



“Life Quotes” from Lutherans For Life

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January 3 “When we view abortion through the lens of our Christian faith, we do not see a moral issue that needs correcting or a political issue that needs strategizing. We see a spiritual issue that takes priority. The child in the womb belongs to God, formed by His hands and purchased by His blood. Abortion not only assaults human life, it assaults the Creator and Redeemer of human life.” *Rev. Dr. James I. Lamb, executive director of Lutherans For Life* **This “Life Quote” is from Lutherans For Life – www.lutheransforlife.org.**

January 10 “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: ‘[C]hoose life, that you and your offspring may live’ (Deuteronomy 30:19).” *Linda Bartlett, founder of Titus 2 for Life (www.titus2-4life.org)* **This “Life Quote” is from Lutherans For Life – www.lutheransforlife.org.**

January 17 “Abortion must be fought one heart, one mind, and one life at a time. This is what Christians have always done!” *Diane E. Schroeder, president of Lutherans For Life* **This “Life Quote” is from Lutherans For Life – www.lutheransforlife.org.**

January 24 “God has brought so many broken and hurting to us in ways we can’t even comprehend. We continue to proclaim Christ’s healing, and serve the needs of women and men who have experienced the loss of a child through an abortion. We know that God is in control, we also know that He uses people to do His work.” *Grace Kern, director of Word of Hope (888-217-8679)* **This “Life Quote” is from Lutherans For Life – www.lutheransforlife.org.**

January 31 “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).” *Kay L. Meyer, director of development for Lutherans For Life* **This “Life Quote” is from Lutherans For Life – www.lutheransforlife.org.**

February 7 “It may not always be true in the sports world, but for the Christian, ‘chastity’ and ‘champion’ do go together. God makes us champions through Jesus Christ. Champions can make good decisions that honor God. Champions can make good decisions that honor others. Champions can be a positive influence and bring change within the Church and into society. Chastity! It is the choice of champions.” *Rev. Dr. James I. Lamb, executive director of Lutherans For Life* **This “Life Quote” is from Lutherans For Life – www.lutheransforlife.org.**

February 14 “God will help us make choices that are pleasing to Him regarding our sexuality and help us save sex for marriage. God ordained marriage to be a lifelong commitment between one man and one woman. He also placed all sexual activity within the bonds of marriage ... So, rather than saying, ‘How far can I go?’ we should say, ‘How much can I, and will I, save for my future spouse?’” *Donna Zuehlk, Lutherans For Life of Michigan* **This “Life Quote” is from Lutherans For Life – www.lutheransforlife.org.**

February 21 “It’s OK to be old. That doesn’t mean that you’re washed up and useless. If you’re a Christian, what it really means is that you’re just very, very close to seeing Jesus in person in heaven. In words especially dear to all the ‘aging,’ Jesus said in John chapter 14, ‘Don’t let your hearts be troubled . . . In my Father’s house are many rooms. I am going there to prepare a place for you.’ You might call it homecoming.” *Pastor Mark Jeske, speaker on “Time on Grace”* **This “Life Quote” is from Lutherans For Life – www.lutheransforlife.org.**

February 27 “When you experience spiritual depressions, the answer is clear: Put your hope in God. Be faithful in getting to worship. Open your Bible daily and you will find many answers for your questions. Pray a lot. Attend the Lord’s Supper and feel His divine presence. Gather with your Christian friends and you will see what a gift Jesus Christ has given you in His Church.” *Rev. Steven Kramer, speaker on the “Christian Crusaders” radio program* **This “Life Quote” is from Lutherans For Life – www.lutheransforlife.org.**

March 7 “I think it is vital that society understands and appreciates the sanctity of every human life whether it is a developing child in the womb or somebody approaching the end of their life. When I graduate and become a doctor I am hoping to be able to use my skills to help save lives. I think abortion is never the answer and hope that one day, as a doctor, I will be able to help women to make the right decision.” *Siobhan Fearon, 19, of Hull York Medical School* **This “Life Quote” is from Lutherans For Life – www.lutheransforlife.org.**

March 14 “Either all human life—from unborn children to demented mothers and fathers—is created . . . and therefore infinitely precious, or humans are nothing but the result of mere chance, indistinguishable morally from a sand flea. The choice society makes will determine whether the most vulnerable among us will be respected and protected . . . or whether we will ‘put them down’ when they become a burden.” *Chuck Colson, author and founder of Prison Fellowship* **This “Life Quote” is from Lutherans For Life – www.lutheransforlife.org.**

