Lutherans For Life of Michigan



February/March/April 2024

President's Column by Pastor Paul Clark, President of Lutherans For Life of Michigan

Jesus says, "Whoever receives one such child in My name receives Me, but whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in Me to sin, it would be better for him to have a great millstone fastened around his neck and to be drowned in the depth of the sea." (Matthew 18:5-7)

We stand together, one in mind and heart, and with one voice, in defense of the lives of our unborn children - **God's precious little ones**. Yet, what we stand for is *not only* the lives of these precious unborn children, but *also* the moms, the dads, the grandmas and grandpas, the young and the old, the healthy and the sick and dying – what we stand for is the *very value* – the **very gift** - of life itself.

We continue to be a voice for the voiceless. We speak because we must; for there is a darkness over our state, and a deathly shadow has fallen over the minds of many. The passing of *Proposal 3* changed the very constitution in Michigan to allow unfettered killing of the unborn. Many bought into *the lie* that this was primarily about women's health care. *It is not.* Abortion *is not and has never been* about true health care.

Dear brothers and sisters: We who are blessed to know **the Lord of Life** also know that in even the darkest hour, the truth still shines forth, and it shines all the brighter. God has given us life; He has redeemed us through **Jesus**. Life is of great value – each and every life. For the same Lord Jesus who said, *Let the little children come to Me*, is the One who brought *you* to Him as well, through those blessed and saving waters of our **Holy Baptism**.

By the mercy and grace of God shown to us sinners, by the baptismal washing that makes us clean, by the holy food of the

INSIDE THIS ISSUE: 2 - Board Members, Thank You	Sacrament that nourishes us in body and soul, we are called and empowered to speak and defend the lives of our babies. We are called to double-down on our efforts to love and
3 – Loving Arms Column	encourage and help those in turmoil, in crisis, in fear, and in despair. This we do through our
4 – President's Column (cont.)	prayers, and our Gospel-motivated deeds of caring and love. We do this through our steady support of our <i>Pregnancy Resource Centers</i> , as well as the ongoing efforts of <i>National</i>
and Legislative Report	Lutherans For Life, and Lutherans For Life of Michigan, that we may be Gospel-motivated
5 – 2023 Financial Report	voices for Life!
6-7 – Essay Contest	<i>Dear fellow saints:</i> We have put on Christ; we are His own. And <i>here</i> is where we stand: Living under Him in His kingdom, and serving Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence and
8-9 – What's Happening?	blessedness. That is why we want to be Gospel-motivated voices for life. Because we care.
10-11 – Life Week	<i>We care</i> about that precious baby, but we also care about the mom. <i>We care</i> about that woman who is haunted by the guilt and shame of a past abortion. <i>We care</i> about the people
12-13 – Upcoming Events	of our state, and the future of our nation. We care, because Jesus cares for us. We love,
14-15 - How to Give	because God first loved us. And this we know! Our Lord Jesus - who died for us and took
16 – In the Next Issue, Quotes	away all of our sin, and guilt, and shame - is risen and ascended to the Father's throne. JESUS LIVES! THE VICTORY'S WON! We are His people, a new creation, called out of darkness and into His marvelous light. (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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Marian Muehl, Warren, MI

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Kroger and sign up to have us connected to your Kroger Plus Card as your charity! For details, go to https://www.kroger.com/account/enrollCommunityRewardsNow/

News from Loving Arms, Macomb County Chapter of LFL

By Karen Hoerauf, President of Loving Arms

Epiphany blessings to you!

Romans 15:13 May the God of Hope fill you with all Joy and Peace as you trust in Him, so that you may overflow with Hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

We look back over 2023 and thank God for opportunities for outreach: Diapers and baby board books were collected for **Compassion Pregnancy Center** in Mt. Clemens, books and blankets were given to **Peace Lutheran** in Detroit, teaching aids and books were given to the new Tutoring Center at **Mt. Calvary Lutheran** in Detroit, recycled T-shirts were made into pillows and given to **Ellie's House** for homeless women, and other pillows were distributed to homeless men.

