

News and Notes

- **The opportunities for LFL's Frontlines to apply the For Life message are endless. For example, November is National Adoption Awareness Month.** Check out and order LFL's resources on adoption (booklets, brochures, bulletin inserts) and share them with your congregation: www.lutheransforlife.org/life-issues/adoption. Here's one more: Orphan Sunday (cafo.org/orphansunday/) is November 10. The Christian Alliance for Orphans (www.christianalliancefororphans.org) offers a wealth of resources to help Christians stand up for the orphan ... defend the fatherless ... care for the child that has no family ... visit orphans in their distress.



- **CHECK OUT THE WORD OF HOPE WEBSITE:** www.word-of-hope.org
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www.instagram.com/lfly4life
www.facebook.com/groups/teampageLFL
www.facebook.com/WordOfHopeHealingHearts

Also see:

www.youtube.com/user/LutheransForLife
vimeo.com/user4132928

- **Please note that we have a Facebook group for Life Chapters, Life Teams, and LMCs:** www.facebook.com/groups/teampageLFL. The group includes an idea exchange and is a place to connect with other Frontline volunteers.
- **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.



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A Bible Study: The Least of These

Sometimes it seems wickedness is winning. Jesus warned that the world would get worse. The devil has even deceived people into using death as a solution to suffering. Christians cry out, “**Return, O Lord! How long?**” (Psalm 90:13a). We pray, “**Come, Lord Jesus!**” (Revelation 22:20b). And He promises that the evil around us only provides proof the universe is tumbling toward judgment.

Jesus taught that Judgment Day will be like a shepherd separating his sheep from the goats. Jesus Himself will sit on His throne as King and Judge. He will be surrounded by the angels, and all people will be gathered before Him. He will divide the sheep to His right and the goats to His left. He will welcome the sheep into His heavenly kingdom. They showed their faith in Him by serving their neighbors in need. The sheep didn’t even notice what they did; they only focused on Jesus saving them from their sins. They saw Jesus everywhere, even in their neighbors. But then He will condemn the goats to hell. They showed they rejected Him by ignoring and abusing their neighbors in need. The goats saw Jesus nowhere. They didn’t even see Him forgiving them; they only saw how good they were.

Read Matthew 25:31-33. Who are “the nations”? How will He gather the nations before Him? (Matthew 24:31)

What will He do with them? Why? (Revelation 20:12)

Read Matthew 25:34-40. What do the right-hand ones think of themselves? What is this attitude called?

Who are “the least of these my brothers”? Why does He call them this? (Hebrews 2:16-18)

Why do the right-hand ones help the least of these? (Matthew 10:8; 2 Corinthians 8:3-4; 1 Corinthians 6:11; Galatians 4:14)

What do the right-hand ones believe about God? (1 Timothy 1:15; Luke 5:31-32)

Why are the right-hand people saved? (Romans 10:9)

Read Matthew 25:41-46. What does He call the left-hand ones?

What do the left-hand ones think of themselves? What is this attitude called?

Why don’t the left-hand ones help the least of these?

What do the left-hand ones believe about God? Why are the left-hand people not saved?

How does this message motivate us to be For Life? What actions does it inspire us to take?



Cross the Bridge for Life

by Jackie Vezina, President of the Northern Kentucky Chapter of Lutherans For Life

What do a Purple People Bridge; a fun, family-friendly atmosphere; and thousands of people both young and old have in common? These are the ingredients that make up a wonderful event known as **Cross The Bridge For Life**. For over 14 years, thousands of pro-life people from the Cincinnati/Tri-State area have gathered together on the banks of the Ohio River in early June to march across the pedestrian-only Purple People Bridge to celebrate and show support for the sanctity of human life. It is also a time to recognize the agencies and organizations that provide support as well as resources to help build a Culture of Life in our communities.



