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LUTHERANS FOR LIFE OF MISSOURI

Life Matters

From the President

Dear Friends For Life,

Because of National Holocaust Remembrance, I’ve been seeing stories of heroes. One was Roddie Edmonds, the ranking non-com at a POW camp, who refused to identify the Jewish Americans in the camp—even with a pistol to his head. I wonder if I could do that. Another hero was Janusz Korczak, a man who did many things, but in the end loved and cared for children in two orphanages. He followed his Jewish children into the ghetto when the Nazis came for them and took care of them, as well as others who came into his care. He’d had offers from various groups to try to smuggle him out of the ghetto, but he stayed for his children. When they came for the children again, he told them to put on their best clothes and pack their things and he led the almost 200 children to the train to Treblinka, comforting them all the way. Could you do that?

I can hear you saying along with me: “I’m no hero!” But, I want to say to you that YES! You are! Maybe it doesn’t seem like it, but you are putting yourself between life and death when you advocate for the life of babies, the disabled, the terminally ill, those suffering after an abortion, and so many others. It doesn’t have to be a dramatic deed to make one a hero, but just your constant attendance to God’s call on your life. Working with your pastor, your Life Chapters, and your Life Teams to educate your congregation and helping them serve PHCs and other organizations who support Life from conception until death is heroic work. You are a hero! Thanks for all that you do in Missouri. Where would we be without you? Please keep up your heroic work!

Upcoming Events

- * Application Deadline for Leonard Wallenmeyer Award February 28
- * Turn in deadline for LFL of MO’s Essays and Poster contests March 1
- * March to the Arch, St. Louis Saturday, March 19
- * Midwest March, Jefferson City Wednesday, April 20
- * LFL of MO’s Annual Meeting, St. Louis Saturday, April 23

Please continue to encourage pastors, teachers, and students to enter our two essay contests and our poster contest. It is always so exciting to see student work!

Blessings,

Diane

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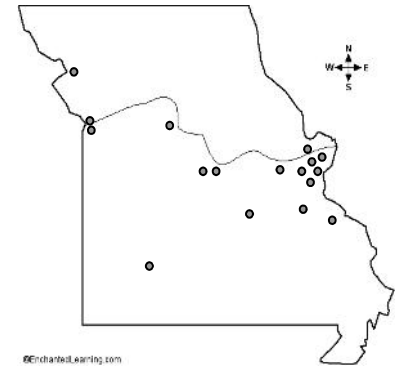
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You can help us save money - printing and postage - by receiving this newsletter by email.
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Monarch Jewelry: Refuse to do nothing!

Monarch Jewelry is a Christian Ministry in connection with Crisis Aid International that creates artistic jewelry and accessories as a unique way to engage in the fight against modern-day sex slavery. Their mission is to increase awareness, raise funds, and encourage others to fight against sex trafficking. One of the ways they raise funds and awareness is by having small and large jewelry parties or shows. Monarch collects unwanted and/or damaged jewelry and repurposes it into something beautiful and unique. We will have a Monarch show at our Annual Meeting, so you'll be able to see and purchase unique jewelry and gift items, as well as bring in your unwanted jewelry. As a preview, go to their Etsy page, Monarch4Freedom. We're hoping for a large attendance to support this ministry. Come and learn--and do a little shopping!



The Springfield Life Chapter sent six members to the March for Life in DC this year. Didn't get to go? Check the Upcoming Events on page 1 to find a MO March for Life!

DONATIONS

Thank you to all who made contributions! Your donations fund all of the many projects we do here in Missouri! You are a blessing to LFL of MO!

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LFL OF MO'S ANNUAL MEETING



**Prince of Peace Lutheran Church
8646 New Sappington Rd
St. Louis, MO 63126**

**April 23, 2022
9:30 am-1:30 pm
Cost: \$10 (includes lunch)**

Speaker: Irene Hurt

**TOPIC-- Monarch's Mission:
To End Sex Trafficking and Help Local Survivors**

Presentations from:

- Rev. Jason Wagner, MO District Life Coordinator
- Katie Fiene, Swaddling Clothes Ministry
- Diane Albers, President of LFL of MO

**All Leonard Wallenmeyer High School Award recipients will be invited!
MO's Essay Contest winners will be invited to read their essays!
Poster winners will be invited, too!**

First collection for Prince of Peace's Swaddling Clothes Ministry

(a Thrivent Action Team Grant also will be used):

Diapers Wipes Children's Clothes (Newborn to sz 4 toddler)
Bottles Bibs Teething toys Body wash for Babies/Children
Toothbrushes/Toothpaste for Children

Second Collection for Monarch Jewelry:

Unwanted or broken jewelry and Christmas tins to be repurposed

RSVP by April 18 to Diane at:

lflofmo@gmail.com or 314/240-2018

Leonard Wallenmeyer Life Awards for Graduating Seniors

Again this year, LFL of MO would like to give an award of \$250 to a graduating Lutheran senior from a public school, a homeschool, and each Lutheran High School in Missouri. To qualify for the award, a senior must be actively engaged in activities that promote Life.

