

Lifelines

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We Persevere

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

Popular Western novelist Louis L'Amour once said, "Victory is not won in miles but in inches. Win a little now, hold your ground, and later, win a little more."

That is an appropriate postscript to the *Life Summit* that *Lutherans For Life of Michigan* recently sponsored at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Fowler. We had a good turnout of people who came to be encouraged and to "re-engage in the battle for Life," especially after the passing of *Proposal 3* in Michigan.

But Mr. L'Amour is right. Victory is *not* won in miles but in inches. That is why we hold our ground. That is why we persevere. *Little by little*, we will continue to work together. We will endeavor to protect human lives – babies – born and unborn - their mothers, fathers, those with special needs, the aged, the sick, and those at the end of life. We will seek to uphold and treasure the value of each human life *as one created by God and one for whom Christ died*.

We need to stay the course. And we need to do this **together**, side by side, in our service to the Lord of Life, and for the cause of Life.

Victory may not come in miles, but in inches. *IF* we do not give up. *IF* we stay the course.

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However, there is one victory that did not come in inches, and that is **the victory of our Lord Jesus over sin, the devil, and the grave. CHRIST IS RISEN!** In one fell swoop, our Lord Jesus smashed through the powers of darkness, battered down the doors of death, stifled the devil's accusations, and brought victory to all those who are baptized into His life, death, and resurrection.

That victory is ours *now*, though we may not see it, and certainly often do not sense it. The world pummels us, and beats us down. The devil still prowls. We say farewell to loved ones through great tears. We may bear our burdens, but as Shakespeare says in "*Much Ado About Nothing*" –

*"Midnight, assist our moan.
Help us to sigh and groan
Heavily, heavily."*

Our burdens in this life are heavy. We sigh and we groan. And anxiety and fear often rob us of peace.

Often those contemplating an abortion or who have been complicit in an abortion may be collapsing under the heavy weight of guilt, and fear, and anxiety. (Continued on p.3)

LFL's mission is to equip Lutherans and their neighbors to be Gospel-motivated voices For Life.

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We Persevere (continued from p.1)

Nevertheless, Jesus is risen. ***Nevertheless***, for those who repent, their sins are forgiven. ***Nevertheless***, the devil is routed. ***Nevertheless***, the grave has lost its sting.

Only ***the Word*** can bring us this assurance that we so greatly need. *The Word* – in Scripture, in the pastor’s absolution, as the one who stands in the stead of Christ, and in water and bread and wine – *the Word tells us: We have victory in Christ*. We know the end of this story. We know our final destination.

Thus, we can rest in this assurance and continue to draw from *this Word of hope and assurance* the energy, the determination, to continue to work for the protection of human life, including the lives of our unborn babies. We can find new ways and greater ways to love and to serve those in need, and offer far better options to those who may be contemplating the destruction of their unborn child, or to the one who may be contemplating suicide, or to those who think that medical care should also include the option of physician-assisted suicide or euthanasia.

Lutherans For Life of Michigan wants to enable our members – *both pastors and laity* – to be involved in this battle ***FOR LIFE***, and to engage in *works of love and mercy*, that we may reach out to the hopeless, to the lost, to the hurting, with caring and life-giving options, and *especially*, with ***the glorious and wondrous Gospel of the forgiveness of sins and the new life given through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who is risen indeed! ALLELUIA!***

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Loving Arms Macomb County Chapter Column

By: Karen Hoerauf

This Spring we are focusing on sharing the message of LIFE with school children.

On May 2, Karen Hoerauf will be presenting Chapel at St. Peter Lutheran School in Eastpointe. She will talk about the eight facets of Lutherans For Life: 1) Life begins at conception 2) Babies are to be cared for even before birth 3) We can help mothers care for their children 4) God commands us to wait until marriage for sex 5) God created a man and a woman to make a family 6) We care for those with challenges (disabilities) 7) We honor and respect older people 8) God decides the number of our earthly days.

