

Lifelines

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President's Column

OUR RALLYING CRY: STAND FIRM FOR LIFE!

Pastor Paul Clark

"Imitate the action of the tiger; Stiffen the sinews, summon up the blood," says King Henry V to his troops before battle.
(Williams Shakespeare, Henry V, Act 3, Scene 1)

That is what is known as a **rallying cry**, words that ignite people to act for a common cause or purpose.

Stand firm for Life. In effect, this is **our rallying cry**, as we seek to protect and hold sacred human life in all its phases, from fertilization to the grave. We are in a spiritual and cultural battle. **Stiffen the sinews; summon up the blood. Take courage! Stand firm for Life!**

But standing firm implies having a **solid foundation**. How firm is your foundation?

When a skyscraper is constructed, the first step is to drive steel or concrete piles deep into the ground to form a foundation that will safely support this tall and massive structure, enabling it to endure storm and wind and quake.

We have such a foundation in Jesus Christ and His Word. For *"you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of*

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the household of God, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord." (Ephesians 2:19-21, ESV)

We are well-grounded in Christ. By the Spirit's power, our pillars are set deeply into the bedrock of His Word. The howling winds and torrential rains of the culture of death will assault us, but we can and will stand firm for Life, for we have Christ, who **IS** our Life. We have the Word of truth that cannot return void but accomplishes all that God wills and desires.

The shifting sands and loose topsoil of this world cannot provide a firm foundation. We live in a time of spiritual darkness that pervades the culture and, sadly, even some areas of the contemporary Church.

Too many hibernate in a cocoon of silence in relation to abortion and life issues. They hide behind the smokescreen of the *so-called separation between church and state*, refusing to address topics that are integral to the Gospel of Life that Jesus came to bring.

Only the Light of Jesus can dispel the morbid mantle of darkness in this world. Time is fleeting. Babies are dying. Women suffer great harm from the abortion culture. Marriages are crumbling. Many are lost in the mindless confusion of gender identity and dysphoria. (Continued on p. 4)

LFL's mission is to equip Lutherans and their neighbors 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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The famous writer Sir Walter Scott kept a large garden at his estate in Melrose, Scotland. In its center stood a sundial that had these words engraved upon it: **ERCHETAI NUX**. That is Greek for ***"The Night is coming."***

And so, it is. Time is short. The battalions of darkness array themselves against all that is good, all that is noble, all that is holy. But we have the **LIGHT** that overcomes the darkness.

For we have a warrior – *the very **SON OF GOD Himself*** – who grabs hold of us and will not let go. **JESUS** came down into the mud and mire of this corrupted world and gave His life for us. He took into himself the poison of our sins - *all of them* – even the sin of abortion. He was crucified, died, and rose – *for us!* He loves us fiercely and has done everything necessary to bring all His beloved people safely home.

Whatever troubles and anxieties come upon you, or when you become fearful of those who oppose you, remember that Jesus Christ is with you always. His Word stands. *I will never leave you or forsake you. I am with you always. I prepare a place for you.*

Courage, dear saints! You have not been abandoned to stand *alone* on the wintry plain of despair. You are grounded in Jesus.

So, *"stiffen the sinews, summon up the blood!"* **STAND FIRM FOR LIFE**. That is our rallying cry. But make sure you are well-grounded, piles driven deep into the bedrock of Christ and His Word. Attend the *Divine Service*. Receive His precious body and blood. Go to Bible Class. *Know WHAT you believe and WHY*. Be a Gospel-motivated voice for the unborn, for the weak, the defenseless, the aged, the infirm, and the dying. Keep watch for wolves in sheep's clothing who may appear Christ-like on the exterior, but who hold positions that are in contrast and opposition to God's Word.

Merciful Lord, help us to stand firmly on the foundation of Your Holy Word, to proclaim the truth of life and salvation through Christ alone, the sanctity of all human life, born and unborn, and Your design of male and female, sexuality and marriage. Help us **to be who we are called to be as Your people**, washed by the sparkling waters of Holy Baptism, and brought into Your blessed kingdom of grace. Dear Lord, help us to value this treasure aright. ***"Sustain me, O Lord, till Your Day of returning, and harvest me homeward at last, to shine in the homeland that quiets all yearning, where sorrow and danger are past."*** (LSB #654). **Amen.**

News from Loving Arms, Macomb County Chapter 94 of LFL

By Karen Hoerauf, President 586-247-5177 51hills@sbcglobal.net

The following article was written by Joyce Folcarelli, a member at St. John, Fraser and a volunteer at Compassion Pregnancy Center. The Center recently moved from Gratiot in Clinton Township to 31900 Utica Road, Fraser, MI 48026. It is now within a mile of St. John Lutheran Church, Fraser. This Center will be the recipient of the diaper drive collection from St. John.

