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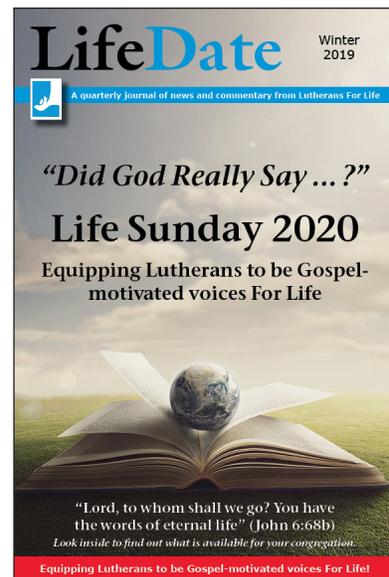
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A Bible Study: Remembered for Life

Three weeks of scorching sun without a drop of rain makes a farmer worry. SAT scores that aren't quite high enough for her college of choice makes a student fret. The discovery of a tumor makes everyone anxious, and the pronouncement of death leaves wounds on a heart. Because of sin, our lives are filled with disappointment, sorrow, and fear—so much so that it's tempting to wonder if God really does remember us. Yet despite our worries, our hardships, our troubles, our sins, and our losses, God's Word assures us that we have not been forgotten. In fact, the Bible proves time and again that God remembers and redeems His people for life.

1. From the very beginning, God has remembered His people and provided for their temporal and eternal lives. How does God remember and provide for Adam, Eve, and all their descendants in body and soul after the fall? (Genesis 3:21; Genesis 3:14-15, 21).
2. Unfortunately, sin continues to grow after the fall. When God plans to rid the world of evil, He remembers faithful Noah and provides for his life. What does this provision look like? How does God bless all life through Noah? (Genesis 6:17-22; Genesis 9:1, 8-13).
3. Abraham and Sarah desire a child, but it seems she is barren. How does God remember them? (Genesis 17:19). How will God bless all lives through this promise? (Genesis 15:5; Galatians 3:7).
4. Though Joseph's brothers sell him into slavery, God remembers and provides for Joseph. How does God bless Joseph? (Genesis 41:40-43). How does God work through Joseph's life to bless His people? (Genesis 41:46-49, 53-57; 45:4-8).
5. Though God's people were valued in Egypt for many years, Joseph's good deeds and leadership are eventually forgotten, and the Israelites are enslaved. How does God remember His people? How does He provide for their deliverance? (Exodus 3:7-10, 13:17-19, 14:19-29).
6. God's people thrive in the Promised Land, but sin is also evident. When Saul becomes jealous of David and tries to kill him, whom does God provide to save David? (1 Samuel 19:11-12; 20:18-23). How does He work through David to remember and redeem His people? (Matthew 1:1).



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7. Years after David's reign, Babylon ransacks Jerusalem, and God's people find themselves in exile. What promise does God make His people in exile? (Jeremiah 29:1, 29:10-11). How does He remember this promise and bless His people? (Ezra 1:1-11).
8. Even on the cross, Jesus remembers those He loves. What does He say that proves He remembers us? (Luke 23:34a; John 19:30).
9. God remembers His people, but there is one thing He no longer remembers. What does God, because of Christ's sacrifice, choose to remember no more? (Jeremiah 31:31-34).
10. How does God's act of remembrance give our lives value? How does His remembrance make each life important?

Even though we struggle to remember God, God remembers us. We are loved and valuable to Him. So, when the rains don't come and the test scores aren't high enough, when the tumor is cancerous and the verdict is death, we fear no evil. Instead, we rest securely in Christ's embrace, confident that His blood has paved a brighter tomorrow—whether on earth or in heaven—because the past proves it is so. God always remembers His people, and He rescues them for Life.



Tea Party for the Unborn

by Rachel Geraci, Mission and Ministry Director

To raise awareness for your town's pregnancy resource center (PRC), a creative approach might be to throw a British-style tea party at your home or congregation. Invite the ladies (and teen girls!!) from your church to come enjoy tea, coffee, crumpets, scones, etc., and to hear about how this pro-life center is working to change lives. You can even encourage women to come in costume (think Easter hats, gloves, etc.) to make it more fun! By making this event an official LWML or women's ministry event, you will be sure to have a good number in attendance.

