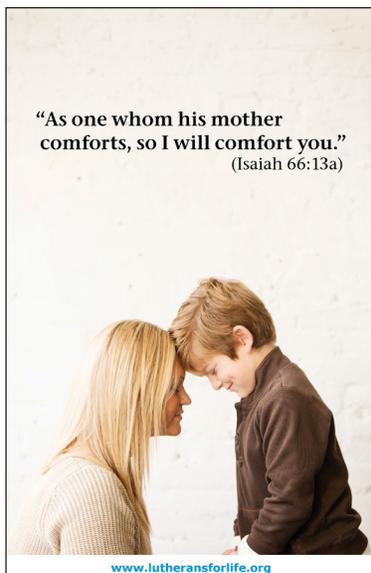


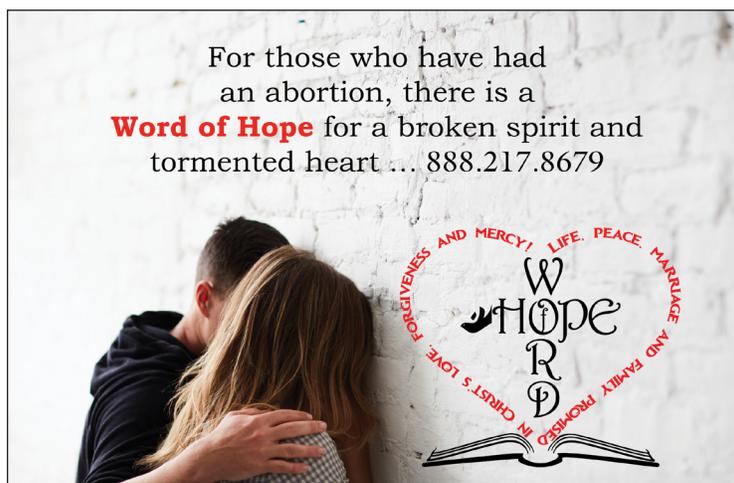
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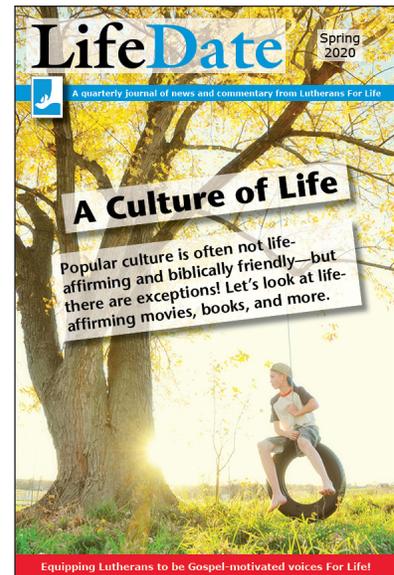
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A Classic Bible Study: Hope for the Hopeless

by Rev. Dr. James I. Lamb

Hopelessness

In one respect, this short Bible study is hopeless! That is, in the first section we want to try to understand utter hopelessness.

Read Ezekiel 37:1-3.

How many bones does Ezekiel see around him? (1c and 2b)

What is their condition? (2c)

Look ahead to vs. 7. What is implied by the fact that these bones are “coming together”?

So, you have a lot of bones, they are extremely dry, and they appear to be scattered every which way, perhaps a leg bone there and an arm bone here. You get the picture. Hopeless.

Not being as wise as Ezekiel, how would you answer God’s question, “Can these bones live?”

These bones picture how God’s people felt. See verse 11.

Have you ever felt that way?

List and then discuss some situations in the life arena that can lead people to feel hopeless. For example, infertility, a crisis pregnancy—add to the list.

In Dante’s *Inferno*, the infamous sign that hangs over the gates of Hell reads, “Abandon all hope ye who enter here.” Is that true? Where else does this sign hang?

I hope your answer to the last question was “nowhere”! It doesn’t hang over hospital beds or surgery suites. It doesn’t hang over cancer wards or Alzheimer’s units. It doesn’t hang over nursing homes or funeral homes. And especially important for us to remember, it doesn’t hang over abortion mills.

The very essence of the Gospel message is that Hell is the only place where we need abandon hope. Every place else, in every imaginable situation, and even in unimaginable situations, there is hope. Why? Study on!



