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Women of the ELCA Annual Convention

*Hampton Inn
3888 Greenwood Street, San Diego, CA*

Theme: "God's Promise, Purpose, Prayer and Praise"

Bible verse:

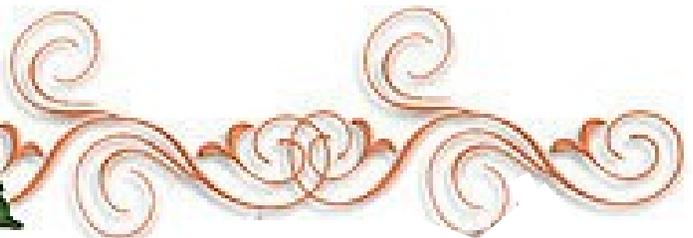
Psalms 138:8 God made each of us for a purpose

Bring your laughter, prepare to have fun

and

dust off your best Hawaiian dress!

More information on inside the Pacifica Partners!



Greetings from your Pacifica W-ELCA President

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Let's see how we can continue our "JOURNEY".

I was able to "COME TO THE TABLE" and attend the 2011 Pacifica Synod Assembly on a recent Friday afternoon and give a report and present to Bishop Murray Finck a \$1000.00 gift from Pacifica Women of the ELCA. This gift will be used to benefit ministries that help women and children. I would like to thank our Vice-President, Karen Ronchetti for having an excellent display table with a information filled video and many handouts for the women who stopped by. I was able to meet and talk with our ladies of Pacifica.



Happy to announce that we have 30 Pacifica women going on the journey with me to our Eighth Triennial Convention/Gathering taking place July 12-17, 2011 in Spokane, WA. More exciting news is that those of you who couldn't join us physically in Spokane, you will be able to join the triennial convention and gathering online at www.facebook.com/WomenoftheELCA and watch all the exciting on goings. This is a call to Women of the ELCA to get ready in bold new ways.

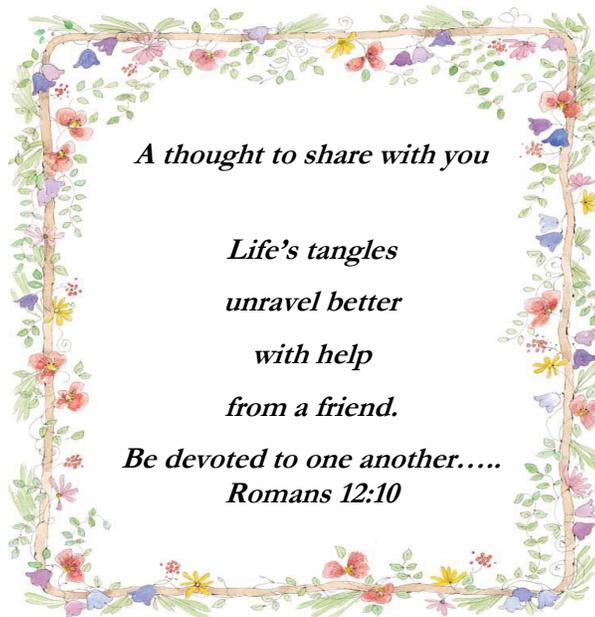
Also, our very own Pacifica Woman, Dona Jenkins of Eden Lutheran Church, Riverside, CA is a nominee for Executive Board from Region 2C (Pacifica). We wish her our Blessings and support.

Looking ahead: Summer Bible Study in Lutheran Woman Today (June and July/August issues).

Save the date: Nov. 4-6, 2011 Pacifica Women of the ELCA annual convention, San Diego, CA. Your SWO Board recently met in San Diego at the hotel site for the day. Much thought has gone into preparing for this event. I know you will be pleased. We need your prayers as we continue to work together in service and love.

Thank you for your continued support and prayers for your Pacifica Board. Don't hesitate to contact us if you need anything.

*Blessings,
Andrea Campbell*



Triennial Gathering News & Information

Pacifica Women you are invited to join us to...

