

News and Notes

- We are sad to share that our Director of Operations, George Munyon, has decided to retire from LFL. He will be missed. Our prayers are with George and his family as he begins a new journey in life. We have begun the hiring process once again. We are excited and encouraged by the applications we have received to date. Please keep this process in your prayers. We will keep you updated!
- **Kay Meyer Receives Development Certification:** The LCMS Foundation informed LFL that our development director, Kay Meyer, recently completed the requirements of the Christian Development Executive certification. We thank God and commend Kay for putting in the considerable time and energy that this certification requires. As the letter stated, “This milestone signifies that Kay has demonstrated knowledge and application of skill in the comprehensive gift development and gift planning training.” A formal presentation of her certificate plaque will be made at the LFL’s February board of directors’ meeting.
- **Share the For-Life Message This Christmas – LFL Christmas Bulletin Inserts Are In Stock!** Our Christmas inserts include: **The Touch of Life** (LFL1627BI); **The Miracle of Meagerness** (LFL1105BI); **Conceived by the Holy Spirit** (LFL1005BI). All inserts can be ordered at www.cph.org. (Limited quantities are available.)
- **Life Sunday 2012 • Trust God! Choose Life!** (Deuteronomy 30:19) – Go to www.lutheransforlife.org/store to find out about all the new resources that are available from LFL so your congregation can share the idea of Christian choice as it relates to the sanctity of human life. Life Sunday is January 22, 2012. This year it falls on the anniversary of *Roe v. Wade*, January 22, 1973. Our materials, however, may be used at any time during the year.
- If your congregation or pastor has a Life Sunday sermon, CD, or DVD focused on the life issues that you would be willing to share with us, please let us know. We may post on our Facebook, RFL, and LFL sites, or as a download on www.cph.org.
- LFL has been blessed with money to be used toward producing Spanish and Russian materials. For the Spanish materials go to www.cph.org and click on “Sanctity of Life/Resource Type/Spanish. For Russian downloads go to www.lutheransforlife.org/about/international/.
- Order Christmas gifts from LFL through our online clothing and accessories store. T-shirts, sweatshirts, bags, and more! Or give the *GOD’S WORD for Life* Bible! Find out more—and link to the clothing and accessories store—at www.lutheransforlife.org/store.
- If you or your chapter have local events you would like posted on the LFL or RFL site, please contact Amy at the Life Center and she will set that up for you.
- Please promote www.lutheransforlife.org in your church bulletins and newsletters!



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**Abortion Statistics for the United States: 3,287 abortions per day
Abortions from 1973-2006 (using the 2003 estimate for 2004-2006):
47,187,00.**

Source: Alan Guttmacher Institute.



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Laboring for the Lord Is Worth It!

An e-mail devotion from devotions@redeemerlc.info, 9/6/11.

“[Y]ou know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain” (1 Corinthians 15:58b).

My son just bought his first car. He likes everything about it except for the rusty rocker panels underneath the doors. He’s been outside for the past few days sanding and brushing the rust away. This afternoon he applied a chemical that’s supposed to seal the panels against any further corrosion. Later he’ll paint them to match the rest of the car. But he knows the rust will come back sooner or later. So he’s not really sure if all his hard work will be worth it.

So many things in life seem to be an effort in futility. This can seem especially true as we labor for the Lord. Pastors can become discouraged as they work with wayward members who never seem to get on track with their church attendance. Sunday School teachers may wonder why they bother preparing lessons when only one or two students show up for class. The Christian may question if sharing his faith is worth it when no one seems to listen to anything he says.

Yet, working for the Lord is never wasted effort. First of all, serving our Lord and Savior is a joy in and of itself, even if we don’t see any results from what we do. What a joy to serve the God Who loved us enough to sacrifice His own Son for sinners like you and me! Secondly, while we strive to be faithful to what the Lord calls us to do, the results we leave all to Him. Lastly, we remember the Lord promises that His Word will not return to Him empty (cf. Isaiah 55:11). We might not always see the good which comes from sharing the Word, but we can learn to trust the Lord’s promise to work through the Word we share.

