

PACIFICA PARTNERS



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Saturday, November 7, 2009 8:00am $\sim 7:00$ pm Registration $8:00 \sim 9:00$

Ronald McDonald House Servant Event 7irst Lutheran Church 1207 W. Cypress Ave. Redlands, CA Worship & Home Base

Edward's Mansion
Banquet

Cost:

Adults (over 10) ~ \$60.00 Bring a Guest (two for) ~ \$100.00 3-10 Year Olds ~ \$25.00

Includes: Continental Breakfast, Lunch, & Banquet

Activities at First Lutheran

Worship

Box Lunch

Blanket Tie

Children's Program

Silent Auction

Bible Study

Activities at Ronald McDonald House

Tours

Baked Potato Buffet for Residents Games with the Children Face Painting & Balloon Animals Prayer Walk

Love Gifts

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

July 31st—Girls' Night Out—Friday at 7:15 pm at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 4800 Irvine Center Drive, Irvine.....Featuring—Stephanie Edwards \$10 donation taken at door

September 19th—"Bible Study in the OC" 9:00 am to 2:30 pm at Our Savior's Lutheran Church, 200 Avenida San Pablo, San Clemente call Kelly Frohner at 949-361-2331 Cost is \$20.00 and deadline to register is September 1st. See June issue of P.P. on page 5 for registration form and flier.

October 3rd—Clairemont Lutheran Church 2:00 pm more information to follow in next issue. Contact Shirley Lamb (858) 453-1432.

October 3rd—Big Bear, Mariposa & Raincross Clusters at Eden, Riverside 8:30 am—5:00 pm "Women caring for God's gift of life.....A one day retreat. Registration \$10

November 7th—One Day Event for Pacifica Synodical Women, see information elsewhere in this edition. Be sure to share and post in your unit!

Volunteers are unpaid not be-cause they are worthless, but be-cause they are they are priceless.



* 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.

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.

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Deadline for news is the <u>first</u> of the month prior to the month of publication.

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.

Your Pacifica Women of the ELCA synodical board met June 27th at Our Savior's Lutheran in San Bernardino. A good part of the day was spent in continued planning for our November 7th event. It is really shaping up to be a full



and wonderful day. There is a separate article in this newsletter which lists many of the activities that are planned. You will also find the registration form and a scholarship application form.

Registration Cost:

We have really worked to keep the cost low and have decided to charge a registration fee of \$60 which will only cover the cost of the meals. The rest of the expenses for the day will be covered by dollars we have on hand because we have worked hard at being frugal and have used your offerings for churchwide and other giving rather than operation expenses. And in years past we budgeted a fairly large amount for the event/s we held in January. So we feel it is time for us to provide this event for you!

You will also note on the registration form that if you bring a friend, there is a two for one price of \$100. It is intended of course that you will bring someone who perhaps has not participated before or at least not on a regular basis. Maybe someone you would like to encourage and have her get to know us as an organization. This guest can be any age – older than you or younger than you!

Scholarships:

It was also decided to offer scholarships even though it is a one day event. We are especially wanting to encourage teenage girls to come. The board made a motion which carried, to extend the age range for the SWO-What? Scholarship to 13-35. Not just for this year but for the future. The young girls who participated last year were enthusiastic about the program and we enjoyed having them. This is the way we want to grow our organization! But the scholarships are not restricted to this age group.

Silent Auction:

Since we are offering scholarships, it was decided to again have a silent auction even though this is not a convention year. We are thinking it may not be quite on the scale of the ones we have had in recent years – but again all proceeds will continue to fund scholarships. Gift baskets relating to our theme have been popular but donations can be anything you would like to contribute. These items will be accepted as you come to register and will be on display at the church and bidding will close before we leave for the banquet.

