

Lifelines

August, September, October 2021

The 2021 Life Issues High School Essay Second Place Winner!

The Man's Point of View by Gavin Girard Sophomore at Valley Lutheran High School

As a young Christian male, rooted in faith, I have faced relentless backlash for simply being a man in standing against the mistreatment of the unborn. Men have been snuffed out of even engaging in conversation on the issue of abortion. We have no say. We are tossed aside and bombarded with the silencing battle cry of, "My body, my choice!" The issue has completely transformed into one of the biggest civil rights battles of our lifetime. I was not predestined with the anatomical features that is the woman, so am I inferior? Is this taking shape as another form of suppression? Do men truly not have a say in the life and death of their own child?

As years eclipse, in the United States, we lose 36,000 people on our highways. Every 16 days we lose surplus amount to abortion. On a personal note to our school community, we lost someone we all deeply loved in a tragic motorbike accident at summer's end of last year. His name was Dawson. In fact, I'm wearing a bracelet with his name inscribed with 1 Thessalonians 4:13-14, which reads, "*But we do not want you to be uninformed, ..., about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep.*" We are blessed to know that Dawson is walking with Christ in His kingdom which is depicted in Isaiah 43:1, "*Fear not for I have redeemed you; I have summoned you by name; you are MINE*" (emphasis added). We are chosen by Him and are called to replenish the earth (**Cont. on page 4**)

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The 2021 Life Issues Elementary Essay Second Place Winner!

Adoption by Samuel Zurek, Homeschooled and Member of Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church in Northville

I am a boy of adoption. I started life in a Russian orphanage. My mom and dad worked hard to bring me home. A spurting volcano in Iceland and an American returning their child to Russia tried to prevent me from coming home. My life story is life affirming because my birth mother chose life by placing me into an orphanage. My life also represents John 15:16. God chose me to go and bear fruit, I did not choose Him. But my essay is not about my life affirming experience. It's about my sister's. My sister lives with a disability called cerebral palsy. Even with her disability, she too was chosen by God to go and bear fruit.

My sister is smart, but she cannot speak clearly, many people think she is dumb. She struggles to talk, see, move, breathe, chew, ride a bike, and more. I cannot imagine being locked in my body like my sister, trying to say something and knowing what to say, but not being able to say it. My sister is (**cont. page 4**)

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

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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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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/>)

An Important Message from the Treasurer

I have a *new address*:

Lutherans For Life of Michigan Treasurer

C/O Earl Iseler

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Byron Center, MI 49315-8271

Donations sent to my previous address will be forwarded for several months, but delivery will be delayed. Please discard all remittance envelopes with the Rockford address. I apologize for delayed letters of acknowledgement and receipts for recent donations. I have gotten behind due to our move and recent surgery. In the interest of reducing our cost, new remittance envelopes will have only the treasurer's address printed on the outside. When making a general donation, you may just put a check in the envelope and write your return address on it. If the name(s) and address on the check are correct, no other information is required. If not, please provide the name(s) that are to be acknowledged as the donor(s) on a separate sheet of paper. Also, if your address has changed, please provide your new address.

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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 LFL

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.

Adoption by Samuel Zurek (continued from page 1)

my pal. We share band, ballet, and church. We've performed in theater performances together. So, I know her really well.

When I see how people treat her, it hurts. Not all people, but many, treat her as if she is not here. They really don't give her a chance. They talk to me, but not to her. I have been told by some people that children with disabilities should be diagnosed before birth and disposed of. A middle school novel called *The Giver* shows a society that disposes of disabled children. But I have special knowledge about the value of those with disabilities.

I know my sister gives me so much love. She has lightness and laughter that I envy. She laughs, listens, and hugs me a lot. Much of who I am is because of her. She helps me live a good life full of happiness. If only people could see this, see the value she offers to our home. Maybe they would love her and include her too.

She plays on a baseball team called The Miracle League. This league is for children with disabilities. If only people could see the grit and determination of these kids. If people could see the joy the volunteers have helping these disabled kids. If only they could see the persistence these kids have when batting and the simple joy they have when they hit the ball. The world could benefit.

