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September 16, 2017

Concordia Theological Seminary

Fort Wayne, Indiana

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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 your congregation can help.



A Word From Our President

A hearty welcome and thank you for attending this 2017 Lutherans For Life Regional Conference!

We are so excited to be offering regional conferences this year. It is a new direction for LFL in our mission of **equipping Lutherans to be Gospel-motivated voices For Life!** A tremendous amount of work and planning has gone into these conferences designed to bring wonderful speakers to learn from and great fellowship to encourage.

As we near the sunset of the 500th anniversary year of the Reformation and have reflected upon the example of the great reformer Martin Luther to “stand firm” on the promises found in God’s Word, we find renewed strength and “Hope For Life.”

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HOPE

What is hope? A biblical definition of “hope” could be “confident expectation.” I really like that definition of hope. God’s Word assures us of our eternal salvation through the selfless, loving sacrifice of His only Son, Jesus Christ. Whatever the journey in this life manages to throw at us, we can live with “confident expectation” that our future is secure. We have this **hope for life!**

I cannot wait to hear what messages of hope our line-up of speakers will have for us! I have this “confident expectation” that God will truly bless us through their Holy Spirit-led messages, helping us to be better equipped Gospel-motivated voices for life!

Living in “confident expectation” while serving the Lord of Life with you,

Lynette Auch
President

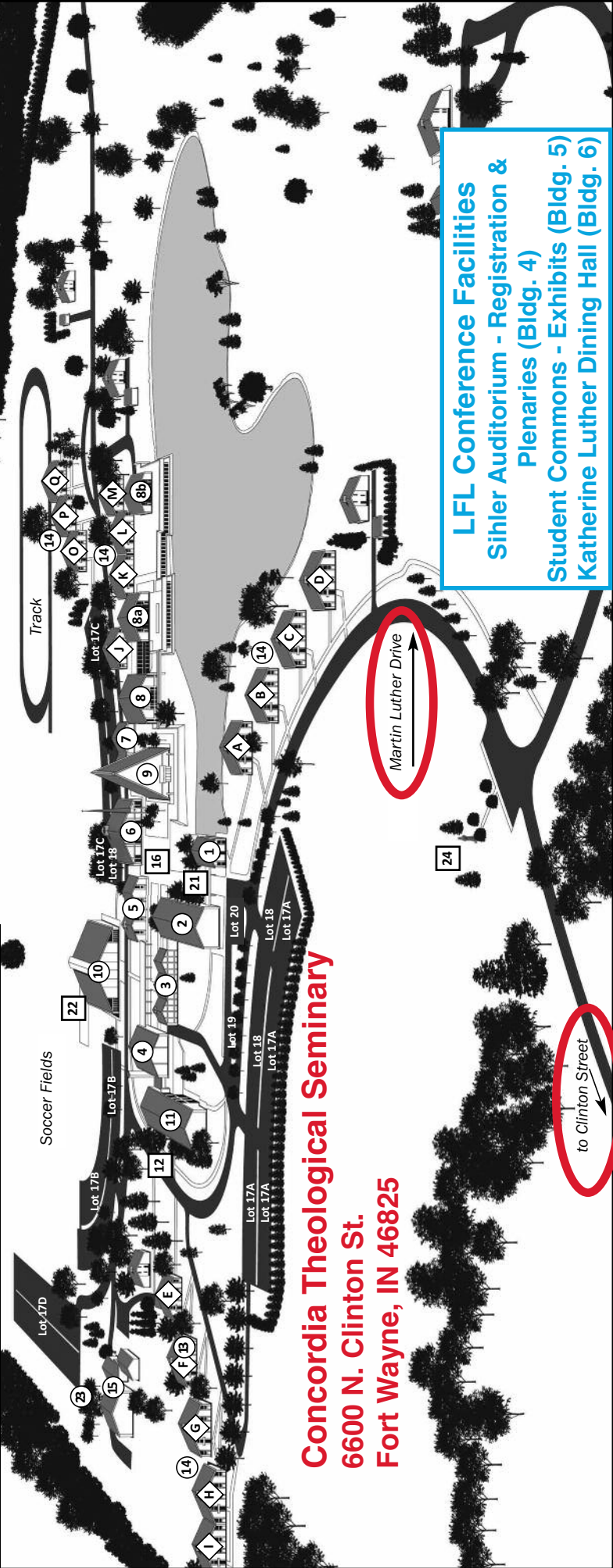
2017 Lutherans For Life Regional Conference Agenda

