

# Lifelines

November, December, January 2021/22

## PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

By Pastor Paul Clark, President, Lutherans For Life of Michigan

Yes, abortion is the extinguishing of a new life – the life of a baby boy or girl.

Yes, abortion is a grievous evil that plagues our land.

Yes, Christians must oppose abortion and stand for the sanctity of human life, for life is a gift of God.

But ultimately, the sin of abortion harms **more** than just the unborn child.

**Prime Minister Konoye** of Japan, before committing suicide after his role in World War II, had underlined these words in the book he had been reading by Oscar Wilde, ***“As terrible as it was what I had done to others, nothing was more terrible than what I had done to myself.”***

The **evil of abortion** victimizes not only the children who are destroyed, but the women, and families, and the doctors and nurses involved, and the entire conscience of the nation, and ultimately *ourselves*.

**There is no possibility of standing on the sideline, of straddling the fence. *These precious babies are a gift of the God of Life, and they need our help. They need a voice to speak for them.***

In **Psalm 119:116**, God's Word says, ***“Uphold me according to Thy Word, that I may live; and do not let me be ashamed of my hope.”***

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It is from the **Word of the Lord** that we receive **our strength** to fight this good fight. **His Word spoke all things into existence in the beginning. His Word brings life to our dead souls. His Word brings us conviction and encouragement as we engage in this spiritual battle between good and evil, darkness and light, death and life.**

***Dear people, there is always hope with our God!*** Even after the horrors of Nazi death camps, and the hate-filled attacks of terrorists on 9-11, and even amid the gruesome money-making industry of *Planned Parenthood*, there is always hope, for ***our God is the God of life. For us fights the Valiant One.*** Our faith is **anchored in JESUS - the Lord of Life** - who, dying for the sins of men, also ***triumphed*** over death and the grave. He is our Captain in this well-fought fight. He leads us to take our stand for life, and to speak and act for the good of these little ones, for our Lord says, ***“Forbid not these little ones from coming to me, for of such is the kingdom of God.”***

**God's hand is with us, even amid suffering and great trial.** That is why we also must love and help those in need, those women facing crisis pregnancies, those who have been scarred from a past abortion and who need Christ's healing and forgiveness. ***That forgiveness is always available in Jesus.*** God bless the sacrificial work of our Crisis Pregnancy Centers and those who counsel, help, pray with, and support those in such dire straits, because *Planned Parenthood* certainly will not be there to pick them up when they fall.

***But showing forth the Gospel of God's love in Christ, we will. By God's grace, we will.***

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We praise and thank the Lord of life for all of your generous donations!

Please send your donations to my address:

**Lutherans For Life of Michigan Treasurer**

**C/O Earl Iseler**

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# Insights from the Lutherans For Life of Michigan Display at the All Pastors Conference

by Earl Iseler, Treasurer, Lutherans For Life of Michigan

Pastor Paul Clark, my wife Jo Anne, and I, had the privilege of having the *Lutherans For Life of Michigan* display table at the LCMS Michigan District All Pastors conference on October 11 and 12. It has been nearly two years since we last had a display at a pastors' conference because conferences were either canceled or were virtual because of COVID-19 restrictions.

It seemed as though more pastors, pastors' wives, and others stopped by our table at this conference than at past conferences. As I spoke with people, I brought up two issues: the importance of the upcoming midterm elections and sexual relations outside of marriage that lead to unwanted pregnancies and abortions.

Almost everyone that I spoke with acknowledged the importance of the 2022 elections. If Roe vs Wade is overturned, each state will make and enforce laws about abortion. Michigan has a law that would go into effect that makes all abortion illegal, except to save the life of the mother. However, there are those currently in power in our state government that would like to eliminate that law, keeping abortion legal in Michigan, even if Roe is struck down. So, it is very important that we retain a pro-life majority in the Michigan House and Senate.

