

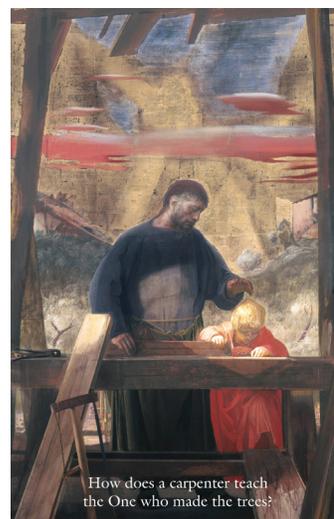
News and Notes

- **Two classic bulletin inserts are being brought back for 2017.**

Heart of a Mother shares that every mother's heart, along with Mary's, is a treasure store of things to ponder—things of joy and things of sorrow. A mother's heart also needs the treasure of Christ's love—to celebrate the joys and to be comforted in sorrow. *Item LFL1108BI. \$0.10 ea.*



Faithful Fathers spotlights the life of Joseph, the importance of fathers in family life, and the faithfulness of our Heavenly Father in helping dads in their vocation. "Daily seek to be faithful to your vocation as father. You are important! Daily seek your faithful God's forgiveness. You are important to Him! He will bless and uphold you." *Item LFL1107BI. \$0.10 ea.*



- **An idea that could be adapted by a Life Team or Life Chapter to help those in their local area:** "A friend of mine—and her family—are planning to do the following in memory of her husband. My friend wrote: 'Every year on [his] birthday ... the ... families are going to put together a supply basket for a family going through a tough medical illness time. We are going to fill it with household essentials and gift cards. The greatest support to me ... was not to have to run out to get silly toilet paper or dishwashing detergent. I hated leaving him at all, but those basic things tore my heart out to leave him for. I was very blessed to have ... help ... with those things, but not everyone has that and it ultimately always falls to the primary caregiver. Also, the gift cards for movie theaters, etc., were so helpful so that I could send my kids with someone and have it paid for so no worries.'" *Lowell Highby*
- **Be sure to "Like" and follow LFL on social media! See links below:**

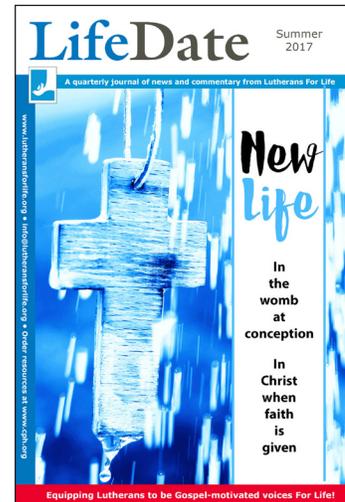
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www.facebook.com/WordOfHopeHealingHearts/

Also see:

www.youtube.com/user/LutheransForLife
<https://vimeo.com/user4132928>



- **Please note that we have a Facebook group for Life Chapters, Life Teams, and LMCs.** The group includes an idea exchange and is a place to connect with other frontline volunteers. To join or contribute an idea, please email lhighby@lutheransforlife.org and indicate “Sign Me Up!” in the subject line.
- **LifeDate is another way to share the For Life message with your congregation.** Order LifeDate in bulk quantities at no charge. (Donations for shipping cost will gladly be accepted.) Call 888.364.LIFE (5433) to order. **We have a limited number of copies of the back issues of LifeDate that are free upon request.** Please call 888.364.LIFE (5433) or email info@lutheransforlife.org to order.
- **Life News is available each month to download and print.** *Life News* is a monthly bulletin insert with life-issue news and more. *Life News* is available as a free reproducible PDF at www.lutheransforlife.org/media/life-news.
- **AmazonSmile** – Shop at AmazonSmile, and Amazon will make a donation to Lutherans For Life! Check it out through the link on our Store and Give pages at www.lutheransforlife.org and in our weekly *Life Notes* e-newsletter. (This is not an endorsement of all things Amazon, but it is a free opportunity for Amazon shoppers to support Lutherans For Life.)
- **Real Estate for Life** – “It takes so little to do so much to save the life of a child.” Real Estate for Life makes it easy for you to help Lutherans For Life by using funds a real estate company has already earmarked for commission fees at no extra cost to you. Under real estate law, Real Estate for Life will receive a referral fee. Pro-life organizations will receive 100% of the profits of that fee as a donation. Find out how it works at www.lutheransforlife.org/real-estate-for-life; 877.543.3871; proliferealestate@yahoo.com.
- **Lutherans For Life Frontlines:** LFL has 11 State Federations, 95 local Life Chapters, 110 Life Ministry Coordinators, and 58 Life Teams in the US.



