

2013 Annual Report

Equipping Lutherans to be Gospel-motivated voices For Life

Living with Dying

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



“If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God.

“Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth.

“For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God.

“When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.”

(Colossians 3:1-4)



We cannot avoid living with dying. But Christians can live with dying as no one else.

“Speak Life” by Lutherans For Life President Lynette Auch



Lutherans For Life exists to “speak life”! As it says on our website, LFL speaks life by equipping “Lutherans so they understand that the life issues are grave spiritual issues that assault the Creator of Life and insult the Lord of Life.” LFL speaks life using the heart-changing truth of the Gospel of Jesus Christ in a manner that “speaks the truth in love. Love confronts people with their sin, but love does not condemn people because of their sins.”

Why should we “speak life”? Because God so beautifully spoke life to us through **The Word** made flesh, **Christ Jesus**, Who through the God-incident of a virgin conception brought us the ultimate God-incident of all time, God, Himself, sacrificed on the cross!

When we speak life in love, we give hope to this culture that sees death as the answer to the empty despair they feel. *“Look into the eyes of the broken hearted. Watch them come alive as soon as you speak hope, you speak love, you speak life”* (Toby Mac). That **Life** is none other than the love of Jesus Christ. We have been given and forgiven much, how can we not “speak hope, speak love, speak Life.”

“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him” (John 3:16-17 ESV).

LFL's Message of Hope

“Why is this happening to me?” “Why doesn't God just call me home?” Sound familiar? Most of us have heard such questions from loved ones or maybe we have asked them ourselves. LFL's focus in 2013, *Living with Dying*, equipped people and congregations to help answer these questions and more. We focused on a two-fold hope—hope for living and hope in our dying.

In Philippians 1:23, Paul writes, “I am hard pressed between the two. My desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better.” Therein lies the hope for the Christian in death—“far better.” Because of Christ's victory over death and the grave, we have the certain hope that an eternal and suffering-free life awaits.

Paul goes on in verse 24, “But to remain in the flesh is more necessary on your account.” Therein lies the hope for Christian living—“more necessary.” Because of the grand purpose—forgiveness and life—brought about by Christ's suffering, we live in the hope that God gives meaning and purpose to our lives regardless of circumstances.

Hope for living! Hope in our dying! We have this hope because of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. It is this Gospel message that is the core of what LFL does each and every year.

What's New?

LFL constantly seeks new ways and methods to share this message and to use it to affirm life. Here are some from 2013.

Teaching For Life® Online is our latest means of “equipping Lutherans to be Gospel-motivated voices For

Life”! This self-study, online course is designed for junior high through adult. And it's FREE! The course is based on nine key For Life concepts and instructs on all the basic life issues. Each of the nine lessons contains an engaging Bible study that will help the student apply God's



Word of Life to the lesson's topic. It's easy, fun, self-paced, and packed full of Word-based and Gospel-centered For Life information. (www.lutheransforlife.org/media/teaching-for-life-online)

Lori Trinche joined our team as Mission and Ministry Coordinator! Her focus is helping, guiding, and mentoring our frontline (Renewal For Life® congregations, Life Teams, Life Ministry Coordinators, chapters, and state federations). Contact Lori at ltrinche@lutheransforlife.org.



Virginia Flo joined our team as Renewal For Life® Regional Director of Minnesota! Virginia has served as an LFL chapter president and is now working in Minnesota helping equip Lutherans to be Gospel-motivated voices For Life. (vflo@lutheransforlife.org)



LifeFlix was new in 2013! LifeFlix offers a way to access some of the many excellent, informative, and uplifting pro-life movies and documentaries that are now available. Check it out at www.lutheransforlife.org/media/lifeflix.



Concert for Life – Mark Laverty, pianist, held a benefit Concert for Life, featuring the music of Bach, Liszt, and Chopin, in November in Maryland Heights, Missouri. The monies raised went to the life-affirming ministry of LFL, and others. Find out more about having a Concert for Life in your area at www.lutheransforlife.org/about/speakers-bureau-concerts-for-life.