Before Mothers' Day, classroom presentations will be given at St. John Lutheran School in Fraser. Several mothers will be sharing God's wonderful plan that mothers are given the privilege of caring for His creation even before the birth of their child. The children will be encouraged to thank their mothers for their love and care even before birth.

We thank a generous donor who supplied the funds for this chapter to purchase dark skinned fetal models, to go along with the light skinned ones we already have. This will make a meaningful impact upon the students.

We thank our recent donors:

John and Ronda Brandt thank God for the birth of Mia Brandt, Natalie Dau, Zachary Carr, and Jordan Longo.

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A Holy Week Reflection on the Church's Calling to Protect Life

By Rev. Dr. Peter J. Scaer

Jesus Overturned Tables,

but on this Monday in Holy Week we take note of his cursing of the Fig Tree, which might hit closer to home. Sure, it's good to talk about Jesus raising a riot on those folks who turned his Father's house into a den of thieves. But that fig tree is Israel, and now that fig tree is the church, and even you and me, fellow Christians.

To understand the fig tree, you might think of salt that has lost its saltiness. A fig tree without figs is, well, pointless. It's chaff to be gathered then burned. And so, we might look at an American church, our own church, and pray that we do not come to resemble that fig tree, cursed one day, dead the next. What does such a tree, such a church, such a Christian, look like? Well, it's the kind of church that doesn't give a fig. It's the kind of church that offers up some hymns but can't be bothered to give a fig for the unborn child being butchered.

In some ways, we might say that it is simply a matter of bearing fruit, and that is true. But so often fruit is mistaken for acts of niceness, or for an attitude that is happy to watch others slapped on their cheek, even as they encourage them, but not themselves, to be slapped on the other. A tree without figs is there for the show, such as it is, but has nothing to offer. Israel fit the bit, forgot her purpose, which was, first and foremost, really all in all, Christ Jesus, apart from which there is no Israel, no fig.

We as a church are here for such a time as this. And that means to confess, to offer up the fruit of salvation. This means the fruit of the vine that is now given as the blood of Christ for the forgiveness of sins. And that fruit is a solid truth, the truth that is being undermined and denied by a world that hates Christ. Christ's own people rejected him, as is the temptation for the church, which is the Israel of God.

We are called to defend the defenseless in the name of Christ. But when abortion remains the law of the land, and a church says nothing, it is simply a fig tree without figs. When society pushes puberty blockers on kids, and the church says nothing, it is a fig tree without figs. When a church, when a Christian, cares more about the world's opinions than Christ's, it doesn't even have a fig leaf to cover its shame. (Continued on p.5)

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So, it's Monday of Holy Week. The fig tree is for us both lesson and warning. And having taken it in, as a word to the wise, let it be sufficient. And then let us get about the business of figs, fixing our eyes on our Lord, as he takes care of business, as he sets his own mind on another tree, and a sacrifice we so desperately need.

In the News...

The FDA and the abortion pill: A timeline of key events

By Carole Novielli | April 14, 2023 , 06:42am

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With the spotlight on the abortion pill (mifepristone) as the courts wrangle over the legitimacy of the U.S. Food and Drug Administration’s original approval of the drug, Live Action News has put together a timeline on the process from its beginnings to today. An estimated 5.6 million human lives have been ended through the use of this drug, which also comes with potentially serious side effects for women.

BACKGROUND

The abortion pill (mifepristone) is sold in the United States under the brand name Mifeprex and was originally invented and patented in 1980 by the French pharmaceutical company Roussel-Uclaf, a subsidiary of Germany’s Hoechst AG. It was approved for sale in the United States in September of 2000, with specific restrictions that it *not* be shipped directly to women but be administered by certified prescribers at a clinic or hospital where follow-up care would be available.

TIMELINE

PRE-APPROVAL (1994): In 1994, with the encouragement of the Clinton administration, Roussel-Uclaf assigned the U.S. rights of marketing and distribution of the abortion pill (known then as RU-486) to the eugenics-founded Population Council. The right to distribute the drugs was later handed over to Danco Laboratories, a sub-licensee of the Population Council. Then, by 1996, the Population Council (funded in part with investments from the Buffett and Packard Foundations) submitted its application for the drug to the FDA, and a series of clinical trials began.

