



Mission Statement

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

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You Are Invited!!



PACIFICA WOMEN
OF THE ELCA

30th Annual Convention & Gathering

November 3 – 4, 2017

Keynote Speaker:

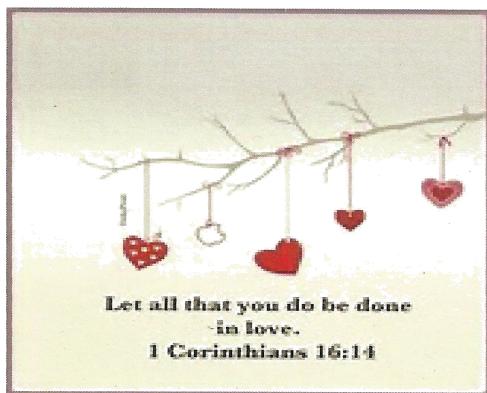
Pastor Meghan Johnston Aelabouni

“Love Fully”



Live Fully”

Calvary Lutheran Church
Solana Beach, CA



More details to follow



Love Fully Live Fully

Convention 2017 “Fully Fact” ... AFFORDABILITY: Did you know that if you set aside \$16 a month from May 15-Oct 15, you will have the \$80 registration fee? You'll be inspired by worship and Bible study, captivated by our keynote speaker, empowered through servant events, fed by the fabulous Milton's, and tantalized at Tamarin's Table of Treats. Go for it!

Calendar

May 2017

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- May 11-13, 2017 Pacifica Synod Assembly
Location: Town & Country Resort & Convention Center
- May 26-28, 2017 Art Devotional Retreat sponsored by Vista Lutheran Women
See page 5 & 6 for more details
- June/July SWO Board Meeting - San Diego
- July 13 - 16, 2017 Women of the ELCA Triennial Gathering
Location: Minneapolis, Minnesota
Information inside this issue and watch for updates
See website: **www.welcatg.org**
Also see current issue of "Interchange" found at www.womenoftheelca.org, under publications

The deadline submit articles for the
Pacifica Partners is..

June 1, 2017

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Happy Mother's Day

Love Fully  Live Fully

Convention 2017 "Fully Fact" ... LODGING: Did you know that rooms are being set aside at the *Grand Pacific Palisades Resort* in Carlsbad specifically for us? Or that you have alternative lodging choices? Sleeping in your own bed is one, staying with a friend or relative is another. Have an RV, camper or boat? Check out local sites or marinas. Use your imagination and search out what works best for you!



LOVE FULLY



LIVE FULLY is the theme and 1 Corinthians 16:14 is

the theme verse for our convention November 3-4, 2017 at Calvary Lutheran in Solana Beach. Have you made plans to come?!! Our planning team met again April 22nd with lunch at Milton's and then had a tour of the Calvary campus. It is really amazing all Calvary has to offer. We kept getting shown one thing after another that surprised and delighted!

Because our convention is at a church, you can't just go to your hotel room to rest. But at Calvary there are two or three quiet nooks with comfy chairs that will serve that same purpose. The sanctuary building is actually two levels as it is built into/onto a hill. There is amazing space on the lower level with elevator access from both inside the building and from the "lower" but front parking lot. (We will have maps later.)

Two months ago I said that we were working on rooms at the Sheraton. Actually, the name is Grand Pacific Palisades Resort. Both the Sheraton and Grand Pacific Palisades are very near Legoland. Our contract is with Grand Pacific Palisades. Look for their information in this issue. And our rate will be good for three days prior and three days after for any who want to make this a longer time away. Still you can be creative and stay elsewhere if you wish.

We are committed to keeping the cost of registration the same as last year – other than we are not offering an "early bird" rate. That becomes confusing for our treasurer and those registering. Our delegates definitely must attend both Friday and Saturday as we will have business sessions both days. But we invite all to come for both days. Nevertheless, those that come only on Saturday, will not miss Bible Study or our Keynote speaker or our noon banquet or our closing worship. By our August issue we will publish a schedule of events.

Remember in my last article I invited women to volunteer to pray especially during our business sessions? Joanne McGavran wants to hear from you if you are willing to volunteer – or you may hear from her!

