

# *Lifelines*

February.March.April 2017

## Personal Memory of Dr Jean Garton

by Susan Hill, LFL-MI Board Member

In October, I had the special opportunity to represent Michigan at the National Lutherans For Life Conference in Bloomington, MN. There were many excellent speakers, an inspiring opening worship service, a visit to a pregnancy help center in downtown Minneapolis, informational workshops, and the great fellowship meeting with like-minded believers always offers. However, for me the best part of the three days was hearing Dr Jean Garton speak at the final session. She received the Dominus Vitae award from Dr Salemink with grace and dignity. Dr Garton shared a finely tuned sense of humor, evident in her address. Her strength, wisdom and leadership of LFL were well-portrayed in her words. She was remarkably attractive for her age, with sparkling blue eyes, and her articulate speaking style came through strongly. She chided Lynette Auch for mentioning her age in her introduction. She commented that her shoe size was 7 1/2, and that was all the personal information she would share. In other words, Dr Jean Garton was candid and real.

You can imagine how shocked I was to learn she died just before Christmas, after a brief fight with pancreatic cancer. Her last days were spent in the same hospice facility in Arkansas in which she had volunteered, typical of someone whose life was marked with service to others, especially service to the most vulnerable.

After she spoke and the conference was officially declared ended, many people stood in line to speak with Dr Garton. I was one of those people. I had a piece of banana bread with me that I had brought from home, carefully packaged in a plastic snack bag. She accepted it happily, remarking that she loved homemade baked goods, especially banana bread. I asked her about her son who asked, "Mommy, who broke the baby?" She told me he now lives in Viet Nam, and works for an agency that helps Americans relocate to that country. What a privilege to have spoken with her briefly, and to give her a small, homemade snack!

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Lutherans For Life mourns the death of our dear sister, Dr. Jean Garton. Dr. Garton became a leader in advocating respect and protection for every human being following the *Roe v. Wade* Supreme Court decision. She served instrumentally in the formation of Lutherans For Life in 1978 and accepted the position of its first president.



The entire nationwide Lutherans For Life community, even in our grief, gives enthusiastic thanks to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ for Jean's faith, compassion, wit, courage, and work.

Dr. Jean Garton entered her Heavenly Father's eternal glory on the morning of December 23, 2016, following a brief illness.

**The mission of LFL is to equip Lutherans to be Gospel-motivated voices For Life.**

## **LFL Vision Statement:**

Every Lutheran, both individually and in community, upholding the God-given value of human life and influencing society to do the same.

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# THANK YOU...

Correction from last issue of Lifelines:

Delphine Mallinson, *Rochester Hills*

[in memory of Jerry Boner and Bob Evans]

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[in memory of Elizabeth Kasper]

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[in memory of Donald Cargo]

Dorothy Kethe, *Eastpointe*

[in memory of Victoria Wood]

John & Joanne Emmons, *Big Rapids*

[Thank You continued on page 4]

# Life Issues Contest

*Sponsored by: Lutherans for Life of Michigan*

As part of the mission of Lutherans for Life of Michigan to educate and equip our young people to be Gospel-motivated voices on Life issues, we are sponsoring a **Life Issues Contest!**

All Lutheran congregations are encouraged to participate in this contest by presenting this information and opportunity to their 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students. **Projects should be created under the guidance of the pastor or teacher, and submitted by the deadline of March 15<sup>th</sup>.**

Pastors or teachers should judge their own students' projects first and then send their **one** winning entry in the artistic project category and/or **one** winning entry in the essay category to the state contest. \$100 for the top essay and for the top artistic project and \$75 for the runner-up in each category will be awarded at the state level, according to the criteria below.

## **Step 1: Pick a LIFE ISSUE**

- \* Abortion
- \* Sexual Purity
- \* Euthanasia
- \* Assisted Suicide
- \* Embryonic Stem Cell Research

## **Step 2: Pick a Project**

Essay      **OR**

### Artistic Project

- \* T-shirt or jewelry design
- \* Video
- \* Poster
- \* Work of art
- \* Technology (i.e. Prezi, Vine, PowerPoint, Flipagram)

It is our hope and prayer that this contest will be a valuable exercise in teaching our young people the value of human life, the need to protect that life, as well as the need for sexual purity and marital faithfulness.