First Lutheran in Redlands has graciously agreed to host us for a good part of the day. That is where we will register and have a continental breakfast. We will also worship there. Then we will use First as a base as the Ronald McDonald House can not accommodate all of us at one time. First is just a few minutes away so driving back and forth should not be difficult. There will be maps (likely in our next newsletter as well as at registration). There will be activities planned at the church as well as at the Ronald McDonald House. Between now and then we may add and subtract ideas as we further confirm what we are able to do. But we do plan to tie blankets like we have done in the past. They will be part of our Love Gifts to the Ronald McDonald House. You can check out the other ideas in the bullet point article in this newsletter.

We have not confirmed who will be our Bible study leader, but after the events for Ronald McDonald House have concluded, we will come together back at the church for Bible study before heading to Edwards Mansion for our banquet.

Children's Program:

Another article I want to draw your attention to is Inga's article offering day care with activities. Again, the way to grow our organization is to begin with bringing children with us – the way our grandmothers used to do!! So be sure to alert mothers of young children – and personally invite them to come and bring their children. With the one day time frame, this may be something they can do when their children will also be participants.

Banquet:

Remember the tent for convention in Anaheim two years ago?? Well our banquet will be in a tent – but a tent oh so much nicer!!! See Dona's short article in this issue which describes what you will experience. Depending on the weather, the sides will either be open to the beautiful grounds or closed and the tent will be heated. It actually will be quite lovely especially with linens and table centerpieces – and round tables of course which facilitate good conversation. Edwards Mansion will be a unique location and we hope you enjoy it. There is a real mansion and it has a banquet space inside but on the second floor without an elevator and it is not quite large enough for our group. You can check out pictures at www.edwardsmansion.com. We will be entertained by "4 Joy" barbershop quartet. We do have a bit of a connection with them as one of the members is a brother to one of our board members.

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Weekend Getaway?:

This is a one day event – and some of you are traveling at least a couple of hours. The banquet will end by 7 pm yet, it may be a very long day for some of you and you may wish to stay overnight either Friday night or Saturday night or even make it a full get away weekend. We have not contracted with any hotel nor reserved a block of rooms. But a couple of our board members are familiar with hotels in the area and we have prepared a list of those they recommend. It will be up to you to make those arrangements if you choose to stay.

Reminder! Keep checking out www.pacificawomen.org and www.womenoftheelca.org.

Acting Boldly in Christ!

Eunice

Let's bring together women and children of all ages this November!!!!

We will be providing ACTIVITIES especially for YOUR KIDS!!!

cuss bringing younger women into the organization. How do we do that? What program can we put on that will interest those of you that have been the back bone of the organization and those that are newer and maybe even younger? It is definitely a challenge!! I think we had a great starting point at convention last November with the youth that joined us. They all seemed to have so much fun!! I would like to stretch our participation even younger than the youth though and encourage you to bring your little ones with you in November! How else is this organization going to grow unless you introduce your children, grandchildren, nieces and friends to events like this one now? It is never too early....or too late for that matter. Invite your family and friends of ALL ages to this special one day event!

You have all seen me bring my kids to convention. It is not always the easiest to keep them entertained; but it is SO FUN to have them there with me. I believe that is how I am Acting Boldly in Christ; by participating in such a great organization and introducing my kids at a young age so that they will want to grow up and participate in the church as well! And for those of you that have boys....if you can only come to the event if you bring your son with you...bring your little boy (my sister and I do). There is room for everyone! We would rather have you come together with your Sisters in Christ than stay at home any day.

This year I am very excited as my sisters and I are putting together a special program for your little ones and ours to keep them entertained during the day! As you know, our convention without walls this year includes trips to the Ronald McDonald House. We cannot all travel there at the same time, so there will be a period of time where we will be at the church. Between an Accountant (myself) and two elementary school teachers, I think we have come up with some great ideas!! We plan to have fellowship with the kids through singing, stories, snacks (of course!), making crafts that tie into the theme "Hearts, Hands, Hope" and the Ronald McDonald House and much more. They will all have something that they can take home from the event! Think of it as a "mini" one day vacation bible school for your kids.

