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MISSION STATEMENT

To mobilize women to act boldly on their faith in Jesus Christ

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DO YOU...

TEACH SUNDAY SCHOOL, MAKE BAKED GOODS, DO BEREAVEMENT COUNSELING,
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WORK WITH BIBLE SCHOOL, COUNT OFFERING, FELLOWSHIP

ARE YOU IN...

CHOIR, ALTAR GUILD, PRAYER CIRCLE, MISSION WORK, QUILTERS

Letter from the President

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March 6th – “Called to Love as God Loves – Unconditionally” will happen very soon as I write this, but it will be history when you receive this issue. So it is time to turn your attention to our bi-annual convention November 5-7, 2010. Our board just met and began the planning process. Many more details will be forthcoming as they become reality. Meanwhile, let me share what we have in mind to date.

“Best Friends – Devoted to God, the World, and One Another” is our theme. Romans 12: 10-11 is our theme verse – “Love one another....Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord.” At the moment not lagging in zeal and being ardent in spirit will relate to discipleship. Serving the Lord will relate to hands on serving – something where you can sweat and get dirty. Last November when we went to the Ronald McDonald House, we opted not to do “chores” where we might get sweaty and dirty because it was a one day event and we had no place to shower or freshen up for the closing banquet. This November we will have the Marriott within a block of King of Glory in Fountain Valley where we will meet for the weekend. We are hoping to work on a Thrivent Build but we don’t know yet if that will be possible. Of course we will have some alternative hands on serving that will be less strenuous. Also, possibly a couple workshop choices not necessarily directly related to serving but to other parts of our theme. So a warning that you won’t be able to do it ALL! You will need to make some choices.

You may remember that I like to toss up the schedule and not always do things at the same time as “we’ve always done it”. But at the moment we have not brainstormed the schedule. That will come as we get other pieces in place. A bit opposite from last convention where we did begin with a tossed up schedule plan and then put the pieces in place. We have issued a couple invitations for chaplain and Bible study leader.

From chats with some of you and notes from others, many of our units are struggling to feel like they are units still. While our units may no longer look like they did say fifteen years ago, there is no reason to feel your unit no longer exists. Our organization is all about ministry by women for women and children. That can take many forms and those forms can be changing. Change can be *good*!! If you are meeting regularly doing ministry in some way and/or Bible study, give of financial resources in some way, participate in some way beyond your congregation, and have at least a contact person, your unit exists! A year ago I prepared a power point that addressed many questions regarding our units. I still would be happy to come to any of your units, but someone raised the question whether it could be a workshop this November. Of course it could. Again, we have many details to work through yet, but if any of you would like to email me to express an interest in this type of workshop, we will find a way to do it.

In this issue there is a scholarship application. Note the deadline and also note that two of the three scholarships are for first time scholarship recipients- not necessarily first time attendees.

As I mentioned in January, we will be electing four triennial delegates – but these must be nominated by a unit. So plan who you want to nominate from your unit and then fill out the form that is elsewhere in this newsletter. Plus if you have any suggestions for board members and secretary and treasurer – or want to volunteer(!) – use the form in this issue. Note you do not have to ask that person first, the nominating team will do that.

As an organization we are separately incorporated but we are in full partnership with the whole church. So I’d also like to raise up our Synod Assembly being held May 6-8 at the Town & Country Resort in San Diego under the theme, “Together in Christ”. Our presiding Bishop Mark Hansen will be in attendance and will be preaching at a worship service and speaking at the Friday night meal. Friday servant events much like we are planning for our November convention, will happen. During the meal and program time there will be a focus on several mission happenings. If you are not coming as a delegate, you still may attend as a visitor. And you can come for a day for only \$10. If you choose to come for Friday and want to include the evening meal, it will be just \$50 and well worth it! I know, because I have a little something to do with it! We also will have a display table there. Visit www.pacificasynod.org for more details.

Then in between our March event and Synod Assembly you can also spend a Saturday morning at a Cluster Event. Be sure to note the calendar in this issue for those dates, times, and places.

