

From the President

Dear Friends For Life,

For the past 25+ years as I have worked through LFL, my area of expertise has mainly been abortion and post abortion trauma. (After all, I am a teacher and naturally concerned about children and mothers and fathers.) Of course, I talked about embryonic stem cells, the disabled and end of life issues: assisted suicide, euthanasia and terminal illness, as well. But it wasn't until I spent time at my father's deathbed that end of life issues became an issue for me.

It was the day the nurse told us to take a walk and when we got back, the doctor told us that our Dad's systems were all shutting down, that death was imminent. Then she asked what we wanted to do. What we wanted to do was take Dad home when he got better. But, at 94 years old, we also knew that God was calling him home, so we asked for comfort care. That night his wife, 4 children and some of their spouses, 3 of his grandchildren and a sister-in-law gathered in his hospital room. What was noticeable to me was the incredible will to live that God gives to each of His creations. Dad didn't die until late afternoon of the next day.

This quote of Rev. Dr. Eugene Boe from Lutheran Brethren Seminary was in the Fall 2009 issue of LifeDate and says it better than I could: *We can face the end of life with confidence because Jesus Christ has defeated the enemy of death. For the believer in Christ, the Savior of the world, it is death with a difference. The cross promises what no science or medicine can: immortality... (2 Tim. 1:10)... Through the cross and Christ's resurrection comes new life, eternal life, life with Christ without end.*

That's why we'll be celebrating Christmas this year---even without Dad! Merry Christmas!

Diane



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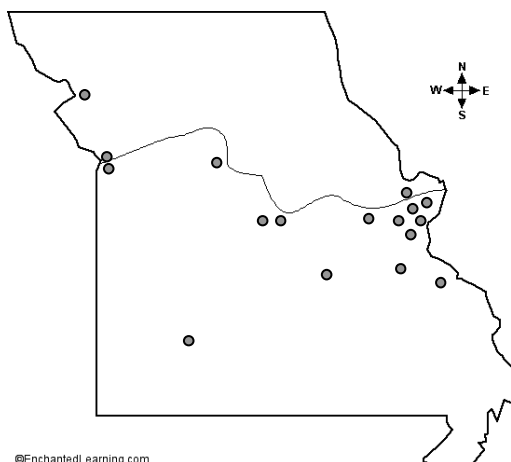
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Articles for the SPRING Newsletter
Due by February 1, 2009

CONTEST on SANCTITY of LIFE

For students in Grades 6 through 8

Sponsored by Lutherans For Life of Missouri

FIRST PRIZE: One \$50 savings bond per grade

SECOND PRIZE: \$10 check per grade

CONTEST MEDIUM: Each student should write an essay in the form of a letter to President Obama.

THEME: This contest should focus on the gift of life. Since God is the creator of all life, then all life is special, unique and precious. Each student should ask President Obama to promote life in his policies and not abortion, euthanasia, embryonic stem cell research or assisted suicide. A student may choose one topic or write about all life issues. Please include at least two Bible passages that inspired your work.

Deadline: February 13, 2009

**Submit entries to:
Life Contest/LFL of MO
Christ Memorial Lutheran Church
5252 S. Lindbergh
St. Louis, MO 63126**

**PLEASE INCLUDE NAME, GRADE, AND CHURCH OR SCHOOL ADDRESS ON EACH ENTRY. IF ENTRIES ARE SUBMITTED BY A TEACHER, PLEASE INCLUDE TEACHER'S NAME AND E-MAIL ADDRESS.
(IF YOU HOME-SCHOOL, PLEASE INCLUDE HOME ADDRESS AND E-MAIL ADDRESS.)**

Written entries not typewritten should be written in legible blue or black ink.

All entries become the property of Lutherans For Life of Missouri.

For questions or resources on the sanctity of life, call Diane Albers, evenings at 314/631-9240 or e-mail at lflofmo@yahoo.com

DONATIONS

Thank you to all who made contributions this quarter. Your donations fund all of the many projects we do here in Missouri!

