



From the President

Dear Partners For Life,

The Truth Hurts

I have heard this a few times in my life. I have said it myself. Typically, I had said something in jest (who me?) about a person or commented on something they had done. This was then followed with “the truth hurts, doesn’t it?”

In reality, finding out that something said or done actually did have a negative consequence in your life or the life of another, can be sobering. The truth of the situation should lead to a positive follow-up. It should lead to greater awareness, improvement, healing, and/or forgiveness. If that is the case, being “hurt” by the truth of a matter is a good thing.

Pilate questioned Jesus about being a king. Jesus’ replied “You say that I am a king. In fact, the reason I was born and came into the world is to testify to the truth. Everyone on the side of truth listens to me.” Pilate replied “*What is truth?*” (John 18: 37 – 38) With the subjectiveness toward right and wrong developed by post-modernism, there is no such thing as ‘truth’. I wonder if Pilate started the movement way back then.

We know the truth. “Thy Word is truth.” (John 17: 17, Psalm 119: 160) We know the natural law God has placed into every human. We understand the Liar’s job: destroy what is true and right about God, and what comes from him; keep His people from spiritual, destiny-saving gospel truth. He is so good at twisting and distorting the truth. This gives those unsaved the appearance of a false reality. And this then becomes their ‘truth’.

For decades, death-affirming arguments have overflowed with misleading, devious, less death- sounding language. Examples: reproductive healthcare, blob of tissue, my body – my choice, wanted, the loving thing to do, it’s just pills and won’t hurt, and so on. Truth is covered up with falsehood. Truth: the *baby* produces the placenta to keep from being killed by the mother’s immune system; its DNA is different than the mothers, as is often the blood type. Can a male baby be ‘part of her body’? When born or aborted, does the mother *lose* part of her body?

There are many cases of people discovering the truth of abortion and completely reversing their beliefs and opinions. Bernard Nathanson is the prime example. Not familiar with him? Please google him.

Abby Johnson is now a strong life-affirming voice. You can see her story in the film *Unplanned*, or read the book. Instead of being a leader in an abortion facility, she now runs “And Then There Were None”. Over 600 former Planned Parenthood escorts and employees now know the truth thanks to her organization. (See **NOTES** below)

Post-abortive women have two reactions. In one case the truth of what took place at some point hounds them until they repent. They need help at that point with comfort and peace. Only the forgiveness of the Father through Jesus can give this to them. LFL offers just that. Word of Hope exists for this purpose. So do you: they can be led to Him by your caring voice and comfort.

Sadly, the second reaction is denial of any wrongdoing. This can only happen when the truth is hidden from them, or just flat out rejected despite its obviousness. In the latter case we saw a rise in the “Proud of My Abortion” group. These folks are the more vociferous death-affirmers. They can get nasty and vulgar and even aggressive. I have seen this personally at Planned Parenthood, and during Life marches. Maybe you saw this photo of an interviewer receiving such violence.



The gal with the microphone was doing interviews in Harlem questioning people about Planned Parenthood. She is from Live Action. As you can see, after many minutes of back and forth talking, the interviewee didn't like the direction of the questioning. I have a link to the report in the Notes section if you care to see more about it. Or you can google it yourself.

Lutherans For Life exists to develop gospel-motivated voices for life. Education is the primary focus for achieving this goal. That is why there are so many opportunities to learn and be prepared to speak the truth. Informative pamphlets, brochures, podcasts, newsletters and magazines, email news and conferences are all available to you. Speakers can be obtained for meetings, Bible classes or other events you host. Our young people have Y4Life available: many groups have formed and are active around the US in high schools and our Concordia Universities. And now YAForLife for young adults is also beginning to take shape. Visit lutheransforlife.org to see all that is available to you, your family, your congregation.

LFL of MO has the same desires. Missouri's Largest Diaper Drive takes place between Mother's Day and Father's Day (coming right up :) This newsletter hopefully helps accomplish LFL's mission in a way. Our Annual Gathering offers informative presentations. We also offer speakers to provide information for various occasions. The young people in our congregations are the life-affirmers of the future. We promote essay contests and poster contests for them. The Leonard Wallenmeyer Award is offered to Lutheran high school seniors.

Truth about Life does *not* hurt. It creates caring individuals ready to share God's joy. I encourage you to use LFL's available resources to become as knowledgeable as possible. Be ready to defend the truth.