Another twist we decided on is to invite our women to be vendors. Again, note information elsewhere in this issue. If none come forward, that's ok too. But we thought it would be unique to offer "our own". There still will be displays by our organizations such as Thrivent and Lutheran Camps and Conferences, etc.

A list of items for Love gifts will be published soon. "Calvary Cares" and "Healing Hearts Across Borders" will be the recipients. You will be hearing more!

Besides email and texts, our team will meet again in person August 19th. Our board meets at Calvary July 1st. We definitely have many more details to plan, confirm, and then share – if you have any questions or concerns, please let us know. Joanne McGavran is the chair of our hard working team and can be reached by email at jdmcgavran@gmail.com. My information and that of all board members is at the end of this newsletter.

Anew in Christ!

President Eunice Hanson



ART DEVOTIONAL WOMEN'S RETREAT

Supported by FIRST Lutheran Church - Vista

A PICTURE IS WORTH A THOUSAND WORDS
Join us for a weekend retreat in the beautiful mountains of Oak Glen.
Our goal is to encourage people to read the Bible more and express
their understanding of God's word with color, forms and textures.

WHO: Christians from other denominations are welcome.

WHAT: A weekend retreat to focus on spiritual and emotional growth
combined with some basic art skills to be applied to your bible or journal.

WHEN: Memorial Day Weekend Fri. May 26 at 3pm - Sun. May 28 at 3pm.

WHERE: Oak Glen at Lutheran Retreats, Camps & Conferences

Cost: We are offering three options of your choice.

- **3 day/2 night devotional retreat** (5 meals with a Friday potluck) - **Early Bird Price: \$270 per person if you register by 4/15/17. After 4/15/17 registration will be \$290. Special price of \$250 for a group of 5 or more from the same church** (prices are based on multiple occupancy.)
- **Saturday Attendance** (no overnight) - **\$115 per day with two meals included.**
- **Single Workshops** - **price varies based on materials required typically \$65 per person.** Single Workshop don't include make n' takes, goodie bag and meals.

A non-refundable deposit of \$100 per person is due at the time of registration. The balance is due on 05/12/2017. Registration as a group: If you are attending with your church group please have the leader register all attendees. A minimum of 15 attendees is required for the program to happen. Encourage your friends to register by 04/28/2017 to receive an extra gift.



Love Fully  **Live Fully**

Artists - Crafters – Small Business Retailers...

Looking for a place to market your creations and products? Why not consider being a **VENDOR** at our November 3-4, 2017 Pacifica Women of the ELCA Convention at Calvary Lutheran Church, Solana Beach.

To qualify for a space you must be a member of an ELCA congregation. There is no fee for use of the space; however a donation will be much appreciated.

Contact Jackie Severa

email: jsevera67@gmail.com or

phone: 760/464-2309

for an application form.

(Space is limited.)



You are invited! The women of Faith Lutheran Church, Sun City, invite you to our **Annual Fundraiser – Saturday, June 24, 2017, 10:00-noon**. Funds raised will go to Luther Glen's Build-A-Barn Project, and The Care Project, Inc. for their work with breast cancer patients and survivors. Guest presenters will perform and share the history of hula. Your \$15 donation includes the program, lunch, and gift basket drawing. Tickets will also be available that day for additional special prize drawings. To reserve your entry ticket, contact Dee Seel at 951-672-0969. It'll be fun!!



2017 Art Devotional Registration Form



General Information:

Name _____ Birthdate _____
Home Phone (____) _____ Work Phone (____) _____
Cell Phone (____) _____ Email _____
Home Address _____
T-shirt Size _____

Emergency Contact:

Name _____ Relationship to Participant _____
Day Phone (____) _____ Night Phone (____) _____

Insurance Carrier or Plan Name _____

Group # _____

(Photocopy of front and back of health insurance card must be attached to this form.)

Information required by Lutheran Retreats, Camps & Conferences. This information is kept private for the office and camp use only.
Health History (Explain "yes" answers below.)

