



## FARGO-MOORHEAD LUTHERANS FOR LIFE

F-M Area LFL Newsletter

Spring 2007

In this Issue:

Annual Meeting  
With  
SPECIAL  
PRESENTATION

Sunday April 15th  
2:00 PM

See Flyer inside and  
please post in your  
church bulletin and  
or bulletin board

### Because He Lives . . . I Can Face Tomorrow

A recent newspaper headline caught my attention. "Look Who's Happily Unmarried", tells me that couples that live together now outnumber those who've tied the knot in the United States. Recent census figures show that 50.3% of American households are headed by unmarried people. Another poll, comparing the moral and religious views of young adults in their 20's and 30's, shows that the young adults are abandoning the biblical faith of their elders at an alarming rate. They are more likely to reject the biblical concept of absolute truth, less likely to believe that God's principles should be examined in order to determine what is right and wrong. I also read abortion statistics that show that although the number of abortions continues to decrease nationwide, there are still 1,287,000 abortions per year, or 1 abortion every 24 seconds. I read other statistics reporting that, although numbers appear to be decreasing in recent years, approximately 50 % of teens are sexually active, and the list goes on to convince me that large numbers of people in this country continue to fall victim to this world's lies and false promises.

Perhaps, as I do, you also receive alerts from a number of Christian and pro-life, pro-family organizations regarding what our legislators in Washington are up to, with pending bills on stem-cell research and abortion issues, marriage and family protection, abstinence education and others to regulate what our children can and cannot be taught in the schools. More recently, we heard alarms sounding about an ethics reform bill which fortunately failed, but would have effectively muzzled these types of organizations from mobilizing their supporters to contact their representatives in Congress to encourage them to support or oppose certain pieces of legislation.

We have also seen many other attacks in recent years on religious liberty and have to be somewhat concerned about the potential restrictions our government might be inclined to place on our churches and other Christian organizations. We are also warned that the new Congress, since last fall's election, has very strong pro-abortion leaders with an agenda they will be pushing to disable abortion restrictions that may have been or would be passed by Congress or in state legislatures. They are also taking aim at other pro-life policies that have been enacted over the years.

We find ourselves wondering at times what does it all mean. We may become anxious when we think of the society we live in and in which our children and grandchildren are growing up. I also find myself feeling quite helpless at times. Is there really anything I can do to make a difference? If I do speak up to make my opinions known to my representatives in Congress, or to others around me, is anyone listening? Does it change anything? Or worse, is the time coming when Christians will no longer have the right to speak out against wrong, to stand for the truth. We cannot help but realize that the political climate seems to be turning against Christians in subtle and not-so-subtle ways. As we try to live our Christian values and raise our families in God's truth, we risk being labeled as intolerant and bigoted. Some prominent humanists are even calling Bible-believing Christians "fascists" and instilling fear in the population about Christians and biblical morality.

Certainly, the headlines we read, the changes we see all around us which suggest our country's declining moral values, can be disheartening and frightening. But these are the times when we must first of all remember that although we do not know what the future holds, we do know Who holds the future. We need to remember Bible verses such as, "**Be still and know that I am God**" (Psalm 46:10) and Jesus' words, "**Be of good cheer; I have overcome the world**" (John 16:33b). These are promises to calm our hearts and help us remember to trust our Creator. I do not believe, however, that they are words to lull us into complacency. We should, as Dr. Lamb tells us in our last newsletter article, remember that the political climate will change one direction and then the other. Other changes will continue to happen in our society. But Jesus Christ never changes and it is in His Word that we can continue to find the truth. As Christians, there is much we can do. LFL is committed to providing the resources to help us understand the life issues and connect them to the Word of God. And although we may not have the political power we might want to use to change laws and fix what is wrong with society, we do have the power of God's Word, the power of the Holy Spirit living within us, and a powerful message of truth, grace, forgiveness and healing. That is all we need to make a difference, to change hearts and offer hope to those around us.