When you feel discouraged, turn to the Lord for strength to keep faithfully serving Him. He won’t fail to help you (cf. Isaiah 41:10). Take heart also in the fact that this sinful world of rust and decay will not last forever. The scarred and loving hands of your Savior God will one day wipe away every tear from your eye (cf. Revelation 21:4). Then your eyes will clearly see that your labor in the Lord was not in vain!



LFL International

(From www.lutheransforlife.org/about/international.)

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, Lutherans For Life 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.

Rev. Don Richman is LFL's International Representative. You can learn about LFL's international efforts through this article by Don:

With support and encouragement of Lutherans For Life (USA), the first Ecumenical conference on the sanctity of human life was held at St. Matthew Baptist Church in Riga, Latvia, on October 31, 2003. Pastor Martins and his wife, Gunta Irbes, were the main architects and organizers of this conference. Archbishop Janis Vanags was the opening speaker. He gave a clear biblical message reminding us of the importance of the sanctity of human life and calling us to stand against abortion—which has brought so much devastation and pain. And he urged us to uphold life—from the time of its conception every baby should be safe and protected.

Since that time, thanks to the tireless work of Pastor Martins and Gunta Irbes, and a team of faithful co-workers, conferences have been organized every year. The message has always been to uphold the biblical teaching with regard to the sanctity of life from conception to natural death. They have resoundingly defended and promoted the ideals of Christian marriage and the biblical teaching on sexuality within marriage.

Great News!

We are thankful to be able to report that the Latvian Lutheran Church, in September 2009, officially incorporated the ministry of Lutherans For Life into the structure of the department of Diakonia (which handles charity, food, clothing, and human care activities).

The message of Lutherans for Life has been consistent over the years. The first priority has been to uphold the biblical message. We are created in the image and likeness of God. As so aptly stated in Psalm 139:13-14: **“For You formed my inward parts; You wove me in my mother's womb. I will give thanks to You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made; Wonderful are Your works, And my soul knows it very well”** (NASB). From the moment of conception we are precious human persons in the eyes of God and should therefore be honored, loved, and protected.



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Lutherans For Life has also presented the medical and genetic principles that uphold life. Even most secular medical books teach that life begins at conception with all the genetic information being present from that time. Beginning with the early Church, leaders of the Church, including Martin Luther, have always held that life in the womb is to be honored, loved, and protected. I am sure most of you agree with the historic teaching of the Church on the Sanctity of human Life. Yet, there seems to be, on the part of many, a “conspiracy of silence.” It would appear that many—pastors and lay people—hide behind a veil of silence. Why?

Could it be that even though some people agree intellectually with the biblical teaching on the sanctity of human life they, at the same time, secretly harbor the idea that if an “unwanted” pregnancy should occur, we can’t imagine having to rearrange our lives to accommodate a baby? Therefore, we would want the possibility of abortion to be available.

Or, could it be that people reason, “I have no right or authority to speak out about abortion because I had an abortion”?

Please don’t think that way.

If you have influenced someone to have an abortion or have had one yourself, if you repent, confess this as sin, and bring it to the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, that sin is forgiven. Believe that **“the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin”** (1 John 1:7). God says, **“I will remember their sins no more”** (Hebrews 8:12). Forgiven and cleansed from sin, you have both the authority and responsibility to speak against the sin of abortion just as the Apostle Paul, a forgiven murderer, spoke against murder (as well as other sins).

Other people hide behind silence because, they might reason, “abortion is wrong for me but I can’t dictate how other people should handle their circumstances.” This is wrong. The commandment **“you shall not murder”** is not some private morality. It is God’s universal law. We have no right to limit that to ourselves, but must apply it to others as God applies it to us. The consequences of tolerating abortion or euthanasia are serious. The same reasoning used to justify killing babies in the womb will be used—and is used—to justify killing those with special needs, the elderly, and sick. The same reasoning used to kill the elderly or sick will be used—and is used—to justify deporting or killing political or ideological opponents until finally the Satanic lust for blood will drive to unrestrained, mass murder.

