



March 5, 2011 An uplifting day...



An "awesome" Bible Study with Barbara Martyn, Diaconal Minister, who made it very real what Jesus is asking us to do.

Building...

Faith, Hope,

Future

Enriching & Empowering



bringing cans of soup, serving & eating with the less fortunate

hands on activities, like sorting clothes & putting together hygiene kits to helping other



workshops, worship & prayer



tying blankets for Lutheran Social Services

*Meeting new people, over food & fellowship.
Serving the community as followers of Christ.
A day with new shared experiences.*

Thank You for making this day enjoyable to all!

Greetings from your Pacifica W-ELCA President

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

Our March event "**Building... Faith, Hope and Future**" at Eden Lutheran Church, Riverside, California on Saturday March 5, 2011 had 88 women in attendance. A beautiful day, an enriching and empowering day, a day of fellowship and worship with friends. Barb from the Riverside City Mission was an awesome and inspirational speaker who brought the vision to us. A wonderful service project. Thank you for all the love gifts and to see how a can of soup can bring the homeless together. I had the chance to visit with a few guests and I felt good knowing that we can help them. One gentleman reminded me to note the Bible Verse Matthew 6:34... "So don't worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring its own worries. Today's trouble is enough for today". I am so happy that we were able to feed the hungry, help the homeless and offer hope in Jesus' name. Our Pacifica Women were able to present to the Riverside Mission a \$1000.00 gift which was very appreciated and needed.

Thank you to the ladies of Eden Lutheran for being our Host, the planning team, our Workshop leaders, Pastor Josh Martyn and all Women of the ELCA.

Pacifica Women of the ELCA are happy to announce the availability of a Scholarship in the amount of \$1000.00 to attend our Triennial Gathering this coming July in Spokane, Washington. We are able to provide this due to our Silent Auction receipts over the years. Please complete the attached application found in this newsletter and the Scholarship Committee will begin their selection at a later date. Don't miss the deadline.

Reminder that Registration is open on-line for our 8th Triennial Gathering "**Renew, Respond, Rejoice!**" in Spokane, Washington from July 14-17, 2011. Be sure to make your hotel reservations soon. So far almost 1500 Lutheran women have registered. What a wonderful uplifting and fulfilling journey you will experience. Your Pacifica Synod Women of the ELCA already have 25 registered for Triennial Gathering but I haven't heard from you. Drop me a line if you are going. Registration is \$325.00 (adult). Go to: www.womenoftheelca.org/triennial11. Registration packet, information and hotel choice forms are all there for you.

I recently had the opportunity to take a **B.O.L.D.** (Bold, Open, Loving, Discerning) Women on a Journey to the 2011 Conference of Synodical Presidents, February 17-20 in Lisle, Illinois (Chicago area). Approximately 64 women met and we were busy. We meditated, de-iced (get acquainted ice-breakers), rejoiced (opening and closing Worship), connected (regional Caucus time), refueled (meals), flight instruction (Bible Study sessions "Journey to the Well"), plenary (with guest speakers), guided tours (workshops galore), field reports, layover (free time), talent or no talent show.

The goals set out for the conference were:

- To provide and receive information related to emphases, priorities and projected programs of Women of the ELCA.
- To make recommendations to the executive board.
- To develop leadership skills.
- To foster community and renewal.

I felt that these goals were all met.

Thanks you for allowing me to attend.

Save the date: Nov. 4-6, 2011 Pacifica Women of the ELCA annual convention, San Diego, CA. More information to come as your planning team meets and prepares for another Journey.

Thank you for your continued support and prayers for your Pacifica Board. Don't hesitate to contact us if you need anything.

*Blessings,
Andrea Campbell*



Pacifica Women of the ELCA
Change of Officers / Contact Form
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

Congregation: _____

Address: _____

Cluster: _____ Pastor: _____

Telephone: _____

Name of your immediate past contact: _____ Her zip code: _____

President/Contact Person

Secretary/Second Contact

Name: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

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) 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.

TRIENNIAL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION
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**Triennial Gathering 2011
Spokane, Washington
July 14-17, 2011**



Age Group: 18-25 26-35 36-45 46-55 56-75 76-90

Active member of an ELCA congregation and an active participant in Women of the ELCA. This will be a monetary scholarship. The committee shall determine the number of scholarship recipients. The available funds are to be evenly distributed amongst the recipients. Total funds available this year are up to \$1000. Any additional expenses will be covered by the recipient.

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____ Cluster: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

Congregation/City: _____

E-mail address: _____

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 April 30, 2011** to

Inga Sanders, Treasurer
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Triennial Gathering News & Information

Pacifica Women you are invited to join us to...