March 21 “Next time you worship, don’t be afraid to look around you. You may see Jesus in the face of a child, or the smile of a teen, or the tears of a friend. You might understand the value of life through the rhythm of a breathing tube, or the unfolding of a walker, or the chatter of a toddler. Above all, your life will be given value through the means of grace—gifts from the God who created us, redeemed us, and continues to sanctify us. Come to the Source of Light—then go out and let it shine!” *Karen Frohwein, Lutherans For Life of Iowa* **This “Life Quote” is from Lutherans For Life – www.lutheransforlife.org.**

March 28 “[When] you devalue one life, you devalue all lives.” *Bobby Schindler, brother of Terri Schindler Schiavo and advocate for the cognitively disabled* **This “Life Quote” is from Lutherans For Life – www.lutheransforlife.org.**

April 4 “You are valuable to God because He made you and He loved what He made so much that He was conceived in a womb, born in a stable, suffered on a cross, buried in a tomb. Then He rose again to say ‘Yes’ to it all, to say ‘Yes’ to you, to give you His victory over death and the grave. That’s love!” *Rev. Dr. James I. Lamb, executive director of Lutherans For Life* **This “Life Quote” is from Lutherans For Life – www.lutheransforlife.org.**

April 11 “Your loved ones who died trusting Christ are at home with the Lord. They have been moved from poverty-stricken lives to be possessors of a wealth that cannot be measured. We, too, can know that as the years fly by, we have an eternity before us that knows no end . . . It took a cross and an empty tomb to give us a basis for our salvation. It takes a divinely inspired Word that says, ‘Because He lives, I too shall live.’ This is the message of Easter.” *Rev. Homer Larson, speaker on the Christian Crusaders radio program* **This “Life Quote” is from Lutherans For Life – www.lutheransforlife.org.**

April 18 “Maybe too often we hold forth the word *about* life—‘I had a heart beat at 21 days’—and not enough of the Word *of* Life, the Word which declares, ‘I am the resurrection and the Life.’” *Dr. David Veum, President and Professor of Practical Theology for the Seminary of the Church of the Lutheran Brethren, Fergus Falls, Minnesota* **This “Life Quote” is from Lutherans For Life – www.lutheransforlife.org.**

April 25 “Sometimes our lives can get pretty dark . . . crisis pregnancies come into our families and to our lives and illness comes into our lives and death comes into our lives . . . and sometimes we wonder where the shepherd is . . . but the Good Shepherd comforts us with His rod and His staff . . . Our Good Shepherd gives us promise after promise after promise . . .

‘I will never leave you or forsake you.’ ‘I am with you always.’ ‘I go ahead of you.’ ... and someday He will lead us into His eternal dwelling where we will dwell with Him forever.” *Rev. Dr. James I. Lamb, executive director of Lutherans For Life* **This “Life Quote” is from Lutherans For Life – www.lutheransforlife.org.**

May 2 “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. But, you need to reach out for help. Call and 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* **This “Life Quote” is from Lutherans For Life – www.lutheransforlife.org.**

May 9 “Who has more influence on the Church: the Word or the world? Theories of evolution don’t mix with the Truth of creation (Genesis 1:1; 27). Arousing love before its time (Song of Solomon 3:5b) is contrary to love that is patient (1 Corinthians 13:4), pure (1 Thessalonians 4:7; 1 Timothy 4:12), and procreative. Although Satan wanted woman to be the mother of death, God directed man to name his wife Eve because she would become the mother of all the living.” *Linda Bartlett, founder of Titus 2 for Life (www.titus2-4life.org)* **This “Life Quote” is from Lutherans For Life – www.lutheransforlife.org.**

May 16 “When faced with an unplanned pregnancy, teens need to realize the decisions they make are permanent and will affect them for the rest of their lives. Abortion may seem like the only choice, and the easiest way out, but abortion is permanent. There is no bringing back a dead baby.” *Grace Kern, director of Word of Hope (888-217-8679)* **This “Life Quote” is from Lutherans For Life – www.lutheransforlife.org.**