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Seven Baskets Full: A Bible Study

“Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father” (James 1:17a). This includes Easter baskets. The Bible records how Jesus (of course) invented the original Easter baskets. When He set about preparing His, however, He didn’t fill them with treats or toys. He piled them high with miracles. He didn’t hide them for His disciples to find; He handed them over directly. He didn’t limit Himself (or anyone else) to just one basket but distributed abundantly to everybody in attendance—with seven left over for the rest of us (Matthew 15:37). And they got to open them early, well in advance of the holiday weekend. In the same way, He’s not waiting until the ultimate Easter arrives on the Last Day before busting out the blessings for every human being.

1. What good news does Christ’s rising from death give us about where He is now? (Psalm 23:4, Matthew 28:20, Romans 8:38-39)
2. What eventual outcome does His empty tomb ensure, and against what opposition? (Colossians 2:12-15, Hebrews 2:14-15, Revelation 1:18)
3. What powerful process does His resurrection reveal forgiveness has begun? (2 Corinthians 4:10, Philippians 3:20-21, Romans 8:11)
4. How does His coming back to life unwrap gifts even for those undergoing awfulness? (2 Corinthians 4:14-18; Romans 5:3-5; Romans 8:18, 28, 32)
5. How does the Savior’s Easter encourage us if our circumstances are killing us? (1 Corinthians 6:14; Romans 6:4-5, 8-9)
6. What comfort can an alive-again Lord offer ones who lose all and watch their world waste away? (Romans 8:19-21, Revelation 21:1-5)
7. What final unveiling inaugurated by the risen Jesus will we behold bringing us utter fulfillment? (1 Corinthians 13:10-12, Job 19:25-27, 1 John 3:2)
8. How can these promises provide hope to everyone struggling with life issues?



Life Ministry Activity Ideas from Annual Activity Reports

“God alone has the strength we need to deal effectively with the life issues before us ... Pray that He would continue to bring it to bear on the task at hand, that we would see clearly each step He would have us take as we move forward, and that we would not wander from the course He would have us follow!” *Laura Laesch, Life Team Leader, Yorkville, Illinois*

1. Assemble a cross display representing abortion deaths each day.
2. Set up a booth at the county fair, displaying posters and fetal models.
3. Attend the LFL National (and Regional) Conferences as a team.
4. Put up a highway billboard sign (e.g., “Respect Life” from Heritage House).
5. Use LFL worship services and Bible study for Life Sunday along with having an LFL exhibit and resources.
6. Hand out LifeMarks (bookmarks) to junior-high students at church.
7. Present examples of the *Teaching for Life* curricula at area Christian schools.
8. Use LFL bulletin inserts (Life Sunday, Annunciation Day, Mother’s Day, Father’s Day, etc.).
9. Present precious feet pins, bookmarks, etc.
10. Maintain regular LFL pamphlet display rack in church.
11. Support area pregnancy support centers as needed with supplies and manpower. Have “baby showers” and fundraisers as needed. Collect diapers, baby wipes, etc.
12. Support women’s shelters, homeless shelters, food pantries, etc.
13. Take a tour of a local pregnancy resource center to get acquainted.
14. Support prison ministries.
15. Help a family interested in adoption but who have financial needs.
16. Organize a prayer vigil at the church for pregnancy and infant loss month in October (perhaps from noon to 7 p.m.) with a pastor conducting a short service in the evening. Consider having a large picture frame with a picture of Jesus with little children, and those who have lost infants could put their name (baby or family) on a pink or blue ribbon and attach it to the picture in memory of the lost child.
17. Grandparent project: take a list of the elderly provided by pastors and purchase cards from church for Thanksgiving, Christmas, Easter, and the person’s birthday. Assign mid-week student classes with a certain number of these individuals, and then Life Team members can assist the students in signing cards for those individuals at the beginning of the month that holiday falls in. Divide up the birthdays as appropriate and have someone mail them out as needed.
18. Provide direct help to single moms (and dads) as needed.
19. Put life ads in local newspapers—especially on Life Sunday with signatures of supporters listed.



