

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

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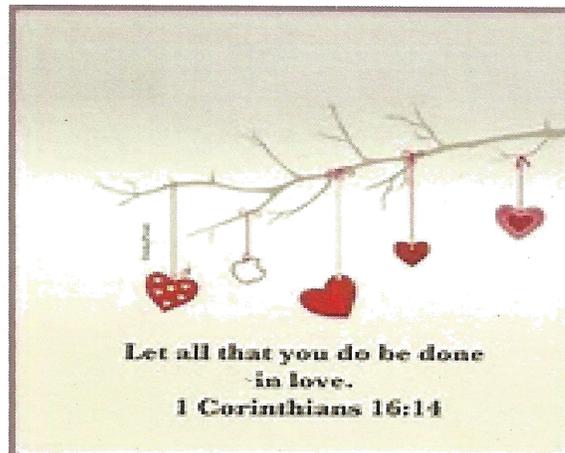
Pastor Meghan Johnston Aelabouni

“Love Fully



Live Fully”

*Calvary Lutheran Church
Solana Beach, CA*



More details to follow

Calendar

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October 31, 2017	Faith Lutheran, Menifee “Katie Luther, First Lady of the Reformation” Time: 10am (see flyer inside issue)
November 3-4, 2017	Pacifica Women of the ELCA Annual Convention Location: Calvary Lutheran, Solana Beach
March 5, 2018	Pacifica SWO Spring Event Location: Orange County
May 18-19, 2018	Pacifica Synod Assembly Location: Hope Lutheran, Palm Desert

*The deadline submit articles for the
Pacifica Partners is..*

October 5, 2017

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Women ^{of the} ELCA 

Our Purpose Statement

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.

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. Are you getting excited??!! This month we are focusing on giving you many more details on what you can collect and bring for our Love Gifts. Every year the Love Gifts that are collected are simply amazing. Tables are piled high! Am sure this year will not be any different. Think those collections certainly are part of loving fully and living fully!!

We are targeting two organizations. One is “Calvary Cares” which is our host church’s outreach program. They collect many different items during any given year. But for the time of our convention, they have suggested that food items would be most welcome. There is a flyer and a list of suggestions in this issue.

Healing Hearts Across Borders is the second organization. In this issue there is a flyer and list along with a couple of pictures of the children receiving gifts brought to them by Healing Hearts Across Borders. A spokesperson said he brings a lot of school supplies but there are never enough. Backpacks are a higher ticket item and they would really be grateful to receive these. Back to school sales are in full swing!

We are still working on the service projects that will happen especially Friday afternoon but will continue throughout Saturday as well. One idea is to either make fabric bags for individual children receiving school supplies or decorate a box for the supplies. But watch for new details – our planning team meets again this month.

Last month I mentioned that our hotel rate will be good for three days prior and three days after our weekend. So if there are those of you who will miss the three day event, consider staying at least Saturday night as well and worship Sunday morning with our hosts at Calvary Lutheran. The beach is nearby for an evening stroll!

This issue also included our registration form. The earlier you can register and the earlier we can know numbers attending, the better we can finalize the myriad of details it takes to make this event special for all!

Our triennial convention and gathering was fabulous as usual! Keala Simoes and Laura Ortiz along with myself were voting members at the convention July 11-13. Becky Shurson was elected Vice President! She has recently moved to Oregon but we still claim her. Keala was also elected to the Executive Board from our region. Which means in November we will be looking for a new representative on our synodical board from Hawaii. Worship and music are always the highlights for me during the Gathering. Then Phoenix in 2020! We should have a large group attending from Pacifica – so start planning now!

Anew in Christ!

President Eunice Hanson



Registration

Pacifica Women of the ELCA Convention & Gathering

November 3 & 4, 2017



Registration Deadline: 10/18/17

Voting Member must register by 10/5/2017

Friday & Saturday \$80

Registration & 3 meals

Saturday ONLY \$60

Registration & 2 meals

Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

Included Meals

Friday: Buffet Dinner
 Saturday: Breakfast Buffet
Banquet Lunch Buffet

Please note if you have any special dietary needs: _____

Emergency Contact

Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Please note: Hotel not included with registration. Make your own reservation.

