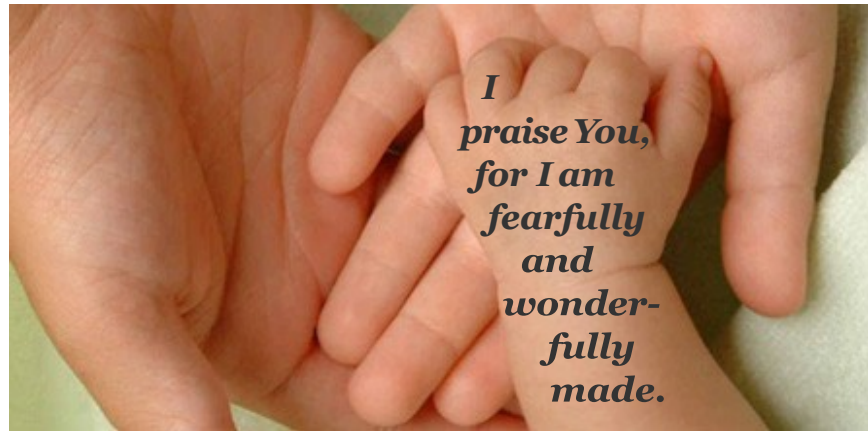




*Think, Learn,
Pray, Act*

LIFE SUNDAY



Psalm 139:14 ESV

WORLDWIDE,

83 abortions are performed every minute...

5,000 every hour...

120,000 every day...

43,800,000 every year...

ABORTION IS A A GLOBAL PROBLEM.

LCMS Life Ministries is devoted to upholding the sanctity of human life, both in our church body and in the culture at large. We work domestically and internationally on pro-life projects that serve women, children, families and those unable to speak for themselves.

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Sharing God's Word with All Generations!

3 Ways To Talk About Life

By Rev. Jason Braaten

It's easy to talk about your pro-life beliefs with your Christian friends. You're all coming from the same source: the Bible. But what happens when you chat with friends or teachers who aren't Christian, who don't see the Bible as anything at all? How can you stand up for life in a pro-choice world?

#1

Clarify the issue

A lot of times, people don't ever really get to the heart of the abortion debate: **Are the unborn human?**

Are the unborn full-fledged, living members of the human race who just happen to be really tiny and still developing? Or are they just blobs of cells? If the unborn aren't human, then we don't need a reason to commit an abortion. But if the unborn are human, no explanation for abortion is good enough.

Answer objections

Offer to answer any questions or concerns that your friends and teachers might have. Don't write them off. Take them seriously. As Christians, we give the same respect to them that we expect them to give us. And answer honestly. If you don't know an answer, say so, and promise that you'll look into it. Your goal isn't to convince them to change their minds right there. (It would be great if they did, but let's get real: That's not likely.)

Instead, challenge them just enough to get them to rethink their current position, especially this question: What are the unborn?

#3

Build a case for life

#2

Try starting with science. Remember the Law of Biogenesis that you learned in sophomore biology class? It says that:

- (1) Life only comes from life, and
- (2) Kinds produce like kinds.

In other words, a human being outside of the womb has to come from a living human being inside the womb. It doesn't just magically turn into a living human being at the point of birth. Human beings reproduce human beings. Second, scientists who study embryos have made it pretty clear: "The beginning of a single human life is from a biological point of view a simple and straightforward matter — the beginning is conception." Science has spoken: The unborn are fully human! The only thing that separates the unborn from us are things like their size, how developed they are, whether they are inside or outside the womb and how dependent they are. But these differences don't make it right to take human lives, especially those who are not yet born.



Q & A's

Life Questions and Answers

Are you against women's rights to choose what they do with their bodies?

We shouldn't take away a woman's right to choose what she does with her body. We shouldn't get between a woman and her doctor. We totally agree . . . if the unborn aren't human. If the unborn aren't human, then we don't need a reason to commit an abortion. But if the unborn are human, no explanation for abortion is good enough.

But what about the poor who can't afford to have another child?

Would it be okay for a large family to decide to get rid of its two-year old child to help make the family budget less tight? Of course not! Why? Because the child is a human being. And that's the point. What are the unborn? If the unborn aren't human, then we don't need a reason to commit an abortion. But if the unborn are human, no explanation for abortion is good enough.

Should someone be forced to raise a child with physical or mental disabilities?

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But isn't a fetus just a bunch of cells?