Under the teaching of the Sanctity of Life we know that human life from conception to natural death is precious before God and us. This teaching, however, comes with a price. We must be willing to make the sacrifice and rearrange our lives to welcome that unanticipated beautiful new baby. We must pay the price in time, energy, and often money, to care for that sick, elderly person. We must pay the price in time and energy to care for that Down syndrome child. We must pay the price of work, money, and effort, to teach, proclaim, and enact laws that defend life. But, dearly beloved, with the price paid there come great rewards.

Jesus, the Son of the Living God, paid the price on the cross for our eternal salvation. We can trust what He did and know that because He paid the ultimate price, our sin is forgiven. Because



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of what He did we can have assurance of eternal life. **“In him we have redemption through his blood”** (Ephesians 1:7a). Notice it does not say “maybe have.” It says “we have” (present tense). Because we can trust Him, we can surrender our lives and uncertainties to Him. Because we can trust Him who died for us, we can trust Him to care for us and to uphold us if and when we have to face the decisions that sometimes come with living out the sanctity of life. It is also incumbent upon the Church to stand beside and help those who are going through these difficulties.

Stand beside and help that single mother.

Stand beside and help those with special needs.

Stand beside and help those caring for an Alzheimer’s patient.

And, beloved Church, for which our Savior died, please faithfully teach the full council of God, so much of which is anchored in the doctrine of the sanctity of human Life.

May God anoint and bless with new vision, energy, and sacrificial commitment, the growing team of Latvian Lutherans For Life.



Ancient Pro-Life Document Discovered!

by Rev. Dr. James I. Lamb

Actually, the document has been around for a long time. What needs to be discovered, however, is just how pro-life the Apostles' Creed really is. What we profess so often connects so well to the life issues of our day. Here are some pro-life thoughts on the creed and some related Bible passages.

Look up the passages and discuss how they relate. Add passages of your own!

“I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.”

*Everything created **before** the creation of human life was **for** the creation of human life. The setting God created for human life and the way He created human life and the way He continues to create human life, gives human life special value.*

Psalm 8; Genesis 1:26, 2:7, 2:22; Psalm 139:13-14

“And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,”

The conception of Jesus attests not only to His divinity at that moment but also to our humanity at that moment. Jesus, the embryo, gives value to all embryos.

Psalm 51:5; Hebrews 2:14; Luke 1:30-35

“Born of the virgin Mary,”

That God would come into this world at all for the likes of us testifies to His great love for life.

John 3:16; 1 John 4:10

“Suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried.”

His suffering is the price that gives value to human life; and His suffering gives value to human suffering.

1 Corinthians 6:19-20; Galatians 3:13; Hebrews 2:18, 4:15; 2 Corinthians 1:5; Romans 5:2-4, 8:28-39

“He descended into Hell.”

Satan loses! We can resist his temptations to sin against life.

James 4:7; Hebrews 2:14; Ephesians 6:11-17

“The third day He rose again from the dead.”

*Life wins! We do not strive **for** victory in our pro-life work; we strive **in** victory!*

1 Corinthians 15:54-57; Romans 8:37; Proverbs 21:31; 2 Chronicles 20:15

“He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.”

*Jesus is in control of His people, living and **reigning** to all eternity.*

Revelation 5:7-14; Hebrews 2:8; 1 Corinthians 15:25; Ephesians 1:22



“From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.”

Judgment is coming. We need to reach out to those who sin against life.

Matthew 18: 5-6, 25:41-46, 5:43-45; 1 Timothy 2:3-4; Luke 15:7

“I believe in the Holy Spirit,”

God’s Spirit calls us to a life of faith.

Romans 3:21-26; Luke 12:22-31; Proverbs 3:5-8; 1 Peter 1:6-7

“The holy Christian Church, the communion of saints,”

We are called into a caring community.

Romans 12:3-13; 2 Corinthians 1:4; Galatians 6:2; James 1:27

“The forgiveness of sins,”

There is no message more powerful for those who have sinned against life.

