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## Someone Never Changes

by Rev. Dr. James I. Lamb  
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As I think about the recent election results and read a host of responses to those results, that Ecclesiastes verse keeps running through my head, **“What has been will be again, what has been done will be done again; there is nothing new under the sun”** (Ecclesiastes 1:9). The political climate has changed. But it will change again. What hasn’t changed? Abortionists killed 3,600 babies every day prior to the election and abortionists have killed 3,600 babies every day since the election.

If there is going to be change, change that will last and make a difference “for life” and make a difference in people’s lives, then a more fundamental change must take place first. This change must take place among God’s people. Christians must realize that abortion—and the pandemic of devaluing life abortion spawns—is a spiritual issue. There will be “nothing new under the sun” regarding the sanctity of human life until Christians realize this, act upon it, and bring their influence to bear to transform a society obsessed with death into a society that upholds the preciousness of life.

The only source for this kind of change is found in the Someone who never changes. **“Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever”** (Hebrews 13:8). Everything Jesus did—from His conception to His ascension—He did to the glory of His heavenly Father and for the sake of human life. Everything Jesus did gives inestimable value to human life. Everything Jesus did is honored when the life He created and redeemed is honored regardless of condition of health or stage of development. But, everything Jesus did is mocked when life is labeled “unwanted” or “unable.” And, unfortunately, everything Jesus did is forgotten when Christians equate abortion with political issues.

How we go about it may change, but one thing that will never be “new under the sun” here at Lutherans For Life is connecting the issues of life to the unchanging Word of Life. We desire to help God’s people make this connection. We desire to help God’s people see the life issues as spiritual issues. We desire to equip God’s people with the most powerful, positive, pro-life message in the universe—the Gospel of Jesus Christ. This message of truth, grace, forgiveness, healing, and hope is “tailor made” for the life issues. This message makes a difference in people’s lives dealing with these issues.

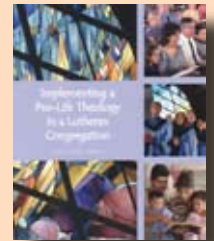
Elections will come and go. The political climate will change and then change back again. There will be nothing

new under the sun until Christians realize that abortion is not just a political issue. There will be nothing new under the sun until Christians realize that they can influence and transform society when it comes to honoring life because they have been transformed by the Word of Life who does not change.



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## “I Wish We Had Someone Like Grace in Our School”

by Diane E. Schroeder  
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**“Whoever welcomes one of these little children in my name welcomes me” (Mark 9:37).**

Our culture doesn’t welcome children very much. They are looked upon as a burden, both financially and emotionally. They take too much time from careers and leisure activities.

Lutherans For Life is different. We welcome children because we know that children are not just haphazard “products of conception.” No, they are people known by God before the world began, people for whom Christ died, people whom God wants as part of His family. Lutherans For Life welcomes children because they are precious to God.

The mission of Lutherans For Life is to “witness to the sanctity of human life, through education based on the Word of God.” Through these efforts, God saves and changes lives. In the last issue of *LifeDate*, Grace Kern’s Word of Hope column touched the heart of another young girl who sent LFL the following letter.

“I just want to write and thank you for *LifeDate*. I read the article “A Teen’s Desperate Call for Help” by Grace Kern.

“I happened to find the magazine at my friends house. I was sitting there wondering what was going to happen to me and my life, when I picked up this magazine and opened right to the page, a story about a girl pregnant just like me. You see I am only 16. And I am also pregnant. I don’t consider myself a bad girl. But I made a dumb mistake having sex with a guy I hardly knew. He forced me to have sex I really didn’t want to do it. After I found out I felt like I had no choice but to have an abortion. It was scheduled for the next morning.

“When I read the article I thought this whole story is about me. My school counselor told me I should get an abortion. It would be the best thing for me. After all a baby would ruin my life. I hated the guy so much I didn’t even want to tell him.

“Well I stole the magazine. I stuck it in my book bag. I wanted the number of the woman Grace. [Word of Hope: 888-217-8679.] I never thought I would get her. But the first time I called she answered the phone. She is a really nice lady. Her voice made me feel like everything was going to be O.K. She spent a long time with me on the phone and made me realize that I had

other choices. She gave me a number to a pregnancy center a few blocks from where I lived. I never even knew it was there. She told me to call her back because she wanted to make sure everything went well there. I know she saved my baby’s life. She said she would keep me and my baby in her prayers.

“I am trying to get other girls in my school to call her. One of my friends already had an abortion and she isn’t the same. I wish we had someone like Grace in our school.

“I just want to thank you for the magazine. I know God reached out to me. I am not going to hurt my baby. I can not believe how close I came to doing something I would regret for the rest of my life. I am going to consider adoption. Thanks.”

Lutherans For Life is involved in a spiritual battle against Satan and the forces of evil. The stakes are very high—life itself. Your support of the work of Lutherans For Life made a difference in the lives of this young mom and her baby. God’s child has been saved from an abortionist. So do not become weary in doing God’s work (Galatians 6:9), although sometimes we feel as if we are losing this battle. Let us be faithful to our mission and keep on witnessing. Lutherans For Life is God’s ministry and He will bless our work in His time and according to His plan.

**“Do not be afraid or discouraged . . . For the battle is not yours, but God’s” (2 Chronicles 20:15).**

**Our Mission . . .** To witness to the sanctity of human life through education based on the Word of God. LFL has 15 state federations, 148 local chapters, and 167 Life Ministry Coordinators in the United States.

**Our Vision . . .** To be a powerful, Biblical, pro-life voice and resource to Lutherans and, through them, transform society.

**Our Philosophy . . .** Lutherans For Life believes that the Church is compelled by God’s Word to speak and act on behalf of those who are vulnerable and defenseless. The crisis of our times is the repudiation of Biblical truth manifested in the wanton destruction of innocent human life through legalized abortion-on-demand and the growing threat to the lives of others through legalized assisted suicide and euthanasia. Therefore, as Lutherans For Life, we will strive to give witness, from a Biblical perspective, to the Church and society on these and other related issues such as chastity, post-abortion healing, and family living.

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## Why Jesus Cherishes the Children (Matthew 18:1-5)

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There is more than one reason to care for and protect the lives of children, whether they have been born or are still living and growing in their mothers' wombs. Some of these reasons we share with many other people, whether they are Christians or not, for God has placed the knowledge of His Law in the hearts of all people. So, for example, we who are Lutherans For Life can rejoice that non-Christians at times hold firmly to the truth that all human life has value and should be protected. On this issue, we can rejoice that the Mormon group, even though they are non-Trinitarian and non-Christian in their teaching, stand on the side of life. Scientists, whether they are "religious" or not, can readily see that human life begins at conception; for these and other reasons, they sometimes stand with us on behalf of the unborn. At times we find agreement with a variety of persons and groups because God's Law teaches that it is wrong to take innocent human life—and unborn children are innocent human lives. And His Law is just and good.

Is there, however, a way that our stand as Lutherans For Life can also flow out of the Gospel, the Good News of how God is for us in Jesus Christ, to save us? Yes, and, in an important way. Matthew 18:1-5 can show us how. Here is a well-known passage that may not be as well-understood as it is well-known.

In this chapter the disciples, of course, are up to their old tricks; they are competing and comparing. Since Jesus has just told them that they are the sons of the King (Matthew 17:24-27), now they approach him with a question, and ask, "Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?" (Matthew 18:1) They want to know about status, and about prestige, and about prominence. Not surprisingly, they have things all wrong and completely backwards.