I would also like to put out a call for someone interested in being a “new fashioned” historian. 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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March in Pacific Beach

On a beautiful brisk morning women came to Christ Lutheran Church, their hearts and minds open and their hands full. They brought armloads of care package items to fill bulk rate mailing boxes. They also brought checks totaling over \$200.00 in donations to help with the mailing costs of 31 large bulk rate boxes for our servicemen and women stationed overseas. Women and children made cards and these were placed in the boxes before they were sealed. We opened with a wonderful continental breakfast and devotion based on our theme verse "Called to Love as God loves...Unconditionally". 1 Thessalonians 5:11.

Pastor Judi Miller lead us in a wonderfully interactive bible study based on the four different types of Greek love,

storge which refers to the natural affection parents have for their children,

eros romantic love,

filia is love as friendship, and

agape which is unconditional love, the love God has for us.



Pastor Judi gave us a vast array of Bible verses to help us understand these four different types of love and how we connect them to our own lives.

After that wonderful beginning the women got up and got physical sorting all the bounty they brought for the care packages. There were five boxes on each table and six tables. Women were sorting and distributing, while others carefully packed the boxes with love. The truly amazing thing was when at the end of the day all 31 boxes fit into a convertible with the top up. That was some amazing packing ladies!

A wonderful salad extravaganza was provided for us by one of our favorite caterers, Apple Spice Junction. The women were able to eat, mingle and fellowship. Women were able to catch up with old friends and make new friends. They were able to share their faith and their understanding of the things they learned and how to use it daily.

The afternoon brought three different activities, Massage training, diversity bingo with prizes! And Table Talk discussions based on loving yourself, your neighbors and supporting one another.

We closed out this faith filled day with Worship led by Pastor Karen Mahron in the Christ Lutheran Sanctuary. This is a beautiful place of worship themed around the water of life.

As the women drove home, God rained down his blessings on all of us with life giving rain.

I was so blessed by all the hard work from all the Board Members, their families, the presenters, and all the women behind the scenes.

As I read the theme verse for this wonderful day I turned my Bible to what comes after... It seemed to be words to guide us on our faith journeys at home.

1 Thessalonians 5:12-18

Respect those who work hard among you, live in peace with each other, warn those who are idle, encourage the timid, help the weak, be patient with everyone, be joyful always, pray continually and give thanks in all circumstances. These words are my guide to live by

... Aloha Juli

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

Calendar of Events

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- April 10, 2010 Harvest Cluster Event
Location: San Marcos Lutheran Church
Time: 9am to 1pm
- April 17, 2010 Son & Surf, Saddleback & Rejoice Cluster Event
Location: Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, Garden Grove
Details to follow.
- May 6-8, 2010 Synod Assembly
Location: Town & Country Resort, San Diego
More information on www.pacificasynod.org
- June 19, 2010 Mariposa, Big Bear and Raincross Cluster Summer Event
Location: First Lutheran, Ontario
Time: 8:30am
- 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.
Location: Our Savior Lutheran Church, San Clemente
Time: 9am to 2pm
- September 25, 2010 Harvest Cluster Event
Location & Time: TBA
- November 5-7, 2010 Pacifica Women of the ELCA Convention
Location: King of Glory Lutheran Church, Fountain Valley
Details to follow

Almighty and ever-lasting God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope and love; and that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen



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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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* 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”



Donna Kidd Eledge and family on the passing of her mother, Marty Kidd on January 25th, 2010. She remembers how much her mother enjoyed working to create the beginning of the organization. She said that it gave her mother such pleasure to share her wisdom, wit and commitment to Christ.

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 _____

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 1, 2010** to:

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Hope's Women of the ELCA, Riverside gathered for our annual Friendship Tea where we revealed our secret pals and made valentines. We enjoyed fun, fellowship, food and an inspirational devotion/message/information from Dona Jenkins. Thank you Dona.

Marilynn Dodson
Hope Lutheran Church
Riverside

If you have a name and address of a service man or women, serving "overseas", please send me their name, and mailing address. As you know, at our Spring Gathering, we were able to put together 31 boxes. I also just received a few more item to make another 2-4 boxes, so please send me those names. You can email them to:

welca@verizon.net

Thanks,
Karen Ronchetti

*Love the moment.
Flowers grow out of dark moments.
Therefore, each moment is vital.
It affects the whole.
Life is a succession of such moments
And to live each, is to succeed.*

*By Coretta King
Submitted by Dona Jenkins*



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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..

April 5th, 2010 for Pacifica Partners

New Email: welca@verizon.net

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