Children learned about God's plan of life from before birth and throughout their lives. Presentations were given in classrooms and chapel services.

God bless you in this New Year of His Grace, Loving Arms LFL St. John Lutheran Church 16339 14 Mile Fraser, MI 48026

President's Column (continued from p.1)

Stand your ground. Continue in the battle. But do so in love and compassion and in the truth that sets us free --- the truth of CHRIST CRUCIFIED FOR YOU. For through all the darkness of sin and evil, even when it seeks to overwhelm you...there stands JESUS, the One who loves you and gave Himself for you....your SAVIOR, your KING, and your ETERNAL HOPE and JOY!

Legislative Report

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

This month, *Right To Life of Michigan* joined several other prolife groups, including the Patient's Rights Action Fund, the Michigan Catholic Conference, Citizens for Traditional Values, several disability rights groups, and many doctors, to form the Coalition for Better Care (CBC) and oppose physician assisted suicide. Bills legalizing the practice of PAS were introduced last session and will likely be moved quickly through the Senate.

We need to oppose this! Please contact your legislators and urge them to vote against permitting physician assisted suicide!

On December 18, 2023, prolife advocates reached a settlement in their lawsuit against the National Archives Museum in Washington D.C.

The pro-lifers were visiting the Museum during the National March for Life in 2023 and were asked to cover or remove clothing with prolife messages while other visitors were allowed to wear proabortion messages without issue.

The settlement is a total payment of \$10,000 plus the plaintiffs' legal expenses. The museum also promised to take action to prevent similar discrimination.

Vice President Harris announced that she will be launching a *"reproductive freedoms tour"* across the country in 2024. Biden communication director has stated that abortion will be the central pillar of their campaign.

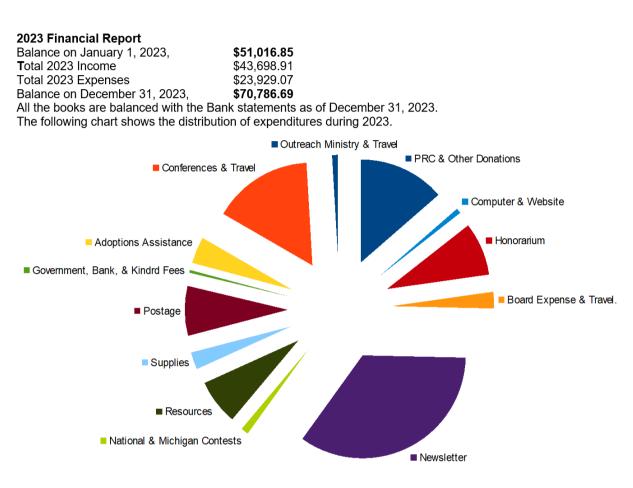
Pregnancy Resource Centers in Michigan

There are more than 150 locations in Michigan that offer pregnancy and adoption help services. **(Find them at www.rtl.org/pregnancy-help)**

Please let us know how you would prefer to receive Lifelines!

It is available by email, mail, or on our website www.lflmi.org. If you would like to change how you receive it, please contact us at <u>schaidtl@gmail.com</u> or (586)214-3116. Word of Hope LFL's Post Abortion Healing Ministry We can help, contact us at: 1-888-217-8679 www.word-of-hope.org help@word-of-hope.org

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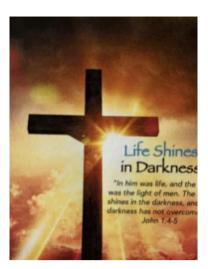
by Earl Iseler

A Message From the Treasurer, Earl Iseler

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 2023 was at an all-time high for the fifth consecutive year! We are pleased that we have been able to provide financial support to nine 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.

This is my last financial report as treasurer. Brendan McMahon was elected treasurer effective January 1, 2024. Donations are now to be sent to his address. The remittance envelope provide in this issue is addressed to him. Please discard all envelopes addressed to Earl Iseler. I give praise and thanks to the Lord of life for the opportunity to serve Him by serving LFL of Michigan as the treasurer for the past ten years.



