

News and Notes

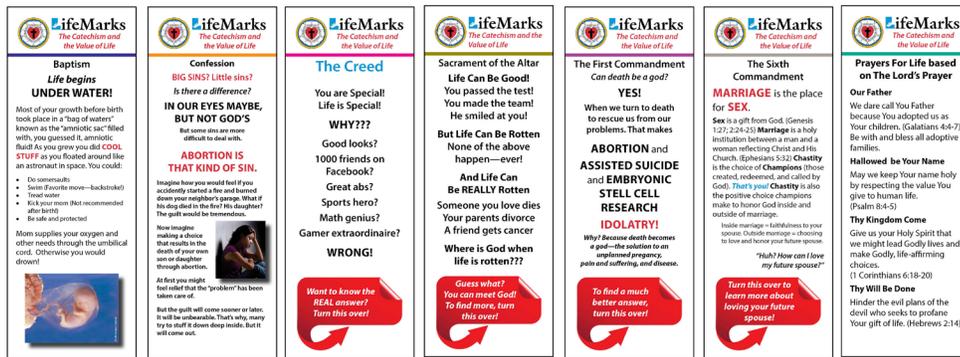
- **Lutherans For Life is excited to introduce our newest addition at the Life Center. Lori Trinche is joining our team as Mission and Ministry Coordinator!** Her focus will be helping, guiding, and mentoring our frontline (Renewal For Life® congregations, Life Teams, Life Ministry Coordinators, chapters, and state federations). Lori was born in Chicago and grew up in Elk Grove Village, Illinois, where her mother, sister, and extended family currently reside. She graduated from Roosevelt University in Chicago with a BSBA and later completed her MBA through Ellis College – New York Institute of Technology. Most recently, Lori worked for Waste Management in Downers Grove, Illinois. Her career there was multi-faceted and included roles in billing, accounting, pricing analysis, and application development management. Her true passion is her volunteer work for church and community where she served as a leader in the Restore post-abortion ministry for CareNet of DuPage, as a small group leader, GraceCare provider, member of the hospital visitation ministry team, and steering committee member for DuPage PADS at Trinity Lutheran Church in Lisle, Illinois. She also served at People’s Resource Center in Wheaton and in the HavenSource financial ministry as well as on the volunteer data entry team for Lutheran Church Charities. She has been active in helping to organize mobile packs for Feed My Starving Children and in leading volunteer coordination and registration for Community Serving Clinics. She enjoys nature, gardening, and playing the trombone and is active in music ministry as a member of Trinity’s wind ensemble. Lori is widowed. She lives in Ames, Iowa, with her cat. “I look forward to serving the Lord with gladness and a willing heart in my new home!”
- **NEW! LifeFlix (www.lutheransforlife.org/media/lifeflix) offers you a way to access some of the many excellent, informative, and uplifting pro-life movies and documentaries that are now available.** We hope to expand the library as funds allow. Here is how it works: LifeFlix DVDs are available on loan for \$3 per title; Each title needs to be returned to Lutherans For Life within 21 days of the order date; a credit card will be needed to order. No additional fees will be charged if the DVD(s) is returned within 21 days of the order date. After 21 days, your credit card will be charged the cost of replacing the DVD(s); A return address label will be included with each order. You will be responsible for return postage; All titles are available on a first-come, first-serve basis; To order call 888.364.LIFE (5433).
- **The 2013 National Lutherans For Life conference is set for November 8-9 in Urbandale (Des Moines), Iowa.** Online registration will be available in June. There will be a pre-conference workshop with Pastor Doug Merkey for our frontline workers (you!). This workshop will be a time of encouragement, sharing, and education for the “hands and feet” of LFL! Other speakers include: Steve Deace, nationally syndicated radio talk show host; Rev. Matt Harrison, president of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod; Linda Bartlett, Titus 2 for Life and past president of Lutherans For Life; Jenny Farrell on post-abortion healing; Rev. Peter Preus on dealing with suicide; John Talley on religious



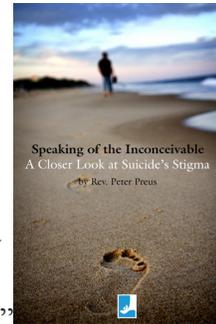
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- **Life Sunday 2014 will be here before you know it! The theme is L.I.F.E. - Living In Faith Everyday.**
- **New For Life Resources**

Bookmarks: LifeMarks is a brand-new set of seven bookmarks designed to directly apply the Bible's teaching's on life as found in *Luther's Small Catechism*—and fit right into the catechism itself! This a wonderful new resource for confirmation, congregational, Sunday school, and home use! *Item LFL1632. \$0.25 per set.*



