

Pacifica Partners



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Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church Pacifica Synod present

Building... Faith, Hope, Future



Enriching & Empowering March 5, 2011 8am - 4pm

Continental Breakfast & Lunch included

Worship - Bible Study - Feeding the Homeless

Collecting Food & Hygiene Items

Learning and Empowering Activities

Eden Lutheran Church 4725 Brockton Ave, Riverside, Ca

see page 3 for registration form & page 5 for details

Greetings from your Pacifica W-ELCA President

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

Hope everyone has received the flyer, registration form and Love Gift items to bring for our upcoming March event "Building...Faith, Hope and Future" at Eden Lutheran Church, Riverside, California on Saturday March 5, 2011. Our planning committee is in the final stages and we hope it to be an enriching and empowering day for you. I hope to see and meet everyone one of you. Bring a friend or another lady from your church.

Second Reminder that Registration has opened 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 1,500 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. How about adding 15 more to our "journey" group??

Registration is \$325.00 (adult). Go to: www.womenoftheelca.org/triennial11. Registration packet, information and hotel choice forms are all there for you.

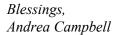
See also attached Triennial Gathering Fact Sheet: **The Quilt Challenge** and **Prayer Shawl Collection** requests. Would your WELCA unit or Circle or you, as an individual be interested in this project?

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

In closing I would like to share this:

Recipe for Friendship

Blend conversation,
laughter, and fun together.
Add trust and acceptance
and mix well.
Stirring gently,
soften with teardrops
and sweeten
with understanding.
Sprinkle generously
with favorite memories,
decorate with hugs
and smiles, and enjoy!





Pacifica Women of the ELCA Change of Officers / Contact Form Year: 20____

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March Event Registration

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March 5, 2011

Eden Lutheran Church

4725 Brockton Avenue

Riverside, CA 92109

(951) 684-3336



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

Early Bird-postmark by 2/20 \$20.00

Postmark after 2/20 \$25.00

Make checks payable to:

Pacifica Women of the ELCA

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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:

March Event Information & Schedule

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8:15 to 8:45	Registration & Continental Breakfast
9:00 to 9:30	Welcome & Announcements
9:30 to 10:30	Bible Study
10:30 to 1:00	Servant Project; Prep clothing (Riverside City Mission will be providing clothing to hand out), personal items, canned food and prep lunch with the Riverside City Mission (this will be participate as long as you want Servant Project)
12 noon	Lunch for Needy
1pm	Lunch for W-ELCA and other volunteers
1:30 to 2:30	Workshops;
	Leaders Workshop, Sacred Spaces Workshop
	Finish any Servant Projects
	(each workshop is approx. 30 minutes for those who would
	like to attend both)
2:45 to 3:00	Wrap up and Closing
3:00 to 4:00	Worship Service

Everyone is to bring 2 "Ready to Eat" cans of soups (No cream soup, please). We will be making Hobo or Girl Scout soup with these cans.

"Love Gift" items to bring:

(will be shared betweem the Homeless & Low-Income Families)

Food:

Canned food with easy open tops and does not require heating (such as Vienna sausages, soups, chili) Small bags of peanuts, crackers, chips, cookies dried fruit (Costco type snack bags), granola bars, bottled water and juices.

Personal Hygiene items to bring:

Toothbrushes, toothpaste, hair brushes & combs, small anti-bacterial soap, small hand lotion, deodorant, chap stick Feminine Hygiene items for women, Purex laundry detergent/softener sheets.

Coloring books with small box of crayons for children

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.

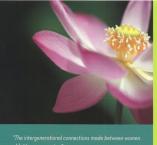
"Go with an open heart, open ears, and open mind. Be prepared to leave as a different woman, one who has grown in her faith walk and ready to share. Once you go, you're hooked!"

Gwen Edwards, 45, Bellevue, Nebraska



Revitalize Yourself in One Transformational Weekend

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



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

 —AMY SANTORIELLO, 34, ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH,
- "It's important for women to take time to renew themselve I was inspired and refreshed."
- "It's fellowship with family time. I encourage mothers to invite their daughters and daughters to invite their mothers."

Find out more! www.womenoftheelca.org/triennial 1-800-638-3522 ext. 2730 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.



Women ELCA

<u>Ouilt Challenge</u> (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. <u>Download and print the entry form.</u> Mail quilts to: Women of the ELCA Quilt Challenge, 8765 W Higgins Road, Chicago IL 60631.

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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.

