



*Pacifica Women of the ELCA
25th Annual
Convention and Gathering*



Nov 2-4, 2012

*Ayers Hotel & Suites
Ontario Convention Center*

1945 E. Holt Blvd., Ontario, California 91761

Election of SWO officers and board

*Special guest and Chaplain for the weekend, Pastor Sandy Niiler,
Christ Lutheran, Cullman, Alabama*

Jenny Michael, Churchwide Representative

Saturday banquet entertainment: Jilleen"

Registration and
more convention information inside

Greetings from your Pacifica W-ELCA President

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My journey continues as I try to figure out what is expected of me in my retirement. Today I received my copy of ***Gather*** for July/August 2012. I read it from front to back and what amazing articles I have to think about especially the one on "Washing Feet".

Also in this mailing was Women of the ELCA ***Interchange*** for June 2012. So many good informational ideas and resources are available for us in order to take action on the Memorials and Resolutions from our 8th Triennial Convention last July in Spokane.

Would you like to be one of many Women of the ELCA to celebrate our 25th Anniversary in Liberia? Tour is scheduled approximately December 8-15, 2012. If you are interested in making this JOURNEY and also being involved in the future of Women of the ELCA, call Valora Starr at 800-638-3522, ext. 2741 at the churchwide office in Chicago.

LWR 2013 Quilt Campaign. We have been challenged to create 500,000 LWR Mission Quilts in one year. This represents only a 25% increase. Can we do this? Yes we can! Further details will be announced.

I am looking forward to the new September 2012-May 2013 Bible Study, "Gathered by God" written by Audrey West. We will have the opportunity of studying and meeting her at the "Bible Study in the OC" at Our Savior Lutheran Church, San Clemente, CA on Saturday, September 15, 2012 from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Registration information is now available. See information in this mailing.

Our November 2-4, 2012 Convention "***Blessings Miracles Promises***" is now ready for your registration. Please make sure that your Congregational Unit has all the pre-convention information and handouts. Your CPT has chosen the Inland Empire as the place and the site is the AYERS Hotel and Suites, Ontario, CA. Lots of room. I know that everyone will be happy. Please see enclosed information and forms. Don't forget that Scholarships are available.

Please keep our SWO Board and Convention planning team in your prayers the next coming months. There is so much to do in preparation for this event.

I attended the Pacifica Synod Assembly May 17-19 at the Marriott Hotel, Irvine, CA. We had a very visible and wonderful display table with ongoing video presentation, informational hand-outs and goodies. Thank you to our Vice President, Karen Ronchetti for setting up and taking down the whole display and to our Pacifica Women who volunteered a shift or two. What a wonderful time we had meeting and greeting and telling our story. During this assembly I gave my report and presented to Bishop Murray Finck a check from Pacifica Women of the ELCA to be used to further the ministry for women and children thus the Malaria campaign.

Second Request for your help:

Beginning June 1, 2012 through May 31, 2013 we will be celebrating the 25th Anniversary of our organization. How are we going to celebrate this in Pacifica????? Any ideas? What have we done in Pacifica these past 25 years? Anyone want to chair a special committee? Of course we will be celebrating at our Convention in November as we already have a surprise in the works.

*Blessings,
Andrea Campbell*

CALLING BOLD WOMEN IN PACIFICA

Are you a bold woman who is just waiting to hear her name called? Well, wait no more. . . your name is being called and it is being called to serve on the Pacifica synodical board. There are many positions in which you can serve this synod.

We all have been given gifts and thank goodness they aren't all the same gifts or we would really be in a pickle, a jam, or a mess whatever you want to call it. God in his wisdom has given us each gifts that differ and gifts that we can bring to the table and share. So how about sharing your gifts? We all have them so you can't say "I don't have any special gifts or talents," because you do have something.

I have been fortunate to have served on two different synodical boards and also as the president. Those are years that will always be with me and ones that I cherish. The friendships that have developed along the way, going to conferences, conventions, gatherings, meetings, retreats and training you name it, your horizons will be broadened and you'll meet some wonderful people along the way. You will never be the same once you step up and say **YES** I'll be glad to serve! I have three dear friends who served with me on the southwest synod board and we continue to get together five times a year – for our birthdays and Christmas. And we live in – Ventura, Northridge, Burbank and Banning. Distance does not stop us from gathering. I still have connections with women across the country and through email we still keep in touch. We are all just a big family of sisters.

This is a calling that has no age limit. You're never too young nor too old. We are all women called to serve and through our service we grow in our faith and we become stronger and bolder! I use to be very shy, people find that hard to believe but because I got involved in this wonderful organization when I was pregnant with my daughter robin, who will soon be 49, I have never looked back. The women of the ELCA has given me so much to be thankful for and I want so much for you to experience that same wonderful feeling of growth and thanksgiving.