So, I write this essay to show the rich life I have being a brother to my disabled sister. Maybe it will need to be my secret, or maybe this essay can help show value to the disabled. Our world needs not only my sister, but others like her. The disabled are appointed by God and go out and bear fruit, and that fruit can be teaching the world love, laughter, persistence, determination, joy and more.

Bibliography: New American Standard Bible, 1995 Edition, John 15:16

The Man's Point of View by Gavin Girard (continued from page 1)

with babies that abide in His Word and people like our classmate Dawson.

I personally didn't know Dawson, but have many friends who did. They haven't grieved like I have grieved. I haven't felt what they felt. But when any life is taken abruptly it leaves a hole in our hearts. It defames our Father's creation and masterful artwork. Fathers will always play a role in the lives of their children. They are a vital piece of the family structure. Once they are denied the right to have a say in the unborn child's life, it is an inhumane abomination of God's handiwork.

Pro-choice advocates have thrown curve balls at me and try to strike me out. They try to make the "anti-choicers" look ignorant and make them stumble. When we are educated, we are stronger in the fight to defend life. Keep in mind that the Pharisees and high priests did the same thing to Jesus. We must be Jesus with skin on and respond with Scripture. But what about in the cases of rape? A circumstance where men don't care for the mother? Should she be able to access an abortion? We are reminded in the Bible in Exodus 20:13, "*You shall not murder.*" We also have to remember that all sins are equal and all children were knit together by the Author of Life in their mother's womb no matter the circumstances according to Psalms 139. Rape should never justify abortion, but we should always be sorrowful and prayerful for those who have aborted their son or daughter in the circumstance of rape.

Man and woman come together to create life with half the mother's DNA and half the father's DNA. One egg and one sperm ignite to make you. At the moment of conception, you are you. You are always developing, even outside the womb. There should be no controversy. The baby inside the beautiful home that is the mother is the father's baby just as much it is the mother's. But above all else, it is God's son or daughter in that womb, and He loves them just as much as He loves you.

God is faithful and just and He seeks repentance from those who do evil. Men are just as important as the women in the moments of conception and development. Men should love the woman and the child with equilibrium and trust God and the Scripture in order to remain diligent in the fight for life.

Bibliography: Denison, Dr. Jim, et al. "What Does the Bible Say about Abortion?" *Denison Forum*, 2 Oct. 2020, www.denisonforum.org/resources/what-does-the-bible-say-about-abortion/.

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 **2022 Conference theme and Conference bible verse (TBD, please check back in the Fall with www.lfmi.org, www.lutheransforlife.org, or the Lutherans For Life of Michigan Facebook Page).**

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, 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



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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Students Name _____

Church/School _____ Grade _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Student Email Address _____

Phone Number ⁶ _____

Teacher/Pastor _____ Email _____

Step Up 4 Life Results!

By the Numbers:

Participating Individuals: 189

Participating Teams: 22

Number of Steps: 41,147,099

Money Raised: over \$25,000



Thank you to everyone who participated in the national LFL Step Up 4 Life fundraiser! We walked, biked, exercised, wheeled, and rocked our way to a successful first Step Up 4 Life.

“Most important is the fact that everyone in the campaign was motivated to Step Up 4 Life in their own way. Being a witness for the sanctity of life by walking or donating gave the campaign the boost it needed. We give thanks for each of you and for the Lord blessing your efforts in so many ways. God Loves Life...and so do we! Watch for more information after the dust settles from your walking and for your donations. We will be forever humbly grateful.

May you continue to Step Up 4 Life in your personal journey to be life-affirming in all that you do!