We can tell that the disciples have things backwards because Jesus does not even answer their question at first. First He teaches them—not for the first time—how He and His Father relate to sinful human beings. He takes a little child, puts it in the middle of their contentious circle, and says, "I tell you the truth, unless you change and become like little

children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven" (Matthew 18:3). In effect, Jesus says, "Look. If you don't change and become *like children*, you won't even be saved at all!" What can Jesus mean by this? As moderns, we sometimes think that children are somehow "role" models, or that they possess certain "virtues" such as innocence, or purity, or faith. Even some ancient Christian commentators take this approach, thinking that Jesus refers to children who do not have impure desires or the like.

In the Old Testament and in Jesus' day, however, the view of children was different, and much more fundamentally accurate. To be sure, God's Old Testament people loved their children, and also in first-century Judaism children were to be cared for and not abused or aborted. Nevertheless, what was the view of children? Children were seen as weak, as vulnerable, as not able to care for themselves. Children need

to be trained, or they'll go bad: "Bring up your child in the nurture and admonition of the Lord," the Scripture tells us (Ephesians 6:4 KJV). When Isaiah is announcing God's judgment against rebellious Israel, he describes the worst it can be: "For behold, the Lord GOD of hosts is taking away from Jerusalem and from Judah support and supply, all support of bread and all support of water, the mighty man and the soldier . . . And I will make boys their princes, and infants shall rule over them" (Isaiah 3:1-2, 4 ESV). Children cannot rule, for they are not wise. Nor can infants do things for themselves; they are powerless.

This is what Jesus means. Only people who are powerless—and who admit it—will be saved. Only people who are like children, which is the opposite of what the competing and comparing disciples are being in Matthew 18, will enter the reign of heaven on the Last Day. You can't even be saved without being like a child—without acknowledging your helplessness and need of a Savior.

Only after He taught them (again!) this crucial truth is Jesus ready to answer their question, "Who is the greatest?" We can hardly believe His answer! "Whoever humbles himself [acknowledging his need] like this little child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven." Amazing! To Christ, the "most greatest," the most important people, are the ones who are most in need of help! To our Savior, the most prominent and significant people are needy, weak sinners! In the good news of our God, those who have nothing to offer God can expect to receive everything from His grace! Only those who refuse to turn and acknowledge their need will not be saved. But He will



help and forgive and save everyone who is like children—all who come to Him with their sins and their sorrows.

Now, ponder this with me. If this is how it is with God, it teaches us something very important about the way we treat one another in the church. The most important person in your congregation, in Jesus' eyes, is the weakest and most vulnerable member. This amazing reversal is what the Good News is all about. Too often, we compare ourselves with one another and engage in various kinds of one-upmanship. Think how different your congregation's life and work would be if you more fully embodied this way of dealing with each other!

Because this amazing news that Christ Jesus is *for* the lowly is our Gospel center and joy, then we as Lutherans can also look at our wider society and ask the same question. Who is important in our world? Those who are weak. Who is the greatest? Those who are most in need of help and protection. There are, as we began by saying, many good and wise reasons to protect and value the lives of the unborn. Gospel-filled Christians, however, have a special perspective. We look at the unborn and see them with eyes that have been given new sight by Jesus. These little ones, too, are helpless and can do nothing for themselves. Just as Christ has valued and loved us in our helplessness, so we, too, can cherish the children, precisely because they are weak and can contribute nothing. They are the greatest.

## A South Dakota Native on the Defeat of Measure 6

*In early October, Lutherans For Life mailed to all the South Dakota addresses in our database an article and bulletin insert from John Eidsmoe (Lutheran pastor, attorney, professor of constitutional law, native South Dakotan), in support of Measure 6, which addressed why abortion is wrong biblically, morally, factually, and constitutionally. Here are John's post-election comments:*

Fifty-six percent of South Dakota voters rejected Referred Measure 6, the bill that would have banned all abortions except those necessary to save the life of the mother. No matter how we spin it, it is a defeat. And it hurts.

We can point to many contributing factors—massive infusions of dollars from out-of-state pro-abortionists, allegations that the state law did not apply on federal property and therefore an abortion clinic could be opened on the Pine Ridge Reservation, the simultaneous defeat of other South Dakota measures, and the fact that it has been a bad year for conservative Christian candidates and issues generally.

But, the plain fact is, we have failed to persuade a majority of South Dakota voters.

Many were concerned that the measure lacked a rape and incest exception—so many, in fact, that if the exception had been included, the bill probably would have passed.

So, should that exception have been included? I believe

an innocent baby has a right to live, even if her father is a rapist. So, am I justified in passing a bill that would save many babies, but allow that baby to be killed? On the other hand, am I justified in rejecting that exception, knowing that the result will be the defeat of the measure and continued abortion-on-demand? I do not have a definitive answer to that question, but we need to consider it further.

Many South Dakotans opposed the measure because they don't want government controlling their lives. As a native South Dakotan, I share my home state's commitment to limited constitutional government and individual freedom. But a basic purpose of government is to protect individual rights, the most basic of which is the right to life. Somehow, we failed to persuade a majority of South Dakotans that the protection should extend to pre-born children.

Unfortunately, people do not think as logically and consistently as they did in former times. Some years ago a poll asked, "Do you believe the decision to terminate a pregnancy should rest with the woman and her doctor?" Sixty-eight percent answered "yes." They were then asked, "Do you believe the unborn child is a living human being whose life deserves legal protection?" Sixty-nine percent answered "yes"! Some 37 percent of those polled apparently did not realize they were giving diametrically opposite answers.

In this post-modern era, people communicate in sound bites and make decisions based on feeling and experience rather than logic and evidence. Our challenge is to communicate effectively and persuasively to this post-modern mindset, without compromising our theological integrity.

Remember: God is sovereign, and He is still on the throne! He allowed Measure 6 to go down to defeat for a reason. Maybe He knows that the Supreme Court is not yet ready to overrule *Roe v. Wade*, and the passage of this measure would have resulted in a bad landmark decision. Maybe He knows we need to educate people more before a law protecting pre-born babies can be truly effective.

And, don't forget, 45 percent of South Dakotans voted for a law that bans almost all abortions—that's a good starting base.

We have lost a battle. But the war goes on—persevere!



**United States Abortion Statistics :**  
**1,287,000 abortions per year.**  
**3,526 abortions per day.**  
**147 abortions per hour.**  
**1 abortion every 24 seconds.**

**Abortions from 1973-2005 (using the 2003 estimate for 2004 and 2005): 45,888,300.**

Source: Alan Guttmacher Institute.



## 2006 Election and Life Issues

**Abortion Ban:** Voters in South Dakota defeated (with 56 percent in opposition) a ballot measure that would have banned nearly all abortions in that state. The ban was a direct challenge to *Roe v. Wade*, the 1973 U.S. Supreme Court decision legalizing abortion.

“As women who have been hurt by abortion, we are disappointed that the voters of South Dakota were misled by the rhetoric involving the rape and incest provision in the law and failed to support the South Dakota ban on abortion,” said Caron Strong, the National Director of Operation Outcry. “We know from our own abortion experience that women need help in vulnerable pregnancies, not the empty promise of a quick fix that ultimately brings deep grief and suffering, as well as detrimental physical effects.”

Apart from opposition from abortion activists, the National Right to Life Committee (NRLC) had also opposed the legislation saying that it was not a “timely” move for the pro-life movement.

Judie Brown, head of American Life League, speculated in an editorial on November 8, that had not the influential group opposed the law before it was passed, it might have survived the plebiscite. She also criticized the lack of support from the White House and President Bush.

For more commentary see page 5.

**Cloning/Stem Cell Research:** Missouri voters narrowly approved (51-49 percent) a ballot measure guaranteeing that all federally-approved stem cell research be allowed in the state.

C. Ben Mitchell, Ph.D., Director of The Center for Bioethics & Human Dignity (CBHD) said of the passage of the amendment: “This is no triumph for science, it is a victory for dishonesty and confusion—a new Tower of Babel—where words have no meaning.”