U.S. APPROVAL (2000): In 2000, following those clinical trials, the U.S. FDA approved mifepristone as an abortion pill for use up to 7 weeks of pregnancy in a regimen along with the drug misoprostol.

SAFETY RULES ADDED (2011): In 2011, the FDA made the decision to place the drug under its REMS safety system, but not before multiple women had died in association with use of the abortion pill regimen.

OBAMA ADMIN WEAKENS FDA SAFETY RULES (2016): Just five years later, in 2016, the Obama administration FDA weakened the REMS by *removing* the requirements that women or teen girls take the first drug in front of a clinician, in-person at the location of a certified prescriber and that the manufacturer report the drug’s *non-fatal adverse events* (complications). The drug’s allowed use was also extended for use on preborn children up to 10 weeks (70 days) of pregnancy.

GENERIC MANUFACTURER APPROVED (2019): In 2019, the FDA approved GenBioPro to become the generic manufacturer of mifepristone.

ABORTION INDUSTRY ‘NO-TEST’ PROTOCOL (2020): In 2020, the abortion industry rolled out a ‘no-test’ abortion pill protocol which removed important labs, testing, and blood work needed to accurately date a pregnancy and rule out deadly ectopic pregnancies before administering the abortion pill. Rapid expansion of the abortion pill continued in the ensuing years, even as the abortion industry openly flouted FDA gestational limits and safety regulations, even encouraging women to lie about abortion pill complications.

BIDEN ADMIN WEAKENS SAFETY RULES (2021): In April of 2021, under the guise of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Biden administration FDA temporarily enabled abortion pill distribution and expanded the REMS to limited mail-order pharmacy distribution. By December of 2021, the Biden FDA had further weakened the REMS by eliminating the in-person dispensing requirement and enabling the abortion pill to be permanently shipped by mail.

LAWSUIT CHALLENGES FDA APPROVAL (2022): The following year (2022) saw key a legal challenge, when in November, the Alliance Defending Freedom filed a federal lawsuit on behalf of the *Alliance for Hippocratic Medicine*, (Continued on p.6)

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challenging FDA approval of mifepristone. The move followed the FDA's unsatisfactory responses to a number of citizen petitions the group had submitted. That same year, GenBioPro (GBP) voluntarily dismissed a lawsuit challenging pro-life legislation in Mississippi.

BIDEN ADMIN FURTHER WEAKENS SAFETY RULES (2023): In January 2023, the Biden FDA further gutted the REMS by announcing it would allow retail pharmacies to dispense the drug. It was at this time that the FDA officially updated the drug's Post-Marketing Adverse Events Summary to state that "As of June 30, 2022, there were 28 reports of deaths* in patients associated with mifepristone since the product was approved in September 2000..." The FDA also documented that between 2000 and June 2022, the abortion pill had ended the lives of 5.6 million preborn babies, including over 500,000 in 2020 alone.

Pro-abortion politicians filed a competing lawsuit (*State of Washington v. FDA*) in February, requesting that the judge enjoin the FDA from (1) enforcing or applying the 2023 REMS, and (2) taking any action to remove mifepristone from the market or otherwise cause the drug to become less available..."

By April 7, 2023, U.S. District Court Judge Matthew J. Kacsmaryk had ruled in favor of *Alliance for Hippocratic Medicine* to suspend the 2000 approval and subsequent FDA changes to the abortion pill. On the same day, U.S. District Judge Thomas O. Rice granted pro-abortion politicians in the Washington State case a preliminary injunction to bar the FDA from "altering the status quo and rights as it relates to the availability of Mifepristone under the current operative January 2023 Risk Evaluation and Mitigation Strategy under 21 U.S.C. § 355-1 in Plaintiff States." Just a few days later on April 12, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit issued a partial stay in *Alliance for Hippocratic Medicine*. While the circuit panel did not suspend the drug's 2000 approval, the decision upheld the suspension of mail-order abortion pills and reinstated safety requirements dated prior to 2016.