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Prayer Shawl Collection

Get out your knitting needles and crochet hooks and create a prayer shawl. The shawls will be given to ministries in our host synod, the Eastern Washington–Idaho Synod. Let's see how many prayer shawls Lutheran women can amass at the gathering! "Shawls. . . made for centuries universal and embracing, symbolic of an inclusive, unconditionally loving, God. They wrap, enfold, comfort, cover, give solace, mother, hug, shelter and beautify." Janet Bristow, co-founder of www.shawlministry.com, reminds us of this.



This is a great project for individuals or women working together in congregational units. Whether you've been making shawls for awhile or just now want to start a group, you can participate. Begin your shawls with a prayer of dedication and complete them with a prayer of blessing.

These prayers and a special label to print and use are available at www.womenoftheelca.org/triennialgathering or by calling 800-638-3522. Women who cannot attend the gathering in person are welcome to create prayer shawls too. Shawls can be brought to the gathering and deposited in the Exhibit Hall, Camp Dianoigo. Shawls can also be mailed to the Eastern Washington–Idaho Synod Office for arrival between June 1 and July 1, 2011.

Mail to: TG11 Prayer Shawls, Eastern Washington–Idaho Synod, 314 S. Spruce Street, Suite A, Spokane, WA 99201-5823.

"Go with an open heart, open ears, and open mind. Be prepared to leave as a different woman, one who has grown in her faith walk and ready to share. Once you go, you're hooked!"

Gwen Edwards, 45, Bellevue, Nebraska



Renew, Respond, Rejoice!

Revitalize Yourself in One Transformational Weekend

Eighth Triennial Gathering • July 14-17, 2011 • Spokane, Wash.



Are you looking for a life-changing experience that will inspire you to live out your faith? Escape from the busyness of your life and renew your spirit.

Participate in workshops, exhibits, worship services, city tours and many other activities. Speakers include peacemaker Leymah Gbowee, whose interfaith efforts brought peace to civil war-torn Liberia.

CONNECT with Lutheran sisters from around the country. Enjoy fellowship. Seek support. Meet women like you.

CELEBRATE your Christian faith. Revitalize and grow in faith. Witness powerful speakers, absorb soul-stirring music and interact in enriching Bible studies. Rejoice!

DISCOVER your heart for service. Learn how to use your gifts and talents to nourish your community within and beyond church. Respond to your calling. Make a difference.

"The intergenerational connections made between women of faith were amazing."

—AMY SANTORIELLO, 34, ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH, PITTSBURGH, PA.

"It's important for women to take time to renew themselves. I was inspired and refreshed."

—LORI BLACK, 45, ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH, ASHTON, ILL.

"It's fellowship with family time. I encourage mothers to invite their daughters and daughters to invite their mothers."

—SUSAN HUMPHREY, 55, JOY LUTHERAN CHURCH, TULSA, OKLA.

Find out more!

www.womenoftheelca.org/triennial
1-800-638-3522 ext. 2730



Women of the ELCA

Quilt Challenge (for more information, go to www.womenoftheelca.org/triennialgathering)

Make a quilt interpreting the theme, Renew, Respond, Rejoice! The challenge comes not only in interpreting the theme but also in working within certain rules. The quilt must interpret the gathering theme, Renew, Respond, Rejoice!

