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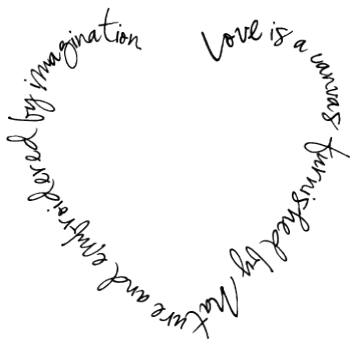
March 6, 2010

Theme:

“Called to Love as God Loves...*Unconditionally*”

“So encourage each other & build each other up”

1 Thessalonians 5:11



A Day full of Loving Fellowship

Heart Warming Devotion

Hands on Experiences

8am to 4pm

Continental Breakfast and Lunch included

Christ Lutheran Church

4761 Cass Street, Pacific Beach, Ca 92109

Letter from the President

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March 6th – “*Called to Love as God Loves – Unconditionally*” is the theme for our spring synod event. Hopefully you marked that date on your calendar quite some time ago and are ready to attend! But you may want to know a few more details to whet your appetite and encourage and invite others.

The day will begin with morning devotions and Bible study. Led by Pastor Judi Miller – a familiar face as she led the study on the “Bad Women of the Bible” just this last November. Pastor Karen Marohn will lead us in closing worship - she will be familiar to a few of you as she led our Bible study at MAAD in San Diego a few years ago.

After Bible study we will be able to stretch and move about as we assemble flat rate boxes for our military. See a list elsewhere in this issue for ideas of what to bring. I apologize for the short notice but I am always amazed at the generosity of women to bring these items. By the time you receive this issue, the list should also be on our web site and a special email will have been sent to all who have given us email addresses. A little twist is that you are also asked to bring names and addresses of those serving in the military overseas from your congregation. So we will personalize our gifts! Naturally, monetary gifts to help with the cost of mailing will also be appreciated.

Lunch is of course on the agenda – plus a continental breakfast as you arrive. The afternoon will have break-out sessions and will revolve around one of our churchwide themes of “Raising Up Healthy Women and Girls” and still fit our theme for the day. Marylou Ludwig, a massage therapist, will speak with us and show us how to massage one another. Marylou was at the Inland Empire cluster event last fall. Then we have a board member who is a language, speech, and hearing specialist and has a masters in audiology as well as speech pathology. Remember “Martha” at last year’s March event? Therese Moore will give a presentation for all ages.

One other request – bring a healthy recipe! We will talk about them and then perhaps create an electronic cookbook on our web site.

Our closing worship will include communion and be just the right note to send you on your way home by about 4 pm.

It has just come to our attention that a Lutheran World Relief truck will be in Orange County at Our Savior’s Lutheran, 800 No Cambridge Street, Orange, on March 5th to pick up quilts and health kits which are urgently needed in Haiti. ***This truck will leave promptly at 4pm.*** When we first heard, we were not certain of the date and thought it would be great if those items could be collected March 6th at our event and our Orange County women could take them to the drop off point. But we are a day too late. Still, if any of your units have quilts and health kits that can be gotten there by March 5th, we certainly encourage you to do so.

Acting Boldly in Christ!

Eunice

From your Pacifica Women of the ELCA Treasurer

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Let me introduce myself:

Andrea Campbell:

Member at Bethlehem Lutheran Church
Los Alamitos, CA 90720

I have been your treasurer for 4 years now and truly love what I do to serve.

Remember me when you fill out the **Form A transmittal form** with your Unit Offering and send it to me at:

Andrea Campbell, Pacifica Treasurer
6555 Jaluit St.
Los Alamitos, CA 90720

Call me with questions anytime @ (714) 891-2556

Just a small note from our Treasurer...

Since the past fiscal year for Pacifica Women of the ELCA ended January 31, 2010, I would like to report how well we did this past year. **I would personally like to THANK all those Congregational Units that provided support** so that we can keep pace with our budget. In reference to our Benevolence giving, the highlight is that **We (Pacifica WELCA)** have contributed \$9457.23 (50%) of our Unit Offerings, of cluster events, of March and November events in 2009 to the Churchwide Organization-Women of the ELCA which is in Chicago. This enables them to support their churchwide ministries.

For all this I offer a prayer:

*Almighty God:
you give seed for us to sow,
and bread for us to eat;
make us thankful for what we have received;
make us rich to do those generous things
which supply your people's needs;
so all the world may give you thanks and glory.
Amen.*

*May we continue to **ACT BOLDLY** in 2010.
Blessings,
Andrea Campbell
Pacifica WELCA Treasurer*

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March 6, 2010

Christ Lutheran Church

4761 Cass Street

Pacific Beach, CA 92109

(858) 483-2300

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

Early Bird-postmark by 2/20	\$30.00
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Postmark after 2/20	\$35.00
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Make checks payable to:

Pacifica Women of the ELCA

Mail to:

Dona Jenkins

2170 Hackamore Place, Riverside, CA 92506

Please Print: (or affix an address label)

