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# Life NEWS

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## Life Newsbytes

**Netherlands: 431 people euthanized without consent in 2015** – Every five years the Netherlands conducts a study to determine how people die in the Netherlands and whether or not there are concerns with the euthanasia law. 2015's report was recently published, and it details the number of deaths by euthanasia, assisted suicide, and "terminations of life without request" ... In 2015, there were 7,254 assisted deaths in the Netherlands. Of these, 6,672 were euthanasia deaths (where the doctor administers the means of death, supposedly on request), 150 assisted-suicide deaths (the person is supplied with drugs to take him- or herself), and, most chillingly, 431 were "terminations of life without request" ... According to Alex Schadenburg of the Euthanasia Prevention Coalition, in "the Netherlands 2015 official euthanasia report there were 5,561 reported assisted deaths in 2015, and yet the data from the study indicate that there were 7,254 assisted deaths in 2015. Therefore, there were 1,693 unreported assisted deaths (approximately 23%) in 2015" ... This news comes as the Netherlands considers extending euthanasia to those who feel they have "completed life." It also follows increasing evidence of patients with dementia being forcibly killed, including one woman who was held down by relatives when she tried to struggle. No wonder even the architect of euthanasia in the Netherlands says the law is "running amok." (SPUC, 7/4/17)

## Speaking Up For Life

"The greatest comfort Christians have as they face death is the knowledge that Christ already has died and risen again. The second greatest comfort is like unto it: the knowledge that we, too, have been buried into Christ's death through baptism so that we may rise again to newness of life with Him (Romans 6:4)." *Ryan C. MacPherson, Bethany Lutheran College, Mankato, Minnesota*

"A Christian father will also serve as spiritual priest of the family. As such he is to nourish the souls of the children, teaching them about the Lord; His will for their lives; and about His loving, gracious, and merciful ways." *Rev. Mark Gullerud, pastor at Redeemer Lutheran Church, Bowdle, South Dakota*

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Lincoln, Nebraska – Redeemer Lutheran Church, October 21, 2017

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