

LWML CNH Retreat

August 23-25, 2019

Episcopal Conference Center Oakhurst (ECCO)
43803 Highway 41, Oakhurst, CA. 93644



**Plan
Now
To
Attend!**

**Join your sisters-in-Christ for a RELAXING weekend
of fun, renewal & inspiration!**

Bible study • praise & worship • music to soothe your soul • singing
gathering of old and new friends • servant event • delicious meals
games • free time • outdoor morning & evening devotions

Bible Study Leader: Jane Hoffmann

Musician: Linda Dunn, Harpist

Servant Event: Lutheran Braille Workers (We'll print & compile Christian literature in Braille!)

Retreat weekend

Registration includes: 1-4 per room, 5 meals, linens

Friday, Aug. 23: Registration opens at 4 pm. Dinner at 6 pm.

Sunday, Aug. 25: The retreat ends after Sunday worship.

Go to www.lwmlcnh.org to see complete retreat details...there's so much more!



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REGISTRATION FORM

(Please print clearly and complete all items on both pages.)

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY/STATE/ZIP _____

E-MAIL _____ ZONE _____

CELL PHONE _____ HOME PHONE _____

CHURCH/CITY _____

REGISTRATION FEES *Per Person* (Make a check mark to the left of the item; add up costs for your check amount.)

<input type="checkbox"/> Single Room by 7/8/19	\$290.00	\$_____	(bed, 5 meals, linens)
<input type="checkbox"/> Single Room AFTER 7/8/19	\$315.00	\$_____	(bed, 5 meals, linens)
<input type="checkbox"/> Double Room (2 beds) by 7/8/19	\$205.00	\$_____	(bed, 5 meals, linens)
<input type="checkbox"/> Double Room (2 beds) AFTER 7/8/19	\$230.00	\$_____	(bed, 5 meals, linens)
<input type="checkbox"/> 3-4 in Room (twin beds) by 7/8/19	\$175.00	\$_____	(bed, 5 meals, linens)
<input type="checkbox"/> 3-4 in Room (twin beds) AFTER 7/8/19	\$200.00	\$_____	(bed, 5 meals, linens)
<input type="checkbox"/> One Day Only (Saturday 8:30am check-in)	\$100.00	\$_____	(3 meals)

TOTAL REMITTANCE \$_____

****NO REGISTRATIONS OR REFUNDS AFTER AUGUST 2, 2019–
 PER ECCO POLICIES****

Make checks payable to **LWML CNH** – your canceled check is your confirmation.

Mail Registration Form with check to: Vicki Ewart
 PO Box 1855
 Atascadero, CA 93423

Questions?
 Call Vicki Ewart at 805 441 0860 or email at ewarts@mac.com
 OR LaVada Terrell at 408893 3367 or email at lavada1451@outlook.com

Registration continues on 2nd page.

NAME: _____

Check all that apply to you:

_____ First Time attending a LWML CNH Retreat?

_____ Vegetarian _____ Vegan _____ Gluten Free _____ Diabetic

_____ Food Allergies: _____

_____ I use a Walker _____ Cane _____ Wheelchair

_____ Nurse – I'm willing to serve as needed.

Age Group: _____ 18-35 _____ 36-50 _____ 51-70 _____ 71+

Roommates: *Write down your preferred roommate(s). Check with them and tell them to put the same name(s) on their forms; all rooms/beds will be filled; will try to accommodate your wishes; however, no guarantees; first come - first served; REGISTER EARLY!!*

MEDICAL/HEALTH INFORMATION

Insurance Name/Type: HMO/PPO/Medicare: _____

Policy# _____

Health Conditions (i.e. allergies, chronic conditions, special circumstances, medications) – need to know prior to emergency treatment.

