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Pacifica Partners

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November 4-6, 2011

Women of the ELCA Annual Convention

Hampton Inn

3888 Greenwood Street, San Diego, CA

Theme: "God's Promise, Purpose, Prayer and Praise"

Bible verse:

Psalms 138:8 God made each of us for a purpose

Early Bird Registration

EXTENDED TO 10/1/2011

Workshops (4), Bible Study,

Special entertainment for Saturday's banquet,

Love Gifts, Silent Auction

See page 3 and 4



Greetings from your Pacifica W-ELCA President

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Let's see how we can continue our "JOURNEY".

Let's do a few—Have you done this yet???

Read your new GATHER Magazine for September 2011, it arrived this past week. Did you realize that this is the new name for our Lutheran Women magazine? By now, I believe most Units have done the September Bible Study. How did you like it? Lutheran women have a long history of gathering for Bible study, prayer, service and advocacy.

Have you read your Women of the ELCA INTERCHANGE? Another great resource.

Read The Lutheran Magazine, pages 34-36. Women of the ELCA respond. A wonderful article on what happened when we gathered in Spokane Wash., along with a convention business report.

Next to come is observing the 25th anniversary of Women of the ELCA in 2012. Plans are being made to celebrate our past and the future as we live out the mission and purpose of Women of the ELCA.

Most important:

Have you sent in your registration for our own Pacifica Women of the ELCA Gathering Nov. 4-6, 2011 in San Diego? Did you pick your room partner or 2 or three? ***Special note: We have extended the "early bird" registration to October 1, 2011.*** See enclosed for further information. We have great workshops with interesting topics planned.

Of interest:

We received a letter from Linda Post Bushkofsky, Executive Director of Women of the ELCA informing PACIFICA Synod and Pacifica Women of the ELCA (Region 2C) that a \$2500.00 grant was awarded to Casa Cornelia Legal Services (CCLC) Domestic Violence (DV) Program, San Diego, CA. This project offers free legal representation and social services to battered immigrant women and children. It is their prayer that through this project supported this year that Women of the ELCA will continue to make a strong and positive difference in the lives of women and their families throughout this country and abroad.

Thank you for your continued support and prayers for your Pacifica Board as we continue to work together in service and love.

*Blessings,
Andrea Campbell*

Thought for the day...

Each moment is a precious, God-given opportunity for me.

"Beloved, we are God's children now"

1 John 3:2

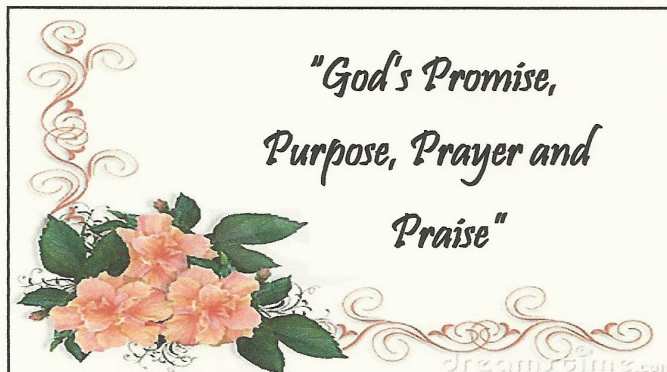


REGISTRATION

WOMEN OF THE ELCA

Pacifica Synod Gathering

November 4-6, 2011



Convention

Registration Deadline: 10/15

Delegates must stay full weekend

Full Weekend/2 per room \$199 ☐
5 Meals, Registration & Hotel

Full Weekend/3 per room \$170 ☐
5 Meals, Registration & Hotel

Full Weekend/4 per room \$155 ☐
5 Meals, Registration & Hotel

Saturday Only - No Discount \$80 ☐
2 Meals & Registration

Children 0 - 12 Free ☐

EARLY BIRD DISCOUNT - \$5.00
ON FULL WEEKEND ONLY

**** Extended to 10/1/2011**

Special Dietary Needs ☐

Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

Name of Roommates:

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

Adult Name: _____

Children/Teens Names & Ages: _____

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.