Brochure: Speaking of the Inconceivable – Author Rev. Peter Preus writes, in this very personal reflection, “When my wife took her life, I wasn’t as straightforward as I might be. I’d rather say something about her depression than mention that disturbing word that starts with an ‘s.’ I was affected in a major way by suicide’s stigma. Most people regard suicide as inconceivable. ‘How could he do such a thing?’ they ask. The stigma of suicide does not operate by a sense of understanding or compassion. Rather it targets those who have committed suicide and those who have had thoughts of suicide.” *(Reverend Preus will be speaking at the 2013 Lutherans For Life conference.) Item LFL920T. \$0.50 ea.*



- **Attention Thrivent Members! LFL is a Thrivent Choice Dollars Grant Funds Recipient Organization. To learn more go to the Give page at www.lutheransforlife.org.**

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The Consequences of Roe v. Wade 54,559,615 total USA abortions since 1973

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

Source: National Right to Life, 1/12



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The Basics of Lutherans For Life

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.

Structure and Relationships

A local chapter is a local organization that has been chartered by National Lutherans For Life. The chapter is formally associated with and subject to, but not a part of, the corporation known as Lutherans For Life, Inc.

A state federation is an organization that has been chartered by Lutherans For Life, Inc. in a state where there are at least five chartered chapters. In a state where a state federation exists, the chapters also become affiliated with the state federation. This occurs automatically at the same time a chapter becomes chartered by Lutherans For Life, Inc. These relationships are basically the same whether or not the chapter is incorporated. Thus, Lutherans For Life consists of a network of individual entities formally associated with each other.

Membership Information

All officers of State Federations and Chapters and Life Ministry Coordinators must be members in good standing of Lutheran congregations and members of National Lutherans For Life.

Membership contributions are divided among the national organization, state federation, and local chapter if it is chartered.

Chapters that wish to include a membership form in newsletters or correspondence are asked to maintain the form and information provided by the national office.

The local chapter may not establish its own membership program since LFL has a “unified membership” program. When sending a membership form to the national office, make sure the chapter name and number, if chartered, is written on the form in the space provided. This will assure that the state federation and local chapter receive the proper remittance payment.

Membership Classifications

Annual Membership

- Annual members join by making a membership donation accompanied by a completed copy of the membership form (or by joining online).
- Annual memberships run from July 1 through June 30. New memberships will expire on June 30 of the year following the initial membership donation.
- An annual membership drive will begin in May of each year. Current members will receive renewal information at that time. The membership drive will also encourage new memberships, although they will be accepted at any time of the year.

Sponsor Membership

- Sponsor members pledge to contribute a certain amount each month and to pray regularly for Lutherans For Life.
- Sponsor members receive a monthly letter from the executive director.
- Sponsor members are asked to renew their monthly pledge each year as part of the annual membership drive.

The Remittance Program of LFL

All MEMBERSHIP donations are shared with the chartered state federation and/or local chapter to which the particular members may belong. The membership donations are divided as follows:

Annual Memberships:

- 20% goes to the local chapter (If there is no local chapter this 20% goes to the state federation.)
- 20% goes to the state federation
- 60% remains at national

Sponsor Memberships:

- 1/12 goes to the local chapter (If there is no local chapter this 1/12 goes to the state federation.)
- 1/12 goes to the state federation
- 10/12 remains at national



Mark your calendar!

2013 National Lutherans For Life Conference • November 8-9

**Gloria Dei Lutheran Church
Urbandale, Iowa
(Des Moines)**



Our theme is L.I.F.E. • Living in Faith Everyday.

**“And his mercy is for those who fear him
from generation to generation” (Luke 1:50).**

How do we live out our biblically-based, For Life convictions in this culture? Our 2013 National Lutherans For Life Conference will help you do that as we focus on L.I.F.E.—Living in Faith Everyday.

Here are some of the wonderful speakers and workshop leaders scheduled to join us in November:

- Steve Deace - Nationally syndicated radio talk show host
- Rev. Matt Harrison - President, Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod
- Linda Bartlett - Titus 2 for Life
- Jenny Farrell on post-abortion healing
- Rev. Peter Preus on dealing with suicide
- John Talley on religious freedom
- Chris Lamb on protecting you and your family when dealing with the online world
- Laura Davis on L.I.F.E. with youth
- Rev. Dr. James I. Lamb on L.I.F.E. around the world

*Check the 2013 conference page at www.lutheransforlife.org for more details.
Online registration is set to open in June.*



United Together For Life in Christ

At a wedding we talk about a husband and wife being united for life. As Christians we are united “for life” in a different sense. To gain a better understanding of this, let’s look at some of the “unity” language of Scripture.

Intimate Language

Read John 17:20-24.

Who are these verses about?

What comparison does Jesus use to describe Christian unity in vs. 21?

What is the purpose of being united in Christ? (vs. 23)

Discuss ways that LFL is involved in this purpose.

Body Language

Read 1 Corinthians 12:12-27.

