



“Life Quotes” from Lutherans For Life

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January 2 “The first truth of life is that every life is the handiwork of God. The Psalmist says that God ‘knitted’ (Psalm 139:13) each of us together in our mother’s womb. Job and Isaiah talk about God shaping and forming us in the womb. Yes, the truth of life is, every life is the work of God’s hands.” *Rev. Dr. James I. Lamb, executive director of Lutherans For Life* – A “Life Quote” from Lutherans For Life - www.lutheransforlife.org

January 9 “The second truth of life is that every life is bought with a price. Even though we are the handiwork of God, sin separated us from our Maker. He had every right to abandon us, to turn us over to ‘human cunning’ and ‘deceitful schemes’ (Ephesians 4:14). But the truth of life is, God loved what He made with His hands so much that He was willing to pay dearly to buy us back. On the cross, Jesus became our sin, suffered our punishment, and died our death. Paid in full!” *Rev. Dr. James I. Lamb, executive director of Lutherans For Life* – A “Life Quote” from Lutherans For Life – www.lutheransforlife.org

January 16 “A third truth of life is that God desires a relationship, both now and forever, with those He created and redeemed. He wants everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of His truth (1 Timothy 2:4). He wants to adopt every human being, through faith in Christ Jesus, into His family, lead them, walk with them, and accomplish His purpose for each human life.” *Rev. Dr. James I. Lamb, executive director of Lutherans For Life* – A “Life Quote” from Lutherans For Life – www.lutheransforlife.org

January 23 “Every human life has value. That value does not come from its usefulness or how it looks or how big or healthy or productive it is ... The value of human life comes from the One who made it, who bought it back, and who desires to call every life for His eternal purpose. The embryo in the Petri dish, the baby in the womb, baby Sally in the neonatal intensive care unit, Uncle Ralph in the Alzheimer’s unit, grandma in the nursing home bed, you and me—we all have value because of what God has done.” *Rev. Dr. James I. Lamb, executive director of Lutherans For Life* – A “Life Quote” from Lutherans For Life – www.lutheransforlife.org

January 30 “True disability is when a person forgets ‘God does not make junk.’ Every single day is an opportunity for each person to meet their full potential, and each person is a gift from God—braces, tubes, wheelchairs, trachs, catheters, or whatever may just be part of that package.” *Janette Clausen, LBSW, Lutheran Family Services of Iowa* – A “Life Quote” from Lutherans For Life – www.lutheransforlife.org

February 6 “God only has one ‘natural’ child. He adopted all the rest. (See Galatians 4:4-5.)” *Rev. Dr. James I. Lamb, executive director of Lutherans For Life* – A “Life Quote” from Lutherans For Life – www.lutheransforlife.org

February 13 “Christians must see children as gifts from God, not as projects. We should see marriage and parenthood as a stewardship and privilege, not as a mere lifestyle choice. We must resist the cultural seductions and raise children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord, and understand family life as a crucible for holiness, not an experiment in happiness.”

Albert R. Mohler, president of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary – A “Life Quote” from Lutherans For Life – www.lutheransforlife.org

February 20 “This [the humanity of the embryo] implies a commitment in advance to treat all human beings as persons, even when their personal qualities have not yet become manifest to us. The embryo is of interest to us because it is human; it is ‘ourselves.’” *Oliver O’Donovan, a scholar in the field of Christian ethics – A “Life Quote” from Lutherans For Life – www.lutheransforlife.org*

February 27 “Are you pregnant? Maybe you are struggling with a decision about what to do. Remember there is hope and help! Abortion is not the easy solution. Choose life for your baby. God will walk with you. He can bring Christian friends to support you ... Let someone know you need assistance ... You can also call Word of Hope at 888.217.8679. And remember LFL is here to serve and help too.” *Kay L. Meyer, director of development for Lutherans For Life – A “Life Quote” from Lutherans For Life – www.lutheransforlife.org*

March 6 “Adopted sons are no different than sons. They have an inheritance coming, eternal life with the Father. That’s why ‘sons’ is used in Galatians 4:7 and not ‘children.’ In those days sons received the inheritance. Paul makes the point that those who God adopts—men, women, boys and girls—all have the full right of sons, all have eternity waiting.” *Rev. Dr. James I. Lamb, executive director of Lutherans For Life – A “Life Quote” from Lutherans For Life – www.lutheransforlife.org*