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20. Include life articles in your church newsletter.
21. Present fetal models to local Lutheran schools (Owen's Mission).
22. Use Life Quotes and Life Thoughts in the Church Year in your church bulletin.
23. Share the *Making Abortion Unthinkable: The Art of Pro-Life Persuasion* DVD series.
24. Organize a 40 Days for Life campaign.
25. Have LFL speakers at church or local meetings and invite area congregations to attend.
26. March for Life in Washington, D.C.—and take youth. Give a report to the congregation after the march.
27. Hold fundraisers (meals, rummage sales, ice cream social/pie auction, diaper drives, etc.).
28. Participate in local parades.
29. Provide seminars on life issues (e.g., end-of-life issues for seniors, physician-assisted suicide legislation information, etc.).
30. Provide education on Planned Parenthood.
31. Hold a Baby Bottle fundraiser.
32. Provide roses or carnations for Mother's Day or as an opportunity for a fundraiser with funds going to help support local pregnancy centers.
33. Give pro-life "temple talks" at church (brief presentations on life issues).
34. Strive to maintain a visible presence in your congregation and community with frequent bulletin life messages and encouraging folks to wear precious feet pins.
35. Regularly advertise LFL's website address and encourage folks to visit this site.
36. Encourage Lutheran schools to participate in a Life Essay contest.
37. Create a Facebook page for your Life Team or Life Chapter—encourage youth to help.
38. Provide scholarships for folks to attend LFL and other pro-life conferences.
39. Create a bulletin board with regularly updated life issue news.
40. Place Word of Hope brochures in women's bathrooms at your church.
41. Observe Life Sunday with an offering for LFL.
42. Hold a May-June Baby Bottle Campaign to benefit a local pregnancy resource center ("Baby Bottle Boomerang").
43. Have a Christmas Angel Tree—gifts to benefit local pregnancy resource centers.
44. Attend local pregnancy center annual banquets.
45. Set up bulk LifeDate delivery to your church.
46. Have sewing days to create things needed by pregnancy resource centers (baby blankets, etc.).
47. Put LFL materials in laundromats and other public places.
48. Provide backpacks and blankets for foster children.
49. Visit the elderly and homebound.



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50. Promote sexual purity with “Chastity Rallies” for youth and invite area congregations to attend.
51. Show LFL videos at Bible studies or adult Sunday school.
52. Participate in the Life Team Leader Calls hosted by Churches for Life.
www.lutheransforlife.org/about/life-chapters-and-life-teams
53. Make use of Life Team training resources.
54. Set up a vinyl pro-life banner (about 4’ x 6’) to display on your church lawn (perhaps with some white crosses) and also use in parades with youth carrying the banner.
55. Set out a jar with exhibits as part of a Coins For Life fundraiser.
56. Sing “God Loves Life” in church.
57. Gather winter coats for young school children and the homeless.
58. Host a blood drive.
59. Give Life Team or Life Chapter monthly reports to your church council to keep them informed—and recommend activities and obtain resources for the life mission of the church.
60. Host a prayer vigil For Life at church (possibly over one to two days from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.).
61. Get young people involved in fundraisers for local pregnancy centers (diaper drives, etc.).
62. Prominently display the phone numbers and links to help centers (Word of Hope, etc.).
63. Volunteer at local pregnancy resource center—inviting men who could help with building projects as needed.
64. Help with International Student Ministry English programs and/or provide a nursery during English classes.
65. Give a life issue presentation to church women’s groups.
66. In January have a vigil at a prominent intersection, having people on all four corners with signs and electric candles.
67. Integrate *Teaching For Life*[®] into Sunday school classes.
68. With the support of the congregation, provide colorful drawstring bags with comfort items and handwritten Christian messages (written by high school students) to foster children in the community. These bags could be given to the kids when they are being removed from their homes, etc.
69. Mentor nearby congregations on life issues.
70. Sponsor a “Life Defenders Boot Camp” at a school or church—exclusively for high school and college-age students. Consider a three-hour-plus session designed to equip young women and men to become effective ambassadors for life.





