

Lifelines

February, March, April 2021

The President's Column

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

The landscape of human history is littered with the undeniable evidence of sin, and its end result - **death**.

But death is not a part of God's original order. Death is *unnatural*. That is why man still has within him a will to live. The mark of true civilization throughout history has been a desire to fight *against* death, to protect the weak and innocent and vulnerable, and to promote *life*. On the other hand, the mark of barbarism is to *embrace death* as a solution, to give power only to the strong, and thus to view human life as cheap and expendable.

In the ancient days of the kingdom of Israel, there was a place called the Valley of Hinnom. Babies and children were believed to have been sacrificed there to the false god (*demon*) Molech. Apparently, they were burned in large firepits, and to add to the horror, it is thought that drums were pounded during the grisly process to drown out the screams and cries of the dying children.

Today, the fires of the Valley of Hinnom still burn, and they burn here in America. The false god today may not be named Molech, but may come under the name of *Reproductive Freedom*, or autonomy over one's own body, and the fires are fed by the selfish craving for power and pleasure that further this gruesome holocaust. Sadly, in many instances, it is simply the bondage of fear and ignorance that may lead some young women to choose to terminate the life of their unborn baby. *But we hold up something better!*

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Life. Choose life.

Every person is unique, and each one is given **the gift of life** by Almighty God. Each precious baby is a soul for which the Prince of Glory died. Each little baby girl or boy is one whom our Lord Jesus loves and desires to come to the waters of Holy Baptism and receive the washing of regeneration that brings new life.

For in Holy Baptism, God's name is placed upon us. That name means for us life and salvation, for in baptism we are sealed with the very blood of Christ, the One who loves us and died for us. He took our place, that our sins might be wiped out. Yes, including those who have sinned in having an abortion, participating in the procedure of abortion, or simply failing to speak up against abortion.

In Jesus, there is forgiveness. In Jesus, there is new life.

As we enter a very volatile and uncertain year, we do so still marked with the blood of Jesus. We do so "walking wet" from the never-drying waters of our baptism. We do so as God's people, strengthened by the Word and fed by the holy manna of the body and blood of Jesus in the Lord's Supper. *(continued on p.4)*

The mission of LFL is to equip Lutherans to be Gospel-motivated voices For Life.

LFL Vision Statement:

Every Lutheran, both individually and in community, upholding the God-given value of human life and influencing society to do the same.

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St. Paul's Lutheran Church Ladies Guild, Milan, MI

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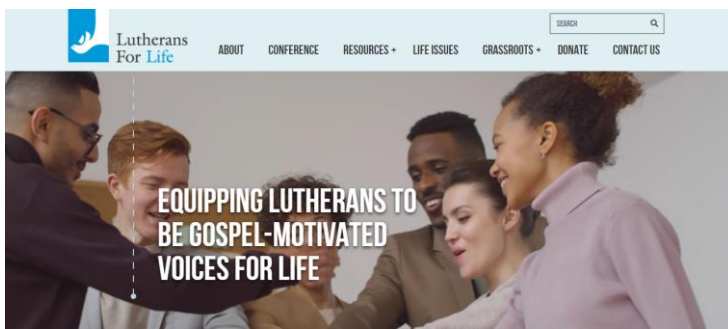
So, we continue this battle – **for the right to life**. This is beyond politics, beyond just being considered an “*issue*.” Abortion, and also euthanasia and physician-assisted suicide, are abominations in the Lord’s eyes. We have *God’s Word*. We have *the truth* that can set people free – including those who have been so badly scarred by abortion in the past.

The Lord Jesus, who died and rose again, is with us – **always**. Yes, even as we enter this year of 2021 with all of its danger, turmoil, anxiety, and uncertainty. God is **with** us. God is **for** us. We are **never** alone.

So, dear saints of God, continue to stand **for life**, fight **for life**, speak **for life**...and in the words of Winston Churchill, “*Never give in. Never, never, never!*”

God help us! Amen!