March 13 “What a kingdom opportunity for us to proclaim to our church and society that the pain and grief caused by abortion can be taken away! Proclaim the good news of forgiveness in your words and actions. There is hope in Jesus the light of life for all of us!” *Diane E. Schroeder, president of Lutherans For Life – A “Life Quote” from Lutherans For Life – www.lutheransforlife.org*

March 20 “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.” *Col. John Eidsmoe, Lutherans For Life board of directors – A “Life Quote” from Lutherans For Life – www.lutheransforlife.org*

March 27 “We who are forgiven recognize our responsibility to tell those living in darkness and death that God is not indifferent to the murder of many millions for whom Jesus has died. We who have been moved from hell to heaven must say, ‘The Savior’s sacrifice is for everyone, even those who are branded as being burdensome or bothersome, who seem too feeble or frail, too unproductive or inconvenient, too unwanted, unnecessary and unable to speak for themselves.’ We who know, must warn those who do not.” *Ken. R. Klaus, former speaker on The Lutheran Hour – A “Life Quote” from Lutherans For Life – www.lutheransforlife.org*

April 3 “Making a plan for placing a child in the loving arms of adoptive parents is not easy, but it is far from abandonment ... Adoptions can be as open or as closed as the mother may desire. Even before the child is born, plans can be made for baptism, selecting Christian parents, and setting up the degree of openness desired. Making an adoption plan is not ‘giving a baby up.’ It’s giving a baby the best future possible for him or her.” *Rev. Dr. James I. Lamb, executive director of Lutherans For Life – A “Life Quote” from Lutherans For Life – www.lutheransforlife.org*

April 10 “When I was in seventh grade, our pro-life teacher drew a line on the blackboard connecting the word ‘abortion’ with the word ‘euthanasia.’ The killing of pre-born children leads to the killing of older people, people with disabilities, and people who are ill. Life is a tapestry, and when one thread has been pulled out by advocates of abortion, the rest of the threads begin to unravel.” *Maria Vitale, education director for Pennsylvania Pro-Life Federation – A “Life Quote” from Lutherans For Life – www.lutheransforlife.org*

April 17 “Our job as the Church is not just to speak out, witnessing to the value of life, but also to pick up the pieces of the lives of those wounded by an abortion decision, restoring them to a full relationship with their Savior, Jesus Christ.” *Diane E. Schroeder, president of Lutherans For Life – A “Life Quote” from Lutherans For Life – www.lutheransforlife.org*

April 24 “Our Lord Jesus himself demonstrated how the resurrection of the body will work. His rising authorizes Him to perform mine. And yours. My Redeemer lives. Yours does, too.” *Rev. Mark Jeske, speaker on “Time of Grace”* – A “Life Quote” from Lutherans For Life – www.lutheransforlife.org

May 1 “True love, as demonstrated by God in Christ, considers what is best for another before considering what is best for self. Making an adoption plan for a baby is an act of great love. Certainly, parenting may be a loving option, especially if there is maturity and levels of support. But love asks what is best for the baby.” *Rev. Dr. James I. Lamb, executive director of Lutherans For Life* – A “Life Quote” from Lutherans For Life – www.lutheransforlife.org

May 8 “The Bible tells you that God in love designed your very existence. Psalm 139 says, ‘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’ (NIV). You can be sure, wherever you go and whatever happens to you, that your Creator loves you dearly.” *Rev. Mark Jeske, speaker on “Time of Grace”* – A “Life Quote” from Lutherans For Life – www.lutheransforlife.org

May 15 “People may scorn and reject as worthless the life of the old man or woman in a nursing home, the life of the unborn child, the life of the terminally ill, or the life of the physically or mentally handicapped. But the Cross decisively demonstrates God’s compelling love for each and all of them ... That love came in the most unexpected way to people who could never have earned or deserved it—people exactly like us.” *Rev. Dr. Laurence White, Our Savior Lutheran Church, Houston, Texas* – A “Life Quote” from Lutherans For Life – www.lutheransforlife.org

May 22 “Jesus’ own glorious resurrection offers the absolute assurance that because He lives, all who acknowledge Him as Savior will also live (John 14:19).” *Ken R. Klaus, former speaker on “The Lutheran Hour”* – A “Life Quote” from Lutherans For Life – www.lutheransforlife.org

May 29 “The Bible treats the preborn child as a living human being. When Elizabeth, the mother of John the Baptist, came into the presence of Mary who was carrying Jesus in her womb, Elizabeth declared that ‘the babe leaped in my womb for joy’ (Luke 1:44). That doesn’t sound like a fetus or fertilized egg; that sounds like a child!” *Col. John Eidsmoe, Lutherans For Life board of directors* – A “Life Quote” from Lutherans For Life – www.lutheransforlife.org

