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From the President's Desktop

Winter/Spring 2023

BITS & BITES

We say good-bye for now and thank you for your many years of dedicated service

After serving as president of LFLC for the past 7 years, Rev Richard Juritsch gave notice at the May 30th, 2022, Conference call Board meeting, that he would not be allowing his name to stand for nominations and he would be leaving the Board after the November 12, 2023, Annual Meeting. Prior to his serving as president, he served as the treasurer, for many years.

Pastor Juritsch attended the January 20th, 2023 Conference call Board Meeting for the opening to welcome new members and appoint Rev Kevin Walrath as Board secretary, and Judy Obelnycki as President. Linda Welke also announced when her term was ended she would not be letting her name stand. Linda served for many years as a Board member, and she was also the Life Ministry Co-ordinator. In recent years Linda and Tracey Juritsch shared the workload as Co co-ordinators. Tracey Juritsch has agreed to continue serving alone as Life Ministry Co – ordinator.

DID YOU KNOW?

LFLC now has a substack. What's a substack you might ask? The substack is a website, <https://lflc.substack.com>. LFLC is planning to have regular content on there and if you would like to be notified whenever something new is added we invite and encourage you to subscribe.

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DOCTORS TOLD MOM TO ABORT A DISABLED TWIN, SHE REFUSED AND BOTH BABIES ARE DOING GREAT

Abortion comes up so frequently as a medical option when an unborn baby has been diagnosed with a disability.

But an abortion does not treat or heal the baby or the mother. It just kills the child because their body does not function the way it should. Thankfully, many parents reject this “option,” including Marie Stockdale and Paul Kipling, of Penrith, Cumbria, England.

[According to Derbyshire Live](#), doctors suggested an abortion after a 20-week ultrasound scan showed problems with their daughter Ava’s brain and esophagus. Later, Ava was diagnosed with a rare brain condition called rhombencephalosynapsis, her mother said.

“Because the condition is so rare, doctors had no idea how severely it would affect her, and I was offered a termination,” Stockdale said. “It was never an option, though. I had to give her a chance to fight.”

In England, abortions are legal for any reason up to 24 weeks; however, the law includes a broad exception that allows abortions up to birth if the unborn baby has health problems. Some parents have expressed shock and horror at being offered [third-trimester abortions for children with Down syndrome](#) and [even conditions as minor as a cleft lip](#).

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Like many others, Ava’s parents recognized that their unborn daughter’s life was valuable and refused to end her life.

Ava and her twin sister, Mila, were born in May of 2022, according to the report. Almost immediately after their birth, doctors prepared Ava for emergency surgery to correct the problems with her esophagus.

Her mother remembered: “We had spent the weeks leading up to the birth trying to come to terms with what laid ahead for our daughter after we’d found out about her condition, but nothing could have prepared us for when we saw her tiny body on a ventilator, covered in tubes and wires. It was very tough for us to see her like that.”

The first surgery went well, but as Ava recovered in the hospital, she developed another disorder called tracheomalacia, in which the cartilage in her windpipe malformed and caused breathing difficulties. She underwent a second surgery at five weeks old to fix the problem, the report continues.

After about two months in the hospital, Ava finally grew well enough to go home. Now, the twins are eight months old, and their parents already can see differences in their personalities.

“They’re both little characters, Mila is very chilled out and patient and Ava is really happy and smiley,” their mother said.

Although Ava still uses a feeding tube, her mother said she is improving daily.

“Doctors are monitoring her brain condition but so far, it seems to be mild,” Stockdale said. “Ava went through a lot in the first few weeks of her life so to see her now, getting stronger each day, is wonderful.”



ARGUE OR SERVE

I've been thinking. I do that from time to time! What works to change another's mind? Arguing with them or serving them? To be sure my sinful nature throws up its preverbal hand, like Arnold Horshack did in the 70's sitcom Welcome Back, Kotter eager to answer, with a resounding, “Oh, Oh, Oh”, “argue, argue, argue!”

And so often that's exactly what we do. We argue with others about the Life issues we care about so deeply. Feelings get pumped up and emotions kick into overdrive and all worked up, no doubt so are the others we are attempting to lead to see the truth about Life (all of it) from God's perspective.

But what is it, about our sinful argumentative responses that have the exact opposite results we desire? Part of it is physiological! Though a body Dr. I am not, from observation we've all noticed that when the voices raise the ear close! Crazy thing! It's as if, when we raise our hands to shoot out our answer, our ears are levered shut and we speak, but do not, cannot, hear and therefore listen. In fact, don't we already have our next comments ready to fire back at the ones we are speaking/arguing/jousting with

even though we cannot hear their questions?! We just know (sinfully that is) that our arguments will save the day, change their minds and maybe even save their souls!

Wow! Do we ever have it figured out?! NOT! I ask you, and me, when has that ever worked?!

So what might work? Or better yet, is there anything that will work? What will work to change another's mind about Life issues and doubly bless us in the process? How about what God says on the issue. And how does God direct us? Take a read in Romans. Romans 12:9-21.

At the end of these Words God gave Paul to pen, we read: ²⁰ "To the contrary, "if your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink; for by so doing you will heap burning coals on his head."²¹ Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good."

Ok maybe our Life enemies (as we may at times see them) may not be hungry, but their being is in fact starving for the truth whether they know it or not. Their famished souls are yearning to be fed with the truth that true love and peace exist, a love that will meet them right where they are, a peace to melt them into true joy at the fact, that in Jesus alone, their Saviour, they are fully accepted, just as he has accepted each of us.