Servants and messengers For Life, God bless you in his work. (See you at the Gathering ?? 😊)

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Annual Gathering

Lutherans for Life of MO will hold its Annual Gathering on Saturday, May 3.

It will take place at Salem Lutheran Church, Affton, from 9:30 – 1:00.

We will have a brief meeting followed by several presentations.

There will be several winners of our contests at the gathering.

They will share their essays and their poster.

They will also then receive their award.

We will be treated to the personal testimony of Lori, a mother who was in a crisis pregnancy, along with her son – Pastor Hill of Salem.

After lunch the Lifesong organization will be explained, along with LFL of MO's involvement with them.

Registration needs to be made. Send an email to lflofmo@gmail.com to sign up.

\$10 will be collected at the door when you arrive.

We will also collect baby items for local charities so bring along what you can.

We have an increasing number of members who signed up for the email version of the newsletters. Thank you so much. It is saving valuable dollars for LFL of MO.

I have also been able to use it to send current information and news when certain items become available. For example, when Amendment 3 was being presented last November.

By the way, there is a fight going on to remove that horrible amendment, or as much of it as possible, from the MO constitution. More on this later in the newsletter.

If you are not on the list but would like to be please just send me an email and I will make sure you are added to it. Typically, the email version of the newsletter is longer as I hold the paper version to 8 pages.

At any time, you can view the current and past email versions on line at our website, lflfmo.org. Go to the ABOUT menu. At our site you can also find information regarding our three age-grouped contests and the Leonard Wallenmeyer Life Award for Lutheran seniors in high school. They are ended for this year, but you can remind your teachers, pastors, DCE/youth directors, and home school parents to look for these opportunities in the future.

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DONATIONS RECEIVED

Towards the Adoption Fund:

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(remembering Harold Phillipps)

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(assist with mailing cost – thanks!)
Faith Lutheran, Springfield

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ADOPTION FUND FOR ORPHANS

Approximately 153 million orphans world-wide are trapped in a cycle of hopelessness, without anyone to love them...protect them...care for them.... Adoption costs of \$20-30K seems “financially impossible” to many Christian couples. That feeling results in thousands of children remaining in orphanages instead of learning the gospel of Jesus Christ in a forever family. The “*Adoption Fund, Sponsored by LFL of Missouri*” account is now fully set up and ready! Any Lutheran in our state may contribute. It has already been used once, for His glory.

When you send a donation for the fund, please include the memo **Adoption Fund**. Any questions can also be directed to him at sharkhunter3@yahoo.com

Award recipients for 2025

Poster contest

1st Place: Micah Gierstorf, Homeschool, Zion Harvester, Grade 5

He and mom, Sarah, receive \$50 awards

2nd Place: Jordan Miller, St. John’s Hannibal, Grade 3

He and teacher, Kate Schell, receive \$25 awards

Elementary Essay contest

1st Place: Rory Acton, St. John’s Lutheran School, Hannibal Grade 7

He and teacher, Vicki Mclain, receive \$200 awards

2nd Place: Elliot Haug, Immanuel Lutheran School, St. Charles Grade 7

He and teacher, Susie Schmieding, receive \$100 awards

Secondary Essay contest

1st Place: William Townzen, St. Paul’s HS, Concordia Grade 9

He and teacher, Andrea Schmidt, receive \$200 awards

2nd Place: Andrew Bass, Homeschooled, Trinity, Park Hills Grade 9

He and mom, Kari, receive \$100 awards

The essays of Rory and Willam proceed to the National Essay Contest.

Leonard Wallenmeyer Life Award 2025

Heidi McKeage, St. Paul’s HS, Concordia St. Matthew, Lees Summit

She receives a \$1000 award.

Events, past and future

* House Joint Resolution 73 (HJR 73) In this first spot last time I bemoaned the fact the Amendment 3 passed – by a tiny 1.6% margin. It was due to a massive misinformation campaign from NON-Missouri donations amounting to some 20 million dollars. The 2 million dollars in opposition still almost had it defeated. The majority prolife leaders in the state are in the process of doing their best to remove the amendment. That’s what HJR 73 is all about. It would take up a lot of room to post the 13 points. Here is the web site to read it yourself, and see what it removes. It is quite impressive and well thought out.

<https://documents.house.mo.gov/billtracking/bills251/hlrbillspdf/2454H.05C.pdf>

(highlight the site name above, right click, click on “open hyperlink”)

*The abortion pill has taken the lead in death to babies. They call it “medication” abortion. Sounds so basic and easy, yes? There is much potential harm to women, not to mention death to the human they are supporting.