Midterm elections for the US House and Senate are also extremely important for life issues. There are those in current positions of leadership that would like to enact legislation that would continue to make abortion legal nation-wide if Roe is struck down by the U.S. Supreme Court. We need to elect more pro-life people as representatives and senators to prevent that from occurring. Most of the people I spoke with agreed. I encouraged them to take some copies of the LFL brochure by Pastor Michael Salemink, "*Is Abortion an Election Issue?*" If you would like some copies of it, please email me at [lfmi.treasurer@gmail.com](mailto:lfmi.treasurer@gmail.com). I encourage all Christians to talk about this with family members that are eligible to vote, fellow members of your congregation, neighbors, co-workers, etc.

One person said even if abortion is illegal, women will still have abortions. This, of course, is true and it is a common statement for keeping abortion legal, but is it helpful? It is true that we break God's laws and man's laws all the time. So, should God not have given His law because He knew that we would not obey it? One purpose of the law is to show us our sin so that we will see our need for repentance and forgiveness, our need for the suffering, death, and resurrection of Jesus. While abortion is legal according to man's law, it leads people to believe that it is not wrong to have an abortion or to perform an abortion. This prevents them from seeing that they have sinned against God's law, "You shall not murder." They do not see a need for repentance and forgiveness and they are prevented from receiving the forgiveness that Jesus has accomplished for them.

I have recently been thinking that while our efforts to educate Lutherans and others that abortion is sinful and should not be legal are good, maybe it would be more effective to concentrate more on the sins that lead women to seek an abortion. That is, sexual relations outside of marriage, either between those that are not married or a married person having a relationship with someone other than their spouse. The statistics indicate that 85% of women that have abortions conceived outside of marriage. **(continued on p.5)**

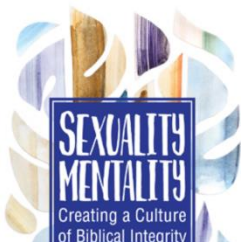


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Another statistic indicates that many women that have had an abortion attend a church. So, if we would spend more time educating people, beginning with our church members, about the beauty of sexual relations within the confines of marriage as God designed marriage and the physical, emotional, and spiritual problems caused by sex outside of marriage, then we would be approaching the root cause of the problem. Our society is bombarding us with the idea that sexual relations anytime, anywhere, between any two (or more) individuals are perfectly normal and good for those involved. Parents, grandparents, and even some pastors are unwilling or afraid to say anything when they are aware or suspect that their children, grandchildren, or members of the congregations are engaging in such activities. Does God not say that we are to be teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom? (*Colossians 3:16*) I must also say that I have sinned in these areas in many times and ways, in thought, word, and deed. The Holy Spirit has led me to see my sins and repent. I have the assurance that I have received forgiveness through the suffering, death, and resurrection of my Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Concordia Publishing House had their usual display area selling books and other items at the conference. I bought two copies of *Sexuality Mentality – Creating a Culture of Biblical Integrity* by Heather Ruesch (*Concordia Publishing House, Copyright 2018*).

When I got home and began reading the book, I found that Heather is saying what I am thinking in a much more professional and profound way, also with much more credibility. She quotes several Bible passages and speaks of her own experience to encourage each of us to re-evaluate what it means to be a baptized child of God. I encourage everyone to order copies of Heather's book for yourselves and to give to others. Let's begin to approach the life issue at the beginning before the sins occur that lead to someone seeking an abortion.



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[lutheransforlife.org](http://lutheransforlife.org)



[word-of-hope.org](http://word-of-hope.org)



[y4life.org](http://y4life.org)

(Taken from the Lutherans For Life Facebook page –  
<https://www.facebook.com/LutheransForLife/>)

# Lutherans For Life of Michigan

## 2022 Essay Contest

Sponsored by the Council of Federation Presidents, Lutherans For Life

For students in Grades 6 through 12

attending a Lutheran School or Lutheran Church

### Contest Guidelines

Students will write a life-affirming essay based on the theme: **Blessed For Life** with the Bible verse: “... the Lord protects him and keeps him alive; he is called blessed in the land; you do not give him up to the will of his enemies.” Psalm 41:2. (Consider being blessed with the gift of life, blessed by God for one’s entire life or blessed to be a blessing to others.)

Lutheran churches and schools may *each submit one entry in each grade level category (Grades 6-8, Grades 9-12) to Lutherans For Life of Michigan*. The winning entry at the state level will then be submitted to the national Lutherans For Life Contest.