Babies and moms are some of God's greatest creations, and for the past 12 years I've had the privilege of volunteering at Compassion Pregnancy Center in the Baby Boutique. It's a joy to help new moms and dads find what they need to care for their children.

One of my favorite parts is when parents bring their little ones with them. While they're shopping, a toddler might come over to the books, and I'll help them pick one out. It's such a simple moment, but it always makes me smile. Moments like that remind me it's not just about the items—it's about showing care and kindness in a small but meaningful way. Compassion Pregnancy Center empowers those facing unplanned pregnancies to choose life, and it's a blessing to be part of that mission. Through the generosity of churches, organizations, and individuals, families receive clothing, diapers, formula, and other essentials. But beyond the items, what stands out most is the gratitude of the parents and the hope you can see growing in their lives.



What's Happening in Michigan?

Shelley Hollar, the Director of Positive Options Grand Haven, gladly accepted the gift of 20 Children's Bibles for the pregnancy center's clients. The Life Team at St. John's in Grand Haven donated the Bibles on behalf of our church after Shelley spoke to the Bible class on Life Sunday. Each Bible contained a card with the church information and a handwritten note from a Life Team member. (submitted by Paula Cate)



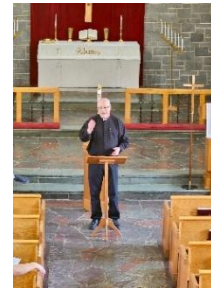
Lutheran High North's new For Life group Wonderfully Made, under the leadership of teacher John Brandt, recently held a Meet the Authors event. The group's students who submitted essays for the Lutherans For Life Essay Contest read their essays to an audience of parents, teachers, and fellow students. It was a beautiful and inspiring event upholding the value of life in all ages, stages, and situations with the love and hope of our Savior Jesus Christ. What a wonderful way to showcase their writing talents and get to hear their gospel-motivated voices For Life! (submitted by John Brandt)

***Look for the results of the Lutherans For Life of Michigan Essay Contest
in the next issue of Lifelines!***

The 2026 Lutherans For Life of Michigan Life Summit

This year's Life Summit welcomed the Executive Director of Lutherans For Life Rev. Dr. Aric Fenske. Pastor Paul Clark, President of Lutherans For Life of Michigan, began with a presentation entitled "They Shall Not Overpower Us" that provided strong encouragement to attendees to continue to speak and work to protect human life even amidst strong opposition. Dr. Fenske then gave two presentations: "Abortion, Eugenics, Adultery and More: The Multifaceted Problems of IVF" and "The Dangers of Chemical Abortion and Its Connection to Human Trafficking." These excellent presentations educated us on a variety of For Life issues and the harms that may go unnoticed all wrapped in the comfort of the gospel of Christ's forgiveness for every sin. The event was also a great time to join together to sing several hymns worshipping the Lord of Life and discuss these issues in a great Q&A time. Plan to join us for the annual Life Summit for next April! More information will be announced in future issues of Lifelines.

(See the following pages for the official Position Statement of Lutherans For Life on In Vitro Fertilization.)



Pictured above left: Pastor Lance Klamer and Pastor Paul Clark of St. Paul in Fowler (on the ends) and Dr. Aric Fenske and his wife Marie.

Legislative Report

By Pastor Paul Clark

As usual, thanks to the demonic changes in the State Constitution voted in with Proposal 3, abortion access continues nearly unimpeded in Michigan. Yet, whenever possible, pro-life lawmakers are working to protect whatever restrictions may remain (such as parental consent), as well as introducing new legislation to care for the lives of mothers and their babies, and support and encourage pro-life efforts.

One of these legislative bills is regarding Abortion Reporting and Complication Reporting. Proposal 3 wiped out the requirement for such reporting, thus making it impossible for there to be any civil or criminal penalties imposed on abortion providers, even if complications arose. This lack of transparency is very dangerous to women who may be unaware of the risks going into an abortion. There has been a 38% spike in abortion complications in the final 2024 report, before such reporting requirements came to an end. Proposed legislation would attempt to reinstate abortion and complication reporting and require the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services to publish an annual report on abortion statistics.

Pro-life bills are also being considered to support pregnancy by eliminating sales tax on all baby items, including diapers, wipes, and baby clothes. Many women cite financial hardship as a reason for abortion. Policies that ease the financial pressures associated with having a child can help women feel more supported when making a choice for life.