Lutherans For Life • Life Team Tools Order Form 2016-2017

NOTE: LIFE TEAM TOOLS ARE AVAILABLE ONLY FROM THE LFL NATIONAL OFFICE.

Lutherans For Life • 1101 5th Street • Nevada, IA 50201-1816 • 888.364.LIFE (5433)

Name _____

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Address _____

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Ship to (if different):

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ITEM #	QTY.	DESCRIPTION	PRICE	TOTAL
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LTT3DVD		Life Team Tool 3 DVD	\$10	
LTT4DVD		Life Team Tool 4 DVD	\$10	
LTT1FM		Life Team Tool 1 Field Manual	\$10	
LTT2FM		Life Team Tool 2 Field Manual	\$10	
LTT3FM		Life Team Tool 3 Field Manual	\$10	
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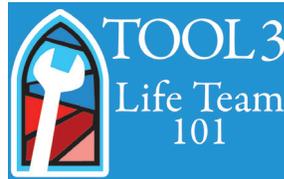
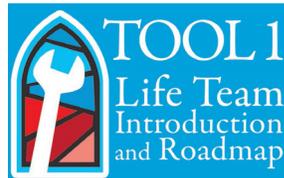
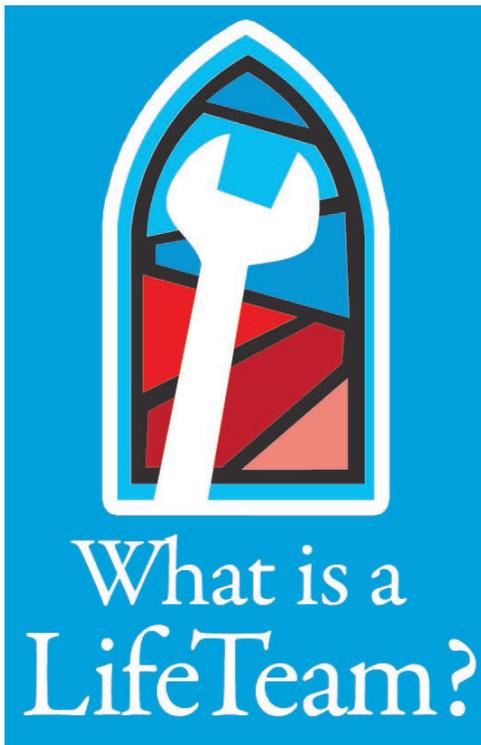
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LFL Business Hours: Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. CST/CDT.
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Exp. Date _____ Phone _____
Month / Year

Signature _____

You may also purchase Life Team Tools by credit card by calling 888.364.LIFE (5433).





Owen's Mission

**"A PERSON'S
A PERSON,
NO MATTER
HOW SMALL"
-DR. SEUSS**

Horton the elephant was right! The Bible agrees! In fact, the Bible says more: A person's a person created by God (Psalm 139:13-14), a person redeemed by Jesus (Galatians 3:13), and a person the Holy Spirit wants to call to be His child (1 Timothy 2:4), **no matter how small!**

Owen's Mission is a very special project of Lutherans For Life. The goal of this project is to honor Jesus by presenting a set of *Touch of Life* fetal models to every Lutheran elementary and high school in the country. (That's 1,078 schools affecting 139,000 students!) We want students to understand the God-given value of each life from the moment of conception. We want students to be motivated by what God has done as our Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier that gives value to life. We want students to value themselves and to value others as persons because of this God-given value.



