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“Best Friends...

Devoted to God, the World

and One Another”

Romans 12:10-11

Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit,...serve the Lord

Pacifica Women of the ELCA

Convention 2010

Location: King of Glory Lutheran Church

Fountain Valley, CA

November 5-7, 2010

*Worship, Bible study, Thrivent Build, Workshops, Election of Officers,
great fellowship and more*

Watch the Pacifica Partners for more details.

Letter from the President

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Just came from a fantastic Synod Assembly! Even though we as Women of the ELCA are separately incorporated, we of course are partners in ministry with the whole church. Each year your synod president has the opportunity to send a written report for the Assembly Notebook and/or to orally present a brief report to the Assembly. In the past I have attended as a delegate but as your president I have usually attended just for one day on the day when I was given time to speak. This year I was a bit more involved and attended the entire three days.

Our Presiding Bishop Mark Hanson was in attendance. Just as we have a Churchwide representative at our conventions, the Synod Assembly also does. Every six years we elect or re-elect a bishop and the presiding bishop conducted the election this year. But we heard a lot more from him – he gave a report just as our CW reps do, he preached at a worship service, he spoke at the Friday evening Festival Dinner, and held a Q & A hour after that. One never tires of listening to him. His presence, his humor, how and what he says keep you wanting to hear more.

This year was also different in other ways. Friday afternoon attendees could select from quite a wide variety of mission/ministry opportunities in the community and at the Assembly site. Similar to what we have planned for this November. And Friday evening was a Mission Festival Dinner rather than the normal entertainment banquet. That was an extraordinary evening!!

And you thought quilting was done only by Women of the ELCA in each unit – or maybe also at a Triennial Gathering. Well, this year, a corner of the Assembly hospitality room was set up to finish putting quilts together. And at least one was done as a prayer quilt. That is as you tie one of the ties, you pray for the recipient of the quilt. I received that quilt on behalf of our Women of the ELCA. It isn't finished, but we will finish it at our November convention and then present it to the family whose home we work at for the Thrivent build. The Assembly theme was "Together in Christ" and the prayer quilt will be one connection of how the church and our organization are together in ministry.

Speaking of CW reps, Diane Brauer will be here in November for our convention. I've met her during our Conference of President events each year. She is a delightful CW board member and we are happy to have her come this year. We don't usually make our CW reps work too hard but she will give a report – that is mandated. She will visit and mix with all you who attend and be willing to listen to questions, concerns, or just about who we are here in Pacifica.

Have not yet heard from a "new fashioned" historian so want to keep asking. We have some scrapbooks of pictures from years past with a couple newer ones done by a "Creative Memories" artist. But we have a lot of digital pictures on CDs from recent years that could really use some time and interest to put them in electronic albums. Interested or know someone who would be interested? Let me know!

Acting Boldly in Christ!

Eunice

Greetings from Hawaii

By Juli Patten, Vice President

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Life in the Blender

When you are in a happy place a blender can be a wonderful tool to make a frothy, fun drink. But when you are struggling to deal with changes in dynamics or roles it can feel like a deadly weapon set to chew you up and spit you out.

“Blended Family” is a relatively new but very common term in today’s world. Most people are either part of one, getting into one or having to deal with the fallout from one. With a lot of patience and hard work they can be the beginning of lifetime family relationships that have very little to do with blood. While trying to do the actual blending can be a long mine field filled process. As always when I have difficult things to deal with I turn to the one book that always holds help, advice and often comfort. One powerful tool in this often volatile relationship voyage is the ability to control your tongue. Here are a few passages that may help.

Psalm 19:14 Let my words and my thoughts be pleasing to you, Lord, because you are my mighty rock and my protector.

My family has been going on it’s merry way with me being the dysfunctional relationship component. Having been married five times doesn’t count much in the committed relationship category. I like to think of it as being an eternal optimist. My parents have been married for 47 years and most of that time has been loving and supportive. That is not to say there haven’t been times where my brother and I had to be the go between of conversations that began with tell your mother... or tell your father... My brother has been the long suffering bachelor and has been in a symbiotic care giving relationship with my parents. I am not always sure who is taking care of whom.

Proverbs 23:22 Pay attention to your father, and don’t neglect your mother when she grows old. Invest in truth and wisdom, discipline and good sense, and don’t part with them. Make your father truly happy by living right and showing sound judgment. Make your parents proud, especially your mother.

In less time than it takes to incubate a child, my brother found a high school classmate, fell in love, moved out of our parent’s house and got married. Needless to say it has been a bit of a bumpy ride. My parents panicked and then decided it was my brother’s one shot at happiness. So the family focus became turning our two families into a beautiful, fruity, smoothie. No rough edges, no sharp edges, no strife, or angst. Of course real life is messy and hard. We are all trying to focus on the positive and keep an open mind and a loving heart. A prayer for help.

Psalm 5:2-3 Listen, Lord as I pray! Pay attention when I groan. You are my king and my God. Answer my cry for help to you as I pray to you. Each morning you listen to my prayer, as I bring my requests to you and wait for your reply.

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Pleased to introduce our Churchwide Rep for our November Gathering...

Vita: Diane L. Brauer

Executive Board Member, 2008-2011

Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

Diane Brauer was re-elected to the churchwide executive board of Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America in July 2008. She serves on the executive committee, the program and communication committee, and as the synodical convention coordinator.

Diane has participated in the global education and advocacy seminars and shared her faith with our Lutheran sisters in West Africa and South America. She has traveled to Argentina with the Nebraska Synod. Diane has also served on a county domestic abuse center board and volunteered at a free clinic.