This can take many forms: leading the pro-life group at their school, visiting elderly care centers, helping at agencies that take care of Moms and their babies, fundraising for these groups, etc. If you are a senior that thinks you would qualify or you know a senior that would qualify, please go to lutheransforlifeofmo.org under the Events tab for the application before the deadline of 2/28/22.

MO'S LARGEST DIAPER SHOWER SPONSORED BY LUTHERANS FOR LIFE OF MO MOTHER'S DAY TO FATHER'S DAY



Bring disposable diapers of any size to church between Mother's Day and Father's Day as a way to thank your family for giving you life!

DIAPERS COLLECTED MAY BE GIVEN TO ANY MINISTRY OF THE CHURCH/LFL CHAPTER OR TEAM'S CHOICE THAT HELPS FAMILIES AND BABIES.

*Please send in your diaper count (not packages) for each church to
Diane at:*

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Attention: For every report made, LFL of MO will send in a \$25 donation to the ministry that receives the diapers!

LIFE TEAM AND CHAPTER CHATTER

West County Life Chapter-- St. Mark's, Eureka celebrated Life Sunday on January 9, 2022. We invited Pastor Dar Karsten who served our congregation for many years as our pastor to lead worship and Adult Bible Study that morning. He and his wife Jan are very involved in ministries which support Life in all its stages, and brought us very current information and encouragement. The Children's Message contained not only the truth of God's love for us in giving us all our lives, but also scientific facts and pictures on the big screen showing how we all look at various stages of development in our mother's body. Pastor Karsten helped the children through questions and answers to see that God values our lives so much, He sent His Son to be our Savior. You can watch the entire worship service at stmarkseureka.org. Members of our LFL

chapter provided baked goods for snacks, a table with LFL information was available to all in the narthex, and we all appreciated the good weather God provided.

Lutherans For Life of St. Charles County Life Chapter has been serving through adoption, partnering with the Keen family who recently adopted three biological siblings from South America. Two translation pens were given to the family to help with their transition to English. At Christmas we were able to donate a Christmas tree, wreath, stockings, personalized ornaments, and flannel sheets. We are hoping to help the children with their reading by listening to them as they read.

We sold pecans again to help fundraise. And participated in Life week by funding the Teens for Life students at Lutheran High School in their trip to Washington DC.

Several of our congregations in our chapter set up life displays for Life Sunday and the “God Chose You” children’s message was delivered to the Sunday School children.

A Life display was set up at Higher Grounds coffee shop for one week and many people were deeply moved by it. We left materials there for them to have available to the public throughout the year.

We have another congregation joining our chapter. Zion Lutheran Church in Maryland Heights Mo. So we will now have 14 churches in our Chapter.

Possible future plans are putting up our annual billboard with the message provided by the Word of Hope ministry 4 weeks before Easter and staying up for the 4 weeks. We target the Planned Parenthood traffic that goes from Mo. to Illinois. We also are discussing funding commercials of about 15 seconds on Channel 2 and Channel 11 in our local area as well as their websites.

We have a website now: lutheransforlifestcharlesmo.org

Northern Ozarks Life Chapter--We are hoping to have a Bluegrass fundraising concert in July. We had one last June and did pretty well. We were able to gift \$700.00 to three pregnancy resource centers in our circuit. We also help with the Cole Camp Regional Ministry Marriage and Family Conference being held on April 22 and 23rd.

Rolla Area Life Chapter---has a new president. Welcome, Mary Wittmaeier!

West Central Life Chapter—Linda Gasau, a member of the BOD of LFL of MO and a member of the chapter, made an Owen’s Mission presentation at Messiah, Independence—her 7th!