Serving the Lord of Life,

The Step Up 4 Life Team” (from an email from Lutherans For Life)

*Didn't get to attend the **Life Summit** held at St. Paul in Fowler in April? Attended but wanted to watch some of it again? The full video of the Life Summit sponsored by Lutherans For Life of Michigan*



is now available on YouTube! Search “Lutherans For Life of Michigan” on YouTube or go directly there with this link: <https://youtu.be/LdwabYs6bCQ>

President's Column

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

Our modern culture is bound up in a web of lies, with the result that many people simply choose to ignore the issues that face us, either believing that they are too complicated for them to understand, or else believing that they are too far gone to make it worthwhile to fight against the prevailing cultural tidal waves.

Both of these options are not open to us as Christians, who test all things by the eternal and unchanging truth of God's Holy Word.

In **Jeremiah 14:14**, the LORD GOD speaks to Jeremiah and says, *"The prophets are prophesying lies in my name. I did not send them, nor did I command them or speak to them. They are prophesying to you a lying vision, worthless divination, and the deceit of their own minds."*

Indeed, there are many who act as prophets today, who *do not* speak the truth of God, but give to the people a *"lying vision"*, based on the deceit of their own minds. Many of these voices come from those who walk the political halls of power, or many in universities and other public institutions – but even more sadly, many come from within Christendom itself. There are those *who will not* denounce abortion for what it is – *the extinguishing of a human life* – and the life of an innocent, unborn baby at that.

Oh, yes, there are those who say that the Church is *only* called to preach the Gospel, to proclaim Christ. ***What Gospel is it that they preach, and what Christ is it that they proclaim?*** Certainly not the Gospel that announces forgiveness for sinners who have been convicted by the Law, or the Christ who says, ***"Repent and believe,"*** or ***"Go and sin no more."*** Certainly not the Christ who upholds His Father's commandments as holy, including ***"You shall not murder."*** Certainly not the Christ who Himself was an unborn baby who leapt in the womb of His mother Mary, and certainly not the Christ who says ***"Let the little children come to Me."***

We **MUST** stand up for the unborn, and for the sanctity of human life, including the mentally and physically impaired, the aging, the frail, the dying.

We are Christians. We are **Christ-bearers**. We are forgiven, and we are called to speak and act and love and forgive, *but always remember* - we walk not in darkness but in the light of Jesus Christ. ***And this Jesus is the Lord of Life.***

In **Jeremiah 22:29**, we see these words: ***"O land, land, land - hear the Word of the Lord!"***

Jesus desires that all be saved and come to the knowledge of the truth. He died on the cross for the sins of all. But it is **by faith** that we receive this precious gift of salvation. True faith begins with repentance, confessing our sins, and then eagerly receiving ***the plentiful fountain of forgiveness that flows from the Savior, given to us in Word and water and bread and wine.***

So, shall we – *the Church of God* – be muzzled? **No**. Shall we be silent and uninterested as the holocaust of abortion continues? **Never**. Shall we just stand in the background as the false prophets, even those within the Church who refuse to take a stand for God's gift of life, and continue to ignore the terrible bloodshed and harm that not only destroys babies, but also physically, emotionally, and spiritually **(continued on p.8)**

(President's Column continued from p.7) harms the women and men involved in an abortion as well? **How can we?** They *need* the truth. They *need* Law and Gospel. They *need* to repent and they *need* the forgiveness of sins found in the Savior.

This is not an option. This is ***who we are*** as God's holy and forgiven people. God's Word ***cannot*** be bound. It ***must be*** proclaimed, taught, and confessed – in ***ALL*** of its truth and purity!

"O land, land, land - hear the Word of the Lord!"

God, grant us determination and endurance, as we speak for those who cannot speak for themselves. ***Amen.***

Legislative Report

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

SUPREME COURT COULD REVIEW ROE V. WADE

In a monumental announcement, the U.S. Supreme Court decided to take up a case involving Mississippi's new ban on abortion after 15 weeks of pregnancy.

The case, Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization, is a direct challenge to Roe v. Wade. In granting the petition to hear the case, the Supreme Court said it will address the question about "whether all pre-viability prohibitions on elective abortions are unconstitutional."

Oral arguments in the case are likely to take place in the fall, with a decision probably released in 2022.