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Prayer Shawl Collection

Get out your knitting needles and crochet hooks and create a prayer shawl. The shawls will be given to ministries in our host synod, the Eastern Washington–Idaho Synod. Let's see how many prayer shawls Lutheran women can amass at the gathering! "Shawls... made for centuries universal and embracing, symbolic of an inclusive, unconditionally loving, God. They wrap, enfold, comfort, cover, give solace, mother, hug, shelter and beautify." Janet Bristow, co-founder of www.shawlministry.com, reminds us of this.



This is a great project for individuals or women working together in congregational units. Whether you've been making shawls for awhile or just now want to start a group, you can participate. Begin your shawls with a prayer of dedication and complete them with a prayer of blessing.

These prayers and a special label to print and use are available at www.womenoftheelca.org/triennialgathering or by calling 800-638-3522. Women who cannot attend the gathering in person are welcome to create prayer shawls too. Shawls can be brought to the gathering and deposited in the Exhibit Hall, Camp Dianoigo. Shawls can also be mailed to the Eastern Washington–Idaho Synod Office for arrival between June 1 and July 1, 2011.

Mail to: TG11 Prayer Shawls, Eastern Washington–Idaho Synod, 314 S. Spruce Street, Suite A, Spokane, WA 99201-5823.

"Go with an open heart, open ears, and open mind. Be prepared to leave as a different woman, one who has grown in her faith walk and ready to share. Once you go, you're hooked!"

Gwen Edwards, 45, Bellevue, Nebraska



Renew, Respond, Rejoice!

Revitalize Yourself in One Transformational Weekend

Eighth Triennial Gathering • July 14-17, 2011 • Spokane, Wash.



Are you looking for a life-changing experience that will inspire you to live out your faith? Escape from the busyness of your life and renew your spirit.

Participate in workshops, exhibits, worship services, city tours and many other activities. Speakers include peacemaker Leymah Gbowee, whose interfaith efforts brought peace to civil war-torn Liberia.

CONNECT with Lutheran sisters from around the country. Enjoy fellowship. Seek support. Meet women like you.

CELEBRATE your Christian faith. Revitalize and grow in faith. Witness powerful speakers, absorb soul-stirring music and interact in enriching Bible studies. Rejoice!

DISCOVER your heart for service. Learn how to use your gifts and talents to nourish your community within and beyond church. Respond to your calling. Make a difference.

"The intergenerational connections made between women of faith were amazing."

—AMY SANTORIELLO, 34, ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH, PITTSBURGH, PA.

"It's important for women to take time to renew themselves. I was inspired and refreshed."

—LORI BLACK, 43, ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH, ASHTON, ILL.

"It's fellowship with family time. I encourage mothers to invite their daughters and daughters to invite their mothers."

—SUSAN HUMPHREY, 55, JOY LUTHERAN CHURCH, TULSA, OKLA.

Find out more!

www.womenoftheelca.org/triennial
1-800-638-3522 ext. 2730



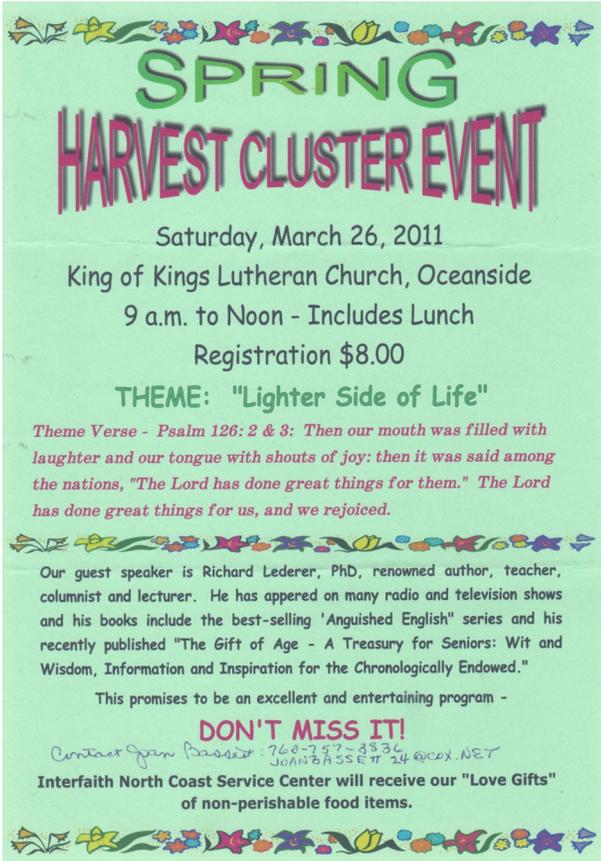
Women of the ELCA

Quilt Challenge (for more information, go to www.womenoftheelca.org/triennialgathering)

Make a quilt interpreting the theme, Renew, Respond, Rejoice! The challenge comes not only in interpreting the theme but also in working within certain rules. The quilt must interpret the gathering theme, Renew, Respond, Rejoice!