Lutherans For Life – Check out their three new websites!



lutheransforlife.org



word-of-hope.org



y4life.org

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

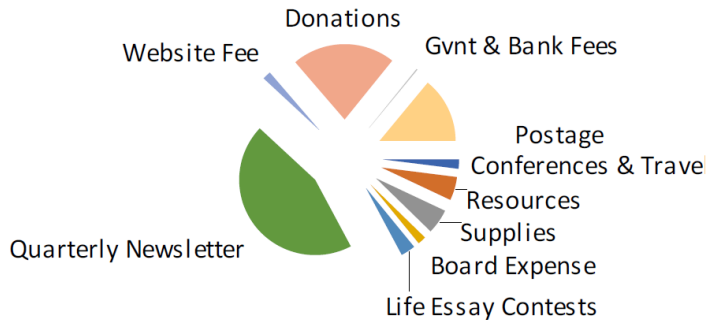
Annual Financial Report

Submitted by Earl Iseler, Treasurer of Lutherans For Life of Michigan

2020 Financial Report

Balance on January 1, 2020	\$28,876.40
Total 2020 Income	\$18,908.34
Total 2020 Expenses	\$11,120.81
Balance on December 31, 2020	\$36,663.93

All of the books are balanced with the PNC Bank statement as of December 31, 2020.
The following chart shows the distribution of expenditures during 2020.



We praise and thank the Lord of life for your generous donations. Your gifts enable us to carry out our mission in Michigan churches, schools, and communities, to give witness to the sanctity of all human life, from fertilization until forever, based upon the Word of God. And they allow us to provide most resources free of charge.

Income for 2020 was again very good compared to past years. Because of Covid-19 restrictions on gatherings, we were not able to carry out our planned activities. Therefore, we provided additional financial support to several pregnancy resource centers around the state. We would be pleased to discuss aiding and providing seed money to help start a Life Team at your congregation, or to help your Life Team progress to the next step. We would also like to discuss assisting your congregation in hosting a Life Issues event. If you have high school or college students or others with limited resources that would like to attend one of the Lutherans For Life Regional Life Conferences, please contact us, we may be able to help.

We welcome your suggestions for more effective ways to inform and educate Lutherans and others regarding all life issues.

How to Give

Secure On-line Giving Through Kindred

Donations may be made to Lutherans For Life of Michigan through a secure giving portal at our website, www.lflmi.org. On the Home page click on DONATE. Please wait a few seconds and the Giving Portal will be displayed. Click on "Choose a Fund." Select "Donate" to make a general gift, "Honorarium" to give a gift in honor of someone, or "Memorial" to give a gift in memory of someone. If you choose Honorarium or Memorial, please enter the name or names of the person or persons being honored or memorialized in the 2nd box, enter your credit card or bank account information and submit your donation.

Donations to Lutherans For Life of Michigan or to National Lutherans For Life

The enclosed remittance envelope is used to give a donation to Lutherans For Life of Michigan. The "I WANT TO SPEAK FOR LIFE" form provided is to give a donation to National Lutherans For Life in Nevada, IA. When using that form you need to provide your own envelope and address it to the address shown on the bottom of the form. Lutherans For Life of Michigan is part of Lutherans For Life but we have separate budgets and bank accounts. The National office has paid full-time staff members but Lutherans For Life of Michigan has no paid staff. LFL sponsors conferences and develops resources to be used throughout the United States and other countries. LFL of MI provides educational information and sponsors conferences in Michigan churches, schools, and communities.

Lutherans For Life of Michigan

2021 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 2021 Conference theme and Conference bible verse: **GOD CHOSE YOU** based on John 15:16, which reads *“You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit.”*

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 by **February 28, 2021**.

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 2021 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



Rubric for Assessment of the Life Essay

(maximum of 21 points for each essay)

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ORGANIZATION 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.
INTRODUCTION Background/History Thesis Statement CONCLUSION	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.
MAIN POINTS 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.
FOCUS 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.
BIBLICAL ACCURACY	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.
STYLE 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.
MECHANICS 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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INTRODUCTION/CONCLUSION	
MAIN POINTS	
FOCUS	
BIBLICAL ACCURACY	
STYLE	
MECHANICS	
TOTAL POINTS	

Students Name _____

Church/School _____ Grade _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Student Email Address _____

Phone Number _____

Teacher/Pastor _____ Email _____

What's Happening in Michigan?