Meanwhile, the Biden Administration intends to ask the United States Supreme Court to intervene. As the nation awaits future court rulings, the abortion industry is already pivoting to a less effective and unapproved one-drug regimen of misoprostol only.

UPDATE: In late April, the Supreme Court issued an order allowing mifepristone to remain on the market, while legal proceedings regarding its FDA approval continue.

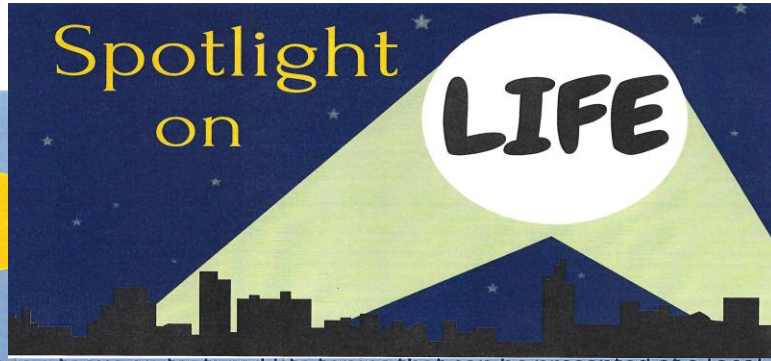
Pregnancy Resource Centers in Michigan

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

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Awareness



Spotlight on Life is a focus on featured life topics that can be presented at a local church or community gathering. Lutherans For Life staff are offering to be featured speakers and extend their expertise on the various life topics (see below). With Spotlight on Life, your event will be equipping many others to be Gospel-motivated voices For Life. It's simple! You conduct the event and LFL will provide the speakers, based on availability. The cost will be minimal as we are excited to bring these life-affirming messages to your area. Whether your event is one hour, a half day, an evening or something else, LFL will be pleased to assist you in planning. If you are interested, please contact us at info+spotlight@lutheransforlife.org

Presentation Topics

FACTORS AFFECTING LIFE AND DEATH

- Fetal development
- Unplanned pregnancy
- Mental health
- Physical & mental disabilities

LIFE AND DEATH

- Abortion
- Suicide
- Assisted suicide & euthanasia
- Fertilization to natural death

FACTORS REGARDING THE SANCTITY OF LIFE

- For-Life apologetics
- Human-trafficking
- Sexuality & Gender
- Family

What's Happening...



LFL-MI President Pastor Paul Clark gave a Life message for chapel at Peace Lutheran School in Shelby Twp. (submitted by Pastor Paul Clark)

Members of St. John in Grand Haven and St. James in Montague prayed outside the Heritage Clinic for Women in Grand Rapids during 40 Days for Life. (submitted by Pastor Paul Clark)



Deaconess Gillet and Phoebe visit with the children of St. Paul, Fowler during Sunday School. (submitted by Pastor Paul Clark)

...in Michigan?



CENTER STATISTICS	
2022 Ministry	Number of pregnant clients served in 2022 who were either abortion-minded or abortion-vulnerable and chose LIFE after meeting with Compassion Pregnancy Center staff: 165 <i>(a 72% Life Decision Rate)</i>
New Clients Welcomed: 398	
Client Visits: 1866	
Pregnancy Tests: 258	
Ultrasounds Performed: 152	
Gospel Presentations: 228	

Compassion Pregnancy Center in Clinton Twp. held its annual fundraising banquet in March. About 500 people attended, including members of the Life Team of St. Luke Lutheran Church in Clinton Twp., other church members, several people involved with LFL-MI, and faculty from Lutheran North High School in Macomb. The evening had excellent speakers share their stories as clients of Compassion and the keynote's inspiring journey from abortion and abuse to being a For Life advocate. It is always an excellent, inspiring, and encouraging event! To find out more about Compassion Pregnancy Center, please visit compassionpregnancyfriends.org or call (586)783-2229.