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Address: _____

Telephone: () _____ Email: _____

Church: _____ Church City: _____

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Schedule for the day

8am to 9am: Registration and Continental Breakfast

9am to 9:15am: Opening Devotion

9:15am to 10:45am: Bible Study with Pastor Judi Miller

10:45am to 11:30am: Assemble Love Gift boxes for our military

*11:30am to 12:30pm: Lunch / Fellowship
provided by Apple Spice Junction*

12:30pm to 2:30pm: Called to Love as God Loves...Unconditionally

2:30pm to 4pm: Worship led by Pastor Karen Marohn

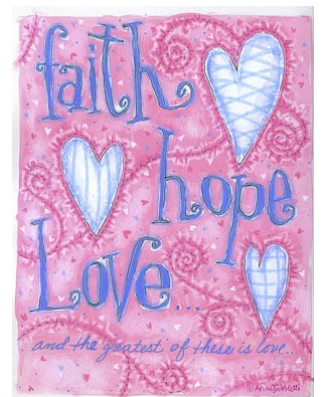
Please bring a "Healthy Recipe" to share. We will be creating a electronic cookbook on our website.

God made friends because stories, dreams, and prayers are meant to be shared.

God made friends to remind us to laugh a lot and be really silly sometimes.

God made friends to help us feel loved and accepted just the way we are.

I thank God every day for the gift of Friendships, especially yours.



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Directions to Christ Lutheran, Pacific Beach

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From southbound I-5:

Take Garnet/Balboa exit.

Turn right on Garnet to Cass Street (approximately 2.5 miles - streets listed alphabetically Olney - Cass).

Turn right on Cass Street, go 4 blocks. Second church on the right between Missouri St. and Chalcedony St.

For Parking lots: Turn right on Chalcedony St., lots on the left and right side of the street are for Christ Lutheran.

From Northbound I-5:

Take Grand Ave. exit.

Turn left on to Grand Ave. to Cass Street (approximately 2.5 miles - streets listed alphabetically Olney - Cass).

Turn right on Cass Street, go 6 blocks. Second church on the right between Missouri St. and Chalcedony St.

*Items for Love Gift Boxes
Spring Gathering, March 6, 2010*

Food/Snack Items

Brown Sugar or Strawberry Pop Tarts
Ramen Noodles-Chicken Flavor Only
Chex Mix 1.75 oz snack size
Kraft Cheese & Crackers
Hunts Pudding (Chocolate or Vanilla)
Juicy Fruit Gum
Twizzlers / Red Vines
Tuna Lunch Kits
Sunflower Seeds, Peanuts, Cashews
Hot Cocoa
Ground Coffee
Granola Bars
Crystal Lite or "On the Go" flavoring packets

Personal Supplies

pkg 90 ct wipes (portable size-non alcohol)
2oz Hand Sanitizer (Germ X or Purell)
30 ct Q-Tips
Playing Cards
Individual Tooth Brushes
Body Wash-Liquid (No Pumps)
Socks (boot cut-white or black)
Undershirts (all sizes-olive green/short sleeve/100% cotton)
72" Bootlaces (brown or tan)
Quart size or Gallon size Ziploc bags
Sunblock
Lip Balm (lipstick style, not tube style)

We will kindly accept donations for mailing.

OR

We will also have a "Haiti Relief Donation Basket" for monetary gifts only. These donations will be sent to LWR.

All churches are asked to bring a name and address of a service man or women that your congregation is praying for. We will be making "Love Gift boxes" for each of them.

If you can also have a child in your church, make a card for a box that we are assembling, the soldier's really love this from home.

Calendar of Events

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- February 21, 2010 Winter Fun Day
Location: Christ Lutheran, San Clemente
Time: 11:30am-1:30pm
- February 27, 2010 SWO Board Meeting
Location/Time: Lutheran Center for Mission & Learning
Time: 9am
- March 6, 2010 Spring Gathering "Called to Love as God Loves...*Unconditionally*"
Location: Christ Lutheran Pacific Beach (see page 6 for directions)
Time: 8am to 4pm (see page 5 for schedule)
- April 17, 2010 Son & Surf, Saddleback & Rejoice Cluster Event
Location: Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, Garden Grove
Time: 9am
- May 6-8, 2010 Synod Assembly
Location: Town & Country Resort, San Diego
More information on www.pacificasynod.org
- May 8, 2010 Mother's Day Tea
Location: Our Redeemer, Garden Grove
Time: TBA
- July 10, 2010 Son & Surf, Saddleback & Rejoice Cluster President's Planning Meeting
Location: King of Glory Lutheran Church
Time: 9am
- November 5-7, 2010 Pacifica Women of the ELCA Convention
Location: King of Glory Lutheran Church, Fountain Valley
Details to follow

Lord God, source of every blessing, you showed forth your glory and led many to faith by the works of your Son, who brought gladness and salvation to his people. Transform us by the Spirit of his love, that we may find our life together in him, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.



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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"

We have received word that Rev. April Larson (former Bishop of the ELCA LaCrosse Area Synod, WIS.) & Rev. Judd Larson's son Ben, daughter-in-law Renee and nephew Jonathan, who were in Haiti at the time of the earthquake. Ben was killed when the building (St. Joseph's home for Boys), in which he, his wife Renee and cousin Jonathon were in at the time of the quake, collapsed. Efforts were made to save him but failed. Please keep the family in your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. More information can be found on the Pacifica Synod website under ELCA News.

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.

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).

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.giveamminute.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..

March 5, 2010 for Pacifica Partners

New Email: welca@verizon.net

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