I had the pleasure of speaking with members of St. Matthew Lutheran Church in Spring Lake about developing a Life Team and then speaking with the congregation at the beginning of Bible study time about a For Life approach to end of life issues. *(pictured left, submitted by St. Matthew member and retired pastor Scott Benjamin)*

Display at Our Savior Lutheran Church in Grand Rapids *(pictured right, submitted by Earl Iseler)*



Life Sunday

Churches across Michigan participated in Life Sunday in remembrance of the passing of Roe v. Wade. January 22nd marked 48 years since the Supreme Court decision. Churches participated with display tables with For Life resources, bulletin inserts, For Life sermons or Bible studies, or other activities supporting the value of human life in all stages and situations. You can order pamphlets and other resources by going to www.cph.org and searching "Lutherans For Life."

Upcoming Events

LIFE WEEK 2021 ZOOM PRESENTATIONS

Each day, the LFL team is going to be hosting an online educational event for YOU that will focus on one area of invisibility in modern society. Even better, our guest speakers will highlight how God speaks directly to each life issue. Take a look at this amazing lineup:

Day 1: Rev. Michael Salemink, Executive Director of Mission and Ministry, LFL

Day 2: Rev. Dr. Michael Eschelbach, Professor of Theology at Concordia Irvine

Day 3: Erin Maggard, Pro-life speaker and writer

Day 4: Mona Fuerstenau, Disability Advocate and Ministry Consultant, and **Rev. Scott Licht**, Executive Director of Finance and Operations, LFL

Day 5: Deaconess Chrissie Gillet, [Word of Hope](#) Director, LFL

Day 6: Deaconess Pam Nielson, Associate Executive Director of LCMS Communications

Day 7: Panel

Discussion including: **Deaconess Pat Nuffer**, Disability Advocate, and her son, **Carl Nuffer**, who is a vibrant testament to the gift of life with Down syndrome; **Amy Skogerboe**, Jesus-loving Inspirational Christian Speaker; and **Deaconess Chrissie Gillet**, [Word of Hope](#) Director, LFL

Day 8: Rev. Hans Fiene, Pastor at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church in Crestwood, Missouri, and creator of Lutheran Satire (Session 1); **Michelle Bauman**, Director of [Y4Life](#) (Session 2)

(from www.lutheransforlife.org/life-week-2021)

Go there to register for Life Week in order to receive the Zoom access information. If you receive this newsletter too late to attend live, please go to that website for the recorded videos.)

Annual Diaper Drive

When: Mother's Day – Father's Day (May 9th – June 20th)

What: Collect diapers to donate to local pregnancy centers

Where: Your congregation

Let us know how many you collect and where you donate them (contact Lauren at schaidtl@gmail.com or 586-214-3116). We love to print it to bring awareness of our many pregnancy centers in Michigan and encourage others to support them throughout the year!



For Life Live is on the first and third Tuesdays of each month at 7:00 p.m. CT/8:00 p.m. ET. These Zoom presentations are informative, impactful, and insightful and will inspire you to know and to act in accordance with your For Life values and beliefs. These 90-minute events allow speakers to go in-depth with plenty of opportunity for Q & A. To participate, email Rev. Jeff Duncan at jduncan@lutheransforlife.org and ask for the required unique Zoom ID and Passcode.

Are you interested in discussing contemporary life issues with other high school and college-aged youth? Would you like to learn how to address those issues from a Gospel-motivated perspective? **Chats 4 Life** offers young adults opportunities to connect via Zoom with other 4Life youth from across the nation.

Contact mbauman@lutheransforlife.org for the latest meeting code and password! (Taken from www.lutheransforlife.org)

Life Leadership Summit

Greetings, Dear Saints in Christ Jesus!