Has/does the participant: Yes No

1. Had any recent injury or illness
2. Have a chronic or recurring illness condition?
3. Ever been hospitalized?
4. Ever had surgery?
5. Have frequent headaches?
6. Ever been knocked unconscious?
7. Ever had seizures?
8. Ever had high blood pressure?
9. Have diabetes?
10. Sleepwalk?
11. Ever had an eating disorder?

Please explain any "yes" answers, noting the number of the questions.

Medication Allergies (list) Describe reaction and management of reaction.

Food Allergies (list) Describe reaction and management of reaction.

Other Allergies (list) Describe reaction and management of reaction.

Other Special Considerations _____

Authorization and Permission to Provide Necessary Treatment or Emergency Care:

The above information is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I hereby give permission to the medical personnel selected by the Executive Director or his/her appointee to provide routine health care; to administer medication to order X-rays, routine tests, treatment; to release any records necessary for insurance purposes; and to provide necessary related transportation for me/or my child. In the event I cannot be reached in an emergency, I hereby give permission to the physician selected by the Executive Director or his/her appointee to secure and administer treatment, including hospitalization, for the person named above. This form may be photocopied for trips out of camp.

Signature _____

Date _____

HOW DOES KATIE LUTHER INSPIRE YOU?

by Audrey Novak Riley

Women of the ELCA celebrates Katie Luther in May, remembering her not only as Martin's wife and the mother of their six children, but also as the energetic and effective manager of all that went on at Lutherhaus—its flocks and fields, its brewery and its boarding house—and as a bold, thoughtful, faithful woman.

From her childhood, Katie was apparently destined for a quiet life as a nun in the convent led by her aunt, the abbess of Nimbschen. At the age of 16, Katie made her final vows, no doubt expecting to live out her days in the convent's peaceful routine of prayer and contemplation.

But two years later, in 1517, something happened. A monk who taught at the nearby university tacked up a list of 95 theses on a church door where everyone could see them—and it was a sensation among the scholars and religious of the region. Katie and some of her sisters were eager to learn all they could about this new movement in the church, reading and discussing these new ideas among themselves.

After years of reading and thinking and praying, Katie and her sisters realized that they had to change their lives. They begged to be released from their vows, asking their families to take them back under their roofs, but the families refused. Then one of the women—maybe it was Katie?—had the idea to write to that monk in Wittenberg for his help.

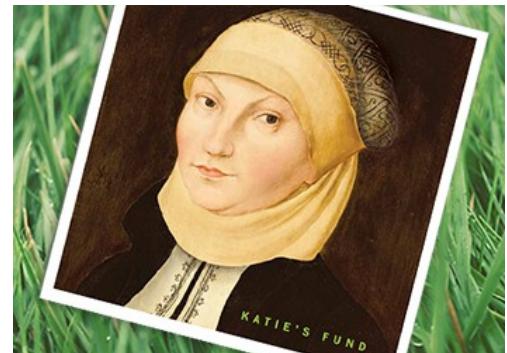
Now *that* was bold. Did they realize what they were asking? The abduction of a nun—even if it was her idea—was a crime that carried a heavy penalty, especially for a monk like Martin Luther.

And yet Katie and her friends asked. Martin and his friends answered, smuggling the women away in the wee hours of Easter morning, 1523.

Before long, all the nuns were settled in Wittenberg with the husbands Martin found for them—except one. Katharina von Bora was jilted by her first choice, and after that, she said, she would have no other but Martin Luther himself. Now *that* was bold.

The gossips had plenty to say about the scandal of the escaped nun marrying the revolutionary monk—we can imagine—but the couple found real happiness together. And *that* was bold, too.

We Lutheran women love Katie Luther, not least for her boldness. She stood for the courage of her convictions, even in the face of the sternest opposition. That's an inspiration to all of us. And her wise management of the Luther family's resources is another inspiration. What other parts of Katie's personality and life story do you find especially inspiring? How can we be more like her?



Tickets available for National Lutheran Choir



Tickets for the 64-member [National Lutheran Choir](#) Saturday evening, July 15, 2017, are available to the public.