Where did Owen's Mission come from? From a very small and special baby named Owen. Rev. Dr. James I. Lamb, former executive director of Lutherans For Life, shares his story:



"I held my little grandson, Owen, in the palm of my hand. He died at 21 weeks during prenatal surgery to remove a large tumor. The nurse brought him to our son as we waited in the recovery room for Owen's mother. I find it difficult to describe what I felt when I was able to hold him. I had held the 20-week *Touch of Life* fetal model in my hands hundreds of times in front of students from preschoolers to seminarians. Holding Owen revived in me the reality behind those models. I will never hold them in the same way again."

As Owen's grandpa, Dr. Lamb wanted to do something special to remember Owen, honor Jesus, and help others understand the value God gives to even the smallest of lives. With the help of Owen's family, *Owen's Mission* was born. We are training facilitators to present these fetal model sets along with a DVD message from Dr. Lamb.

You can support Owen's Mission by:

- Giving a personal gift
- Encouraging your school to give
- Encouraging your congregation to give
- Encouraging groups within your congregation to give

To give a gift online to Lutherans For Life go to:

www.lutheransforlife.org/give

Please designate your gift to “Owen’s Mission.”

You can also send your check to:

Lutherans For Life
1101 5th St.
Nevada, IA 50201-1816

Please designate your gift to “Owen’s Mission.”

Lutherans For Life is a 501(c)(3) ministry and contributions are deductible as a charitable donation.

Please keep Lutherans For Life in your prayers.

You can also find out about many other ways to give, including estate-planning assistance, at our Give page.

“I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.” (John 10:10)

You will find many more photos from Owen’s Mission events on LFL’s Facebook page.



Lutherans For Life is a nonpolitical ministry whose mission is to equip Lutherans to be Gospel-motivated voices For Life. We produce a variety of multimedia resources that connect the life issues to the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We affirm life at all stages of development and in all conditions of health. We are For Life, not because we live in a society that isn’t, but because we serve a God who is.

www.lutheransforlife.org

Speakers Bureau

www.lutheransforlife.org/about/speakers-bureau-concerts-for-life

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 workshop/seminar. A variety of formats are available.

General speaker guidelines (may vary by individual):

- Airfare/Mileage: Actual airfare and/or current standard IRS mileage rate to airport or event
- Lodging: Quiet, nonsmoking 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 screen may be needed.

Speakers:

Jean Amundson (nationwide – based in Cleburne, Texas)
Linda D. Bartlett (nationwide – based in Iowa Falls, Iowa)
Paul M. Clark (nationwide – based in Fowler, Michigan)
Connie Davis (nationwide – based in Macomb, Michigan)
Daniel M. Domke (within five to six hours of Huron, South Dakota)
John Eidsmoe (nationwide – based in Pike Road, Alabama)
Kim Hardy (nationwide – based in Grand Haven, Michigan)
Kimberly Ketola (nationwide – based in Peachtree City, Georgia)
Rev. Dr. James I. Lamb (nationwide and Canada – based in Marshalltown, Iowa)
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Speaking Engagement Report Form

We appreciate the many hours our faithful frontline workers contribute to sharing the For Life message. If you or your State Federation/Life Chapter have the opportunity to speak on 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 national office or email hhaak@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 presentation (DVD, brochures, articles, etc):	



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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 Life Chapter is a local organization that has been chartered by National Lutherans For Life. The Life 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 Life Chapters. In a state where a State Federation exists, the Life Chapters also become affiliated with the State Federation. This occurs automatically at the same time a Life Chapter becomes chartered by Lutherans For Life, Inc. These relationships are basically the same whether or not the Life 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 Life 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 Life Chapter if it is chartered.

Life 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 Life 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 Life Chapter name and number, if chartered, is written on the form in the space provided. This will ensure that the State Federation and local Life 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 Life Chapter to which the particular members may belong. The membership donations are divided as follows:

Annual Memberships:

- 20% goes to the local Life Chapter (If there is no local Life 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 Life Chapter (If there is no local Life Chapter, this 1/12 goes to the State Federation.)
- 1/12 goes to the State Federation
- 10/12 remains at national