### **Please submit the essay to:**

Lori Looker  
43078 Hartwick  
Sterling Heights, MI  
48313  
lori61high@yahoo.com

### **Please submit the artistic project to:**

Jeff Davis  
1000 Bagley  
Rochester Hills, MI  
48309  
jdavis@lhsa.com

## **Essay Guidelines**

- \* Write 400-500 words
- \* Research your subject well
- \* Develop your theme clearly
- \* Show how this issue relates to you
- \* Use clear Biblical references and teachings
- \* Use proper spelling and grammar
- \* Be convincing and personal
- \* Include a title page with the following information:  
title of essay, student's name, name of congregation/school with address, telephone number and email address

## **Artistic Project Guidelines**

- \* Research your subject well
- \* Develop your theme clearly
- \* Show how this issue relates to you
- \* Use clear Biblical references and teachings
- \* Be convincing and personal
- \* Exhibit excellent craftsmanship
- \* Creativity
- \* Send a few pictures (photographs or JPEG) and a paragraph OR a short video (in the .mov format) in which you display your project and explain its meaning
- \* Include a page with the following information: title of project, student's name, name of congregation/school with address, telephone number and email address

## THANK YOU... continued

Michael Schmerda, *Warren*

Daniel Beck, *Rochester*

Dale & Bonnie Kregel, *Monroe*

Sandra Beens, *Troy*

Richard C E Sager, *Jonesville*

James & Laverne Santangelo, *Shelby Twp*

Lorraine Rosso, *Chesterfield*  
[in memory of Sylvia Schuetz]

Nileen Nemeth, *Otisville*

William Petzel, *White Cloud*

Walter & Barbara Szymanski, *Dearborn*

Kevin & Dianne Stresman, *Vassar*  
[in honor of Sophie Lillian]

Gary & Jean Peters, *Bay City*  
[in honor of new granddaughter, Elaine]

Daniel & Sandra Needham, *West Branch*

Alix Jenkins, *Mason*  
[in memory of Jon K Jenkins]

Gerald & Peggy Schaffer, *Sawyer*

Our Redeemer Lutheran LWML, *Washington*

John Boldt, *Monroe*

Anonymous  
[in honor of Pastor Jon Bakker, Zion Mt Pleasant]

Chris & Gwynn Oberly, *Macomb*

Good Shepherd Evangelical Lutheran, *Chesterfield*

Dennis & Judith Williams, *Lansing*  
[in memory of Lorine & George Williams]

M & M Peter Bullock, *Lansing*

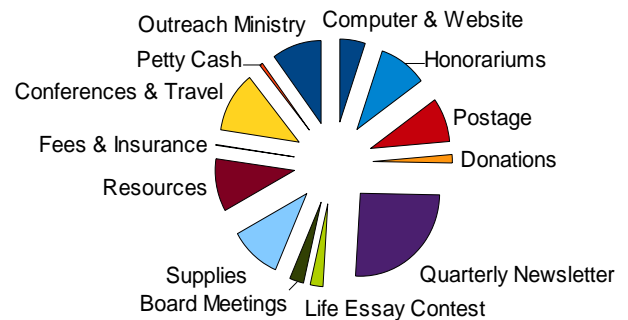
Bronner's CHRISTmas Wonderland, *Frankenmuth*

Joyce Adams, *Bay City*

## 2016 Financial Report

Balance on January 1, 2015	\$18,798.18
Total 2016 Income	\$12,236.05
Total 2016 Expenses	\$15,261.49
Balance on December 31, 2016	<b>\$15,772.74</b>

The following chart shows the distribution of expenditures during 2016.



Income for 2016 was the lowest that it has been in the last seven years. But because of the higher income in 2015, we were able to carry out all of our planned activities during 2016. We praise and thank the Lord of life for your generous donations. Your gifts assist us in carrying out our mission in Michigan churches, schools, and communities, to give witness to the sanctity of all human life, from conception to natural death, based on the Word of God. And, they enable us to provide most of our resources free of charge.