Physician Name/Phone# _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION: Name/Phone#/Relationship

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Date: ` August 23-25, 2019

Theme: God's Surprises: Gleanings for Ruth (study of Ruth)
Scripture: Jeremiah 29:11

Bible Study Leader: Jane Hoffmann
Musician: Linda Dunn, Harpist

Servant Event: Lutheran Braille Workers (participants will work at different stations printing & compiling Christian literature)

Monetary Ingathering for Lutheran Braille Workers

Registration cost includes: 1-4 per room, 5 meals,bed/bath linens

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Rooms: 1-4 per room w/bath

Facility is walkable; however, could also drive to each building (rooms, dining, chapel)

Retreat Package will be distributed around the end of March and will include:

- Registration Form
- Directions to ECCO
- Area Activities (Things to do on Friday and Sunday afternoon)
- Schedule
- Speaker & Musician Bios
- Retreat Center Fact Sheet
- Things to Bring
- Flyer



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DIRECTIONS TO ECCO

From Southern California:

Take Interstate 5 north to Hwy 99. Take Hwy 99 north to Fresno. In Fresno take Hwy 41 north toward Yosemite. You will go up into the Sierra foothills and then drop down into the valley where Oakhurst is located. Although you will stay on Hwy 41, your first landmark will be the traffic signal at Hwy 41 and Hwy 49. Continue north, toward Yosemite, approximately 4 miles. ECCO will be on the right-hand side of the road and is the first driveway after the big Sierra Sky Ranch neon sign. (We share the driveway with Christ Church.) Follow the signs one mile back to the conference center.

From Northern California (Sacramento, etc):

Take Hwy 99 south to Merced. Exit on Hwy 140 eastbound, toward Mariposa/Yosemite. Stay on Hwy 140 until you come to the intersection of Hwy 49 (approximately 50 miles). Turn right on Hwy 49. Turn left on Hwy 41 in Oakhurst. Continue north, toward Yosemite, approximately 4 miles. ECCO will be on the right-hand side of the road and is the first driveway after the big Sierra Sky Ranch neon sign. (We share the driveway with Christ Church.) Follow the signs one mile back to the conference center.

From Fresno-Yosemite International Airport:

From FYI turn left on Clinton Avenue. Clinton becomes Peach Avenue at McKinley. Continue straight on Peach to Fwy 180 onramp. Turn right at the onramp to Fwy 180 headed westbound. Merge onto Hwy 41 northbound (toward Yosemite). Stay on Hwy 41 for approximately 45 miles. You will drop down into a valley where the town of Oakhurst is located. At the traffic signal at the intersection of Hwy 41 and Hwy 49, YOU WILL NOT TURN. This is just for identification purposes. Stay on Hwy 41 approximately 4 miles. ECCO is on the right. Look for the large “Sierra Sky Ranch” neon sign. Ours is the first driveway after the SSR sign.

From the Eastern Sierra over Tioga Road:

(Open only part of the year — be sure to check ahead for road closures from October through June.) From Hwy 395 take Hwy 120 westbound. You will travel through some of the most beautiful parts of Yosemite, dropping down into Yosemite Valley. Watch the signs for Hwy 41 southbound. Take Hwy 41 southbound toward Oakhurst. (It will be 1 to 1-1/2 hours' driving time from Yosemite Valley.) After exiting the park's south gate, travel approximately 12 miles. ECCO will be on the left, after the turn to Cedar Valley Road. Watch carefully because the signs are a little hard to see from this direction. Keep an eye out for the Christ Church sign, since we share a parking lot with them. Once you've turned into the Christ Church parking lot, follow the signs one mile back to ECCO.



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BIBLE STUDY LEADER & MUSICIAN

JANE HOFFMANN

Bible Study Leader

Jane is a retired nurse educator who likes to write and teach adult Bible studies and retreats. She loves to see people have fun learning and sharing around the Word of God. She and her husband, “not-so-retired pastor,” Paul Hoffmann, live in San Jose and enjoy traveling, especially visiting their three grown sons and their families.

Jane also enjoys teaching classes at Heritage Home, part of City Team Ministry in San Jose. Heritage Home is a home for pregnant women and new mothers who are dealing with addiction issues. She teaches life skills classes including nutrition, finances, and sewing.

She thinks that the book of Ruth is perfect for a women’s retreat – a love story, beautifully written, filled with drama, real-life characters and a happy ending! Her prayer is that God will open our eyes to see how God cared for Ruth and Naomi and them with blessings!

