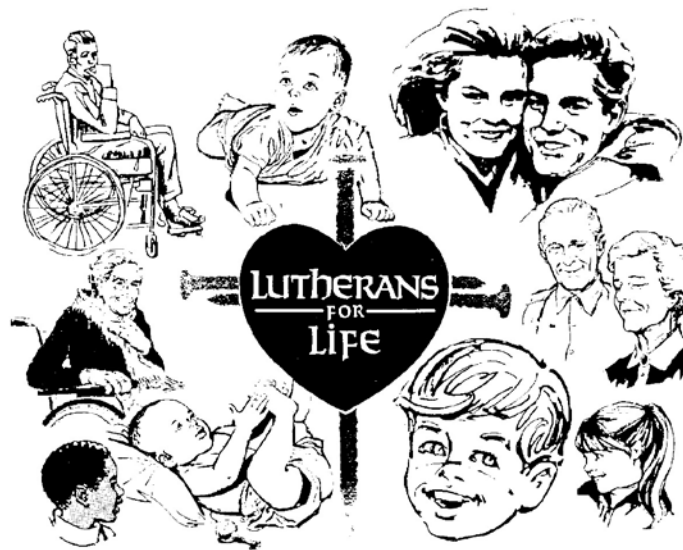
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*Galatians 4:4-5*

*Salem Lutheran Church*

Lutherans for Life  
Chapter #246

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## In Gratitude to God for the Gift of Children



The Schroeders  
Michael, Katie, Liz, Diane, Carl, Paul & Beka

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



## *Southeast Nebraska Lutherans for Life*

**Adoption...not an expected gift...  
but a chosen one!**

*“...Even as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before Him. In love, He predestined us for ADOPTION as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of His will, to the praise of His glorious grace, with which He has blessed us in the Beloved” (Ephesians 1: 4-6).*

**We are chosen in Christ for LIFE!**

**You don't have to be a superman to ADOPT...but you can sure make someone feel that way. Adoption is the blessed choice for life.**

**Thanks be to God that He adopted us in Christ for life now and for eternity.**

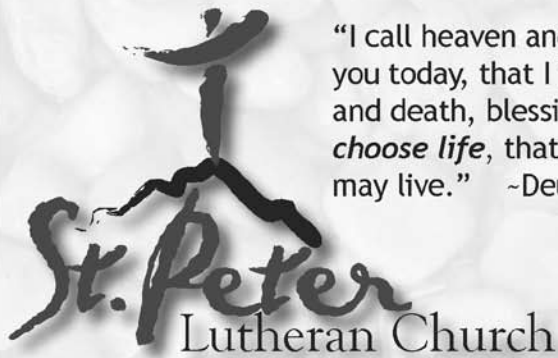


"ADOPTED IN CHRIST"

SHARING AND SPREADING THE GOOD NEWS  
THAT OUR WHOLE LIVES HAVE MEANING AND  
PURPOSE BECAUSE OF WHOSE WE ARE.



*Lutherans for Life, Springfield, Missouri*



"I call heaven and earth to witness against you today, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and curse. Therefore *choose life*, that you and your offspring may live." -Deuteronomy 30:19



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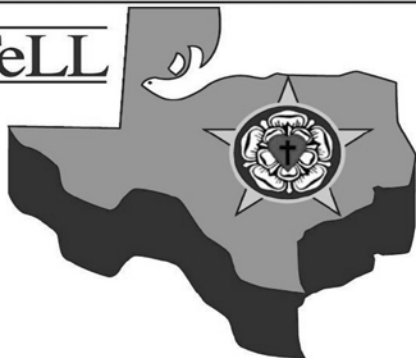
## *Adopted in Christ*

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**TEXAS LUTHERANS FOR LIFE**

*Reaching Texas Lutherans with the Pro-Life Message.*

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## Titus 2 for Life



*See to it that no one takes you captive by philosophy and empty deceit . . . and not according to Christ*  
(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."

[www.titus2-4life.org](http://www.titus2-4life.org) + [www.ezerwoman.wordpress.com](http://www.ezerwoman.wordpress.com)  
[lindabartlett@mchsi.com](mailto:lindabartlett@mchsi.com) + a word of hope from Grace (888) 217-8679

## Springing Hope 1:27



**Springing Hope 1:27 is a ministry at Trinity Lutheran Church in Klein, TX to answer God's call to care for orphans through education, support, and advocacy so that children will know the love of Jesus through their families.**

**"Pure and undefiled religion in the sight of God is this: to visit orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world." James 1:27**

**Interested in starting a ministry at your church?**

**Come visit us at our exhibition table**

**Mary Ann Day**

**Carol Mueller**

**<http://www.trinityklein.org/missions/>**

**Many resources also available at**

**[www.hopefororphans.org](http://www.hopefororphans.org)**

**[empoweredtoconnect.org](http://empoweredtoconnect.org)**



Let the little children come to  
me,  
and do not hinder them,  
For the kingdom of heaven  
belongs to such as these.