In Case of Emergency

Contact: _____

Address: _____

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*

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*8305 Magic Circle.
Huntington Beach, Ca 92646*

2011 Convention at a Glance

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Friday:

2:30 pm Check in/Registration

* Workshops start * Dinner *

Opening Worship * Bible Study #1

Saturday:

6:00-8:45 am Breakfast

9:00 am Bible Study #2

* Business Session #1 * Lunch * Workshops

Movie "A Walk to Beautiful"
with interactive discussion

* Workshops * Banquet & Silent Auction
conclusion *

Sunday:

6:00-8:45 am Breakfast

* Business Session #2 * Closing Worship *

A few important extra" notes...

- **Love gifts for the Veterans Winter Shelter (wish list):** Family size Shampoo/conditioners, shaving cream, razors, combs, brushes, deodorant, tooth brushes & paste, large size "white tube socks", undershirts (size large & x-large).
- We will have a "Hospitality Room" for everyone's enjoyment!
- Friday Evening Social for current SWO Board, Past SWO Presidents and Board members. Hosted by the CPT Team
- Our special "hands on" project will be going to the 2 churches affected by the tornado earlier this year.
- Last, but not lease..."Awesome" fun and "Priceless" fellowship!

It is time to start preparing your wonderful silent auction baskets! This event is your opportunity to build up our WELCA Scholarship Fund. Money received from this event goes towards supporting women attending our November conventions and the Triennial Gatherings. Just think of the wonderful opportunities for shopping at November's Convention in San Diego. Please encourage your women to find items small or large (no theme needed)! We even have basket assemblers on site for those of you that are basket, tissue paper or bow challenged. Just ask Juli, she is all three and each year the assemblers (Karen and Harriet) help her be successful!



2011 Convention Scholarship Form

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***Women of the ELCA
2011 Pacifica Synod Convention
Hampton Inn, San Diego
November 4-6, 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, 5 meals (Friday dinner, 3 meals on Saturday and Sunday Breakfast), and full registration. 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, 5 meals (Friday dinner, 3 meals on Saturday and Sunday breakfast) and full registration. 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, 5 meals (Friday dinner, 3 meals on Saturday and Breakfast Sunday) and full registration.

NAME _____ PHONE _____

ADDRESS _____ CLUSTER _____

CITY _____ ZIP _____

CONGREGATION/CITY _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS _____

2011 Convention Scholarship Form - continued

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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, 2011** to:

Inga Sanders, 16370 Jupiter Circle, Westminster, CA 92683

(949) 463-6642 (home & cell)

Email: inga.sanders@gmail.com

Nominee for: ☐ Board Member

Last Name (Please print) First Name Middle Initial

Address: _____
Street & Number City, State Zip Code

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

E-mail address: _____

Congregation: _____

Address of Church: _____

If you are nominating someone other than yourself:

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

What is your name? _____

Address? _____

Phone? _____

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 October 3, 2011.

PLEASE RETURN FORM TO:

Harriet Bower, Nominations Chair
8305 Magic Circle
Huntington Beach, CA 92646
(714) 842-3750 home, (714) 371-8818 cell
jhbower@verizon.net

This and That...

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*At Bishops Hanson's
evening social, Spokane
July 2011*



Bishop Hanson & Violet Quist



*Hula Hoop
anyone??*



Too Busy by Juli Patten

The infamous lament of women everywhere is "I am too busy!" It can come up when we are asked "How is your day or even what have you been doing? While being a wife, mother, employee, boss, housekeeper, cook etc. can be taxing and overwhelming we continue to do all we think we should. We continue to say yes when asked to do just one more thing.

In our faith life sometimes we are too busy to share. We are faithful and we love the lord. We attend services, bake cookies, attend committee meetings, clean the sanctuary, volunteer in the nursery etc. anything and everything to serve our church family, just like our own family.