Several classes at Lutheran North High School in Macomb participated in a service project to benefit Compassion Pregnancy Center. They packaged diapers for Compassion's clients, decorated shields for the backdrop of Compassion's banquet (see photo top middle), and compiled folders of materials for a training session.

Life Summit 2023

On April 23rd about 80 people from across Michigan gathered at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Fowler for the Life Summit hosted by Lutherans For Life of Michigan. Pastor Paul Clark, President of LFLMI, spoke on “Staying the Course: Re-engaging in the Battle for Life in the Wake of Proposal 3.” He shared that, though we are discouraged by recent events in our state, it is not time to give up but rather to re-engage. We can and must speak boldly For Life, support pregnancy resource centers, vote, share information with friends and family and on social media, care for our neighbors, and reach out to all with love and the truth that is so much better than all the lies. In doing so, we can show people that there is a better way, a better answer, a better hope, for our Lord of Life has come to bring true hope.

Deaconess Chrissie Gillet, LFL Director of Word of Hope, spoke on “Reconciling Relationships: Redeeming Grace After an Abortion.” A key starting point to reconciliation includes recognizing our identity in Christ both individually and with each other as brothers and sisters in Christ. Then we can love others with humility: instead of wondering “how could anybody do that,” recognizing that we could all do that because we are sinners. That universal understanding of the law opens the door for the gospel of forgiveness and hope in Christ to be shared with all.

“Word of Hope exists to bring healing found in Christ... to those whose hearts have been broken by abortion. At Word of Hope, we know God is a God of mercy and compassion. We are ready to share that message with those who are suffering.” Find out more at www.word-of-hope.org.

Pastor Matthew Durance from Zion Lutheran Church in Harbor Beach spoke on “I Came That They May Have Life: Cultivating a Culture of Life in the Lutheran Parish.” As we seek to do so, we must also remember that the home is the frontlines. Church and family must work together to teach the faith to the next generation and grow a culture of life. One important way to do this is by having family devotion time and purposefully studying and talking about God’s Word together. Parents also must be aware of what their children’s schools are teaching about life topics such as family, gender, and marriage. There is much deception being taught in our culture on these issues and so we are called to strengthen these values in our homes.



(pictured left to right: Pastor Matthew Durance, Pastor Paul Clark, Deaconess Chrissie Gillet, and Pastor Clark’s presentation with the Life Summit attendees at St. Paul, Fowler; photos submitted by Pastor Paul Clark)

Announcing the 4th Phase of the Million Dollar Life Match!

The fourth phase of the 1 John 3 Initiative Million Dollar Life Match is underway, with applications due by June 30. The initiative, which began in early 2022, seeks to support LCMS congregations involved in providing beginning-of-life care in their local communities. Any LCMS congregation is eligible to apply.

The three-part process, which takes place over a period of months, consists of an application, an award and a follow-up report. The initiative was originally planned to have three phases, but a fourth phase was added to allow a greater window of opportunity for congregations interested in applying.

To date, grants have been awarded to help congregations:

- Care for families experiencing challenges at the beginning of life;
- Partner with an LCMS Recognized Service Organization in support of life;
- Collaborate with local agencies on foster care and adoption; and
- Collaborate with local pregnancy resource centers and maternity homes.

Awards range from \$1,000 to \$50,000. Grant recipients are selected via a process that considers a variety of factors, including:

- Whether the grant is for a new or existing project (both are eligible, but new projects receive more weight);
- Whether the proposal is complete, clear, specific, feasible and sound;
- How closely the project is connected with the Word and Sacrament ministry of the congregation; and
- How well the project provides spiritual, emotional or physical care for families vulnerable to abortion or facing challenges.

Grants will be awarded in September, and reports are due by March 1, 2024.

For more information, or to begin the application process, visit the Million Dollar Life Match webpage at lcms.org/life-grant. Address questions to Kris Freeman, manager of LCMS Life Ministry, at lifeministry@lcms.org or 314-996-1217.