In vitro Fertilization

- WHEREAS, Life is a gift from God (Psalm 127:3, 139:13-16; John 1:1-4; SC Creed, First Article); and
- WHEREAS, God's will is to bestow life through the procreative one-flesh union of one man and one woman (Genesis 2:18-24; Ruth 4:13; Matthew 19:5); and
- WHEREAS, When Adam fell, he brought pain and sorrow in childbearing, which, in addition to physical pain and death, may also include infertility, upon women and their families (Genesis 3:16)¹; and
- WHEREAS, God, in His hidden will, occasionally closes the womb (Genesis 16:2, 20:18, 30:2; 1 Samuel 1:5-6); and
- WHEREAS, God has written His Law in the hearts of men and women (i.e. Natural Law; c.f. Romans 1:18-20, 2:14-15), and thus, the desire for children is fully ingrained in humanity and is a truly Godly desire when expressed in the context of the marriage of one man and one woman (Genesis 1:27-28; Exodus 20:14; AC XXIII 5; LC Ten Commandments 207) in recognition of His gift; and
- WHEREAS, In an attempt to circumvent the condition of infertility, medical researchers and clinicians have developed *in-vitro* fertilization (henceforth, IVF), in which sperm and egg cells (collectively called gametes) are combined in the laboratory, resulting in the formation of embryos, *each* of which is a fully human sinner for whom Christ died (Psalm 51:5); and
- WHEREAS, The harvesting of sperm cells is most frequently accomplished through masturbation, which is ethically concerning, and in cases of male infertility, various invasive techniques may be utilized; and
- WHEREAS, The harvesting of egg cells involves the use of intensive medication, which hyper-stimulates the ovaries, causing them to release up to 20 eggs per cycle, rather than the usual 1, and this use of medication to generate multiple egg cells may result in ovarian hyperstimulation syndrome which can be moderate to severe in 1-5% of cases, or even fatal²; and
- WHEREAS, To assist women older than 35 years of age whose egg cells are no longer able to be fertilized, or same-sex couples, or others who desire genetically-related children, researchers are working on developing *in-vitro* gametogenesis (henceforth, IVG), in which the DNA from other cells in the body (for example, skin) is introduced into the egg cell of a third-party donor³; and
- WHEREAS, The embryos that are formed are monitored and graded by their appearance in a microscope, and some may undergo genetic testing, and those deemed unfit for any reason are destroyed, thus incorporating eugenics into the process; and
- WHEREAS, Typically, 2-5 embryos are transferred to the woman, increasing the likelihood that

one will be implanted; the remainder are either killed and discarded in medical waste, donated for experiments that kill and destroy them, or frozen for future transfers; furthermore, there is a risk of mortality associated with freezing, and in the end, the death of any embryo is the death of a human being; and

WHEREAS, IVF/IVG bypass God's design of the one-flesh union of one man and one woman for procreation, and often (always in IVG) introduces third and even fourth parties when donor gametes are used; and

WHEREAS, IVF may intentionally separate the child from one or both biological parents (see for example the LFL Position Statement on Surrogacy); and

WHEREAS, There is a risk at fertilization of using the wrong gametes, or at transfer of transferring the wrong embryos; and

WHEREAS, Many clinics proceed with IVF without diagnosing the reason for infertility, and in some underlying disorders, the transfer of an embryo may result in the introduction of the embryo into a hostile intrauterine environment that affords him/her little chance of survival; and

WHEREAS, God occasionally implants more than one of the transferred embryos into the womb, leading to multiple pregnancies and recommendations on the part of many OBGYN physicians for "selective reduction," namely the killing of "excess babies" by abortion; furthermore, not every embryo that is transferred is implanted, and thus dies in the process of the transfer; and

WHEREAS, IVF is associated with increased risk of adverse pregnancy outcomes, even after adjusting for maternal characteristics and multiple pregnancies⁴; and

WHEREAS, IVF is associated with increased risk of preterm birth, low birth weight, congenital malformations, and neonatal death, though the limited long-term data appear reassuring⁵; and

WHEREAS, IVF prioritizes adult desires over the rights of the children; and

WHEREAS, Embryos resulting from IVF are treated as property and not as human beings with the God-given rights to life and dignity; and

WHEREAS, Many who claim to be pro-life vigorously support the expansion of IVF, in spite of the vast numbers of children who are killed in the process; and

WHEREAS, In the end, IVF and IVG usurp the role of God as the creator of life (Genesis 3:5); therefore be it