Lutherans For Life of Michigan 2024 Essay Contest

Sponsored by the Council of Federation Presidents

For Students in Grades 6-8 and 9-12

Any student in a Lutheran school or Lutheran congregation, when validated by a teacher or pastor, is eligible. Students may also enter through a Lutheran home school, when validated by their Lutheran pastor.

Contest Guidelines

Students will write a life-affirming essay based on the theme: Life Shines in Darkness with the Bible verse: "In him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it." John 1:4-5

- 1. Not incorporating the theme and verse in the essay will disqualify the entry.
- 2. All essays must include a title. Using the theme as the title is acceptable, although it does not count as using the theme within the essay, which is required.
- 3. Examples of topics the essay could deal with are, but are not limited to, abortion, disabilities, adoption or foster care, infanticide, cloning, stem cell research, physician-assisted suicide, euthanasia, etc.

Grades 6-8 essays should be up to 400 words Grades 9-12 essays should be up to 750 words

- 4. Essays should include the student's name, grade, school or church, email address, and phone number as well as the name and email address of the student's teacher or pastor.
- 5. All sources for references, statistics, and quotes should be incorporated within the essay and then included in a bibliography at the end.
- 6. Entries should be a Word document and submitted by email to <u>schaidtl@gmail.com</u> by February 28, 2024.
- 7. The First Place winner in each grade level division will receive a \$150 prize and advance to the national contest. The Second Place winner in each grade level division will receive a \$100 prize.
- 8. Grand Prize for the national winner in each division: \$250 for first place plus free conference registration to the 2024 Lutherans For Life conference and one night stay at the conference hotel. \$125 for the Second Place winner in each grade division.
- 9. All entries, including exclusive copyright, become the property of Lutherans For Life.
- 10. For questions or resources on the sanctity of life, see <u>lutheransforlife.org</u>



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.Transi- tions are present in some places but may be missing in others. In places flow is inter- rupted 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 informa- tion is provided. Thesis clearly states the position or belief. Conclusion effectively summa- rizes topics.	Introduction adequately explains the background, but may lack detail. Thesis states the position or belief. Conclu- sion is recognizable and ties up almost all loose ends.	Background details are a random collection of informa- tion, 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. Appro- priate relevant information and details are shared from a variety of sources includ- ing 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 givs the refer- ences 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 identi- fied. The writer shares some information, facts and experi- ences, 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. Statis- tics 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 agree- ment 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 confer- ence 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 inter- preted 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 enthu- siastic. The language is natural yet thought-provoking. It brings the topic to life. The reader feels a strong sense of interac- tion 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 lan- guage. 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, capital- izations are correct. No errors.	Punctuation, spelling, capital- izations are generally correct, with few errors. (1-2)	A few errors in punctuation, spelling, capitalization. (3-4	Distracting errors in punctua- tion, spelling, capitalization

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	POINTS	Students Name		
ORGANIZATION		Church/School		Grade
INTRODUCTION/CONCLUSION		Address		
MAIN POINTS				
FOCUS		City	State	Zip
BIBLICAL ACCURACY		Student Email Address		
STYLE				
MECHANICS		Phone Number		
TOTAL POINTS		Teacher/Pastor	Email	

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What's Happening...

Michigan Marched For Life in November!







Several thousand people (pictured above) gathered in Lansing on November 8th to stand For Life on the first anniversary of the passing of Proposal 3, which devalues human life in horrific ways. The event was hosted by the national March For Life organization as well as Right to Life of Michigan. Lutherans For Life of Michigan was pleased to support, advertise, and attend this event. It was an encouraging day of standing up For Life with love for our smallest neighbors - children in the womb - and their families.



After the March, many Lutherans gathered at Hope Lutheran Church in DeWitt. Attendees enjoyed lunch, fellowship, worship, and speakers. Pastor Michael Salemink (Executive Director of Lutherans For Life, pictured above left) and Pastor Paul Clark (President of Lutherans For Life of Michigan, pictured above right) spoke on the need to stand up and be gospel-motivated voices For Life even, and especially, in a state that actively supports legislation that devalues human life. They spoke on how we have been called to do so with compassion in word and deed, seeking to serve all as those for whom Jesus came and whom He loves dearly.



