



# Pacifica Partners



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Pacifica Women of the ELCA present  
"Life's Spiritual Journey"

Isaiah 41:10

*So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I  
am your God. I will strengthen you and help you.*

March 3, 2012

at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 3352 Katella Ave, Los Alamitos, CA  
8am to 4pm (includes Continental Breakfast and Lunch)

Speaker: Rev. Nancy Gordon,  
Director California Lutheran Home Center for Spirituality and Aging

Love gifts: Lutheran Social Services  
A Day full of Loving Fellowship \* Heart Warming Devotion  
Hands on Experiences

See page 3 for Registration (Don't forget about the "early bird" offer)  
More information on page 4 of the Pacifica Partners



## Greetings from your Pacifica W-ELCA President

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*My journey continues for me as I personally RETIRED on January 31, 2012 and leaving on February 1 for a wonderful and much needed vacation to South America. Of course Women of the ELCA are still important to me. Your Synodical Board recently met and after much discussion has decided that we will not journey to Hawaii for our November 2012 Convention. As you all know this has been a major economical concern. A survey was taken of most churches by Clusters and the numbers were not anywhere close to having delegate representation in order to conduct business and most important, the conduct of elections.*

*So don't worry, your Convention planning team is already out searching for a new location for our convention. So look for that information coming soon.*

*I once again I invite and encourage all Pacifica Women of the ELCA and friends to join with me at our March 3, 2012 Event, "Life's Spiritual Journey". This will be held at my church, Bethlehem Lutheran, Los Alamitos, CA. See additional information in this newsletter. Send those reservations in early.*

*I ask that you pray for this event and start collecting the needed Love Gifts for Lutheran Social Services. Joining with us will be Bea Rea, Program Director/Emergency Assistance at St. Olaf's LSS Community Care Center, Garden Grove, CA who will tell her story and accept our Love Gifts. Ellen Waid, President & CEO LSS Community Care Centers. is also excited to be with us and will bring more information about Lutheran Social Services and the needs for our area programs.*

*Leadership Workshop is also in the planning. Bring your questions.*

*I will be in Chicago from February 23-26, 2012 for the annual Women of the ELCA Conference of Synodical President's meetings. They have a wonderful learning and meaningful program to present. Hopefully new ideas will be had.*

***Second Request reminder:***

***Unit offerings are still being sent to me (your former treasurer). Please be sure these checks are being sent on to your current Synodical Treasurer, Inga Sanders.***

*Blessings,*

*Andrea Campbell*



March 3, 2012

Bethlehem Lutheran Church

3352 Katella Avenue

Los Alamitos, CA 92109

(562) 430-3444



This event is from 8am - 4pm. Includes continental breakfast & lunch

Early Bird - "postmark by 2/20" \$25.00

Postmark after 2/20 \$30.00

Make checks payable to:

*Pacifica Women of the ELCA*

Mail to:

Karen Ronchetti

8305 Magic Circle, Huntington Beach, CA 92646

(714) 654-8919

Please Print: (or affix an address label)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: (     ) \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Church: \_\_\_\_\_ Church City: \_\_\_\_\_

# "Life's Spiritual Journey", March 3rd, 2012

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8am to 8:45 am	Registration & Continental Breakfast
9am	Introductions / Prayer by Pastor Will / Announcements
9:15am	"Life's Spiritual Journey" presented by Rev. Nancy Gordon (Dir CLH Center for Spirituality & Aging)
10:15am	Lutheran Social Services Presentation
10:45am	Workshop #1
12 noon	Taco Salad Bar Lunch
1pm	Workshop #2
2pm	Clusters to meet
2:30pm	Hands - on packing boxes for LSS
2:45pm	Closing Worship "Continue our Journey with Christ"
4pm	Homeward Bound (safe travels)



## "Love Gift Items"

Can Meat (Flip top only)

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Shampoo/Conditioner (Family Size)

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Toothpaste (any size)

Gift Cards (any amount): Target or Walmart

## GOD'S "PHONE" NUMBER

*Hello God, I called tonight*

*To talk a little while  
I need a friend who'll listen  
... To my anxiety and trial.*