The CBHD, in a press release, reiterated that “while Amendment 2 . . . claims to ban human cloning, it actually provides constitutional protection for human cloning, banning only the gestation of a human clone and thus mandating the death of any human clones that are produced.

“Backers of Amendment 2 claimed this is not “cloning,” but practically every scientific authority disagrees with them. Amendment 2 authorizes the creation of human embryos using the SCNT procedure—that is by cloning—in order to destroy them.

“Having recognized the dangers of exactly this kind of human cloning, Canada and a number of European countries have outlawed it. Now the citizens of Missouri have been

tricked into protecting it constitutionally.”

“Missouri voters have sown the wind and they will reap the whirlwind,” says Mitchell. “You cannot sew the seeds of immorality into the Constitution of the state and not harvest a whirlwind of problems in the future.”

Rev. Thomas J. Euteneuer, president of Human Life International, said “Women and their fertility will now be treated like a commodity that can be bought and sold on a whim, while subjecting women to a dangerous procedure [egg harvesting] that can cause irreparable harm and even death. . . Human life is a sacred gift that must always be respected no matter its stage of development.”

Pro-life advocates expressed dismay and disappointment at the lack of support from key national leaders, including the White House, and are vowing to bring the fight to the 2008 election with a ballot measure.

**Parental Notification Initiatives:** Voters in California and Oregon rejected ballot measures to require parental notification before a minor undergoes an abortion.

Both initiatives would have banned a minor’s abortion until 48 hours after a physician notified the parents or legal guardian. Under Oregon’s Measure 43, teenagers under 15 would have required parental consent for any surgical procedure. Thirty-five states currently require either parental notification or consent. In addition, studies have shown reductions in the abortion rate associated with implementation of such measures.

**Kansas Voters Let Abortionist Avoid**

**Criminal Investigation:** Kansas Attorney General Phill Kline lost the Attorney General race 42 to 58 percent to Democrat Paul Morrison, a vehement supporter of abortion. In the past few years, Kline has garnered national attention and pro-life support for his investigation into local abortion clinics and their concealment of probable child rape cases and the performance of illegal late-term abortions.

Morrison has promised to drop all investigations into abortion clinic crimes. Wichita abortionist George Tiller reportedly pumped hundreds of thousands of dollars into third party groups that aided Morrison.

**Same-Sex “Marriage” Ban:** Seven states (Colorado, Idaho, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Virginia and Wisconsin) approved bans on same-sex “marriage.” Arizona became the first to reject such a ban. Similar amendments had passed previously in all 20 states that considered them.

*(LifeWire, CLR News, 11/8-9; Fox News, CitizenLink.com, Christian Newswire, 11/8; LifeSiteNews.com, 11/8, 11/10)*



## Abortion is Good for Women?

By Dennis Di Mauro, President of Northern Virginia LFL and Director of Fundraising for LFL of the Mid-Atlantic States

"I'd be happy to contribute to the organization, but I need to make sure that the charity is pro-choice."

This was a comment I received at my workplace after a coworker read a flier that I had posted in the office's pantry. The flier solicited pledges for a local pregnancy center's fundraising "walk-a-thon," which helped raise thousands of dollars that year to help women in crisis pregnancies.

Taken somewhat aback by the question, I began to explain why my coworker should give to the organization even though it was not pro-choice. I explained how women would be nurtured by caring counselors, how they would be provided with financial and medical support if needed, and how these women would be given a real alternative to having an abortion. But this explanation went nowhere. "No," he said, "I have to make sure it's pro-choice; I have teenage daughters, you know."

You see, somewhere in my coworker's mind there was a fact that he knew to be 100 percent true: abortion was **good** for women. And, not only that, abortion was liberating for women. Abortion was the ticket to a woman's freedom. You see, my coworker had teenage daughters, and he could not imagine them living in a society where they would not have the unimpeded liberty to dispose of an unwanted pregnancy. Such a society might limit the potential of a woman to reach her career goals. After all, my coworker was a strong supporter of women's rights. How could he even think of supporting an organization that might want to convince a woman not to exercise her freedom to abort? No, not him, not my coworker.

However, as we all know, my coworker did **not** have all the facts: Abortion is definitely **not** good for women. First of all, abortion kills a growing child (not a blob of reproductive tissue, as my coworker thinks, but a child) created by God. Secondly, rather than liberating women, it imprisons them in a web of guilt and sadness. There is something inherently unnatural about abortion, and any post-abortion counselor can see the signs of its devastating emotional effects even years after the abortion has occurred. Thirdly, abortion has many physical consequences that may include: excessive bleeding, emergency hysterectomy, lifelong infertility, and a greater occurrence of future breast cancer.

But, my coworker has never heard any of these negative consequences, because he lives in a world where all the information he receives is "pro-choice." His daily newspaper is "pro-choice," his nightly newscast is "pro-choice," the public

school his children attend is "pro-choice," his circle of friends is "pro-choice," and his church is either "pro-choice" or simply ignores the topic. And, what's worse, any women or men that he knows who have been negatively touched by abortion are too ashamed to discuss it with him. So my coworker drifts along in a world of reproductive ignorance. It is a world, by the way, in which he feels quite comfortable.

This brings me to a recent study on the causes of premature births conducted by the National Academies of Science\*. Premature births have a much greater likelihood for complications, to include neurological disabilities such as cerebral palsy. The study said that the third most common reason for a premature birth is a previous first trimester abortion. This study finally backs up with legitimate scientific data what the

pro-life community has known for years: abortion is **bad** for women and their "reproductive health," and not the other way around.

So how can we change the minds of our coworkers and family and friends—and let them know what we pro-lifers have known for more than thirty years? We need to admit that

people like my coworker are in our churches (and there are many, perhaps even a majority). Where does that leave us? It leaves us with a lot of teaching to do:

- First and foremost, we need to instruct our fellow parishioners about God's view on the sanctity of life! Again, Lutherans For Life has a wealth of materials to help with this. See the online catalog at [www.lutheransforlife.org](http://www.lutheransforlife.org) or call 888-364-LIFE!
- We need to instruct the faithful about these legitimate medical studies which show the dangers of abortion. They probably won't read about them in their daily paper or see it on the nightly news, so it is up to us to sound the alarm about the harmful effects abortion has on women.
- We also need to show them how a child develops in the womb, and how developed a child is at the time of a typical abortion (6-12 weeks). Lutherans For Life has a number of resources related to fetal development including booklets, brochures, and posters. They say that a picture is worth a thousand words, but it does better than that, it cuts through all the "pro-choice" rhetoric as well!

\*LifeNews, 7/27/06, [www.lifenews.com/nat2453.html](http://www.lifenews.com/nat2453.html)



## Modern Eugenics: Our Brave New World

The *New York Times* has seen the future. According to a recent, ominously titled article, “Couples Cull Embryos to Halt Heritage of Cancer,” (9/3) it will not be long before a parent can choose her child the way a diner chooses her meal at a restaurant. “Soon . . . prospective parents may be able to choose between an embryo that could become a child with a lower risk of colon cancer who is likely to be fat, or one who is likely to be thin but has a slightly elevated risk of Alzheimer’s, or a boy likely to be short with low cholesterol but a significant risk of Parkinson’s, or a girl likely to be tall with a moderate risk of diabetes.”

What the article does not emphasize is that if the tall girl with a risk of diabetes is chosen, the other three will likely be left to die.

Many newspapers are reporting that preimplantation genetic diagnosis, or P.G.D., is growing in popularity. P.G.D. is a process that begins with in vitro fertilization, where eggs are removed from the mother’s body and fertilized by sperm in a petri dish, creating a set of human embryos. When these embryos are three to five days old they consist of eight cells. One of those cells is removed and genetically tested for diseases, such as colon cancer, breast cancer, Down syndrome, or cystic fibrosis. Scientists can also determine whether the tiny embryo is a boy or a girl. Based on this information, parents can decide which embryos they want to keep, abandoning the rest.