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Who gets things “shaken” in the valley of dry bones? (4-5)

Where did this breath of life come from? (See Genesis 2:7)

In what fact of history is our hope secured? (See 1 Corinthians 15:12-20;
1 Peter 1:3)

Having a living Savior means we have a Savior who can come to us in the midst of our muck and mire and seemingly hopeless lives. We have a Savior who can lift us up.

Now go back to your list of situations that make people feel hopeless. Discuss what a living Savior has to offer in each situation that can bring hope.

What future hope do we have to look forward to that helps our present realities?
(Ezekiel 37:12)

Close by singing “My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less.”



As Members of LFL, Are We Doing Any Good?

by Karen Freiert, Springfield, Missouri, LFL #90

I was recently asked, “Are we doing any good?”

My first answer is to ask, “What does God want from us?” Dr. Lamb, former executive director of Lutherans For Life, has answered it this way: “God asks us to be faithful, He does not ask us to be successful.” Success is the job of the Holy Spirit. We are God’s hands and mouth here on earth. His Holy Spirit will manage the results.

What also comes to mind is all of the “For Life” causes our rummage sale money supports.

- I cannot be with that young girl when her boyfriend becomes abusive. But I can fund and help with a “Healthy Relationships” evening that can tell her where help can be found and what behavior is unacceptable.
- I cannot be there when Pam Detton of Newborns in Need uses our \$500 to buy fabric so that an elderly man in Kansas can pick up material and hand sew onesies and footie pajamas for the layettes they give out to new mothers in need.
- I cannot manage the Sammy’s Window warehouse so that when foster care children come in they can choose their own toothbrushes, but, with our donations, someone else can.
- I cannot go to Iowa to the national Lutherans For Life office and write Life Sunday worship materials or devotions, but our \$500 can help pay the salary or the light bill so someone else can.
- I cannot be present when a girl who chose the chemical abortion path takes the first pill but then changes her mind. She contacts a gynecologist associated with the group Abortion Pill Reversal and our dollars help pay for the progesterone that will stop that chemical abortion.
- I cannot be present when Diane Albers, president of LFL of Missouri, needs funds to buy another pull-up banner because someone has borrowed it and did not return it. But our \$500 can help with the cost.
- I cannot be in St. Louis at KFYO Radio while Family Shield Ministries interviews Rev. Michael Saleminck, the current executive director for Lutherans For Life. But our dollars can buy the airtime so Kay Meyers can.
- I cannot counsel a woman in a crisis pregnancy at the Life House, but with our dollars, they can counsel her, help her get a job, find childcare when the baby is born—and teach her how to be self-supporting.
- I cannot be with each elderly person at a nursing home when they need Kleenex or hand lotion, but our ingathering for the elderly can provide some help and comfort.
- Finally, I cannot be at Lutheran Family and Child Services (LFCS) for the myriad of help they provide, including supporting a baby finding a “forever home” through adoption. Our dollars, however, can help fund the counselors or keep the lights on so that work can be done.

So yes, I think Lutherans For Life is doing a lot of “good.” It is pretty amazing to be God’s hands!



March for Life Chicago and Lutherans for Life of Illinois

By Rev. Dave Bottorff, President of Lutherans For Life of Illinois

More than 1,500 people came to the inaugural March for Life (MFL) Chicago Convention, January 11, 2020. It was held from 8:00 a.m. to noon and after the March until 4:00 p.m. The vast majority came after the March for Life Chicago that ended right in front of the Congress Plaza Hotel where the convention was held. More than 50 local and national life-affirming charitable organizations shined their life light through the marchers' lives into the world. Our LFL of Illinois two-table display was one of the more popular ones—right up front in the main display area. But none of us were prepared for the crush of hundreds of people after the March. It was awesome! Some thanked Liz Schroeder, Laura Laesch, Marilyn Bottorff, and me for being there! It was amazing to hear many ask us what LFL of Illinois was all about. It gave the four of us opportunities to shine our life light on Jesus and share our LFL mission and ministries.