Gail Waagen

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**FARGO-MOORHEAD AREA CHAPTER LUTHERANS FOR LIFE  
ANNUAL REPORT FOR MARCH 2006 – FEBRUARY 2007**

**Executive Board:**

Gail Waagen – President      Linda Froslie – Secretary      vacant –Vice President  
Judy Rosin – Treasurer      Pastor Kevan Smith – Pastoral Advisor

**Appointed Positions and Committees:**

Education & Resources - Carolyn Worrall, Banquet Coordinator - Carol Johnson, Banquet Committee members - David Mork, Kay Johnson, ReNae Simmons, ReNae Schaefer, Gail Waagen, Dan Borsheim, Lynn Haws, Dorothy Swanson, Scott McAllen, Susan Curfman, Angie Weidner, Newsletter Editor - Gail Waagen, Newsletter Production - Lynne Barnum - - Assisted by - Ednabelle Kuehl, Elaine Zentgraf, Sue Curfman, Prayer Warrior Coordinator - Dorothy Swanson

**Other Volunteers:**

Beth Schaible, Jerry Kensok, Linda Froslie, Dr. Michelle Von Ruden – Speaker's Bureau

**Activities / Events / Educational Presentations:**

1. March 26, 2006 – Annual Chapter meeting with DVD presentation "Fearfully and Wonderfully Made" with Answers in Genesis speaker, Dr. David Menton. 25 people in attendance.
2. May 19, 2006 – Beth Schaible made presentation to Oak Grove Lutheran High School students in grades 11-12 on "Fetal Development and Fearfully and Wonderfully Made".
3. October 15, 2006– Hosted annual chapter dessert banquet featuring speaker, Dr. David Menton of "Answers in Genesis". Approximately 161 people were in attendance to hear and enjoy this informative and interesting presentation entitled "Fearfully and Wonderfully Made". Offerings gathered \$3108 in donations towards selected mission projects.
4. October 15, 2006 –Dr. David Menton of "Answers in Genesis" made 2 presentations entitled "Creation vs. Evolution: What is the Difference and is it Important to the Christian" and "The Implications of Evolution" during the Sunday School hour at Triumph Lutheran Brethren Church. Approximately 200 people were in attendance to hear what the Bible has to say about evolution.
5. October 15, 2006 - Presentation at annual banquet of Dr. Jean Garton Life award to Pastor David Wagner, pastor of Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church and strong advocate for LIFE.
6. October 16, 2006 – Dr. David Menton of "Answers in Genesis made a presentation to children and adults at Grace Lutheran School.
7. October 28, 2006 – Members Carolyn Worrall, Beth Schaible, Gail Waagen, Ginny Leon, Karen Laddusaw and Bonnie Foss set up and staffed a display for Women's Showcase at the FargoDome. They were able to provide a wonderful pro-life witness by conversations with many people who stopped by the display booth. Hundreds of packets of pro-life literature were given away, focusing on Post Abortion Healing and development of pre-born babies and a number of other life issues. The "Truth Unmasked" Interactive CD was shown in the booth and approximately 120 copies were given away.
8. January 21, 2007 – Pro-life display to observe "Sanctity of Human Life" Sunday was set up by Carolyn Worrall at Immanuel Lutheran Church. Pastor Bernie Worrall used the chapter's "Touch Babies" in his presentation for the Children's sermon.
9. January 21, 2007 – Pro-life display was set up by Carol Johnson at Grace Lutheran Church to observe "Sanctity of Human Life Sunday".
10. January 2007 –The chapter provided "Facts of Life" pamphlets to the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students at Grace Lutheran School.

