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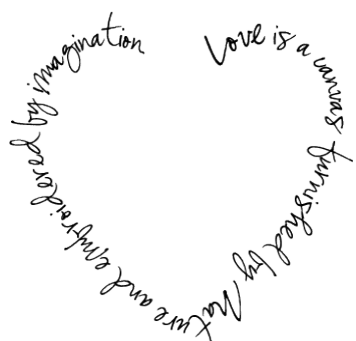
March 6, 2010

Theme:

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

“So encourage each other & build each other up”

1 Thessalonians 5:11



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Letter from the President

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For many units, January is the time of new beginnings. New officers or coordinating council members have been elected and now take office. Planning for this year begins to take place if you have unit events on a monthly, quarterly, or other basis. I have been receiving notices of new officers. This is important as we have a protected site on the churchwide website to list the names and addresses of two unit contacts. Email addresses and phone numbers also. This

allows churchwide to send resources to women directly rather than to a church office where history tells us they are often “lost” and don’t get into the right hands. And it is important when determining how many delegates we will send to the triennial conventions. That was already determined last year for the one coming up in 2011 in Spokane WA. But if our contact information is kept current, we will always be ready.

On the other hand, I also received a notice that a unit had completely disbanded. That is sad news as it always makes me wonder if they really understood the value of our organization and how simply it can be organized. It would not surprise me at all if ministry is still happening with women in that congregation even though they have chosen to no longer officially be a unit in our organization. Last March I prepared a power point presentation regarding the why and how to be organized. I would welcome any invitation to bring that to any local unit and tailor it to your needs and questions. Or any other board member would gladly come to a unit to answer questions or give a presentation. Any unit whether struggling or just wanting to share what is happening for them is always welcome to invite a board member – we exist to help you!

Since I mentioned the triennial in Spokane in 2011 – it is not too soon to plan for this event!! Based on our five year plan, that would be the year for us to convention in HI, but we moved that to 2012 so that we could all plan to attend both events! This November we will be electing four delegates (plus the president) for that triennial so begin thinking now who you would like to represent Pacifica Synod in 2011. Remember that each nominee must be nominated by a unit. Women can volunteer to become a nominee but they must go through their unit and have the unit submit the nomination. The nomination committee is not yet in place and those details will come in next few months, but you can still be thinking and praying about this important election.

And speaking of elections, this will be an important year for us. We did not have a convention in 2009 so now in November 2010 we will be electing a full slate of officers and board members. There are currently just three or four who will be eligible to run again for board positions. We do not have a campaign! We will have a nominating committee for secretary, treasurer, and eight board members. President and Vice President are elected by nominating ballot. It definitely is not too soon to be thinking and praying about who will serve for 2010-2011. And be ready to volunteer!

Are you regularly checking out our churchwide website at www.womenoftheelca.org? The newest resources available are right on the front home page and right now are on “Raising Up Healthy Women and Girls”, Faithful Stewardship, and Ephiphany. They can be downloaded – Free! Also right on the front page are opportunities to blog, twitter, and join facebook. I will have to confess that as much as I enjoy the computer, internet, and email, I have just not gotten into facebook, blogging, or twitter. However, it is even available on our www.pacificawomen.org site. Dona Jenkins maintains this site for us and would love to have interest in these newest forms of communication.

A wish for a Happy and Blessed New Year to you all as you continue –

Acting Boldly in Christ!

Eunice

Greetings from Hawaii

By Juli Patten, Vice President

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My life in the sandwich generation

As I sat in the doctors office with my father who is 71 , my 66 year old mother and my 19 year old daughter, I kind of wondered in my head how I got to this point in life. I don't remember my parents ever taking care of their parents. My paternal grandmother came to live with us when I was a teenager for several months. I always thought she came to Hawaii to escape the cold Minnesota winters. Now thinking about it, as one of five children in the winter months, grandma became my parents responsibility. When the doctor asked my father how his bowel movements were and he described them in vivid detail while my daughter covered her ears, I realized I am in between all of this somehow. I am still raising my children and I am also raising my parents.

While taking our children to the doctor, monitoring their bodily functions, making sure they eat right and stay out of trouble are all things we signed on for when we brought those beautiful little babies into the world, doing those same things for our parents was not listed in the life's little play book I received. Don't misunderstand I love my parents and would do anything to help them. I just thought I could finish raising my kids first.

When ever I am trying to figure things out I look to my faith for answers. The 10 commandments helped right away, Honor thy father and mother. I have never had a problem with that one, I love my parents and honor the person they have helped me become. I guess sitting up with a list of 30 medications and putting them into morning and evening pill containers fall under that commandment.

Ephesians 6:1 Obey your parents. So when my mother calls at 10:30 needing help with my father I hop in my car and drive right over, that surely would fall under that verse in the Bible. Colossians 3:20 Obey your parents in all things. So when my father wants to go the theater that is 15 minutes closer and smells slightly of stale popcorn and mildew rather than go to the newer, cleaner one I must live my faith and hold my nose.

1 Timothy 5:4 If any widow has children or grandchildren let them first learn to show piety at home and to repay their parents, for this is good and acceptable before God. Okay this really gets to the heart of it, if I look at my life through this lens of faith, then all these things that sometimes make my life complicated are just small tests of my faith I should embrace them. Most of the time I am able to look at all these little moments and be joyful that I have my parents and they can still be a tiny thorn in my side, filled with love.

"Yesterday is but a dream, tomorrow but a vision, But today well lived makes every yesterday a dream of happiness, and every tomorrow a vision of hope".



Spring Gathering Registration

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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)

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: () _____ Email: _____

Church: _____ Church City: _____

Calendar of Events

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| January 22, 2010 | Girl's Night Out
Location: Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Irvine
Cost: \$10 at door |
| January 29-31, 2010 | Hukilau Cluster Event
Location: St. Stephen Diocesan Center
Cost: \$200 incl. all lodging & meals |
| February 6, 2010 | Son & Surf, Saddleback & Rejoice Cluster President's Planning Meeting.
Location: Newport Harbor Lutheran Church
Time: 9am
Contact: Lois Mosing (714) 593-6233 |
| February 27, 2010 | SWO Board Meeting
Location/Time: Lutheran Center for Mission & Learning
Time: TBA |
| 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 |
| 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 |

*"O God, show forth your almighty power chiefly by reaching out to us in mercy. Grant us the fullness of your grace, strengthen our trust in your promises, and bring all the world to share in the treasures that come through you 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"

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.

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

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Congregational Units:

Please complete this form as soon as possible after your elections or change of contact women. Please type or print neatly so that the form will copy well. Mail or email to:

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Your Cluster Coordinator

Congregation_____

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Cluster_____

Telephone_____

Name of your immediate past contact_____ Her zip code_____

President/Contact Person

Secretary/Second Contact

Name:_____

Name:_____

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These names will be submitted in a secure and confidential area of our churchwide Women of the ELCA website so that mailings from Chicago come to an interested person. Our synodical secretary will use the information to send out emails regarding synodical events and when the next newsletter is ready on our website (www.pacificawomen.org) and to officially notify each unit of the convention each year. Your cluster coordinator will use it to let you know when there is a planning meeting for a cluster event.

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2010 Synodical Board Members

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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..

February 1, 2010 for Pacifica Partners

New Email: welca@verizon.net

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