Suggested Hotel

Grand Pacific Palisades Resort & Hotel
 5805 Armada Drive, Carlsbad
 (760) 827-3200 or (800) 725-4723

Request the special "WELCA" rate of
\$149/per night. (Not including taxes)

Room w/ 2 Queen; Sleeps 4

Please Print Clearly

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone: (_____) _____

E-Mail: _____

Church: _____

Church City: _____

Please CHECK all boxes that apply:

VOTING MEMBER: You may be assigned to a Convention Committee by the President. She will notify you.

NON-Voting Member: Check if your Congregation has a unit

REPRESENTATIVE: Check if your Congregation does not have a unit. You will have a voice, but not a vote.

SWO BOARD and/or GUEST. CWO Representative, Pastor, member of unit outside ELCA, and/or Vendor.

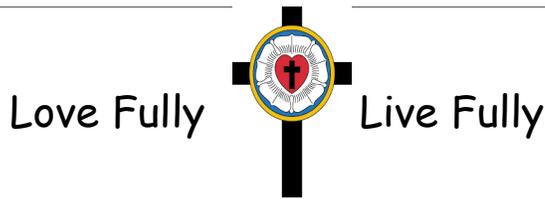
FIRST TIME ATTENDEE

Unit President and/or Unit Contact

Registration is Non-Refundable, but it is Transferable

Make checks payable to: Pacifica Women of the ELCA

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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.)

?? Did you know that you have the power to change things??

Is there an issue or concern dear to the hearts of the women in your congregational unit – something you discuss at Circle Bible study, the Sunday coffee hour, or Board meetings? **Act now!** Create a resolution and bring it to convention this year!

Resolutions are easy to put together...

Step 1... fear not!

Step 2... Create the "Whereas" section. Put into words the reasons for wanting to effect change or take action.

Step 3... Create the "Be it resolved" section - Identify action item(s).

Here's a sample ... a silly one, but you get the idea:

Resolution to Provide Chocolate at Conventions

Whereas... many women love chocolate, and
Whereas... chocolate has proved beneficial to women in a variety of ways, and

Whereas... chocolate is tasty and affordable;

Therefore be it resolved... that chocolate be in ample supply for attendees at this and future conventions.

Submitted by: Faith Lutheran Women of the ELCA, Your City 06/01/2016

Step 4... mail your signed and dated resolution to the Chair of the Committee on Reference and Counsel. (Her name will be publicized in future *Pacifica Partners*.)

Resolutions to provide scholarship money to female seminarians, to reduce the amount of paper we use at our conventions, the frequency of our conventions, are just a few examples of what happens when women are moved to take action.

??Need help with your resolution?? No worries! Just give me a call and we'll work through it together!

Blessings in Christ... Joanne McGavran (951-246-7920).



Convention 2017 "Fully Fact" ... Did you know that we plan to run a shuttle and car pools on Friday night from Calvary Lutheran to the suggested hotel, the Grand Pacific Palisades, for those who are uncomfortable driving after dark? We'll work out the details and share them with you in upcoming issues of *Pacifica Partners*.

Love Gift Recipient
Calvary Cares

“Love Fully  Live Fully”

We have selected Calvary Lutheran, our host for this year’s convention, as one of our “Love Gifts’ recipients. Calvary has an outreach program which provides families with non-perishable food items. Below is a list of “non-perishable” food items to donate. Please avoid items in glass containers.



- Canned meats (e.g. chicken & tuna)
- Peanut butter
- Jelly
- Rice
- Beans (dry or canned)
- Pasta
- Oatmeal
- Tortillas
- Granola bars/cereal bars
- Canned pasta sauce
- Canned fruit/vegetables



Love Gift Recipient:
“Hearts Across Borders”

“Love Fully  Live Fully”

Our mission...