When my pastor gives a sermon on evangelism I have a tendency to sink down in my pew and hide with a certain amount of shame. I am too busy to be an evangelist. I don't have time to share my faith and get people to come to church.

I am very connected by technology and receive over 40 emails a day in my personal account not counting my various other email accounts. So I really feel I am too busy for all the cute stories amazing pictures and chain letters that get sent via email. Even though this is true occasionally the subject will hook me and I have to open it. The other day I got one of those emails the subject was 3 bullets. Well you can see why it grabbed me.

3 Bullets...

There once was a man who had nothing for his family to eat. He had an old rifle and three bullets. So, he decided that he would go out hunting and kill some wild game for dinner. As he went down the road, he saw a rabbit. He shot at the rabbit and missed it. The rabbit ran away. Then he saw a squirrel and fired a shot at the squirrel and missed it. The squirrel disappeared into a hole in a cottonwood tree. As he went further, he saw a large wild 'Tom' turkey in the tree, but he had only one bullet remaining. A voice spoke to him and said, 'Pray first, aim high and stay focused. However, at the same time, he saw a deer which was a better kill. He brought the gun down and aimed at the deer. But, then he saw a rattlesnake between his legs about to bite him, so he naturally brought the gun down further to shoot the rattlesnake. Still, the voice said again to him, 'I said 'Pray, Aim high and Stay focused.' So, the man decided to listen to God's voice. He prayed, then aimed the gun high up in the tree and shot the wild turkey. The bullet bounced off the turkey and killed the deer. The handle fell off the gun and hit the snake in the head and killed it. And, when the gun had gone off, it knocked him into a pond. When he stood up to look around, he had fish in all his pockets, a dead deer and a turkey to eat for his family. The snake (Satan) was dead simply because the man listened to God.

Moral of the story:

Pray first before you do anything, aim and shoot high in your goals, and stay focused on God. Never let others discourage you concerning your past. The past is exactly that, 'the past.' Live every day one day at a time and remember that only God knows our future and that he will not put you through any more than you can bear. Do not look to man for your blessings, but look to the doors that only He has prepared in advance for you in your favor. Wait, be still and patient: keep God first and everything else will follow.

From one woman to another... Don't worry about tomorrow, God is already there!!!

FALL CLUSTER EVENT WELCA

(Rejoice, Saddleback, and Son & Surf Clusters)

OCTOBER 1, 2011

ST. PETER'S, Santa Ana, CA

Registration 8:30 a.m. Meeting 9:00-11:00 a.m.

\$6.00

Fully Rely On God (F.R.O.G.)

Proverbs 3:5 "Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding."



SPEAKER: Barbara Martyn, Diaconal Minister. She wears many hats as many servants do in our churches today serving the people of God, but her passion is serving people in need with hospitality, dignity, and love. She presently works with husband, Senior Pastor, Dr. Richard W. Martyn, at First Lutheran Church, Fullerton, CA. You will enjoy her presentation.

LOVE GIFTS will go to SHEEPFOLD. Several homes provide shelter for abused women with children who are now homeless. They are in need of all items in which to keep a home with children. Diapers, wipes, detergent, all cleaning materials, things for babies and children and for the mothers themselves.

MAKE RESERVATIONS TODAY WITH

DIANA YOUNG 714-534-6993

dianay1318@gmail.com

by Monday, September 26, 2011

Please tell Diana if you need childcare.

"Bible Study in the OC"

at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in San Clemente

Saturday, September 17, 2011

9:00 AM - 2:30 PM

Start your fall women's Bible study here!



