



From the President

Dear Friends For Life,

Jean Garton was the first President of LFL and I began my LFL journey with her. She was an amazing story-teller. I always remembered her story from each annual conference, but this one is my favorite: Jean was going to speak somewhere and there were a lot of vocal, angry protestors, so she had an escort to help her get through. But one protestor got close enough to wave a sign in her face and yell, "My body. My choice." Jean just looked at her and replied, "You had a choice and you chose that body?!"

The next president that I worked with was Linda Bartlett and Linda was the writer. She wrote brochures, booklets, and programs. She was the voice of reason and a calm debater.

After that it was Diane Schroeder and she made the Board work! We were forever examining our LFL policy statements and our Board policies. I don't think I've ever taken so many psychological surveys, but it all worked! We have strong policies and developed a strong, cohesive Board.

When Diane retired, Lynette Auch took over. I already knew Lynette because we both served as Federation Presidents on the Council of Federation Presidents. Looking at Lynette, you would never think that this quiet lady, small in stature would have such strong, immovable convictions. She became President when there was a lot going on: selling one property and buying another and remodeling it, choosing a new executive director to replace our beloved Dr. Jim Lamb, as well as other things. I will remember Lynette as always persevering through everything that was thrown at her, but doing it prayerfully. She is an amazing prayer warrior. Always her Board meetings ended with prayer for LFL and for each of us Board members. And now Lynette is retiring!

And who would've thought that I would end up being the next president of the Board! The only way that could have happened was through the hand of God, because I wasn't looking for a new job! I said, "No.," but then I prayed and when I didn't hear a "No." from God, I let my name stand and was totally surprised that I'd been elected. All I can say is that God has plans for me and LFL, and I will do all I can to follow those plans.

This does mean that my tenure as president of LFL of MO will be ending at the Annual Meeting on May 6. Contact me or a Board member if you are interested in becoming the next president of LFL of MO.

Diane

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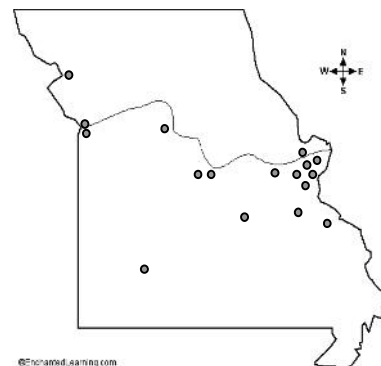
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Articles for the WINTER Newsletter

Due by ***February 1***, 2023

You can help us save money - printing and postage - by receiving this newsletter by email.
Simply **contact Mike at the email address above** and let him know.

SAVE THE DATE: LFL of MO'S Annual Meeting, May 6, 2023 at Trinity, Columbia.
Topic: Christian Care at the End of Life. Speaker: Rev. Scott Licht

LIFESONG FOR ORPHANS

The BOD is partnering with Lifesong for Orphans, a 501c3 organization. Millions of orphans need a family and many Christian families are finding the financial hurdle of adoption insurmountable. An adoption fund is a tool which God can use to help meet needs and bring children home.

Now LFL of MO would like to help Lutheran couples in Missouri by providing a fund (We've started it with \$2000) that Life Chapters/Teams, churches, and individuals could contribute. There are no fees for LFL and 100% of the gifts will go directly to help Lutheran families and children who will be in the adoption process. LifeSong provides the staff to administer the program and also does the screening, reviews, and approval/denial all according to our preapproved criteria. They will do this by helping us establish our fund and administering matching grants and/or interest free loans.

LFL of MO is asking each Life Chapter/Team to do one project (whatever you choose, small or large) to raise funds **and awareness** of Lifesong Check out their website: lifesong.org.

DONATIONS...THANK YOU!

Rev. Richard Peckham
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Please send donations to our treasurer:
Lutherans For Life of MO, C/O John Mueller
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Conference Speakers from Rock Island, IL October 21, 22, 2022



Jeanne Mancini,
President of the March
for Life Education and
Defense Fund.