Among the attendees were many students, including from Lutheran North high school in Macomb, Valley Lutheran high school in Saginaw, as well as several other schools. Praise God for their witness For Life!

... in Michigan?

Welcome Our New Board Members!



Pictured left to right: Lauren Schaidt (Vice President), Jeannette Meyer (Secretary), Brendan McMahon (Treasurer), Pastor Paul Clark (President), and Pastor Robert Dowding (Member-at-Large)

We rejoice to welcome Jeannette Meyer, Brendan McMahon, and Pastor Robert Dowding as new members of the Board of Lutherans For Life of Michigan!







Life Sunday!

Pictured top left to right: the annual Life breakfast, a quilt made by the ladies and donated to Shared Pregnancy of Lansing, the congregation's Life Essay Contest winner Ana Klamer, and recognition of pro-life college student Lauren Schafer who gave a wonderful speech. Pictured left middle: Pastor Paul Clark speaking at the Life breakfast. (all from St. Paul in Fowler and submitted by Pastor Paul Clark).

Pictured left bottom: resource table at St. Luke in Clinton Twp.

Life Week 2024



LIFE WEEK 2024 WAS JANUARY 14-20

(EDITOR'S NOTE: CHECK OUT <u>HTTPS://LUTHERANSFORLIFE.ORG/LIFE-WEEK-2024</u> FOR THE FOLLOWING RESOURCES, INCLUDING FACT SHEETS AND PRESENTATION VIDEOS! THE REST OF THIS PAGE IS FROM THE SAME WEBSITE.)

DAILY THEMES

- Sunday Just as ... I AM From Fertilization to Forever (A Gospel-Motivated Foundation)
- Monday Just as ... I AM In Terminal Diagnosis
- Tuesday Just as ... I AM Surviving and Thriving
- Wednesday Just as ... I AM In Surprise Pregnancy
- Thursday Just as ... I AM with Courage and Compassion
- Friday Just as ... I AM as Male or Female
- Saturday Just as ... I AM for Blessing and Service

Available now for Life Week 2024:

- Activity Sheets (scroll down)
- Competitions
- Devotions
- Fact Sheets
- Life Sunday Resources
- Giveaways
- Videos
- Zoom Presentations (scroll down)

Each themed day of Life Week 2024 explores a distinct aspect of life ministry through local activities, online educational events, and interviews. Now is the time to get your congregation energized and anticipating the opportunities that Life Week 2024 provides. Build excitement For Life in your home, church, school, and community!

The 2024 March for Life in Washington DC in Photos



From the Facebook pages of

LCMS Life Ministry, Lutherans For Life, and The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod

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LUTHERAN CHURCH MISSOURI SYNOD













A Life Team is a Gospel-motivated group of church members that communicates and shares the abundant love of Christ, in life issues within the church, and outward into the community. Members are equipped through specialized training to be a relational conduit of expertise and practical resources pertaining to the multifaceted aspects of life ministry.

These teams are designed to help the pastor with what otherwise might be an overwhelming task. Life Teams are unified, trusted teams that the pastor can utilize to provide life-issue expertise, consistent initiatives, and access to dedicated resources. A Life Team will also help the pastor engage and inform the congregation from the pulpit, through Sunday school, and through youth and adult education about the importance of protecting the sanctity of human life at all stages.

To find out more about starting a Life Team, contact Virginia Flo, Director of Volunteer Relations at <u>vflo@lutheransforlife.org</u> or 651.333.0337.