1. Finished size of the quilt must be 40 inches square.
2. Traditional or original patterns may be used. Credit must be given when using the pattern or design of another.
3. Quilts may be pieced or appliquéd or a combination. They may include surface embellishment techniques (e.g., dying, trapunto, stenciling, whole cloth, embroidery, batik, painting, embossing, etc.).
4. Each quilt must be quilted, not tied. Both machine quilting and hand quilting are acceptable.
5. Each quilt must have a sleeve attached to the top back for hanging. The sleeve opening must be 4 inches wide after it is attached to the quilt and must be attached in a way that it will not show when the quilt is hanging.
6. A fabric identification label must be securely sewn to a bottom back corner of the quilt (a paper label pinned to the quilt is not acceptable) with the name, address and telephone number of the entrant.
7. The challenge is open to all women who are members of ELCA congregations. The quilt must be the work of a single individual; no group or two-person quilts will be accepted. Quilt(s) must be constructed and quilted by the person named on the entry blank. The quilter need not be planning to attend the 2011 Triennial Gathering in order to participate in the quilt challenge.
8. Limit of 2 entries per person. Entry fee is \$5 which includes return shipping. Quilts may be picked up on site with proper identification at 6:30 p.m. on Saturday, July 16, 2011, in the exhibit hall. If you are unable to pick up your quilt(s), you must notify Women of the ELCA in writing with the name of the person picking it up; that person must also show identification. Those quilts not picked up will be shipped to the entrant following the gathering.

All quilts must be received in the churchwide office by May 1, 2011, along with a completed entry form. [Download and print the entry form](#). Mail quilts to: Women of the ELCA Quilt Challenge, 8765 W Higgins Road, Chicago IL 60631.



SPRING HARVEST CLUSTER EVENT

Saturday, March 26, 2011
King of Kings Lutheran Church, Oceanside
9 a.m. to Noon - Includes Lunch
Registration \$8.00

THEME: "Lighter Side of Life"

Theme Verse - Psalm 126: 2 & 3: Then our mouth was filled with laughter and our tongue with shouts of joy: then it was said among the nations, "The Lord has done great things for them." The Lord has done great things for us, and we rejoiced.

Our guest speaker is Richard Lederer, PhD, renowned author, teacher, columnist and lecturer. He has appeared on many radio and television shows and his books include the best-selling 'Anguished English' series and his recently published "The Gift of Age - A Treasury for Seniors: Wit and Wisdom, Information and Inspiration for the Chronologically Endowed."

This promises to be an excellent and entertaining program -

DON'T MISS IT!
Contact Joan Bassett: 760-757-3534
JOAN@ASSSETT24@cox.net

Interfaith North Coast Service Center will receive our "Love Gifts" of non-perishable food items.



*Big Bear, Mariposa,
& Raincross
2011 Spring Cluster Event
April 9, 2011*

HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH
45900 Portola Avenue
Palm Desert, CA
"Poetic Living"
by Dessa Reed

Featuring: Meditation & Creativity
9:30 Registration - \$5.00 at the Door
Includes Brunch
RSVP by April 1
for Reservations Contact:
TINA GATES
760.346.1273

tgates@hope-lutheran.com



Join Us To Celebrate Bold Women
Saturday, April 9, 2011

King of Glory Lutheran Church
10280 Slater Avenue
Fountain Valley, CA 92807
Phone: (714) 963-5649

'Lifted Through Christ'

2 Corinthians 3:16 *When a person turns to the Lord a veil is lifted.*

Guest Speaker: Karen Merkle
World Mission of Prayer League

Continental Breakfast - Registrations: 8:30 am - Fee: \$6.00
Meeting - 9:00 am to 11:30 am

"Working Wardrobes" Love Gift
Please bring clothing, purses, belts, business casual jackets or other articles to assist women facing job interviews.

Reservations: Diana Young
Phone: (714) 534-6993 E-mail: dianay1318@gmail.com
By April 4, 2011



Your Treasurer's Corner:

Thank you to all the congregational units for your **Regular Offerings** and Form A that you have sent to the Pacifica SWO, Treasurer. I have enjoyed being your Treasurer these past 5 years and now turn over this service to your newly elected Treasurer, Inga Sanders.



Please mail all future offerings on Form A to:

Inga Sanders, Treasurer
16370 Jupiter Circle
Westminster, CA 92683

Telephone: (949) 463-6642

When your Unit's Offering is received, fifty percent of the money is sent to Churchwide quarterly and we retain the remaining fifty percent. These offering support women in ministry. As a reminder, your 2010-2011 Stewardship Planning Guide along with Form A was recently sent to each congregation. This Guide has lots of helpful information for you. All Resources and forms may be downloaded from the Women of the ELCA website, www.womenoftheelca.org

Your Sister in Christ,
Andrea Campbell and we Welcome Inga

Note of Interest... Offerings sent to Women of the ELCA for period 2/1/10 thru 1/31/11 totaled \$9391.53.

