

Mercy: In the Fight for Life

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Who can I contact:

National Lutherans for Life <www.lutheransforlife.org>
LCMS Human Care and World Relief <www.worldrelief.lcms.org>

What can you do?

- Pray for the lives of the pre-born, the disabled, the sick and the elderly
- Educate yourself about pro-life issues
- Speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves.
- Join a pro-life organization such as Lutherans for Life. If there is not a local chapter in your area, start one.
- Volunteer your time at your local Pregnancy Care Center. Help is always needed folding clothes, answering phones, even teaching.
- Collect diapers, baby clothing, furniture, toys etc... on a regular basis at your congregation.
- Sew quilts, nappies, or other items to donate to expectant mothers.
- Support your local Pregnancy Care Center individually and as a congregation with prayer and finances.
- Mentor an expectant mother or father

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