

June 1, 2018

Dear Pastor/Principal:

Lutherans For Life of Michigan is excited to invite you to participate in our "Life Issues Contest" for 2019. Entrants may submit an essay or artistic project. We hope that this choice will allow students with a wide variety of interests and skills to express their support of life issues in a personal and meaningful way. Please note that the essays and artistic projects will be considered two different categories so that they will be evaluated and prizes will be awarded separately.

Please see the enclosed instruction sheet for more information about the 2019 "Life Issues Contest" as well as the enclosed permission slip. Thank you for all your work in ensuring a Christ-centered education that values life in all its stages for these precious children. We look forward to receiving one essay submission and one artistic project submission from your church or school and rejoicing in your students' expression of faith!

God's blessings!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lauren Schaidt".

Lauren Schaidt

Chair, Life Issues Contest Committee, Lutherans For Life of Michigan

Life Issues Contest

Sponsored by: Lutherans For Life of Michigan

As part of the mission of Lutherans For Life of Michigan to educate and equip our young people to be Gospel-motivated voices on Life issues, we are sponsoring a **Life Issues Contest!**

All Lutheran congregations are encouraged to participate in this contest by presenting this information and opportunity to their 7th and 8th grade students. Projects should be created under the guidance of the pastor or teacher, and submitted by the deadline of March 15th, 2019.

Pastors or teachers should judge their own students' projects first and then send their **one** winning entry in the **artistic project** category and **one** winning entry in the **essay** category to the state contest. **\$100** for the top **essay** and for the top **artistic project** and **\$75** for the runner-up in each category will be awarded at the state level, according to the criteria below.

Step 1: Pick a LIFE ISSUE

- ❖ *Abortion*
- ❖ *Sexual Purity*
- ❖ *People with Disabilities*
- ❖ *Assisted Suicide*
- ❖ *Embryonic Stem Cell Research*

Step 2: Pick a Project

- ❖ *Essay*
- OR
- Artistic Project*
- ❖ *T-shirt or jewelry design*
- ❖ *Video*
- ❖ *Poster*
- ❖ *Work of art*
- ❖ *Technology (i.e. Prezi, Vine, PowerPoint, Flipagram)*

It is our hope and prayer that this contest will be a valuable exercise in teaching our young people the value of human life, the need to protect that life, as well as the need for sexual purity and marital faithfulness.

Please submit the essay to:
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42400 Park Ridge Way
Clinton Twp., MI
48038
schaidtl@gmail.com

Please submit the artistic project to:
Jeff Davis
1000 Bagley
Rochester Hills, MI
48309
jdavis@lhsa.com

Essay Guidelines

- ✓ Write 400-500 words
- ✓ Research your subject well
- ✓ Develop your theme clearly
- ✓ Show how this issue relates to you
- ✓ Use clear Biblical references and teachings
- ✓ Use proper spelling and grammar
- ✓ Be convincing and personal
- ✓ Include a title page with the following information: title of essay, student's name, name of congregation/school with address, telephone number and email address

Artistic Project Guidelines

- ✓ Research your subject well
- ✓ Develop your theme clearly
- ✓ Show how this issue relates to you
- ✓ Use clear Biblical references and teachings
- ✓ Be convincing and personal
- ✓ Exhibits excellent craftsmanship
- ✓ Creativity
- ✓ Send a few pictures (photographs or JPEG) and a paragraph OR a short video (in the .mov format) in which you display your project and explain its meaning
- ✓ Include a page with the following information: title of project, student's name, name of congregation/school with address, telephone number and email address

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Please complete the contest nomination form below and submit along with (1) student essay submission and/or (1) artistic project submission from your congregation/school. Nominations should be submitted by March 15, 2019.

Congregation/School Name: _____

Congregation/School Address: _____

Pastor/Principal Name: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Essay

Student's Name: _____ Grade: _____

Life Issue: _____

Title of Essay: _____

Parent/Guardian's Name: _____ Relationship to Child: _____

Home Address: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

I, Parent/Legal Guardian of (child's name) _____ hereby grant permission to Lutherans For Life of Michigan, its agents and assigns, to use above named child's name, school, grade, likeness, and project submission for the purpose of education, advertising, and promotion by Lutherans For Life of Michigan in all conventional and electronic media without further notifying or compensating me. I hereby release Lutherans For Life of Michigan and its agents and assigns from any claims that may arise from these uses, including, but not limited to, claims of defamation, invasion of privacy, infringement of moral rights, rights of publicity, or copyright.

Parent/Guardian's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Artistic Project

Student's Name: _____ Grade: _____

Life Issue: _____

Title of Essay: _____

Parent/Guardian's Name: _____ Relationship to Child: _____

Home Address: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

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Parent/Guardian's Signature: _____ Date: _____