The kids will start off the day worshiping with you and all the women. Then they can come join my sisters and I for a variety of activities. During the day, they are welcome to travel with you to Ronald McDonald House or stay with us at the church. To conclude the day, we will all head to Edwards Mansion for the banquet. If we have enough participation, maybe we can even put a little number together to sing for all of you at the banquet! There will be separate activities available for the youth and adults- you can decide where you and your kids would like to spend the middle portion of the day.

Children under 3 are free! Please feel free to bring your In every board meeting and at every convention we dis- own food for them and/or share off of your plate throughout the day. Children ages 3-10 are only \$25.00!! This includes our continental breakfast, a half size boxed lunch including a ½ sandwich, chips, drink & dessert and the banquet at Edwards Mansion PLUS fellowship, crafts and most importantly SPECIAL TIME WITH YOU!!! That is most important to me. I work so hard away from home all week that I like to spend the weekends with my kids. BUT, I also like to participate in the women's organization with all of you....so why choose? DO BOTH! If you do, this organization will never go away as the younger generations will keep it growing and growing!! See you on November 7th!!

Inga Sanders, Board Member



EDWARD'S MANSION IN REDLANDS

Our venue for the November Gathering with the theme – Hearts, Hands and Hope – will be at the Edward's Mansion in Redlands. The Mansion is directly off of the 10 freeway and is a short distance from First Lutheran Church, where we will be meeting most of the day for worship, bible study and just as a "home base". The area for our banquet is the East Pavilion. Beautiful gardens and fountains surround the area. You will be in for a treat! With a billowing ceiling, adorable lighting and spaciousness for all, you may feel like a queen, or at least a princess. The area is originally meant to be for wedding receptions, so you can imagine the appropriateness for a fine banquet for fine women. Also, you will enjoy unique entertainment and fun for all. Our dinner will include only the best the Mansion provides. A surprise dessert awaits you! Join us as we wind down our day with old and new friends at an enchanting place, the Edward's Mansion in Redlands.

Here is a list of recommended hotels should anyone wish to choose one during our November 7th event.

Comfort Suites in Redlands 1230 W. Colton Avenue Redlands, CA[†] 92374 (909) 335-9988[†] www.comfortsuites.com

Ayres Hotel Redlands[†] 1015 W. Colton Ave Redlands, CA 92374 (909) 335-9024 www.ayreshotels.com

Residence Inn by Marriott 1040 E. Harriman Place San Bernardino, CA 92408 (909) 382-4564 www.marriott.com

Fairfield Inn and Suites

1041 E. Harriman Place San Bernardino, CA 92408

(909) 382-4560 www.marriott.com

Hilton Hotel

285 East Hospitality Lane San Bernardino, CA (909) 889-0133 www1.hilton.com

The top two are newest and close by. If you have Marriott points, the two listed are very close. And you may recognize the Hilton as we have had our convention there twice.



Don't forget to register for the Bible Study in the OC on Saturday, September 19th, Saturday. It will be held at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in San Clemente starting at 9:00 am.

If you have questions contact Kelly Frohner at 949-361-2331. Cost is \$20.00.

Rev. Dr. Sarah Henrich, professor of New Testament at Luther Seminary in St. Paul., MN and author of the 2009-2010 Bible study will introduce "TO God's Beloved: Paul's Letter to the Romans"

Registration Deadline—September 1st

ARE YOU A TEA CUP OR A TEA POT?

TEACUPS:

- Beautiful
- Delicate, yet strong
- Unique
- Offers relaxation and soothes the spirit
- Holds what is put into them with no outlet

TEAPOTS:

- Beautiful
- Delicate, yet strong
- Unique
- Offers relaxation and soothers the spirit
- Pours out what is put into it

Read 2 Corinthians 1: 3-5

"Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves have received from God. For just as the sufferings of Christ flow over into our lives, so also through Christ our comfort overflows."

2 Corinthians 1: 3-5

When you compare a teacup and a teapot you will notice they both have fine qualities, yet one holds onto what is put into it, while the other pours it out again. Which would you rather be? A Teacup or a Teapot? If the 'tea' is left inside, it will become old and stagnant, so it is with us. If we hold onto blessings and not pour them out onto others, we too become old and stagnant.

