



# LGLC WITNESS

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## FIRST EDITION SENT ELECTRONICALLY

This is the first edition of the Witness sent to our members and friends electronically. If you have difficulty accessing this document, please call the office to report that fact. For everyone who prefers a hard copy, they can be found in the church Narthex.



August 14 was a date that will generate pleasant memories for a long time. Pastor Sam Wolff and his wife, Cindy, missionaries we help to sponsor in Nairobi, Kenya, were with us. They truly are remarkable individuals, and we enjoyed them very much.

And, they enjoyed their time with us as well, as evidenced by their “thank you” note which is quoted here:

“Pastors and Congregation of Lemon Grove Lutheran Church.

Thank you for your warm and welcoming hospitality. It was so nice to meet you in person and see the ministry you are doing also.

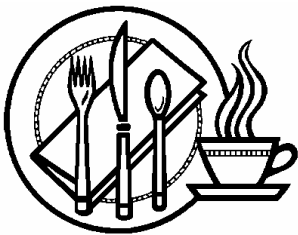
Your support is appreciated and you are truly a blessing to us.

We ask that you remember us in your prayers as we will remember you.”

Peace to you,

P. Sam & Cindy Wolff

The actual note has been posted in the Narthex.



**Senior Fellowship Luncheon:** The Senior Fellowship luncheon will be on Thursday, September 1. This month we’ll meet at Lido’s. The address is 7252 Broadway, Lemon Grove. Please call Don J. for reservations, or if you need transportation. Hope to see you there!

## WELCA CALENDAR

Sept. 6 Project Day, 9:30 a.m., Luther Hall  
Hostess: Lory M.

Sept. 28 WELCA Bible Study, 6:00 p.m.  
Luther Hall  
Bible Study Leader: Lorna N.



**Birthdays in September--**

**Anniversaries in September--**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date</u>
Christine G.	5
Jason S.	6
Margaret R.	11
Vivianne K.	15
Donald J.	22
Cindy T.	22

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date</u>
Jane & David B. C.	3
Carol & Richard H.	12

**CONGREGATIONAL MEETING CANCELLED**

It was announced in last month's Witness that there would be a congregational meeting on August 21<sup>st</sup>. That meeting was to discuss the bee infestation in our church and how best to deal with it. The meeting was cancelled because Pastor Ula and his family took the initiative to try to get rid of the bees themselves and save the church a lot of money. Our congregational President, John Hartman says "A big THANK YOU goes out to Pastor Ula and sons, as well as Paul Fine, for tackling the bee problem. So far so good!" We all thank you, Paul, Pastor Ula and family.



**REMINDER -- CHURCH WOMEN UNITED**

Friday, September 2, 2011, will be Missionary Inspiration Day. Carmen Samuels will give an update on places she has served; China, Jamaica, Malawe, and Project Hope.

Our host church will be: United Church of Christ.

5940 Kelton Ave.  
La Mesa, CA

Registration begins: 9:30 a.m.  
Program begins: 10:00 a.m.  
Lunch will be at: 12:00 noon.

Please call 619-464-1519 for lunch reservations. See you there!

**WELCA NEWS – BY LORNA N.**

September is here but that doesn't mean much change in the weather for us. We are so blessed to have such nice weather. This past year has been a hard one for many people. We must pray for these people who have endured so many traumas.

October is the time when we collect items for Lutheran World Relief. A list was sent out in the August Witness and is repeated here. If you need another reminder list, extras are in the church Narthex. You may leave any of these items in the church Narthex this fall. We also send them to Mexico in December. Thank you!

### **WELCA FALL CLOTHING DRIVE AND KIT PREPARATION**

The following is a list of items required for the various kits which we assemble for distribution throughout the world by Lutheran World Relief.

Please leave your kit material in the church Narthex.

Monday, October 3 is the last day to bring your kit material, as everything will be packed for delivery on October 4. Thank you very much for your participation.

#### **Personal Care Kits (All items must be new.)**

- 1 light or medium weight, bath-size towel, dark color approximately 52 x 27;
- 2 bath size bars of soap (4 to 5 oz. each) any brand, in original wrapping;
- 1 adult size toothbrush in original packaging;
- 1 sturdy comb;
- 1 metal nail clipper.

#### **Baby Care Layettes**

- 2 light weight cotton t-shirts;
  - 2 long sleeved or short sleeved gowns, or sleepers without feet;
  - 2 receiving blankets, medium weight cotton or flannel, or crocheted or knitted with light weight yarn up to 52 inches square;
  - 4 cloth diapers, flat fold;
  - 1 jacket, sweater, or sweatshirt with a hood, or include a baby cap;
  - 2 pair of sox;
  - 1 hand towel, dark color;
  - 2 bath size bars (4 to 5 oz.) of gentle soap, in original wrapping;
  - 2 diaper pins or large safety pins.
- Gently used, clean items, no stains or tears, can be substituted for new items.

Sizes up to 24 months may be used.

#### **Fabric Kits**

- 2 pieces of cotton or cotton blend fabrics, no knits or 100% polyester
- Fabric should have no stains or holes and be cut into pieces measuring 2-1/4 yards – 60-inch wide fabric; or 3 yards of 44-inch wide fabric, or 4 yards of 36-inch wide fabric.
- 2 spools of matching or neutral color thread (general purpose) 250 to 300 yards each.

**Quilts:** NEEDED! Colored bed sheets in good condition to be used for quilt backs.

We also need electric blankets or regular blankets to be used as fillers for quilts. These items, referring to both the sheets and blankets, should be clean and free from tears and ready for use.

MORE WELCA NEWS – BY LORNA N.

