



# Pacifica Partners



Mission Statement

*To mobilize women  
to act boldly on their  
faith in Jesus Christ.*

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*Pacifica WELCA presents:*

## The Power of “M”

Music

Ministry

Maturity

Mentoring

Marriage

Motherhood

Mistakes

Making a difference



Saturday, March 5th, 2016

Christ Lutheran, Pacific Beach

**9:00am to 3:00pm**

**Registration & Love Gift information inside**

January 22, 2016 Girl's Night Out, featuring Nancy Wilson "Flying Above the Radar"  
Location: Good Shepherd Lutheran, Irvine at 7:15pm

January 25, 2016 "Celebration of Life" remembering Helen Riggs  
Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Banning  
Time: 11:30am



January 26, 2016 SWO Board Meeting—Chula Vista

March 5, 2016 Synodical Event—Power of "M"  
Location: Christ Lutheran, Pacific Beach  
\* More information inside this issue



April 15, 2016 Girl's Night Out, featuring Vivian Mabuni "Warrior in Pink"  
Location: Good Shepherd Lutheran, Irvine at 7:15pm

May 2016 Pacifica Synod Assembly  
Location: Orange County

**Café** stirring the spirit within  
[www.boldcafe.org](http://www.boldcafe.org)

July 13 - 16, 2017 Women of the ELCA Triennial Gathering  
Location: Minneapolis, Minnesota  
Information inside this issue and watch for updates



### Purpose Statement

*As a community of women  
created in the image of God,  
called to discipleship in Jesus  
Christ, and  
empowered by the Holy Spirit,  
We commit ourselves to  
grow in faith,  
affirm our gifts,  
support one another in our  
callings,  
engage in ministry and action,  
and  
promote healing and wholeness  
in the church, the society, and the  
world*



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Greetings and a Happy New Year to the Women of the Pacifica Synod!

We have gone from "Being Made New" in 2014 to being "Refreshed, Revitalized and Restored" in 2015, what does 2016 have in store for us?

As was brought up and widely accepted in November, there will most likely be a new approach to how we do convention. Our numbers were continuing to drop. The reasoning being that the cost of a 3 day convention has possibly become cost prohibitive, as well as it possibly being time prohibitive. After much thought and prayer, I proposed that we go to a "Fun Friday" and "Serious Saturday" type format. Fun Friday could consist of a book review, or a workshop along with dinner and fellowship for those that would like to stay over. Your Churchwide Representative would be with us both days, so you would have the opportunity to meet with her on Friday evening. We would have a NEARBY hotel available for those that wish to stay over. We would use the church venue and bring in potentially a strong keynote speaker for Saturday, along with our Business Meetings. By doing so we can decrease the dollars spent both out of your pockets and your SWO organizations. It would also be less demanding of time for those of you with very busy schedules. Saturday would be the only day REQUIRED of voting members. This will take some planning and I will be talking to other SWO Presidents about how they are able to do this when I am back in Chicago this February for the Conference of Presidents Meeting. Follow our planning in future Pacifica Partners.

"The Power of M" is coming Saturday, March 5<sup>th</sup>. San Diego will be showing us how they do Ministry and Mission. We will be meeting at Christ Lutheran Church in Pacific Beach from 9:00 to 3:00. Times will be confirmed at our January Board Meeting. Pastor Darin Johnson of Agape House at San Diego State University will be one of our guests. The Love Gifts will be hygiene and specialty items for CCSA (Community Christian Service Agency). These items include toilet paper, laundry soap, shampoo (family and sample sizes), soaps (bath size and motel sample sizes), tooth brushes, tooth paste, deodorant, shaving cream, razors, skin cream and sunscreen, baby foods, infant formula and diapers (sizes newborn to size 4). Please save the date and join us in Pacific Beach on March 5<sup>th</sup>.

Don't forget that we need to plan ahead. July of 2017 will be with us before we know it. It's "All Anew", the Triennial Gathering 2017 in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Then in 2020, we will be in Phoenix, Arizona.

As we begin a new year let us focus on the new that God brings into our lives, and boldly go forth in His name. God's Blessings –

*Sue Connors*

President, Pacifica SWO

# March Event Registration

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March 5, 2016

Christ Lutheran Church

4761 Cass Street, Pacific Beach, CA 92109

(858) 483-2300

The Power of



This event is from 9am to 3:00pm.

Registration / continental breakfast begin at 9am, program starting at 9:30am to include lunch.

Early Bird - "postmark by 2/28" \$25.00

Postmark after 2/28 \$30.00

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*Pacifica Women of the ELCA*

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**SAVE THE DATE!**



**all anew**

**WOMEN OF THE ELCA  
TENTH TRIENNIAL GATHERING**

Minneapolis, Minnesota

**July 13–16, 2017**

For more information,  
visit [welcatg.org](http://welcatg.org)

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to start saving. Go back and start with January 1, by the  
you will have saved \$4.65, by day 60, you will have saved  
90, you will have saved \$40.95. At the end of 365 days,

I've started my jar, have you? Would love to have 50 women from Pacifica attend!!

Questions, you can call Karen Ronchetti anytime (714) 654-8919

Join us for this inspiring faith-filled weekend where you can experience enriching workshops, stirring worship, engaging Bible study and challenging cinema with hundreds of sisters in faith.

We are real women—mothers, daughters, sisters, best friends and new friends—talking about our faith, our doubts and challenges, our joys and what inspires us.

Worship, workshops, fellowship and speakers topped the list of highlights of the Ninth Triennial Gathering in Charlotte, North Carolina.

An enthusiastic participant said,  
*"The speakers were so inspiring. The discussion groups offered a good variety of topics. The music and the performers were so energetic you just had to move! You have quite a job ahead of you to make #10 even better!"*

**Don't worry. We will.**

### **About our logo**

The joyful, organic shape of a butterfly—or is it a flower?—represents transformation and growth. Splashes of color honoring the four elements (earth, water, fire, air) spill outside the lines to create an uplifting symbol that is bright, bold and vibrant.





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[www.womenoftheelca.org](http://www.womenoftheelca.org)

Churchwide website of the Women of the ELCA;

[www.boldcafe.org/](http://www.boldcafe.org/)

Café', free website for women 18-35 is part of Women of the ELCA website.

[www.gathermagazine.org](http://www.gathermagazine.org)

This website will access Gather (formerly Lutheran Women Today) magazine directly.

[www.lwr.org](http://www.lwr.org)

Lutheran World Relief  
(Ever wanted to know where the quilts go that your units have made or the school and health kits that you assembled and sent to LWR)?

[www.preciouslifeshelter.org](http://www.preciouslifeshelter.org)

A organization that helps abused women and children in OC. Newsletter of events, thrift shop and other activities that help the community of women.

[www.lutheranborderconcernsministry.org](http://www.lutheranborderconcernsministry.org)

Lutheran Border Concerns Ministry is Threefold: **HELP** people who live south of the border, including both spiritual and material needs. **INFORM** people who live north of the border about the spiritual and physical needs of their sisters and brothers to the south. **ENCOURAGE** Christian congregations in the USA to meet their mission opportunities to share the Gospel with Hispanic people in their own neighborhoods.

[www.LSS.org](http://www.LSS.org)

Lutheran Social Services. Check your local area/church for a representative near you.

*The deadline submit articles for  
the Pacifica Partners is..*

***February 1, 2016***

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