1. Not incorporating the conference verse in the essay will disqualify the entry.
2. Examples of topics the essay could deal with are, but not limited to: abortion, people with disabilities, adoption or foster care, infanticide, cloning, stem cell research, physician assisted suicide or euthanasia, etc.
3. Essays should include student’s name, grade (Identify school or church) and email address. All entries submitted by a teacher or pastor should include their name and email address. This information should be submitted on the rubric page used in grading the essay.
4. All sources for references, statistics, and quotes should be incorporated within the essay and then included in a bibliography at the end.

Grades 6 - 8 should submit essays up to 400 words

Grades 9 - 12 should submit essays up to 750 words

Entries should be submitted digitally using Microsoft Word via email to [schaidtl@gmail.com](mailto:schaidtl@gmail.com) by **February 28, 2022**.

5. The First Place winner in each category (Grades 6-8 and Grades 9-12) will receive a \$100 prize and advance to the national contest. The Second Place winner in each category at the state level will receive a \$75 prize.
6. Grand Prize for the national winning entry at each level: \$250 plus free conference registration to a 2022 Regional Conference and one night stay at the conference hotel. Second Place for the national contest will receive a prize of \$125.
7. All entries become the property of Lutherans For Life.
8. For questions or resources on the sanctity of life, see: [lutheransforlife.org](http://lutheransforlife.org)



## Rubric for Assessment of the Life Essay

(maximum of 21 points for each essay)

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<b>ORGANIZATION</b> Structure Transitions	Logical progression of ideas with a clear structure that enhances the thesis. Transitions are mature and graceful. The essay has a nice smooth flow between ideas.	Logical progression of ideas. Transitions are present equally throughout essay. The essay has a flow of ideas.	Organization is clear. Transitions are present in some places but may be missing in others. In places flow is interrupted or doesn't exist.	No discernable organization. Transitions are not present. Connections between ideas seem confusing or incomplete.
<b>INTRODUCTION</b> Background/History Thesis Statement <b>CONCLUSION</b>	Well-developed introduction engages the reader-creates interest. Contains detailed background information. Thesis clearly states a significant and compelling position or belief. Conclusion effectively wraps up & goes beyond restating the thesis.	Introduction creates interest. Sufficient background information is provided. Thesis clearly states the position or belief. Conclusion effectively summarizes topics.	Introduction adequately explains the background, but may lack detail. Thesis states the position or belief. Conclusion is recognizable and ties up almost all loose ends.	Background details are a random collection of information, unclear, or not related to the topic. Thesis is vague or unclear. Conclusion does not summarize main points.
<b>MAIN POINTS</b> Body Paragraphs, Bibliography	The main idea or thesis statement is clearly defined. There may be more than one key point. Appropriate relevant information and details are shared from a variety of sources including personal experiences, observations, feelings and prior knowledge. Supporting details are accurate, relevant, and helpful in clarifying the main idea(s). Statistics or research are used effectively. A simple bibliography gives the references for the resources used.	The main idea can be identified. The writer shares relevant information, facts and experiences. There is a clear distinction between general observations and specifics. Supporting details are relevant and explain the main idea. Research is evident and statistics are used. Missing information in bibliography.	The main idea can be identified. The writer shares some information, facts and experiences, but may express feelings without much to substantiate it. There may be problems going from general observations to specifics. Stronger support and greater attention to details would strengthen this paper. Statistics and research do little to help support the main idea. Incomplete bibliography.	More than one of the following problems may be evident: The main idea is not identifiable. The writer shares some information, but it is limited or unclear. Details are missing or repetitious. Statistics are missing. No bibliography.
<b>FOCUS</b> LFL Mission, Conference theme verse	The paper is in complete agreement with the mission of Lutherans for Life and focuses on the conference theme verse.	The paper is in agreement with the mission of Lutherans for Life and somewhat focuses on the conference theme verse.	The paper doesn't completely agree with the mission of Lutherans For Life and touches on the conference theme verse.	Little or no effort has been made to address the mission of Lutherans For Life and doesn't focus on the conference theme verse.
<b>BIBLICAL ACCURACY</b>	Several Biblical references give strong support for the main idea and are a natural part of the essay. Verses used are interpreted accurately. Citations are accurate.	Biblical references are used to support the main idea. Verses used are interpreted accurately. Citations are accurate.	There are places where a Biblical reference would have helped support the main idea. There are some problems with interpretation of the verses used. Citations are accurate.	Little effort is given to use Biblical references to support the main idea. Problems exist in the interpretation of the verses and their citations.
<b>STYLE</b> Writer's Voice, Audience Awareness	The paper is honest and enthusiastic. The language is natural yet thought-provoking. It brings the topic to life. The reader feels a strong sense of interaction with the writer and senses the person behind the words. Writing is smooth, skillful, and coherent. Sentences are strong and expressive with varied structure.	Writer's voice is consistent and strong. The writer is aware of an audience. The reader is informed and remains engaged. Sentences have varied structure.	Writer's voice may emerge strongly on occasion, then retreat behind general, vague, tentative, or abstract language. The writer is aware of an audience. The reader is informed, but must work at remaining engaged. Sentence structure shows some variety.	Writing is confusing, hard to follow. Language is vague. No audience awareness. No variety in sentence structure.
<b>MECHANICS</b> Spelling, punctuation, capitalization	Punctuation, spelling, capitalizations are correct. No errors.	Punctuation, spelling, capitalizations are generally correct, with few errors. (1-2)	A few errors in punctuation, spelling, capitalization. (3-4)	Distracting errors in punctuation, spelling, capitalization