Join the ladies of Our Savior's in welcoming

Rev. Patricia Lull, author of the 2011/2012 Lutheran Woman Today Bible Study

"To Follow and To Serve: The Gospel of Mark"

Cost: \$25.00 Childcare available Please register by: September 1st
Questions? Contact Kelly Frohner at 949-361-2331 andrewsmom@prodigy.net

Our Savior's Lutheran Church & School
200 Avenida San Pablo, San Clemente 92972 949-492-6164
www.oursaviorsonline.com

Name _____	Church _____
Phone # _____	e-mail _____
Childcare needed? (please bring a sack lunch for children)	
# of children _____	ages _____
Enclose your check for \$25.00 made out to OSLC rsvp by 09/01/11 mail to: Our Savior's Lutheran Church 200 Avenida San Pablo San Clemente CA 92672 attn: Kelly Frohner	

"Inspired to Love, Encouraged to Think and Sent to Serve"



WELCA

HARVEST CLUSTER FALL EVENT

With the

**Fallbrook High School
Madrigal Singers**

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2011

9:00 AM TO 1:00 PM

Lunch included!

Christ the King Church, Fallbrook

REGISTRATION \$8.00

*Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.
Worship the Lord with gladness;
come into his presence with singing.
Psalm 100: 1 and 2*

Love Gifts: Health Kits for LUTHERAN World Relief

Reservations due October 3

to Joan Bassett 760-757-3836 joanbassett24@cox.net

Are you Interested in being Nominated from Pacifica Women of the ELCA (Region 2C)????

Do you have a Special Gift?

The 2011 training of existing and new women for Women of the ELCA's anti-racism peer educators' network, **Today's Dream: Tomorrow's Reality (TDTR)** will be at Seabeck Conference Center on the Kitsap Peninsula in Washington the week-end before Thanksgiving November 17th -20th, 2011. Any names that you might know, including your own willingness and availability to attend this training would be appreciated. The deadline for nominations is by Email midnight September 30, 2011 to churchwide office in Chicago.

Each woman nominated should have desire to serve in this capacity with a sensitivity and interest in racial reconciliation and racial justice.

Each woman makes a commitment to serve as one of our SWOs TDTR team member for the next 3 years (thru the end of 2014) and will be available to our SWO for that purpose.

The ideal team has one - two members and at least one woman of color. Meals, housing and air transportation during this training will be covered under guidelines of Women of the ELCA's travel policies by churchwide.

If you are interested, please contact your Pacifica President, Andrea Campbell andreacampbell@verizon.net or by telephone (714) 891-2556.

Purpose Statement & Keep in our Prayers
Address changes / Corrections

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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:

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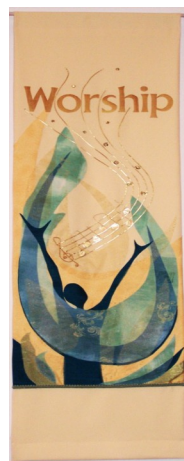
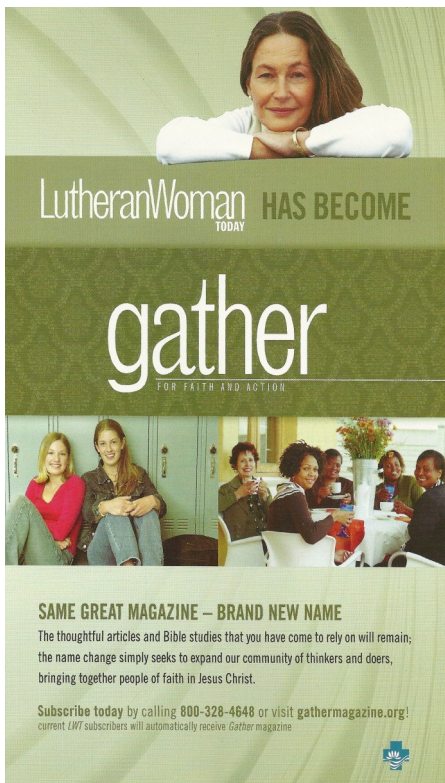
Waianae, HI 96792

Email: alohaboo@hawaii.rr.com

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, 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.