Father Pavone,
National Director of
Priests for Life



Melissa Ohden, a
survivor of a failed
saline abortion, is the
founder and director
of The Abortion
Survivors Network.



Just As ... I Am



Eph 2:10

Lutherans For Life

2023 Missouri

Essay Contest

Sponsored by the Council of Federation Presidents

For Students in Grades 6 through 12

Any student in a Lutheran school or Lutheran congregation, e.g., confirmation class or youth group, when validated by a pastor or teacher, 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: Just As ... I Am with the Bible verse: ***“For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.” Ephesians 2:10***

1. Not incorporating the theme and verse in the essay will disqualify the entry.
2. Examples of topics the essay could deal with are, but are not limited to abortion, the handicapped, adoption or foster care, infanticide, cloning, stem cell research, physician assisted suicide or euthanasia etc.
3. Essays should include student’s name, grade (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 or Google Docs to lflfmo@gmail.com by April 1, 2023

5. There will be a \$100 first place award and \$50 second place award for each of the two categories. The two first place category winners will advance to the national contest. Email lflfmo@gmzil.com with any questions.
6. Grand prize for the national winning entries in each category if: \$250 for first place plus free conference registration to the 2023 Lutherans For Life conference and one night stay at the conference hotel. \$125 for the second-place winner.
7. All entries become the property of Lutherans For Life.
8. For questions or resources on the sanctity of life, see lutheransforlife.org



(Find the rubric of the essay contest on lflfmo.org under “Outreach”)



2023 POSTER CONTEST

Sponsored by Lutherans For Life of Missouri

For students in Grades 3 through 5

Any Lutheran student or student in a Lutheran school is eligible.

Contest Guidelines

1. This poster contest is to celebrate all life that God has created, including the preborn, the disabled, and the elderly.
2. The poster should be based on a Bible passage, hymn verse, or Sunday School song.
The poster size should be 18" x 12".
3. Use creativity to express ideas with paint, markers, crayons, colored paper, fabric, etc. Anything goes as long as the poster can be hung.
4. A school may submit their winning poster digitally along with the **Student Information Form** via email to: lflfmo@gmail.com by April 1, 2023.
5. There will be a First Place Award of \$25 and a Second Place Award of \$10, which will be awarded at LFL of MO's Annual Meeting.
6. All entries become the property of LFL of MO and the actual First and Second place winning posters will be used for display by LFL of MO.
7. For questions or resources on the sanctity of life, see: lflfmo@gmail.com or lutheransforlife.org

Judging will be based on:

1. The focus should be on Life.
2. The poster must be based on a Bible verse, hymn, or Sunday School song verse, which may not necessarily be displayed on the poster. (Words or phrases may be chosen for the poster and the whole of the Bible verse, hymn, or song may be printed on the Student Information Form.) The Bible verse, etc. must be visually brought to Life!
3. Materials are used well to express the idea and theme of the poster.
4. Neatness and correct spelling of any words used.

(Find pg 2 of the poster contest on lflfmo.org under "Outreach")

– Lutherans For Life of Missouri – Leonard WALLENMEYER Award

Each year we recognize high school students who, through their actions, have been gospel motivated voices for the sanctity of life.

Applicants for the \$250 award should meet all of the following criteria:

- Member of the 2023 Senior Class of a High School (Lutheran, Public or Homeschool) in Missouri;
- Member of a Lutheran Church;
- Recommended by a Pastor, Principal or Lutheran Pro-Life Organization Sponsor;

Commitment to “pro-life” Activities; Such life affirming activities may include visiting nursing home residents, volunteering at a homeless shelter, assisting with Life Sunday events, Pro-Life walks, diaper drives, being an active member of a student Life group, or any other activities that advocate the sanctity of and respect for all human life.

- Complete the Award Application.