Matthew 19:14



## West St. Louis County Lutherans for Life



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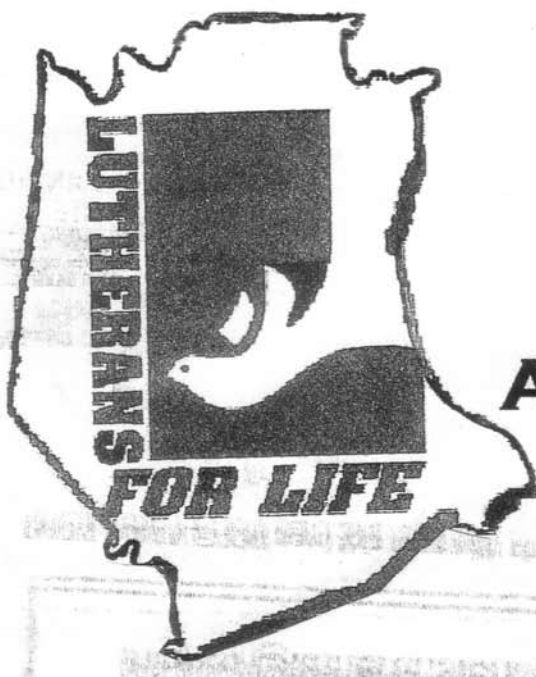
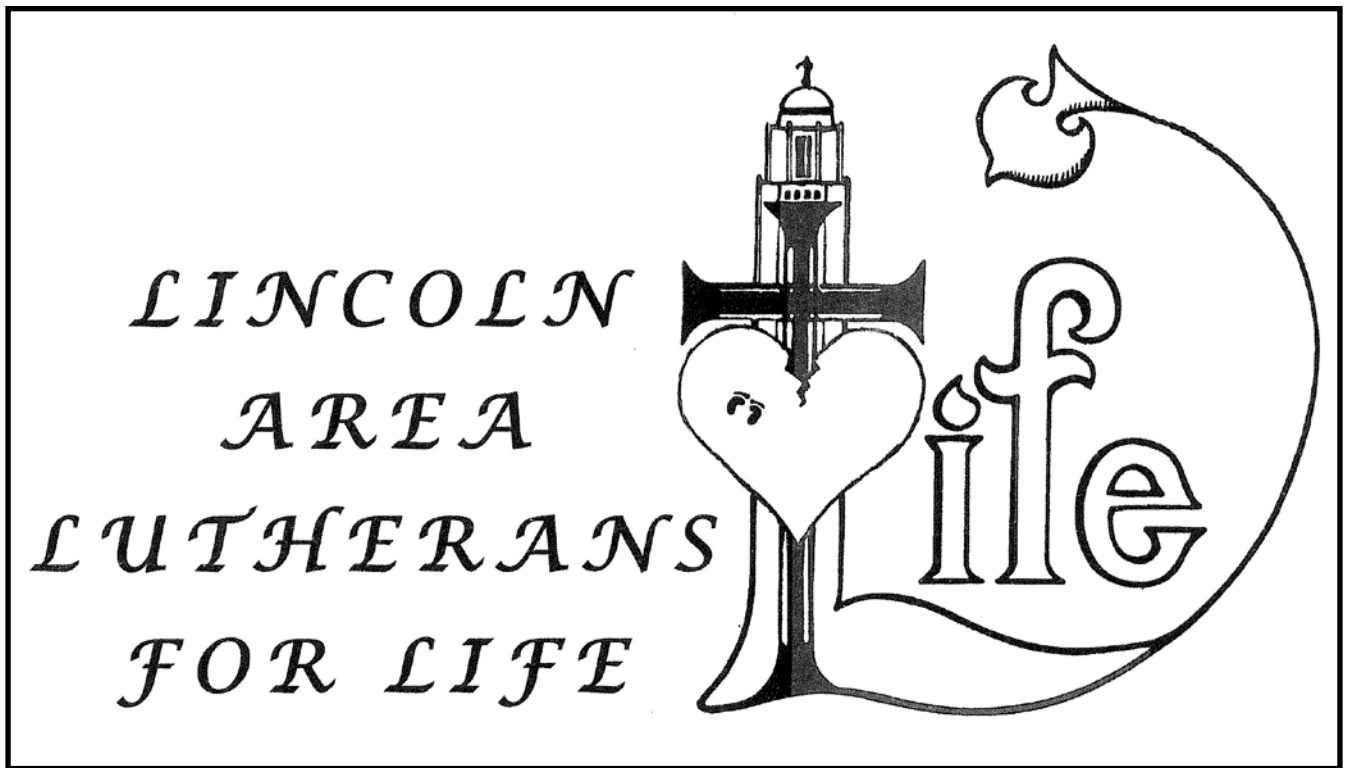
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*Lutherans For Life*

