



# Fargo Moorhead Lutherans for Life

Fargo Moorhead Area LFL

Fall 2015

[LFL Life Quotes for October 25](#) – Luther looked back to the days of the apostles and saw the same thing that happened to them happening in his day: Christians standing up for the truth getting blamed for everything. We can see history repeating itself again. Conservative Christians today are being blamed for being ‘secessionists’ and intolerant of abortion, homosexuality, living together outside of marriage, etc. Throughout the history of the world, the minority is often set apart and blamed for the ills of the land or time. God has truly set us apart; He has called us to be holy to humbly proclaim His Word of truth and the Gospel that has redeemed the world from its sin! . . . May we ever repeat history in being willing to speak our faith with all boldness and confidence in Christ Jesus our risen Lord and Savior!”  
*Daily Devotions email [www.redeemercic.info/devotional](http://www.redeemercic.info/devotional).  
A “Life Quote” from Lutherans For Life*

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Dear LFL Friends,

Another busy week behind me! But no time for feeling weary. Need to turn my attention to the weekend before me, to the thoughts and ‘to do’ lists swirling in my head as I sit down with my Saturday morning cup of coffee and my devotional book. *“Lie down in green pastures of peace.”* The first line of the day’s devotion jumped out of the page at me. Seriously!? Simultaneously, the first song on my playlist with the familiar words of the 23<sup>rd</sup> Psalm coming at me with the same message. Really? My devotion persisted on the theme and soon mental images of green pastures and quiet streams and resting in the presence of Jesus, my Good Shepherd, filled my head, and peace of mind took the place of anxious thoughts of too much to do. As with so many times before, I needed to be reminded of that basic need for rest that God built into my very being. I needed to be reminded that God does not want me to forge ahead into all the things that seem to demand my time and attention, day after day, without taking the time to seek His direction, to purposefully read the scriptures, asking Him to open my eyes to see, my ears to hear. To *“Be still and know that I am God.”* (Psalm 46:10) And most importantly, to turn my heart to acknowledge my weakness and my dependence on the One who has **created** me, **redeemed** me and **called** me to faith. It is for that reason that I, as a human being, have value, for what He has done for me, not for what I am able to do or accomplish.

As noted in the Life Thoughts above, we are becoming more and more aware that as Christians, we have been set apart from a culture where life has been devalued and the truth of God’s Word has been so often rejected. We do well to remember that God gives human life value and as we become battle weary at times, He invites us to come to Him for rest.

In Christ, For LIFE,  
Gail Waagen

# Life Sunday Resources for 2016!

## Created • Redeemed • Called



“But now thus says the Lord, he who created you ...  
 ‘Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine.’” (Isaiah 43:1).



### God gives human life value and **NOTHING ELSE MATTERS!** Unfortunately, we live in a culture that says **EVERYTHING ELSE MATTERS!**

Our culture says human value comes from looking good, feeling good, and doing good. Our culture bases human value upon what we are able to do or not do. But God bases human value upon what He has done—created, redeemed, called!

**E**very human being is created by God. “For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother’s womb. I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well” (Psalm 139:13-14 NIV).

Everyone is handmade by God!

So it doesn’t matter whether you are an embryo in a Petri dish or a baby in a womb, whether you are healthy or infirm, whether you can think clearly or can’t think at all. Everyone has value because of what God has done—created, redeemed, and called. And don’t forget—that means **YOU TOO!** This is why we are for, speak up for, and affirm **LIFE!** It has nothing to do with political or social agendas. It has everything to do with what God has done!

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**E**very human being is redeemed by God. “Care for the church of God, which he obtained with his own blood” (Acts 20:28b).

Everyone is someone for whom God, in the person of Jesus, shed His blood on the cross!

**E**very human being is someone God desires to call to faith. “Who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth” (1 Timothy 2:3).

Everyone is someone God wants to splash in the waters of Holy Baptism!



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**Word of Hope** ... after an abortion

For those who have had an abortion,  
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Please see following page for resources available from National LFL for LIFE SUNDAY 2016, including Bulletin Inserts, Bible Studies, Children’s Message, Worship Services, Sermons. Please go to [www.lutheransforlife.org](http://www.lutheransforlife.org) for more information and ordering details. Or contact Gail Waagen for resources available from your local chapter.