Application deadline is Friday, February 10, 2023

Send application to:

Leonard Wallenmeyer - Life Award
8806 N Richland Rd
Willard, MO 65781-9556
or
kdeluce3@gmail.com



Applications may be found on llofmo.org under “Outreach”

Life Team and Life Chapter Chatter

*** **West Central Life Chapter** is busy working with St. Paul's High School in Concordia, MO. They recently bought more sets of fetal models because so many students are using them. They have also agreed to help sponsor 10 students who are planning to go to the March for Life in DC this January.

*****Springfield Life Chapter** had an amazing Rummage sale this summer and then the delightful task of dispersing our funds. Newborns in Need received a huge stack of Joann Fabric gift cards. The director plans to use these on Black Friday to purchase as much soft flannel for the babies as possible. Many of us participated in the Pregnancy Care Center Walk for Life and we were able to give a substantial donation to PCC. Sammy's Window, a support agency for foster families, received \$1000. Missouri, sadly, ranks 49th in the union on support for families who are taking care of children who have been abused or neglected. A new direction this year is a Christmas party for our elderly. Under the direction of a local nursing home, LFL will carol, give gifts, food and celebrate the sanctity of the end of life. The rummage sale is an almost overwhelming task, but this puts it all into perspective and we are thankful.

*****Rolla Area Life Chapter's** primary focus at this time is fundraising in order to participate in Synod's Million Dollar Match. The plan is to divide the funds between the five PRCs in the Rolla area. To date, two congregations have conducted fundraisers for this effort. In addition, members of the chapter set up an information booth at the Rolla Arts and Crafts Fair in October. Hot cocoa, coffee, bottled water, snacks and treats were distributed to the fair goers. Our group has also invited administrators from area Pregnancy Resource Centers to present to the group progress made in their area to save babies and halt the cycle of dysfunctional families. Contact President Mary Wittmaier to make a donation. (See pg. 2 for contact info.)

*****North St. Louis Area Life Chapter** donated diapers and wipes to Coalition Life from the Diaper Shower. We participated in the Life Chain in North County of St. Louis on October 2. We have been standing with many other pro life churches every year for about 10 years. In October we chose as our 2023 project to support LFL of MO's Lifesong fund. Our Chapter meets 4 times a year. We place a red rose on our altar when a member's baby is born. The rose goes home with the family. Though a difficult task because of the dryness, members of our Chapter put up the cross display for election day.

*****St. Charles County LIFE** Eighteen people, including an adoptive family with four adopted children stood For Life during Life Chain. Members are marking Bibles to be given to Thrive PHC, Coalition Life's PHC in IL, Our Lady's Inn, and Sparrow's Nest. Delores Desemone and Lisa Fox spoke on adoption at an LWML Rally on 10/19, presenting Thrive's Best Choice Abstinence Program to area 8th graders with the help of the Teens4Life group from St. Charles Lutheran High School. We're working on Synod's Million Dollar grant to advertise Life on billboards and TV and digital commercials. If you wish to contribute, contact Lisa Fox. (See pg 2 for contact info.)

*****Trinity LC Life Team, Columbia** In July, the Life Team helped with VBS by serving a meal, setting up an LFL display and handing out a children's book titled "Alive Before You Were Born" to about 20-25 families. In August, we made plans for a movie night in September and we showed the movie "Wonder" to about 20 people. We served pizza and snacks. Our church sponsored a table for eight at the Life Network banquet on Thursday, September 15th. We also filled goodie bags for our homebound members for Reformation and participated in Trunk or Treat.

*****Christ Memorial LC Life Team, St. Louis** When Life Notes, "A weekly e-news digest", is received by email, it is forwarded to the Life Team, the ministers of our congregation, and the Lancers for Life sponsors at Lutheran South. On October 6 we hosted another Monarch Jewelry event (supporting Crisis Aid International). We had a record amount raised again. On the weekend of November 26-27 we will host two funeral planning seminars after the Saturday service, and the last Sunday service. Meals will be provided. Registration is required.



Lynette Auch, the retiring President of the BOD, along with husband, Doug, as she receives her gift of appreciation: "Jesus and the Children" by Art Kirchoff. New president, Diane Albers presented.



Some of the conference attendees from Missouri.

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