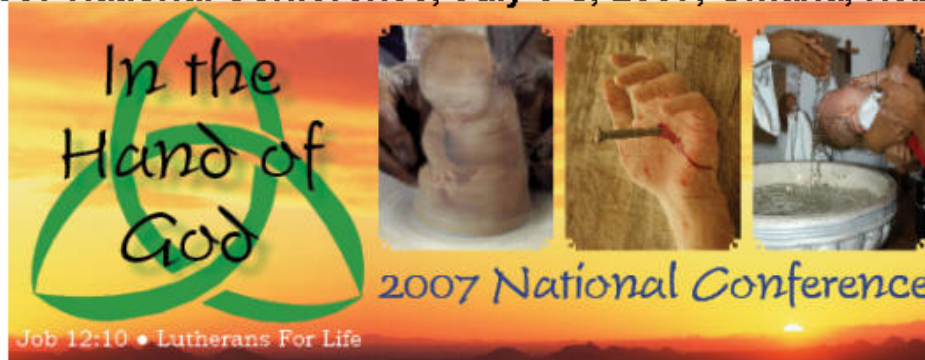
### Special Projects:

1. Layette project in gathering held in conjunction with chapter dessert banquet on October 15 and providing 35 layette kits to Lutheran Social Services for their Adoption Option Program.
2. Update of chapter educational supplies for use in chapter pro-life displays.
3. Contribution of \$1250 to ND Right to Life for their "The Loving Choice" Billboard campaign. This provides for 2 more months of display of billboard near the only abortion facility in North Dakota, which is in Fargo.
4. Distribution of over 150 copies of "Truth Unmasked" CD's to youth around the state through life displays put on by local chapter and/ or the state LFL board.

### Other Activities:

1. Executive board meetings held on February 15th, August 17th, and December 7th, 2006.
2. Annual Chapter meeting held on March 26, 2006.
3. Chapter newsletters sent out in March 2006, July 2006 and November 2006.

## 2007 National Conference, July 6-8, 2007, Omaha, Nebraska



Lutherans For Life of Nebraska will host this year's National LFL Conference at the Doubletree Hotel & Executive Center, Omaha, Nebraska, July 6-8, 2007, under the theme In the Hand of God.

Our conference offers a wonderful opportunity—for the whole family—to come together for encouragement, education, fellowship, and renewal of strength in our work of upholding the sanctity of all human life.

New this year is an interactive Buddy Davis (from Answers in Genesis) Children's Workshop with stories, songs, arts, and crafts!

25th National Lutherans For Life Conference

#### When

Friday, July 6, 2007 7:30 PM -  
Sunday, July 8, 2007 12:00 PM  
Central Time Zone

#### Where

Doubletree Hotel & Executive Meeting  
Center  
1616 Dodge Street  
Omaha, NE 68102

**For more information and / or to register,  
visit [www.lutheransforlife.org](http://www.lutheransforlife.org) or call Gail  
Waagen at 701-281-3977**

# Chapter News

## Banquet Committee Forming

The committee for Banquet 2007 is now forming and we could use **your** help. More volunteers are needed in many different capacities including program planning, food planning, facilities, publicity, design and printing, mission projects, financial planning and more. Please contact Gail Waagen at 281-3977 or email [gl\\_wgn@msn.com](mailto:gl_wgn@msn.com) for more information or to sign up.



## Chapter Executive Board Positions open

We are currently seeking members who would be willing to serve for the 2007-08 year on our chapter board. Experience is not required. Will you prayerfully consider how you might help carry out the mission of LFL? The board meets quarterly throughout the year and our function is to plan for chapter events. If you would like more information, please contact Gail Waagen or talk to any of our current board members.

**Election of new officers will take place at the annual meeting on April 15th.**



## 2006 Chapter Officers and Coordinators

President - Gail Waagen  
Vice President - vacant  
Secretary - Linda Froslic  
Treasurer - Judy Rosin  
Pastoral Advisor - Rev. Kevan Smith  
Education & Resources  
Carolyn Worrall  
Banquet Coordinator-  
Carol Johnson  
Prayer Warriors - Dorothy Swanson  
Newsletter Production  
Lynne Barnum

## Speakers Bureau

Beth Schaible  
Jerry Kensok  
Linda Froslic  
Dr. Michelle Von Ruden

## Seeking Pastoral Advisor

We are currently also seeking a pastoral advisor for the 2007-08 year. Responsibilities include attending executive board meetings, assisting with planning for the chapter and providing spiritual guidance.

