### NOTE:

2017 IS THE 500<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF MARTIN LUTHER POSTING THE 95 THESES ON OCT. 31, 1517. LUTHER IS THE ONE WHO SAID BEFORE THE EMPEROR, 'HERE I STAND (ON THE WORD OF GOD) I CAN DO NO OTHER, SO HELP ME GOD!"

THUS WE ALSO SAY "HERE WE STAND!"

"Life Issues" cover the whole range of respect for life, from conception in the womb until old age. Thus we honor God's gift of life and oppose all attacks upon it by the devil, the world and our own sinful self!

"Life Issues" therefore means that we:

SPEAK AGAINST: Abortion but STAND UP for Adoption

SPEAK AGAINST: Infanticide but STAND UP for Mercy for the Disabled

SPEAK AGAINST: Suicide but STAND UP for Godly Self-Identity SPEAK AGAINST: Genocide but STAND UP for All God's Children

SPEAK AGAINST: Euthanasia but STAND UP for Dignity for the Elderly

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**Ps 139: 23,24** – Closing Prayer

"Search me, O God, and know my heart!

Try me and know my thoughts!

And see if there be any grievous way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting! Amen."





## "HERE WE STAND!"

#### **LIFE SUNDAY 1-22-17**

# Combined Bible Class - All Teens and Adults Schedule for the day:

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9:15 a.m. - Foundational Truths from God's Word 9:50 a.m. - Video "Lutherans for Life" 10:15 a.m. - Closing Prayer

"When the going gets tough, the tough get going." With its emphasis on armor and wrestling, flaming darts, forces of the devil, and evil schemes, it may seem these slogans summarize the message of St. Paul's pep talk to the Ephesian Christians. Then again, Ephesians 6:10-18 speaks the Word of the Lord rather than simply restating the world's wisdom. So we might suspect a different strength and a better strategy...

**Ephesians 6:12** – What makes life a wrestling match?

James 4:1 –

Romans 7:19-23 -

Galatians 5:17 -

**Ephesians 6:12** – Who (or what?) are the real enemies (and who are not)?

Romans 5:10 -

**Romans 8:7** –

1 Peter 5:8 –

2 Thessalonians 3:14-15 –

Here We Stand against sin and selfishness, death and the devil, not against one another.

**Ephesians 6:11, 13** – Who needs armor and why?

Ezekiel 18:32 -

1 Timothy 2:3-4 –

Matthew 18:14 –

Isaiah 46:4 –

Luke 7:22 –

Romans 3:23 -

Here We Stand to declare and defend the precious value of every human being.

Here We Stand for every human life, at each stage, in any state.

Here We Stand for every human life, no matter what she's done, no matter what he can't do.

Here We Stand from the invisible miracle of conception to the moment of natural death.

Here We Stand for anyone vulnerable or victim to violence against life.

Here We Stand for you, wherever you've been, wherever you're going.

**Ephesians 6:14-17** – What kind of armor do we possess? Where does it come from?

Revelation 7:10 –

Philippians 3:9 –

Philippians 1:6 –

Here We Stand because of God's purpose, not our own plans.

Here We Stand behind Jesus Christ's passion, not our own pride.

Here We Stand bearing His Holy Spirit's presence, not our own capacities.

Which victory matters most? John 16:33 – 1 Corinthians 15:56-57 – Luke 10:20 –

Here We Stand for forgiveness and not comparison, for salvation and not competition.

Ephesians 6:18 – Who accompanies us in the conflict? Hebrews 12:1, 22-24 – 1 Corinthians 12:26 – Hebrews 2:14-18 –

Here We Stand with millions of His children around the world and multitudes across the centuries.

Here We Stand with you, wherever you are.

**Ephesians 6:10** – What motivates us in the middle of it?

John 10:10 –

1 John 4:10 –

2 Corinthians 3:12 -

Here We Stand to celebrate the many blessings of abundant and everlasting life.

Here We Stand in joy and not out of anger, in hope and not out of fear. Here We Stand as Gospel-motivated voices For Life.

**Ephesians 6:13** – Why are we instructed to stand instead of advance?

Exodus 14:13-14 -

Deuteronomy 28:13-14 -

Hebrews 12:26-28 –

#### Here We Stand.

How then shall we struggle, wrestle, and battle?

Ephesians 4:15 –

1 Peter 3:15 –

Ephesians 4:32 –

Galatians 6:2 –

Here We Stand to relieve and release, not to accuse.

Here We Stand to listen, assist, accompany, embrace, and befriend—not to attack.

Here We Stand speaking truth and sharing love.