I hope to hear from you with a resounding **YES** that you wish to serve on this synodical board.

Helen Riggs, Nomination chair

Job Description: All positions to attend the 3 planned board meeting as well as any special called meetings.

VP: *Helps the president. Chair Convention Planning Team. Take notes when secretary is absent.*

Secretary: *Take notes of all meeting and distribute to all board members.*

Treasurer: *Make deposits monthly. Keep accurate records of all financial transactions.*

Knowledge of Quick Books helpful. Reports to President and churchwide.

Board Members: *Work with members of board to plan March event and annual convention. Mentor cluster units, attend cluster events.*

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"Jilleen" has been chosen as our entertainment for our Saturday night banquet. She brings her music and speaking ministry to us for a fun filled evening. Regeneration for the heart, mind and soul. Mark 12:30



2012 Convention Chaplain:

*Pastor Sandy Niller,
Christ Lutheran Church,
Cullman, Alabama*

Morning after the tornado



*Christ Lutheran Church, Cullman, Alabama
before tornado*



May 5, 2011: Out of this rubble the faithful family at Christ Lutheran, Cullman, Alabama have come together. They are bound by the Holy Spirit to rebuild this church.

July 7, 2011: The Members of Christ Lutheran are now beginning the process of clearing the site and preparing to begin their new building. They are still in need of prayers

Christ Lutheran was established in 1922. We are a small congregation with a traditional worship service. Due to the tornadoes in the Southeast in April of 2011, our church was destroyed. In March, the city council approved our plans and as soon as the architect finalizes that blueprints, we will begin plans on selecting a contractor. It is estimated that it will take approximately 6 months to build once we break ground. We are grateful to the many congregations and individuals who have given so generously to our church. This will allow us to rebuild and furnish our church. Thank you so much!

We are currently worshiping in the chapel at Sacred Heart Convent, 916 Convent Road, on Sunday mornings at 11:30. We have a fellowship hour beginning at 10:30.

We have adult Sunday School from 10:00 to 10:30 and youth from 10:30 to 11:00

Our temporary office is located in the Ponder Building, Suite 102 in downtown Cullman. Please address all correspondence to our mailing address, PO Box 974, Cullman, AL 35056

On Monday, March 5th, the City of Cullman Planning Commission formally approved Christ Lutheran's building plans. We will now begin taking bids on the project. Rebuilding will begin later in the spring, with a projected completion date of winter 2012. I will update the blog to reflect our progress.

Registration

Pacifica Women of the ELCA Convention & Gathering
November 2-4, 2012



Convention

Registration Deadline: 10/15

Delegates must register by 10/1/2012

Full Weekend/1 person per room \$324 ☐

5 Meals, Registration & Hotel

Full Weekend/2 persons per room \$225 ☐

5 Meals, Registration & Hotel

Full Weekend/3 persons per room \$199 ☐

5 Meals, Registration & Hotel

Full Weekend/4 persons per room \$186 ☐

5 Meals, Registration & Hotel

EARLY BIRD DISCOUNT **-\$5.00**

(postmarked by 9/20/2012)

Amount Enclosed \$ _____

Name of Roommates: Please print

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

Meals:

Regular ☐ Vegetarian ☐

Please Print Clearly

Adult Name: _____

Children Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone: (_____) _____

E-Mail: _____

Church: _____

Church City: _____

☐ **DELEGATE:** You may be assigned to a Convention Committee by the President. She will notify you.

☐ **NON-DELEGATE:** Check if your Congregation has a unit.

☐ **REPRESENTATIVE:** Check if your congregation does not have a unit. You will have a voice, but not a vote.

☐ **SWO Board Members/GUEST:** Pastor, Churchwide Representative, member of unit outside ELCA, and/or Vendor.

☐ **FIRST TIME ATTENDEE**

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY

Contact: _____

Address/City: _____

Phone: (_____) _____

REGISTRATION IS NON-REFUNDABLE, BUT IT IS TRANSFERABLE

Make checks payable to: Pacifica Women of the ELCA

Contact Karen: 714.654-8919 cell

welca@verizon.net

Mail to: Karen Ronchetti

8305 Magic Circle

Huntington Beach, Ca 92646



2012 Nomination Form

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Nominee for: ☐ Treasurer ☐ Secretary ☐ Board Member

Please Print Clearly

Last Name First Name Middle Initial

Address: _____
Street & Number City, State Zip Code

Home Phone: (____) _____ Cell Phone (____) _____

E-mail address: _____

Congregation: _____

Address of Church (include City and Zip): _____

If you are nominating someone other than yourself:

Has this individual agreed to run for the office indicated? _____

What is your name: _____

Address (City & Zip): _____

Phone (with area code): _____

The nominating committee will send a letter of call and a form for further information if the nominee agrees to have her name placed on a ballot. Must be postmarked by September 15, 2012.