1. Finished size of the quilt must be 40 inches square.
2. Traditional or original patterns may be used. Credit must be given when using the pattern or design of another.
3. Quilts may be pieced or appliquéd or a combination. They may include surface embellishment techniques (e.g., dying, trapunto, stenciling, whole cloth, embroidery, batik, painting, embossing, etc.).
4. Each quilt must be quilted, not tied. Both machine quilting and hand quilting are acceptable.
5. Each quilt must have a sleeve attached to the top back for hanging. The sleeve opening must be 4 inches wide after it is attached to the quilt and must be attached in a way that it will not show when the quilt is hanging.
6. A fabric identification label must be securely sewn to a bottom back corner of the quilt (a paper label pinned to the quilt is not acceptable) with the name, address and telephone number of the entrant.
7. The challenge is open to all women who are members of ELCA congregations. The quilt must be the work of a single individual; no group or two-person quilts will be accepted. Quilt(s) must be constructed and quilted by the person named on the entry blank. The quilter need not be planning to attend the 2011 Triennial Gathering in order to participate in the quilt challenge.
8. Limit of 2 entries per person. Entry fee is \$5 which includes return shipping. Quilts may be picked up on site with proper identification at 6:30 p.m. on Saturday, July 16, 2011, in the exhibit hall. If you are unable to pick up your quilt(s), you must notify Women of the ELCA in writing with the name of the person picking it up; that person must also show identification. Those quilts not picked up will be shipped to the entrant following the gathering.

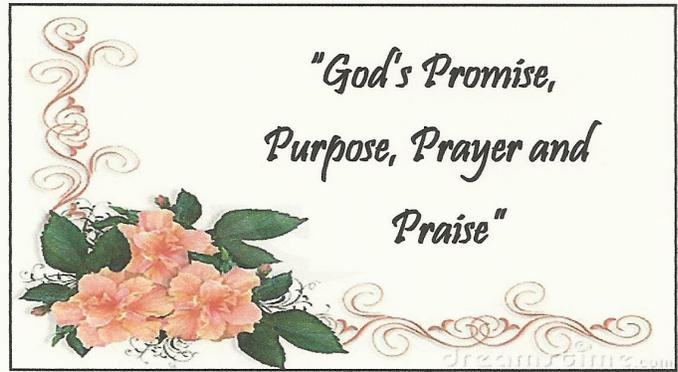
All quilts must be received in the churchwide office by May 1, 2011, along with a completed entry form. [Download and print the entry form](#). Mail quilts to: Women of the ELCA Quilt Challenge, 8765 W Higgins Road, Chicago IL 60631.

REGISTRATION

WOMEN OF THE ELCA

Pacifica Synod Gathering

November 4-6, 2011



Convention

Registration Deadline: 10/15

Delegates must stay full weekend

Full Weekend/2 per room \$199
5 Meals, Registration & Hotel

Full Weekend/3 per room \$170
5 Meals, Registration & Hotel

Full Weekend/4 per room \$155
5 Meals, Registration & Hotel

Saturday Only - No Discount \$80
2 Meals & Registration

Children 0 - 12 Free

EARLY BIRD DISCOUNT - \$5.00
ON FULL WEEKEND ONLY
(postmarked by 9/15/2011)

Special Dietary Needs

Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

Name of Roommates:

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

Adult Name: _____

Children/Teens Names & Ages: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone: (____) _____ - _____

E-Mail: _____

Church: _____

Church City: _____

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

NON-DELEGATE: 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.

In Case of Emergency

Contact: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

REGISTRATION IS NON-REFUNDABLE, BUT IT IS TRANSFERABLE

Make checks payable to: Pacifica Women of the ELCA

*Contact Karen: 714.654-8919 cell
welca@verizon.net*

Mail to: Karen Ronchetti

*8305 Magic Circle.
Huntington Beach, Ca 92646*

2011 Convention Scholarship Form

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***Women of the ELCA
2011 Pacifica Synod Convention
Hampton Inn, San Diego
November 4-6, 2011***



I am applying for:

SWO What? Scholarship

I am 13-35 years of age, a first time gathering attendee, and an active member of an ELCA congregation. If awarded, the scholarship will include hotel, 5 meals (Friday dinner, 3 meals on Saturday and Sunday Breakfast), and full registration. Transportation will be excluded.

Mahalo Scholarship

I am 36 years of age or above, an active member of an ELCA congregation, and a first time scholarship recipient. If awarded, the scholarship will include hotel, 5 meals (Friday dinner, 3 meals on Saturday and Sunday breakfast) and full registration. Transportation will be excluded.