Springfield Life Chapter---This is the time of year that we spend planning for our bi-annual “Healthy Relationships” banquet. The concentration of our meetings has been on this event which we will be hosting at Faith Lutheran in Springfield, MO on February 27, 2022. Our speakers for this event will be the Two Amazing Hannah’s who work closely with our Youth @ both Redeemer and Trinity in Springfield, MO. All surrounding Lutheran church 7th & 8th graders, as well as their parents, are invited to attend. On January 10th we had a very motivating speaker. Dana Lopez, the CEO of Dogwood Ranch located in Rogersville, MO, informed our group of the amazing work they do at the ranch providing long-term care to orphans and foster children using equine therapy to teach bonding, building trust and responsibility. Dogwood Ranch supplies support for foster kids/adults that have aged out of the system with counseling, horse therapy, and even housing. It was an amazing presentation!

We have also been planning for the March in DC and have 6 attending the LFL/Y4LIFE conference in Arlington, VA. It will be exciting to have 4 new attendees this year as I believe the experience of seeing TENS of thousands of like-minded Christians standing and marching for Life is the best motivator to be active in your local chapter!

California Area Life Chapter—St. Paul’s Pastor Kopper had a very good Life sermon as we celebrated Life Sunday. Diane Ott presented a rose and recognized those families having babies for the year. She gave a wonderful message For Life. A soloist sang the song *God Knew Your Name*. There were special bulletins and inserts and Love offering envelopes were collected.

Missouri Capitol Life Chapter gave money to Calvary Lutheran High School (Jefferson City) to help send students and sponsors to the 2022 March For Life in Washington, D.C. We also recently sent a memorial to National LFL in memory of one of our long-time members who has gone home to be with the Lord. President Rathmann presented a Bible Study written by a member to Faith Lutheran LWML group. We encourage members to spread the Life message this way in their church groups. We encouraged our members to help their local church have a Life Sunday. We are asking members to encourage the students they know to write an essay or make a poster for the MO LFL contests. We also hope to participate in the Midwest March For Life on Wednesday, April 20th at the MO Capitol. Save the date and join us! Information can be found at midwestmarchforlife.com for information on the event and a list of speakers that are planning to be here.

North County Life Chapter displayed witness crosses on the front lawn of our church for three weeks this Fall. We assisted with preparation and serving of three Advent Souper Suppers. The Chapter's share of the free will offering becomes our working cash for future projects. We went Christmas caroling for a number of our congregation's homebound members. Our plans are to have our annual Chili Lunch soon. Proceeds will benefit our Chapter's "project of the year"-- Coalition For Life.

Rolla Area Life Chapter has a new president: Mary Wittmaeier. Welcome, Mary!

Trinity LC, Columbia Life Team invited Dr. Jim Lamb to preach on Life Sunday and invited our youth group to attend the Adult Bible class where Dr. Lamb taught. We also greeted that Sunday, set up a display about Life Sunday and held a freewill offering for LFL. In the months to come, we will hold our second Life Team training, send goodie bags to our homebound members and hold our annual diaper shower starting on Mother's Day and running through Father's Day. We had a wonderful and productive year last year and pray this year is just as fruitful!

Concordia Seminary Life Team will be hosting two Miscarriage Memorial Services. The first is the daily chapel service on Feb. 1 at 9:35 a.m. at the Seminary chapel. The second will happen Feb. 24th, 6:00-7:30 pm in the lower level of the chapel; dinner, a panel of couples, and a brief worship time. Childcare provided and all are welcome! We will also host a seminar, "Honoring Life at the End of Life: Pastoral and Medical Perspectives on Hospice Care" on Sat. Feb. 19th, 5:00 to 7:30, with dinner, child care and presentations by a pastor and two Christian medical professionals. Finally, on April 23 we'll have a seminar regarding faithful Christian and Lutheran approaches to sexuality and sexual issues. For more info contact Dr. Mart Thompson at thompsonm@csl.edu.

Christ Memorial LC, St. Louis Life Team—hosted a baby bottle boomerang on Life Sunday for the benefit of the South County Pregnancy Help Center. Diane Albers presented children's messages. We greeted members on their way out with a flyer about our Life Team.

We are planning a Monarch jewelry Party for April, a Funeral Planning Seminar (No date, yet.), and will participate in MO's Largest Diaper Shower.

The Chapel of the Cross LC, St. Louis Life Team recently did a "Guess the Baby Photo Contest." We asked church members to submit baby photos of themselves by the end of November. The team got together to create a bulletin board of all of the photos in December and put it out for display for all of January. Next to it, there is another bulletin board showing 3D images of an embryo developing into a baby. Those images came from Answers in Genesis. Church members have been crowding around the baby photos on Sundays and are having fun trying to guess who is who. The winner who guessed the most correct baby photos was announced the first weekend in February.

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