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**Life Newsbytes**

**Canada’s assisted-suicide “slippery slope” continues with consideration to euthanize minors.** It’s been a few short years since Canada approved assisted suicide. Now the country is considering expanded criteria to allow legalization to euthanize children ... Originally, strict stipulations were enforced for those wishing to end their lives: only competent terminal adults in “intolerable pain” were eligible. Now a study has been launched to include individuals with mental illnesses ... The next step is the pursuit to euthanize children—after a medical organization has received increased requests by parents to end the lives of their disabled minors. According to the Canadian Pediatric Society, these requests indicate a need for better palliative care, but the group has not completely disavowed accessibility of assisted suicide for children. A review of the current assisted-suicide law will determine whether or not “mature minors” should be eligible for assisted suicide ... The review will be presented to Parliament in 2018. (*Live Action News, 11/5/17; CLR LifeWire, 11/6/17*)

**Speaking Up For Life**

“As to the seasons, it remains the season in which we are Christ’s ‘witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria and to the end of the earth.’ ... The next time you receive Holy Communion, you will be standing in a holy place with ‘the assembly of the first born who are enrolled in heaven... and Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant’ (Hebrews 12:23-24). He is the Eternal Lord, Who is rightly glorified ‘at every season and every hour, in Heaven and on earth.’” *James M. Kushiner, The Fellowship of St. James*

“As Christmas approaches, I’m reminded of another man who more than 2,000 years ago also made a difficult choice about a mother and a baby. Joseph could have cut and run, but he didn’t. When men commit themselves to stand for life and for their families, they experience blessings far greater than wealth and fame.” *Bradley Mattes, executive director of Life Issues Institute*

“God gave you what you couldn’t do for yourself. What a great Christmas gift you have in the unconditional forgiveness of your sins through the person and work of your Savior Jesus Christ! Thank You, God!” *Rev. Mark Jeske, www.timeofgrace.org*

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**58,586,256**  
**abortions in America**  
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# Hope For Life

## 2017 Lutherans For Life Regional Conferences

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**2017 Regional Conferences and More ...**

This year LFL conducted four regional conferences as a venture in bringing our message to local communities. This was not intended to replace our national conference, but rather, alternate them each year. This experiment was a huge success. More people were able to attend, some for the first time and some longtime supporters. The messages came from both national and local speakers who brought information important to the various regions. We look forward to holding regional conferences again in 2019.

**Please mark your calendars in 2018 as we will be having a national conference at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Olivet/St. Louis, Missouri, on Friday and Saturday, October 12-13, 2018.**

We will be celebrating LFL’s 40th anniversary under the theme **From Age to Age the Same** based on Isaiah 46:3b-4: “[You] have been borne by me from before your birth, carried from the womb; even to your old age I am he, and to gray hairs I will carry you. I have made, and I will bear; I will carry and will save.” Please consider joining us.