June 5 “Just as the sacrifice of Christ ultimately resulted in much good, so the sacrifice of adoption can result in much good. A life is saved, new life is given, a family is found for a child, and the birth mother can know, that in serving her child and sacrificing for what is best for that child, she is serving Christ. She can move forward in hope and joy.” *Rev. Dr. James I. Lamb, executive director of Lutherans For Life* – A “Life Quote” from Lutherans For Life – www.lutheransforlife.org

June 12 “Children, vulnerable and dependent, desperately need security, and it has ever been a duty and a joy of fatherhood to offer it. Being a father requires strength ... and more than a little courage ... to persevere, to fight discouragement, and to keep working for the family ... With God’s grace, fathers find the patience to teach, the fortitude to provide, the compassion to comfort, and the mercy to forgive ... Let us ... express our thanks and affection to our fathers, whether we can do so in person or in prayer.” *Ronald Reagan, former president of the United States* – A “Life Quote” from Lutherans For Life – www.lutheransforlife.org

June 19 “Every earthly father, regardless of his own or inherited sin, can learn from the Heavenly Father. The Heavenly Father did not abandon His creation, but is totally involved with and committed to His children. He is not content to have His family exist in chaos, but provides just and protective boundaries. He, indeed, brought eternal life through the defining and hopeful relationship of Father and Son.” *Linda D. Bartlett, www.titus2-4life.org* – A “Life Quote” from Lutherans For Life – www.lutheransforlife.org

June 26 “Whenever Satan whispers into the ear of an expectant mother, ‘It’s your body, your fetus, your choice,’ that’s when we will share the Lord’s Word which says: ‘You are not your own, for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body’ (1 Corinthians 6:19b-20). To those who are afraid of an unknown future, we will share God’s promise: ‘Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine’ (Isaiah 43: 1b-3a).” *Ken R. Klaus, former speaker on “The Lutheran Hour”* – A “Life Quote” from Lutherans For Life – www.lutheransforlife.org

July 3 “I do not believe human society ... ever has attained, or ever can attain, a high state of intelligence, virtue, security, liberty, or happiness without the Holy Scriptures; even the whole hope of human progress is suspended on the ever-growing influence of the Bible.” *William Seward, Secretary of State for the administration of Abraham Lincoln* – A “Life Quote” from Lutherans For Life – www.lutheransforlife.org

July 10 “Stand beside and help that single mother. Stand beside and help those with special needs. Stand beside and help those caring for an Alzheimer’s patient. And, beloved Church, for which our Savior died, please faithfully teach the full council of God, so much of which is anchored in the doctrine of the sanctity of human life.” *Rev. Don Richman, Lutherans For Life International Representative* – A “Life Quote” from Lutherans For Life – www.lutheransforlife.org

July 17 “Jesus cares for life at all stages; we are called to do the same.” *Rev. Kevin Kritzer, Bethany Lutheran Church, Long Beach, California* – A “Life Quote” from Lutherans For Life – www.lutheransforlife.org

July 24 “In our sinful world, conception has become only a biological process that we think we can control. We think adding children to a family is up to us—or is the result of an accident. If we are to be truly pro-life, we must witness to the fact that every conception is a gift from God.” *Karen Frohwein, president of LFL of Iowa* – A “Life Quote” from Lutherans For Life – www.lutheransforlife.org

July 31 “Very sad—the Church denying women and men forgiveness and healing because talking about abortion might make someone feel bad. It’s more than sad. It’s a missed opportunity to apply the Gospel where forgiveness and healing is desperately needed!” *Diane E. Schroeder, president of Lutherans For Life* – A “Life Quote” from Lutherans For Life – www.lutheransforlife.org

August 7 “We must continue to do all we can to bring an end to the darkness of abortion. We need to reach out in compassion to those experiencing a crisis pregnancy so they do not enter that darkness. In the mean time, we must continue to be the welcoming hands of Jesus extended to those trapped in the darkness of their sin.” *Rev. Dr. James I. Lamb, executive director of Lutherans For Life* – A “Life Quote” from Lutherans For Life – www.lutheransforlife.org

