

As you share a Gospel-motivated message which supports life, the Holy Spirit not only blesses those you serve but also works to transform heads, hearts, and minds for LIFE!



Resources:

- Lutherans For Life / Y4Life – www.lutheransforlife.org
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- Twitter: @ForLifers
- LCMS Life Ministries (lcms.org/life-ministry/library)
- Students for Life (studentsforlife.org)
- Life News (lifenews.com)
- Live Action (liveaction.org)
- 40 Days for Life (40daysforlife.com)
- Jill Stanek (jillstane.com)
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For more information on forming your own **Y4Life Team**, please contact Michelle Bauman, director of **Y4Life**, at mbauman@lutheransforlife.org.



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I'm **4Life** ... Now what?



5 Steps to Becoming a **Y4Life** Messenger

1 • Prepare

Learn about student group policies and procedures at your school. Do you need a faculty advisor? Do you need a constitution or officers? Can you use campus facilities? Are you eligible for funding? Your student government or student activities office should have this information.

Research the Life situation in your school and community.

Is there an abortion clinic? What about a pregnancy resource center? Is there a suicide prevention group? Do other organizations exist that support 4Life activities? Find out how and where you can partner with others and direct your efforts in the most effective way.

2 • Mentor

Seek a mentor or advisor to give you spiritual support and advice as you start your group. This should be someone from your school who is passionate about life, while maintaining the Gospel motivation that is the hallmark of Lutherans For Life.

Lutherans For Life (LFL) has staff dedicated to providing guidance and mentorship to students as they start Life Teams. Feel free to contact LFL as well!



3 • Recruit

Start by recruiting a small group of students who are passionate about life, who are Gospel-motivated, and who are willing to work with you to start the team.

One great way of identifying these students is by networking with other student organizations, local pro-life organizations, or church groups with similar values and ideas. You can also use flyers, set up recruitment tables, participate in an interest fair, or stand in a high-traffic area and use a clipboard to gather names.

Make sure to get permission from your school before posting flyers or other advertisements.

4 • Legitimize

Once you have a small group of students interested in starting a Life Team, hold your first meeting to begin making decisions about the group.



Check it out:

www.Y4Life.org

At the first meeting, decide on governance for your group. Make sure to follow your school's guidelines for student organizations. You may need to find an advisor and create a constitution.

Select your **Y4Life** Team's leaders. In the future, you may wish to elect your leaders, but at the beginning, it may be more effective to appoint leadership and officers.

At one of your first meetings, you will want to formulate the mission for your Life Team. Contact Michelle for ideas on how to do this.

After the first meeting, take the necessary steps to become an official student organization. This process may take some time, so start as soon as possible!

5 • Expand

After officially starting your group and making the initial decisions, the real work begins!



Start actively advertising your group around your school and community, using flyers, social media, and other methods, such as advertising on school computers, creating bulletin boards, and participating in activity fairs.

Begin planning your first event. Events fall in one or more of four categories: Service, Celebration, Worship, or Education. A service project, such as a clothing drive, supports life; a celebration, such as a community baby shower, rejoices over life; a worship service, such as a Life Chapel Service, affirms that God is the Creator of life; and an educational event teaches students about life issues.

Make sure your group meets regularly to plan activities and host events. Each meeting should be part business and part activity or discussion. Lutherans For Life has a wonderful Speakers Bureau available—and hosting a speaker at a meeting is a great way to get people involved. For a list of possible discussion topics and life issues, visit lutheransforlife.org.

Eventually, your group will need to fundraise in order to continue operating. For exciting fundraising ideas, contact **Y4Life**.

Starting and maintaining a Y4Life Team on a college campus can be a lot of work, but it is work worth doing!