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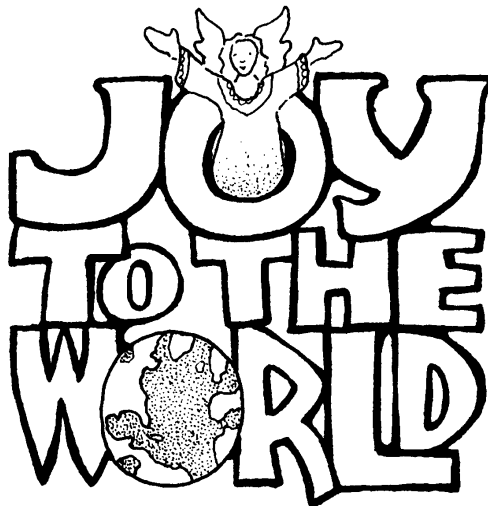
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In memory of Carl Scholle
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In memory of Alberta Loos
By Dr. & Mrs. Allen Spittler
Cape Girardeau, Mo



UPCOMING EVENTS OF MISSOURI CHAPTERS

St. Charles County LIFE

We are selling Pecans again. This is an annual event. Each bag includes information about honoring our precious gift of Life.

We are still working on contacting Principals at all of the St. Charles Lutheran Elementary schools to introduce the Teaching for Life material. So far, we have Immanuel St. Charles, Immanuel Wentzville and Zion Harvester on board with this wonderful program.

We are working to encourage our churches to order Life Sunday material.

We are working with Becky Ferber of Immanuel, St. Charles who has been invited to do the Chapel service at her church school around Life Sunday. We have also been invited to present the Children's message for Life Sunday at Zion.

We are requesting support for the Lutheran High Teens for Life who will be going to DC for the March for Life. One of our Board Members will also be attending this event.

We are sending out "Life" Christmas Cards for the first time to the many supporters of our local chapter.

We are planning our annual English Country Dance which will be held in February close to Valentine's Day. This is a family friendly event where we have fun and celebrate Life.

We are celebrating the arrival of Connor Creutz, son of Kevin and Lauren Creutz. Lauren is our very appreciated Church Contact Coordinator. Welcome Connor!

Delores Desemone ddesemone@sbcglobal.net

North St. Louis

SOUPER SUPPERS will be served at Salem on the Wednesdays of Advent. Our LFL Chapter, along with Orphan Grain Train volunteers, prepare and serve the meals and divide the proceeds from the free-will offerings that are also supplemented with funds from Thrivent Financial for Lutherans.

CHRISTMAS CAROLING by Chapter members, family, and friends is planned for Friday, December 18. Several homebound members of the congregation will be visited. Christmas goodies and fellowship will be enjoyed afterwards at church.

LIFE SUNDAY ACTIVITIES being planned include altar bouquets to honor LIFE, a display table offering LFL materials and information, and a Chili Lunch at noon. Proceeds will go to the Chapter's "project" for 2010 - Faith & Freedom Family Ministries, a sidewalk counseling organization in Granite City, IL

Mary Stellhorn mary.stellhorn@juno.com.

Seminary Pro-Life Group

Video-Based Workshop, "Making Abortion Unthinkable." Go to www.csl.edu, click on "Academics," then "Continuing Education" for more information. The public is invited to participate.

Dr. Jeff and Renee Gibbs reneegibbs@sbcglobal.net

Lancers For Life/Lutheran High School South, St. Louis

Members of Lancers For Life and other students from LHSS label and tape this newsletter each quarter. They also assist the So. County Pregnancy Help Center with their newsletter. Five members of the group will be going to the March For Life in Washington, DC.

Mike Albers malbers@lhssonline.org

**Total number of abortions in the U.S. from 1973-2007:
49,551,703**

Estimate based on Alan Guttmacher Institute and Centers for Disease Control statistics as compiled and analyzed by National Right to Life Committee

Life Sunday 2010 – Speak the Truth of Life

We live in a world that needs to hear the truth of life. Many in our churches need to hear the truth of life. Where do we find such truth? "Your Word is truth," said Jesus. That Word needs to be spoken and applied to the life issues. It needs to be spoken in love. Thus our theme verse, "**Speaking the truth in love ...**" (Ephesians 4:15a ESV).

