

## Lutherans for Life – Canada Newsletter Spring/Summer Edition 2010

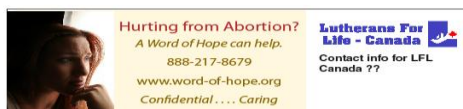
*The mission of Lutherans for Life – Canada is to witness to the sanctity of human life, through education, based on the Word of God.*



### From the President of Lutherans for Life – Canada:

During this Easter seasons, Christians rejoice at the resurrection, and the great victory our Lord has won over the power of sin and death. We rejoice because our sins have been cancelled out and the certainty of everlasting life with our Lord is guaranteed.

With Christ's Easter victory in our hearts, we take on new challenges. Empowered by the Holy Spirit and emboldened by the death and resurrection of Jesus, we proclaim the forgiveness of sin and new life in the lives of people affected by sin. One tragic reality of abortion is that many people suffer guilt as a result of their choices and do not know the forgiving love of God in Christ Jesus. As recipients of Christ's love and love we are privileged to share Christ's love and life with those still shackled by guilt and shame. Through Jesus Christ, the sin of abortion is forgivable and not beyond the mercy and grace of God.



With this truth in mind, Lutherans for Life – Canada has embarked on a new venture in offering hope and counseling to persons affected by abortion. Due to God's guiding hand, LFL-C is partnering with Grace Kearn and "Word of Hope" in St Louis, Missouri. Grace offers a safe haven for women facing the challenges of an unplanned pregnancy. She not only provides a place to spend a few days, but her ministry offers 24/7 phone counseling service. The toll free number is 1-888-217-8679 or she can be contacted at: [help@word-of-hope.org](mailto:help@word-of-hope.org). We are grateful to offer healing and hope to those affected by abortion.

Another significant event that LFL-C is fortunate to participate in is the Lutheran Church -- Canada National Youth Gathering, being held in Edmonton July 2- 6<sup>th</sup>. This is an enormous opportunity to reach our youth with the message of chastity and the value of all human life. Approximately six hundred young people will converge on Edmonton this summer. See: <http://nyg.lutheranyouth.ca/2010/>.

As a result of God's love and concern for his creation, we have reason to be optimistic in a society that needs the Good News that is anchored in Christ's cross and empty tomb! To God be the Glory!

Clifford Pyle, President  
President Lutherans for Life – Canada

## Sex and Cell Phones: Protect Your Children



A growing number of children are using their cell phones and other delivery devices to access pornography or to send risqué images of themselves to other people. Widespread access to the Internet and new delivery devices (e.g. cell phones, iPods, PlayStations, Wii gaming systems, etc.) provide numerous channels for delivery of pornography, sexualized messages, and sexual solicitations to millions of men, women and children. Every child, including those close to you, will be impacted by pornographic content through wireless technology.

In order to address this growing problem, three USA-based entities are coming together to help. The Religious Alliance Against Pornography, the National Coalition for the Protection of Children & Families and the national iCare movement of women are working to help parents understand and deal effectively with this challenge.

What are some things you can do to protect children from accessing porn?

1. Become educated about the new technology and its capabilities through the iCare website at [www.icarecoalition.org](http://www.icarecoalition.org).
2. Engage in open and consistent discussion with your family and young persons about their “moral and spiritual compass” and safe use practices.
3. Multiply yourself by sharing your knowledge with others individually, in small groups and through the viral use of email.
4. When selecting mobile phones you might use the following criteria in your selection:
  - a. Internet accessibility: Can this device be connected to the internet? Can this connection be turned on and off, and if so, how? What is the additional cost of internet access? How can I block connections to social networking websites such as: MySpace, Facebook, Xanga, etc.
  - b. Internet filtering/monitoring: Are there appropriate parental controls to filter, block and/or monitor internet access? If so, how can they be installed? How can I prevent these controls from being circumvented?
  - c. Forms of Communication: Can this device send and receive email, texts messages and instant messages? Can the device produce, receive, and distribute pictures or video footage? Can this capability be turned on and off, and is so, how?
  - d. Usage controls: How can I limit the times of day and length of time the device can be used? How can I limit the contact list for both incoming and outgoing calls?