He says through Matthew: ⁴³ "You have heard that it was said, 'You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' ⁴⁴ But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, ⁴⁵ so that you may be sons of your Father who is in heaven. For he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust." We all, including the little ones threatened in the womb and the elderly or not so elderly considering death and those who espouse death over life, have the same One keeping the sun shining and the oxygen on and the rains/snows blessing the earth to feed us all. What's going to change the mind of another, and rejuvenate our own? Not our arguing! But our serving!

Lord Jesus, you came to serve and not to be served. You came not to argue with us but to save us with your full deal service at the cross of Calvary. Thank you dear Saviour of every single soul! Please use each of us your redeemed kids, and LFLC, as an agent of service to each other and those whom are blinded to your love and perfect peace.

Please use us to serve as we have been served. Maybe at a pregnancy center or care home or hospital or over a cup of coffee (that we offer to pay for) with a person we know who chooses death over life, to listen to them and only if God opens the door, with blood pressure calm and a voice of joy, to point to the only One who can meet the needs of each hungry soul. Thank you for your calling and leading oh Saviour, Amen!

Rev. Keith Haberstock, Pastoral Advisor for Lutherans for Life Canada

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Welcome to all LCC and LCMS brothers and sisters participating in the

2023 MARCH FOR LIFE on parliament Hill in Ottawa ON

Theme for this march is "**Stand Firm**"

For those coming Wed May 10th to the Candelight Vigil

is being held from 9-10pm at the Human Rights Monument, 95 Somerset St. W. behind St. Theresa Catholic Church

There is free overnight accommodation at St. Luke LC, 326 MacKay St.
Call (613)749-1731 for reservations

The March begins on Parliament Hill at noon on Thursday May 11th

For those coming to "the hill"...

You are welcome to come at 8:30am for a free breakfast at St. Lukes Lutheran Church 326 MacKay St. in downtown Ottawa

and stay for worship at 10am before going to 'the hill' at noon.

You can park at St. Luke LC for free and taxi to 'the hill' (those ambitious enough to walk is about an hour).

There is closer parking at the Rideau Center (6 blocks) or at the Byward Market (12 blocks) from 'the hill'

The gathering will be about 25,000 strong so meet next to the eternal flame on the center sidewalk heading into the center block of the parliament buildings so we can march together.

Look for the large white 'Lutherans For Life Canada' banner.

You will need - a hat and/or umbrella (very important rain or shine - there are no trees), clothing in layers for all types of weather, WATER bottle(s), and cash for souvenirs, snacks, taxi, lawn chair or blanket, good walking shoes, bring your own signs or use those made available for the march.

Speakers end about 3:30pm

For those in the Perth/Huron county corridor along Kings Hwy #8 (Goderich to Kitchener/Cambridge)

S&DRTL is sponsoring a motor coach bus with washroom and comfortable seating for the trip to/from the 'march only'

Contact Glenn Kahle at (519)616-3536 or Kahle123@rogers.com

for reservations, pick up locations and times

See <https://marchforlife.ca/bus-schedule/> for buses from other locations that are available.

Also on Thursday is a fund raiser Rose Dinner with speaker Dr. Calum Miller of Oxford U. in England

Tickets are \$125 available at <https://marchforlife.ca/rose-dinner>

being held at Ottawa Conference Center 200 Coventry Rd. from 6-10pm

And a Youth Banquet with speaker Isabel Brown of Turning Point USA

Tickets are \$60 available at <https://niagararegionrighttolife.ca/event/youth-banquet/>

also being held at Ottawa Conference Center 200 Coventry Rd from 6-9pm

Friday May 12th there is the Youth Summit 8am-3pm on theme STAND FIRM

with speakers Autumn Higashi of SFLA and Dr. Calum Miller of Oxford U.

Tickets are \$70 for youth and \$80 for church leaders available

at <https://niagararegionrighttolife.ca/event/youth-summit/>



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LIFE QUOTES

“While it is true that we need to be good stewards of God’s earthly gifts, it is sinful to think that we are in full control of preserving this world. It is sinful to fret about the destruction of this world before the Last Day. This world will not run out of natural resources. We will not be wiped out by climate change, a worldwide pandemic, or a meteor shower if and when those things happen. God says that as long as this earth endures—until Judgment Day—seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night will never cease. God is in control. God will protect, provide, and preserve this world. Trust in God and see His grace and mercy, especially when sin affects this world. Trust that He gives you what you don’t deserve and more than you could imagine.” *Rev. Peter Sulzle, St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church, Redwood Falls, Minnesota – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

“Being For Life is right in line with God’s plan of creation! YOU are the missing element that is needed! Don’t be satisfied to sit back and wait because now is the time! Don’t stop praying as you ponder your next step. Ask God for His guidance and be ready for more than you asked for, as we have a loving and merciful God who loves life. Please consider being a part of a life-affirming ministry in your congregation. Help protect lives and serve God in this special calling.” *Virginia Flo, Lutherans For Life – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

“Our comfort and motivation do not derive from laws. We neither live only according to the body nor labor for this world alone. No matter who holds office or how they decide and lead, the Lord our God reigns.” *Pastor Michael Salemink, Lutherans For Life – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

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1. To provide an organization through which Lutheran Christians can unite to share dialogue and give common witness within the Church and society to their concern for the value and dignity of all human life;
2. To strengthen the existing common bond of concern by bringing Lutherans of like mind into contact with one another;
3. To gather and share pertinent information with its membership and develop strategies for witness and response;
4. To develop and distribute educational materials based upon the Word of God;
5. To identify resource people who can write and speak on behalf of the organization;
6. To monitor public and private action in order to enhance the right to life;
7. To respond to and co-operate with other groups in society who share similar concerns; and
8. To examine and correct popular but misleading stereotypes regarding pro-life advocacy.

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