Today she is a member of Calvary Lutheran Church in Scottsbluff, Nebraska. Diane has lived in four synods over the past 20 years, serving on the synodical board in Montana and as president of the Western North Dakota Synodical Women's Organization. She has been involved in World Hunger and Vacation Bible School, and was an advisor for the Lutheran Youth Organization for many years.

Diane is married to Brad, an ELCA pastor. He enjoys being a youth baseball umpire in his free time. They have two adult daughters: Erinn is in retail management in Omaha and Meghan is a dietician in Memphis, where she is married to Kevin.

Prior to moving to Scottsbluff in 2010 she was employed with Lincoln Public Schools as the office manager in the district's purchasing department. When she has free time, she enjoys reading, sewing, cross-stitching, and crossword puzzles. She loves to travel—especially to the mountains or ocean.

She is excited about supporting and encouraging women in their leadership roles and rejoices in God's global community and our work in it. The gift of serving on the churchwide executive board is an amazing blessing for her, a response to the call to act boldly on her faith with her sisters in Christ in our church, our community, and our world.

Triennial Delegate
2011 Triennial Convention Nomination Form

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July 12-14, 2011 - Spokane WA

During our business sessions at King of Glory in Fountain Valley on November 5-7, 2010, we will elect four delegates for the 2011 Triennial Convention. Your president will also be a delegate.

For this triennial convention the Business/Plenary sessions will be held before the actual gathering. Delegates will have their round trip travel paid and will receive lodging and meals from July 12-14, 2011. Lodging, meals, and registration for the actual gathering July 14-17, 2011, will be at the delegate's/participant's own expense.

Please submit a nominee from your congregational unit by **August 15, 2010**, by returning this form to:

Jan Parthemer, Nominations Chair

795 Marsopa Dr

Vista CA 92081

619-992-5465

janp@cox.net

Congregational Unit of _____ (Name of Church)

_____ (Church City)

nominates _____ as a delegate to the Triennial Convention. She is aware of

this nomination and has given her permission to have her name placed on the ballot for this position.

Nominee Name: _____ Phone: _____

Home Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip _____

E-mail _____

Signature/Title of Person from Unit submitting this nomination

BIBLE STUDY in the OC

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at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in San Clemente

Saturday, September 18, 2010

9:00 AM - 2:30 PM

A time for Lutheran Women and Friends to come together for Bible Study, Fellowship and Food.

Could you Imagine a world without
one of these?



Ladies, join us in welcoming

Rev. Linda Johnson Seyenkulo, co-author of this years Lutheran Woman Today Bible study
as she introduces

"The People of God: Unity in the Midst of Diversity"

Cost: \$20.00 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 \$20.00 made out to OSLC rsvp by 09/01/2010 mail to:
Our Savior's Lutheran Church, 200 Avenida San Pablo, San Clemente, CA 92672 attn: Kelly Frohner

Calendar of Events

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- June 19, 2010 Mariposa, Big Bear and Raincross Cluster Summer Event
Location: First Lutheran, Ontario
Time: 8:30am—Noon
- June 26, 2010 SWO Board Meeting
Location: King of Glory, Fountain Valley
Time: TBA
- July 10, 2010 Son & Surf, Saddleback & Rejoice Cluster President's Planning Meeting
Location: King of Glory Lutheran Church
Time: 9am
- July 12, 2010 Harvest Cluster President's Planning Meeting
Location: San Marcos Lutheran Church
Time: 9am
- September 18, 2010 Bible Study in the O.C. (see page 5 for more information)
Location: Our Savior Lutheran Church, San Clemente
Time: 9am to 2pm
- October 9, 2010 Harvest Cluster Event
(note date change) Location: King of Kings, Oceanside
Time: TBA
- October 9-10, 2010 Annual Craft Boutique
Location: King of Glory Lutheran Church, Fountain Valley
Time: Sat 9-3pm & Sun 9-2pm
Contact: Karen Ronchetti (714) 654-8919 / craftshow@verizon.net
- November 5-7, 2010 Pacifica Women of the ELCA Convention
Location: King of Glory Lutheran Church, Fountain Valley
Details to follow

O Lord God, you teach us that without love, our actions gain nothing. Pour into our hearts your most excellent gift of love, that, made alive by your Spirit, we may know goodness and peace, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.



Purpose Statement

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Address changes / Corrections / Keep in Our Prayers

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Address changes and corrections should be sent to the Secretary:

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Note from Editor: If you would like to or have the ability to download the Pacifica Partners instead of receiving a "hard" copy in the mail, please contact either Becky Shurson (at the above address) or Karen Ronchetti (Editor) at welca@verizon.net

We are trying to help the environment, save some money and get the news to you in the most efficient way.

Monday Prayer at Noon is a weekly opportunity to join in prayer with women throughout the United States, the Caribbean, and Canada. Check www.womenoftheelca.org for specific weekly prayer concerns.

"Keep in our Prayers"



Please keep Pastor Glenn Petersen (former Associate Pastor at King of Glory, Fountain Valley), wife Carol and family in your hearts as they mourn the death of their son Hans, who was killed in freak accident while attending PLTS. May our prayers be with the family through this difficult time..

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.

2010 Convention Scholarship Form

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SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Women of the ELCA

2010 Pacifica Synod Convention

King of Glory, Fountain Valley

November 5-7, 2010

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 full registration for the day. 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 full registration for the day. 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) and full registration for the day.

NAME _____ PHONE _____

ADDRESS _____ CLUSTER _____

CITY _____ ZIP _____

CONGREGATION/CITY _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS _____

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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 1, 2010** to:

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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).

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.hisrosesandthorns.com

A Christian website of Wanda Scott Bledsoe and Janet Sannipoli

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 minutes 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..

June 5th, 2010 for Pacifica Partners

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