“to bring healing for the body and hope for the heart to the poor in Tijuana, Mexico.”

“School Supplies”

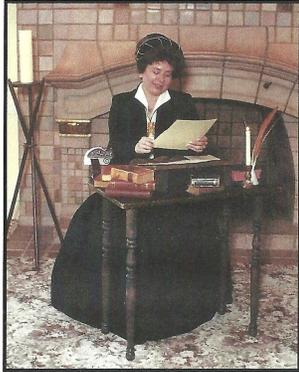


bring "kits" with small items, such as:
Pencils, pens, markers, crayons
colored pencils, sharpeners
mini calculators, staplers, erasers
glue sticks, spiral notebooks, backpacks



In Celebration of this year's 500th Anniversary of the Reformation
Faith Lutheran Church cordially invites you to experience . . .

"Katie Luther, First Lady of the Reformation"



Portrayed by Rev. Gwen Ehrenborg

Katherine Von Bora, the wife of the great reformer Martin Luther, will share the story of how a lowly monk challenged the mightiest power on earth in his day with the posting of 95 theses for debate. Dr. Luther's Scriptural insights and his almost single-handedly placing the Bible in the hands of the common people for the first time in their everyday speech, resulted in the transformation of the Christian Church, which continues to this day.

Tuesday, October 31, 2017

10:00 a.m.

**Be our guest for lunch immediately following
28200 Portsmouth Dr., Menifee, CA 92586
For more information call Dee Seel 951-672-0969**

Stewardship and support: All Anew

by Audrey Riley

In July of this year, thousands of women gathered in Minneapolis under the theme, "All Anew." For many—more than 1,300—the event was their first triennial; for others, it was their second or third; for some, it was their tenth triennial gathering of Women of the ELCA.

Together, all these women (and a few men) sang and prayed and learned and played—and they gave in an All Anew way. They gave blood for the Red Cross blood drive, sweat in the Run, Walk and Roll 5K, and handiwork in quilts, finger labyrinths and more, as well as in-kind gifts and offerings of money, all poured out and overflowing in loving service and generosity.

The opening worship service of the Tenth Triennial Gathering was a Thankoffering service, following the outline included in this issue of *Interchange*. What an offering of thankfulness and praise! The women who took part in that service gave a total of nearly \$50,000 in joyful gratitude for blessings received. That's a lot of gratitude—but then again, there's a lot to be grateful for, isn't there? Amen and amen.

Thankofferings support the ongoing ministries of the churchwide expression of Women of the ELCA. Some of the activities supported by our Thankofferings include the work of our elected churchwide board, the publishing ministries of Women of the ELCA, our scholarships committee, and much more. Your faithful generosity makes all the work of Women of the ELCA possible.

Thank you.

Audrey Riley is director for stewardship and development for

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“Freed and Renewed in Christ” is the theme used by the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America’s (ELCA) churchwide organization in its observance of the 500th anniversary of the Reformation that began with the 95 theses that Martin Luther first made public on Oct. 31, 1517. “500 Years of God’s Grace in Action” is a tagline that has been incorporated with the theme into a single graphic representation.