August 14 “Maybe you’ve had an abortion and don’t think that God can ever forgive you. You’re wrong. Jesus suffered on the cross for ALL your sins and all MY sins. Pray to the Lord and ask for His forgiveness (Colossians 2:13). You can also call Word of Hope at 888-217-8679.” *Kay L. Meyer, director of development for Lutherans For Life* – A “Life Quote” from Lutherans For Life – www.lutheransforlife.org

August 21 “If you have influenced someone to have an abortion or have had one yourself, if you repent, confess this as sin, and bring it to the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, that sin is forgiven. Believe that ‘the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin’ (1 John 1:7).” *Rev. Don Richman, International Representative for Lutherans For Life* – A “Life Quote” from Lutherans For Life – www.lutheransforlife.org

August 28 “We shouldn’t need a ministry such as Word of Hope (888-217-8679; www.word-of-hope.org) to heal women and men from abortion. But abortion is often a secret sin that many are unwilling to talk about—even in the Church ... The Church needs to proclaim ‘your sin is forgiven’ to those who have been ensnared in the evil of abortion. To our pastors who courageously preach and teach it, God bless you.” *Diane E. Schroeder, president of Lutherans For Life* – A “Life Quote” from Lutherans For Life – www.lutheransforlife.org

September 4 “If we are to have a genuinely honest debate on abortion we cannot arbitrarily airbrush the unborn child out of the debate or the many testimonies of women who regret their abortions ... All human beings share a common dignity by virtue of their humanity. To deny the right to life simply because the unborn child is at an early stage of development completely undermines an authentic vision of human rights.” *Dr. Berry Kiely, Pro-Life Campaign (Ireland)* – A “Life Quote” from Lutherans For Life – www.lutheransforlife.org

September 11 “Are you a grandparent? Then consider how you can share the Good News with your children and grandchildren. Are you thankful for your grandmother and grandfather? Why not take time now to call or send a note to

thank them for bringing the Good News of Christ into your life?” *Kay L. Meyer, director of development for Lutherans For Life* – A “Life Quote” from Lutherans For Life – www.lutheransforlife.org

September 18 “It may appear that the culture has lost its moral footing. We may fear the pagan culture is ready to absorb us. We may feel paralyzed and powerless to engage. But while God is doing His work, there is something we can do too. We can live. We can live as men and women eager to glorify God while He transforms the culture.” *Linda D. Bartlett, www.titus2-4life.org* – A “Life Quote” from Lutherans For Life – www.lutheransforlife.org

September 25 “We must be willing to make the sacrifice and rearrange our lives to welcome that unanticipated beautiful new baby. We must pay the price in time, energy, and often money, to care for that sick, elderly person. We must pay the price in time and energy to care for that child with Down syndrome. We must pay the price of work, money, and effort, to teach, proclaim, and enact laws that defend life. But, dearly beloved, with the price paid there come great rewards.” *Rev. Don Richman, Lutherans For Life International Representative* – A “Life Quote” from Lutherans For Life – www.lutheransforlife.org

October 2 “The desired outcome of God’s adoption plan for us is heaven. That is the ultimate concern for the Christian as well. When a child is conceived, whatever the circumstances, a Christian’s first concern is for that child’s salvation. Subsequent decisions and plans need always to bear this in mind ... an adoption plan gives opportunity to place a child in an environment that will nurture and uphold that child’s eternal welfare.” *Rev. Dr. James I. Lamb, executive director of Lutherans For Life* – A “Life Quote” from Lutherans For Life – www.lutheransforlife.org

October 9 “God gives us a model for affecting the lives of others. It follows the order of creation and is gender-specific. You can find that model in Titus 2:1-8. A young pastor named Titus and his congregation used this model to affect the lives of others—one man, one woman, one child, one family, one neighbor, one community at a time. They mentored generations of hope.” *Linda D. Bartlett, www.titus2-4life.org* – A “Life Quote” from Lutherans For Life – www.lutheransforlife.org

October 16 “We no longer wait for the Messiah like Ruth, and there will never again be a conception like Mary’s. But, we live in the time where we have proof that there is a plan for each life at the moment of conception ... It’s God’s plan of salvation for all of His children ... carried out for all of us by Christ on the cross. Let’s witness to that plan by treasuring God’s gift of conception.” *Karen Frohwein, president of LFL of Iowa* – A “Life Quote” from Lutherans For Life – www.lutheransforlife.org

October 23 “The Church is called to stand up for the ALL of God’s children, from the unborn to the underprivileged ... The sanctity of human life is intrinsically possessed for it is God’s creation.” *Rev. Kevin Kritzer, Bethany Lutheran Church, Long Beach, California* – A “Life Quote” from Lutherans For Life – www.lutheransforlife.org