My journey with this event began several years ago after attending the huge March for Life in Washington, D.C., with my husband. This was such a powerful experience, and it still brings a tear to my eye. We were swept along with 400,000 of our closest friends to the steps of the Supreme Court Building. It was jaw-dropping to realize that all these people, young and old from all over the country, believed in what we believed—that abortion is wrong, and that every life is precious in God’s sight. I was carrying my Lutherans For Life sign thinking no one would really notice, especially with all the huge banners and posters throughout this sea of people. But, much to my surprise, I was stopped several times along the route by people coming up to me, hugging me, and saying how happy they were to learn that Lutherans believed in the sanctity of life. It was a very humbling experience for me. It also started me thinking that many people do not realize that Lutherans, as well as other faith groups, believe in this important message about the sanctity of life and God’s love for all His children.

Back at my home in Northern Kentucky, my family and I attended several **Cross The Bridge For Life** events, but after my experience with the March for Life, I wanted to get more involved. I reached out to the chairperson of our local event to see what I could do to help promote this important message to other churches in the area. Well, the rest is history. I am presently on the Outreach Committee for **Cross The Bridge For Life** that contacts many churches in the Northern Kentucky and Cincinnati area, and I am also a member of the Steering Committee. The Northern Kentucky Chapter of Lutherans For Life is also a Rose Sponsor for **Cross The Bridge For Life** and has its name on the back of the free T-shirts that get handed out to the participants before the walk.

More and more people are realizing that Lutherans *do* believe in the sanctity of life, but we need to do more. Some people may doubt that a walk like this can make a difference. The answer is simply: YES. YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE! **Cross The Bridge For Life** is a growing testimony to this fact, and I am very proud of my Chapter’s involvement which supports God’s precious gift of life.

If your plans ever bring you to the Cincinnati area around the first Sunday of June, please consider attending this fabulous event. We could **Cross The Bridge For Life** together. Blessings!



For Life at Christmas

An idea from Roni Grad ...

Several of us from the Catalina Lutheran Church (CLC) Life Team joined with our church musicians and others last December 22 for an afternoon of Christmas caroling in the neighborhood surrounding the congregation.

Along the way, we sang to, visited, and prayed with our neighbors.

We invited them to the Christmastide services at CLC and handed out copies of the Lutherans For Life brochure, *Three Inches, Two Ounces: Reflections on Jesus in the womb based on Luke 1:56* (Item LFL110T), reinforcing the message that, prior to His birth in Bethlehem, Jesus spent the first nine months of His incarnation as a developing embryo in Mary's womb, in the process sanctifying prenatal life for all of humanity for all time.



A Variation on “Jesus Loves Me”

Marian Kopperud of Westbrook, Minnesota, a longtime supporter of Lutherans For Life, shared a special version of “Jesus Loves Me” that is printed below. It was sung a few years ago at an “80 and Over” party at her congregation.

Jesus loves me, this I know,
Though my hair is white as snow.
Though my eyesight's growing dim
Still He bids me trust in Him.

(Chorus)

Yes, Jesus loves me, Yes, Jesus loves me
Yes, Jesus loves me, the Bible tells me so.

Though my steps are oh, so slow,
With my hand in His I'll go.
On through life, let come what may,
He'll be there to lead the way.

(Chorus)

When the nights are dark and long,
In my heart He puts a song.
Telling me in words so clear,
“Have no fear, for I am near.”

(Chorus)

When my work on earth is done,
And life's victories have been won.
He will take me home above,
Then I'll understand His love.

(Chorus)

I love Jesus, does He know?
Have I ever told Him so?
Jesus loves to hear me say,
That I love Him every day.

(Chorus)



Revolution

By Rev. Daniel Larsen

“For I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate” (Romans 7:15 ESV).

In July, we celebrate Independence Day to commemorate when the American colonists declared themselves a nation independent from England. This Declaration of Independence brought the Revolutionary War into full swing, ultimately leading to a complete break from the mother country.

Romans 7:15 describes a different kind of revolution, a war that rages on in the heart of every Christian. It’s a battle between flesh and spirit, sin and holiness, good and evil. You might call it your own personal revolutionary war.