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Saturday, September 16, 2017

8:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.	REGISTRATION
9:00 a.m. – 9:25 a.m.	Opening/Welcome – Rev. Michael Salemink <i>Devotion, singing, housekeeping update</i>
9:25 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.	LFL Update
9:30 a.m. – 10:20 a.m.	Plenary #1 – Rev. Scott Licht “Hope Amidst the Lies – A Christian Perspective on Physician-Assisted Suicide”
10:20 a.m. – 10:40 a.m.	BREAK
10:40 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.	LFL Update
10:45 a.m. – 11:35 a.m.	Plenary #2 – Rev. Dr. Matthew Rueger “We’ve Been This Way Before” – Christians often feel thrust into a hopeless battle previous generations didn’t have to fight, especially in the culture wars raging over sexual ethics and life issues
11:35 a.m. – 11:50 a.m.	Essay Contest Presentations
11:50 a.m. – 12:50 p.m.	LUNCH
12:50 p.m. – 12:55 p.m.	LFL Update
12:55 p.m. – 1:45 p.m.	Plenary #3 – Dr. Christina Francis “Yes, Abortion Pill Reversal Will Work”
1:45 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.	BREAK
2:00 p.m. – 2:50 p.m.	Plenary #4 – Rev. Dr. Peter J. Scaer “The Loss of Life and Liberty in the Pursuit of Happiness”
2:50 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.	BREAK
3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Plenary #5 & Closing - Rev. Michael Salemink “Standing Out in the Life Field” – How to be a life-minded congregation and community

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**LFL Conference Facilities
 Sihler Auditorium - Registration &
 Plenaries (Bldg. 4)
 Student Commons - Exhibits (Bldg. 5)
 Katherine Luther Dining Hall (Bldg. 6)**

- 1. Werner Administration Building**
- Academic/Dean's Office
 - Accounting
 - Business Office
 - CTISFW Tours
 - President's Office
 - Switchboard
- 2. Wynken Hall—Classrooms**
(Elevator near water fountain)
- Lower Level (access to tunnel):
 - Admission
 - CTISFW Public Safety
 - Relocation Coordinator
- 3. Faculty & Staff Offices**
- Upper Level:
 - Chapel Offices
 - Deaconess Formation
 - Distance Learning (SMP)
 - Field Education
 - Founders Room
 - Placement
 - Vicarage
 - Lower Level: Maintenance
- 4. Sihler Auditorium**
- 5. Craemer Hall**
- Upper Level: Student Commons
 - Lower Level: Food Co-op
- 6. Katherine Luther Dining Hall**
- 7. Luther Hall**
- 8. Wayne & Barbara Kroemer Library** *(Elevator lift access)*
- Daniels Lantern *(Elevator access)*
 - Wolf Lantern
 - Kramer Chapel
- 9. Kramer Chapel**
- 10. Wambsganss Gymnasium**
- 11. Loehle Hall—Classrooms**
(Elevator near Bookstore)
- Upper Level:
 - Dean of Students
 - Financial Aid
 - Graduate Studies
 - International Studies
 - Registrar
 - Veterans Affairs
 - Lower Level:
 - Bookstore
 - Distance Learning Lab
 - Mallroom
- 12. Handicapped parking and ramp to Upper Plaza**
- 13. Clothing Co-op**
- 14. Dormitories**
- A. Jerome—Faculty Offices
 - B. Ambrose
 - Community Services
 - Seminary Relations
 - Seminary Technology
 - C. Athanasius—Advancement
- 14. Dormitories**
- D. Augustine
 - American Lutheran Theological Seminary (ALTS)
 - American Association of Lutheran Churches (AALC)
 - CTQ
 - Faculty Offices
 - Luther Academy
 - E. Naumann—Handicapped Accessible Dorm
 - F. Spiegel—Clothing Co-op
 - G. Engelder—Phoebe Hall
 - H. Deaconess Student Dorm
 - I. Pieper—Guest Dorm
 - J. Albrecht—Guest Dorm
 - K. Melancthon—Student Dorm
 - L. Brenz
 - M. Bugenhagen—Student Dorm
 - N. Jonas—Student Dorm
 - O. Chemnitz—Star 88.3
 - P. WLAB Radio
 - Gerhard—Student Dorm
- 14. Dormitories**
- Q. Calvy—Student Dorm
- 15. Lutheran Ministries Media**
(Worship for Shut-Ins)
- 16. Upper Plaza**
- Parking Lots**
- 17A. Student
 - 17B. Student
 - 17C. Student
 - 17D. Overflow
 - 18. Faculty & Staff
 - 19. Visitor Parking
 - 20. Handicapped Parking
- 21. Preus Memorial Plaza**
(Lower Plaza)
- 22. Playscape**
- 23. Grounds Garage**
- 24. Martin Luther Statue**
- Public Restroom Locations**
- Men's:**
- Commons/Dining Hall
 - Kramer Chapel (lower)
 - Loehle Hall (lower)
 - Luther Hall
 - Wayne & Barbara Kroemer Library
 - Wambsganss Gymnasium
 - Werner Administration (upper)
 - Wynken Hall (lower)
- Women's:**
- Commons/Dining Hall
 - Kramer Chapel (lower)
 - Loehle Hall (upper)
 - Luther Hall
 - Wayne & Barbara Kroemer Library
 - Wambsganss Gymnasium
 - Werner Administration (upper)
 - Wynken (upper near Mosaic and Faculty Offices)