May 23 “We fight abortion knowing that the eternal fight for human life is won. We fight assisted suicide knowing that the eternal fight for human life is won. We fight against everything that tempts us to pride or despair, everything that tempts us to sin and idolatry, everything that tempts us to be disobedient, murderous, unchaste, stealing, lying, covetous rebels. We fight not with the weapons of this world, but with the sword of the Spirit, the Word of God.” *Rev. Christopher S. Esget, Pastor, Immanuel Evangelical-Lutheran Church, Alexandria, Virginia* **This “Life Quote” is from Lutherans For Life – www.lutheransforlife.org.**

May 30 “God has not promised to spare us from all pain and suffering. We see that as our loved ones lie in hospitals and hospices awaiting death. However, they do not wait alone, for God has promised us grace to endure until the end of our earthly journey, and then a home in heaven. All this can be ours, because Christ has died for our sins and given us a promise that, if we trust Him, all is well. We are in our Father’s hands.” *Rev. Homer Larson, speaker on the Christian Crusaders radio program* **This “Life Quote” is from Lutherans For Life – www.lutheransforlife.org.**

June 6 “The foundation of national morality must be laid in private families ... How is it possible that Children can have any just Sense of the sacred Obligations of Morality or Religion if, from their earliest Infancy, they learn their Mothers live in habitual Infidelity to their fathers, and their fathers in as constant Infidelity to their Mothers?” *John Adams, former president of the United States* **This “Life Quote” is from Lutherans For Life – www.lutheransforlife.org.**

June 13 “The progress of science is important. But the lives of individual participants in scientific experiments are just as important. A single human being cannot be sacrificed to advance the interests of science.” *Robin F. Wilson, JD, Washington and Lee University law professor* **This “Life Quote” is from Lutherans For Life – www.lutheransforlife.org.**

June 20 “What a valuable reminder that while teens may not be known for their ability to verbalize their feelings, they have the same needs as when they were tiny. There is no replacement for Dad’s attention, love, acceptance, and healthy affection. In its absence, a substitute will be sought. May Father’s Day be every parent’s reminder that their child really needs them!” *Janette Clausen, LBSW, Lutheran Family Services of Iowa* **This “Life Quote” is from Lutherans For Life – www.lutheransforlife.org.**

June 27 “Our hope as Christians is in the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Jesus said, ‘I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in me will never die’ (John 11:25). We

can believe it! Although we will die, we will live—eternally with Christ.” *Kay L. Meyer, director of development for Lutherans For Life* **This “Life Quote” is from Lutherans For Life – www.lutheransforlife.org.**

July 4 “Whenever the pillars of Christianity shall be overthrown, our present republican forms of government, and all the blessings which flow from them, must fall with them.” *Samuel F.B. Morse, inventor of the telegraph and the Morse Code* **This “Life Quote” is from Lutherans For Life – www.lutheransforlife.org.**

July 11 “Sin produces consequences. But praise God, there is Hope! There is always Hope for those who love and trust God! This Hope died for our sin and rose to victory! Hope is Jesus Christ who covers the repentant sinner with mercy every morning!” *Linda Bartlett, founder of Titus 2 for Life (www.titus2-4life.org)* **This “Life Quote” is from Lutherans For Life – www.lutheransforlife.org.**

July 18 “The Bible tells us that only in the heavenly home will we come to know the meaning of perfection (Revelation 7:16-17). Our neighbors, whose beautiful little girl is suffering from a brain tumor, will not have to wonder why she should be afflicted in this way for there will be no disease and imperfections that we live with while here on earth. We will not see bodies dying of malnutrition, and no more tears will be shed . . . Is it no wonder that St. Paul, knowing the heavenly home awaited him, said, ‘For me to live is Christ, but to die is gain’ (Philippians 1:21).” *Rev. Homer Larson, speaker on the Christian Crusaders radio program* **This “Life Quote” is from Lutherans For Life – www.lutheransforlife.org.**

July 25 “Along with the facts about abstinence, parenting, adoption, and abortion, it is important for parents to talk with their teens before a crisis. Teens need to know there is nothing they could ever do that could not be handled with God’s help.” *Grace Kern, director of Word of Hope (888-217-8679)* **This “Life Quote” is from Lutherans For Life – www.lutheransforlife.org.**