**CHURCH CONTACT CORNER:** A reminder that we have CDs with the 2015 LIFE Sunday materials available yet if anyone wants to use in their congregation. We will also be getting in samples of the 2016 items described on this page within the next 2 – 3 weeks, including the CDs with reproducible materials. These materials are great to use at any time through the year. You may also want to consider the use of Life Quotes, congregational bulletin blurbs with a for Life message every week. Life Thoughts in the Church Year may be yet another resource; each are also available at [www.lutheransforlife.org](http://www.lutheransforlife.org). Or consider Life News, a free, monthly download for congregations. And a reminder that our chapter keeps a good supply of educational pamphlets, booklets and other resources, such as our touch babies or fetal models, on hand for use in your congregations at any time. Don't forget about our speaker's bureau, with a speaker available to make a pro-life presentation as well. Please feel free to contact Gail Waagen at 701-306-6283 or e-mail at [gj\\_wgn@msn.com](mailto:gj_wgn@msn.com).

**MEMBERSHIP IN LFL:** Many of you have faithfully contributed financially and with your gifts of time to our local FM Lutherans for Life Chapter and we do very much appreciate your ongoing support. We hope that, if you have not already done so, you will also consider becoming a member of LFL at the National level. It is through our national organization that many of the resources we use to carry out our mission are developed and made available to us. The website for our national organization provides a wealth of information about the life issues and we hope that you will take advantage of these wonderful resources. The information on this page about the LIFE Sunday materials are one example of how LFL works to "equip Lutherans to be Gospel-motivated voices for Life"

If you are not currently a national member and would like to be, please contact Gail Waagen for a membership brochure or pick one up at this year's banquet event. You can go online at [www.lutheransforlife.org](http://www.lutheransforlife.org) to join as well. Be sure to write in our chapter name and / or number (#037) and we will receive a portion of your donation back into the chapter.

## 2016 LIFE SUNDAY MATERIALS

The "official" Life Sunday is January 17, 2016. However, LFL materials may be used any time during the year. The following is a list of Life Sunday resources that can be ordered from LFL through Concordia Publishing House ([www.cph.com](http://www.cph.com)). They are also available as free downloads at [www.lutheransforlife.org](http://www.lutheransforlife.org).

**Bulletin Insert: Created • Redeemed • Called** is the 2016 Life Sunday theme. See previous page for illustration of this year's bulletin insert.

*CD also available and includes inserts, Bible study, worship service formats service formats (Life Sunday and memorial), children's message, and sermons (including one PowerPoint® sermon)*

**The following are available on the CD and to download (reproducible)**

- **Bulletin Inserts:**
- **Just For Kids**, a new, four- page insert for kids with Scripture, word search, and coloring pages.
- **Bible Study:** by Rev. Dr. James I. Lamb
- **Worship Service Format:**
- **Children's Message**
- **A Memorial Service for the Pre-born Killed Since 1973**

### DVDs and Brochure

**Handiwork of God** – The value of human life comes from what God has done and continues to do! Both the DVD presentation by Rev. Dr. Jamb I. Lamb, executive director of Lutherans For Life, and brochure are wonderful resources! Note: a free DVD study guide is available for download. You may also view this video online at our website.

**God Knew Your Name** – Included on the DVD: sheet music in PDF format; lyrics for female singer; accompaniment track, key of D, MP3 format.

**Created Redeemed Called**

Please join FM LFL for our  
Pro-Life Dessert Banquet  
Sunday, November 22 3:30 P.M.  
Immanuel Lutheran Church  
1258 North Broadway  
Fargo, ND



### Speaking Up For Life . . . Every One of Us

Roxane Salonen, a wife and mother of five, has worked as a newspaper reporter in both Washington state and North Dakota, and is an award-winning children's author and freelance writer. Roxane currently writes the rotating "Living Faith" column and "Faith Conversations" feature stories for The Forum newspaper, along with other communication work. She's also the writer of the spiritual, pro-life memoir, "Redeemed by Grace," the story of former Planned Parenthood manager Ramona Trevino, published in Feb. 2015. Additionally, Roxane regularly prays on the sidewalk in front of North Dakota's only abortion facility downtown Fargo with a group that calls themselves "Mothers Loving Mothers." More of Roxane's writings can be found at her blog, "Peace Garden Passage."

Deut. 30:19: "This day I call the heavens and the earth as witnesses against you that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Now choose life, so that you and your

Child care will be available. To pre-register for banquet / child care or for information, call Beth Schaible, phone 701-235-8566 or email: FMLuth4Life@gmail.com.



You are invited to partner with us and give generously to a free-will offering in support of Lutherans for Life.

## CRITERIA FOR THE DR. JEAN GARTON AWARD

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### The Recipient of the Dr. Jean Garton Award

Will be a person who proudly professes Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior.

Will be a lover of life and will actively celebrate this precious God given gift.

Will be a strong advocate for the rights of unborn children. The recipient will boldly speak for those who cannot speak for themselves.

