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Sanctity of Human Life Sunday

by Pastor Boehne

It has become a widespread tradition in the LCMS to celebrate a Sunday in January called "Life Sunday". It is typically the third or fourth Sunday in January in conjunction with January 22nd, the anniversary of *Roe v. Wade*. On Sunday, January 23rd, Trinity will observe this "Life Sunday". This isn't just a Sunday to preach about the dangers and evil of Abortion. It is a Sunday to give thanks to God for all *life* and to be reminded that every single life is important and precious to God. It's a Sunday to be reminded that Jesus died and rose to give us *life* and that includes every single human being. Finally, it's also a Sunday to be reminded that we have the opportunity and responsibility to speak up and defend *life* in the Church and in our country.

I will be speaking more about this when "Life Sunday" comes around. However, I want to give you here two excerpts from a Lutherans for Life booklet entitled *How You Can "Speak"*. The first is Scripture verses to give you courage to speak. The second excerpt is from a list of ways you can speak up for life. For a copy of the complete booklet, talk to me or go to:

www.lutheransforlife.org.

God's Promises for Those Who Speak in His Name

"Not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit, says the LORD of hosts" (**Zechariah 4:6**).

"Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you," declares the LORD ... "Behold, I have put my words in your mouth"

(**Jeremiah 1:8-9**).

"But you, dress yourself for work; arise, and say to them everything that I command you. Do not be dismayed by them, lest I dismay you before them" (**Jeremiah 1:17**).

"They will fight against you, but they shall not prevail against you, for I am with you, declares the LORD, to deliver you" (**Jeremiah 1:19**).

"Little children, you are from God and have overcome them, for he who is in you is greater than he who is in the world" (**1 John 4:4**).

"For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous, and his ears are open to their prayer ... But the face of the Lord is against those who do evil ... Have no fear of them, nor be troubled" (**1 Peter 3:12, 14b**).

"Whoever speaks, as one who speaks oracles of God; whoever serves, as one who serves by the strength that God supplies—in order that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ. To him belong glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen." (**1 Peter 4:11**).

"Listen to me, you who know righteousness, the people in whose heart is my law; fear not the reproach of man, nor be dismayed at their revilings" (**Isaiah 51:7**).

"For God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control" (**2 Timothy 1:7**).

"Now therefore go, and I will be with your mouth and teach you what you shall speak" (**Exodus 4:12**).

Self Speak (Ways You Can Speak)

- Read and study God's Word and pray!
- Join and support Lutherans For Life and read the materials you receive from LFL.
- Sign up to receive LFL e-mail alerts and articles.
- Use LFL's website and Facebook and Twitter pages to become better informed on the life issues and their connection to God's Word.
- Become an LFL Life Ministry Coordinator.
- Subscribe to other e-mail services that give life issues synopses on current issues (www.lifenews.com, www.lifesite.net, www.nrlc.org, www.spuc.org.uk, www.christianliferesources).
- Learn more about adoption as a loving alternative to abortion.
- Read magazine articles, books, etc on life issues.
- Get a free subscription to LifeDate from LFL.
- Wear "Precious Feet" or "Precious Hands" pins and be prepared to answer when people ask about them.
- Use positive pro-life address labels and stickers on all your personal mail. Use pro-life checks to pay bills, buy groceries, etc.
- Thank your pastor after a pro-life sermon or Bible study.
- Send Christmas or birthday cards with a pro-life message.
- Give a "Precious Feet" or "Precious Hands" pin to a confirmand along with a pro-life resource (brochure, booklet, CD, DVD).
- Participate in your local LFL chapter and keep in contact with local Lutheran pastors and congregations.
- Run for political office.
- Wear pro-life T-shirts.
- Put a pro-life bumper sticker on your car or a static sticker on your car window.
- Support hospice care.
- Talk to your doctor about abortion and euthanasia.
- Subscribe to pro-life publications.
- Learn how you can help women and men who need ministry after an abortion through LFL's Word of Hope.
- Publish a pro-life newsletter.
- Keep informed about your church body's stand on life issues and share with members of your congregation.
- Know why you are pro-life.
- Financially support Lutherans For Life and other pro-life efforts.
- Be ready for opportunities to witness. Keep pro-life resources (brochures, booklets, CDs, DVDs) in your purse, briefcase, or car.
- Come to an LFL conference.
- Don't assume the "experts" know more about the fundamental issues than you do.
- Become informed and talk about the scientific and medical facts regarding fetal development.
- Speak the truth in Christ-like love.
- Speak of Christ's forgiveness and the power (by the Holy Spirit) to live a new life.