Yes. But so are you, and so am I. Just like the fetus, we are a bunch of cells that are all working together. The only difference between us and the fetus is how big we are, how developed we are, where we live and how dependent we are. These aren't reasons to end the life of any human being, even those not born yet.

But what about in the case of rape?

Rape is profoundly evil. Victims of rape deserve our best spiritual, physical, financial and psychological care. But there's more to it than that. Would it be okay for a mom to end the life of her two-year-old daughter who was born due to a rape because she was reminded of the event? Of course not! Why? Because that little girl is a human being. And that is the heart of the issue. Are the unborn, regardless of how they were conceived, human beings? If they aren't, no justification for abortion is needed. But if they are, none is acceptable.

NEW MERCIES DAILY!

THE PASTOR'S
CORNER



Every New Year always bring new hopes and dreams and resolutions.

THIS is the year I will . . .

THIS is the year that . . .

THIS is the year I finally . . .

The real trouble with the New Year is that it is really just the beginning of another year. The troubles and habits we had in the old year tend to carry right on over to the next. Unless we are willing and able to make life altering decisions and practices anytime of the year, we will probably NOT be able to accomplish them on January 1.

The Good News is that God's mercy is refreshed every morning. As we feebly struggle through life, the Lord's love for us remains strong and steadfast. If He has loved us enough to have sent His Son to live in this world and bear its sins, will He not follow through on that love day-by-day?

As your family begins this New Year, trust that you enter the year with God's love and mercy. Through Jesus, God is on your side. And when you come to those tough times (and 2020 will have some of those tough times) and you don't know what to say or how to pray, just cry out "Lord, have mercy!" Because His mercies never come to an end; they are new EVERY morning!

The Word

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; His mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning.

Lamentations 3:22-23 ESV

To God be the glory!

In **Jesus'** name,

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PRESCHOOL NEWS

Here are some pictures from
our Christmas Programs . . .



Thank You to Our Bethlehem Helpers!

Mike Martin

Peggy Martin

John Liebe

Martha Liebe

Jacob Liebe

Val Horton

Jessica Horton

Alivia Estrada

Ray Anason

Meleen Anason

Zach Gaulke

Sarah Gaulke

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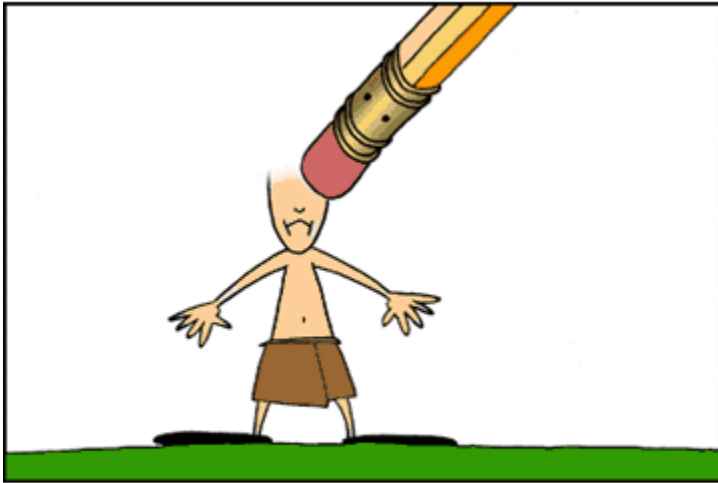
Denise Marks

Rich Misener



Feeding the Funny Bone

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EVERY NOW AND THEN GOD GOT TIRED WITH EVERYDAY SMITINGS AND DECIDED TO DO SOMETHING A LITTLE DIFFERENT

Astute Visionaries

"Computers in the future may weigh no more than 1.5 tons."

Popular Mechanics, forecasting the relentless march of science, 1949

"I think there is a world market for maybe five computers."

Thomas Watson, chairman of IBM, 1943

"But what is it good for?"

Engineer at the Advanced Computing Systems Division of IBM, 1968, commenting on the microchip

"There is no reason anyone would want a computer in their home."

Ken Olson, President, Chairman and founder of Digital Equipment Corp., 1977

"The wireless music box has no imaginable commercial value. Who would pay for a message sent to nobody in particular?"

David Sarnoff's associates in response to his urgings for investment in the radio in the 1920's.

"Who wants to hear actors talk?"

H.M. Warner, Warner Brothers, 1927.

"We don't like their sound, and guitar music is on the way out."

Decca Recording Co. rejecting the Beatles, 1962.

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"Heavier-than-air flying machines are impossible."

Lord Kelvin, president, Royal Society, 1895.