With this technology, we usher in a dangerous new eugenics movement. The theory of eugenics was developed by Sir Francis Galton (1822–1911), who was Charles Darwin’s half-cousin. Natural selection, which drives Darwin’s evolution, says that the strong, fit, and well-adapted survive in nature, while the weak and sickly die off. Therefore, the strong pass their healthy genes to the next generation, and the evolutionary tree grows up and up.

In human societies, Galton noticed, evolution is thwarted. Whereas natural selection requires that the weak die early, leaving few, if any, children, society actually protects the poor and the sickly. This compassion for the weak works

against evolution and creates a “reversion towards mediocrity.” Galton, and many others at that time, believed that by practicing selective breeding, human societies could weed out those who were prone to illness or other undesirable traits, thus putting evolution back on track. After all, who wouldn’t want an improved genetic pool?

The eugenics movement was big in the United States in the early 20th century. It took the form of forced sterilizations, reduced immigration quotas for those from “inferior stock,” and marriage laws that prevented the “epileptic, imbecile, or feeble-minded” from marrying. It was also big in Nazi Germany, where it took the form of the Holocaust.

After facing the grim reality of the Holocaust, eugenics lost its public appeal . . . for a time. Still, the hope of an improved

gene pool seems too tempting for some to resist.

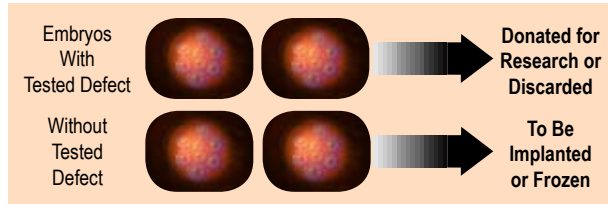
Modern eugenics seeks to project a kinder, gentler visage. Today’s eugenics isn’t about government officials in state offices determining who can or cannot marry. Its proponents maintain it is about mothers and fathers who want to protect their children from debilitating family diseases. Who wouldn’t want their baby boy or girl to be as healthy as possible?

Unfortunately, this understandable desire has led to the destruction of numerous embryonic human beings. With genetic screening, parents now know before their child is born whether or not it has undesirable handicaps, like Down syndrome. A 2002 study found that, when tests determine that a pre-born child has Down syndrome, the parents choose abortion 91-93 percent of the time. Our desire for healthy children is leading us to destroy those with actual or potential handicaps.

With P.G.D., children are created in a lab, tested, and graded. Those who fail the test are destroyed. In the *New York Times* article, a teacher named Denise Toeckes, who has a genetic mutation that puts her at a higher risk for breast cancer, says, “It’s like children are admitted to a family only if they pass the test . . . It’s

like, ‘If you have a gene, we don’t want you; if you have the potential to develop cancer, you can’t be in our family.’”

Articles about P.G.D. often imply that, thanks to the technology, a child is saved from a genetic disease, but that simply is not the case. As many handicapped and at-risk children are conceived today as ever before. The only difference is that now, when the handicap or risk is detected, the unborn





child is likely to be discarded or destroyed.

Cynics respond, “Who cares?” If Darwin was right, maybe all these genetically unhealthy people really do just pollute the gene pool. Maybe they are the source of unnecessary suffering, for their families, for the state, and even for themselves. Perhaps they really are “lives unworthy of life,” a category of people targeted for destruction by Hitler’s euthanasia program.

Such cynicism runs counter to Judeo-Christian values. The Scriptures teach that human beings have worth, value, and dignity because they are created in the image of God (Genesis 1:26–27). We have been redeemed not merely with silver and gold but with the “precious blood of Christ” (1 Peter 1:19). Our worth is not determined on the basis of what we can do, or how we look, or how smart we are. It is based on who we are and what God has done for us.

God loves us notwithstanding our diseases, handicaps, and sin. Christ never shrank from reaching out to the blind, the lame, or the leper—and neither should we.

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## Christian Doctors Critical of Plan B Decision

Christian doctors have criticized the Food and Drug Administration’s decision to allow the Plan B birth control drug to be sold without prescription to women over 18.

Dr. David Stevens, executive director of the Christian Medical Association (CMA), which has 17,000 members, said: “The FDA seems to be making the same mistake with ‘Plan B’ that it made with RU-486—making a decision influenced by political pressure. Removing this high dose of hormones from a doctor’s oversight removes a vital safety protection from women.



“Like any drug, this drug involves side effects and risks, and its use needs to be carefully considered by a physician in light of an individual’s medical history . . . The drug has not been shown to decrease abortions as claimed.

“. . . How does the FDA plan to prevent Plan B from being purchased by child predators and rapists and used to cover their crimes? How will it prevent an adult from purchasing the drug for a minor?”

CMA Associate Executive Director Dr. Gene Rudd said: “As an obstetrician, I am especially concerned about the drug’s misleading labeling. Many women in America would not take it if they realized that it can have the effect of preventing a fertilized ovum—a living human embryo—from implanting in the womb and having a chance to be born.

*(Medical News Today, SPUC, 8/30)*

## From the Headlines:



## Adult Stem Cell Successes and Human Embryo Banks

### Small Human Livers Made from Cord Blood Stem Cells:

Two scientists from Newcastle University in England have built dime-sized human livers using stem cells found in umbilical cord blood. Perhaps in 15 years, the technique could even be employed to manufacture whole human livers suitable for transplantation. *(Wesley J. Smith, Weekly Standard, 10/31)*

### Adult Stem Cells Offer Hope for Diabetes Treatment:

Adult stem cells may soon be used to treat human diabetes, after a study by U.S. researchers showed the cells increased insulin production in mice with Type 2 diabetes, and may also have aided in kidney repair. Researchers at the Tulane University in New Orleans injected human stem cells, taken from bone marrow samples obtained from adult donors, into diabetic mice with high blood sugar levels and kidney damage. The study was published online in the Proceedings of the National Academies of Sciences. *(LifeSiteNews.com, 11/13)*

### The world’s first human embryo bank has been launched:

The Abraham Center of Life in San Antonio, Texas, allows infertile couples to buy ready-made embryos matched to their requirements for around \$9500. The embryos are created from eggs and sperm from two donors who have never met. Couples can choose what eye and hair color they would like their child to have. Pro-lifers said the move was an “absolute commercialization of human life.” *(The Daily Mail, 8/4; SPUC, 8/7)*

### Adult Stem Cells Used to Treat Emergency Heart Attack Patients:

Heart attack victims will receive stem cell treatment using cells taken from their own bone marrow, in a breakthrough new technique scheduled to begin trials in January at two London hospitals. **Note:** Stem cell research using human embryonic stem cells, which destroys the embryos, has had no success in treating any disease or disorder despite massive funding support internationally. *(Daily Mail, 11/7; LifeSiteNews.com, 11/8)*



**BULLETIN INSERTS**

**The Miracle of Meagerness** – The miracle of Christmas is that God would come at all into a world that had rejected Him. But He did . . . A Savior lying in a manger is a Savior for all—born and unborn, healthy and frail. *Item 1105BI. \$0.07 ea.*

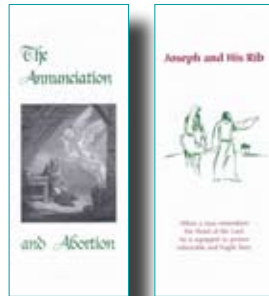
**Send a Christmas insert with your Christmas cards!**

**Conceived by the Holy Spirit** – It is particularly important to understand, in light of the attention given to stem cells and cloning these days, that Jesus spent nine months in the womb before He was “asleep on the hay.” *Item 1005BI. \$0.07 ea.*



**BROCHURES**

**The Annunciation and Abortion** helps us answer the question, “When does life begin?” *Item 202T. \$0.25 ea.*



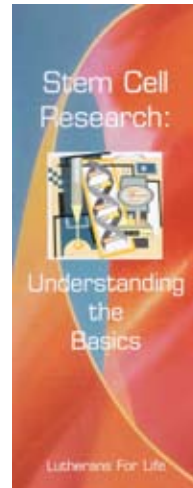
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**PRINT**

**Children Gathered at the Manger** is an 8" x 10" black and white print, suitable for framing. Printed on heavy white matte paper. *Item 1617. \$4.00 ea.*



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# Life Sunday Resources for 2007!