[Financial Report submitted by Earl Iseler, LFL-MI Treasurer]

Please note that this quarterly newsletter is also available to you digitally. If you would like to receive your newsletter by email, please contact us at [lflmi.president@gmail.com](mailto:lflmi.president@gmail.com)

Please consider 'friending' us on Facebook at Lutherans For Life of Michigan (Religious Organization) with pre-natal baby icon. [There appear to be a number of different pages entitled Lutherans For Life of Michigan!]



## Life Leadership Summit

March 25, 2017

St Matthew Lutheran  
2418 Aurelius Road  
Holt, MI 48842



## “The Body of Christ and the Public Square”

Guest Speaker: *Pastor Chris Thoma*

Now is the time for Christians to boldly share what God’s Word says about LIFE issues. Abortion, euthanasia, physician assisted suicide, same sex marriage, transgenderism are all issues to which our culture speaks...mostly in a non-Christian manner. We need to encourage each other in our Christian walk and witness.

**Pastors, Life Chapters, Life Teams, Life Advocates, all those interested in promoting LIFE...**Lutherans For Life of Michigan would be so pleased to meet you, to encourage and help equip you to be strong, Biblical voices For LIFE in your families, congregations and communities.

Please RSVP to [lfmi.president@gmail.com](mailto:lfmi.president@gmail.com) or call 586-949-9261 before March 10<sup>th</sup> to assist us in planning for materials and the luncheon.

### Schedule

- 9:30 – 10:00 – Registration [is free]
- 10:00 – 10:15 – Opening Devotions – Pastor Paul Clark
- 10:15 – 11:15 – Guest speaker – Pastor Chris Thoma
- 11:15 – 12:00 – Lutherans For Life Ministry [Sharing goals & activities of National LFL & LFL-MI]
- 12:00 – 1:00 – Lunch [provided by the LWML ladies of St Matthew]
- 1:00 – 1:30 – Breakout Session 1 [Small group brain-storming ideas on getting congregations/individuals involved]
- 1:30 – 1:45 – Break
- 1:45 – 2:30 – Breakout Session 2 [Sharing ideas in the larger group]
- 2:30 – 2:45 – Closing

*“In an ‘alien’ culture where TRUTH is defined primarily in personal, subjective, relativistic terms, Christians are called to reclaim, defend, and explain – with infinite patience, respect, and gentleness – the particularistic and exclusivist truth claims centered in the unique person, work, and words of the One who claimed to be THE truth, way, and life.”* [Dr Joel Lehenbauer at MI District Theological Conference on Church, State & Culture, March 1, 2014]



# What's Happening...



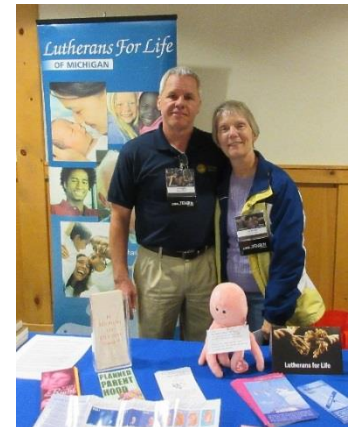
**A Life Defenders Boot Camp** was held on Sunday, May 1, 2016 at West Michigan Lutheran High School, in Wyoming, MI. It was a three and one half hour session exclusively for high school and college age persons...designed to equip young women and men to become effective ambassadors FOR LIFE. The presenter was Michael Spencer of Life Training Institute who travels extensively throughout the United States equipping pro-life advocates on high school and university campuses. He is a gifted and much sought-after communicator who brings a compassionate heart to the often

emotional and divisive issue of abortion in a way that is both gracious and compelling.

Michael was initially pro-choice but after learning the gruesome facts about abortion, he became a passionate pro-life advocate and decided to dedicate his life to helping other pro-choice people see that abortion is very evil. But, like all other sins, Christ paid the price for the sin of abortion when He died on the cross, so that everyone that is involved in an abortion decision, but repents, is forgiven by God. Michael used medical knowledge, charts, graphs, photographs and videos to portray the horrible facts about abortion and then God's Word to show His grace and mercy.

