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Speaking Up For Life

“Life issues didn’t arise overnight. Their frequent connection to medical technology can make them seem like recent developments—and advances in understanding physiology and pharmaceuticals have made abortion and euthanasia more efficient and available of late. But these circumstances have been causing society’s difficulties—and providing opportunities to proclaim the Gospel—since ancient times.” *Rev. Michael W. Salemink, executive director of Lutherans For Life*

“Our throw-away culture values ability and perfection. Those values increasingly and unfairly characterize the preborn diagnosed with disability as not even worthy to be born. But God’s Word is clear in King David’s Psalm 139:13-14 (NIV): ‘For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother’s womb. I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well.’” *Mona Fuerstenau, director of Lutheran Ministry Partnerships, Bethesda Lutheran Communities*

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