August 1 “The Good News of a crucified and living Savior does not trivialize human struggles—the struggles of women, of problem pregnancies, of difficult situations. It speaks to them! The Good News defeated death and brings real love and compassion and neighborliness to bear in dealing with human struggles in very personal and practical ways. Life, not death, is our source of help and hope.” *Rev. Dr. James I. Lamb, executive director of Lutherans For Life* **This “Life Quote” is from Lutherans For Life – www.lutheransforlife.org.**

August 8 “Do you know someone who is elderly, alone, or sick? Could you spend just one hour visiting, sharing a meal, or even changing a light bulb for them? Matthew 25 verse 40 says, ‘Whatever you did for the least of these brothers of mine, you did it for me.’” *Donna Zuehlk, Lutherans For Life of Michigan* **This “Life Quote” is from Lutherans For Life – www.lutheransforlife.org.**

August 15 “God gave you life. Job reminds us that God shaped and formed you in the womb like a potter shaping and forming a vessel (Job 10:8). As a vessel belongs to the potter, so you belong to God.” *Rev. Dr. James I. Lamb, executive director of Lutherans For Life* **This “Life Quote” is from Lutherans For Life – www.lutheransforlife.org.**

August 22 “[L]et your children hear the basic teachings of the Christian faith from your lips. Field the questions regarding their relationship with Jesus Christ as they surface. Give them biblical answers. Who knows, these children you love may walk away from the faith, and this will be heartbreaking for you. Just remember God’s promise: ‘My Word will not return void.’ It is not that you have failed if you have witnessed in your home by word and action that Jesus is your Lord. Where there is great concern is when our children venture out into a world filled with temptation and have not been taught what the Word of God has to say.” *Rev. Homer Larson, speaker on the Christian Crusaders radio program* **This “Life Quote” is from Lutherans For Life – www.lutheransforlife.org.**

August 29 “So great is my veneration for the Bible, and so strong my belief, that when duly read and meditated on, it is of all books in the world, that which contributes most to make men good, wise, and happy—that the earlier my children begin to read it . . . the more lively and confident will be my hopes that they will prove useful citizens of their country.” *John Quincy Adams, former president of the United States* **This “Life Quote” is from Lutherans For Life – www.lutheransforlife.org.**