RESOLVED, That Lutherans For Life opposes IVF and IVG; and be it further

RESOLVED, That Lutherans For Life acknowledges that children resulting from IVF (and in the future from IVG/IVF, if the technology is implemented) are ones for whom Christ

died, are precious to God, and are ones with whom He has richly blessed our communities; and be it further

RESOLVED, that Lutherans For Life thanks God for couples who desire to bear children, and fully recognizes the deep pain and sorrow suffered by those impacted by infertility; and be it further

RESOLVED, That Lutherans For Life encourages couples who are infertile to seek out physicians who will attempt to diagnose and apply God's First-Article gifts to treat any disorders that have rendered them infertile; and be it further

RESOLVED, That Lutherans For Life encourages those who lack a reversible cause for their infertility, to find worth and purpose in God's love, take comfort in the Christian community, and accept God's "no" to biological children as a vocation to benefit the neighbor in another way, possibly including fostering and/or adopting; and be it further

RESOLVED, That couples who are not able to bear children be allowed to grieve and wrestle with God, and that the Church bear these crosses along with the couple; and be it further

RESOLVED, That couples who have used IVF and some of whose young children remain frozen, consider bringing them to birth, or allowing for their adoption by couples willing and eager so to do; and be it further

RESOLVED, That for those couples who have used IVF and sincerely regret having done so, there is forgiveness at the foot of the Cross; Lutherans For Life encourages them to confess to their Pastor and receive God's absolution through him.

Notes:

1. The Hebrew word *etzeb* (עֲצֵב) can mean both pain and sorrow
2. The symptoms of ovarian hyperstimulation syndrome may include abdominal pain, excessive weight gain, nausea, diarrhea, blood clots, excess fluid, respiratory distress, ovarian cysts (which may rupture), and death.
3. The DNA is removed from the third-party donor's egg cell, after which the DNA from the intended parent is inserted into the donor cell. The cell is then treated so as to allow for only half of the parent's chromosomes to be retained, while the matching ones are discarded by the cell, and the cell is then fertilized with a sperm cell to begin embryo development. This remains a work-in-progress; about 50% of the embryos in the preliminary work (performed using heterosexual couples) contained one chromosome from the mother matched with one from the father; the others contained either two from the mother for every one from the father, or none from the mother. See NM Gutierrez, et al., "Induction of experimental cell division to generate cells with reduced chromosome ploidy," *Nature Communications* (2025)16:8340 <https://doi.org/10.1038/s41467-025-63454-7> (accessed 20 October, 2025) Furthermore, in IVG, even though the DNA in the nucleus comes from the woman's cells, the mitochondrial DNA, along with the cytoplasm and organelles in the formed cell, derives from the donor egg; see M Tachibana, et al., "Human Embryonic Stem Cells Derived by Somatic Cell Nuclear Transfer," *Cell* (2013)153:1228-1238.
4. Y Bentov and J Schenker, "IVF and pregnancy outcomes: the triumphs, challenges, and unanswered questions," *Journal of Ovarian Research* (2025)18:228 <https://doi.org/10.1186/s13048-025-01692-5> (accessed 22 October, 2025).
5. RJ Hart, LA Wijs, "The longer-term effects of IVF on offspring from childhood to adolescence," *Frontiers in Reproductive Health* (2022) <https://doi.org/10.3389/frph.2022.1045762> (accessed 22 October, 2025). Well-designed long-term studies have yet to be conducted; additionally, there may be a period effect on outcome data, owing to changes in IVF techniques.

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Upcoming Events

The Annual Diaper Drive

When: Mother's Day – Father's Day (May 10th – June 21st)

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!

Who **WILL** Care For Your Family? (Getting Your Household in Order)

Save the Date! On September 12, 2026 the Our Savior Lutheran Church, Grand Rapids Life Team is sponsoring "Who **WILL** Care For Your Family? (Getting Your Household in Order). Tentative schedule is 8:30 until around noon. This is for all age groups, childcare, activities for the children, and snacks will be provided.

Christina Shourds, Attorney, Pathway Law PLLC, a member of St. Matthew Lutheran Church, Grand Rapids, will present on Estate Planning topics including:

1. Trusts
2. Wills
3. Powers of Attorney for Finances (and general legal decisions)
4. Powers of Attorney for Health Care (with advance health care decision guidance)
5. HIPAA Authorizations
6. Designation of Funeral Representatives
7. Nomination of Guardians and Conservators for Minors

Rev. Jeremy Swem, pastor of Our Savior will present on Funeral Planning.

These topics, which may seem morbid or dark, acknowledge the reality we live in a broken and sinful world.