Will show loving concern for women facing a crisis pregnancy and/or the experience of abortion. The recipient will, through word and deed, encourage and support these women.

Will affirm the right of fathers to be parents to their children.

Believes that human beings have rights because they are a unique creation of God and totally rejects any attempt to define life through qualitative standards. The recipient affirms the worth of the weak, the poor, the handicapped, and the aged.

Since our organization is Lutheran, it would be preferable if the recipient of the award is also Lutheran. This concern, however, should be secondary to assuring that the high standards set by this award are also maintained.

The namesake for this prestigious honor is Dr. Jean Garton, cofounder and first president of National LFL. She is a well-known and highly respected pro-life author and speaker, and was the speaker for our first annual Chapter banquet in 1987

We are currently accepting nominations for the Dr. Jean Garton award to be presented to recipient at the banquet. If you would like to nominate someone for this award, please submit your nomination with supporting information about the person by email at FMLuth4Life or by mail to FM LFL PO Box 1202, Fargo, ND 58107 by November 15th.

## CHAPTER NEWS



FM LFL Members gather to pray at Fargo's abortion center on Saturday, Oct 17<sup>th</sup>. (Thanks to Elsa Richardson for coordinating this effort for our chapter)



Another **40 Days for Life** campaign has come to a close in the Fargo community and at 306 other vigil sites within this country and internationally. Statistics reported by Campaign Director Shawn Carney include the closings of 64 abortion facilities where 40 Days vigils have been held, and many others who have given signs that things are not going so well within their centers. Abortion numbers have declined drastically at many of these places and many abortion workers have walked away from their jobs. Pregnancy centers now outnumber abortion providers 5:1. 543 babies reported that are known to be saved in this campaign, and a total of 10,874 lives saved during 40 Days campaigns from 2007 until now. Praise God!

To be sure, there are discouraging events among the positive responses. Earlier this week, Shawn also reported that vigil participants had faced angry responses and reminded us that "Abortion hurts the soul and impacts the heart at the deepest level. Knowing and respecting that reality, *we should expect some persecution.*" Several vigil participants in our own community know from personal experience how true this can be and how important it is for us as Christians to respond in love to others who are hurting and may lash out at peaceful prayer participants.

Shawn Carney writes these words of appreciation and encouragement to all who have supported this campaign. "*As we reach the end of this 40 Days for Life campaign, all I can really say is **thank you!** Through your prayers, fasting and peaceful presence, there are babies alive today who were scheduled to be aborted. You made the difference . . . and God has blessed your efforts!*"

*It hasn't been easy . . . but the reality is that the pro-life movement has more momentum now than at any time in history. Meanwhile, the public perception of the abortion industry is at an **all-time low.***

*The prayers and dedication of you and so many others makes this time in history the beginning of the end of abortion. In the face of what goes on in abortion centers around the world – even though it requires us getting out of our comfort zones – one person **does** make a difference."*

**The annual meeting for FM LFL** was held at Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church on Sunday, June 28<sup>th</sup>. There were 15 members in attendance. Pastor Lyle Kath gave a special presentation on "Our Life in Christ". A DVD presentation entitled "**180**" was also viewed and discussion held afterward.

Business meeting was held with discussion on ideas for the fall banquet. Members were reminded of the many resources available for setting up pro-life displays in churches, also speakers bureau with opportunities for pro-life presentations. The chapter has purchased a supply of "**God's Word for Life**" Bibles which are available for purchase at \$10 for hard cover, \$12 for leather cover.

Election of chapter officers for 2015-2016 was held with following results: Gail Waagen, President; Dean Sonnenberg, Vice President; Gail Steele, Secretary; and Deb Eidsmoe, Treasurer. Deb was welcomed to the board as a new board member and appreciation expressed to outgoing treasurer, Scott McAllen, who has served in that capacity for a number of years. Pastor Lyle Kath was also welcomed as Pastoral Advisor, having joined the board earlier this year.

### 2015 – 2016 FM - LFL

President – Gail Waagen

Vice President – Dean Sonnenberg

Secretary – Gail Steele

Treasurer – Deb Eidsmoe

Pastoral Advisor – Pastor Lyle Kath

Education/Resources – vacant

Banquet Committee – Gail Waagen,

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- Please contact me regarding a presentation for my church, school, or other group
- I would like more information about being a Church Contact
- Please send me a CD with 2016 LIFE Sunday materials
- I can help LFL in the following ways (check all that apply):
  - Banquet committee       Making phone calls       Prayer Warrior
  - Serving on the exec board       Resource and Education
  - Writing for Newsletter       Staffing Pro-life displays at marketing events
- I can help with a contribution for the mission of FM LFL: Amount: \$\_\_\_\_\_

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