Conference Speakers and Topics



Rev. Scott Licht
National Director of Lutherans For Life

Scott grew up in New Ulm, Minnesota, and was raised in the Wisconsin Synod. He graduated from Martin Luther Preparatory School, Northwestern College (the WELS pastor-training college), and attended Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary for a short time. In 2005, he earned an MBA and a Master of Science in Information Systems from Iowa State University. Most recently, Scott worked for Burke Corporation in Nevada, Iowa, as the Information Technology Manager and Supply Chain Manager. His true passion, however, is fulfilled in his weekend job—pastor of Shepherd of the Prairie Lutheran Church in Huxley, Iowa. They are a mission congregation rostered with the Lutheran Congregations in Mission to Christ (LCMC) and the North American Lutheran Church (NALC). Scott’s role at Lutherans For Life allows him to combine his business experience with his passion for serving our Lord of Life. Scott has two adult daughters in the Des Moines area. He and his wife, Sue, live near Huxley with Sue’s youngest daughter,

three horses, a cat, and a dog. Sue also has two adult daughters. Scott says, “There is never a lack of things to do, and I give thanks for how richly God has blessed me. I enjoy serving Him through the mission of Lutherans For Life, and I would ask for your prayers as we continue to ‘equip Lutherans to be Gospel-motivated voices For Life.’”

Conference Topic: “Hope Amidst the Lies – A Christian Perspective on Physician-Assisted Suicide” – Our culture will tell you that death is our friend – maybe not in so many words but rather in statements such as: “Why can’t we help Mom end her suffering?” “I don’t want to be a burden to my family,” “I just want to die with dignity,” “It should be my right to choose when/where I can end my suffering,” “We’re just trying to be compassionate to those who need aid in dying.” In this session, we’ll look at some of the lies and the truth around the topic of physician-assisted suicide, including the state of related legislation around the country.



Rev. Dr. Matthew Rueger
LCMS Pastor & Author

Matthew Rueger is pastor at St. John Lutheran Church in Hubbard, Iowa. He and his wife, Dana, have been blessed with seven children. Rev. Rueger was ordained in 1990 and has served parishes in Iowa District East his entire ministry. He received his Ph.D. from Durham University in England in 2004. Currently Rev. Rueger serves as second vice president of Iowa District East and chairman of its board of directors. In June 2016, Concordia Publishing House published his book entitled *Sexual Morality in a Christless World*. He has also written a chapter about sex education in *The Ethics of Sex*, ed. Rev. Dr. Gifford Grobien, published by CPH in 2017.

Conference Topic: “We’ve Been This Way Before” – Christians often feel like they are being thrust into a new and hopeless battle that previous generations didn’t have to fight. This is especially true when it comes to the culture wars raging over sexual ethics and life issues. Rueger will make a case, from the history of early Christendom, that what we are facing today is nothing new. The first Christians lived in an even more hostile culture facing very similar issues. They did not lose heart. God gave them courage to make a strong confession

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and to stand against prevailing culture. Despite the harshness of the times, God caused His Church to grow and drew the lost to His Son for grace and new life. As our Savior worked then, there is no reason to doubt that He will continue to work among us.