September 5 “We cannot rely on worldly institutions to fight our battles for us. Christians have been called to be hope and light to a fallen generation; so let’s speak God’s truth in love and care for the most vulnerable in our churches and society. May God bless your efforts to really make a difference!” *Diane E. Schroeder, president of Lutherans For Life*
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September 12 “If you’re a believer in Christ, you can enjoy the wisdom and serenity that come with age, knowing that shaky hands and bad knees are only temporary. Soon we will all enjoy glorified bodies. Isaiah says in chapter 35 [paraphrased], ‘Strengthen the feeble hands; steady the knees that give way. Say to those with fearful hearts, Your God will come to save you!’” *Pastor Mark Jeske, speaker on “Time of Grace”*
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September 19 “How far you go in life depends on your being tender with the young, compassionate with the aged, sympathetic with the striving, and tolerant of the weak and strong. Because someday in your life you will have been all of these.” *George Washington Carver, US Agricultural Chemist*
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September 26 “We must not abandon these vulnerable people through assisted suicide and euthanasia, but instead embark on a quest to find better ways to maintain their dignity and quality of life.” *Dr. Jean Bartkowiak, president and CEO of Bruyère Continuing Care in Ottawa, Canada*
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October 3 “Abortion kills children, harms women, degrades humanity, and assaults the Lord of Life. The Christian cannot view abortion as ‘just another issue.’ It overrides all issues. The value and dignity given human life by God’s creating and redeeming hands compels the Christian to take advantage of every opportunity to remind their fellow Christians of this and to take action in the public square to restore our nation once again to a nation that respects the right to life.” *Rev. Dr. James I. Lamb, executive director of Lutherans For Life*
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October 10 “What are we going to do to care for these people [the cognitively disabled]? We have two choices: We are either going to keep rationalizing/justifying why it’s okay to kill people with these types of disabilities or we are going to care and show them the love that they deserve.” *Bobby Schindler, brother of Terri Schindler Schiavo and advocate for the cognitively disabled*
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October 17 “We trust that God is in charge of this world as He has been since He created it (Genesis 1:1). He has given each of us a ministry to speak the truth in love to our families and friends, in our churches and even to our politicians! Let’s be faithful to the calling He has given us. God can use us to do great things!” *Diane E. Schroeder, president of Lutherans For Life*
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October 24 “Christians can certainly disagree on many issues, but we don’t have the freedom to support or defend political or legislative actions that are contrary to biblical principles. We can’t maintain strong family values and justify homosexual marriage. We can’t defend preborn life and use tax dollars to pay for abortions. We are given the responsibility and freedom to speak up on these issues. You can use this opportunity to ensure that your Christian values are known. Now is the time to let your voice be heard. Your values matter.” *Paul Snamiska, of Christian Life Resources*
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October 31 “We fight the good fight of faith knowing that God loves human life. We know this because God became man, and for us fights the Valiant One, whom God Himself elected. The Second Person of the Holy Trinity took on our flesh, fought the devil in the wilderness, overcame temptation, died our death, redeemed us from sin, and rose again from the grave. In Him, everything is finished, everything is accomplished, everything is paid for. In Him, the fight is already over, the victory already won. So rejoice, dear Christians! Satan does not prevail. One little word has felled him!” *Rev. Christopher S. Esget, Pastor, Immanuel Evangelical-Lutheran Church, Alexandria, Virginia*
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November 7 “The choice of life, the choice of parenting, and the choice of adoption offer better ways to deal with a crisis pregnancy than the choice of death. Let your light shine as you support pregnant teens with forgiveness and love, as you volunteer at pregnancy centers, or help fund adoptions.” *Rev. Dr. James I. Lamb, executive director of Lutherans For Life*
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November 14 “When we are firmly grounded in Scripture, we will avoid the pain of loss and despair experienced by so many men and women who abort their children. God’s Word will also lead us to love and support those in crisis so they can parent the child in their womb or make an adoption plan for their baby. Parents and partners significantly impact the choice a woman makes between carrying a child to term and abortion.” *Donna Zuehlk, Lutherans For Life of Michigan*
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November 21 “God only has one ‘natural’ child. He adopted all the rest (Galatians 4:4-5).” *Rev. Dr. James I. Lamb, executive director of Lutherans For Life*
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November 28 “Speak about adoption positively ... as loving and sacrificial. Acknowledge that adoption is a loss and there is grief involved. Know that adoption is a tool used by God to solve family problems. Biblical models of adoption abound, Moses (Exodus 2); Eliezer (Genesis 15); Ephraim and Manasseh (Genesis 48); Samuel (1 Samuel 1); and of course Jesus adopted by Joseph. In unwanted pregnancy situations, adoption—not abortion—is a God-pleasing solution.” *Diane E. Schroeder, president of Lutherans For Life*
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December 5 “A baby is God's opinion that life should go on.” *Carl Sandburg, American poet and biographer*
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December 12 “Could you use some good news? Can you think of any good news better than that brought by an angel revealing to shepherds—revealing to the world—a mysterious baby who was Lord and Savior? This truly is Good News FOR Life!” *Rev. Dr. James I. Lamb, executive director of Lutherans For Life*
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December 19 “Mary was pregnant with God. Jesus was God and man from the moment of conception and from that very moment of conception, He was Jesus, Savior, taking our place to save us from our sins. What love God has for us. What love we can share with others, from the moment of conception.” *Rev. Dr. James I. Lamb, Executive Director of Lutherans For Life*
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December 26 “There are many of you in this congregation who think to yourselves: ‘If only I had been there! How quick I would have been to help the baby! I would have washed His linen! How happy I would have been to go with the shepherds to see the Lord lying in the manger!’ Yes you would! You say that because you know how great Christ is, but if you had been there at that time you would have done no better than the people of Bethlehem. Childish and silly thoughts are these! Why don’t you do it now? You have Christ in your neighbor. You ought to serve Him, for what you do to your neighbor in need you do to the Lord Christ Himself.” *Martin Luther*
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December 31 “The Church must renew its commitment to protecting the life and true dignity of every human—from natural conception until natural death. But despite the euphemisms of euthanasia law and suicide organizations, true human dignity is not found in death (except in cases of great self-sacrifice). It is found in life! And in Him who is the author of all life.” *Chuck Colson, author and founder of Prison Fellowship*
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