PLEASE RETURN FORM TO:

Helen Riggs, Nominations Chair

5446 Trevino Way, Banning, CA 92220

(951) 845-2989

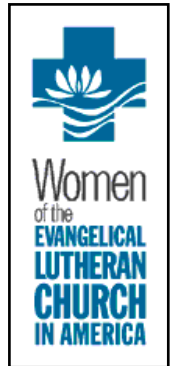
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November 2-6, 2011*



I am applying for:

☐ ***SWO What? Scholarship***

I am 13-35 years of age, a first time gathering attendee, and an active member of an ELCA congregation. If awarded, the scholarship will include hotel accommodations, registration, and 5 meals (Friday dinner, 3 meals on Saturday and Sunday Breakfast). Transportation will be excluded.

☐ ***Mahalo Scholarship***

I am 36 years of age or above, an active member of an ELCA congregation, and a first time scholarship recipient. If awarded, the scholarship will include hotel accommodations, registration, and 5 meals (Friday dinner, 3 meals on Saturday and Sunday breakfast). Transportation will be excluded.

☐ ***Ohana Scholarship***

I am 18 years of age or above, an active member of an ELCA congregation located on Hawaii and a first time scholarship recipient. If awarded, the scholarship will include transportation (to be reimbursed up to \$500.00), hotel accommodations, registration, and 5 meals (Friday dinner, 3 meals on Saturday and Sunday breakfast).

Please Print Clearly:

NAME _____ PHONE _____

ADDRESS _____ CLUSTER _____

CITY _____ ZIP _____

CONGREGATION/CITY _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS _____

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AGE GROUP: ☐ 13-25 ☐ 26-35 ☐ 36-45 ☐ 46-55 ☐ 56-75 ☐ 76-90

Is this your first time attending a Synodical Convention? ☐ Yes ☐ No

(If not, when was the last time you attended?) _____

What is your involvement in your unit? _____

What is your involvement in your cluster? _____

Why do you wish to receive a Scholarship? _____

If you are awarded the scholarship, do you wish to remain anonymous? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Any other comments: _____

(This information will be kept confidential) Return by **September 15, 2012** to:

Inga Sanders, 16370 Jupiter Circle, Westminster, CA 92683

(949) 463-6642 (home & cell)

Email: inga.sanders@gmail.com

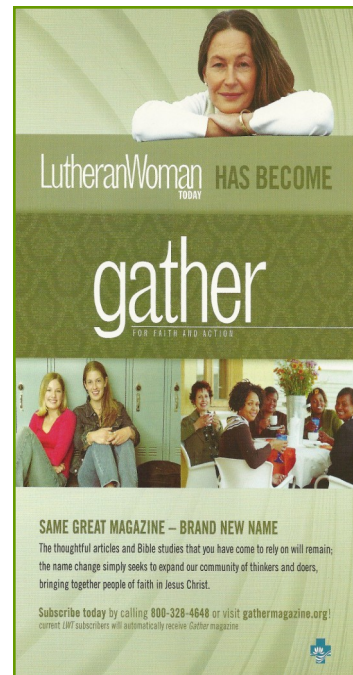
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Please welcome Vanessa Lancaster to the SWO board. After prayerful consideration of all applications received, she was chosen to complete the 1 yr term that was vacant. She attend Eden Lutheran, Riverside and is the daughter-in-law of our own churchwide rep, Dona Jenkins.



Have you read any of these publications lately?



CELEBRATE 25 Years!

WHEN: Now is the time. From June 1, 2012 thru 5/31/2013
Invite * Inform * Plan * Create

WHERE: Any congregational/intercongregational units, Cluster Gatherings, Synod Events (Try for a display at your synod Assembly) and other opportunities that gather the Women of the ELCA

WHAT TO DO: Make a plan: Use "25" in some way. Be creative. Collect quarters. List "25" suggestions or ideas or memories and hopes for the next 25 years

WHY: A party usually calls for a gift.
Promote the 25th Anniversary Appeal.
Donations will be divided:
50% CW - Tell the history (see Gather Magazine, June 2012 - "25 Years: Women of the ELCA - We Make a Difference" by Kathy J. Magnus) More to come on this.
Go to www.womenoftheelca.org

50% ELCA Malaria Campaign - Help eradicate Malaria by 2015.

Go to www.elca.org/Our-Faith-In-Action/Responding-to-the-World/ELCA-Malaria-Campaign. Like - Save a life every 45 seconds by collecting \$2 from each person.