*Jefferson County Chapter*

**ADOPTED IN CHRIST**

Jefferson County, Missouri

*Dear Heavenly Father,*

*With all Your grace and loving care,*

*You are the reason we are here!*

*Help us deal with any strife,*

*to protect Your gift of life.*

*In Your Word we find all truth!*

*Give us eyes for which to see,*

*Hearts to share Your love,*

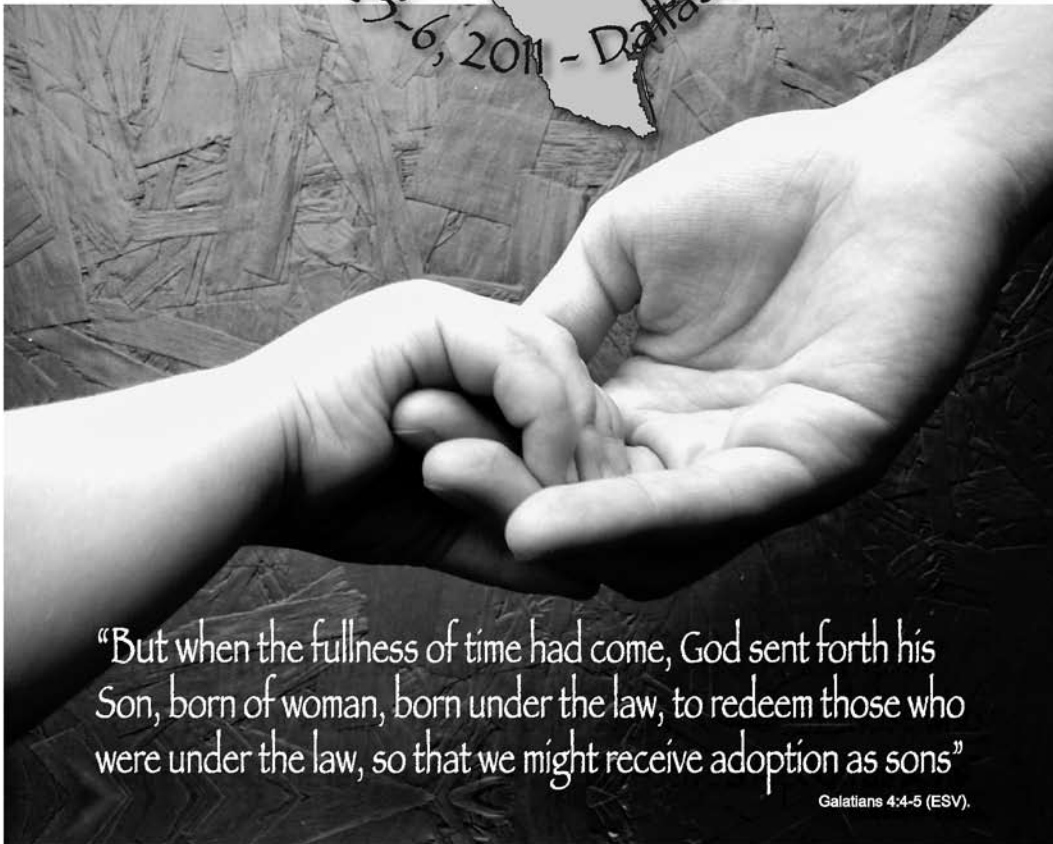
*And guide us in our daily lives,*

*on earth as up above.*

*For every heartbeat, every breath, we*

*Thank and ever Praise You!*

Greater Dallas-Fort Worth Lutherans For Life, Chapter #117



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Galatians 4:4-5 (ESV).