Start by inviting a representative from the PRC to serve as the guest speaker. He or she will be able to explain to the ladies what this organization does and how local community members can get involved. Collect a door offering for the PRC during the event, or perhaps consider charging a minimal fee for those who attend. All proceeds will be donated to help improve the lives of the women and children who use the PRC before and after their pregnancies. At the end, provide a way for individuals to sign up to volunteer their time at the center.

And as always, enjoy the process! Ask women from the congregation to use their specific gifts and talents to make this event as delightful as possible. Someone might enjoy designing cute invitations; another might enjoy decorating the event space. And of course, recruit those with mad baking skills! Serving our neighbor is always a joy when we remember what Christ has first done for us!

(This idea was inspired by an idea from our friends at the Society for the Protection of Unborn Children [UK]: www.spuc.org.uk/tiny-feet-coffee-mornings.)



Christian School Includes Preborn in Ornament Submissions for the Wisconsin Capitol Christmas Tree

by Anna DeMeuse, Pro-Life Wisconsin Communications Director

(Source: www.prolifewi.org/blog/2019/12/10/local-school-includes-preborn-in-ornament-submissions-for-the-wisconsin-capitol-christmas-tree)

[In 2019], the Wisconsin Capitol Christmas Tree was dubbed the “Holiday Tree” by Governor Tony Evers, and on Friday, November 8, 2019, Evers announced that the theme of the tree would be “Celebrate Science.” Wisconsin students were asked to create themed ornaments for the tree and send them to the capitol to be displayed throughout the season. One local Christian school got creative.

Bethlehem Lutheran School in Sheboygan, Wisconsin, decided to send a clear message to the governor about the true meaning of the season and science no less. In a Facebook post on Sunday, December 8, Bethlehem Lutheran School displayed their creations, saying, “The fifth- and sixth-graders helped create some science and faith-based ornaments for the Capitol Tree this year. Theirs were among thousands from other schools throughout the state. If you’re in Madison, be sure to check it out; it’s pretty awesome!”

Images show the handmade ornaments proudly hanging on the Capitol Tree. Among them are cutout elements from the periodic table spelling “Merry Christmas” and colorful depictions of preborn babies which read “Life begins at conception. It’s Science.”

While Governor Evers seeks to secularize Christmas and increase funding to Planned Parenthood, the state’s largest abortion provider, these creative students surely sent a message!

Pam Carlson-Gugel, Bethlehem Lutheran School’s Art Teacher says, “This Christmas season is all about celebrating God made flesh in the form of a baby to save us from our sins. With Governor Evers choosing ‘science’ as the theme for this year’s Capitol Christmas tree, my fifth- and sixth-grade students and I thought it would be a good idea to share the increasing science consensus that an unborn baby is a life from the moment of conception ... We hope this will be a positive witness as we fight to protect life in the womb, and we thank the administration for including these ornaments on the tree.”

Thank you to Bethlehem Lutheran School and their fifth- and sixth-grade students for keeping Christ in Christmas and recognizing the humanity of the preborn child!





Celebrating Life in a Small Congregation

by Rachel Geraci, Mission and Ministry Director

Trinity Lutheran Church sits on a hill overlooking the fields of northwestern Missouri. Established long before our grandparents or even great-grandparents were born, Trinity is over 160 years old, founded by immigrants from northern Germany. With such a rich history, you would think the church would see many visitors on Sunday morning, asking to tour the facility, participating in worship, eventually joining the church. There is even a plaque outside issued by the State of Missouri claiming Trinity as an official historic site!

Despite the draw to such a point of interest, membership is low in the eyes of the world. With fifteen faithful in attendance on Sunday morning, it's easy to get discouraged wondering, "What are we doing wrong? Where did all the folks go who used to diligently make their way to church on Sunday? Has God forsaken us?" Yes, you could contribute it to the fact that the church sits on an unpaved, dirt road, "off the beaten path." You could say it is because it's located in the middle of rural America where population numbers are declining rapidly every day. But neither of these explanations are encouraging, nor do they give an accurate picture of what is actually happening.

In all reality, such adversity can be attributed to what Christ promised His disciples many centuries ago:

"If the world hates you, know that it has hated me before it hated you. If you were of the world, the world would love you as its own; but because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, therefore the world hates you ... If I had not come and spoken to them, they would not have been guilty of sin, but now they have no excuse for their sin" (John 15:18, 19, 22).