Thank You, Karen



**Missing "Cluster" Banner for
Big Bear, Raincross, Mariposa &
Sonshine West.**

**Do you know where they are"
If so, please let Karen know @
welca@verizon.net!**

(will be using them at Convention in November 2011)

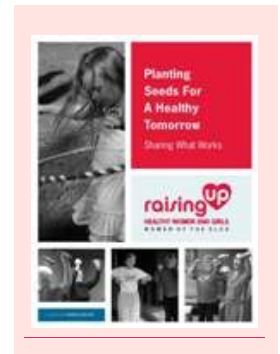
Purpose Statement

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.*

- September 17, 2011 Bible Study in the OC "To Follow and To Serve", the Gospel of Mark
Location: Our Savior Lutheran Church, San Clemente
Time: 9am - 2:30pm
Registration form on page 7 of your Pacifica Partners
- October 1, 2011 Rejoice, Saddleback and Son & Surf Fall Cluster Event "F.R.O.G."
Location: St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Santa Ana
Time: 8-8:45 registration, 9am program, Cost: \$6 at the door
- October 8, 2011 Harvest Cluster Event "Joyfully we sing"
Location: Christ the King Lutheran Church, Fallbrook
Time: 9am - lunch Costs: \$8.00
- November 4-6, 2011 Pacifica Women of the ELCA Convention
"God's Promise, Purpose, Prayer and Praise"
Location: Hampton Inn, 3888 Greenwood Street, San Diego, Ca
Flyer - *Front page of your PP*
Registration: *Page 3 of your PP*
Information: *Love Gifts and Silent Auction items, page 4*
Scholarship application: *Page 5-6 of your PP*
- March 3, 2012 Synodical One Day Event
Location: Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Los Alamitos
Time: 8-8:45am registration, 9am - 4pm program
(includes continental breakfast & lunch)



Blessed are You, loving Father,
For all your gifts to us.
Blessed are You for giving us family and friends
To be with us in times of joy and sorrow,
To help us in days of need,
And to rejoice with us in moments of celebration...

Father,
We praise You for Your Son Jesus,
Who knew the happiness of family and friends,
And in the love of Your Holy Spirit.
Blessed are you for ever and ever.



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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.womenofheelca.org

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

www.lutheranwomantoday.org

(This website will access LWT 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.thebreastcancersite.com

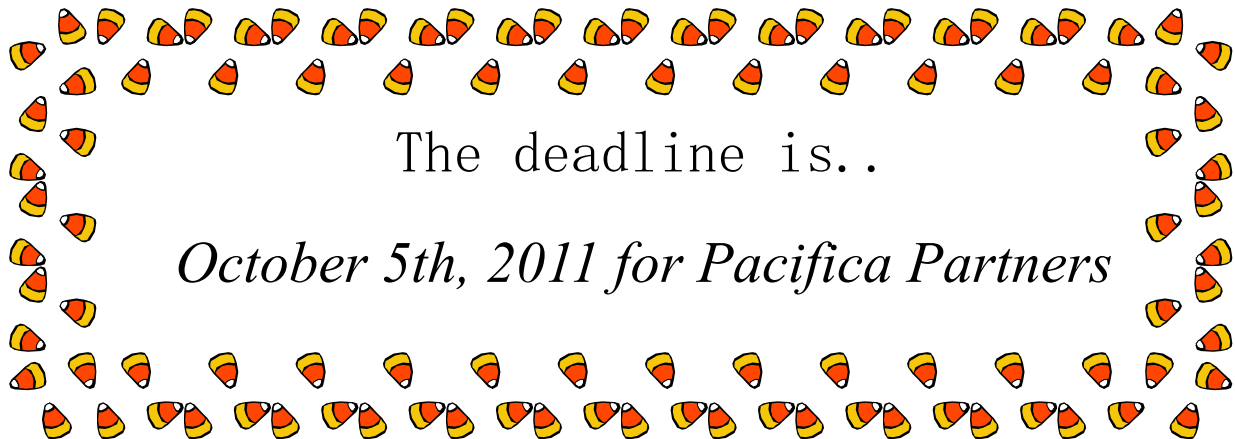
Click on this site once a day to provide free mammograms for those who otherwise would not be able to have them.

www.cherishchildren.org

Information on Cherish the Children

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.



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