

Lutherans for Life – Canada Newsletter

Spring Edition 2014



From the President of Lutherans for Life – Canada:

10th ANNIVERSARY OF LFL-C

The year 2014 marks our tenth Anniversary as a pro-life organization within Lutheran Church Canada. While we have struggled at times, God has been gracious in guiding us to speak out for the helpless in society. One setback has been our inability to obtain charitable status, which would at first thought be seen as a hindrance to our work. None-the-less, we have moved steadily forward in bringing the message of Life to fellow Lutherans and to the general public.

To commemorate our anniversary, we are planning a significant event this year to mark this occasion. We are hosting our Annual General Meeting this year in conjunction with the March for Life in Ottawa, May 8th. St Luke's Lutheran Church in Ottawa has agreed to host not only the AGM, but will be the gathering point for our opening Worship. Several youth and local area Lutherans will take part in this historic event, and will be witnessing to the Sanctity of all human life along with other groups who share similar views. There is anticipated to be 20,000 to 30,000 present.

I would like to take this opportunity to invite you to Ottawa ON, May 8th to show Canada a strong Lutheran presence. SEE NEWSLETTER for more details.

The first executive elected in 2004 were: Dr. Glenn Schaeffer as president, along with Rev. Ron Mohr, Marian Obeda, Rev Deane Detlefsen and Shirley Witt rounding out the executive.

The current Executive include: Clifford Pyle, President; Judith Obelnycki, Secretary; Rev. Richard Juritsch, Treasurer; Linda Welke, Life Ministry Coordinator; Rev. James Luke, Pastoral Advisor; Judy Balasch, Editor; Marian Obeda, and Rev. David Mellecke, members at large.

Hope to see many of you in Ottawa.

Clifford Pyle

You just read in the President's report LFL-Canada will be at the March for Life in Ottawa on may 8th, 2014 In this Newsletter you find----

- **a poster and schedule of Events**
- **sample bulletin announcements to promote the event in your congregation**
- **prayers for Sundays before & after the event**
- **contact info if you would like to join us**

Sample Bulletin Announcements

You are invited to join Lutherans for Life-Canada May 8th, in Ottawa, ON, to participate in the MARCH FOR LIFE. We will gather at 10:00 A.M. St. Luke's Lutheran Church, 326 MacKay Street, Ottawa.

MARCH FOR LIFE, May 8th Ottawa, ON. Please join Lutherans for Life-Canada and show a strong witness to the Sanctity of Life. We will gather at St. Luke's Lutheran Church, 326 MacKay Street, Ottawa at 10:00 A.M.

Please choose one of the above and be sure to add the following info to the announcement;

**There will be a Free will offering for the lunch and dinner.
To PRE-REGISTER contact Judy Obelnycki; jobelnycki@aol.com**

In Memoriam -LFL-C member Dorothy Mae Reiche was born in Montmartre, SK to the late Earl and Mary Bieber. On Dec. 3, 2013 at the age of 90 years she passed away peacefully surrounded by family and friends. She was also a lifelong member and past president of Renfrew County Right to Life. Submitted by Mrs. Shirley Witt

**Are you interested in more LIFE information?
Check out these sites!**

www.lutheransforlife-canada.ca or www.lutheransforlife.org (USA)

**To order Pro-life materials-Concordia Publishing House- www.cph.org
Are you? OR Do you know someone who is hurting from an abortion?
www.word-of-hope.org or Toll FREE Hotline 1-888-217-8679**

**40 Days for Life-Spring Event Happening NOW- www.40daysforlife.com
To contact LFL-Canada please e-mail us at-info@lutheransforlife-canada.ca**

Would you like to join LFL-C? Or Are you already a member of LFL-C and need to RENEW? Please see the membership information on the last page of this newsletter.



MARCH FOR LIFE – Ottawa ON

Thursday May 8th, 2014

10:00 A.M. Opening Worship Service –Meeting, gathering of participants.

LOCATION: St Luke's Lutheran Church, 326 MacKay Str., Ottawa, ON

10:35 A.M. Dr. Schaeffer to address the gathering/young people.

11:00 – 11:15 Walk (drive) to Parliament Hill, 111 Wellington Street. 2.03 miles.
6 – 7 minute drive, walk 45 – 50 minutes.