There were 17 high school and college students in attendance, representing several locations, including a foreign exchange student at West Michigan Lutheran High School from Thailand. The foreign exchange student shared what he had learned during the Boot Camp with his classmates at West Michigan Lutheran High School during one of his classes at the high school. Seven of the attendees were from St Michael Lutheran Church, Portage, MI. There were two sets of triplets, a set of twins, a person that had been adopted from Russia, home-schooled students, a University of Alabama and a Western Michigan University student. Four of the students that attended are our grandchildren who are Roman Catholic. One of them recently defended a pro-life position in one of his classes at his public high school. Afterwards, a classmate told our grandson that he had a change of heart as a result of the pro-life defense.

[The event was co-sponsored by the Greater Grand Rapids Chapter of Lutherans For Life and William and Carolyn Burns of Portage, MI. The Greater Grand Rapids Chapter is evaluating whether it might be possible to hold another Life Defenders Boot Camp during a school day, working with administrators of area parochial high schools and colleges to get them to encourage their students to attend.] [submitted by Earl Iseler, LFL-MI Board member]



Lutherans For Life of Michigan hosted an exhibit at the All Pastors' Conference in Boyne Falls on October 10-11. Visitors to the exhibit included toddler Eliana Lafave from Immanuel Leeland (who found 'Olivia the Octopus' very interesting) and Pastor David and June McCarty from Emmanuel Britton.

# ...in Michigan?



## Kent County Lutheran Outreach to the Blind

submitted by Earl Iseler

Bob and Dorie Mates have both been blind since birth. They are members of Our Savior Lutheran Church in Grand Rapids. They have been involved in the Kent County Lutheran Outreach to the Blind, a ministry of the LCMS ever since they moved to Grand Rapids several years ago.

Once a month Bob and Dorie host a dinner for the blind in the Fellowship Hall of Our Savior Church. Several LCMS congregations in the Grand Rapids area take turns assisting with preparing and serving the meal. The dinner is open to all blind people, it is not only for Lutherans and some of the people that attend are not Lutheran. Typical attendance is about ten blind people including Bob and Dorie. Bob leads the group in Bible Study and prayer prior to the meal. Bob asked me to make a presentation on life issues in place of his Bible Study at one of the dinners and to use the fetal models. On October 29, 2016, I made a presentation about life issues to the group.

I began by telling them about Lutherans For Life. I told them that the focus of LFL is two-fold. First, we desire to say very clearly that death is not an acceptable, God-pleasing way to deal with the problems of life. Second, we desire to say very clearly that there is a better way. We ground both of these in the truth of God's holy Word. His Word defines what is not acceptable. His Word points to a better way, He who is The Way, Jesus Christ.

Next I related information from the LFL brochure titled *"Biology, Bible, and Baptism: The 3 Bs of When Life Begins"*. Physicians, scientists, politicians, philosophers, and theologians offer a variety of complex and differing answers. Does anyone really know when life begins? Is it really all that complicated? The field of biology that deals with when life begins is embryology. Embryologists and every major text book of Human Embryology states that a new individual human life begins at conception. When the sperm and egg come together, a new and unique human being exists. This is true whether this union takes place in a woman's body or in a petri dish. When it comes to biology, the answer is not complicated. Embryologists tell us unequivocally that there is a new and unique human life at the moment of conception.

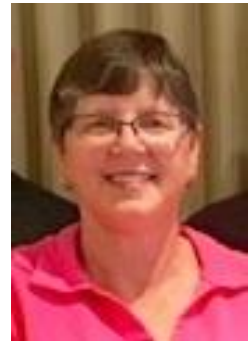
Then I quoted a couple of Bible passages: Psalm 139:13: *"For You created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb."* and Luke 1: 39 – 45, the account of Mary, the mother of Jesus visiting her cousin Elizabeth after the angel had told her that she would give birth to Jesus who was to be conceived in her by the Holy Spirit. Since Mary left to visit Elizabeth immediately after receiving the message from the angel it is likely that Jesus was not yet implanted into Mary's womb when she greeted Elizabeth but was still in Mary's fallopian tube. But at that time, in the very early stage of Mary's pregnancy, the Son of God had already become true man.