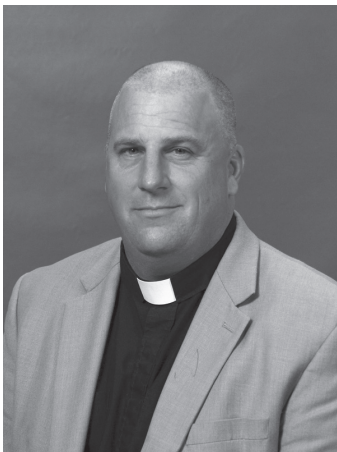


Dr. Christina M. Francis

Dr. Christina Francis is a board-certified OB/GYN who currently works in Fort Wayne, Indiana. Dr. Francis completed medical school at Indiana University in 2005 and completed her OB/GYN residency at St. Vincent Hospital in Indianapolis, Indiana, in 2009. She is president of the American Association of Pro-Life Obstetricians and Gynecologists and a board member of Indiana Right to Life. As a speaker for Life Training Institute, Dr. Francis offers her medical expertise, knowledge of bioethics, and pro-life reasoning both here in the U.S. and around the globe. She has always had a passion for human rights, spending a significant portion of the past 10 years in various countries working tirelessly on behalf of women and children. Dr. Francis has spent time working with orphans in Romania and Burma, has discussed the importance of life issues with university

students in Israel, and has worked for three years as the only OB/GYN at a mission hospital in rural Kenya. Dr. Francis left Kenya in 2014 to work on behalf of women and children in her home state and beyond who are often victims of the abortion industry and to educate people on the greatest social injustice of our time.

Conference Topic: “Yes, Abortion Pill Reversal Will Work” – Dr. Francis is a member of the Abortion Pill Reversal Network for women who have taken the abortion pill “RU-486” and has had success in reversing the effects of this medication. As a pro-life OB/GYN, she has made this a priority in her work as well as educating women on the harmful effects of abortion. She will talk about her experience and her work to help further legislation and be a spokesperson For Life rather than abortion. As a medical expert she addresses these issues in a very unique way that focuses on preventing the harmful effects a mother can experience from having an abortion and saving the lives of babies that would otherwise be lost through abortion.



Rev. Dr. Peter Scaer

Associate Professor of Exegetical Theology & Director of M.A. Program – Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, Indiana

Dr. Peter Scaer joined the Concordia Theological Seminary (CTSFW), Fort Wayne, Exegetical Department in 2000. His passions include the Gospel of Mark, highlighting the sacramental ministry of Jesus. He loves to show how the life and teachings of Christ anticipate and form the life of the Church. He did his undergraduate work in the classics at Indiana University Bloomington. From there he went on to CTSFW (M.Div. 1992) and to Notre Dame where he earned his M.A. (1995) and completed his doctoral dissertation on the Lukan Passion Narrative (Ph.D. 2001). From 1996 to 2000, Rev. Scaer served as the pastor of Emanuel Lutheran Church in Arcadia, Indiana. He is deeply involved in life

issues and serves as president of Allen County Right to Life. He is a founding member of Shepherds United, an ecumenical Christian group formed to defend life, natural marriage, and religious liberty. He speaks out on the issues that affect both our church and society, always placing the focus on Christ who gives us life and defines for us what it means to be truly human. He and his wife, Amy, are blessed with three children.

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Conference Topic: “The Loss of Life and Liberty in the Pursuit of Happiness.” – There is so much that we know from Scripture regarding the life issues. Yet, even with the clarity we have we can be influenced by society and the misleading information we hear almost daily. It is important that we stay in touch with God’s Word rather than our own understanding and thus be willing to speak up when the world is wrong. Dr. Scaer will enlighten us with a firm scriptural foundation to support why we are For Life.



Rev. Michael Salemink
Executive Director of Lutherans For Life

Rev. Michael W. Salemink began serving as executive director-elect of Lutherans For Life in August 2015 and became executive director on January 1, 2016. He received a B.A. in theology from Concordia University Chicago, River Forest, Illinois, in 1999 and a Master of Divinity from Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, Indiana, in 2003. He has served as pastor of St. John’s Lutheran Church, Webster, Minnesota, (2003-2005) and as associate pastor of St. James Lutheran Church and School in Lafayette, Indiana (2005-2015). Pastor Salemink and his wife, Heather, have been married since 2000 and reside in St. Louis, Missouri, where they attend Immanuel Lutheran Church, Olivette, with their three sons: Christian, Nathan, and Luke.

