

There is a time to die, but that time is in God's hands. LFL produces helpful resources to help deal with a variety of end-of-life issues.

For the lives of the tiniest human beings. Biology tells us that we are a human being from the moment of conception. Scripture affirms this. Read Psalm 139:13-14; Psalm 51:5; Luke 1:31. God made our "inmost being." If we are sinful from the moment of conception, then we are human at the moment of conception. That is why Jesus had to start His earthly life at the moment of conception. This means that tiny human embryos that scientists want to kill in order to obtain their stem cells are human beings. Because they are human beings, they are our neighbors whom we are to love. (Matthew 22:39) LFL produces materials to help people understand how far is too far when it comes to technologies like cloning, stem cell research, and genetic engineering.

Conclusion

God is For Life! LFL is For Life! You have a responsibility to be For Life! Read Matthew 5:13-16. Christians are to have an influence in the world in which they live. We have the greatest **For Life** message in the universe! A world caught up in the darkness of death needs to hear that message.

To learn more about how you can help share the For Life message, go to www.lutheransforlife.org, call 888-364-LIFE, or e-mail info@lutheransforlife.org.

LFL's Life Resource Catalog offers numerous resources on abortion, post-abortion, adoption, bioethics, chastity, end-of-life, family living, fetal development, Life Sunday, and more! Contact Lutherans For Life for your free copy or go to the online catalog!

For Life DVD Study Guide

We strongly encourage the use of this study guide to receive the maximum impact of the DVD. It will help people better understand the Word-based message of Lutherans For Life (LFL) and offer more details about how LFL shares that message and equips others to do the same.

BEFORE THE DVD

Begin by posing the following question:

We hear the word "pro-life" a lot these days. What does it mean to be pro-life, to be For Life?

For the Christian it means to love life because God loves life. **Why does God love life?** Have the participants look up the following passages to answer that question: Genesis 1:27; Ephesians 2:4-5.

God loves life because He creates life and He has redeemed life. That makes **all** life precious to Him.

God's love is not dependant upon the color of our skin, whether we are male or female, healthy or sick, young or old, short or tall, born or unborn.

Of what does God remind us in 1 John 4:11?

Because God loves life, we are to love life!

LFL is a pan-Lutheran organization not affiliated with any particular denomination. The mission of LFL is "to witness to the sanctity of human life through education based on the Word of God." In other words, LFL loves life because God loves life and they want others to share in that as well.

This mission is carried out by thousands of Lutherans all across the country. They are assisted by a grassroots structure of Life Ministry Coordinators, Chapters, and State and Regional affiliates. The National LFL Life Center in Nevada, Iowa, provides support, resources, and training for those involved in the mission. As you watch the DVD, look for those “Lives” that LFL is “For”! Look for the ways LFL encourages us all to be “For Life”!

FOLLOWING THE DVD

List as many of the “Lives” LFL is “For” that you can remember. (Have the participants respond and write down the responses until all in the following list have been given. Then go over each using the Bible passages given.

Lutherans For Life is . . .

For the life of the unborn. Read Job 33:4; Psalm 139:13-14; Ecclesiastes 11:5; and Jeremiah 1:5. God is intimately involved in life before birth. Jesus took on human life before birth! (Luke 1:26-38) The unborn Jesus and the unborn John the Baptist interacted prior to birth. (Luke 1:39-45) LFL’ers understand that part of our calling as a Christian is to speak for those who cannot speak for themselves. (Proverbs 31:8-9)

For the lives of those facing a crisis pregnancy. Read John 8:1-11. If sin is involved, we have forgiveness in Christ to offer, not condemnation. But more is needed than forgiveness and a “pat on the head”! We need to put God’s word of forgiveness and love into action in real, practical ways. Read James 1:22, 27. LFL’ers across the country are active in supporting and volunteering in caring pregnancy centers.

For the lives of those wounded by an abortion decision. Read Jeremiah 31:15. This passage is quoted in Matthew 2:18 to show the depth of sorrow of the mothers of the babies killed by Herod in Bethlehem. “Refusing to be comforted” is often the plight of many women and men today when they realize that their “choice” resulted in the death of their baby. Now read Jeremiah 31:16. There is always hope! Jesus Christ forgives and restores. LFL has an entire ministry, **Word of Hope** (888-217-8679), dedicated to reaching out with the Gospel of Jesus to those wounded by abortion.

For the lives of children and youth. Read Mark 10:13-16. Jesus loved little children! We, too, love them and bring them early to Jesus to learn the value and love of life from Him. LFL has many resources to teach children why each life is precious to God. Read 1 Corinthians 6:18-20. Because of the indwelling of Christ, Christian young people can make God-pleasing decisions. LFL produces materials to teach young people the virtues of modesty and chastity so they can learn to respect God’s gift of sexuality and avoid the problems of unwanted pregnancies, diseases, and abortion.

For the lives of the mentally and physically challenged. Read 2 Corinthians 1:3-6 and Galatians 6:2. What does God call upon His people to do for those who are hurting for various reasons? We are to comfort them and help carry their burdens. This leaves no room for physician-assisted suicide or euthanasia or aborting babies like Mikki. Christian compassion calls upon us to care for such as these, not kill them. LFL offers a wide variety of resources to encourage Christian caring and love.

For the lives of the elderly. Look up and discuss Isaiah 46:3-4. God does not abandon people when they are old or unable to care for themselves. He is with them and carries them because He loves them and has a purpose for their lives. What insights do we learn from Ecclesiastes 3:2a and Psalm 31:5a?