"Louis Pasteur's theory of germs is ridiculous fiction."

Pierre Pachet, Professor of Physiology at Toulouse, 1872

"The abdomen, the chest, and the brain will forever be shut from the intrusion of the wise and humane surgeon."

Sir John Eric Ericksen, British surgeon, appointed Surgeon-Extraordinary to Queen Victoria 1873.

"640K ought to be enough for anybody."

Bill Gates, 1981

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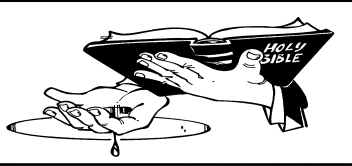
HEY DANIEL, REMEMBER THAT TIME THAT THOSE GUYS THREW YOU IN OUR DEN AND EXPECTED US TO EAT YOU, BUT THEN WE DIDN'T ... THAT WAS GREAT

Happy Birthday

Bethlehem's January Celebrations!

01/02 Amanda Barron
 01/06 Kathy Bolin
 01/11 Kathy Nichols
 01/11 Ericka Keefauver
 01/13 Jason Middleton
 01/17 Curtis Johnston
 01/18 Hayden Pollock

01/21 Derek Osmin
 01/21 Daniel Holtz
 01/26 Dan Hergert
 01/26 Clare Osmin
 01/27 Jaclyn Jenkins



BAPTISM RE-BIRTHDAYS

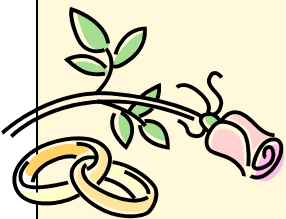
1/02	Reed Middleton	1/23	Dale Peterson
1/10	Sarah Gaulke	1/23	Sharon Peterson
1/10	Payton Hergert	1/28	Kathy Nichols
1/13	Noah Cooney		

Saints Whose Baptism Dates are Not on Record in Bethlehem's Church Office

Ray Anason	Michele Misener	Richard Misener
Juan Peterson	Kerry Peterson	Ina Peterson
Ken Reardon	Marge Walchli	Vern Weber

Happy Anniversary!

January 2, 1999 (21st) John & Martha Liebe
 January 14, 2012 (8th) Butch & Karla Parrish
 January 15, 2011 (9th) Zach & Sarah Gaulke



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	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	Memory Verse for January <i>I have taught you the way of wisdom; I have led you in the paths of uprightness.</i> Proverbs 4:11 ESV			1	2	3	4
				Men's Prayer Breakfast at Denny's 6 a.m.		Bible Study in lone 7 a.m.	Men's Group Mtg. 8:00 a.m.
	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
	Christ Alone Lutheran, lone Worship @ 8 a.m.						
	Bible Study NO Confirmation Worship 10:30 a.m.		Peacemakers 9:00 am.	Men's Prayer Breakfast at Denny's 6 a.m.		Bible Study in lone 7 a.m.	
The Epiphany of Our Lord	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
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The Baptism of Our Lord	19	20	21	22	23	24	25
	Christ Alone Lutheran, lone Worship @ 8 a.m.			Bible Study 6:30 p.m.			
	Bible Study NO Confirmation Worship 10:30		Peacemakers 9:00 am.	Men's Prayer Breakfast at Denny's 6 a.m.		Bible Study in lone 7 a.m.	
2nd Sunday after Epiphany	26	27	28	29	30	31	
	Christ Alone Lutheran, lone Worship @ 8 a.m.	Preschool Board Mtg. after worship		Bible Study 6:30 p.m.			
	Mite Box Offering						
	Bible Study NO Confirmation Worship 10:30 a.m.		Peacemakers 9:00 am.	Men's Prayer Breakfast at Denny's 6 a.m.		Bible Study in lone 7 a.m.	
3rd Sunday after Epiphany							

The Epiphany of Our Lord

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2nd Sunday after Epiphany

3rd Sunday after Epiphany

Flowers
You can sign up to bring flowers for the altar.
This is a nice way to remember life events — such as birthdays and anniversaries — while giving thanks to the Lord at the same time!

Those Who Serve
Pastor: Rev. Mark Adams
Elder: John Liebe
Preschool Director: Tess Adams
Secretary: Martina Galaev
Organist: Kathy Nichols & Judy Hall
Greeter: Ramona Wagner

Family Prayers

Jan. 5	Kerry & Ina Peterson	
12	Tracey Pollock	
19	Ken Reardon	
26	Lisa Reardon	