



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

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Greetings from your President

January 2011

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Happy New Year to everyone.

Let's see how we can continue our "JOURNEY" in this New Year.

First of all: *I SAID A PRAYER FOR YOU TODAY*

I said a prayer for you today
And know God must have heard
I felt the answer in my heart
Although He spoke no word!
I didn't ask for wealth or fame
(I knew you wouldn't mind)
I asked him to send treasures
Of a far more lasting kind!
I asked that He'd be near you
At the start of each new day
To grant you health and blessings
And friends to share your way!
I asked for happiness for you
In all things great and small
But it was for His loving care
I prayed the most of all!

Dona Jenkins, Board Member and her Planning Committee for the March Event are busy at work. We will be journeying to Eden Lutheran Church in Riverside, CA. Mark the date, Saturday, March 5, 2011... **"Building...Faith, Hope and Future"** will be our theme. Watch for flyer to share with your ladies and more information in this and upcoming Pacifica Partners newsletters. Hope to see all you ladies there.

I mentioned that this year would be a learning experience also for me as I journey to Chicago in February for the Conference of Synodical Presidents. It is interesting to note the theme **"B.O.L.D. (Bold, Open, Loving, Discerning) Women on a Journey."** I chose "journey" before I received this information. I hope to return home, refreshed with new ideas, leadership skills, adjustments to the needs, interests and lifestyles in our community and of course the support of new friends.

Reminder that registration has opened on-line for our 8th Triennial Gathering **"Renew, Respond, Rejoice!"** in Spokane, WA from July 14-17, 2011. Your Pacifica Women of the ELCA elected 4 delegates along with your President to attend. Please consider Escaping the Busyness of Your Life and Renew your Spirit. It is a truly rewarding experience.

Registration is \$325.00 (adult). Go to: www.womenoftheelca.org/triennial11

Registration packet, information and hotel choice forms are all there for you.

I am already registered (it takes 5 minutes). Hotel choices are available but are filling up fast so please do that early. Please notify me by mail or e-mail me ASAP (note my new e-mail address is andreacampbell@verizon.net) to let me know that you are planning on attending the Gathering.

Please note that your Pacifica Women of the ELCA elected delegates to the 2011 Triennial Gathering are:

Verlette Brummell

Karen Ronchetti

Dona Jenkins

Becky Shurson

and also includes Andrea Campbell, President

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

Blessings,
Andrea

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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Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: () _____ Email: _____

Church: _____ Church City: _____

Prayer Shawl Ministry for Triennial

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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

A Prayer of Dedication upon Beginning a Prayer Shawl

Blessed are you, Creator God, for you wrap your creation in the warmth of your loving kindness. As I take up my yarn and my tools to begin this shawl, I ask you to bless my hands and my heart. Let my small skill and compassion be a hint of your own as I craft this yarn into a tangible prayer of healing, peace and comfort. I dedicate the work of my hands to your service, loving God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, whose mother has been depicted knitting with him by her side. Amen.

A Prayer of Blessing upon the Completion of a Shawl

Blessed are you, compassionate God, for you wrap your creation in the softness of your loving kindness. May the prayers for healing, peace and comfort I have worked into every stitch rise to you and come back to the shawl's recipient a hundredfold. I ask you to bless the recipient of this shawl and all your children with your peace, which passes all understanding. I make this prayer through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.



March Event Information & Schedule

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

***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 between 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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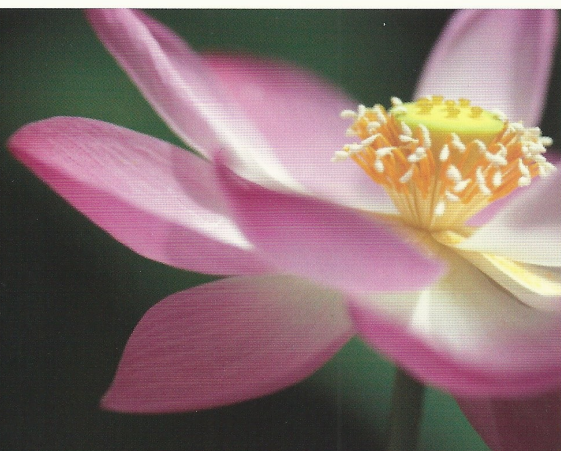
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Renew, Respond, Rejoice!

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, 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.

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.

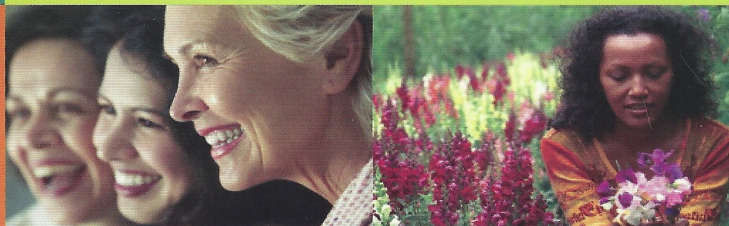
CELEBRATE your Christian faith. Revitalize and grow in faith. Witness powerful speakers, absorb soul-stirring music and interact in enriching Bible studies. Rejoice!

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.

Find out more!

www.womenoftheelca.org/triennial

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Women of the **ELCA**

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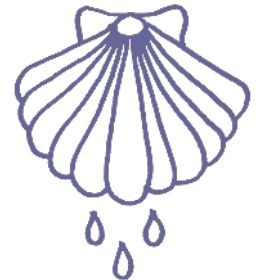
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Address changes and corrections should be sent to the Secretary:

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O God our Father, at the Baptism of Jesus you proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit. Make all who are baptized into Christ faithful to their calling to be your daughters and sons, and empower us all with your Spirit, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. 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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| January 28, 2011 | Girls' Night Out
Location: Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Irvine
Time: 7:15pm Cost: \$10.00 at the door |
| February 5, 2011 | Rejoice, Saddleback and Son & Surf President's Planning Meeting
Location: Redeemer Lutheran, Seal Beach
Time: 9am |
| 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 9, 2011 | Rejoice, Saddleback and Son & Surf Spring Cluster Event
Location: King of Glory Lutheran, Fountain Valley
Time: TBA |
| 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 |
| October 1, 2011 | Rejoice, Saddleback and Son & Surf Fall Cluster Event
Location & Time: TBA |

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.



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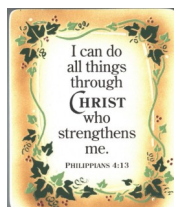
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Informational Web Sites for “your” use...

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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; *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.

The deadline is..

February 2nd, 2011 for Pacifica Partners

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