As Christians we know that since the fall illnesses, injuries, and death occur. We are not to worry or despair of what may happen in the future. God has given us intelligence and resources to thoughtfully prepare for worldly challenges in a manner that minimizes burdens on our loved ones, reduces the potential for conflict, and ensures our religious beliefs are honored in the darkest of valleys.

Introducing... Congregational House of Refuge



Shine your light internally and externally, sharing how your congregation is a safe place for pregnant mothers. Your support will give them hope to raise their baby. Walk with them should they decide adoption is their choice. During this special time you and your church are there as their child develops and they prepare for this next stage in life.

How do you do this?

- The pastor reviews the program carefully recommending it to church leaders.
- The congregational leaders review and approve the program.
- The leaders share the program with the congregation for approval.
- The pastor submits the Congregational House of Refuge agreement.
- The pastor reads a commitment statement in worship twice a year.
- The congregation gets involved through mentoring, praying, and providing a representative to handle the program details.
- The congregation is listed on a locator map of other Lutheran congregations engaged in this program.

Program Guide

- Download: [Congregational House of Refuge Program Guide](#)
- Download: [Congregational House of Refuge Statement](#)
- Download: [Congregational House of Refuge Representative Commissioning and Installation Litany](#)

Pastor, as you have reviewed the program guide, are you are ready to become a Congregational House of Refuge? If YES, click below.

Register ►

(from <https://lutheransforlife.org/congregational-house-of-refuge>

Visit this site to download and read the information shown above.)

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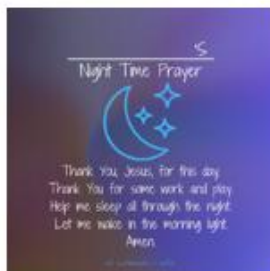
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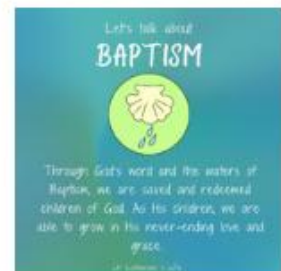
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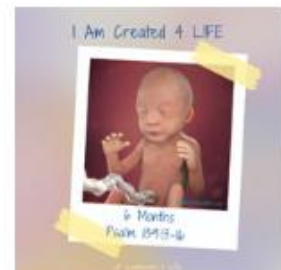
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Find the *Belonging* Playbook at <https://lutheransforlife.org/frontline-playbook-belonging> and look for the *Hopeful* Playbook soon!

Frontline Playbook Series

This is a collection of life-affirming resources in a series of programs with each having its own theme. All items are usable in group settings or one-on-one activities. Each life topic has multiple elements. Use them as a complete program or as a stand-alone resource.



BELONGING

"So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God."
(Ephesians 2:19)

Welcome to the Frontline Playbook!

Within each Frontline Playbook issue will be four topical presentations and associated resources. You have available to you a video presentation, devotion, fact sheet, and activity sheet for each of the four topical resources. Use these to plan or implement an event, a Bible study, or another creative way to use the material provided.



You may use the entire Playbook as an educational opportunity for your life group during your meetings. Consider sponsoring an event at church and include the video presentations and other useful resources. Talk to your pastor about using these during a Bible study hour for either large or small group studies. Each video will run about 40 to 50 minutes, giving you time to review the fact sheets and do an activity. You may choose to engage people in an activity either pre- or post-event to spur interest in the actual event. We suggest you use the devotion provided as an opening followed by the video, which can be accessed from a video link on our LFL website.

And there will be more ... We have been asked for more ways to assist you in planning For Life activities at your churches, and we are thrilled to provide the Frontline Playbook series.

As you plan your For Life goals for this coming year, please consider including the Frontline Playbook series in your plans. We have provided detailed steps, but if you have questions or suggestions on how to make this even better, please reach out to the [Volunteer Relations Team](#).

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Verba Vitae



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Verba Vitae: A Serious Christian Journal of Life and its Significance

Everywhere we look these days we see conversations politicized. Reasoned argument is skipped in the effort to discern what an author's political opinions really are, and whether they accord with what they *should* be. The Left and Right collide, hurling slogans at each other, often baiting and belittling the other to advance their own agendas. Throughout vast regions of academia, power has seemingly replaced reason, with all thinking now being understood ideologically.

But while people on opposite ends of the political spectrum organize to persuade, they eschew the less glamorous task of *analysis*. However, for conversation to proceed rationally, presuppositions from each side must be examined calmly, and words must be understood properly. Analysis can allow disputants to become conversation partners, for common ground can often be found where none seemed possible before.

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