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Students Name \_\_\_\_\_

Church/School \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Student Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher/Pastor \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_



# What's Happening...



Earl (LFLMI Treasurer) and Jo Anne Iseler and Pastor Paul Clark (LFLMI President) at the All District Pastors Conference in October. (photo above, submitted by Pastor Paul Clark)



Several Our Savior Hartland Life Team members traveled to Lansing for the Michigan Right to Life Conference on September 30<sup>th</sup>. Presentations included what Michigan's prolife future will look like after Roe v. Wade, how to update the prolife message in today's times, addressing abortion in targeted communities, and preventing the spread of euthanasia in America.

Our Savior in Hartland participated in the Life Chain that lined Grand River in Brighton Michigan on Sunday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>. (photos above and above right, submitted by Shirley Sturkin)

The Life Team at Our Savior Lutheran Church and School in Hartland traveled to the Planned Parenthood in Ann Arbor for the Kick-Off Rally and Jericho March on Sunday September 19<sup>th</sup> lead by Rev. Thoma of Our Savior. (photos right, submitted by Shirley Sturkin)



The Life Team at St. Luke Lutheran Church in Clinton Twp. held a seminar called *Speaking the Truth in Love on Life Issues* on September 18<sup>th</sup>. (pictured left and right, see more photos on the next page)





# ...in Michigan?



Pictured above (left to right) are the speakers at the event at St. Luke in Clinton Twp.: Executive Director of Compassion Pregnancy Center Sue Nellis, Director of Y4Life at LFL Michelle Bauman, St. Luke Life Team members Shannon and John Rudnicki reading a dialogue prepared by Michelle Bauman, and St. Luke Life Team Leader Lauren Schaidt introducing the speakers. We were also joined by LFL Executive Director of Mission and Ministry Rev. Michael Saleminck and LFL Executive Director of Finance and Operations Rev. Scott Licht on the phone for Q&A. The St. Luke Life Team would like to thank Lutherans For Life of Michigan for co-sponsoring the event.



Our Savior Lutheran Church and School held The Body of Christ in the Public Square conference October 16<sup>th</sup>. Topics included protecting the unborn and responding to Critical Race Theory. Pictured left top to bottom: LFLMI President Pastor Paul Clark, conservative author, speaker, and host Candace Owens, and Our Savior Life Team member and conference volunteer Shirley Sturkin.