On **Sunday, April 25th** from 2:00pm-5:00pm you are invited to attend a **LIFE LEADERSHIP SUMMIT** at **St. Paul Lutheran Church in Fowler** (near Lansing). The address is **331 N. Sorrell Street, Fowler, Michigan 48835**. (Phone: 517-420-4826)

As President of Lutherans For Life of Michigan, and speaking on behalf of our Board of Directors, it is our sincere hope that you will consider attending this important one day summit.

There is an **urgency**, especially with the current climate of our culture, to stand **now** for the unborn children who are being destroyed in the womb, to stand **now** for the Down's Syndrome child, the handicapped, the elderly, and the dying. For too long, we have often been content to leave to others to speak on behalf of those who have no voice. ***This is the time to join our voices to theirs - in defense of all innocent human life, from conception to the grave. In doing so, we serve the Lord of Life, who has given us His life on the cross, to wash away our every sin. Baptized into Christ, we are His own, called to walk in the light as He Himself is the Light.***

Do not be concerned about whether you have a place within the pro-life movement: **YOU DO!** There is a place for all who would desire to find ways to educate others about the issues, to serve those who are facing a crisis pregnancy, or those who are dealing with feelings of guilt and shame from a past abortion. There are *so many* ways to help: Prayer, writing letters, speaking one on one about the issues to your neighbor, helping at a Crisis Pregnancy Center, getting the word about Life out at your church, and many more.

Please consider attending this half-day summit. Together with fellow Lutherans from all parts of the State of Michigan, you will enjoy fellowship, brainstorm, and share ideas of how we can serve our Lord Jesus Christ, by serving "*the least of these*" His brethren, in His name!

Hope to see you there! God bless!

Pastor Paul Clark



Keynote Speaker: Rev. Jeffrey W. Duncan, Director of Mission and Ministry for Lutherans

Rev. Jeffrey W. Duncan joined the LFL staff with an active duty call to serve as Mission and Ministry Director in January 2020. In this capacity he actively encourages and equips Gospel Motivated Voices for Life in LFL Chapters, Life Teams, and State Federations across the U.S. Appointed to the National Board of Directors in 2017, he has over 30-years of volunteer activity in LFL chapters, his parishes, and as District Life Coordinator of the KS District LCMS. Pastor Duncan received his Master of Divinity from [Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, MO](#) in June 2001 and served parishes in Sullivan, MO and Wichita, KS. In 2017, he took Emeritus status, moved to Bellevue, NE, took secular work, and supported Melissa as she cared for her aging and ailing father in their home fulltime until his passing. Married to Melissa for 38-years, the father of two daughters, Rev. Duncan also enjoys being 'Papa D' to two wonderful grandchildren in Seward, NE.

I WANT TO SPEAK OUT FOR LIFE!

I want to become a member of LFL (Please select a membership category.)

___ Annual: \$35 \$50 \$75 Other \$ ___ (A donation of any amount will enroll you as an annual member of LFL.)

___ Sponsor: I commit to a monthly gift of \$ ___ (Annual & Sponsor contributions to LFL are tax-deductible.)

I'm not interested in membership, but am enclosing a contribution of \$ ___ to support the national efforts of LFL.

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Chapter Name/# (if applicable) _____ Occupation _____

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Word of Hope

LFL's Post Abortion Healing Ministry

We can help, contact us at:

1-888-217-8679

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help@word-of-hope.org

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“The world needs your voice to declare Jesus’ words of eternal life. The world needs your voice to declare God’s value of life in all of its stages. The world needs your voice to declare God’s convictions born of His Word. The world needs your voice to declare that God’s word of forgiveness purchased with the blood of Jesus extends to all of us sinners, including those who have chosen abortion. The world needs your voice!” *Rev. David Eibel, Living Word Lutheran Church, Grapevine, Texas – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

“God is not just our God or the God of just our people or just our nation or our congregation or our denomination or our demographic category or our tribe or our ethnicity or our language. There is no justice if it’s just about just us. No, God is the God of all time and all space and all people. In Christ, all things hang together. Step into your new year with this fresh recognition that the Holy Spirit wants to fill every nook and cranny of your life until you overflow with God’s everlasting love for everybody.” *Pastor John Nunes on The Lutheran Hour – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*