1 John 1:9; John 8:10-11; Romans 8:1

“The resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.”

The best is yet to come! We live life always in hope.

John 14:1-3; Romans 8:18; 2 Corinthians 5:1-5; Philippians 1:21; Revelation 21:1-4

The “Ancient Pro-Life Document Discovered!” Bible study is available as full-color printed hand out at www.cph.org (Item LFL1630; \$0.50 ea. – Quantity discounts are available.).



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For Life Skits

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

Use one of the following short skits to share the Gospel and message of life with those at your school, congregation, women's group, men's group, or your LFL chapter meeting.

Elizabeth and her family help a pregnant teenager

Student: Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. (Hebrews 4:16)

The scene: Students, after school, talking with each other.

Elizabeth: Katie, my parents and I have a guest staying with us. She arrived on Sunday afternoon. She's going to live with us until her baby is born. Her name is Emily and she's 17 years old.

Katie: Why is she staying with you and your parents? Doesn't she have a place to live?

Elizabeth: She lived with her mom before coming to stay with us. Her mom told her she had to get an abortion. She's pregnant. Although she isn't married, Emily didn't want to get an abortion. She wants her baby to live. Her decision not to get the abortion made her mom angry. She told her she couldn't live with her anymore. She was trying to force her to get the abortion, but it didn't work. Emily didn't know what to do and she didn't want to be homeless, so she called a local pregnancy resource center. They helped connect her to resources and our family.

Katie: So, she is going to have the baby?

Elizabeth: Yes, my mom said it will still be a couple months before the baby is born.

Katie: She's very young. What is she going to do after the baby is born?

Elizabeth: My mom said she is going to place her baby for adoption. The pregnancy resource center connected her to an adoption agency. The adoption agency is helping her select a great, loving family. She wants the parents who adopt the baby to be Christians. She wants the baby to be baptized and grow up to know Jesus. You know I'm adopted, don't you? My mom said my birth mother was very young too. I'm glad our family can help Emily and her baby.

Student: Lord Jesus, thank you for loving us when we are unlovable. Thank you for leaving your heavenly home to suffer for my sins and the sins of Elizabeth, Katie, and Emily. Your suffering and death brings us forgiveness and eternal life. Help us promote physical life, eternal life, and the abundant life that is ours through our faith in Christ. Allow us to help others in their time of need. In Your Name. Amen.



Topic: My Brother Brian

Student: To me, though I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given, to preach to the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ, and to bring to light for everyone what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things. (Ephesians 4: 8-9)

The scene: Two students sitting on steps talking about themselves and their families.

Daniel: I told you about my brother and my parents. Now tell me about yours. Do you have any brothers or sisters?

Bill: Yes, I have an older sister who is in high school and a younger brother who is eight years old. My younger brother, Brian, is special. He has Down syndrome. Sometimes people make fun of him ... that really upsets me. People say mean things to him. I wish people could know Brian like I do. I love him so much. He is always smiling and has a great big, caring heart.

Daniel: What is Down syndrome?

Bill: Down syndrome is a genetic condition in which a person is born with 47 chromosomes instead of the normal 46. Symptoms vary from person to person and can range from mild to very severe. Children have a widely recognized appearance when they have Down syndrome. That's why I said my younger brother is special.

Daniel: I'd like to meet Brian sometime. I'd like to meet your entire family too. Maybe you could invite me over to your house sometime soon. I won't make fun of your brother. I know God created all of us. We are all unique and special in God's eyes.

Bill: I'll ask my mom if you can come over this weekend. Let me call her right now. *(Bill gets his cell phone out and begins to dial his number.)*

Student: Lord, we are thankful that You created the world and each of us. Thank you for special children. Thank You for those who love us, who teach us, and who help us understand your love and forgiveness. Help us always remember that You created each of us and love us with an everlasting love. In Jesus' name. Amen.



Topic: Ask, Seek, Knock in Prayer

Student: Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened. (Matthew 7:7-8)

The scene: A Lutheran school or Sunday school classroom. The teacher stands in front of her class and writes prayer requests on the blackboard as the children share them with her. More children can be a part of the skit and share additional prayers or comments.