Ohana Scholarship

I am 18 years of age or above, an active member of an ELCA congregation located on Hawaii and a first time scholarship recipient. If awarded, the scholarship will include transportation (to be reimbursed up to \$500.00), hotel, 5 meals (Friday dinner, 3 meals on Saturday and Breakfast Sunday) and full registration.

NAME _____ PHONE _____

ADDRESS _____ CLUSTER _____

CITY _____ ZIP _____

CONGREGATION/CITY _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS _____

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AGE GROUP: 13-25 26-35 36-45 46-55 56-75 76-90

Is this your first time attending a Synodical Convention? 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? _____

Why do you wish to receive a Scholarship? _____

If you are awarded the scholarship, do you wish to remain anonymous? Yes No

Any other comments: _____

(This information will be kept confidential) Return by **September 15, 2011** to:

Inga Sanders, 16370 Jupiter Circle, Westminster, CA 92683

(949) 463-6642 (home & cell)

Email: inga.sanders@gmail.com



Save the date!
Saturday,
June 25, 2011
King of Kings
Fashion Show
By Martin and CO

2993 MacDonald Street + Oceanside, CA 92054
 Telephone: 760-757-2525 (M-F, 7:30 - 4:00)
 Proceeds will be given to WELCA community programs

Note date change for Fashion Show



"Bible Study in the OC"
 at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in San Clemente
 Saturday, September 17, 2011
 9:00 AM - 2:30 PM

Start your fall women's Bible study here!



Join the ladies of Our Savior's in welcoming
 Rev. Patricia Lull, author of the 2011/2012 Lutheran Woman Today Bible Study

"To Follow and To Serve: The Gospel of Mark"

Cost: \$25.00 Childcare available Please register by: September 1st
 Questions? Contact Kelly Frohner at 949-361-2331 andrewsmom@proday.net

Our Savior's Lutheran Church & School
 200 Avenida San Pablo, San Clemente 92972 949-492-6164
www.oursaviorsonline.com

Name _____ Church _____
 Phone # _____ e-mail _____
 Childcare needed? (please bring a sack lunch for children)
 # of children _____ ages _____

Enclose your check for \$25.00 made out to OSLC rsvp by 09/01/11 mail to:
 Our Savior's Lutheran Church 200 Avenida San Pablo San Clemente CA 92672 attn: Kelly Frohner

"Inspired to Love, Encouraged to Think and Sent to Serve"

June 2, 2011

We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed but not driven to despair; persecuted but not forsaken; struck down but not destroyed (2 Corinthians 4:8-9).

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Our hearts have been breaking for weeks as we have watched incessant storms devastate many parts of the United States. From the plains of North Dakota to the bayous of Louisiana, floodwaters and torrential rain have washed out communities and cropland. Destructive tornado strikes leveled homes for miles in cities and towns including Joplin, Mo., and Cullman, Ala. Two ELCA church buildings -- one in each state -- were destroyed.

The winds destroyed the building of Peace Lutheran Church in Joplin, but not the faith of its members. Last Sunday they gathered in the parking lot in the midst of debris and shattered hopes to worship in the strong name of the risen Christ.

In the aftermath of storms that seem relentless, we may feel overwhelmed and anxious, but not powerless. For God's promise is clear: nothing in all creation will separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus. Trusting in God's promise and the power of the Holy Spirit, we respond by joining together in God's work of restoring community. The liberating power of the gospel frees us to repair roofs in Cullman and fill sandbags in Fargo, on behalf of people we don't know and may never meet.