- e. Sexually Explicit Content: Can the device be used to obtain sexually explicit content through a connection to the Internet, a memory stick, a connection to other wireless devices, emails or in any other manner? How can I disengage/monitor this capability?

Of course, enacting all these safe guards will not provide 100% protection or access to sexually explicit material on the internet. Regular worship and the daily reading of Scripture as a family is critical in preparing yourself for spiritual warfare. Openly talk with your children about this temptation. If your child (or you!) should fall into the temptation of accessing pornography, then admit your sin and announce God's love and forgiveness for this sin.

\*Information was adapted and/or copied from the article: "*Sex and Cell Phones: Protect Your Children.*" Visit the website: [www.nationalcoalition.org](http://www.nationalcoalition.org) for more information.

### **Really Good News from Rev. Dr. James I. Lamb**

If you have had an abortion or pressured someone into an abortion, I'd like to talk with you right now. You other sinners can listen in because we all need to hear this, but we don't talk about abortion much in church and so those struggling with this sin don't always hear the Good News applied to them. But I hope you are hearing it today! Take what you hear personally. God's restoration of the sinner is a complete restoration. God's restoration of you is complete. You are precious to God, like a royal diadem. You may feel forsaken, but you are God's delight. It may seem like you are desolate and alone, but you are married, joined to God by His great love for you. Indeed, He rejoices over you as a bridegroom over His beautiful bride.

This really good news of restoration for really bad people comes as God's gift through His Son Jesus Christ. God restores us as "royal diadems" by emptying Himself of His divine royalty and taking the form of a servant. Jesus was conceived and born to take on human flesh. God restores us as "crowns of beauty" by impaling His Son with a crown of thorns and nailing Him to a cross. The blood that flowed from that cross cleanses the blood on our hands because of sin and our toleration of sin. Jesus the King became a pauper so we could be seen as royalty in God's eyes.



With such good news, how can we be silent?

*(From: LifeDate, Spring 2010, p. 14)*

## Upcoming Events



### **LUTHERANS FOR LIFE – CANADA: Annual General Meeting:**

**DATE:** May 1, 2010

**LOCATION:** Historic St. Paul's, Kitchener ON,

**THEME:** “Womb to Tomb” Pro-life answers to pro-choice questions.

**GUEST SPEAKER:** Dr. James Lamb, LFL - USA

Registration at 9:30 AM, Opening devotion at 10:00 AM.

Lunch will be provided. Registration fee: \$10. Please pre-register by phone, email or snail mail to Marian Obeda, 519 - 473 - 2969, [msobeda@sympatico.ca](mailto:msobeda@sympatico.ca), 458 Castlegrove Blvd, London, Ontario N6G 1K8 by April 26,2010.

If you have a pro-choice question or comment that you would like a good answer to, please send that to Marian also to make sure you will hear the answer; for example, "Why not have an abortion, it's just a blob of tissue, isn't it?".

Elections will be held. Please send nominations to Cliff Pyle by April 26<sup>th</sup>, [cliffnick@sasktel.net](mailto:cliffnick@sasktel.net) Or 207 230 Heath Ave, Saskatoon, SK., S7S 1N7

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### **National March for Life**

The National March for Life will be in Ottawa May 12-14. The organizers are hoping 20,000 people will attend the rally. For details, visit:

<http://www.campaignlifecoalition.com/events/Marchforlife/2010/agenda.html>.



If you can't make the March in Ottawa, then you may want to attend a local rally. For those in the Edmonton area, the annual provincial March for Life will take place on May 13 at the Alberta Legislature at 1:00 p.m. Speakers will include Alberta MLA Red Morton, MP Brent Rathgeber, several clergy and others.

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### **EDITOR NEEDED for the LFL-C Newsletter:**

Would you like to use your editorial skills to develop the LFL-C newsletter? The newsletter is produced quarterly. The position involves: sharing current pro-life news; highlighting congregational resources, editing articles provided by board members, etc. If interested, please contact [info@lutheransforlife-canada.ca](mailto:info@lutheransforlife-canada.ca)

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## Lutherans For Life National Conference *Bringing Good News to Life!*

July 23-24, 2010

Tundra Lodge Resort  
Green Bay, Wisconsin

**Keynote speaker:**  
Wesley J. Smith,  
bioethicist

In addition to the keynote addresses, there will be a number of workshops addressing topics like:

- Bringing Good News to Life through the Younger Generation
- Bringing Good News to Life through Biblical Manhood
- Bringing Good News to Life through Biblical Womanhood
- Bringing Good News to Life in Defence of Marriage
- Bringing Good News to Life by Making Abortion Unthinkable
- Bringing Good News to Life in the Petri Dish – Defending Adult Stem Cell Research

**Camp Tundra -- A Kids Camp!** There will be activities for children ages 6-12. Activities include: storytelling, movies, cookie decorating and an LFL educational program.

