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**Life Newsbytes**

**A newly released Americans United for Life (AUL) listing shows 31 states have some form of legal protection for babies born alive in abortions.** Four of those states (Iowa, Minnesota, North Dakota, and Wyoming) only require care for born-alive infants if the child is beyond the age of viability. The findings reveal 19 states do not require abortionists to provide any care to babies born alive in attempted abortions. Data finds that infants are still being born alive in attempted abortions. The Centers for Disease Control estimates at least 143 babies died in the U.S. after abortions between 2003 and 2014—and that figure, the CDC says, is likely even higher. (*Live Action News*, 2/11/19, 2/13/19; *CLR LifeWire*, 2/14/19)

**Assisted suicide in Switzerland continues to rise each year.** The two largest Swiss suicide clinics reported significant increases last year in assisting in self-death. Exit, the larger of these clinics, reported 1,204 assisted suicides in 2018—a 23 percent increase from the previous year. Dignitas, another major assisted-suicide clinic, facilitates at least 200 more self-poisonings each year. The organization has promoted its business on a worldwide basis in a practice known as “suicide tourism.” (*NRL News Today*, 2/13/19; *CLR LifeWire*, 2/14/19)

**Abortions in America Since 1973: 60,942,033**

Source: National Right to Life

**Speaking Up For Life**

“When we pray the Lord’s Prayer, we ask God to ‘deliver us from evil.’ We ask Him to protect us against the callous evil of abortion, the taking of a human life. We are harnessed with the burden of belonging to a nation that practices this barbaric procedure and calls it a ‘right.’ May God have mercy on us.” *Chaplain (Lt. Colonel) Steven Hokana, Assistant Director of Ministry to the Armed Forces (MAF) (LCMS)*

“Ultimately abortions are antithetical to the Gospel message the church proclaims, as we marvel over the fact that Jesus says to undeserving sinners: ‘I will lay my life down for my sheep,’ and so He did, taking on our sin and shame and the debt that stood against us and nailing it to the cross. Abortion instead demands of an innocent life, ‘You will lay your life down for me.’” *Pastor Gunnar Ingi Gunnarsson, Loftstofan Baptistakirkja, Iceland*

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For those who have had an abortion—a **Word of Hope.** 888.217.8679 [www.word-of-hope.org](http://www.word-of-hope.org)

# 2019 Lutherans For Life Regional Conferences

## “Did God Really Say ... ?”

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Living Word Lutheran Church – March 23, 2019

**Ann Arbor, Michigan**

Concordia University – April 27, 2019

**Aurora (Denver), Colorado**

Hope Lutheran Church – August 24, 2019

**Rochester, Minnesota**

Trinity Lutheran Church – September 14, 2019

**Joppa, Maryland**

Trinity Lutheran Church – October 19, 2019

**San Francisco, California**

West Portal Lutheran Church – November 16, 2019