January 2023

Clark County Right to Life

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Local Events

Jan. 10, Tues., 6:30 -7:45pm. <u>CCRTL</u> <u>Board</u> Meeting at Wendy's 13723 Mill Plain Blvd. Newcomers come.

<u>Jan. 20</u>, Fri., 1-2 <u>Memorial for Vic-</u> <u>tims of Abortion</u> in front of the Clark Cty Courthouse at 1200 Franklin. Family-friendly.

<u>Feb. 22</u>, Wednesday 40 Days for Life begins <u>40daysforlife.com/</u> <u>Vancouver</u>

Regional Events

<u>Jan. 28</u>, Sat. 2:30pm Oregon RTL March for Life Salem, OR <u>ortl.org</u>

<u>March 4</u>, Sat. 8am-5:30pm Oregon RTL Conference at Rolling Hills Church Church, Tualitin, OR. <u>Ortl.org</u>

National Events

Jan. 20, Friday, March for Life Washington, DC <u>marchforlife.org</u>

Jan. 21, Saturday, <u>March for Life</u> <u>West Coast</u>, San Francisco, CA



God-given right to life from conception until natural death



Thank you, Apostolic Lutheran volunteers

Through my involvement with 40 Days for Life I learned about the "local pregnancy resource" packets offered to customers and passersby outside of PP Vancouver Abortion Center. This same packet was handed out at the CCRTL fair booth in August at the 10 day county fair. And that meant more were needed for the spring 40 Days for Life campaign.

Thanks to generous donors CCRTL had ordered 500 each of "local pregnancy resource" cards, "abortion pill reversal" cards, "40 Days for Life" cards and "This is not your only choice" street booklets. But who would assemble them?. I requested help from the young people at my church, and a group of faithful young brothers and sisters in Christ gave their Friday evening for the cause of life. We assembled several hundred packets in quick order, and spent the rest of the evening in fellowship.

After dinner we sang some hymns and prayed :"I will praise thee; for I am fearfully and wonderfully made: marvelous are thy works; and that my soul knoweth right well." (Psalm 139:14)

A wondrous gift indeed; God help us to be faithful in what He has given, standing against the powers of death and darkness... even as we have just celebrated life and light entering into a dark world; Emmanuel, God with us! William Gilkerson

40 Days for Life ...peaceful, prayerful presence

"On Monday October 31 I was praying at the vigil site on NE 116th Ave. I was holding two signs: *Local Pregnancy Resources* and *Ask me about healing after abortion*. There was also a *Pray to end abortion* sign standing against a pole. It was raining lightly. A young woman in a white car drove out of the parking lot and turned left. I didn't realize she had pulled to the curb right behind me until she rolled down her window and called to me.

I turned around and she asked me with tears in her eyes what kind of information we had. I gave her a packet and said something to the effect that here was information to help with any needs she might have...surprised I did not think quickly on my feet! After she ... left, I thought that I could have asked her what specific information she was looking for and would she like me to pray with her... I pray that she is getting the help she was looking for. " Volunteer wishes to remain anonymous

Message from our Vice-President

The holiday season has come and gone, along with the inevitable uncomfortable political confrontations between co-workers, friends and family at the annual holiday gatherings. And being the first one post-Roe, more than likely the Dobbs abortion decision was mentioned, perhaps by that certain person who was eyeing you in particular. How did you do? Duck and cover behind the turkey, come out knives up, or something in the middle, just hoping to make it to desert?

Because whatever you did or didn't do, there were those who were watching, who casually consider themselves "pro-abortion rights" (the freshly coined phrase that replaces "pro-abortion" -- because who isn't pro-rights?) and honestly don't know why someone would reject such a reasonable sounding position.



"May I hold the baby?" was a frequent question from youngsters walking by our exhibit at the Clark County Fair in August. Our volunteer would ask Mom if it was OK. And Mom would nod her head and smile. Such a strong bond between Mother and Child...reflected in the connection felt by older children for babies...even if the babies are only models. Many thanks to over 60 CCRTL volunteers who stood up for human life. See you next August...God willing. Gerry Parmantier, RN retired, fair coordinator Did they witness an uncomfortable shoulder shrug, leaving them unimpressed?

Or did they hear a defense of life that was neither combative nor antagonistic, spoken with charity and sincerity, even if it was somewhat jumbled? Perhaps for the time seeing someone they know expressing principles that they, too, hold, but had never connected to abortion?

How often do we assume a colleague disagrees with us because they have already heard a reasoned defense of life and rejected it, and so we remain silent. And yet this is how hearts are opened, on those little sudden and unexpected battlefields, every time we respond with courage. Not to shame or accuse, but to offer our humble witness.

We may never know if or in what way our speaking up saves a life, but we can be sure that our silence never will. Dorothy Gill

US Supreme Court overturns Roe v Wade!!

On June 24, 2022, the US Supreme Court overturned Roe v Wade and returned the regulation of abortion to the states (as it was before 1973).

Many states have taken this opportunity to pass laws restricting abortion...and a few even banning abortion except to save the mother's life.

Washington in 1991 removed legal protection from the newly conceived human individual throughout the nine months of pregnancy. That is the current law.

CCRTL's educational message remains the same: Pregnant? You are not alone. Another heart is beating close to your heart and there are many hearts in the community ready and willing to provide support during and after pregnancy so that you and your baby can live and thrive.

Our billboard states this simple message of science and love. Your support is needed. The price for 4 weeks billboard has doubled in the last year. Now is \$ 1,625 for 4 weeks.

Check it out on our <u>Facebook</u> page with our new editor, William Gilkerson. Link found on **CCRTL website** <u>www.clarkrtl.org</u>