* Missouri’s **largest diaper shower** will again be from Mother’s Day, May 11, to Father’s Day, June 15. Promote this with your church or Life group. Reminder: whichever organization receives you donation will also receive a \$50 donation from LFL of MO.

* May 1 is the date set for the 2025 **Midwest March for Life** in Jefferson City. For more information go to <https://midwestmarchforlife.com/>

* A very moving, strong life-affirming short film has been produced. **Mommy Dear**. It will definitely move you. Go to seemyvoice.com/ but go with some tissues :) Share with those you love.

Feel free to share this newsletter also. Simply refer people to our website, under ABOUT. Actually, previous newsletters are there as well.

* The Seminary is having a seminar July 7-9 on "Dying Well in Christ."

** The 2025 Lutherans For Life National Conference, “Fearfully and Wonderfully Made”, will take place September 24-26, 2025, at the Great Wolf Lodge, Colorado Springs, Colorado. Go to lutheransforlife.org/conferences for information, including a 5-minute video preview.

NOTES:

Abby Johnson at the 2020 Republican convention

<https://video.search.yahoo.com/search/video?fr=mcafee&p=Abby+Johnson&type=E210US105G0#id=2&vid=ab0f7eb16b1f5bb8f7616fec25382837&action=click>

or <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KS1842D0RfM&t=306s>

Saxon Memorial lost to fire

<https://reporter.lcms.org/2025/saxon-lutheran-memorial-visitor-center-lost-in-fire/>

HHS article: Life begins at conception ?!

https://www.lifenews.com/2025/02/19/hhs-issues-scientific-statement-confirming-human-life-begins-at-conception/?fbclid=IwY2xjawIoX2dleHRuA2FlbQIxMQABHb8JDJxwxqI6WYP1SH8wR9NdJReayDoBPAZcmti23NJ0qF_7dnntly5vDg_aem_02LusX-7pMdm2sTjqT2tUA

Oregon “improves” killing

<https://www.lifenews.com/2025/02/20/oregon-bill-would-allow-non-doctors-to-kill-patients-in-assisted-suicides/>

Reversing abortion, India

<https://pregnancyhelpnews.com/indias-first-successful-abortion-pill-reversal-baby-and-the-cherry-on-top>

Death in the Netherlands

<https://www.lifenews.com/2025/03/26/netherlands-sets-record-euthanizing-more-than-10000-people/>

When is science anti-choice, medically inaccurate, misinformation, even indoctrination?
When it teaches the truth about life!

<https://www.liveaction.org/news/webinar-prenatal-development-education-indoctrination/>

I worked at PP . . .

https://www.dailysignal.com/2025/04/01/former-planned-parenthood-employee-heres-why-shouldnt-get-taxpayer-funding/?utm_source=TDS_Email&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=MorningBell&mkt_tok=ODI0LU11VC0zMDQAAAGZlPpeSfbmZnr3bA8JgAtsdr8sI-seHZN39UR50iKX4Pc6YSUXmxB5aRHqGqq2ZC35NIAy93cDs-AYN5b5SndH6mQwXYQVp9iIAYPuLxJSarycZ9-B

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https://notthebee.com/article/people-have-discovered-a-magical-line-that-runs-through-america-where-people-believe-in-jesus-have-babies-dont-kill-themselves-and--endure-high-wind-speeds?utm_source=Not+The+Bee+Newsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=04052025

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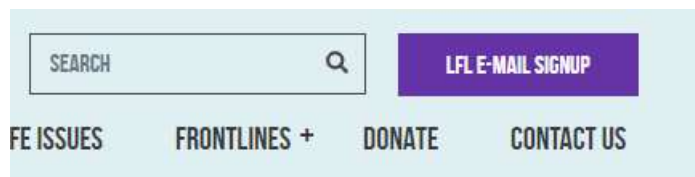
“Life Notes”

LFL sends out a weekly email called Life Notes. It has a Thought (based on the readings for the next Sunday) and a Quote for the week. There is much information about LFL.

Life on the Web gives several interesting, many amazing, articles to read on the internet.

This email can be sent to you. Go to lutheransforlife.org.