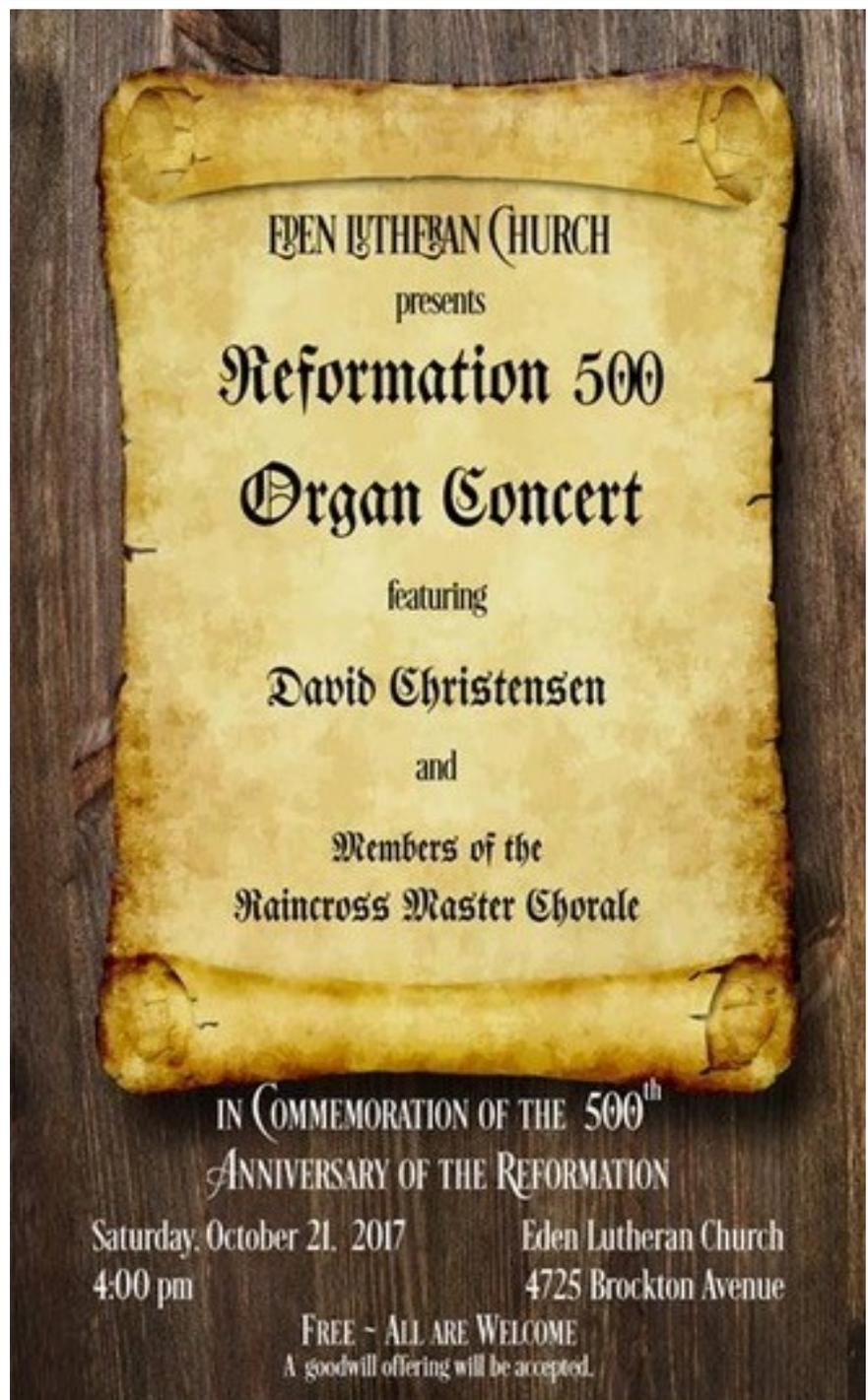
In “The Freedom of a Christian” (1520) Martin Luther famously wrote “A Christian is lord of all, completely free of everything; a Christian is a servant, completely attentive to the needs of all.” The ELCA’s theme expresses this message of the Christian faith’s freedom and a renewed life of service to others in Jesus Christ.



Triennial Numbers:

- 3,400 participants,
- 1,300 first-timers;
- \$49,094.60 Thankoffering Service;
- \$19,000 gift cards,
- 27,000 items of hygiene products, clothing, quilt kits, Days For Girls kits;
- \$64,000 Sunday Service:
25% PV for Phebe Hospital,
25% Cherish All Children,
50% WELCA

It’s not too early or too late to start saving for the 2020 Triennial Gathering in Phoenix, AZ!



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