(taken from https://reporter.lcms.org/2023/life-grants-still-available/?utm_source=LCMS+News+from+Reporter&utm_campaign=2bd4aba827-email-reporter-automatic-rss-campaign&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_10238b7c7c-2bd4aba827-513707421)

Spotlight on Life Teams

Submitted by Deb Kamm, Our Savior Lutheran Church and School, Lansing

The little boy walked up to our Lutherans for Life display on Life Sunday. What he did next touched our hearts and I'm guessing it will touch yours, too. He picked up the tiny 10-week fetal model and kissed it. He then proceeded to kiss each of the developmental models, ranging from 12 - 26 weeks gestation. Talk about little children and their special place in God's Kingdom!

So, what is Lutherans For Life? LFL applies the Good News of the Gospel of Jesus Christ to sanctity of life issues, making Jesus known as the Son of God and Savior of all and the One who can help and make a difference in people's lives. LFL educates on surprise pregnancy, fetal development, adoption, abortion recovery, doubting salvation, sexuality, bioethics, physician-assisted suicide, creation, fatherhood, family living and more. We offer counsel to moms in crisis and to those who have experienced abortion. LFL also serves youth through its [Y4Life](#) program! Building awareness is key, as is support for moms and babies – "Love them Both" - through our local pregnancy resource centers and through our congregation.

Nearly twenty people attended a recent informational meeting at Our Savior, and Life Sunday involved many of the new volunteers. Plans are underway for a congregation-wide project to support our local *Shared Pregnancy Women's Center* this coming spring. We give thanks for this group of believers who are willing to stand up and be a Voice For Life!



(Some members of the newly-created Life Team at Our Savior Lutheran Church and School in Lansing and part of their Life Sunday display)

We'd love to highlight your Life Team! Submit your article and/or photos and information to schaidtl@gmail.com

It's a Beautiful Life!

Submitted by Dianne Stresman, St. Michael Lutheran Church, Richville



Life Sunday 2023 was observed at St. Michael Lutheran Church in Richville on January 22 with the theme "Blessed for Life!" based on Psalm 41:2. Every human life has value regardless of age, size, skills, circumstances, or needs. The Church is compelled to address LIFE issues because we have what it takes to speak to spiritual issues – the gospel of Jesus Christ which is the most powerful and positive **life-affirming** message in the universe! We as the Church need to get involved and help, even if it is only one person at a time, especially in these times in which we are living! Life is what God blesses us with and what He blesses us for – life together and life forever!

We collected \$1,233.26 for the pro-LIFE organizations Lutherans For Life and Life Clinic Pregnancy Resource Center from our Life Sunday door offering!

One of our members Jeff Bolzman painted a mural depicting each of the stages of fetal development which Life Ministry Coordinator Dianne Stresman (pictured right) used to review with the congregation what happens each month of fetal development! **We are blessed for life!!!**



**2023 Lutherans For Life National Conference
October 11-13**

Holiday Inn Cincinnati Airport | Erlanger, Kentucky
with visits to the

Ark Encounter and Creation Museum

Online registration opens April 1!

SAVE THE DATE!

ARK ENCOUNTER **CREATION MUSEUM**



Are you excited yet?! We are! Looking forward to learning and exploring with you at our 2023 National Conference taking place just outside Cincinnati, in Erlanger, Kentucky, October 11-13. After a morning of devotions and learning with a keynote speaker and breakout sessions at the Holiday Inn Cincinnati Airport, we'll head out for a scheduled visit to Answers in Genesis attractions—the Creation Museum on October 11 and the Ark Experience on October 12. Dinner will offer time for fellowship back at the hotel and is included in your conference rate. Breakfast is included with the hotel stay. Lunches will be on your own, with options available at the Creation Museum and the Ark Encounter. (from www.lutheransforlife.org/conference, go there to register!)

Would you like to attend the Lutherans For Life National Conference but the cost is a concern?

Lutherans For Life of Michigan is offering **6 sponsorships** to Michigan residents on a first come first served basis to help with the cost! Just send your registration confirmation along with your email address or phone number where you would like to be notified that you have received a sponsorship to our Treasurer Earl Iseler at the address or email below. The sponsorship will be a reimbursement for the cost of registration for the conference plus entrance into the Ark Encounter and the Creation Museum.