Friends, family and Minneapolis/Saint Paul area residents are [welcome to purchase tickets to the event](#) which is being held at the historic downtown Central Lutheran Church, adjacent to the Minneapolis Convention Center. Seating is limited.

Tickets are \$25 plus a \$5 registration fee, [can be purchased online](#). Go to [Welcatg.org](#), click special events.

Conductor, composer and organist David Cherwien, directs the choir, which was founded in 1986 by the late Dr. Larry Fleming. The National Lutheran Choir sings a sacred and spiritual story rooted in the Lutheran choral tradition. From early chant and simple folk anthems to complex choral masterworks and new compositions, the choir brings a rich and diverse repertoire of music to its listeners.

Through 2018, the National Lutheran Choir will present its traditional concert series in greater Minneapolis/Saint Paul, Minn., and will also appear in a number of national performances and venues.

The choir will also go on tour to both the east and west coasts (Tacoma and Seattle, Wash., Portland and Salem, Ore., and Washington, D.C.) in the fall of 2017 for the commemoration of the 500th anniversary of the Protestant Reformation and the premiere of a major new choral work, commissioned by the National Lutheran Choir, the *Holy Spirit Mass*, by Norwegian composer Kim André Arensen.

In addition to performing in concerts, the National Lutheran Choir broadcasts on public radio and maintains a YouTube channel. A compilation of 30 recordings showcases the ensemble's music over the years and features hymns, choral classics, contemporary works, spirituals and new works.

The National Lutheran Choir received the 2007 Margaret Hillis Award for Choral Excellence from Chorus America and the 2007 Wittenberg Award from the Luther Institute.



Pacifica Synodical Women's Organization
of the Women of the ELCA
Pacifica Seminarian Scholarship Fund

Scholarship Application Form

Female: Yes No New Applicant Renewal Applicant

Contact Information

Full Name:

Last _____ First _____ M.I. _____ Preferred Name _____

Address:

Street Address _____ Apartment/Unit # _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Preferred Phone: (_____) _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Have you been approved for entrance in the
ELCA candidacy-for-ordination process?

No Yes Date Accepted: _____

Home Congregation Information

Home (Registering) Congregation: _____

Address:

Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Synod Name:

Region No.: _____

Seminary Information

Have you been admitted to an accredited theological seminary in a M.Div. or
other ELCA-recognized program leading to ordination in the ELCA?

Yes No

Seminary Name: _____

Date Entered: _____ Part-Time
or Full-Time: _____

Program of
Study: _____ Current Year
of Study: _____

Financial Aid
Office: _____ Financial Aid
Phone: (_____) _____

Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

If this is not an ELCA seminary, list affiliated ELCA Seminary: _____

Confidential Financial Information

Annual Family Income: Under \$50,000 \$50,000-\$100,000 \$100,000-\$150,000 Over \$150,000

Number in Household: _____ Number in household who are in college: _____

Applicant's own anticipated educational expenses for coming school year: \$ _____

Total Financial Aid Received: \$ _____ Balance Needed: \$ _____

Page. 1 Date Received _____ App. Reviewed Scholarship Recipient? Yes No Notification Sent



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Describe any special circumstances affecting your ability to pay for seminary: _____

Ministry Involvement

Briefly list your involvement with ministries of the ELCA: _____

Future Ministry

Briefly describe your future ministry aspirations: _____

Future Potential Involvement with Pacifica SWO

To encourage the prayer and support of Pacifica Women, if selected as a scholarship recipient, are you willing to:

- | | | |
|--|------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1. Be publicly named as a recipient? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| 2. Provide a photo of yourself that may be published in <i>Pacifica Partners</i> (the Pacifica SWO newsletter) and/or the website of Pacifica SWO? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| 3. Provide a short devotional that may be published in <i>Pacifica Partners</i> and/or the website of Pacifica SWO? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| 3. Share your ministry experiences and insights at an event sponsored by Pacifica SWO if requested and if geographically feasible? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |

Certification

I have completed all sections of this application, and the information provided is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Application period of March 1 to May 31, send completed applications to:

Jackie Severa, SWO Board Member

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Application must be post-marked no later than May 31

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