We will remain beautiful on the outside, but what is on the inside will become displeasing to the Lord and ourselves. If we pour ourselves and our blessings out over others, we remain fresh and rejuvenated. The Lord will keep us filled with His Spirit and His Love as we go back to Him to be strengthened and encouraged.

The Lord is the one who fills us each day. As we do our daily devotionals and prayers we allow Him to encourage us, teach us and comfort us. We are being filled with His Spirit. What are we doing with all this love and wisdom that he has filled us with? Are we pouring it out (of our teapots) onto others each day, or are we holding it all in our tea cups?

God comforts us, so we in turn should comfort those around us in need.

Dona Jenkins, Board Member

[A story shared by Inga Sanders]

My 3 1/2 year old came up with the name "Amen" for our Pastor about a year ago. I think she kept hearing him say it over and over during the worship service that she thought that was his name.... A few months ago our Pastor left, so we now have the "New Amen," according to my daughter. After the "New Amen" had been there a few weeks, the Bishop came to lead our church service. She looked at my husband and asked "Who's That? My husband thought about it for a minute, looked back at her and said, "That's Super Amen!" So now that is what she calls him....

It's funny what kids will come up with!!







SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

FALL GATHERING

First Lutheran Church Redlands, CA

November 7, 2009

All scholarships include full registration for the day. Transportation will be excluded

Return by September 1, 2009 to:

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Help us get to know you:		
Is this the first time attending a Gathering? ☐ 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?		
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Why do you wish to receive a Scholarship?		
If you are awarded the scholarship, do you wish to remain anonymous? \Box	Yes	
Other comments: -		

This information will be kept confidential.

Websites to Check Out

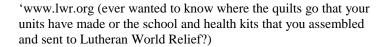
'www.pacificasynod.org' (Pacifica Synod)

'www.elca.org (This will access the national churchwide 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 the LWT magazine directly.)



'www.hisrosesandthorns.com (a Christian website of Wanda Scott Bledsor and Janet Sannipoli)

'www.thebreastcancersite.com (Click on this site once a day to provide free mamograms for those who otherwise would not be able to have them.)

'www.creative-memories.com/suzanne_kusik (Your Memory Album and Business Coach—Suzanne Kusik—Creative Memories Consultant, 714-968-4808

'www.giveaminute.org (Click on this site once a day and the sponsors will contribute funds for a minute of care for the needy Indian children of the Tarahumara Children's Hospital in Creel, Mexico. The 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 the sponsors will give a cup of grain for a daily click.)

'www.bread.org (Bread for the World for information.)

'www.cherishchildren.org (information on Cherish the Children)

If you know of a website that would be of interest to others feel free to let me know inclusion in this area.

E-mail to helen.riggs1@verizon.net

The Deadline is.....

<u>September 15th 2009</u>

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"HEARTS, HANDS & HOPE"

"Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer." Romans 12:12

November 7, 2009

FIRST LUTHERAN, Redlands

- Registration 8-9 am w/Continental breakfast
- Worship
- · Get acquainted mixer
- · Box lunch
- "Home Base" during servant event
- Blanket tying
- Children's program
- Silent Auction
- Closing Bible Study before banquet

RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE, Loma Linda

- Potato buffet for families
- Play games with children
- Tours
- Prayer walk
- Character appearance w/balloons
- Love Gifts

EDWARDS MANSION - in very nice tent on beautiful grounds

- Banquet 5-7 pm
- 4 Joy barbershop quartet

See other articles for further information



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REGISTRATION FORM FALL GATHERING

November 7, 2009 8:00am ~ 7:00pm

FIRST LUTHERAN, REDLANDS Worship & Home Base

RONALD McDonald House Servant Event

EDWARDS MANSION

Banquet

\$60

Adults (over 10)

	3-10 Year Olds	\$25		
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Address:				
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Church;		Located in:		_
Names: 3-10 Year Olds				
Names: Pre-teens/Teens				
Names: Adult Guest				

Bring a Guest (two for) \$100



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