The board would also like to thank **Pastor Kevan Smith** of Hope Lutheran Church for serving in this capacity for the past 2 years.

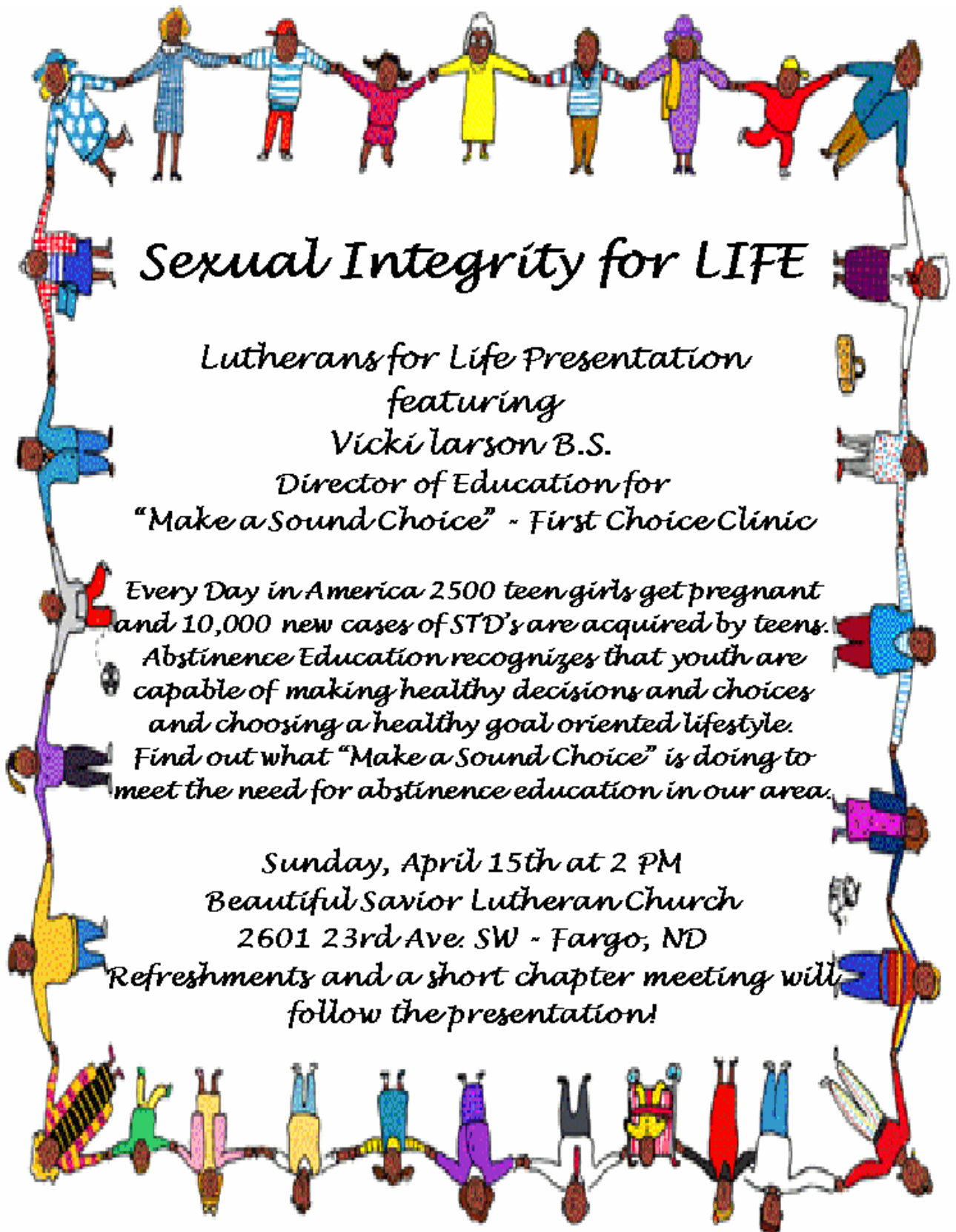
## What is an LMC ?