The first and last speakers of the pre-March rally at Chicago's Daley Plaza stood out to me. First was LCMS President Harrison who also spoke at the post-March banquet. At the March, he repeatedly trumpeted that "61 million is enough!" President Harrison was referring to the tragic loss of over 61 million babies to abortion since *Roe v. Wade* was passed. Harrison proceeded to lift up life for the people present when he cheerfully said, "This community is more pro-woman than any other!" Later President Harrison joined roughly 100 LCMS members who marched.

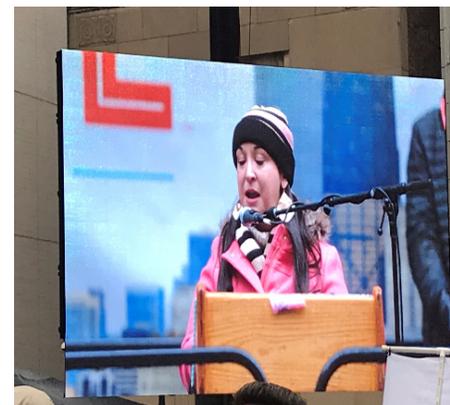


The last speaker was Claire Culwell, a twin who survived abortion. Check out her website:

www.claireculwell.com/my-story.html

She shared these three reasons why she was life-affirming:

- 1) Her mother
- 2) Her sister, and
- 3) Her daughter.



She went on to say that because she was a twin, "YOU COULD SEE THE FACE OF ABORTION WHEN YOU LOOKED IN HER FACE, BECAUSE IT WOULD HAVE LOOKED LIKE HER ABORTED SISTER'S FACE." That gave me goose bumps!

Illinois Right to Life reported there were over 9,000 attendees for March for Life Chicago. We started our jubilant March from the Daley Plaza and ended at the Congress Plaza Hotel.

What opportunities does this pioneering MFL Convention give us for future marches?

I envision the day when larger area life marches have many For Life exhibitors like Chicago. I



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can see even more For Life exhibitors next year at the MFL Chicago Convention as word gets out about the overwhelming response of 1,500 of the marchers who came to visit the exhibitors at the convention. We started a good trend for life-affirming organizations like LFL of Illinois.

What can we do to get the word out about who we are, what we stand for and do as LFL? Encourage leaders of regional marches for life to reach out to life-affirming state organizations and be For Life exhibitors. Then offer to assist your state presidents in setting up and hosting your LFL exhibit.

WATCH for the dates of the upcoming life marches in 2021. **LOOK** for their leaders. Contact them and other life-affirming organizational state leaders about the opportunity these regional marches give us to shine our life lights through marchers into the world. Finally, **PRAY AND WAIT** for God to work out and bless these life-affirming opportunities to glorify Him. All glory be to God!



Northern Illinois District (LCMS) "Love Affirms Life" Banner

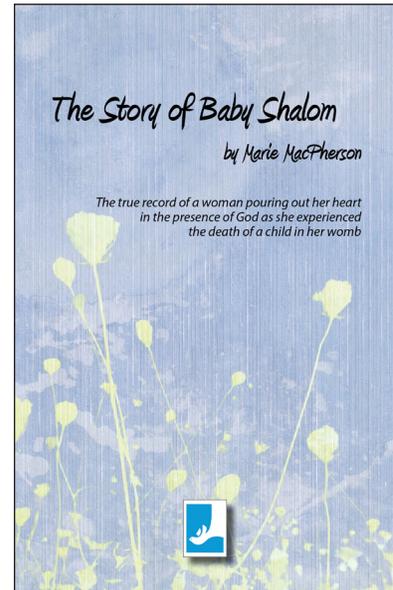


The Story of Baby Shalom – A Discussion on Miscarriage

by Deaconess Rachel Geraci

This discussion guide is for use with the LFL booklet, “The Story of Baby Shalom” by Marie MacPherson. (Item LFL910B; www.cph.org/p-32735-the-story-of-baby-shalom.aspx)