The world hates sin, or more accurately, the world hates the *thought* of sin. When a woman hears that it is sinful to put the financial needs of herself before the needs of her unborn child, she cringes. When a paraplegic hears that taking his life into his own hands is ungodly, he shouts out in unbelief. Sin makes folks uncomfortable, angry in fact. And the Church talks a lot about sin. In today's post-modern, "I'll see things the way I want to" world, it is much easier to stay away. Hence the decreasing numbers in our churches throughout our country.



But that's exactly why our churches are relevant, why Trinity has stood for over 160 years, and why, God-willing, it will continue to stand for many years to come. Christ goes on to say this later in John: **“I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world”** (John 16:33). Yes, Christ our Lord has overcome sin in this world, bringing reconciliation between the guilty sinner and the Almighty God. Our sins are no longer counted against us. The post-abortive mother no longer needs to feel the weight of guilt from her previous actions. The man who failed a suicide attempt no longer needs to grieve the selfishness of what seemed “so right” at the time. Rejoicing in what Christ did for them on Calvary, they join with all members of the Body of Christ in saving others from their own selfish desires. To reveal the gifts given all lives created by God, redeemed by Jesus on the cross—that is why Trinity continues to stand!

I've often wondered what a “Life Team” at Trinity might look like. With fifteen regular attendees, it can feel as though each person's time and talents are already quite spent. But life ministry truly isn't about raising thousands of dollars for the local pro-life candidate or spending countless hours serving soup at the community homeless shelter. Instead, life ministry is about walking together, bearing one another's burdens, and celebrating the lives God has given us. Life ministry is assisting the mother who is struggling in the pew with her “busy” preschooler. Life ministry is encouraging the father whose unbelieving wife just left him. Life ministry is visiting the sick and elderly, preparing meals for the grieving, celebrating with the newlywed. Christ's Church continues to bring the message of new life into each and every heart. And that is a beautiful thing!

10 Ways to be Life-Affirming in a Small Congregation:

1. Build strong relationships with church members and encourage one other as you go through difficult times.
2. Visit those who are hospitalized and the homebound.
3. Form a “Funeral Meal Committee” to comfort families during their time of grief.
4. Provide respite care for members who provide homecare for their loved ones.
5. Drive a single mom to and from her OB appointments and take her out to lunch afterward.
6. Take group fieldtrips to a pregnancy care center and homeless shelter.
7. Pass around a petition after church that promotes local pro-life legislation.
8. Invite a pro-life speaker to a church function to speak on current issues.
9. Collect canned goods to donate to the local food pantry around Thanksgiving.
10. Send greeting cards to members to celebrate birthdays, Baptisms, weddings, anniversaries, etc.





Attention all Life Teams and Life Chapters!

Join in on the Frontline call to get LFL updates and new project ideas.

When: Monday, January 13, 2020
7:00-8:00 p.m. CST

What: There will be a devotion, LFL activity update, life project ideas, and Q & A.

CONNECT: Dial: 563.999.2090 – Upon being prompted, add PIN 889227 to join the call.

www.lutheransforlife.org/about/life-chapters-and-life-teams

From Virginia Flo: “We were blessed to have Susie Pipkorn, president of the Ozaukee County Life Chapter in Northeast Wisconsin, present on our Lutherans For Life Frontline Conference Call [in October]. She shared the story of how her Life Chapter has exhibited at the Ozaukee County Fair for over 20 years. The dedication of their Life Chapter and all those who share their For Life message at local fairs is outstanding. Here is a picture of their booth as she described it on our call. Thank you, Susie, for sharing and inspiring those of us on the call. Keep up your dedication and good work in Wisconsin.”



LAMBs – Lutherans Assembling Mercy Blankets

Through the skillfulness of some LFLers in Ohio, along with the Miami Valley Life Chapter, a new project entitled “LAMBs” (Lutherans Assembling Mercy Blankets) has been created. Although our world might tell us otherwise, children truly are a blessing. Therefore, Lutherans For Life would like to celebrate children, especially those families with a lot of them!

We would like to celebrate families that are awaiting the birth of their fourth or more child by gifting them with a homemade blanket. Do you know such a family in your Lutheran church? If so, please contact Rachel Geraci, our mission and ministry director, at rgeraci@lutheransforlife.org so that she can arrange for this gift to be sent to them. (Alternatively, you can fill out the form below and send it to Carol Houtler of the Miami Valley Life Chapter.)

Thank you for helping us care for your neighbor in this way!

“Behold, children are a heritage from the Lord, the fruit of the womb a reward” (Psalm 127:3).