Where does the body begin? (13)

Of what does the body consist? (14)

Whose body are we talking about? (27)

Who’s the head? (Colossians 1:18)

Discuss the following:

- Based on your gifts and abilities, what member of the body are you?
- As an organization, what member would LFL be in the Body of Christ?



Encouraging Language, Encouraged in Heart

Read Colossians 2:1-5.

What's so encouraging about a mystery?

What "fine sounding arguments" (4) can discourage us?

What does being "orderly" (5) have to do with an encouraged heart?

What else does Paul "delight" in that's key to an encouraged heart?

Encouraged in Mind

Read Philippians 2:1-11.

Where does being "like-minded" (2) come from?

Where does it lead? (5-11)

What, then, does this encourage us to be? (2-4)

Encouraged in Ministry

Read 2 Corinthians 2:14-17.

Adverbs can be important. What's so incredible about "always"? (14)

What's the assurance that it's true?

What are the results?

How does this apply and encourage our ministry together at LFL?



Be Faithful in the Little Things

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

“One who is faithful in a very little is also faithful in much, and one who is dishonest in a very little is also dishonest in much” (Luke 16:10).

Have you been faithful in the very little things of life? Our lives are full of little things that we have to do, aren't they? Don't believe me? Just take a look at your “to do” list. What are some of the little things you have to do?

Do you pay your bills on time? Do you make sure your children have lunch money or a lunch to carry to school every day? Do you make sure you tell your spouse and children that you love them and that they are special? Do you tell them about the Lord and His love for them? God's word says:

“And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise” (Deuteronomy 6:6-7).

Parents have the primary responsibility to raise their children to know and love Jesus. Do you tell your children about their Savior and how much He loves them? I hope so.

As I read Luke 16:10, I couldn't help but think of the little things that so many of us who support life care about. The tiny embryo in the womb is a very little thing, but so important. Have you been a voice For Life for the little things in your home and community?

God's Word tells us if we are faithful in the little things, we will also be faithful in much. Basically God is asking each of us, “Can I trust you?” “Will you be my voice for the message of the Gospel and a positive and loving voice For Life?” I know you are. Thank you!

As you know, Lutherans For Life is a national ministry that continues to grow because of your involvement and support.

- LFL has hundreds of volunteers and supporters speaking up every day For Life.
- LFL produces quality life resources that can be ordered at www.cph.org.
- LFL reaches out through Renewal for Life®, Teaching for Life®, and Y4Life. (Learn more on our website.)
- LFL's Life Team seeks to serve our volunteers and Lutheran congregations.

Please let us know how we can serve you.



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Can you increase your giving in 2013 by Five Percent?

May I ask you to prayerfully consider how you will support LFL in 2013? How would the Lord want you to respond to His grace and forgiveness that He pours down upon you each day?

We know you pray for us and serve as volunteers in many and varied ways. Thank you! But, to do the work the Lord has called us to do in today's culture of death, we need additional financial support. ***Would you consider increasing your gift to LFL this year by five percent or more?*** Some examples include:

- If you give us a gift of \$100 annually, this would mean you would increase your gift to \$105.
- If you give us \$250 annually, this would mean you would increase your gift to \$262.50.
- If you give us \$500 annually, then you would increase your gift to \$525.
- If you give us \$1,000 annually, then you would increase your gift to \$1,050.

These increased gifts could be multiplied even more if every donor would increase their giving by five percent or more in 2013. Would you encourage those you know within your congregation and LFL chapter to increase their giving, too? Thank you for all you do for LFL. You are special and we appreciate you!

Prayer: Lord Jesus, thank you for helping me be faithful in the little things of life and bless Lutherans For Life. Amen.



Created – Redeemed – Called

Reverend Sturzenbecher and mission team from Divine Shepherd Lutheran Church, shared with us how they implemented the For Life message on a mission trip to Hong Kong. Each student received a wrist band with the words: **Created – Redeemed – Called**.

By the grace of God we were able to give the wrist bands to all 1000 students at Concordia Lutheran school in Hong Kong. We used the wrist bands as a teaching tool to remind them that they were created, redeemed, and called by God.

We used Isaiah 43:1 (NIV) as our theme verse **“But now, this is what the Lord says—he who created you, Jacob, he who formed you, Israel: ‘Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have summoned you by name; you are mine.’”**

We had all the students fold papers so we could cut out snowflakes. Most of them had never seen snow. In the process, we explained how no two snowflakes were the same. God makes each one unique, and the snowflakes are not perfect. In the same way God has made each of them unique (created). He loves them and knows them by name (called). But we as well as the students are not perfect, we have sin. But because of the great love God has for us He sent us Jesus to die in our place and take our sin away making us perfect in God’s eyes (redeemed). Many of the students wore the bracelets all week long. We were able to present this message in large assemblies and small classroom settings. I know this had a lasting impression on the students there. We have many new friends at Concordia in Hong Kong and hope to go back to this school next year to continue the ground work in the Gospel that was started this year. It was the perfect tool to tell of the wonderful news of our Savior and Lord.