Pictured above left to right: for life speaker and former Director of a Planned Parenthood Abby Johnson, Executive Director of Turning Point USA Charlie Kirk, and Our Savior Rev. Christopher Thoma. (all photos submitted by Jennifer Connelly)

# *Y4Life...*

## *Pumpkins for a Purpose: Turning Fall Fun into Support for Life*

By Cards4Life, the Y4Life group at Concordia University in Ann Arbor, submitted by Michelle Bauman

In the spring, some students at Concordia University, Ann Arbor, approached Dr. Charles Schulz of the theology department about starting a Life Team on campus. Since it was already late in the semester, they decided to wait until the fall to see what they could organize. As the new school year began, hosting a table on central campus found that a number of other students were eager to support the pro-life cause. The group settled on the name “Cards4Life” to connect it to the Y4Life movement among the other Concordia schools. They also decided to debut their organization with a pumpkin carving contest to raise funds for a worthy cause. God blessed their creativity with good success and good connections with the campus.

As they moved toward organizing the event, they found that the student services staff had already planned a pumpkin carving contest. However, they welcomed the student initiative and were glad to have Cards4Life take over the activity. Student Services then provided all the pumpkin carving tools and the reserved space on campus, as well as help with coordinating the logistics of storing and displaying the pumpkins. One of the Cards4Life students who commutes to campus from rural Michigan also asked local farmers for donations of pumpkins. Hearing of the cause, they were glad to contribute and thirty pumpkins were soon tucked away for the event.

Tuesday, Oct. 5, students were invited to carve pumpkins for free. They also selected among a number of pro-life causes to associate with their work—St. Jude’s research for sick children, Family of God among the homeless in Detroit, Hope Clinic in Ypsilanti, Family Life Services in Ypsilanti, and Ronald McDonald House. From Wednesday through Friday, faculty, students, and staff on campus were then invited to vote for their favorite pumpkin, at a cost of \$.50 per vote. The pumpkin and the cause with the greatest votes would take the total of the contributions. A student with a Venmo account for her personal business also accepted electronic donations for the activity to facilitate the giving.

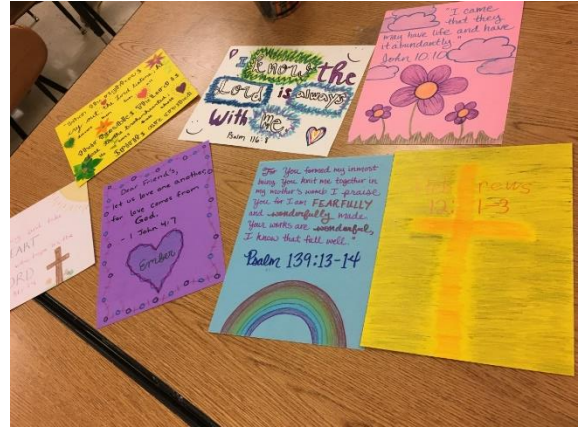
In the end, \$382.50 was raised. Winning carvers, Ellie Fritchka and Luke Neuhaus, were celebrated at the break between the first two quarters of the Homecoming game on Saturday. The winning charity was Family Life Services of Ypsilanti, Michigan, a pro-life pregnancy counseling and resource center for needy women and their families. With such a great beginning, Cards4Life is looking forward to the next work God will do through them for life.