1. Was what the midwife said helpful? Why or why not? How did her words not serve to acknowledge that a fully human life was growing in Marie’s womb?
2. What does Marie mean when she says, “Perhaps I might even be blessed more through suffering a loss?” How is a Christian’s definition of “success” very different than that of the world?
3. Have you ever dealt with grief in this way? Have you ever searched for ways to “just feel normal again?”
4. King David had a similar feeling of peace once he knew his child had died. He commended his child into the care of God and was at peace. Read 2 Samuel 12:15-23. How can we too receive comfort knowing that our God is in control even in the worst situations?
5. How significant is it to recognize that we have a God who also experienced the loss of His Son? Our God knows human suffering and suffers right alongside of us.
6. Marie’s baby was not baptized. How can she trust that her baby is in heaven if he or she died without being baptized?
7. What well-meaning questions or comments might someone ask or say to someone who has miscarried that really are not that helpful? What better ways can we love and serve our grieving neighbor through our words and actions?
8. In what ways did the Divine Service provide hope and strength to Marie in her grief? How can it help to strengthen you in your daily life?
9. Read Psalm 130. What power do we find in these words! God does not want us to come to Him just when we “have our lives together.” Instead He wants us to come in our desperation, laying our burdens at the foot of the cross.
10. What significance did Marie’s living children find in the baby’s name, “Shalom?” How can this story remind us of the beauty of the faith of a child?



Bullying in the Congregation

by Heidi Goehmann

(Source: blogs.lcms.org/2020/bullying-in-the-congregation)

Bullying: the words and actions that happen when one person acts aggressively or intimidatingly toward another person or group.

The topic of bullying has made many headlines in recent years.

Most of us have expanded our understanding of “bullying” beyond the exaggerated stereotype of the schoolyard bully.

Because of increased awareness in our culture, most schools, neighborhoods, and often places of employment have taken steps to change their policies and cultures to address bullying within their walls.

Still, we also know the threat of bullying will be a constant reality in a world infected by sin.

Bullying will continue until Jesus comes again.

This is a hard reality for parents, administrators, teachers, and changemakers, but we don’t stop trying to make the world a better place, just as we don’t stop praying “Lord, have mercy” and “Come, Lord Jesus.”

When I was in graduate school, the local organization where I completed my clinical hours asked me to design a program that attempted to decrease bullying in a local school system.

This was at a time in the world somewhere between, “We know zilch about the dynamics of bullying,” and “We know tons about the dynamics of bullying, and there are eight curriculums available for you to choose from to address it.”

I dove into research articles and books to find out as much as I could. I learned enough to make me sad.

For instance, did you know 1 in 4 students admit they have experienced bullying?

Or did you know that most student bullying happens in middle school, just when our students are really digging into figuring out who they are and what matters most to them?

The most enlightening information I learned was also the most basic: It may take two to tango, but it takes three to bully.

Represented in the bullying triangle are the individual using power of some kind to threaten, intimidate, or hurt another; the individual who is the recipient of these threats and intimidations; as well as the silent bystander.

As I started to piece together resources around the topic of bullying, it struck me how closely a student’s experience of bullying sounded to behaviors I was seeing or hearing about within congregations, particularly toward the pastor or other ministry staff.



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Bullying behavior within a congregation can look like a number of things:

- derogatory or hurtful language when someone disagrees on an issue,
- assumptions and rumors spread about someone or something that did not happen or exaggerations of things that happened,
- intimidating posture or verbal expressions during meetings or events,
- talking over someone,
- dismissing ideas and suggestions from one individual in particular or a particular group, or
- harsh or resentful communication, possibly in person, but more likely electronically by email or texting or through a third party.

You may be nodding your head in agreement as you read this, or you may be wondering if this really happens in congregations and thankful it doesn't appear to happen in yours.

Either way, I'd like to share some suggestions for what we can all do to create congregational cultures where bullying cannot thrive or even survive.

Bullying is not in line with the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

But what can you do?

First, consider this reality: There will always be difficult people to love in our churches.

We want people who are difficult to love to know and understand that they are loved by God and saved by Jesus' grace, because a church shares this knowledge with them regularly.

The church is the best place for difficult people because that is where they will hear the truth wrapped in love, in God's Word and through His people.

Imagine how much more difficult people might be without the Word of God to guide them.

Then, ask yourself: Does my congregation have a bully?

We are called to love people, not to label people. We don't need to holler "Bully! Bully!" at the next voters' or council meeting.

We are, however, called to acknowledge and call to account behavior that is directly admonished in Scripture.

Paul's words to the Corinthians about God's perfect love certainly apply to how we interact in our congregational relationships as a family of God: **"If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal ... Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things"** (1 Corinthians 13:1, 4-7).



Next: Speak up and speak out.