I then explained that since we cannot normally see the new person that is growing inside the mother's womb, fetal models have been made to show us what we and every human being looks like at various stages of growth. I had a set of 4 models that I passed around for them to hold and feel. I told them the age of each model in weeks and described the position of their arms and legs. As I was telling the position of the arms, several of the people moved their own arms into the position that I was describing. I gave them each of the models to hold. Several of the people held each of the models for several minutes, feeling their heads eyes, ears, arms, legs and feet and commenting about the fact that even the baby at 12 weeks was fully formed.

When they all had held each of the four models I asked, is there any doubt that what is growing in a mother's womb is a baby? Everyone of them answered, "No." They all agreed that it is indeed a baby.

# What's happening in Michigan? continued

On October 26, LFL-MI Lutheran Schools Outreach Coordinator, Chris Schultz, presented the Owen's Mission fetal models and message to the students in Grades 3-8 at Our Savior Lutheran School in Marlette.



On January 4<sup>th</sup>, Chris Schultz presented Owen's Mission fetal models to the students and teachers at Immanuel Lutheran School in Bay City. The chapel offering was sent to the Owen's Mission Project so other schools can have a set of models also. Pictured on the left: Ellen Pett, [1<sup>st</sup> – 2<sup>nd</sup> grade teacher at Immanuel] and Chris Schultz.



The following note was received by Chris:

*"THANK YOU for coming! It was a pleasure to meet you in person, and it was an absolute joy to lead our students in learning about Owen's Mission...My class was really involved after chapel in learning all about the development of babies with the fetal models. I think they truly have an understanding of just how special God made each one of them. Later in the day, we watched "Horton Hears a Who" just for some more emphasis on the importance of each person God creates. For me, it was a fabulous day for "in the moment" teaching. Thank you for making it possible!*

*God bless your continued work in this ministry. And again, thank you! God bless. Ellen Pett"*

Members of the Life Team at St Luke Clinton Twp set up a FOR LIFE exhibit on Life Sunday, January 15<sup>th</sup>... sharing Lutherans For Life information and resources with the members of their congregation.





## Introducing The Luke Project 52 Clinic: “The Newest Entity in the ProLife Ecosystem”

If a pregnancy resource center or prolife organization (such as Lutherans For Life) is able to get an expectant mom who is considering abortion to choose life, but that mom has no resources or support system to help them navigate the healthcare system to obtain the prenatal care that they need, what do they do?

That is the question that The Luke Project 52 Clinic is helping to answer. In an effort to improve access to healthcare and reduce the infant mortality rate in Michigan beginning in Detroit, The Luke Project 52 Clinic is beginning a new mobile Mom and Baby Clinic to serve vulnerable populations. The City of Detroit and the State of Michigan have significantly higher infant mortality rates than the nation as a whole. One of the contributing causes to the high infant mortality rate is the lack of prenatal instruction and care in underserved communities. Mobile Clinics are particularly successful in reaching populations that have poorer and less than optimal access to healthcare. By traveling to these communities and offering free services, mobile clinics remove logistical constraints such as transportation issues, difficulties making appointments, long wait times, complex administrative processes, and financial barriers such as health insurance requirements and co-payments. Qualitative research has found that the mobile clinic staff's marriage of professional and personal discourses fosters trusting relationships, allowing them to stay engaged with clients and to support them through behavioral changes and navigation of the healthcare system.

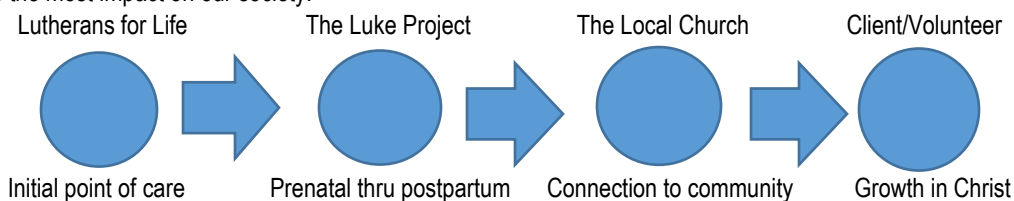
Our experience while doing Hurricane Katrina relief to restore pharmaceutical services along the gulf coast with mobile pharmacies for Rite Aid Corporation, and on an Amazon River medical mission serving villages along the Amazon River from Manaus to Boraba prompted the concept of providing a fun children's activity to accompany the clinic for the extended families of our patients. Many of our patients will have families that include other small children.