...Because they are the "greatest."  
 "Whoever humbles himself like this little child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven" (Matthew 18:4 NIV).  
 Jesus uses a child to redefine greatness. The "greatest" is the one who, like a child, is in greatest need of care, nurture, and protection. A "child" is anyone who is vulnerable, unable to help themselves. Thus, a "child" is: the baby in the womb, the pregnant teen, the post-abortion man or woman, the elderly, the ill, and people with disabilities.

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 "And whoever welcomes a little child like this in My name welcomes Me" (Matthew 18:5 NIV).  
 Jesus uses a child to teach true compassion. Compassion means to "suffer with." It is not compassionate to eliminate those who suffer or those we think will suffer. Compassion involves caring for and helping those unable to help themselves. Compassion is serving Jesus in our service to others.

...Because they are precious.  
 "See that you do not look down on one of these little ones. For I tell you that their angels in heaven always see the face of My Father in heaven" (Matthew 18:10-11 NIV).  
 Jesus uses a child to show how precious life is. Those in need are known and valued by our heavenly Father. God exalts the lowly. This is what He calls us to do.

So Cherish the Children ...

- Defend and protect those not yet born by educating others about their God-given value.
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- Reach out with Christ's forgiveness to those who have made wrong choices.
- Visit the homebound, the elderly, those with disabilities. Let them know they are cared for and about.

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**Cherish the Children Children's Message:** *Jesus Loves ALL the Little Children* **(1829) • \$0.50 each**

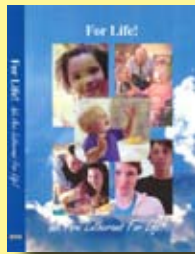
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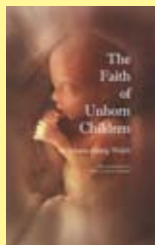


The **In Life, In Death, Abide With Me** (Philippians 1:20-21) insert says it is “the abiding presence of Christ that gives purpose to every life.” **(810BI) • \$0.07 each**



## Book

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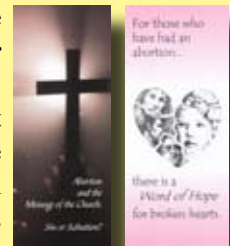


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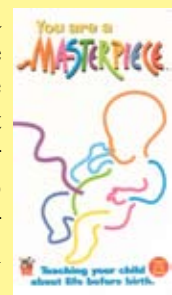
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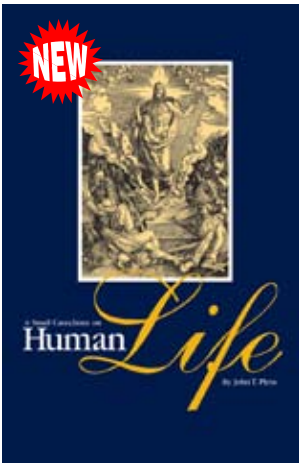
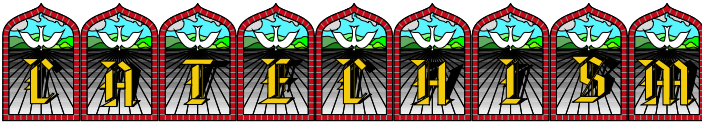
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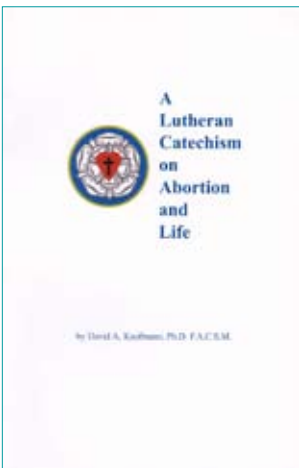
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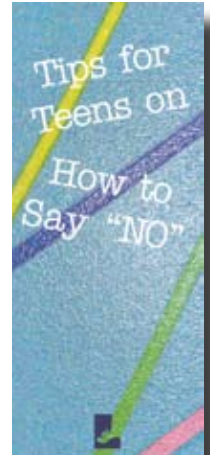
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## Who Are the “Little Ones”?

by Linda D. Bartlett

“Be careful not to look down on these little ones,” Jesus said to His disciples in Matthew 18:10.

Who are the “little ones” of whom Jesus speaks? They are, as His behavior illustrates, the *weak, unlearned and untrained, wounded and vulnerable*.

Why are these “little ones” so important? Because, as Jesus explains, “. . . [T]heir angels in heaven always see the face of My Father.” (Matthew 18:10)

Some “little ones” are *weak and unlearned*. In the last days, wrote Saint Paul to Timothy, there will be no respect for what is holy; there will be a love of pleasure rather than God. Some people will appear to have a godly life but they won’t let its power change them. Saint Paul told Timothy that counterfeit teachers would increase in the last days. He cautioned that they would be especially manipulative of “weak-minded women who are burdened with sins and led by all kinds of desires.

“These women,” continued the inspired Saint Paul, “are always studying but are never able to recognize the truth.” (2 Timothy 3:1-7 *GOD’S WORD*) Who are these “weak-willed women”? The *Concordia Self-Study Bible* notes that they are “unstable women who are guilt-ridden because of their sins, torn by lust, and victims of various false teachers.”

Do we know these women? Yes. They are us.

American women are the best educated women in the history of the world, yet a high percentage is ill-informed about our origin and noble purpose. We are “*weak-willed*” when influenced by every trendy thought. We are *unlearned* when we seek knowledge at the university or from self-help books, but are “unable to recognize the truth.” We are *untrained* when no one mentors us in purity, good judgment, and positively affecting the culture for generations to come.

When I was a young woman in Lutherans For Life, I was determined to help others learn the truth about abortion. I was the one who learned most! Over and over again, I came face to face with men and women who had been more influenced by the world than by the Word of God. These men and women separated their faith from everyday life and, based

on opinions and theories, made choices that forever changed their lives. Some wrapped their worldly thinking in Jesus (a spiritually dangerous deception); others spiraled into despair. For this reason, as an older woman in Lutherans For Life, I was motivated to begin a mentoring ministry using the model of Titus 2.

Every group of Titus 2 women is made up of the *weak and unlearned*. That’s because we’ve all been influenced by worldly ideas such as modern feminism, modern sex education, population control, and abortion. Worldly ideas attack the very heart of what it means to be a man or a woman. Satan tempts us to doubt God and our human flesh jumps at the chance!

We may be able to rationalize with trendy thoughts but, without holding on to the “sword” of God’s mighty Word for life, we are most tragically ill-equipped to be strong in the face of danger.

*Weak and unlearned* women (or men) become *wounded and vulnerable*. Festering wounds produce both pain and anger. Pain may cause us to draw in, but anger may cause

us to lash out. It was during a Titus 2 presentation on biblical manhood and womanhood that I noticed the agitated woman. Out of the corner of my eye, I saw her repeatedly shake her head. I prayed for the opportunity to have a private moment with her, but my body shook when the moment came. Placing herself firmly “in my face,” she hissed, “I will never raise my daughter to trust a man!” In a twinkle, the Holy Spirit reminded me that the angels of this “little one” see the face of

God. I was encouraged, not to look down on her but, to see her broken heart. I could cherish this woman in her *wounded* state, not by focusing on her contrary attitude but, by gently speaking God’s Word. I could assure this “little one” that our Heavenly Father is faithful to keep His promises and that, in Jesus, she and her daughter will always find the Perfect Man who honors women with His sacrificial love.