Life Teams and more – In 2013, LFL's grassroots included 11 state federations, 120 local chapters, 139 Life Ministry Coordinators, 85 Life Team Leaders and 47 Life Teams. To find out more about starting a Life



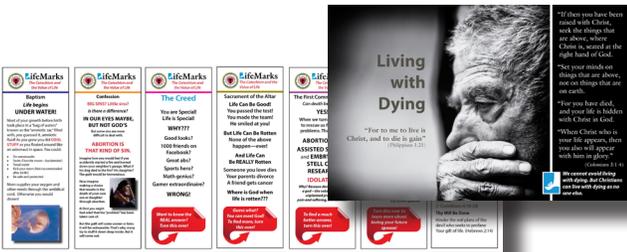
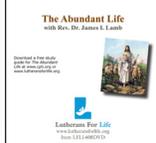
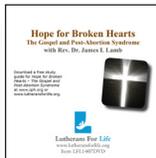
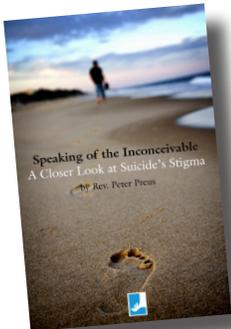
Team in your congregation, be sure and contact Lori Trinche.

Y4Life continued to reach out in 2013 through servant events and presentations in Iowa, Illinois, Nebraska, North Dakota, Wisconsin—and the March for Life in Washington D.C. To find out more about Y4Life go to Y4Life.org or contact Laura Davis at ldavis@lutheransforlife.org.



Speaking up For Life – Dr. Lamb, Laura Davis, Lori Trinche, Jean Amundson, and Virginia Flo shared the For Life message to close to 8000 people in Colorado, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, Ohio, South Dakota, Texas, and Wisconsin.

New Resources – Living with Dying Life Sunday 2014 Resources (bulletin inserts, worship service format, Bible study, sermons); **Hope for the Broken Hearted – The Gospel and Post-Abortion Syndrome** and **The Abundant Life** DVDs and Bible study guides; **In Vitro Fertilization – Ark or Tower?** flyer; **Speaking of the Inconceivable – A Closer Look at Suicide's Stigma** brochure by Rev. Peter Preus; **LifeMarks** bookmarks; free downloadable posters (www.lutheransforlife.org/media/posters)



New President – We thank Diane E. Schroeder for her years of faithful service and welcome new LFL president Lynette Auch!

What Are People Saying?

“Thank you very much for these useful resources. I was a little apprehensive about dealing with these issues in my ministry but these will help tremendously.”

“Perhaps it would be better to ask what in the conference I will not incorporate into my ministry. Absolutely everything applied and will be implemented immediately.”

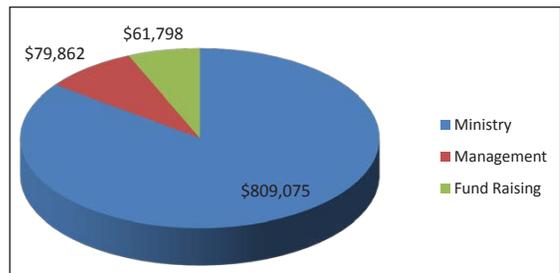
Thank You – Nothing that happened in 2013 would have happened without the generous support of LFL donors and members. We thank them for helping us share the Gospel’s message of hope so we can continue to fulfill our message of “Equipping Lutherans to be Gospel-motivated Voices For Life”!

Actual Income & Expenses for 2011, 2012, and 2013

2011 Income	\$975,145	Expenses	\$764,142
2012 Income	\$912,169	Expenses	\$933,312
2013 Income	\$932,487	Expenses	\$950,735

2013 Total Expenses

Ministry	\$809,075	85.1%
Management	\$79,862	8.4%
Fund Raising	\$61,798	6.5%
Total 2013 Expenses	\$950,735	



Lutherans For Life is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization and does not receive funds from a specific church body. LFL strives to network pastors and lay people to make a positive difference in people’s lives. By the power of the Holy Spirit, LFL seeks to change hearts and minds through the Word of God.



Best Way to Order LFL Resources: At www.cph.org or 800.325.3040. Shipping/handling applies

Concordia to all orders. Quantity pricing on select resources.

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Our Mission

... Equipping Lutherans to be Gospel-motivated voices For Life.

Our Vision ...

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

Our Philosophy ...

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 times 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, as Lutherans For Life, we will strive to give witness, from a biblical perspective, to the Church and society on these and other related issues such as chastity, post abortion healing, and family living.