Your congregation can **Speak the Truth of Life** on a Sanctity of Human Life Sunday. The "official" Life Sunday is January 17, 2010. However, our materials may be used at any time during the year. Here is a partial list of what is available.

- Speak the Truth of Life* bulletin insert
- Just For Kids* bulletin insert
- Children's Message: *Love Speak*
- The Truth of Life* Bible Study
- A set of six sermons

LFL designed these materials to complement one another. We encourage using as many as possible to **Speak the Truth of Life!**

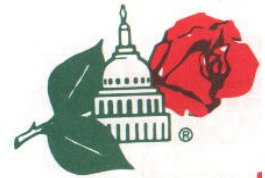
Order Life Sunday 2010 Materials on-line, by mail or by phone. See contact info for National LFL on the first page of this newsletter.

Join the Missouri Life Caravan for the 37th Annual National March for Life
Thursday-Friday-Saturday
January 21-22-23, 2010

Stand up and speak up in support of LIFE!

Preliminary Schedule & Information:

- Thursday, Jan. 21, morning: Buses leave various sites in Eastern Missouri. Stop for lunch & dinner.
- Friday, Jan. 22, morning & afternoon: Arrive in D.C., meet with Senators & Congressional Reps from Missouri. Join *thousands* of pro-lifers in the March for Life. Evening: board buses; depart for home.
- Saturday, Jan. 23, morning: Breakfast stop.
Late afternoon: arrive home!
- Cost will be \$130 per person.
- All passengers must be age 7 or older.
- All travelers ages 7-18 must be accompanied by a responsible adult.



The Missouri Life Caravan trip *does not* have an overnight hotel stay. The overnight period is spent traveling on the luxury motor coach buses. Journey with us to Washington, DC, on one of our many buses or if your group is large enough to fill a bus, call us and we'll help your group or organization put together their own bus! Have questions? Want to sponsor someone to go on the trip?

For more information and a registration form please visit <http://www.missourilife.org/> or call Missouri Right to Life Eastern Region at (314) 434-4900 or email: LifeCaravan@missourilife.org

Notes and Quotes

According to news accounts, Planned Parenthood clinics in St. Louis reported a seven percent increase in abortion numbers in 2008. Recently released abortion statistics from the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services verified that abortion numbers did rise in 2008 for women residing in the City of St. Louis. The decline in the current economy is speculated to be the cause of such a horrible situation.

Life Inspirations (Vitae Foundation newsletter), October, 2009.

It's ironic in the extreme that the most determined opponents of preborn life---and even those who are born---embrace the name of the One who caused John the Baptist to leap in his mother's womb.

Jill Stanek in Citizen Magazine, April, 2008.

In the U.S., one out of every three abortion patients is a teenager---one for whom the possibility of developing psychological and emotional problems after an abortion is substantially higher than for more mature women.

Grace Kern in LifeDate, Fall 2009.

Because of a significant decline in the population of South Korea, officials may begin to enforce a national ban on abortion. The United Nations Population Fund ranks Korea with the second lowest fertility rate in the world, according to a 2009 report.

LifeNews.com, November 29, 2009.

A new political action committee, named Harriet's List (after MO's former Lieutenant Governor Harriet Woods), has been formed to elect more pro-abortion candidates.

Missouri Family News from Joe Ortwerth, November 9, 2009.

Six of MO's nine congressmen voted for the Stupak amendment to the federal health care bill prohibiting the use of "federal health insurance funding for elective abortions": Todd Akin, Roy Blunt, JoAnn Emerson, Sam Graves, Blaine Luetkemeyer, and Ike Skelton. The three voting against the Stupak amendment were: Russ Carnahan, William "Lacy" Clay and Emmanuel Cleaver.

Missouri Family News from Joe Ortwerth, November 16, 2009.

Besides containing abortion funding, the Senate version of the health care bill is "assisted suicide friendly" according to bioethicist Wesley J. Smith. "If assisted suicide, or even euthanasia, are legally considered forms of 'end of life' care in a particular state---as it is now in Oregon, Washington and Montana---it seems to me that the area's community health insurance option would be required to provide access to it..."

LifeNews.com, November 20, 2009.



Merry Christmas
And a Blessed New Year!
From LFL of MO

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