(for complete lists, get the full booklet from Lutherans for Life)

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

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| Pat Wolf | Jan. 2 |
| Jimmy Engelhorn | Jan. 4 |
| Jim Engelhorn | Jan. 5 |
| Dennis Hocker | Jan. 10 |
| Lisa Hocker | Jan. 10 |
| Matt Barhum | Jan. 12 |
| Mike Barhum | Jan. 12 |
| Jason Punke | Jan. 13 |
| Jarad Porth | Jan. 14 |
| Jeff Delaney | Jan. 14 |
| Abigail Meyers | Jan. 15 |
| Taylor Wilkey | Jan. 16 |
| Sandy Duffy | Jan. 18 |
| Karen Evans | Jan. 19 |
| Ryan Matzke | Jan. 19 |
| Brian Parkhouse | Jan. 20 |
| Sherri Russell | Jan. 22 |
| Arlene Punke | Jan. 24 |
| Barb Baumann | Jan. 26 |
| Carol Paternoga | Jan. 29 |

*Happy
Birthday*

Monthly Reading from the Book of Concord



APOLOGY OF THE AUGSBURG CONFESSION ARTICLE V: LOVE AND FULFILLING THE LAW

Human nature is far too weak to resist the devil by its own powers. He holds as captive everyone who has not been freed through faith. There is need for Christ's power against the devil. For we know that for Christ's sake we are heard and have the promise. We may pray for the governance and defense of the Holy Spirit that we may neither be deceived nor be pushed to do anything against God's will. Christ has overcome the devil, and has given to us the promise and the Holy Spirit, in order that—by divine aid—we ourselves may also overcome. So 1 John 3:8 says, "The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the works of the devil." We teach not only how the Law can be kept, but also how God is pleased. This is not because we satisfy the Law, but because we are in Christ. We require good works. In fact, we also say this: Our love for God, even though it is small, cannot possibly be separated from faith. For we come to the Father through Christ. When forgiveness of sins has been received, then we are truly certain that we have a God that cares for us. We call upon Him, we give Him thanks, we fear Him, we love Him as 1 John 4:19 teaches, "We love because He first loved us." In other words, we love Him because He gave His Son for us and forgave us our sins. In this way John shows that faith comes first and love follows. (paragraphs 17-20)

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(If there is a birthday we have missed, please let us know.)

SPECIAL WORD OF THANKS! During the Advent and Christmas Seasons, there were so many people who made extra efforts to help make all of our special services and activities meaningful for all. Our thanks to the following:

- ✧ Darrell Schieber – for ushering all the extra services
- ✧ Donna Parkhouse and Claire Eichelberger – for all the additional organ music and the Advent hymn requests
- ✧ Donna Parkhouse and the Adult Choir for the special music and all the other vocalists including Jason Punke
- ✧ Sharon Gerth, Kathy Faulk, Diana Uphoff and all the other Sunday School teachers and parents who helped with the Children's Service
- ✧ The high school students who gave of their time to be a part of the Children's service
- ✧ The Ladies' Aid for serving the refreshments after the Choral Vespers Service
- ✧ All those who brought bars and cookies for the Advent services
- ✧ Paul Meyers for all the extra services with Elder duties
- ✧ Tim Matzke and Bob Jarrett for all the sound work they did for various services
- ✧ Sharon Gerth and all those who helped to decorate the sanctuary with tree and lights
- ✧ Karen Evans, our secretary, for all the extra bulletin work
- ✧ Barb Krug, for the additional parament work
- ✧ All those who participated in the gifts for the Seminary Families
- ✧ All those who should have been mentioned in this list but were accidentally left off...please forgive (and let Pastor Boehne know for future reference if you know of someone left off the list). God bless you all.

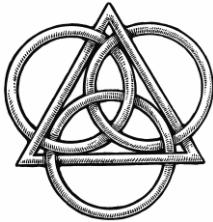
Thank You from Boehnes

We want to thank everyone at Trinity for a joyous first Christmas here at Trinity. Thank you for all the cards and gifts. Thank you to those who stopped by for the Open House. And thank you to all those who put so much time and work in at Christmas to help with the special services. The Lord bless you all in the new year. The Boehnes



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