12:00 Gather on Parliament Hill, welcome –Speeches. See Agenda from CLC.

1:30 P.M. March through downtown Ottawa.

4:00 P.M. Closing Prayer.

4:15 – 4:30 return to St Luke's for Meal and AGM, youth to return home.

5:15 – 5:30 Evening meal, with reports circulated so we can study them during the meal.

6:00 – 6:30 P.M. AGM reports, questions, Election/installation of Board Members

7:30 Talk by Dr. Schaeffer, *Lutherans for Life – Canada, Past and Future*.

8:15 P.M. Wrap up and closing prayer.

PRE- REGISTER Contact: Judith Obelnycki; jobelnycki@aol.com (905)820-4990.

3252 Martins Pine Crescent; Mississauga, ON., L5L 1G4;

Registration fee: Free will offering for lunch and dinner given upon arrival

Nominations for Board positions: Deadline April 30th, jobelnycki@aol.com

Petitions/Bid/Collects for the March For Life (May 8, 2014)
May 4 and 11, 2014

May 4

Petition-form

Guard, keep and bless all who travel to Ottawa this week and take part in the March For Life. Use their presence in our nation's capital to open the eyes of our leaders and fellow Canadians to the value You place on every human being no matter how weak or how strong, how young or how old, **Lord in Your mercy...**

Bid-form

For those gathering in our nation's capital this Thursday that they be a visible witness to the sanctity of life from the womb to the tomb; **let us pray to the Lord.**

Collect-form

Blessed Holy Spirit, as You opened the eyes of the two disciples on the road to Emmaus to the truth of Christ's saving work and resurrection as He taught them from the Law and the Prophets and revealed Himself in the breaking of the bread; through the visible witness of those gathered for the March For Life in Ottawa this week, open the eyes of all politicians and of all Canadians to the truth that all life has been sanctified by Jesus from the moment of His conception to the moment of His death; **through Jesus Christ, our Lord.**

May 11

Petition-form

Bless the witness of those who gathered in Ottawa this past week to stand up and speak out for the sanctity of life, especially as many in our nation strive to maintain abortion and legalize euthanasia, contrary to Your holy Word. May Your Church in Canada continue to work for the legal recognition of the sanctity of life from the womb to the tomb. **Lord in Your mercy...**

Bid-form

For all those who attended the March For Life and for all Christians that they may speak up in opposition to those who seek to destroy life, let **us pray to the Lord.**

Collect-form

Heavenly Father, You sent Your Son, the Good Shepherd, to speak up and care for us helpless sheep, who can only stand mute in helplessness and sin before our judge, and thus saves us from eternal death; be with us that we may speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves within the womb or because of disability or illness, that they might be saved from earthly death; **through Jesus Christ, our Lord.**

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Make the Connection ... Join Lutherans for Life – Canada!

Please consider assisting LFL-C by making a financial contribution. We place you on our mailing list and send you a quarterly newsletter. Unfortunately, you are not able to receive a charitable receipt for your donation since LFL-C does not have charitable status with Revenue Canada.

**You can send your donation to: Pastor Richard Juritsch,
1 Jefferson Drive,
St. Catharine's, ON., L2N 3T8**

NAME: _____
ADDRESS: _____
CONGREGATION: _____
MEMBERSHIP: \$10.00 _____ **DONATION:** _____

If you have not already done so, to be a member of Lutherans for Life – Canada you must subscribe to our objects by signing and sending the following along with your membership cost. support the objects of Lutherans for Life – Canada, namely:

- (a)** to provide an organization through which Lutheran Christians can unite to share dialog and give common witness within the Church and society to their concern for the value and dignity of all human life;
- (b)** to strengthen the existing bond of concern by bringing Lutheran s of like mind into contact with one another;
- (c)** to gather and share pertinent information with its membership and develop strategies for witness and response;
- (d)** to develop and distribute educational materials based on the Word life; of God;
- (e)** to identify resource people who can write and speak on behalf of the organization;
- (f)** to monitor public and private action in order to enhance the right to life;
- (g)** to respond to and cooperate with other groups in society which share similar concerns; life;
- (h)** to examine and correct popular but misleading stereotypes regarding pro-life advocacy;

Name: _____ (Please print)
Signature: _____
Date: _____