The conference will be held at the beautiful Tundra Lodge and Water Park in Green Bay. A special rate of: \$69.00 (US) has been arranged. For more info on the lodge, visit their website: <http://www.tundralodge.com>.

To check out registration costs and to register for the conference, visit: [www.lutheransforlife.org](http://www.lutheransforlife.org).

## News and Updates!



**Life Conference Keynote Addresses Available on LCC Website:** You may not have been able to attend the Life Conference at Concordia University College of Alberta back in November 2009, but you can watch the keynote addresses online at the Lutheran Church – Canada website. Dr. John Patrick speaks on the topic: "How Did We Get to Here?" How Abortion Became Acceptable and Rev. Dr. Robert Weise speaks about "Cloning for Stem Cells: The Art of 'Celling' Yourself. The web link is: [http://www.lutheranchurch.ca/videonet.php?s=lectures\\_lovelife2009](http://www.lutheranchurch.ca/videonet.php?s=lectures_lovelife2009).

These presentations can be accessed any time of the day on any day of the week wherever you are, but the presentations would also be good viewing for Bible study groups.

**Studies Continue to Link Abortion with Breast Cancer:** Dr. Louise Brinton (a key researcher at the National Cancer Institute) co-authored a 2009 study that concludes induced abortion increased the risk of triple-negative breast cancer by 40% in women under 45. (Source: Calgary Herald, January 29, 2010)

**Check Out the Lutherans for Life Online Gift Shop:** You can purchase T-shirts, hoodies, coffee and travel mugs, blankets and more! Go to: [www.lutheransforlife.org](http://www.lutheransforlife.org) and click on “Gift Shop.”

**Life News: monthly bulletin inserts** are available from LFL-USA. These inserts will keep your congregation informed on life issues every month! To subscribe call: 1-888-364-LIFE. They are \$5.00 (US) per 100 copies/per month.

**Forced Abortion in America:** This on-line magazine is filled with information about abortion and abortion’s impact on society. To get a complimentary copy of this magazine, go to: <http://www.theunchoice.com/pdf/FactSheets/ForcedAbortionReportAdvanced.pdf>.

## Check It Out!

**Rosa Acuna Project:** This is the latest initiative by Lila Rose of Live Action. Watch the video of Planned Parenthood lying to women. Watch the video at: <http://www.stoptheaclu.com/2009/12/09/new-undercover-planned-parenthood-video-from-lica-rose-the-rosa-acuna-project/>.

**28 Days on the Pill:** This is an investigation by a Christian group about the birth control pill and how it works on women’s bodies. They have produced a good resource list of reading materials about the pill. Visit: <http://28daysonthepill.com/>. The video can be found at: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rvWFJ7ExbTY>.



**Red Ragtop:** This Tim McGraw song has an unplanned pregnancy, an abortion, and post-abortion regret. Post-abortion grief is real and experienced by many women who have had an abortion. Watch it at: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zBS6f-JVvTY>.

**2.1 Kids: Stable Population:** This humorous, short (2 minute, 12 second) video uses simple and clever dialogue to explain why we need 2.1 children per family for a healthy society. You can watch it at: [www.OverpopulationIsAMyth.com](http://www.OverpopulationIsAMyth.com).

**This is Disability?** Watch this video about Patrick Henry Hughes and you might want to rethink how society defines disability. Watch the video at: [http://www.youtube.com/watch\\_popup?v=9xwCG0Ey2Mg](http://www.youtube.com/watch_popup?v=9xwCG0Ey2Mg).

**101 Reasons Not To Have an Abortion** by Serena Gaifke. This free electronic book is a must read for young, unexpectedly pregnant women. You can download the book for FREE at [www.101girlsguide.com](http://www.101girlsguide.com).

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