Mrs. S.: Students, do any of you have a prayer request that we can pray for today?

Suzie: My dad is going on a business trip and we want him to be safe. Can we pray for him as he travels?

Mrs. S.: Of course, Suzie, we will pray for your dad. *(She writes "Suzie's dad" on the board)*

Sarah: Mrs. S., my dad never goes to church with us. Can we pray that he will come to the special Sunday school program coming up next week and that he will begin to worship God with me and my mom?

Mrs. S.: Yes, Sarah, that is a great prayer request. We will ask the Lord to work in your father's life so he comes to the special program and that through it he will come to know Christ as his Savior and will begin attending church with you and your mom. *(She writes "Sarah's dad comes to know Christ" on the board.)*

David: My grandma has cancer. She is getting chemo treatments and has lost her hair. Can we pray for her?

Mrs. S.: Yes, David, we will ask God to be with your grandma, heal her, and give her His strength to endure her illness and continue to trust Him and grow in faith. Please keep us informed about how she is doing. *(She writes 'David's grandma' on the board.)*

Student: Heavenly Father, help us bring every concern to you in prayer and know that you care for us and will be with us. Be with Suzie's dad as he travels and keep him safe, send your Holy Spirit to work in Sarah's father's heart and help him come to know Jesus as his Savior, and be with David's grandma who has cancer. Heal her according to your will and strengthen her faith in you. In Jesus' name. Amen.



Topic: We Die and Yet Live

Student: Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?” (John 11:25-26)

The scene: Three friends meet to eat a meal together. A college student and a husband and wife. The three friends greet each other (shake hands or give each other a hug) and then sit down together at the table.

Tom: It’s so good to see you two again. It’s been a while.

Mrs. F.: It’s great to see you too, Tom. How is school going?

Tom: Really good. I’ll graduate in May. I just began my break yesterday. I’m leaving tomorrow to travel home to see my mom for Thanksgiving (*or use the nearest holiday*). I’m not sure if you know that my dad died the day before Thanksgiving (*or use other holiday*), so this time of year is still really difficult for my mom. It’s also difficult for me.

Mr. F.: No, we didn’t know that. How long has it been now since your dad died? He had a heart attack didn’t he?

Tom: Yes, it was sudden. It’s been a little over a year. It’s not as hard now as it was at first, but I still miss him.

Mrs. F.: You will never stop missing your dad. Thankfully, you will see him again.

Tom: Yes, I know my dad is in heaven and I’ll see him again someday. I’m thankful that he had faith in Christ as his Savior and Lord.

Mr. F.: Have you ever wondered how people who don’t have faith go through the death of a loved one? I just can’t imagine how I would deal with death if I didn’t know my loved ones were with the Lord.

Mrs. F.: It seems like more and more people don’t think going to church and having faith in Christ is important today. You should be thankful that you were raised in a good Christian family, Tom. We’re thankful that you believe in Christ, even in the midst of your trials and tribulations.

Tom: I am thankful for my Christian family, Mrs. F. I also know that many people have kept me and my mom in their prayers as we grieve my dad’s loss. Although some have turned away from Christ, many others are actively involved in living out their faith. Not because they need to, but just because ‘it’s what they do.’ In a recent letter from Dr. Lamb, executive director of Lutherans For Life, he shared



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some wonderful true stories about how members of Lutherans For Life are living their faith. Like the eighty-year-old husband whose wife has Alzheimer's. He sets the alarm clock to get up every night to take her to the bathroom so she doesn't hurt herself trying to do it alone. He told about another elderly man who uses a walker and takes church bulletins and tapes of the worship services to people who are homebound. These types of stories give me hope for the future.

(The three friends continue talking to each other, but the mics are turned off so you can't hear what they are saying. The audience sees their lips moving but can no longer hear them.)