Holy God, our Living Water and our merciful Guide, together with the rivers and seas, wells and springs, we bless and magnify you. You led your people by the pillar of cloud and fire through the sea, and provided them water from the rock. We thank you for the gift of water.

The Holy Spirit moved over water in the beginning of creation. In water, your Son Jesus received the gift of baptism and was anointed by the Holy Spirit to lead us into the way of everlasting life through his life, death, and resurrection.

Gracious God, you have called us into a community of faith. We are called to life by you and to sustain life with you, the source of life and creator of every being. We pray for those who struggle every day for their daily supply of water: in the slums of Brazilian cities, in the deserts of Africa, in the townships where clean water does not flow. We pray for those who experience floods and for others in desperate need of water. We pray that those who are fortunate to have an abundance of water do not take your gift for granted, or fail to heed and understand the cries of people who need water for life. Amen



A Simple Water Thanksgiving

*Thank you for the water that I drink,
Thank you for the water in my sink,
Thank you for the rain from above,
Thank you for water signs of your love,
Dear God, who washes me of my sin,
With thanks for this day, I invite you in.*

Amen

Prayer by Inez Torres Davis. Used with permission

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Address changes and corrections should be sent to the Secretary:

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Please keep in our Prayers...

We received word last month of the passing of former Pacifica board member **Mary Chin**, who was a member of Highland Avenue (now Spirit of Hope) in San Bernardino.

Mary's youngest daughter, Julie Griffin, wrote to let us know that Mary passed away peacefully at home on Wednesday, January 26, 2011, while on hospice. Her memorial service was held on Saturday, February 5, at Spirit of Hope.

Mary was very active, particularly in the Inland Empire. She had a wonderful laugh, a very giving spirit, and will be remembered fondly. Please join with us in thanking God for Mary's life and in asking for God's peace and comfort to her family.

*Our Hearts Ache Eastward
(For victims of floods, earthquakes and
tsunamis in the Pacific)
Safiyah Fosua*

*O God, our hearts ache eastward
For lives lost
Suddenly
For families swallowed
By water and earth
For home and hearth gone
And memories forever changed
In an instant.*

*O God, our eyes look to you
For healing
For comfort
For hope
For direction.*

*O God,
Our arms reach out
To do all that we can
In whatever ways that we can
For as long as is needed*

*For neighbors and friends
In the Pacific.*

Amen.

***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.*

Calendar of Events

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- March 26, 2011 Harvest Spring Cluster Event, Theme “The Lighter Side of Life”
Speaker: Richard Lederer, author
Location: King of Kings Lutheran Church, Oceanside
Time: 9am -1pm (includes lunch)
Contact: Joan Bassett at: joanbassett24@cox.net
- April 2 & 3, 2011 Our Redeemer Lutheran “Living Pictures”
More information, contact church office (714) 539-9541
Time: Saturday 1pm & 4pm, Sunday 3pm & 6pm
- April 9, 2011 Rejoice, Saddleback and Son & Surf Spring Cluster Event “
Speaker: Karen Merkel
Location: King of Glory Lutheran, Fountain Valley
Time: 8:30am Registration (includes Breakfast), see page 6 for more information
Contact: Diana Young (714) 534-6993 or dianay1318@gmail.com
- April 9, 2011 Big Bear, Mariposa & Raincross Cluster Event
“Poetic Living” by Dessa Reed
Location: Hope Lutheran Church, Palm Desert
Time: 9:30am (includes Breakfast), see page 6 for more information
Contact: Tina Gates (760) 346-1273 or tgates@hope-lutheran.com
- April 9, 2011 Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Los Alamitos “50th Anniversary”
More Information: Contact church office (562) 430-3444
- May 19-21, 2011 Synod Assembly
Location: Marriott/Irvine
More information to follow
- July 9, 2011 Rejoice, Saddleback and Son & Surf President’s Planning Meeting
Location: Newport Harbor Lutheran
Time: 9am
- July 14 - 17, 2011 Women of the ELCA 11th Triennial Gathering
Location: Spokane, WA
See page 7 for more information
- September 17, 2011 Bible Study in the OC
Location: Our Savior Lutheran Church, San Clemente
Time: 9am - 2:30pm
More information to follow
- October 1, 2011 Rejoice, Saddleback and Son & Surf Fall Cluster Event
Location & Time: TBA
- November 4-6, 2011 Pacifica Women of the ELCA Convention
Location: San Diego
More information to follow



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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; 'Café', 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.

Thank you, God, for the gift of this day and for the opportunity to do your will today and every day. Grant that we may joyfully respond to your call and offer you thanks and praise, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The deadline is..

April 2nd, 2011 for Pacifica Partners

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