UNBORN CHILD TAX EXEMPTION

On June 23 the Michigan House voted 58 to 52 for House Bill 4644, which would create a \$200 tax exemption for parents of unborn children. Identical legislation in the Michigan Senate is awaiting consideration.

In order to qualify for the exemption, the pregnancy must be at least 12 weeks along by the end of the year, and there must be a note from a doctor confirming the pregnancy.

Prenatal care has real costs associated with it. For some women, prenatal care is delayed due to financial difficulties or hesitancy to engage with the medical profession. By allowing parents to claim their unborn child as an exemption on their income tax returns, it provides an incentive to seek prenatal care in the first trimester and hopefully improve pregnancy and birth outcomes.

Please also consider helping by donating to your local pregnancy resource center. Photo right – Collection for the Annual Diaper Drive, St. Paul Lutheran Church, Fowler, submitted by Pastor Paul Clark, St. Paul, Fowler



The Annual...



Photo above – Our Savior Lutheran Church, Grand Rapids (the editor apologizes for not having the name of the person who submitted this photo)

2 photos above and right - Submitted by Deb Kamm, Our Savior Lutheran Church, Lansing



Photo left – submitted by Mandi Wesley, Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, Washington Twp.



Photo left – Christie Wilczynski (left) delivers donation check to Sandy Krasnodemski at Lincoln Park Crisis Pregnancy Center, submitted by Christie Wilczynski, Trinity Lutheran Church, Wyandotte



Photo left – Life Ministry Coordinator Dianne Stresman and member Julie James (left to right), submitted by Dianne Stresman, St. Michael Lutheran Church, Richville



Photo left – submitted by Dale and Elaine Griffith, St. John Lutheran Church, Rochester



2 photos above – submitted by Marilyn Delpaz, Guardian Lutheran Church, Dearborn

...Diaper Drive!

The following **congregations** reported that they collected a total of **31,537 diapers, 10,631 wipes**, and *generous donations of other baby items and cash!*

Our Redeemer, Washington Twp.

Our Savior, Grand Rapids

Our Savior, Lansing

Our Savior, Hartland

St. John, Fraser

St. John, Au Gres

Our Redeemer, Muskegon

Our Savior, Scottville

Trinity, Conklin

St. Peter, Macomb

Trinity, Wyandotte

Christ the King, Southgate

St. Luke, Clinton Twp.

Guardian, Dearborn

St. Michael, Richville

St. John, Rochester

St. Paul, Fowler

They were donated to these
pregnancy centers:

Compassion Pregnancy Center, Clinton Twp.

Grand Rapids Pregnancy Resource Center

Fish Baby Pantry, Hale

Closet Exchange, Au Gres

Muskegon Pregnancy Services

West Shore Pregnancy and Family Care
Center, Ludington

The Lincoln Park Crisis Pregnancy Center

CareNet, Detroit

AAA Pregnancy Resource Center

The Lennon Pregnancy Center

The Luke Project 52 Clinic

Life Clinic Community Resources (formerly
Beacon of Hope Pregnancy Resource
Center), Bay City

Brighton Help Clinic

Pregnancy Services of Greater Lansing



What is happening...near you?

We would love to share photos of your events!

*Please send photos along with the name of the church or group, city,
event, and people pictured to schaidtl@gmail.com*

New Events and Resources from National Lutherans For Life!



(Information from www.lutheransforlife.org)

2021 Regional Conferences!

Theme: God Chose You

Theme Verse: “You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit.” (John 15:16)

Speakers:

Summerlin (Las Vegas), Nevada

Dr. Kim Marxhausen (Lutheran educator with a doctorate in Educational Psychology, presentation titled “God Chose You: The Caregiver’s Journey”)

Rev. Scott Licht (Executive Director of Finance and Operations for Lutherans For Life, Pastor, presentation titled “God Chose You” with a special focus on the topic of human trafficking)