October 30 “Luther ... stated his position forcefully: ‘For those who have no regard for pregnant women and who do not spare the tender fruit are murderers and infanticides.’ And John Calvin was just as clear ... No wonder Orthodox scholar Alexander Webster wrote that abortion ‘is one of only several moral issues on which not one dissenting opinion has ever been expressed by the Church Fathers.’” *Col. John Eidsmoe, Lutherans For Life board of directors* – A “Life Quote” from Lutherans For Life – www.lutheransforlife.org

November 6 “There are many perspectives from which to view adoption. Perhaps we Christians will find needed strength and encouragement and hope when we view it through our adoption by God in Christ. Apart from Christ, all His children are adopted. He must know something about it!” *Rev. Dr. James I. Lamb, executive director of Lutherans For Life* – A “Life Quote” from Lutherans For Life – www.lutheransforlife.org

November 13 “One simple way you can open up opportunities to share your faith and talk about the life issues is by being friendly with those you meet in your daily life. You never know what doors the Lord will open and how He will use you!” *Kay L. Meyer, director of development for Lutherans For Life* – A “Life Quote” from Lutherans For Life – www.lutheransforlife.org

November 20 “Look carefully and you will find the Savior never preached a funeral sermon ... the defeat of death and the bestowing of life was Jesus’ stock-in-trade. If He met a funeral procession, if He was called to a house with mourning parents, or if He stood before the grave of a dear friend, He was consistent in His challenge of death, and was victorious in His conquest of man’s final enemy.” *Ken R. Klaus, former speaker on “The Lutheran Hour”* – A “Life Quote” from Lutherans For Life – www.lutheransforlife.org

November 27 “Jesus live[d] like us in every way so that He [could] fight the battle we could not fight. For the body carried in Mary’s womb, the body placed in the manger for its cradle, the body seen by shepherds and honored by Magi—this is the body that Christ will offer on the cross ... It is the body of the very Son of God.” *Pastor Mark D. Barz, Pastor, Crown of Life Lutheran Church, San Antonio, Texas* – A “Life Quote” from Lutherans For Life – www.lutheransforlife.org

December 4 “Of all of the Greek words used for child, *brephos* connotes a baby or very small child. That’s the word attributed to Elizabeth: ‘The *brephos* leaped in my womb for joy.’ We see the same word in the next chapter: ‘Ye shall find the *brephos* wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.’ And in 2 Timothy 3:15 Paul uses the same word: ‘From a *brephos* thou hast known the holy Scriptures ...’ The same word is used for a child in the womb, a child newly born, and a child sometime after birth.” *Col. John Eidsmoe, Lutherans For Life board of directors* – A “Life Quote” from Lutherans For Life – www.lutheransforlife.org

December 11 “The ultimate ‘crisis pregnancy’ occurred when an unmarried virgin is told she will conceive and carry and give birth to the promised Messiah. And hear Mary’s quiet confidence, “I am the Lord’s servant ... may it be to me as you have said” (Luke 1:38) ... there were certainly those in Nazareth whose tongues wagged about the ‘trouble’ Mary was in. But she accepted this that all the world might know hope!” *Pastor Mark D. Barz, Pastor, Crown of Life Lutheran Church, San Antonio, Texas* – A “Life Quote” from Lutherans For Life – www.lutheransforlife.org

December 18 “As Christmas looms with recurrent images of Baby Jesus, as Life Sunday reminds some of the babies they never held, let us speak and act tenderly with those who endure the pain of sexual abuse and abortion. God’s Truth is the Gospel: ‘The LORD is near to the brokenhearted and saves the crushed in spirit’ Psalm 34:18; ‘[A]s far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us.’” Psalm 103:12.” *Kristin Wassilak, deaconess at St. Paul’s Lutheran Church and School, Brookfield, Illinois* – A “Life Quote” from Lutherans For Life – www.lutheransforlife.org

December 25 “We pray that ... you continue to see the lowly Jesus of the manger in the lowliness of the unborn, the despairing, the infirm, and the dying. We pray that you would do unto them as you would do unto Him so that they in turn would see in you the love and hope and help of Jesus, and together we would join the angels and sing, ‘Glory to God in the highest.’” *Rev. Dr. James I. Lamb, executive director of Lutherans For Life* – A “Life Quote” from Lutherans For Life – www.lutheransforlife.org