LAMBs – Lutherans Assembling Mercy Blankets

Do you know a family in your congregation who is having its fourth or more child? Wouldn't it be nice to gift them with a homemade blanket in celebration of this new life? Simply by filling out this form, Lutherans For Life, the Miami Valley Life Chapter, and other Lutherans from the state of Ohio will ensure that a blanket made with love will be sent directly to this expectant mother anywhere within the continental United States. There are no strings attached. As the Body of Christ, we want to use this as an opportunity to share the mercy that our Savior Jesus Christ first showed us on the cross.

Your Name: _____

Your Congregation: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Mother's & Father's Names: _____

Baby's Gender: Boy ___ Girl ___

Mother's Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Please send completed forms to: Carol Houtler/Miami Valley Life Chapter
7163 Pugliese Place
Dayton, OH 45415-1207



“He will tend his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms” (Isaiah 40:11a).





Lutherans For Life • Life Team Tools Order Form 2020

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ITEM #	QTY.	DESCRIPTION	PRICE	TOTAL
LTT1DVD		Life Team Tool 1 DVD	\$10	
LTT2DVD		Life Team Tool 2 DVD	\$10	
LTT3DVD		Life Team Tool 3 DVD	\$10	
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LTT1FM		Life Team Tool 1 Field Manual	\$10	
LTT2FM		Life Team Tool 2 Field Manual	\$10	
LTT3FM		Life Team Tool 3 Field Manual	\$10	
LTTBN		LIFE TEAM TOOL BUNDLE (Includes tools 1-4 and field manuals)	\$30	
			TOTAL	
			SHIPPING	\$15
			GRAND TOTAL	

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Exp. Date _____ Phone _____
Month / Year

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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. 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.

Speaking Engagement Report Form	
Speaker's Name:	
Location:	
Date:	
Topic of Presentation:	
Audience presented to (teens, adults, children, etc.):	
Number of people in attendance:	
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January-February 2020

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).

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



Life Sunday Resources for 2020

Equipping Lutherans to be Gospel-motivated voices For Life



Death comes from the devil.
 He presents it as a solution for us to use.
 He suggests we make it our salvation.
 He tempts us to second-guess
 and misinterpret
 our Lord's commands.
 He gets us to despise
 and dismiss our Father's promises.

But God's Word brings truth.

His grace gives love.
 His will works life.
 He doesn't just say it,
 He shows it and shares it.

With *every syllable* of the Scriptures,
 in *every cell* of the body,
 through *every movement* of
 the universe,

By *every moment* of human history,
 and for *every member* of our race,
 even amid affliction and
 under suffering,

**Jesus Christ repeats,
 "Let there be life!"**

Simon Peter
 answered him,
 "Lord, to whom
 shall we go? You
 have the words
 of eternal life."
 (John 6:68)

"Did God Really Say ...?"



Bulletin insert front/back

Did God say, "Clump of cells, blob of tissue, tumor, parasite"? Or did He stipulate the image of God, knit together in the womb? (Genesis 1:26-27; Psalm 139:13)

Did God say, "Uterine contents, products of conception, incompatible with life"? Or did He specify the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, like His brothers in every respect? (John 1:14; Hebrews 2:17)

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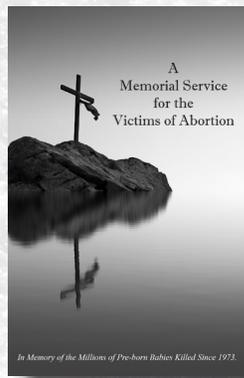
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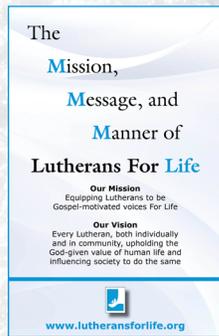
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- Have your adult and/or children’s choir sing “**God Knew Your Name**” (Item LFL1508) during the worship service. Print the lyrics in the bulletin.
- Place a white flower in/on chancel/altar when a person is baptized (representing the new life found in Christ).
- During worship services display crib quilts which can later be donated to a pregnancy center.
- Have a “Celebrate Life” service on March 25th (The Annunciation of our Lord).
- Make a “For Life” banner for church in conjunction with Life Sunday or other event.
- On Life Sunday, celebrate the baptism of all children baptized since the previous year’s Life Sunday. Each family gets a letter of invitation prior to the Life Sunday “celebration.”

