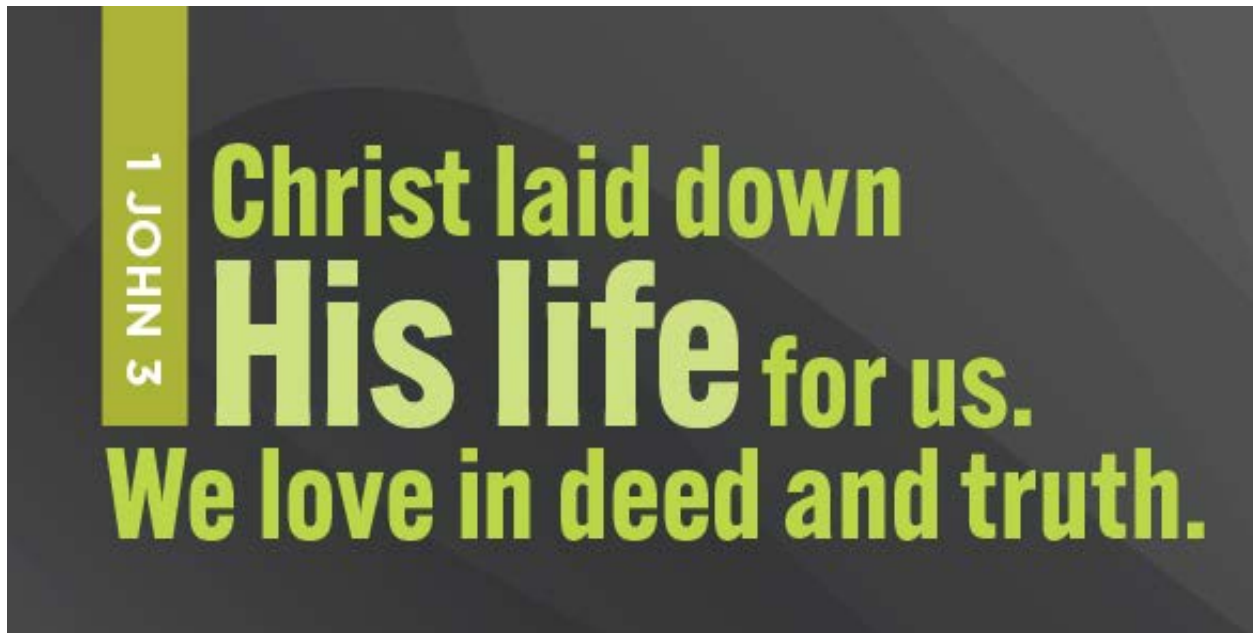


The LCMS' new Million Dollar Life Match launches in early 2022 and offers matching grants to congregations.



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New matching grant program supports pro-life ministry, care

Dear brothers and sisters serving the churches and schools of the LCMS,

Grace and peace to you!

This is a brief note to make you aware of the [Million Dollar Life Match](#), which The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod is launching in early 2022.

Often when we express our pro-life views, people respond by asserting that all we really care about is babies in the womb and not the needs of children after they are born. That, of course, is not so. The national Synod — through the generous support of thousands — has provided millions of dollars to care for the least, the lost and the vulnerable, and we continue to do so. Throughout the LCMS, individuals and congregations do even more!

In light of the current *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization* case before the Supreme Court, which could lead to a reconsideration of *Roe v. Wade*, we want to make it crystal clear that Christians, and especially Lutherans of the Missouri Synod, care deeply about babies born and unborn, as well as parents who find themselves in crisis.

The LCMS will match \$1 million in funds dedicated by our congregations for their local pro-life action and activity, including caring for women in crisis pregnancies and providing support for moms, dads and babies. We'll match our congregations' support of pregnancy resource centers, LCMS Recognized Service Organizations and more. The full name of this effort is the 1 John 3 Initiative Million Dollar Life Match. Indeed, 1 John 3 says it all:

"By this we know love, that [Christ] laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers. But if anyone has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in him? Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth" (1 John 3:16–18).

Stay tuned for details!

Blessed Advent to all,

Pastor Matthew C. Harrison
President, The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod

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