These are our commitments as the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America:

- **We will pray.** Pray with me that those affected may have the strength and courage they need to face these difficult days.
- **We will stand together,** roll up our sleeves and work with partners to rebuild lives and restore hope. In Alabama, we are already at work with the Mennonites and the Christian Reformed Church in a rapid rebuilding project. Elsewhere, partnerships are unfolding with the United Methodist Church and others to coordinate volunteers to repair and rebuild homes and lives in the months and years to come. Working together we can achieve more on a scale and scope than we could ever achieve alone.
- **We will give generously.** We are already organizing volunteer opportunities in response to the unmet needs of these communities. To support our efforts, please give now to [ELCA Disaster Response](#). Your gift designated to Severe Spring Storms will be used in full -- 100 percent -- for the people and communities deeply affected by these storms.
- **We will stay until the work is done.** One of our strengths as Lutherans is our practice of sustained response after a natural disaster, built on local networks of congregations and social ministries. Central States Synod Bishop Gerald Mansholt compared our work to long-distance running. [ELCA Disaster Response](#) was one of the first to arrive in Missouri and Alabama, and they will be the last to leave. Even as we begin this journey, our work continues on the Gulf Coast and in Haiti.
- **We will witness to our living faith** in Christ Jesus as we join together to do God's work with our hands.

In all these things, I give thanks for each of you. May we be about God's healing and restoration in a time of despair. May we bring God's message of hope in the wake of spring storms.

In God's grace,



The Rev. Mark S. Hanson
 Presiding Bishop
 Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

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:

Juli Patten
84-740 Kili Dr. #1123
Waianae, HI 96792
Email: alohaboo@hawaii.rr.com

Just a quick reminder from the editor...

We are currently updating our contact information regarding your unit and church. Even if you have "no" changes, would you please drop me a line at: welca@verizon.net, so I can be sure all is correct in our database. I have had many returns both mail and email and just want to make sure everyone is getting all the current information.

Thank You, Karen



**Do you
know
where
your
"Cluster"
Banner
is ????**

**If so, please let
Karen know @
[welca@verizon.net!](mailto:welca@verizon.net)**

**(would like to use them at
Convention in November)**

Information needed...

If you have someone in your family, a friend or a church member that has military overseas, I would like their address ASAP.

***I have created care packages for these
"special" men and women.***

Please send their names, address to:

welca@verizon.net

Thanks, Karen Ronchetti, SWO Vice President

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.*

- June 25, 2011 “Fashion Show”
 ** Note date change** Location: King of Kings Lutheran Church, Oceanside
 For more information, see page 5 or call church (760) 757-2525
- July 9, 2011 Rejoice, Saddleback and Son & Surf President’s Planning Meeting
 Location: Newport Harbor Lutheran
 Time: 9am
- July 14 - 17, 2011 Women of the ELCA 11th Triennial Gathering
 Location: Spokane, WA
 See page 5 for more information
- September 17, 2011 Bible Study in the OC “To Follow and To Serve”, the Gospel of Mark
 Location: Our Savior Lutheran Church, San Clemente
 Time: 9am - 2:30pm
 Registration form on page 7 of your Pacifica Partners
- October 1, 2011 Rejoice, Saddleback and Son & Surf Fall Cluster Event
 Location: St. Paul Lutheran Fullerton
 Time: 9am
- October 8, 2011 Harvest Cluster Event “Joyfully we sing”
 Location: Christ the King Lutheran Church, Fallbrook
 Time: 9am - lunch Costs: \$8.00
- November 4-6, 2011 Pacifica Women of the ELCA Convention
“God’s Promise, Purpose, Prayer and Praise”
 Location: Hampton Inn, 3888 Greenwood Street, San Diego
 Flyer - *Front page of your PP*
 Registration: *Page 4 of your PP*
 Scholarship application: *Page 5-6 of your PP*
- March 3, 2012 Synodical One Day Event
 Location: Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Los Alamitos
 Time: 8-8:45am registration, 9am - 4pm program
 (includes continental breakfast & lunch)

*Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding."
 Proverbs 3:5*

Fully Rely On God
 F. R. O. G.



PACIFICA WOMEN OF THE ELCA

2010-2011 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.womenofheelca.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.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 minute 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..

July 5th, 2011 for Pacifica Partners

Email: welca@verizon.net

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