Even Babies Know What Babies Are?

by Laura Davis, development counselor and director of Y4Life

In March, I went and visited my sister, Sarah, in Wisconsin for my birthday. Since I moved to Missouri, it has been wonderful to be within driving distance of her, my brother-in-law, and my adorable 19-month old niece, Christina. While I was there, I gave my sister some fetal models for her to use in her classroom. Sarah is a first grade teacher at a Lutheran school and has just begun using the Teaching For Life curriculum with her students.



After I had left, Sarah decided to try something with the fetal models. She wondered what would happen if she were to give one of them to my niece, Christina. She held out one of the models and asked, “What is this, Christina?” My niece looked at it for a second, pondering. Then she got a big smile and said, with confidence, “Baby!”

After that, Sarah said that Christina took the baby and started playing with it, hugging, rocking, and kissing it just like she does with her other baby dolls.

Christina may just be a baby herself, but even she recognizes life when she sees it. Even at the young age of 19 months, she is not fooled. If it looks like a baby, then it is a baby. There was no doubt or debate for her. It didn’t matter if it was very small or if it didn’t quite look like us yet. Christina knew what it was and treated it just like she would any other baby.

I was truly touched by my niece’s response and wanted to share it with you. Her response showed me that it is never too early to teach our children to recognize and respect life. I know that Christina will grow up knowing that Jesus loves all of His children, no matter how young or old they are or how small they are. She may not understand what abortion is or that babies are under attack in our world, but she knows that the small thing she is holding in her hand is a baby. She also knows the only appropriate thing to do with a baby is to show it love, with hugs and kisses and smiles. If only everyone viewed the world with this simple and beautiful perspective, and acted according to it. What a wonderful world that would be.

Y4Life Update:

Y4Life programs are now in full swing! We had a very successful trip to Washington D.C in January, which you can read all about in the most recent edition of *LifeDate*. We also had the first ever Y4Life Servant Event, April 12-14, 2013, at Concordia Lutheran Church, in Kirkwood, Missouri.

During this event, students had the opportunity to learn about life issues and how to defend their beliefs in their schools and communities. They also had a chance to volunteer at several life-affirming local ministries in the St. Louis area, including Laclede Groves (part of Lutheran Senior Services), the Coalition for



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Life St. Louis, and ThriVe St. Louis, a local pregnancy resource center.

As always, thank you for your support as we work to equip Lutheran youth to be Gospel-motivated voices For Life!



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Wish List

We want to share with you our “Wish List.” Most of these items are not included in our annual budget. Please prayerfully consider how you could support one of the projects. A gift of any amount is welcome. We also encourage you to organize a fund-raising project with your Bible study, state federation, chapter, Life Team, or another group from your congregation to assist us.

Repaving the LFL National Life Center Parking Lot

Estimated cost: **\$75,000**

This is not a “glamorous” project, but the parking lot definitely needs attention!



LFL Teaching For Life® Expansion

Teaching For Life®

LFL is in the process of expanding the Teaching For Life® resources to include life studies for youth, an online course, and Sunday school curriculum. We currently have an amazing group of educators working on this project. Your designated financial support for this project is very much needed!

Estimated cost: **\$10,000**

LFL National Conference Scholarships

LFL offers scholarships to youth and church workers so that they can attend our annual LFL conference. Your gift can support this project.

Estimated cost: **\$250 per person**

When you send your donation, please let us know which of the above projects you are giving a gift to support. Let us know if you need more information. We would welcome the opportunity to visit with you.



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.

Speakers:

James I. Lamb (nationwide and Canada)
Jean Amundson (nationwide)
Linda D. Bartlett (nationwide)
Tracy L. Carmack (nationwide)
Rev. Paul M. Clark (nationwide)
Connie Davis (nationwide)
Daniel M. Domke (within five to six hours of Huron, South Dakota)
John Eidsmoe (nationwide)
Peter B. Greenspan (within two-three hours of Kansas City)
Anthony Horvath (nationwide)
Kimberly Ketola (nationwide)
Sheila Luck (nationwide)
Ryan C. MacPherson (within 150 miles of Mankato, Minnesota)
Betty McGuire (nationwide)
Allen Quist (within Minnesota and Iowa)
Russell E. Saltzman (nationwide)
Alvin J. Schmidt (nationwide and in Canada)
Carl F. Schroeder (nationwide)
Diane E. Schroeder (nationwide)
Francis W. Szarejko (nationwide)
Ed Szeto (nationwide)

Find out more about these speakers at www.lutheransforlife.org.



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 have 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.

Speaking Engagement Report Form	
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):	