A major difficulty in many underserved communities is achieving compliance in the keeping of follow-up appointments which is why we will give out clinic coins that can be redeemed for diapers, food, and maternity and infant clothing in traveling banks that accompany the clinic. We plan on making our clinic day a community event that the people we are trying to reach see value in and want to come to. Each of our patients who keep their follow up appointments will get a baby shower sponsored by the 52 Clinic upon delivery and a first birthday celebration.

The Luke Project 52 Clinic will combine a Great Compassion ministry to provide free prenatal and infant care with a Great Commission ministry to provide mobile assets to local congregations to help them reconnect with and begin to serve again the communities that they are in. This project will serve as a pier that interested congregations can put in the river of life to help them fulfill Jesus' call to be fishers of men. The clinic will carry out prenatal and well-baby exams. The clinic will refer patients, when appropriate, to specialists and/or to hospitals for tests, further treatment, therapy, and delivery.

The Luke Project 52 Clinic will be dependent upon the support received from the Michigan District of the LCMS and its congregations, grants from Wheatridge and other foundations that support healthcare initiatives, and individual donors that will be continually developed by the Project Director. The Luke Project 52 Clinic is a not for profit initiative sponsored by The Michigan District of the LCMS and Living Water Lutheran Church of Whitmore Lake.

Our desire is to work with other healthy “organisms” in the ProLife Ecosystem in an effort to alter the current worldview of our culture as it relates to the value of life. Pregnancy resource centers often have the initial contact with a pregnant woman considering abortion. They refer their clients to The Luke Project 52 Clinic to meet the prenatal through postpartum care. The local church is the next natural step where patients can grow in their relationship with Christ and where a client can transition from a care receiver to a care giver. In real life no ecosystem is linear in nature. There is an incredible connectivity with the various “organisms”. This working together or mutually beneficial relationship between organisms will have the most impact on our society.



If you have any questions about The Luke Project 52 Clinic check out our website at [thelukeproject52clinic.org](http://thelukeproject52clinic.org) or feel free to call me. If your congregation would like to hear more I would be glad to visit with your Pastor's approval and preach and teach at your congregation.

Yours for Life,

Rev Brad Garrison RPh

Luke Project 52 Clinic Director & Vacancy Pastor at Living Water Lutheran Church of Whitmore Lake

734-646-8206

## Upcoming Events in 2017

- February 11 – LCMS Michigan District **Theological Conference** – “Let’s Talk Male and Female” -- Our Savior Lansing
- March 1 – April 9 – **40 Days For Life** [for more information, go to the 40 Days website [<https://40daysforlife.com/>]]
- March 4 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual **Celebration of Life Service** at Trinity Utica -- 9:30 am – 11:00 am [Coffee and doughnuts served from 9:30 – 10:00]
- March 4 – Our Redeemer Washington – Pastor Brad Garrison speaks about the **Luke Project 52 Clinic** – 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm
- March 15 -- Life Issues Contest entries are due** [for more information on the Life Issues Contest see p 3 or go to [www.lflmi.org](http://www.lflmi.org)]
- March 25 – LFL-MI Life Leadership Summit** at St Matthew Holt [see p. 5]
- April 1 – **Prayer Vigil** at Northland Clinic from 10:30 am – 11:30 am [contact Kathy Zappitell at 586-997-1781]
- April 19 – **Chapel** at Trinity Lutheran Elementary School in Utica
- May 14 – June 18 – Annual Statewide Diaper Shower**
- September 16 – “Hope For Life” LFL National Regional Conference** at Concordia Seminary Fort Wayne, Indiana

## Owen’s Mission

**Owen’s Mission** is a very special project of Lutherans For Life. The goal of this project is to honor Jesus by presenting a set of *Touch of Life* fetal models to every Lutheran elementary and high school in the country. (That’s 1078 schools affecting 139,000 students!) We want students to understand the God-given value of each life from the moment of conception. We want students to be motivated by what God has done as our Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier that gives value to life. We want students to value themselves and to value others as persons because of this God-given value.