Conference Topic: “Standing Out in the Life Field” will explore why, what, and how Lutheran congregations can speak truth and show love in the context of life issues such as elective abortion, embryo-destroying experimentation, and physician-assisted suicide. Pastor Salemink and Lutherans For Life will assist you in finding motivation, getting education, and taking action according to the Gospel of Jesus Christ for respecting, protecting, and serving our neighbors in need.

National Essay Contest Winners

The LFL Council of Federation Presidents (COFP) sponsors an annual essay contest for students in Grades 6-8 and 9-12. A winner for each category is chosen from all participating state entries. Those national winners are asked to share their essay at the LFL Regional and/or National Conferences. They receive a \$250 award as well as free registration, hotel, and a travel stipend. All entries are based on life issues relative to the conference theme and Bible reference. This year's national winners are as follows:



Ellie Nixon is an eighth-grade student at Immanuel Lutheran Church and School in St. Charles, Missouri. Daughter to Jeff and Christine Nixon and big sister to Ian, Ellie brings joy to the people around her through her humor and actions. Ellie is tenderhearted and always open to helping those in need. She is active in church, Sunday school, and youth group and assists in the Connections Cafe, serving and greeting members on Sunday. A fan of art and American history, Ellie also loves playing volleyball, both for her school and club teams, and running track in the spring. Ellie enjoys reading, chorus, exercise, and designing special gifts for friends. The title of Ellie's essay is "God's Plan for Life."



Kenzie Anne Boozikee was born on February 1, 1999, and baptized on March 1 by her great-grandfather, the late Pastor H. H. Schauland, at St. John's Lutheran in Ireton, Iowa. The Boozikee family currently lives in Glencoe, Minnesota. Pastor Dan Welch confirmed Kenzie on April 28, 2013, at First Lutheran in Glencoe. Her parents are Kevin and Sherri Boozikee, who are both graduates of Concordia University Nebraska and both educators. Kenzie has two siblings, Terrin (22), a first-year teacher at New Ulm Middle School, and Kobe (14), a freshman at Glencoe Silver Lake High School. Topping off the family are two dogs, Taz and Turk.

She attended First Lutheran for pre-school through eighth grade and Mayer Lutheran High School in Mayer, Minnesota, where she graduated in May 2017 with honors. She is currently a freshman at Bethel University in Arden Hills, Minnesota, where she is studying sports psychology and journalism and playing for the Bethel women's soccer team. Kenzie is very active socially, academically, and in church. She attended both the LCMS San Antonio and New Orleans Youth Gatherings and looks forward to serving at the Minnesota Gathering. She is faith filled with strong beliefs taught by her parents and grandparents, Lutheran teachers, and pastors. She loves the Lord, her church, family, and friends. She is a member of the National Honor Society. She is an enthusiastic writer of essays and poetry. She loves soccer, having been the captain of her high school soccer team and her summer soccer team (Crow River) where she also played indoors. She also coached a summer team of 14-year-old girls. Living in Minnesota, she enjoys both summer and winter fishing. She has also managed a part-time job at Unhinged Pizza.

Kenzie has a toughness, having endured injuries to both her left and right ACLs (knees) in back-to-back years. She had them both reconstructed, endured months of physical therapy, and returned to play soccer through high school and now college. This ordeal has inspired her to want to help other injured athletes "survive" their injuries by using their faith and God-given talents. She participated in the high school choir, has a beautiful voice, and loves to both sing and listen to music. She has lots of energy, loves any kind of physical challenge, and is highly competitive. Her personality unfolds with being a social butterfly with a sense of humor and many friends. She is kindhearted and caring, tough but sensitive. Kenzie owns a contagious giggle known well by family and friends. Her sweet personality is revealed with a sweet tooth for chocolate-frosted donuts.

As her mother shares, "Kenzie has always been our little 'go-getter' and 'fighter' filled with energy and all sorts of love for life. Now that she has chosen to speak publicly about her faith and her beliefs, we as parents are overwhelmed with pride. God had plans for Kenzie before she was even born, and we are just watching them all unfold. TO GOD BE THE GLORY!" The title of her winning essay is "Choosing Life Reflects the God of Life."