IDEAS: Give Birthday party, teas, style show - 25 years of fashion or, 'no-sew' blankets, do what works for you and your group - then take an offering (wherever 2 or 3 are gathered....)
Write an article, poem or your thoughts.

THEN: Share your ideas with others.

RESOURCES: Use the websites.
Look for articles in Gather, Café, Bold Connections, Interchange.
Look for new CW commemorative brochure
Contact me Your Region 2 Advisory Committee at
dianne.tillman08@gmail.com

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PACIFICA PARTNERS provides news and information to congregational units of the Pacifica Synod. *Pacifica Partners* is published monthly except for July/August and November/December, which are combined issues. Copies are distributed as a courtesy to each congregational unit (CU) in the Pacifica Synod. It is also sent to Women of the ELCA churchwide office, other SWO presidents, Synodical Bishop, current and former board members.

Address changes and corrections should be sent to the Secretary:

Juli Patten

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CAPES, CAPS, CASES AND COVERS FOR KIDS

Thrivent and Women of the ELCA – Care in Communities

Thrivent has approved our grant request!! Now we just have to get busy. This hands-on project will be ongoing through November.

*******Wednesday, July 11 from 10:00am to 2:00pm we will hold a workshop to instruct and make the items we will be donating to the Children's Organizations. All skill levels are invited.*******

The children's organizations in our community that will benefit:

Christopher's Clubhouse - Educating women and children on how to avoid exploitation and abduction.

Operation Safe House – A shelter for runaway and homeless teens.

Big Brothers and Big Sisters of the Desert which brings together adult mentors with children in need.

CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) provides caring and supportive adult advocates to children and teens involved in the maze of the justice system.

Capes – to empower imaginative Superheros.

Caps – to warm the heads of kids in shelters or in treatment.

Cases – for sleeping pillows, hygiene kits and school or personal items.

Covers – blankets, throws and quilts for comfort in a fearful situation.

Seamstresses, knitters and crocheters make something to ease the hearts of young ones experiencing challenging times. Supplies have been generously donated and are available at the Women's Corner for you to personally create something to be cherished. Until November, the Project Linus blankets crafted and collected by our congregation will be given directly to these local groups.

By Tina Gates

Hope Lutheran, Palm Desert

Purpose Statement



Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

*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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FOR FAITH AND ACTION

September 2011

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- June 23, 2012 SWO Board Meeting
Time: 9:30am
Location: Our Savior Lutheran Church, Banning
- September 15, 2012 Bible Study in the OC with guest speaker Audrey West
Location: Our Savior Lutheran, San Clemente
Time: 9-2:30 Cost: \$25.00
- October 2012 Rejoice, Saddleback and Son & Surf Cluster Event
More information to follow
- October 13-14, 2012 Annual Craft Show
Location: King of Glory Lutheran Church
Time: Sat., 9-3pm and Sun., 9-2pm
Contact: Karen Ronchetti (714) 654-8919
- October 20, 2012 39th Annual Apple Festival Bazaar
Location: Bethlehem Lutheran, Los Alamitos
Time: 8am - 2pm
- October 20, 2012 LSS Walk
Location: start at King of Glory Lutheran Church, Fountain Valley
- November 2-4, 2012 Pacifica Women of the ELCA Convention
Location: Ayers Hotel & Suite
Ontario Convention Center
See inside Pacifica Partners for details



You have to know what sparks
THE LIGHT
IN YOU
so that you in your own way can
ILLUMINATE
the world



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Informational Web Sites for “your” use...

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www.pacificasynod.org

Pacifica Synod

www.elca.org

This will access the national church wide office

www.womenoftheelca.org

(Note: New domain name for churchwide website of the Women of the ELCA; *Café*, for free website for women 20-35 is part of this website).

www.gather.org

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

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.serrv.org

Catalog of items that support Lutheran World Relief, including Fair Trade Chocolate and Fair Trade Coffee.

www.thebreastcancersite.com

Click on this site once a day to provide free mammograms for those who otherwise would not be able to have them.

www.giveaminute.org

Click on this site once a day and the sponsor will contribute funds for a minute of care for the needy Indian children of Tarahumara Children's Hospital in Creel, Mexico. This site has a mission information link and photo gallery which shows pictures of the area as well as some of the children. This site also links to the Hunger Site where sponsors will give a cup of grain for a click.

Christina Watson

Lutheran Maritime Ministries. Provides “special” Christmas gift to seamen. (562) 431-1112

The deadline is..

July 5th, 2012

for Pacifica Partners

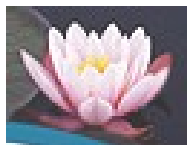
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