## Lutherans For Life National Conference



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***I have come that they might have  
life and have it abundantly. (John 10:10)***



***Good Shepherd Lutheran Church  
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[www.LSSS.org](http://www.LSSS.org)  
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### A Life Quote:

“God only has one ‘natural’ child. He adopted all the rest.”

*Rev. Dr. James I. Lamb, executive director of Lutherans For Life*



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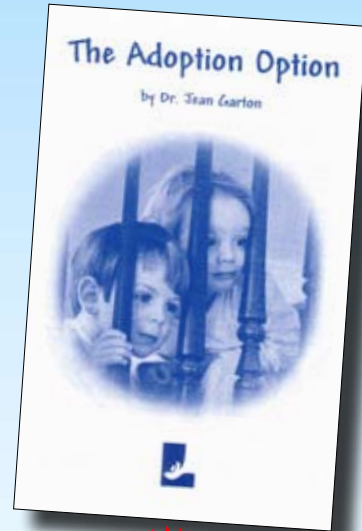
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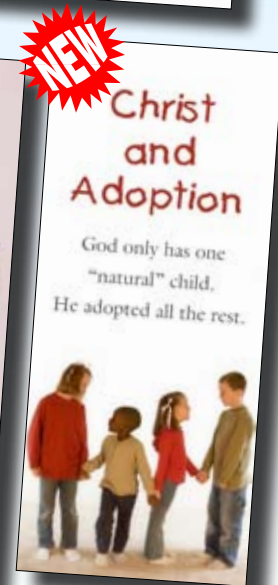
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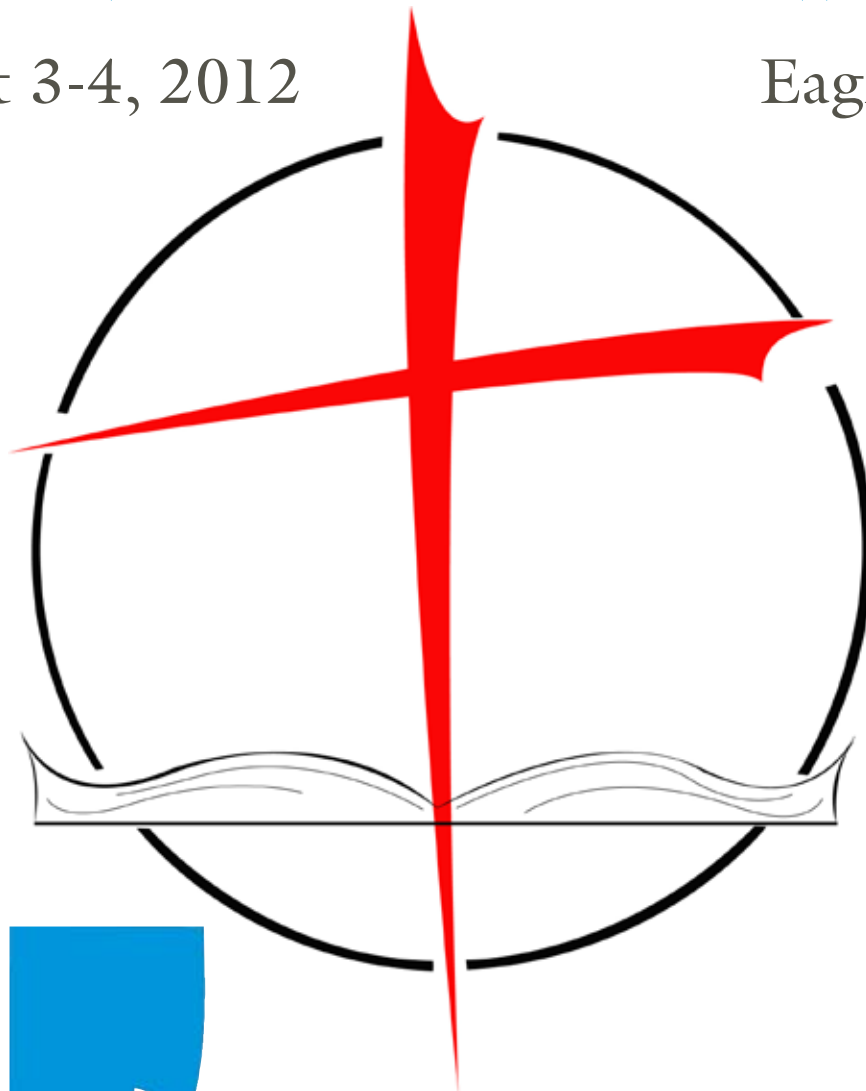
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