At a Titus 2 “tea” hosted in an LFL home, I challenged the group to read popular quotes and then contrast them with God’s Word. When the discussion took a natural turn toward abortion, I became aware of the woman to my right. I could “hear” her anger as she loudly, and almost rudely, scribbled in her study guide. This attractive 30-something woman was certainly educated. Her eloquence and choice of words earlier in the day evidenced “knowledge.” But, her anger revealed





something else. Had the pain of this woman's *wound* pierced her conscience? Was her conscience now poking away at the wall of denial she had built for self-protection? No matter. Because the angels of this "little one" see the face of God, I was called, not to look down on her, but to cherish her. I could do that by sharing words of welcome from the Savior of her precious soul.

*Vulnerability* often takes women (and men) by surprise. It is common, as I begin to wrap up "Dressing for Life: Secrets of the Great Cover-up," to see tears in the eyes of daughters, mothers, and grandmothers. This purity life-style show, a mentoring tool of Titus 2 for Life, works up to and concludes with the message of the white wedding dress—what it signifies and why God wants all women to wait patiently for their husbands on their wedding nights. No longer am I surprised to see guests brush away tears as they watch young girls model vintage wedding dresses. What memories produce those tears? Are they of joy . . . or regret? No matter. It is more important for me to remember that, because the angels of these "little ones" see the face of God, I should not look down on them. Instead, I can cherish these "little ones" with tenderness only the Holy Spirit can motivate by excitedly moving on to my favorite part of the whole script: *In Jesus there is hope! All of us have failed to dress and live in a way that pleases God but, in Jesus, every repentant man and woman is forgiven and set free to start fresh and clean!*

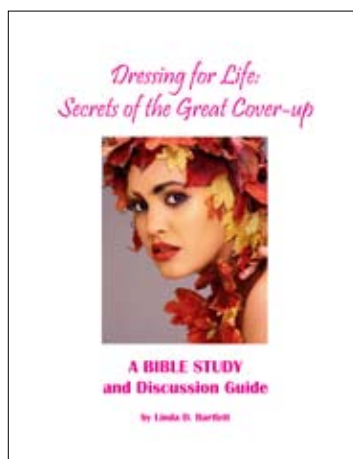
Jesus says the "little ones" are the *weak* and *unlearned*, *wounded* and *vulnerable*. They are all around us; in fact, they are us.

May we be moved by Jesus' Spirit of truth to cherish the "little ones" of all generations. Why? Because their angels in heaven see the face of the Father!

Please visit [www.titus2-4life.org](http://www.titus2-4life.org) for more information on the Titus 2 for Life mentoring ministry.

If you are interested in using the Bible study **Dressing for Life** with your daughters and their friends in your home, during catechism, or at a "sleep over," you may purchase the ten lesson study (\$15) by visiting [www.lutheransforlife.org](http://www.lutheransforlife.org).

The study will be e-mailed to you as a reproducible PDF file. Lessons discuss our identity as God's daughters, His reason for clothes, the look and behavior of love, respect for men, and why we wait for the white wedding dress.

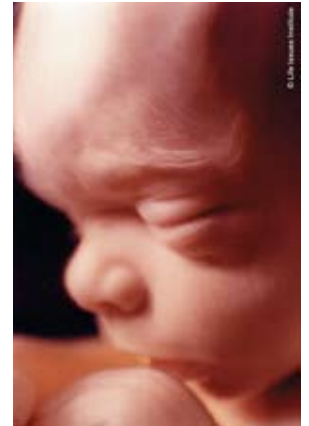


## May You Live to See Your Parents' Parents

By Rev. Dr. James I. Lamb

This title is a take off from the Scriptural blessing, "May you live to see your children's children" (Psalm 128:6 *GOD'S WORD*). Being a grandparent is one in a long list of undeserved blessings from God. I rejoice as I look at the pictures of our granddaughter on my screen saver. But not all can rejoice.

A gentleman stood quietly weeping as he viewed the fetal models at our LFL display. When I inquired if I could help, he responded, "I had a grandchild aborted about this size," pointing to the 15-week baby. The pain of a single abortion touches many lives. For every abortion, at least ten other people are affected. That means abortion affects over 36,000 people every day. Some of them are grandma and grandpa who will never see, and will never be seen by, their grandchild.



An unborn child 16 weeks from conception.

Right now, thank God for your grandparents. Thank God if you are a grandparent. Ask God to comfort grandparents grieving because of an abortion. Join me in a simple prayer for all children not yet born: May you live to see your parents' parents.

## Teens Coping With Unwanted Pregnancies—Fewer Teens Having Sex

Dr. Priscilla Coleman, a research psychologist at Bowling Green State University, led a study which found that adolescent girls who have an abortion are five times more likely to seek help for psychological and emotional problems than those who keep their baby, reports LifeNews.com.

A 2004 survey found that 64 percent of American women reported that they felt pressured into abortion. "When women feel forced into abortion by others or by life circumstances, negative post-abortion outcomes become more common," Coleman wrote. "Adolescents are generally much less prepared to assume the responsibility of parenthood and are logically the recipients of pressure to abort."

Also, the Centers for Disease Control reported in August that fewer U.S. high school students are having sex, and the ones who do are less likely to have multiple partners, reports ABC News. In a 2005 survey, 46.8 percent of students said they engaged in sexual intercourse, which is down from 54.1 percent in 1991.

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## Euthanasia Not About Terminal Illness Despite Advocates' Claims

by Wesley J. Smith

Here is proof positive that the international drive to legalize assisted suicide/euthanasia is not really about terminal illness. The World Federation of Right to Die Societies has reissued its "Manifesto." Here it is in full. I will discuss the italicized portions of the Manifesto below:

"The World Federation of Right to Die Societies (an international nongovernmental organization) is aware of the increasing concern to many individuals over their right to die with dignity.

"Believing in the rights and freedom of all persons, we affirm this right to die with dignity, meaning in peace and without suffering. All competent adults—regardless of their nationalities, professions, religious beliefs, and ethical and political views—who are suffering unbearably from *incurable illnesses* should have the possibility of various choices at the end of their life.

"Death is unavoidable. We strongly believe that the manner and time of dying should be left to the decision of the individual, *assuming such demands do not result in harm to society* other than the sadness associated with death.

"The voluntarily expressed will of individuals, once they are fully informed of their diagnosis, prognosis, and available means of relief, should be respected by all concerned as an expression of intrinsic human rights."

Notice that all competent adults with an "incurable" illness are supposed to have this right. That is not the same thing as a terminal illness. Arthritis is incurable. Asymptomatic HIV infection is incurable. So may be bi-polar disease.

Thus, the Manifesto is a call for establishing an almost open-ended right throughout the world for death on demand.

The legalization of assisted suicide/euthanasia would, by definition, harm society.

It corrupts the purposes of medicine, it discriminates against the vulnerable by permitting the facilitation of some suicides, while requiring the prevention of others, and it opens the door to the fall off a steep moral cliff as has occurred in the Netherlands where, after 30 years of euthanasia, the parliament will soon legalize eugenic infanticide.

*(LifeNews.com, 10/17. Wesley J. Smith is a senior fellow at the Discovery Institute and a special consultant to the Center for Bioethics and Culture. His current book is "Consumer's Guide to a Brave New World." Mr. Smith has been a speaker at LFL National Conferences.)*

### Life Without Problems.

We know better than that. Life can be hard. Sin in the world is the reason. That is why God's people experience:

**unwanted pregnancies / terminal illness /chronic disease.**

Is death the solution? There are those who say "yes." That is why we have: **abortion / assisted suicide / euthanasia.**

It becomes too easy to view **people as burdens** who would be "better off dead." There is a better solution!