Remember the third person in the bullying triangle, the silent bystander?

Usually, that person is actually a group of people, and research shows that all it takes is one person to speak out to change the dynamics of the triangle and spread power around.

We change the world and our small corners of it by sharing God's Word, which changes hearts and lives.

It's a good thing when we say,

“I think we need to be focused on loving one another. The way we're talking right now doesn't seem like loving one another.”

or:

“I'm concerned that this conversation or action doesn't speak love but instead is hurtful to someone.”

Back your words up with 1 John 4:7: **“Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God.”**

We should be speaking truth, as well as love. Truth can be shared with kindness, especially among God's people.

Last: Continue loving and continue speaking out.

Often, we'll need to share the Word over and over again and speak up over and over again, but God does His work.

We can pray to Him to give us strength and courage in Jesus' name, to remove splinters and planks from our own eyes so we can see clearly, and to move hearts to make every congregation a place of warmth and kindness, abounding and overflowing in His mercy and grace.



New For Life Display at Altamont (Illinois) Lutheran Interparish School

Photo sent to LFL by Wayne Willenburg.



March-April 2020



Attention all LFL Volunteers!

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

When: Monday, April 13, 2020 – 7:00 p.m. CDT

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

CONNECT: Dial: 646-876-9923. Meeting code: 515 382 2077. *New numbers/service!*

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Frontline Call Speakers – April 13, 2020

Mona Furstenuau, Director of Ministry Partnerships, Bethesda – Mona will speak about the work of Bethesda Lutheran Communities and the opportunities of partnering with LFL through our volunteer connections and collaborative efforts of sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ with those most vulnerable to marginalization in society.

Katherine Hovland, Graduate Student at Concordia University, Mequon, Wisconsin, in Master's Degree, Non-Profit Management – The **Pregnant on Campus Initiative** is a program of Students for Life of America offered nationwide to student leaders on high school and college campuses. The Initiative aims to dramatically increase resources and support for pregnant and parenting students by training student leaders in the most effective ways to advocate for their peers on campus.

The CUW Students for Life team took this **Pregnant on Campus Initiative** template and has spent a year contacting various departments at Concordia University Wisconsin to better understand what school policy pertaining to pregnant students is and what resources are available to students who find themselves in an unexpected pregnancy and have need of resources and support, with the goal being to choose life and provide a stable footing for their newly developing family.



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 Rev. Jeff Duncan, our mission and ministry director, at jduncan@lutheransforlife.org so that he can arrange for this gift to be sent to them. (Alternatively, you can fill out the form below and send it to Angela Jones 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.

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





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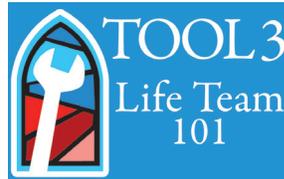
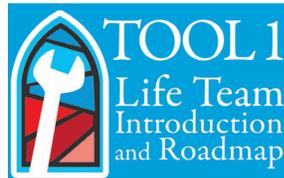
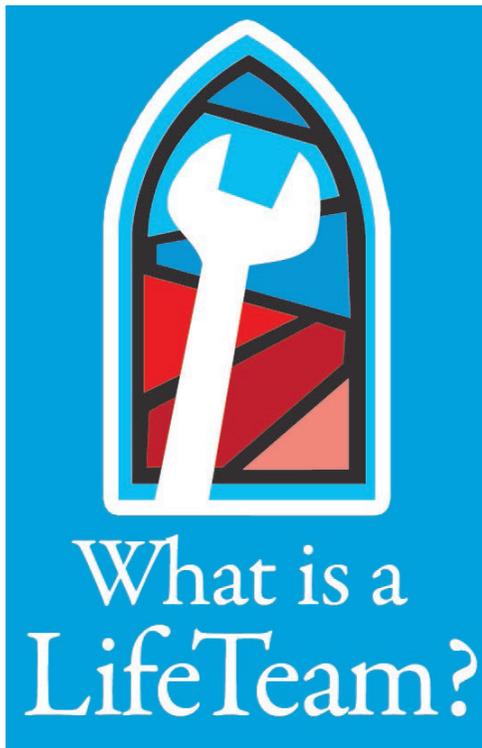
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Owen's Mission

**"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. 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

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- 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:	
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).

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