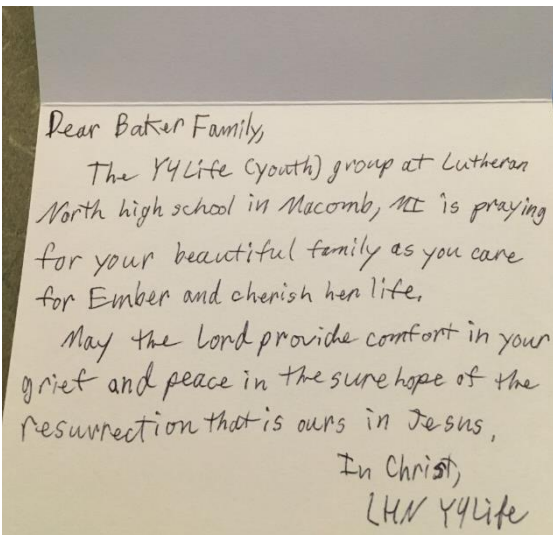


## ... in Michigan!

### *The Light of a Single Ember*



The Y4Life group at Lutheran North in Macomb participated in a nationwide effort to support the Baker family in Colorado as they await the November arrival of their daughter. She is expected to live only a few hours or days. Amid the grief that this family is experiencing, they want to cherish every moment with their daughter and testify to the value of her life, even if she is on this earth only for a short time. Her parents have chosen the name Ember. As an article explained, quoting her father, "'We spend a lot of times around campfires as a family,' he said. 'And it's just such a beautiful thing to see these embers break away from a fire, and fade away.' But Baker added that a tiny ember can also have a profound and unexpected effect on the world." Of the artwork being sent to them from around the country to decorate their delivery room, Ember's father says, "I think it would be such a testimony, to show that the world does care about this little unborn baby. I think a simple way to do that would be to make us the most beautiful delivery room in history." Please keep the Baker family in your prayers. To read the full article, go to [www.liveaction.org](http://www.liveaction.org).



# **Y4Life**

Why are Youth For Life?

Everyone high school or college age is invited to find out and learn how to support the value of all human life in words and actions.

**Find us here:**

**Youth4Life Podcast:** [www.y4life.org/youth4life-podcast/](http://www.y4life.org/youth4life-podcast/) or your favorite podcast platform

**Snapchat and Instagram:** Search for “LifeFacts” and “LifeSnaps” OR “LFL4LIFE” (but all lowercase)

**Conference Exhibits this Summer:**

Higher Things Conferences

Youth Gathering

the National Church Workers Conference

**YouTube Videos of Past Live Zoom Sessions:** [www.youtube.com/user/LutheransForLife/videos](http://www.youtube.com/user/LutheransForLife/videos)

**Chats4Life:** Join us two nights a month to learn about various life topics, exchange ideas with Y4Life teams, engage with guest speakers, and meet life leaders from across the nation. Contact Michelle Bauman for the Zoom login and password at [mbauman@lutheransforlife.org](mailto:mbauman@lutheransforlife.org) or send her a message through Y4Life’s social media platforms on Instagram or Snapchat.

**What About...Mondays?** Do you have a burning question or real-life situation that involves a life issue? Do you need advice as to how to speak from a Gospel-motivated perspective in an angry, anti-life world? If so, then What about . . . Mondays? is for you! Every second Monday of the month, students gather together on Zoom to talk about life issues they’d like to address. Based on youth questions and interests, Michelle Bauman and other members from LFL’s national staff help youth find a 4 Life answer to the problems the world tries to solve with death. Through practice and conversation, youth learn to address life issues from a Gospel-motivated perspective and share that perspective and hope with others.

Contact [mbauman@lutheransforlife.org](mailto:mbauman@lutheransforlife.org) for more information!

**Website:** [www.y4life.org](http://www.y4life.org)



**Y4LIFE** seeks to equip high-school- and college-aged youth to be Gospel-motivated voices 4 Life, publicly and privately answering the question: Why should I be 4 Life? Through service, education, worship, and celebration, youth are encouraged to engage in life-affirming activities and become Leaders 4 Life in their schools, communities, nation, and world!

([www.y4life.org/about/](http://www.y4life.org/about/))

Groups and individuals welcome to all events

**Learn, ask, discuss, serve, love – For Life**

*Join us!*

Contact Michelle Bauman (Director of Y4Life) for more information: [mbauman@lutheransforlife.org](mailto:mbauman@lutheransforlife.org)  
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# Legislative Report

By Rev. Paul Clark, President Lutherans For Life of Michigan

As the U.S. Supreme Court justices prepare to hear the case *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization*, we are asking that everyone would begin to pray for each justice on the Supreme Court. Pray that each justice will have the wisdom, courage, and faith to rule in favor of the humanity of the unborn. Please pray for each justice by name: Samuel Alito, Amy Coney Barrett, Stephen Breyer, Neil Gorsuch, Elena Kagan, Brett Kavanaugh, John Roberts, Sonia Sotomayor, and Clarence Thomas.