### Life Under the Cross. Life Under the Cross says:

- People have burdens, but people are not burdens. (Psalm 72:12-14)
- Christians are called to carry each other's burdens. (Galatians 6:2)
- God works through suffering. (1 John 4:10)
- God is with us in our suffering. (Romans 8:31-32)
- Better things are to come. (2 Corinthians 4:17)
- We can seek the presence of Jesus in suffering rather than seeking the absence of suffering at all costs. (Romans 5:1-5)

Therefore, Christians can be:

**"joyful in hope"** As long as God gives life, God gives life purpose.

**"patient in affliction"** Just as God's love was at work in the suffering of the cross, so His love is at work in the suffering of His people.

**"faithful in prayer"** The cross assures us of a listening and merciful God who will not forsake us.

### End-of-Life Booklets

**The Basics on Advance Directives: "Thy Will Be Done"** – This booklet has basic information about Living Wills and other advance directives. By Rev. Dr. James I. Lamb. *Item 807B. \$0.25 each.*

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**Spain** – A governmental study conducted in Spain has shown that the rate of abortion has risen. The rate has risen to 8.8 women per 1000 in 2003, from 5.5 in 1995. (*United Press International*, 9/20; *SPUC*, 9/25)

**Siberia** – A church is being built in Siberia to commemorate aborted children and to celebrate liturgy for them. The Orthodox church, which is being built in Iurga in southern Siberia, is expected to be finished next summer. It was the initiative of the parish priest Fr. Konstantin, who recalled the murder of the Holy Innocents of Bethlehem killed by Herod in the time of Jesus. (*Zenit*, 8/22; *SPUC*, 8/23)

**Bulgaria** – In 2001, there were 750 abortions to every 1,000 births in Bulgaria. Recent figures showed that 40 percent of Bulgarian women have had an abortion, compared to between 20 and 30 percent in most industrialized countries. The cabinet has approved a strategy to reduce the number of abortions, lower infant mortality rates, and raise literacy levels by 2020 in an attempt to tackle under-population problems. (*Life News*, 8/17; *SPUC*, 8/23)

**Trinidad and Tobago** – The prime minister of Trinidad and Tobago has proposed a national constitution that would ban abortion and enshrine in law the right to life of unborn children from the moment of conception. The proposal would reflect current laws, which ban most abortions in the country. (*LifeNews.com*, 9/7; *SPUC*, 9/11)

**Australia/New Jersey** – Professor Peter Singer has said that he would support killing a disabled baby if it were “in the best interests of the baby and of the family as a whole.” Singer—who is Ira W. DeCamp Professor of Bioethics at Princeton University and laureate professor at the Centre for Applied Philosophy and Public Ethics at the University of Melbourne—said that like the anti-abortion lobby, he saw no great difference between an unborn child and a newborn child. (*The Independent*, 9/11; *SPUC*, 9/12)

**Germany** – The remains of 20 children who may have been victims of Nazi Germany’s euthanasia program have been found at Menden, West Germany. The prosecutor’s office in Dortmund has suggested that the deaths may have been part of the Nazi euthanasia program directed at disabled people. Anthony Ozimic, SPUC political secretary, commented: “It must not be forgotten that the war-time Nazi extermination program was an extension of the pre-war euthanasia program in Germany, which started with disabled children and adults with reduced mental capacity.” (*The Raw Story*, 9/28; *SPUC*, 10/2)

**Australia** – Articles published in the *Journal of Medical Ethics* have raised the issue of using patients in a so-called permanent vegetative state for medical experiments, including

transplantations of animal organs. Dr. Steven Curry, of the University of Melbourne, is quoted as arguing that, “Those who are in a PVS . . . have no continuing interest in their own survival . . . these patients must also have a right to risk that life for the common good. . . Also, no risk of withdrawal of consent exists.” While acknowledging that ideally patients would give their consent by enrolling in a register prior to becoming non-responsive, he added that since few people were likely to do this, relatives should be allowed to consent on a patient’s behalf “with reference to the person’s values and stated preferences.” (*BioEdge*, 10/3; *SPUC*, 10/4)

**North/South Korea** – A South Korean lawyers’ association has published a report claiming that forced abortions are being practiced in North Korean prisons. The study, published by the Korean Bar Association, is based on interviews with 100 North Koreans who have defected to the South since 2000. The United Nations Human Rights Commission included forced abortion among the human rights violations listed in its 2005 report on North Korea. (*LifeSiteNews.com*, 10/2; *SPUC*, 10/4)

**Chile** – Nearly three-quarters of Chileans oppose abortion under any circumstance, a new poll has revealed. The poll by the Catholic University and Adimark also found that the vast majority of the population understand marriage to be a life-long commitment. (*Catholic News Agency*, 11/1; *SPUC*, 11/6)

**England** – The UK’s Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists has raised the possibility of infanticide for disabled babies. Alison Davis of No Less Human expressed distress at the suggestion. “Disabled people, particularly those with conditions regarded as ‘severe’ will be both appalled and afraid by the RCOG’s call. Already we are aware that disabled babies are killed up to birth because of ‘severe disability.’ Once it is established that killing is acceptable on grounds of disability it is inevitable that it will spread to encompass increasing numbers of victims. Deliberate killing on grounds of disability is always wrong regardless of the age or status of the victim.” The British Council of disabled people said it was wrong to suggest that disabled babies’ lives were less valuable than others. (*Sunday Times*, 11/5; *SPUC*, 11/5-6)

**China** – The Chinese regime has reiterated its determination not to relax China’s one-child policy, according to a report, October 2, in the *China Daily*, which is controlled by the Communist Party. (*China Daily*, *SPUC*, 10/2)

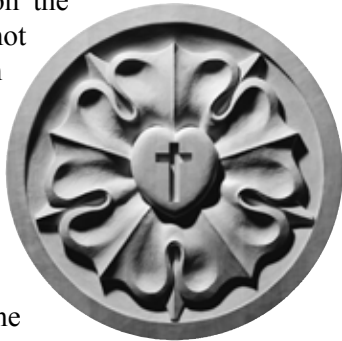
World News summaries are from the Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC) based in London, England: [www.spuc.org.uk](http://www.spuc.org.uk).

## A Voice for Truth

by Rev. Dr. James I. Lamb

Describing the climate of his time, Luther once said, "Truth is on the scaffold." The lynch mob that deposed truth to such a fate was not made up of the "knaves and scoundrels" Luther was fond of talking about on occasion. Rather, it was the church herself that bound truth and placed it on the scaffold. Luther became a voice for truth, therefore, not so much in society—although his voice would have a profound affect on society—but in the church. He wanted to rescue the truth that we are saved by grace alone, through faith alone, which is revealed in Scripture alone.

Luther took his stand on the truth of God's Word. He did not strive to start a new church but wanted to reason with his fellow Christians based on the Scriptures so they could see what they were doing with the truth.



The Apostle Paul took this kind of approach. In the synagogue in Thessalonica he, "reasoned with them from the Scriptures, explaining and proving that the Christ had to suffer and rise from the dead" (Acts 17:2-3). The truth that Jesus was their Messiah was on the scaffold for many of the Jews. Paul desperately wanted his fellow Jews to see this truth. He didn't scream and yell at them. He became a voice for truth. He "reasoned with them from the Scriptures."

When it comes to the sanctity of human life, there is a need for a voice for truth in the church. Many have placed this truth on the scaffold. Lutherans For Life exists to equip Lutherans to be this voice. We do not advocate screaming and yelling. We advocate reasoning with fellow Christians from the Scriptures on these issues. Scripture offers the greatest, most positive "For Life" message in the universe! The Word of Life speaks to the issues of life.