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Upcoming Events

The St. Luke Life Team presents its 2023 Movie Event:

The Mind Polluters

Sunday, May 7th from 2:00-4:30 at St. Luke Lutheran Church in Clinton Twp.

Please join us for this vitally important discussion about the current state of sex education in our country's schools. This documentary explains what is being taught about sexual activity, gender, and decision-making all without parental consent or knowledge as well as what has led to it and how it is harming our children and society. With this information, we can be gospel-motivated voices For Life on behalf of those whom the Lord has entrusted to us in our families and communities.

And

Due to the topic, this free event is for adults only.

Please RSVP to Lauren at schaidtl@gmail.com or (586)214-3116.



Speaking the Truth in Love on Life Issues:

The State of Sex Education in Schools and How We Can Protect Our Children

Speaker: Audrey Werner, Author of the book *10 Tips on How NOT to Talk to Your Kids about Sex* and

Founder of The Matthew 18 Group

Saturday, September 9th at St. Luke Lutheran Church, Clinton Twp.

More Information Coming in the Next Issue of Lifelines!

Annual Diaper Drive

When: Mother's Day – Father's Day (May 14th – June 18th)

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!

Michigan March For Life in Lansing

Wednesday, November 8th

This is an excellent opportunity for advocates of life of all ages and political persuasions from across the state to join with one voice on behalf of the defenseless! This rally and march are suited for all levels of experience and comfort with advocacy. (from <https://marchforlife.org/michigan-march-for-life/>)

A Message From the Treasurer

We praise and thank the Lord of life for all of your generous donations! The Lord has richly blessed our ministry through your generous donations. Lutherans For Life of Michigan would like to discuss providing seed money for your congregation to start a Life Team. We would also like to discuss sponsoring a Life Issues event at your congregation. Please contact Pastor Paul Clark, Earl Iseler, or any of the members of the Board to initiate discussions. Contact information for all Board members is provided on p.2 of the newsletter.

In order to reduce costs, remittance envelopes are not included in this issue. Please send your donations to:

Lutherans For Life of Michigan Treasurer

C/O Earl Iseler

7455 Navajo Valley Dr SW

Byron Center, MI 49315-8271

If the name or names and address on your check are correct, no other information is required. If not, please provide the name or names 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.

If your donation is an honorarium or memorial, please provide the information identified in the form below. You may cut out the form and fill in the information or provide it on a separate sheet of paper.

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OR

The enclosed gift is in honor of _____

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Donations may also be made to Lutherans For Life of Michigan through a secure giving portal at our website, www.lflmi.org. On the home page click DONATE. Please wait a few seconds and the Giving Portal will be displayed. Click "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 second box. Also, enter your credit card or bank account information and submit your donation.

Donations to National Lutherans For Life

The "I WANT TO SPEAK FOR LIFE" form provided is 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 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 staff members but Lutherans For Life of Michigan has no paid staff. National LFL 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.

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.

Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____ Phone # _____

Chapter Name/# (if applicable) _____ Occupation _____

Congregation _____

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1-888-364-LIFE * (515) 382-3020 * E-mail: info@lutheransforlife.org *
WebSite: www.lutheransforlife.org

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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/>

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LFL's Post Abortion Healing Ministry

We can help, contact us at:

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“Waiting is difficult; in Christ, we have the now and not yet. But as we learn and relearn to wait on Him, we find joy in His good work and patient craftsmanship in our lives. Though under construction, God works through us to bless the world. May you find great joy in fruit-bearing as you faithfully wait on HIM.” *Michelle Bauman, Y4Life – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

“The Church is under an incredible assault, but perhaps never has the opportunity been greater. The question is whether we wish to take it, whether we want to be salt, or whether we’ll just mark time, leaving nothing but ruins for those who follow in our footsteps.” *Rev. Peter Scaer, Concordia Theological Seminary – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*