Our new Bible study starting in September is taken from the book of Mark and is written by Rev. Patricia Lull. It is a book that consoles and guides our lives today. It should be very good. All women are welcome!

There is a new name for our women’s magazine: “Gather”, Matthew 18:20. Where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among you. A good name, right?

I hope you are saving your money for the Pacifica Synod Gathering in San Diego November 4 – 6, 2011. For a full weekend; four to a room, 5 meals, registration and hotel, \$155. Saturday only; 2 meals and registration, \$80. It is a good opportunity to hear what the WELCA is doing not only in the Pacifica Synod, but in other parts of the United States.

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FAREWELL TO ALICIA S.,  
our Licensed Lay Hispanic Pastor

As of September first, our friend, Alicia, will move on to another Parish; St. Mark’s Lutheran Church, in Chula Vista. September will be our first month without a Spanish language worship service since June, 2009. Alicia, we wish you good luck and God’s blessings as you try to expand your ministry to the Hispanics in a new area. Vaya con Dios.

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**Congratulations:** Congratulations to Captain Erik R. who became Commanding Officer Erik Ross during a Change of Command Ceremony on Monday, August 1, 2011, aboard the USS Bataan LHD5, at Souda Bay, Greece. We rejoice with Capt. R. and his family on his promotion.

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**Public Transportation:** Has anyone asked you how to get to our church using public transportation? The office received such a call recently. It was with some embarrassment that we had to admit that busses ran right in front of the church, but we didn’t know any more than that.

Lutheran Social Services provided us with a Metropolitan Transit System bus schedule that is posted in the office. For your information, No. 936 services SDSU to Spring Valley via College Grove and Skyline Drive. It stops right here at the corner of Skyline and Alton. For time schedule and fares, please refer to the document in the office.

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**Missing Library books:** Two books from the “Seasons of Grace” series by Beverly Lewis are missing. They are: Part 1 “The Secret” and Part 3 “The Telling”. If you have either of these books, or can locate them, please return them to the church Library. Thank you very much.

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### MORE NEWS OF CHURCH WOMEN UNITED

There will be another meeting of Church Women United in September – Saturday the 24<sup>th</sup>, to be exact. On that date, there will be an international breakfast and fashion show at Bethel AME Church located at 3085 K Street, San Diego, CA 92102.

Registration begins at 8:30 a.m.

Breakfast and the program will be at 9:00 a.m.

Breakfast will cost \$7.00, and reservations must be made by Tuesday, September 20.

Please call Peg Hollenbeck for a reservation at 858-488-5579.

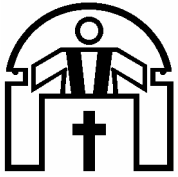
This event is to salute United Nations Day and UNICEF.

There will be good food, a fashion show, and door prizes.

Rev. Denise Jackson will be the featured speaker.

Offerings will go to UNICEF.





## SUNDRY ITEMS

August 14<sup>th</sup> was a special day at Lemon Grove Lutheran Church.

The missionaries we help to sponsor, Sam and Cindy Wolff, were home on furlough from their work in Kenya. Many congregations help to provide for their sponsorship, and they have a very limited number of Sundays to be with these sponsoring congregations. The Wolffs commented that if invited, Lemon Grove was one congregation they wanted to make sure they visited. We did invite them and are we ever thrilled that they were with us.

The worship service was exciting. It was so good to have the Samoan and the Hispanic groups join us for worship and they added to the music and flavor of the worship time. Pastor Sam's message was outstanding. The presentation following worship by both Sam and Cindy was really engrossing and informative. The potluck lunch was terrific and the visiting by Sam and Cindy with all who attended was really appreciated.

In the days following their visit, everyone I talked with from the members of Lemon Grove Lutheran to the Samoan youth wanted to talk about the Wolffs.

As I reflected on the day, I tried to come up with what it was that made the experience of that day so special. What came up for me is that the most significant factor in their time with us was experiencing how the Wolff's embody their faith and mission.

In today's parlance we would say that they walk the talk. That is not something that one can "try" to do, it is simply what one does when they are being themselves. Sam and Cindy Wolff created a special day by being who they are - - and sharing themselves with us.

Joy and Peace,  
Pastor Sundry



## IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER FOR SEPTEMBER, 2011

Senior Fellowship Luncheon	Thursday, Sept. 1	11:30 am Lido's, Broadway, Lemon Grove
Church Women United, Missionary Inspiration Day	Friday, Sept. 2	United Church of Christ Register @ 9:30 a.m. 5940 Kelton Ave., La Mesa
Labor Day, office closed	Monday, Sept. 5	NO SOUP SUPPER
Project Day, Luther Hall	Tuesday, Sept. 6	9:30 am
Men's Prayer Breakfast	Saturday, Sept. 10	7:30 am
Church Council meeting	Monday, Sept. 12	7:00 pm
Men's Prayer Breakfast	Saturday, Sept. 24	7:30 a.m.
Church Women United Int'nat. Breakfast/Fashion Show	Saturday, Sept. 24	Bethel AME Church Registration 8:30 a.m. 3085 K St., San Diego
WELCA Bible Study	Tuesday, Sept. 27	9:30 am, Fireside Room

### RECURRING EVENTS OF INTEREST

English Worship, Sundays, 9:00 a.m.

Soup Suppers, every Monday **except Labor Day, Sept. 5**, 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

Spanish Language prayer time and Bible Study, every Monday, 4:00 p.m.

Youth group, 5<sup>th</sup> grade through high school, every Monday, 6:00 p.m.

Praise and Worship Service, every Saturday, 6:00 p.m.

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