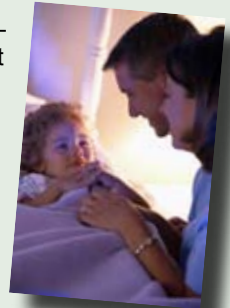
The Word of Life speaks to the value God gives to every human life. The Word of Life speaks of forgiveness and healing for those who have sinned against life. The Word of Life speaks of a loving God who is present and at work in the difficult circumstances of our lives.

What a positive truth we have to share! What a positive voice we can be! What a positive influence we can have on the church and on society.

Like Paul, like Luther, be a voice for truth!

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## The Blessings of Friends!

by Karen L. Frohwein  
Director of Development  
National Lutherans For Life

Every Christmas season, I hang a felt wall hanging in our home. I made it during one of the first years of married life. It was the 70's and felt, sequins, yarn, and beads were certainly "in" at the time. My now-grown children shake their heads (but I still cherish them!) when they see that yellowed decoration go up. But I display it anyway, because of the memories and because of the sentiment stitched with yarn in the center:

"As Christmas nears and the old year ends,  
We thank the Lord for such good friends."

This little verse means more to me every year. It certainly has come to mean more after my last two years as director of development at Lutherans For Life. At the end of every year, as I think of God's Christmas Gift, I remember good friends who give gifts to LFL in thankfulness for the Gift of Life who was born in Bethlehem.

Lutherans For Life has thousands of good friends who pray for this ministry on a regular basis. We are strengthened by your concern for the mission of LFL. In return, we, at the national Life Center, also pray for you! Thank you for your friendship expressed through prayer!

Another group of good friends are our annual and sponsor members. Your monthly and yearly gifts show a commitment to LFL and are a key source of funds needed to carry on our every-day work. As of this writing, there are over 2000 annual and sponsor members, including more than 200 new members in 2006! Many of you are Life Ministry Coordinators or involved in local LFL chapters or state federations. Thank you, friends, for your commitment and connection through membership!

Many individuals support LFL with gifts throughout the year. Sometimes these gifts are in response to an appeal. Others are given in memory or honor of a loved one or a special occasion. Gifts of all sizes make a difference in the lives of your neighbors when the Gospel message of hope is shared through LFL materials and speakers. Thank you, friends, for supporting Lutherans For Life with your individual gifts!

Each year, LFL receives numerous gifts from churches and church groups. Sometimes these are the result of special offerings or fundraising projects. Some churches even include the ministry of LFL in their yearly budgets. We know that behind these gifts are church members who understand that life issues are spiritual issues and are making that connection because of faithful pastors. What good friends we have in Lutheran churches across the country!

Every gift, of any amount, is treasured by Lutherans For Life. Some of our friends have been richly blessed by the Lord of Life and share those blessings with us for special projects. Through careful planning, many of our friends can make a major gift! There are always projects at LFL that need special funding. Work continues on LFL's "For Life" curriculum. Life issues in the news require timely, biblical responses. In order to meet the needs of God's people, Lutherans For Life must have the facilities and resources to be able to respond quickly and efficiently. We are thankful for our good friends who take advantage of unique opportunities to spread God's message

of Life into our churches, schools, families, and communities!

There is one more group of LFL friends that deserve special recognition. They are the unsung heroes of LFL—our volunteers. At the National Life Center, we are blessed with wonderful friends who regularly give of their time and talents so that you receive *LifeDate*, *Life News*, *Life Sunday* materials, and other resources in a timely manner. Across the country, LFL volunteers spend countless hours in their churches

and communities—helping spread the message of hope and comfort that only Jesus can bring when we face decisions on life issues. On behalf of all of the national staff, a big thank you to our volunteer friends!

Yes, as Christmas nears, it is good to thank the Lord for our good friends. Friends who share our commitment to connecting God's Word to the life issues of our time. Friends who share their gifts because they recognize them as blessings from our Heavenly Father to be shared in His kingdom. Friends who celebrate the birth of the Christ Child and His redeeming work—the ultimate For Life gift. We can do many things for our friends, but nothing can compare with what Christ has done for us. **"Greater love has no one than this, that someone lays down his life for his friends"** (John 15:13 ESV).



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## Life Thoughts in the Church Year

Based on the appointed readings from *Lutheran Service Book*, using the English Standard Version.

### January 7 – The Baptism of Our Lord

Jesus came to identify with sinners in His baptism because He values them. That value is seen in the Old Testament reading—created by God (Isaiah 43:1a), redeemed by God (v. 1), and blessed with the protective presence of God (v. 2).

### January 14 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after the Epiphany

God's righteousness in Christ "goes forth as brightness" (Isaiah 62:1). And how it brightens! No more being termed "Forsaken" or "Desolate." (v. 4). Rather a "crown of beauty," a "royal diadem" (v. 3). What an uplifting message for us sinners who sit in darkness. What an uplifting message especially for those who entered the darkness because of their own choice as in the sin of abortion.

### January 21 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after the Epiphany

Today may be observed as Sanctity of Human Life Sunday. Lutherans For Life offers a comprehensive set of worship aids and materials under the theme "Cherish the Children." There is also a sermon based on today's Gospel from Luke 4:16-30 entitled, "You Always Were His Favorite" that applies this wonderful Gospel to those hurting in the aftermath of an abortion. Go to [www.lutheransforlife.org](http://www.lutheransforlife.org).

### January 28 – 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after the Epiphany

Jesus came to "preach the good news of the kingdom of God" (Luke 4:43). God calls His pastors to do the same today. The life issues give many and marvelous opportunities for preaching this life changing Gospel right into people's lives.

### February 4 – 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after the Epiphany

When you catch fish, you bring them out of life to death. When you catch men (Luke 5:10), you bring them out of death to life. Fishers of men offer life—life eternal in the presence of Christ and life right now with Christ present.

### February 11 – 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday after the Epiphany

Pastors and others can be reviled and spurned (Luke 6:22), even by fellow Christians, when they stand up for God's truth about life. But do not despair. Indeed, "leap for joy" (v. 23). You are blessed.

### February 18 – The Transfiguration of our Lord

"This is my Son, my Chosen One; listen to Him!" Here, as in the whole of Scripture, God directs our attention to Jesus.

He is the only true source of life and hope. The world offers many voices. Only one voice positively changes lives. Listen to Him!

### February 25 – 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Lent

What comfort and hope it brings to know that Jesus faced Satan and won both in the wilderness and on the cross. When we are tempted it is always within the context of Christ's victory. Because of that victory, we can make good choices. Because of that victory, we receive His forgiveness when we make bad choices. Either way, Satan loses!

### March 4 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Lent

How do we stand firm in the Lord when so many around us "walk as enemies of the cross of Christ"? (Philippians 3:18) We stand firm knowing our "citizenship is in heaven" (v. 20). We stand firm because we know someday Christ will "transform our lowly body" (v. 21) and we will share in His glory. We stand firm so others might be led to share in His glory as well.

### March 11 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Lent

When the temptations and problems of life weigh upon us, what comfort three little words bring, "God is faithful" (1 Corinthians 10:13). We can turn to the "way of escape" He provides and need not devise our own way.

### March 18 – 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent

The sexually active teen, the pregnant and unmarried, the mother and father who abort their baby—these, like the son in Jesus' parable (Luke 15:1-32)—have insulted their heavenly Father and wandered from His truth. But God is a compassionate Father who left the glories of heaven to embrace sinners, earn for them forgiveness, and welcome them as His dear children.

### March 25 – The Annunciation of our Lord

A sign in the Holy Land reads, "The Word became Flesh Here." This sign is not in Bethlehem but in Nazareth. The incarnation began at the moment of Jesus' conception. If there is a single place in all of Scripture that attests to the humanity of the unborn, it is found in these words, "And behold, you will conceive in your womb" (Luke 1:31a). God became human at the very moment those He came to save become human—conception.





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