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- The members of the LFL Indiana State Federation for providing promotional assistance and sponsorships for students to attend the conference.
- The staff of Concordia Theological Seminary for providing their marvelous facility and helping to make the Fort Wayne Regional Conference exceptional.
- The LaQuinta Hotel staff for making their accommodations for our travelers special.
- Virginia Flo, LFL National Conference Director and Regional Director of Minnesota, for organizing the conference presenters, location, and conference schedule.
- Hilary Haak, LFL Mission & Ministry Director, for her work with the Frontline, supporting our Life Teams and Life Chapters across the country.
- Lowell Highby, LFL Director of Communications, for promoting and communicating conference details to all of our LFL constituents.
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- Debra Freese for her willingness to help wherever needed when our LFL members called the national office for help.
- Rev. Michael Salemink, LFL Executive Director, for his leadership and dedication to For Life work and for his enthusiasm and desire to keep LFL's focus on the many important Life needs.
- Rev. Scott Licht, LFL National Director, for his continued leadership and overall organizational vision, keeping the organization focused and encouraged.
- Lynette Auch, LFL National President, and the entire LFL Board of Directors for their faithful leadership.
- The LFL Council of Federation Presidents who keep LFL active and moving forward in our State Federations and the Frontline.
- Our Life Teams and Life Chapters who work so diligently every day to affirm life in so many God-pleasing ways.
- Our workshop presenters—Rev. Scott Licht, Rev. Michael Salemink, Dr. Christina Francis, Rev. Dr. Matthew Rueger, and Rev. Dr. Peter J. Scaer—for their dynamic presentations that are both important to the life issues and inspirational.
- All of our LFL staff who took on many duties at the conference in order to make everyone's visit one to remember.
- All of the exhibitors who make an investment in time and money to share their For Life work.
- KFYO Radio in St. Louis, Missouri, for conducting numerous pre-conference interviews to promote the conference and inform their listeners of the For Life work conducted by Lutherans For Life.
- The members of the Life Chapters who provided video footage to promote the Frontline work of Lutherans For Life.
- Our LFL National Student Essay winners, Ellie Nixon and Kenzie Boozikee, for sharing their faith through their essays For Life.
- All the Life Teams and Life Chapters across the country helping to provide life-affirming work in their local communities and promoting our regional conferences to those in their surrounding areas.

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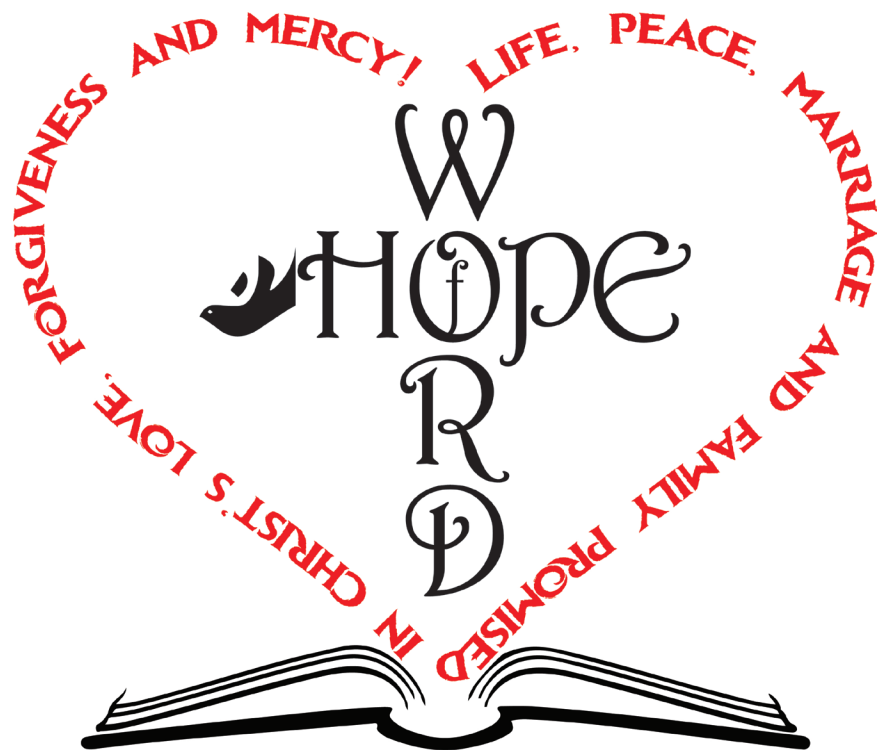
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“For it is better to suffer for doing good, if that should be God’s will, than for doing evil.”

1 Peter 3:15-17

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January 21, 2018

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**From
Age
to
Age
the
Same**

You “have been
borne by me
from before
your birth,
carried from the
womb; even to
your old age I
am he, and to
gray hairs I will
carry you.

I have made,
and I will bear;
I will carry and
will save.”

Isaiah 46:3b-4