TEAING-UP YOUR FINANCES

Thursday, February 24, 2011, 1:00pm

Hope Lutheran Church

45-900 Portola Ave, Palm Desert

Social Hall

We, of course, all trust God as our ultimate security. However, sometimes, do you wonder about your finances in the current economy? Have you questions about making the most of your investments for retirement, your children's college fund or just living? What do those money buzz words they use on TV really mean? How can I avoid identity theft? For those who missed the October presentation, we have another opportunity in an informal setting with women of all ages to get answers to these questions and more. Stephanie Shields and Karen Martin of Thrivent Financial for Lutherans will be hosting a Tea Party for the women of Hope and share with us their expertise about women and money. You do not need to be a Thrivent member and no sales presentation will be involved. We will enjoy food, fellowship, financial facts and fun. Bring a friend or relative who has shared concerns about her economic picture.

For further information call Tina Gates at 760-346-1273

Purpose Statement & Keep in our Prayers Address changes / Corrections

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Address changes and corrections should be sent to the Secretary:

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Greetings, dear friends...

I have sad news to share with you about our dear sister in Christ, **Mary Kruse**. She passed away on January 20th. Many of you will remember Mary from her service as a synodical board member and newsletter editor in the 1990's. She was diagnosed with 4th stage cancer right before Christmas, and in a great deal of pain much of the time. Mary and her husband Maury lived their daughter and son-in-law, Karen and Michael Myers. When I visited her there earlier that week, she was feeling pretty well, and we had a really good visit. She was her same spirited self, with mischief in her eyes and laughter in her voice... and was confident that Jesus would take her home when the time was right.

Mary's memorial service is scheduled for this Friday, January 28th, 7:00 p.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church in Riverside (5969 Brockton Ave.). A light meal will follow the service. In lieu of flowers, a memorial fund is being created. Karen and Michael's address, if you would like to send a card to Maury and the family, is: 22986 De Berry Street, Grand Terrace, CA 92313-5585. I know that you will hold them in your prayers.

With blessings, love, and thanks to God for each of you and our dear friend Mary, Joanne

Soderberg, Phyllis April 9, 1920- December 31, 2011. "Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength...Love your neighbor as you love yourself..." (attributed to Jesus in Mark 12: 30-31. Phyllis Soderberg, the embodiment of that love to her family, friends and colleagues, stepped into God's glorious love December 31, 2010. Born in Canada and raised in Portland Oregon, Phyllis graduated from Jefferson High School and a teaching certification and a BA in Education from Eastern Washington College of Education in Cheney. Married to Lt. Col Ralph Soderberg USMC retired (d. 1981) in 1943, Phyllis traveled the country as a marine spouse, living in North Carolina, Washington D.C., Hawaii, Pennsylvania, and California. She helped establish, teach in, and direct Lutheran schools and preschools at Tustin's Red Hill Lutheran Church, San Clemente's Lutheran Church of Our Savior and Christ Lutheran Church (of which she and husband Ralph were founding members), and for 28 years at Robert Lang Preschool at Mission Viejo's Mt. Of Olives Lutheran Church. After retirement in 1995, her volunteer work included work at her church and with Southern California Lutherans Women's Groups, Meals On Wheels, Hospital ministry, Chaplain of the Military Order of World Wars, and classroom aide at Palisades Elementary School. Phyllis is survived by sons, Peter and Ralf; daughter-in-law, Nancy; grandsons, Nanda and wife Buck and great-grandson, Ozzie, and grandson, Matt and great-granddaughter, Kierah; as well as cousins, nieces and nephews. A celebration of Phyllis Soderberg's life was held on January 29, 2011 at Christ Lutheran Church, San Clemente. Donations to La Christianita Preschool are requested in lieu of flowers.

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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February 24, 2011	"Teaing Up Your Finances" Location: Hope Lutheran Church, Palm Desert Time: 1pm - see page 7 for more information
March 5th, 2011	Empowering Women / Synodical March One Day Event Location: Eden Lutheran, Riverside Time: 8am to 8:45am registration, 9am to 4pm program (see page 6)
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
April 9, 2011	Time: Saturday 1pm & 4pm, Sunday 3pm & 6pm Rejoice, Saddleback and Son & Surf Spring Cluster Event " Speaker: Karen Merkel Location: King of Glory Lutheran, Fountain Valley Time: 8:30 Registration (includes Breakfast)
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



PACIFICA WOMEN OF THE ELCA

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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).

<u>www.lutheranwomantoday.org</u> (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..

March 2nd, 2011 for Pacifica Partners

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