(From https://lutheransforlife.org/frontlines/life-teams)

Upcoming Events

2024 LUTHERANS FOR LIFE REGIONAL CONFERENCES (FROM WWW.LUTHERANSFORLIFE.ORG/CONFERENCE) Join Us in 2024! Life Shines in Darkness



October 12, 2024 **Regional Conference Midwest** Hope Lutheran Church and School Shawnee, Kansas (Kansas City area)

November 9, 2024 **Regional Conference Southeast** Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church Winter Garden, Florida (Orlando area)



LUTHERANS FOR LIFE OF MICHIGAN PRESENTS

A LIFE SUMMIT

Life Triumphant Hurled

in Splendor Through Thy Broken World

SUNDAY, APRIL 28th, FROM 2:00-5:00PM

AT

ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH 329 N. SORRELL STREET, FOWLER, MICHIGAN 48835

PLEASE JOIN US for this event to hear and learn how we can be involved in continuing to share the message of the value of every human life. This is a great event for our congregational Life Teams, Life Advocates, pastors, lay leaders, as well as <u>anyone</u> who would like to become more prepared to share the FOR LIFE message!

SPEAKERS:

DR. RONI GRAD, KEYNOTE SPEAKER: "I was born in Detroit, MI, received my BA and MD at Boston University, practiced pediatric pulmonology mostly in academic settings and retired in 2016. I am a member of Catalina Lutheran Church in Tucson, where I wear many hats including Chair of our congregation's Life Team. I serve as Board member and secretary on the Lutherans For Life Board of Directors, and as Life Coordinator for the English District, Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. I just completed the course of training in the Arizona South Circuit Lutheran Servanthood School."

DR. GRAD will give <u>TWO PRESENTATIONS</u> during this Life Summit:

<u>INTRICATELY WOVEN</u> – We will review the human development in the womb, touch on a few things that can occasionally go wrong in this vale of tears, and consider some Scripture along the way.

ORGAN DONATION AND DETERMINATION OF DEATH – through the lens of Scripture, our Lutheran Confessions, liturgy and hymnody, we will examine the ethical issues surrounding common (and generally unquestioned) practices related to the donation of organs at the end of one's earthly life. We will discuss the recent Lutherans For Life position statement, *Determination of Death (with Special Reference to Organ Donation)*, and the implications for end-of-life planning.

PASTOR PAUL CLARK is the *Lutherans For Life of Michigan Federation President*, and *Life Coordinator for the Michigan District*. He also serves on the *LFL National Board of Directors*. Pastor Clark will be the *M.C.* of our event, as well as giving an **opening presentation** on the theme "*The Splendor of Life in a Broken World*." Pastor Clark will also give an <u>update</u> on where things stand in our current state of affairs, especially here in **Michigan**.

This event is *free*. Light refreshments will be served. Please **RSVP** (if possible by April 14) to

Pastor Paul Clark at revpmclark@gmail.com - or call or text to 517-420-4826.

Those who have not registered are still welcome to attend.

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The enclosed gift is in memory of
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The enclosed gift is in honor of
Please send notification of this gift to:
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Address:
City, State, Zip
Your name

Donations to National Lutherans For Life

The "I WANT TO SPEAK FOR LIFE" form provided is to be used to give a donation to National Lutherans For Life in Nevada, IA. When using that form you need to provide your own envelope and mail it to 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 staff members but Lutherans For Life of Michigan has no paid staff. National sponsors conferences and develops resources to be used throughout the United States and other countries. LFL of MI provides educational information and sponsors events and conferences in Michigan churches, schools, and communities.

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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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Congregation
Church Body (Synod) AALC AFLC CLBA ELCA LCMS Other
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"[Jesus] will care for you until you stand before His throne. Trust Him. Seek Him. Serve Him. Love Him. He's your King. He suffered and died for you. He rose for you. He only has words of love and promise to speak to you. So, when all is equal for you on your deathbed, you can rejoice and say, 'Come quickly, my King,' because He has given you the promise, 'You will be with me in paradise.'" *Rev. Peter Sulzle, St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church, Redwood Falls, Minnesota – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life* • *lutheransforlife.org*

"You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit" (John 15:16). Those words are meant for every one of us. We should never cease to be amazed at God's gifts and timing to bear the fruit of God's love." *Lynette Auch, former President of Lutherans For Life – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*