Patti Smith (Volunteer for LFL, Life Team Leader, speaker, presenting on “her life journey as a rape conceived and adopted woman of faith,” presentation titled “Shaking the Family Tree”)

Sioux Falls, South Dakota

Dr. Kim Marxhausen (see left)

Rev. B. Keith Haney (Assistant to the President for missions, Human Care, and Stewardship for the Iowa West District of the LCMS, presentation on “Critical Race Theory” and or Christian Witness)

Dr. Donna Harrison (Executive Director of the American Association of Pro-life Obstetricians and Gynecologists (AAPLOG), presentation titled “Over the Counter Abortion”)

Conover, North Carolina

Dr. Kim Marxhausen (see left)

Rev. Michael Salemink (Executive Director of Mission and Ministry for Lutherans For Life, presentation titled “God Chose You”)

Dr. Donna Harrison (see left)

For more information and to register, go to www.lutheransforlife.org/conference or call (888)364-5433

Plus! Coming Soon: New resources for affirming the lives of people with disabilities and their families

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/ or your favorite podcast platform

Snapchat and Instagram: Search for “LifeFacts” and “LifeSnaps”

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

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 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 for more information!

Website: 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/)

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
(information from www.y4life.org)

Upcoming Events

Speaking the Truth in Love on Life Issues

Saturday, September 18th from 10:00am to 2:00pm (registration starts at 9:30am)

St. Luke Lutheran Church in Clinton Twp., MI

Speakers Michelle Bauman (Director of Y4Life at Lutherans For Life)
and Sue Nellis (Executive Director of Compassion Pregnancy Center in Clinton Twp., MI)

Please join us for this educational and practical event on how to put a “truth in love” (Eph. 4:15) mindset into action when speaking about life issues!

No cost. Lunch provided. Free will offering will be to defray expenses. Please RSVP to Lauren at schaidtl@gmail.com or (586)214-3116.

Grandparents’ Day Sunday, September 12, 2021

This is a day we can especially celebrate our grandparents and elderly friends and uphold the great value of their lives! You are encouraged to celebrate Grandparents’ Day in your congregation or with family and friends.

To our older family and friends, *Thank you* for your love, dedication, and wisdom. Thank you for being examples for the rest of us to look up to. We praise God for the blessing you are in every age, stage, and situation. We love you!

“Even to your old age and gray hairs I am he, I am he who will sustain you. I have made you and I will carry you; I will sustain you and I will rescue you.” (Isaiah 46:4)

Annual Life Chain Sunday, October 3, 2021

The Life Chain is an annual event of silent prayer along streets around the country while holding a sign that advocates for life. It is a peaceful, prayerful event.

Check with your local congregation or the website http://lifechain.net/NatList2_V2.html#MICHIGAN to find a Life Chain location near you!

Chats4Life

National Lutherans For Life has scheduled Zoom session discussions on a variety of life issues for youth (high school and college age).

All sessions are free. Registration is required in order to obtain the access link.

Go to: <https://y4life.org/programs/> or email mbauman@lutheransforlife.org for more information!

Adult Zoom Sessions

National Lutherans For Life has scheduled speakers to present regularly on various life issues via Zoom through October.

All sessions are free. Registration is required in order to obtain the access link.

Email Pastor Jeff Duncan at jduncan@lutheransforlife.org for the schedule and to register for any session.

Past sessions on the Lutherans For Life YouTube page.

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“Let us recognize that the patterns of the past point not only to our need for a Savior, but also to the work Christ has accomplished for us. Let us live as For Life people, confident that our future is founded on promises that will be kept. And let us rejoice in the opportunities we have to share the message of LIFE with others!” *Michelle Bauman, Director of Y4Life for Lutherans For Life – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

“Compassion Pregnancy Center, and all that we do and are, have Jesus Christ as our foundation.... We are a medical pregnancy resource center offering: no-cost pregnancy tests, 3D and 2D ultrasounds, equipping and education on fetal development, parenting, healthy relationships, post-abortion healing and support, Bible study, and much more.” *(compassionpregnancyfriends.org)*