In the top right corner you will see this:



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Chapter and Life Team Reports

Christ Memorial LC Life Team The Baby Bottle drive for our PHC brought in more this year than last. We will be assisting at the Annual Gathering. The items collected will be delivered by us to our charities. We will be hosting another Monarch Event on Thursday, May 8. After setting up we will provide the ladies with lunch using a Thrivent grant. There will be snacks available for the shoppers. There will be collections for the Largest Diaper drive beginning on Mother's Day. It was decided to offer another Trivia Event in the Spring, but we may push that off now to summer: date to be determined

Chapter 246 North County St. Louis Our Chapter has had an annual January chili lunch on Lutherans for Life Sunday. This has been held for over 15 years. This year we really switched it up with a very well attended Chili cook off! We even had to set up more tables for congregation members to sit at. We had 10 members bring their favorite chili recipe in a crockpot. No one knew which chili was whose. We served our own Lutherans for Life chili also. Members sampled all the chili, giving each a score. We had 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners. Our speaker for the day was Brad Jackson from Orphan Grain Train. He showed photos from OGT and invited the congregation to volunteer. Our Chapter is supporting OGT in 2025 with monetary gifts and time spent at the St. Louis headquarters packing clothing to be sent overseas. We are cooking and serving Lenten suppers between the two worship services.

Our Chapter is again participating in the March on the Arch in St. Louis on April 12, 2025. This is a fund raising walk for Coalition Life. Their headquarters in Fairview Heights, IL was severely damaged in a large storm in March. They need monetary gifts to do extensive repairs. This group saves babies.

We will also have a table at the Valley of Flowers Festival in May. We bring two sets of our "babies" for people to hold. This is a table that attracts children and teenagers. We get a chance to give our encouragement to young people. Many children come back year after year telling us they love to hold the babies. We pray that this will remain with them as they grow older.

Our Chapter meets four times a year with meetings shortened to one hour each.

No matter what you do for Life, even the smallest thing, is used by our great God. You do the talking, sharing, whatever - God does the rest. He makes great things out of our measly works. Keep it up. Never give up!

Springfield Chapter is gearing up for an important busy Spring season. We are excited to sponsor two tables and attend the annual Charity Celebration for Pregnancy Care Center. They are a positive pro-life organization who are commemorating their 25th year and we are proud to support them. Our traditional Mother's Day/Father's Day ingathering is just around the corner. We collect for all STAGES OF LIFE. The baby supplies will go to Newborns' in Need. They supply 1000 layettes EACH MONTH to sweet babies in the SW State region. Our 2nd Stage is for foster families who care for the little ones in State care. Fostering is a tough job and we want to support the families who welcome young strangers into their homes. We gather school supplies, hygiene and food for Sammy's Window – a support group for foster care. Last, but certainly not least, items will be collected for the elderly in a local nursing home. Taking a deep steadying breath, we prepare for our annual MONGO RUMMAGE sale. This is an enormous undertaking, but the congregations REALLY support us with their treasures and hours and hours of hard work. Our work for the sanctity of Life continues through fellowship, perseverance and love. “For I am the LORD your God, who takes hold of your right hand and says to you, Do not fear; I will help you.” Isaiah 41:13

Trinity, Columbia Life Team The Life Team of Trinity has been very busy in 2025! We had a sharing moment on Life Sunday and held a freewill offering for LFL of MO Adoption fund. We also set up a display in our narthex and offered many free materials about how to stand up for life. In February, we adopted a family through LFCS of mid-Missouri and collected clothing, toys, household items and more. The family was very touched and appreciative. In March, we finished planning an event to celebrate the 100th anniversary of Trinity Lutheran Church, Columbia Missouri. We will be providing 100 duffles packed with age appropriate Bibles from CPH, a teddy bear and a few other items. These bags are for children who move from place to place and have no suitcase to hold their personal items. The bags will go to Coyote Hills, a foster care organization in the area. They will place the bags in storage and had them out as needed. The Life Team is blessed to be able to celebrate our church anniversary in this way. Blessings, the Life Team of TLC, Columbia

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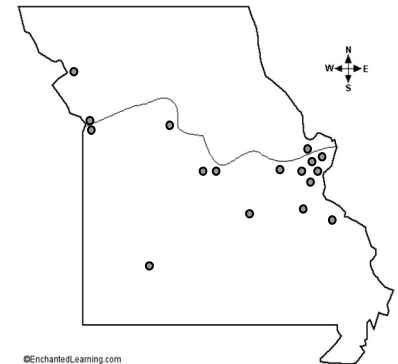
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