*You see, I can't quite make it  
Through a day just on my own...  
I need your love to guide me,  
So I'll never feel alone.*

*I want to ask you please to keep,  
My family & Friends safe and sound.  
Come and fill their lives with confidence  
For whatever fate they're bound.*

*Give me faith, dear God, to face  
Each hour throughout the day,  
And not to worry over things  
I can't change in any way.*

*I thank you God, for being home  
And listening to my call,  
For giving me such good advice  
When I stumble and fall.. !!!!!!!*

*Your number, God, is the only one  
That answers every time.  
I never get a busy signal,  
Never had to pay a dime.*

*So thank you, God, for listening  
To my troubles and my sorrow.  
Good night, God, I love You, too,  
And I'll call again tomorrow!  
P. S. Please bless all my Friends and Family.*



## VENTING TO A FRIEND OR WRITING IN A JOURNAL

*To cope with stress, immediately blowing off steam is the wrong way to go, according to a recent study from the University of Kent in England.*

*The researchers found that angstriddenn subjects who first vented to a friend often ended up feeling worse afterward. Instead, try putting pen to paper before talking to a pal, suggest Ellen K. Baker, a D.C.-based psychologist.*

*“You can express negative feelings without worrying about being judged,” she says. Once you’ve gotten your frustrations out, ask a friend to help you find “humor,” or a “silver lining,” in the situation. That, is the most effective one-two punch for shrugging off stress.*

*Submitted by Paula Rennegarbe,*



*Pacifica Women of the ELCA*  
Change of Officers / Contact Form *(Needed where or not there are any changes in your unit)*  
Year: 20 \_\_\_\_\_

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Congregational Units:

*Please complete this form as soon as possible after your elections or change of contact women. Please type or print neatly so that the form will copy well. **Mail or email to:***

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Your Cluster Coordinator

(insert your Cluster  
Coordinator's name here)

Congregation \_\_\_\_\_ Pastor \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Cluster \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone (include area code) \_\_\_\_\_

Name of your immediate past contact \_\_\_\_\_

**President/Contact Person**

**Secretary/Second Contact**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

These names will be submitted in a secure and confidential area of our churchwide Women of the ELCA website so that mailings from Chicago come to an interested person. Our synodical secretary will use the information to send out emails regarding synodical events and when the next newsletter is ready on our website ([www.pacificawomen.org](http://www.pacificawomen.org)) and to officially notify each unit of the convention each year. Your cluster coordinator will use it to let you know when there is a planning meeting for a cluster event.

*Just a quick reminder from the editor...*

We are currently updating our contact information regarding your unit and church. Even if you have "no" changes, would you please drop me a line at: [welca@verizon.net](mailto:welca@verizon.net), so I can be sure all is correct in our database. I have had many returns both mail and email and just want to make sure everyone is getting all the current information.

# Did you Know . . .

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Hi! I'm Paula Rennegarbe.

I was elected to be on the Pacifica SWO Board in November. I hope everyone had a blessed Christmas. I am going to be the mentor for the Saddleback conference. Since I am somewhat new to California, I am hoping you will help me out by returning your forms to Andrea with contact information about your unit and/or your church women. I may be new to California, but I'm not to Women of the ELCA. I have always been active where we live. So I look forward to getting to know you. I would like to visit the Saddleback women. I will need some help. You need to let me know when I can come or when you are meeting. If you need information or help please contact me. This is my contact information.....

1-657-464-9234 home (new area code for Huntington Beach)  
My email address is: paula.oline@live.com

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February 26, 2012

For celebration ideas, go to [womenoftheelca.org/bwd](http://womenoftheelca.org/bwd) or call 1-800-638-3522, ext. 2730

**BOLD WOMEN'S DAY**

Women of the **ELCA**

**Would you consider serving???**

Do to an unforeseen family emergency, we have an opening for a 1 year term on our SWO Board.