Where did **Owen’s Mission** come from? From a very small and special baby named Owen. Rev Dr James Lamb, former Executive Director of Lutherans For Life, shares his story:

*“I held my little grandson, Owen, in the palm of my hand. He died at twenty-one weeks during pre-natal surgery to remove a large tumor. The nurse brought him to our son as we waited in the recovery room for Owen’s mother. I find it difficult to describe what I felt when I was able to hold him. I had held the twenty-week Touch of Life fetal model in my hands hundreds of times in front of students from preschoolers to seminarians. Holding Owen revived in me the reality behind those models. I will never hold them in the same way again.”*

As Owen’s grandpa, Dr Lamb wanted to do something special to remember Owen, honor Jesus, and help others understand the value God gives to even the smallest of lives. With the help of Owen’s family, **Owen’s Mission** was born. We are training facilitators to present these fetal model sets along with a DVD message from Dr Lamb.

This is a mission opportunity for individual, congregational, and/or school offerings. For more information on how you can obtain a set of these fetal models for your school, contact Chris Schultz at [ckay.schultz@gmail.com](mailto:ckay.schultz@gmail.com) or 734-241-1607.

**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](mailto:info@lutheransforlife.org) \*



**Y4Life Servant Events** are a wonderful opportunity for chapters, life teams, schools and churches to reach out to youth and engage them in making a meaningful difference for Life in their community. They are adaptable to your area and your students and, best of all, they lay the foundation for future ministry opportunities with youth. Laura Davis, national Y4Life director, will help equip youth to be Gospel-motivated voices For Life! Email Laura for help with life-affirming youth servant events nationwide: [ldavis@lutheransforlife.org](mailto:ldavis@lutheransforlife.org).

**Address Correction:** [from last issue of Lifelines]



**Family of God "Luke Project 52 Clinic"**  
**7354 Whittaker**  
**Detroit, MI 48209**

## **WORD OF HOPE...**

**LFL's Post Abortion Healing Ministry**

If you are in a crisis situation, have had an abortion, are pregnant right now, or have been hurt by someone, here you will find hope.

Please contact Word of Hope  
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## Notes and Quotes

\* "If we hope to make a significant difference in the lives of individuals and in the nation's culture, then we must increase our intentionality, our intensity, and improve our strategies."  
[George Barna, author of "Growing True Disciples: New Strategies for Producing Genuine Followers of Christ"]

\* "The danger of Roe v Wade is that it legalized the idea that MIGHT makes RIGHT." [Dr Jean Garton]

\* "Clearly, the Bible, especially in its original languages, treats the preborn child the same as a child already born. The Bible knows nothing about 'potential human beings'. To the authors of Scripture, there are only human beings with potential."  
[Colonel John Eidsmoe]

\* "It is comforting in a culture dominated by hyper-sexuality, money, power, influence, intrigue, materialism, and just plain 'shock value' to know that we don't have to go along with the crowd to matter to God. He loves us no matter what." [Lori Trinche]

\* "Semantics don't change truth...No matter how many times man redefines human life, God's truth doesn't change."  
[Elizabeth Mitchell, LifeDate, Spring 2011, p 12]

\* "Abortion and 'mercy killing' are hopeless solutions to human problems in a sinful world, but God has words of hope no matter what the situation: "*Choose life, that you and your offspring may live*". Deuteronomy 30:19." [Linda Bartlett]

\* "Christians do not permit the lifestyle modeled by the world to limit their compassion, but rather they imitate Christ, who willingly gave of Himself to serve others. When the world cries, 'Inconvenience – not now, that's not my job, no, not for me', imitators of Christ say, 'Heavenly Father, not my will, but Thine be done.'" [Ryan MacPherson, Bethany Lutheran College]

\* "Easter says you can put truth in a grave, but it won't stay there." [Pastor Clarence Hall]

\* "You do not have to be 'wise' or 'powerful' or 'noble' by worldly standards to be used by God to take on the evil in this world. As shown by the cross of His Son, He works through seeming foolishness and weakness and lowliness to defeat evil and bring life and immortality. You do not need to boast in yourself to make a difference. Boast in the Lord." [LifeDate Winter 2011, p 29]