

# Life Topics



2007



*Empowering People to Make Informed Choices*

## PCC Calendar

### 1st Quarter

- Jan 21 - Line Up for Life
- Jan 21 - SOHL Sunday
- Jan 21 - Kick-off for  
Baby Bottle Campaign
- Feb 28 - Official end of  
Baby Bottle Campaign

### 2nd Quarter

- April - Easter Client  
Outreach
- May 13 - Nat'l Mothers  
Day Baby Shower
- June 2 - Walk for Life  
Presque Isle

### 3rd Quarter

- Aug 25 - Walk for Life  
Houlton

### 4th Quarter

- Oct. 11 - Fall Banquet
- Dec. - Christmas Tea  
Client Outreach



## Sanctity of Human Life—January Focus

On Sunday, January 21, our nation will observe **Sanctity of Human Life Sunday**. Many are not aware of this date and the tremendous affect it has had on America. This date marks the 34th Anniversary of Roe vs. Wade, the decision to legalize abortion. In 1983 President Reagan initiated the first proclamation of National Sanctity of Human Life Sunday. Brochures have been offered and sent to congregations all over Aroostook County to help people reflect on God's gift of life. These brochures allow you to better understand how, on a daily basis, the Pregnancy Care Center of Aroostook acts out their belief in the Sanctity of Human Life in many practical and life-changing ways.

As in past years, our annual **Baby Bottle Campaign** will kick off on Sanctity of Human Life Sunday. This is a major fundraiser for the PCC. You simply take a baby bottle, or bottles and fill them with your spare change,( or bills, or checks!) and by Feb. 21, return them to your church or directly to the



Presque Isle or Houlton Center. Last year, we raised over \$15,000 as each person did what they could, and together it made a huge impact in our County. If your church does not participate in this fundraiser, and you want to take part, please contact us .



## Second Annual Line up for Life

This is your opportunity to put feet to your beliefs! Sanctity of Human Life Sunday comes and goes with very little emphasis. This year we are conducting another Line Up For Life to demonstrate our beliefs in the value of human life. We are asking all people who are willing and able to join us in the exciting event which will take place on S.O.H.L.S. We will gather together at 1:45 and receive positive life-affirming signs to hold as we line the streets. On the back of the signs will be suggested requests for prayers. At 3:00 we will return to our meeting place for light refreshments and a closing prayer. This is a wonderful opportunity to show our community that we believe in the value of all life. Abortion is a worldwide issue which effects every one of us. Since Roe vs. Wade, there have been enough abortions in the state of Maine to wipe out all of Aroostook County. We have a lot of missing people and we have a lot of hurt, wounded individuals. Sadly, in addition to abortion, euthanasia has become another "life" issue we must acknowledge. Please prayerfully consider what role you will play in this "Line-Up for Life."

P.I. Will meet at the Northeastland Hotel, Main Street

Houlton will meet at Machias Saving Bank, 138 North Street

## From the PI Center Director's Desk

Luke 2:6 "The time came for the baby to be born!" Nothing can stop the "time" for a baby to be born! Even so when it was "time", He came! God's time is so important. At His "time" wise men brought gifts! How important for us, His children to give a gift to Him—ourselves! He has used our "gifts" here at the Pregnancy Care Center. What a joy to be able to bring an answer to a mother with questions, to give a layette to a new mom, to bring a smile to a mom with a frown, maybe no more than a hug. It is my prayer that as we begin a new year, that God will bring in many moms that we may be able to help them materially as well as spiritually.



On December 14th, we held our annual Christmas Tea for our clients. We had a tremendous response of over 70 moms, dads and children attending. What a joy to tell the real meaning of Christmas to them. God Bless and have a Wonderful New Year.

Eva Ireland

## Houlton Center News

Please join us as we welcome Lynn Skehan as our Center Director! We have waited and prayed for this vacancy to be filled. Lynn, who has been a board member for several years, has a passion for the ministry, We are expecting great things as the Houlton Center continues to grow.

A big thank you to Houlton Wesleyan Church's Clubhouse Ministries who visited the PCC on December 13th for a "Baby Shower for Jesus" The children and their families donated many items for the Center which are gratefully acknowledged.

The Client Christmas party which was held on December 12th, was a great success, with 53 moms, children and family members attending, hearing the real Christmas story and receiving gifts which were greatly appreciated.

## Board of Directors Changes

We welcome a new board member, Lisa Surran who lives in Ludlow. She is a teacher at Greater Houlton Christian Academy and brings a passion for life and the sanctity of life as she joins us. We regret that we must say good-bye to Cynthia Goodrich who has served faithfully for the past three years and also to Lynn Skehan who joined the board in 2003. Thank you so much for your service to the Pregnancy Care Center. Although we are losing Lynn from the board, she is not leaving the PCC, but will be serving us in another capacity.

## PCC Welcomes New Volunteers

The Presque Isle office is pleased to welcome Elizabeth Andretta of Caribou and Christina Maynard of Washburn to our Central Aroostook staff. Having recently completed the PCC's 22-hour training program, these ladies are enthused to serve the needs of our community.

Elizabeth brings a dynamic personal testimony and desire to be used by God through the ministry of the PCC.