Please contact by email either  
Andrea Campbell, President: at [andreacampbell@verizon.net](mailto:andreacampbell@verizon.net)  
Or  
Karen Ronchetti, Vice President at [welca@verizon.net](mailto:welca@verizon.net)

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**Address changes and corrections should be sent to the Secretary:**

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**Christ Lutheran Church**



1-10-12

Dear Karen and Pacifica Women of the ELCA,


Thank you! Thank you for the lovely pearl bead Christmas, wood carved ornaments, and the green and red ornaments. You even provided me wire ornament hangers! Everything is so pretty. Your gifts brought light and joy. Your note made me chuckle - potluck and of course - Christmas.

Thank you for all of your kind words in your cards and notes. We received grace. Your work was not in vain. We will enjoy your gifts in years to come - especially on day in our new church. Thank you!

God's blessings!  
Pastor Sandy Niiler & Christ Lutheran Church

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SECOND AVENUE AT FIFTH STREET, S.E. CULLMAN, ALABAMA CHURCH OFFICE 734-6842  
P. O. Box 974 35055



Peace Lutheran Church  
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Joplin, MO 64804

Karen Roncetti  
c/o Pacific Lutheran  
Woman of the ELCA  
8305 Magic Circle  
Huntington Beach, CA 92646

Dear Karen,

I came into my office this morning and found a box of treasures waiting for me! Thank you to all the women who helped with the ornaments for our tree. Much effort and love have gone into them, I know. Thanks also for the greetings and notes on the enclosed cards. It's touching to see the individual names and prayers of the women who contributed.

I am going to pass along the gift and cards to our women's group so that they can respond as a group, one to another.


Blessings to you,  
*Katharine Redpath*  
Pastor Kathy Redpath  
Peace Lutheran Church



**Christ Lutheran Church**  
424 2nd Avenue  
P.O. Box 974  
Cullman, AL 35056-0974  
ATTN: Pastor Sandy Niiler

"Good Shepherd" stained glass window that once adorned Christ Lutheran Church, Cullman, AL.

**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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| February 26, 2012  | BOLD Women's Day   |
| March 3, 2012      | Synodical Women's One Day Event <i>"Life's Spiritual Journey"</i><br>Location: Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Los Alamitos<br>Time: 8-8:45am registration, 9am - 4pm program<br>(includes continental breakfast & lunch)<br>Registration form on page 3 and more information on page 4 |
| March 5, 2012      | King of Glory Lutheran Church, Fountain Valley 50th Anniversary Celebration<br>Time: 11:30am   |
| March 17-18, 2012  | Living Pictures<br>Location: Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, Garden Grove<br>Time: 3/17: 1pm & 4pm and 3/18: 3pm & 6pm   |
| April 2012         | Rejoice, Saddleback and Son & Surf Cluster Event<br>Location: St. Paul Lutheran Church, Fullerton<br>Registration: 8:30am, with Program at 9am   |
| May 17-19, 2012    | Pacifica Synod Assembly<br>Locations: Irvine Marriott<br>More information: <a href="http://www.pacificasynod.org">www.pacificasynod.org</a>  |
| June 23, 2012      | SWO Board Meeting<br>Location: Our Savior, Banning   |
| October 2012       | Rejoice, Saddleback and Son & Surf Cluster Event<br>More information to follow   |
| October 20, 2012   | LSS Walk<br>Location: start at King of Glory Lutheran Church, Fountain Valley  |
| November 2-4, 2012 | Pacifica Women of the ELCA Convention<br>More information to follow.   |



*To be still and wait on the Lord is a challenge for me, but TRUST I shall. I am a Woman of God. Precious Lord, today we surrender our questions, we surrender our past, we surrender our need to have all the answers and choose to trust that You have all the answers. We will wait on Your timing to reveal Your ways to us and choose to press forward into the destiny You have prepared for us in Jesus' name. Amen....*



PACIFICA WOMEN OF THE ELCA

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**Mentor:** *Raincross Cluster*



## Informational Web Sites for “your” use...

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

Pacifica Synod

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

This will access the national church wide office

[www.womenofheelca.org](http://www.womenofheelca.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](http://www.gather.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.thebreastcancersite.com](http://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.cherishchildren.org](http://www.cherishchildren.org)

Information on Cherish the Children

[www.giveaminute.org](http://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 the 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..  
March 6th, 2012  
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