Student; Lord Jesus, we know Tom is still grieving the loss of his father and ask that You continue to be with him and give him Your strength. Help his faith to grow. Be with all of us who grieve the loss of a loved one who has died and has passed from this life to the next. Thank You for suffering in our place on the cross and giving us forgiveness and everlasting life as a free gift. Help us continue to shine Your light and live our faith in today's world. Amen.



You Are Part of Our LFL Family

by Jim Schroeder, Christian Estate Planning Counselor

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

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

It's downright confusing—and irritating.

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

- 1. We count you as part of our family.** Whether you are a recent friend of Lutherans For Life or a long-time supporter, we value your interest and involvement. We consider you a partner with us in God's plan for our ministry. You are part of our family. Together, we share a common commitment and common mission.
- 2. We remain true to our mission.** Our mission is "**Equipping Lutherans to be Gospel motivated voices For Life.**" We want you to know that we have not veered from this, nor do we intend to. We lay our plans, build our budgets, and monitor our results to better achieve our mission. You can have confidence that we are "staying the course."
- 3. We depend on your faithful giving.** Whether a small gift or a gift from your estate, we rely on your financial support to help us accomplish our important mission. The more you give, the more we can do. It's that simple. Without you and our other supporters, we could not exist.
- 4. We pledge financial fidelity.** We wince when we hear of scandals involving other nonprofit organizations because this casts a shadow over all charities. We want to affirm to you that financial integrity is extremely important to us. We maintain strict accounting and reporting rules. Our books are open and we invite you to ask any question that you may want to about how we operate. Please know that any contribution to Lutherans For Life is treated carefully and with a deep sense of stewardship.
- 5. We offer personalized service for your annual gifts or for your estate planning gifts.** Do you have appreciated stock or real estate that would make a tax-wise gift? Do you want to establish a gift annuity to benefit Lutherans For Life? Do you want to include a bequest to Lutherans for Life through your will, living trust, or beneficiary designations?

As LFL's Christian estate planning counselor, I am available to provide you with personal assistance in working with your attorney and other advisors. Please contact me at jschroeder@lutheransforlife.org or 515.490.7371.



Prepare to Believe

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Prepare to Believe is the theme for Answers in Genesis' Creation Museum and that was the purpose when Lutherans For Life of Iowa took 23 passengers on a bus trip to the museum in Petersburg, Kentucky, in October. Understanding Genesis is essential to understanding the sanctity of life and the Creation Museum presents a walk through history of the first chapters of the Bible. Designed by a former Universal Studios exhibit director, this state-of-the-art 70,000 square-foot museum as well as the spectacular outdoor gardens and petting zoo bring the pages of the Bible to life!



LFL of Iowa's trip to the museum consisted of 4 days (2 days on the bus and 2 days at the museum) and three nights traveling from central Iowa to the museum outside of Cincinnati and back. Those attending were from age 12 to 80+, from across Iowa and from Missouri, and included LFLers and friends interested in learning how to defend their faith in biblical creation. While at the museum, guests were able to attend a show in the Stargazer's Planetarium, listen to AIG's renowned speakers explain how Genesis is still relevant in today's world, watch videos that strengthen the Christian worldview, tour the beautiful gardens, visit the petting zoo, and of course spend plenty of time studying the museum exhibits covering Creation, the Fall, the flood, the confusion of Babylon, and Christ's redemptive act on the cross for our salvation.

Time on the bus was also used to present videos, listen to audio presentations, and play games that taught the wonder of Creation and the inerrancy of God's Word. No time was wasted and we may have learned as much on the bus as at the museum!

There were many comments from people on our trip. "Wow" was the most common! "I'm ready to go again" echoed through the bus on the way home. Learning how Creation and the flood can be proven by scientific evidence was fascinating. Connecting with Dr. David Menton, AIG staff member and a long-time friend of LFL, was an added bonus and his presentation was, as always, entertaining and informative.