The American Revolution was fought against the tyranny of the British Empire; we Christians fight against the tyranny of sin. Sin once controlled our lives, so that we could neither do good nor desire it—not true goodness, anyway—not the kind that makes you right before God. Left to ourselves, the fight against sin would have been a slaughter.

We aren’t left to ourselves, though. God knows our plight, and He has provided what we need. He sent His only Son, Jesus Christ, to die in our place. Jesus died the death we deserve, exchange-



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ing His righteousness for our sin. Then He rose again to give new life to all who trust in Him by faith.

That faith is your declaration of independence. Christ declares independence from sin for all who trust in Him. Sin no longer has a hold on you. You are a new person, a free person—free to live the life you were created to live. Sin doesn't rule anymore!

But now look at the American Revolution. Was the Declaration of Independence the end of British tyranny? No way! The Americans declared independence, and an entire war ensued. Huge battles were fought. Many died. America was a free nation, but they were at war with the very tyrants from whom they had cut ties.

So it is with you. Christ has declared you free from sin, and so you are! But sin won't go down without a fight. And just as in revolutionary America, the war against sin is fought at home—in our own bodies and minds.

That war is what Paul describes in Romans 7:15. His redeemed soul wants to do what is good, but his sinful flesh fights that effort. You can hear his frustration, as well. “Wretched man that I am!” he says in verse 24, “Who will deliver me from this body of death?” It tears him up inside! Even in his independence from sin, part of him is still enslaved.

Yet he immediately answers his question: “Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ, our Lord!” Paul clings to the same hope to which you and I cling: that our Lord will set us free from our sinful flesh. We fight this war now, but the victory is sure. Jesus Christ will come again. And when He does, He will raise up for us new bodies that will neither die nor lead us to death. And on that day, the revolution will be won!

Rev. Daniel Larsen is pastor of Bethany Lutheran Church, Wabasso, Minnesota; Trinity Lutheran Church, Sanborn, Minnesota; and Zion Lutheran Church, Springfield, Minnesota.



Projects and Fundraising Tips

Early Fall Golf-Outings

Creative contests for golfers can help create small prizes and fun fellowship! Proceeds above cost can be donated to the life-affirming ministry of your choice!

Fundraising Calendars

This is a great way to celebrate life! There are many possible ideas. Produce an annual calendar where you can celebrate life in your congregation in pictures and a life-affirming “message of the month.” Include baby pictures of newborns, baptisms, confirmands (and graduates for congregations with schools), those celebrating a major milestone birthday or anniversary, or ministry anniversary (25, 50, or even 75). You can also include new-member pictures or adult baptisms. Start collecting pictures now for a 2020 edition. Proceeds above the cost of the calendar can go to a life-affirming ministry of your choice.

Fairs

Fall is a great time for a fair in your congregation or as a community event. Host a pie bake, ice cream social, corn broil, or pumpkin painting/carving contest. At your event, have a For Life display and have someone from your Life Team or Life Chapter share a life-affirming story. For those who crochet or knit, donated items can be raffled to help raise funds for your local pregnancy or senior center.

Backpacks for Foster Children

Back-to-school time for kids is a great time to help kids in need. Hold a drive in your congregation for backpacks and school supplies. Have the youth make cards and notes for the kids receiving the items. Take them to a local foster care agency for kids in need.

Phil's Friends

If you know of someone who has cancer, Phil's Friends is a ministry that provides care packages and encouraging notes to patients of all ages. Organize a Phil's Friends supply drive or gather to put together care packages as a family servant event. For more information, visit philsfriends.org.

Get Ready for LFL National and Regional Conferences and National March for Life!

Start organizing now to have members of your Life Team, Life Chapter, and congregation come out for these events. For more information see www.lutheransforlife.org/conference and marchforlife.org.





NWK Pro-Life Forum



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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 970 schools affecting 133,000 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 encouraging your Lutheran elementary or high school to have an Owen's Mission presentation! Call 888.364.LIFE (5433) or email info@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.

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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 info@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:	
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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