Christina has recently been promoted from Volunteer to Administrative Assistant. We are pleased to have hired Christina for 10 hours a week as a second Administrative Assistant.

## NEW BOARD MEMBERS AND VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

This is an exciting time to serve as a board member or volunteer! The PCC is moving in new areas, implementing new programs and in need of fresh insight and passion for the cause of life. There are many opportunities waiting for us to pursue. If you are interested in becoming a board member or volunteer, please call for an application.



## From the Executive Director's Desk

The past few months have been very busy as we have been preparing for the special events and keeping up with the day to day activities. It has been so exciting to see the work of God in many areas of the PCC. As I have been meditating on what to say, my heart is filled with so many stories that I would love to share. I'll try to share a few highlights only. We had a tremendous year in various ways.

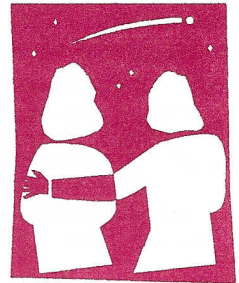
At our Banquet, I shared a slogan "Advancing the Kingdom of Heaven in the Year of 2007." For this to become reality, we need each other. It's been an incredible experience as we have seen churches, groups and businesses, all unite together and work for the Kingdom of God. As we are embarking on another year, we have such anticipation of what God is going to do through all of our efforts. I would like to say "thank you" to all of you who make it possible for us to continue reaching our community with the gospel of good news!

This year we had 647 Client visits with 101 new visits. We were able to sow seeds of God's forgiveness, love, grace, mercy and hope for the future. The greatest joy I know is seeing a heart that is broken and filled with hurts, anger, shame, and grief be transformed into a heart that is clean, healed, and restored. This is what Our God came to do. He came to Save that which was lost, heal that which is broken, set free that which is in bondage, to give beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, a garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness. He has chosen you and me to use as vessels to bring this message to the hurting and the lost and to see the transformation in a life. That is big and that is something only God can do.

I want to challenge you to be very intentional this year about two things. One, love the Lord you God with all your heart, mind, and soul. Two, love your neighbor as yourself. Now, who is your neighbor? It is whoever God places in your path. Now that is big and it takes much diligence to become reality. God bless you all. I love hearing from you. When you mail your checks, write me a quick note and I will write back. It's going to be an incredible year as we together "Advance the Kingdom of Heaven in the Year of 2007!"

God's Grace and mercy to you!

*Christie*



Comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves have received from God.

2 Corinthians 1:4

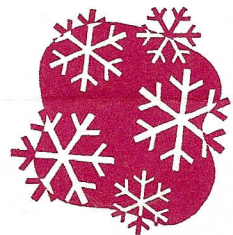
## Post-Abortion Hope and Healing

Nineteen years ago, I had an abortion. Over the course of those years, I was very much in denial. There were periods of depression with a longing for comfort and understanding. Those unfulfilled feelings were replaced by sinful behavior. I was unable to look at a fetus or to listen to someone talk about abortion. I had anxiety in regard to those issues. In a way, it is easier to stay in denial and not to face truth. Although it is difficult to face truth, it is the only way to overcome, to be restored and to accept God's forgiveness. The counseling with the "Abortion Recovery Pro-

gram" helped me to face the truth about my abortion. After weeks of counseling and time in prayer, the Lord gave me a desire to look at fetal development. I cried, realizing how wonderfully made was my baby. At that time, I stopped being in denial. I acknowledged the very life that was inside of me and acknowledged the sin that took it away. After that stage, I was able to start grieving and feel for my baby. The program has helped me to bring closure with the painful experience of abortion. It gave me a new hope that God has a plan for me. Lord, I am speechless before you.

Psalm 39:9

If you are going through the painful experience of abortion, just seek God. He is a faithful Father. "Come to me and I will give you rest all of you who work so hard beneath a heavy yoke. Wear my yoke for it fits perfectly and let me teach you; for I am gentle and humble and you shall find rest for your souls; for I give you only light burdens." Matthew 11:28-30. The Pregnancy Care Center is a safe and confidential place where you can humble yourself, be vulnerable and allow God to mend your broken heart.



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Anonymous

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**Office Hours**

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Tuesday 11:00-3:00  
*for Administrative Purposes*  
Wednesday 9:00 – 4:00  
Thursday 9:00 – 4:00

Houlton

Tuesdays 12:00 to 4:00 pm  
Thursday 12:00 to 4:00 pm



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**OUR MISSION . . .**

The Pregnancy Care Center of Aroostook seeks to improve the physical, emotional, and spiritual health of our clients and their families by providing compassionate and loving services, while presenting the wisdom of God's Word concerning their sexual behavior and lifestyle choices.

**OUR THANKS TO:**

The Houlton Full Gospel church who hosted the Traveling Bassinet and filled it with many needed baby items. If your church would be interested in having the bassinet at your church for a month in 2007, for the purpose of filling it with new, needed baby items, please contact us.

Bethany Baptist Church in Presque Isle hosted a Baby Shower for the Center and donated many needed items which we will distribute to new mothers and their children.

**ITEMS NEEDED:**

- Clothing (summer or winter)
- Crib Sheets
- Diapers (Size 4 & 5)
- One sizes for all Sizes