LFL of Iowa would encourage others to consider sponsoring similar trips to the Creation Museum. Here are a few points we learned that might help get your planning started:



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- Give yourself plenty of time to plan, advertise, and get commitments from people interested in attending. If possible, use advertising and videos from the museum and get testimonials from people who have been there in order to capture people's attention. LFL of Iowa was blessed to have the help of Ellen Bauer of Waverly who has planned several Iowa trips to the museum and has a passion for getting Christians to Petersburg! I'll be glad to give you her contact information if you are interested in speaking with her.
- Know the cost of the trip and the minimum number of attendees it will take to cover the expenses. We charged people for the bus ride, the hotel stay based on the number in each room, and the museum tickets. Individuals covered their own meals and any purchases (the book store is full of resources to bring home to your family and congregation). Covering the cost of the bus was probably the most challenging aspect of planning the trip. We looked into smaller passenger buses when we knew our numbers were lower than expected and our bus company brought the price down to match a competitor's bid.
- Know your group. We spent two full days at the museum and three nights in a hotel. One day at the museum is definitely not enough time but a younger group of people may only need one and a half days at the museum and may be willing to board the bus for home right from the museum on the second day, eliminating the cost of one night's motel stay. Meal costs vary on the type of food you choose. There is plenty of room for coolers in the storage area of charter busses and this can also reduce costs.
- Don't give up if your original plan doesn't work out! The first time we planned our trip we didn't think we had enough people but decided to only postpone, not cancel, the trip. As the second deadline approached we had approximately the same number of people but were determined to go! We worked with the bus company to lower their bid, found a donor to cover the cost of museum tickets (which also happened to be half price the month we were there), and LFL of Iowa made a commitment to cover unmet expenses (only \$50!). God might have worked some miracles for us once He knew we were determined!

Everyone can benefit from a visit to the Creation Museum, but I believe we should target our young people and provide opportunities for them to experience all the museum has to offer. I recently heard a campus pastor state that our young people struggle most with defending Genesis 1-11 on college campuses. We have a resource just outside Cincinnati, within a day's drive of almost 2/3 of the U.S. population, where one can gain a greater understanding of the tenets of creation and redemption through the Bible itself! I pray that fellow LFL chapters and individuals will consider organizing a trip to the museum. It can be done! Please contact me if I can be of assistance in your planning.



Speakers Bureau

Do you need a speaker? Lutherans For Life will work with you to help meet your needs for a speaker at a rally, convention, Bible study, worship service, public or parochial school, college/university, or at a workshop/seminar. A variety of formats are available from a single presentation or sermon to a multi-day series of workshops. Dr. Lamb says, “These speakers not only address a variety of life issues, but do so based on the Word of God.”

General speaker guidelines (may vary by individual):

- Airfare/Mileage: Actual airfare and/or current standard IRS mileage rate to airport or event.
- Lodging: Quiet, non-smoking hotel room.
- Honorarium: Affiliated speakers for Lutherans For Life are not in a paid position. Therefore, we ask that sponsoring groups provide an honorarium for affiliated speakers. The sponsoring group determines the amount of the honorarium. Honorariums depend on number of events. Honorariums begin at \$200.
- Meals: \$25 per day unless other arrangements are made.
- Other: A lectern will be needed. A TV, video projector, DVD player, and/or an overhead projector and screen may be needed.

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Connie Davis (nationwide)
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John Eidsmoe (nationwide)
Peter B. Greenspan (within two-three hours of Kansas City)
Anthony Horvath (nationwide)
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Sheila Luck (nationwide)
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Francis W. Szarejko (nationwide)
Ed Szeto (nationwide)

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Speaking Engagement Report Form

We appreciate the many hours our faithful grassroots workers contribute to sharing the For Life message. If you or your state federation/chapter has the opportunity to speak on the life issues in your community, please let us know! This information will help us as we look at our strategic plan and determine the resources that are most needed to help you carry forth your mission for life! Please return to the Life Center or e-mail jrichard@lutheransforlife.org.

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Speaker's Name:	
Location:	
Date:	
Topic of Presentation:	
Audience presented to (teens, adults, children, etc):	
Number of people in attendance:	
Resources used at pre- sentation (DVD, bro- chures, articles, etc):	