**. . . How does that differ from being a church contact?**

Many of you are church contacts for your local congregation and as such are an extremely important part of how our organization works. You are all familiar with the packet you receive in the fall with promotional materials for our banquet and you help get the ball rolling to find other table hosts and invite people you know to attend our dessert banquet and special presentation each year in October. You also know that we encourage our church contact people to take advantage of the resources we offer by inviting one of our speakers to make a LIFE presentation in your congregation or group within your congregation. The form in this newsletter gives some ideas of how you might use the resources we have available.

You may have also heard the term LMC which stands for Life Ministry Coordinator. In fact, several of our church contact people **are** also LMC's and we certainly encourage this. The key advantage to being an LMC is having a direct line of communication to receive information from the national LFL office. This information will connect you more directly to the many resources available through LFL and enable your congregation to have a more effective LIFE ministry. Each LMC receives a publication entitled "Directions". This periodic mailing includes several pages to be placed in a 3 ring binder divided into 5 sections. Each section contains helpful information under the headings of: 1) Bible Study - current Bible studies on life issues, 2) Leadership - suggestions for service projects, 3) Faith in Action - information on various life issues and innovative suggestions how to use the information to help educate others, 4) Fundraising ideas - such as how to put on a "Dressing for Life" modesty style show, and 5) Facts and Stats - about LFL.

**If you would like more information on how to become a Life Ministry Coordinator**, please contact Gail Waagen (281-3977) or Carolyn Worrall, Education & Resource Coordinator ( 293-0905)



# *Sexual Integrity for LIFE*

*Lutherans for Life Presentation  
featuring*

*Vicki Larson B.S.*

*Director of Education for  
"Make a Sound Choice" - First Choice Clinic*

*Every Day in America 2500 teen girls get pregnant  
and 10,000 new cases of STD's are acquired by teens.*

*Abstinence Education recognizes that youth are  
capable of making healthy decisions and choices  
and choosing a healthy goal oriented lifestyle.*

*Find out what "Make a Sound Choice" is doing to  
meet the need for abstinence education in our area.*

*Sunday, April 15th at 2 PM*

*Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church*

*2601 23rd Ave. SW - Fargo, ND*

*Refreshments and a short chapter meeting will  
follow the presentation!*

# Church Contact Corner

Each year, the National LFL office provides new materials for our congregations to use to observe Sanctity of Human LIFE Sunday. This year's theme is "Cherish the Children" and a variety of materials are available for use in your congregation. While some of our church contacts utilize these resources on a designated Sunday in January, they are available year round and anytime is a great time to use them to provide a Pro-Life message. Perhaps you have wanted to plan an event for your congregation, but don't have the information you need or maybe you just don't know where to start. We are here to help you! I have provided a form below with some suggestions to get you started

Our Education and Resource Coordinator, Carolyn Worrall, has many of these resources on hand, or can obtain them for you. Please look over the information provided below and use the form to check off any areas of interest for your congregation. We will contact you with further information if needed. The DVD's or Video's may be checked out to use individually or with your Bible study or other group, or you may request one of our chapter speakers to make a presentation or lead a Bible study using any of the audio-visual aids that are available.