*Lord, in Your mercy...Hear our prayer!*

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## Life Sunday 2022

Bulletin Inserts • Bible Study  
Children's Message  
Worship Service • Sermons



### Life Sunday, Life Week, and More! *A few suggestions on sharing the For Life message ...*

**Calling All For Life Supporters!** LFL is excited to announce a brand new multi-generational online and in-person opportunity: **Life Week 2022: God Chose You**. Plan to join us each day from Sunday, January 16, through Saturday, January 22, 2022, to learn about, share, and build excitement For Life in your home, church, school, and community! Each themed day will explore a distinct aspect of life ministry through local activities, online educational events, and interviews. Top off the week in person or online with mountaintop experiences like the **March for Life** and **Y4Life in Washington, D.C.** Watch for more news on our Facebook page and [lutheransforlife.org](http://lutheransforlife.org)!



*Other ways to share the For Life message:*

- Place a white flower in/on chancel/altar when a person is baptized (representing the new life found in Christ).
- During worship services, display crib quilts which can later be donated to a pregnancy center.
- Have a "Celebrate Life" service on March 25 (The Annunciation of our Lord).
- Make a "For Life" banner for use at church in conjunction with Life Sunday or another event.
- On Life Sunday, celebrate the Baptism of all children baptized since the previous year's Life Sunday. Each family gets a letter of invitation prior to the Life Sunday "celebration."

(from [2022 Life Sunday flyer website.pdf \(lutheransforlife.org\)](#))

## **Upcoming Events**

### **Life Sunday**

**Sunday, January 23, 2022**

Please consider having a resource table or other event to remember the 49<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Roe v. Wade (January 22, 1973). Go to [lutheransforlife.org/store-life-sunday-2022/](http://lutheransforlife.org/store-life-sunday-2022/) for resources, including bulletin inserts, a Bible study, sermons and much more. Pamphlets and other resources can also be ordered from Concordia Publishing House at [www.cph.org](http://www.cph.org) or 1-800-325-3040.



**Mental Health & Children Seminar  
At Our Savior Lutheran School  
February 12, 2022  
9:00am-3:00pm (doors open at 8:30)**



#### **Parents, Grandparents, and Concerned Adults:**

The Lutherans for Life (L4L) Team at Our Savior Hartland is excited to invite you to come and learn alongside us some very crucial ways that we can protect our children in today's society.

The seminar we are planning will focus on the following topics from these top tier speakers:

- **Digital Top Safety Tips & Tricks – Chris McKenna (Founder of Protect Young Eyes)**
  - **Transgenderism – Rev. Salemink (National Director of L4L)**
  - **Sexuality & Purity – Rev. Salemink (National Director of L4L)**
- **Depression & Suicide – Eric Hipple – Former Detroit Lions Quarterback**

If you have concerns regarding what our children are being exposed to through social media, internet, television, the public school system, and peers; if you are alarmed by the dramatic increase of teenaged depression and suicide; if you want tips on how to communicate with your children this seminar is for you!

#### **Ticket Price \$15**

Morning refreshments and lunch will be included

**Register On-Line at Eventbrite Only, No Ticket Sales at the Door**

<http://oursaviorlifeteam0222.eventbrite.com>

**Registration closes Saturday January 29<sup>th</sup> due to lunch supply chain concerns**

**Questions 248-887-4300**

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"Yet the whole world needs — like never before — to remember and rejoice in the sanctity of life! Humankind needs to hear and see and feel and believe the Gospel — that Almighty God creates, redeems and calls every human life as His own precious treasure, from fertilization to forever, for the sake of Jesus Christ the Savior. Our mission at Lutherans For Life is to help equip you to be Gospel-motivated voices For Life — speaking with courage and compassion! This truth is still changing hearts! This love is still saving lives!

.... For the sake of our nation, we speak words of warning. For the sake of our neighbors, we speak words of winning over. For the sake of our brothers and sisters, for the sake of the communion of saints, for the sake of the Gospel mission, we will not fall silent. And we will not sit still. — Rev. Michael W. Salemink, Lutherans For Life executive director of mission and ministry."

(Excerpts from article on Recognized Service Organizations: Serving in the Name of Christ, vol. 6, issue 3, October 2021, [files.lcms.org/file/preview/E3A6B51A-072D-4979-8AE5-CDD00936FBE4?](https://files.lcms.org/file/preview/E3A6B51A-072D-4979-8AE5-CDD00936FBE4?))