## BIBLE STUDIES:

- For Life** . . . a 14 minute DVD which shares the positive Gospel-centered message of Lutherans for Life. A study guide is included which turns this DVD into a great Bible study. **For Life** features interviews with those involved with LFL and those whose lives have been positively affected through LFL
- Choosing Life** . . . a touching, life-affirming, award-winning DVD that deals with the subject of abortion with great sensitivity, focusing on the biblical foundation for the sanctity of life. A Bible study guide from LFL is included.
- Life Studies** - Volume One - classic LFL Bible Studies on a variety of topics, updated, and in reproducible format.
- The Gift of Children** . . . an excellent Bible study by Dr. Jean Garton, former president of LFL, that examines the role and place of children in our culture from a Biblical point of view.
- Cherish the Children** Bible Study - *Jesus Backwards Understanding of Who is the Greatest* - (Based on Matthew 18: 1-10) by Rev. Dr. Jeffrey Gibbs (reproducible)

## OTHER DVD'S AND PRESENTATIONS

- You Are a Masterpiece** . . . a live-action DVD, revealing the amazing world of life before birth. Delightful children interact with state-of-the-art computer animation and captivating in-utero photography. Recommended for ages 5-10, but grownups will enjoy too! (25min)
- Holly's Story** . . . a teen-produced movie that makes a definite impact on those who see it. Tells the story of a young teen faced with the dilemma of an unplanned pregnancy and the choice she makes. Deals with post-abortion syndrome. **A vital resource for parents and youth leaders.** (55 min)
- God's Knitting Room** . . . a power-point presentation for children with the message that every life is important and valuable to God.
- Biotechnology 101 A Primer** . . . a power point presentation explaining assisted reproductive technologies, stem cell research, cloning and genetic engineering.
- Previous Banquet Presentations on DVD** . . . including "*Fearfully and Wonderfully Made*" with Dr. David Menton, "*Cloning and Stem Cell Research*" with Ed Szeto, "*Only One Question*" with Greg Koukl, and many others.

## MISCELLANEOUS

- LFL Traveling Display** . . . a brochure rack filled with a variety of pamphlets, booklets and other resources on a variety of life issues. You can sign up to have this display to set up in your church for up to a month at a time. May also check out the "**Touch Babies**" to add to your display.
- Cherish the Children** bulletin inserts, Children's Message and Worship Service Format.
- Just Imagine CD** . . . featuring song lyrics and accompaniment tracks for "*Just Imagine*", *God Loves Life*" and "*God Knew Your Name*".

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ Church \_\_\_\_\_

Please complete form and return to F-M LFL at PO Box 1202, Fargo, ND 58107

**Fargo - Moorhead Area Lutherans for Life**  
*Witnessing to the Sanctity of Human Life Based on the Word of God*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Church: \_\_\_\_\_

Donation: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (Please make checks payable to "FM-Lutherans For Life")

\_\_\_\_\_ Currently receive F-M LFL free newsletter: Prefer \_\_\_\_\_ Mail or \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail

\_\_\_\_\_ Add me to your mailing list: Prefer \_\_\_\_\_ Mail or \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Please contact me regarding a presentation for my church, school, or other group

\_\_\_\_\_ I would like more information about being a Life Ministry Coordinator or church contact.

\_\_\_\_\_ Please send me \_\_\_\_\_ copies of the "Truth Unmasked" CD. (No charge)

\_\_\_\_\_ I can help LFL in the following ways:

\_\_\_\_\_ Being a prayer warrior \_\_\_\_\_ Making phone calls \_\_\_\_\_ Banquet Cmte 2007

\_\_\_\_\_ Serving on the exec board \_\_\_\_\_ Nominations committee for exec board

\_\_\_\_\_ Auditing financial records \_\_\_\_\_ Staffing Pro-life displays at marketing events

\_\_\_\_\_ Notify me about the next "Stand to Reason" training class: "Making Abortion Unthinkable:

*The Art of Pro-Life Persuasion.* Circle method: Take 5-hour class / Borrow 2-hour video

Comments and/or information requests:

*(Please complete form and return to Fargo-Moorhead LFL, PO Box 1202, Fargo, ND 58107)*



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