LINDA DUNN

Harpist and Certified Music Practitioner

Linda has been a musician since the age of 10 playing the clarinet and guitar. She has played the harp since January 2004.

In 2005, Linda became interested in the use of music for healing and enrolled in the Music for Healing and Transition Program. Upon completing the year-long course in

2006, she began her internship at Mercy General Hospital in Sacramento and Hinds Hospice in Fresno.

She plays a 34 string Stoney End Harp at bedside and a 40 string Mürnseer Pedal Harp.

Linda will lead us in our singing throughout the weekend, as well as have a “Music Session” during Saturday afternoon free time in the Chapel, where there will be singing, music requests, and shared experiences.



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THINGS TO BRING

Bible

Casual clothes, sweater, light jacket
(evenings can cool down)

Comfortable shoes

Personal hygiene items

Personal medication

Insect repellent

Flashlight

MONIES NEEDED FOR:

- Sunday offering – CNH mites (checks made payable to LWML CNH)
- Donations to Lutheran Braille Workers (checks made payable to LBW)
- Soda machine
- Gift shop – open 8 am - 4:30 pm

LUTHERAN BRAILLE WORKERS

HELPING PEOPLE TOUCH THE PROMISES OF JESUS

THE STORY

With a dedicated heart, Helene Loewe Koehler responded to a plea from Mr. Fred Graep for Braille Bibles for blind pastors in Germany. As a result, Lutheran Braille Workers (LBW) was founded in 1943. Helene learned Braille from Mr. Graepp by correspondence, keeping them and her Braille manuscripts in a shoe box under her bed. Helene's brother, Norman Loeber, created a Braille press using rollers from their mother's ringer washer. Helene sought the assistance of the Ladies Aid Society of Trinity Lutheran Church, and this became the first of nearly 200 Braille Mission and Large Print Work Centers.

THE MISSION

All people in the world who are blind or visually impaired will have free access to the Good News of Jesus Christ as Savior.

THE VISION

Equipping and enabling people in sharing the Gospel with all individuals who are blind or visually impaired.

THE TEAM

Providing the Word of God freely to people who are blind or visually impaired has been the focus of Lutheran Braille Workers since it was founded in 1943. The work has grown from producing titles in a single language to 30 languages, and the volunteer work force has grown from one volunteer working out of a shoe box in her home to more than 3000 volunteers in about 170 work centers across the United States!

THE SUPPORT

Our publications are distributed free of charge in more than 130 countries around the globe. Volunteers, mission-minded financial partners, and prayer warriors assist LBW in helping people touch the promises of Jesus, delivering God's Word in formats they can read for themselves.

MONETARY INGATHERING:
CASH OR CHECKS PAYABLE TO LBW



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RETREAT CENTER INFORMATION

ECCO is located just 12 miles from the South gate of Yosemite National Park and Mariposa Giant Sequoia Grove, just past Big Sky Ranch, turn off at Christ Church Driveway. Follow the signs one mile back to the conference center.

ECCO has been serving the religious, educational, and non-profit conference and retreat needs of Fresno, Madera, Mariposa and the rest of California's Central Valley since 1982. We welcome groups of all faiths and denominations. Providing lodging, meals prepared from fresh and wholesome foods, meeting space, and a variety of recreational activities.

Think Mountains! ECCO is located on the north side of the beautiful mountain town of Oakhurst, California. This is in the Sierra Nevada Mountains in eastern central California just south of Yosemite National Park. The air is clear and clean, the streams and lakes sparkle in the sun, and winters are mild, summers cool.

The ECCO area brings the peace and quiet you desire for successful focus on your conference, and yet the mountain area is abuzz with things to do, sites to see, and all sorts of year 'round recreational opportunities. Even here at home, we have many activities.

LYLES MAIN BUILDING

- Houses the gift shop, administration office, kitchen, dining facility, "registration lobby".
- The partially-covered deck provides an opportunity to catch summer breezes while staying out of the sun.
- Our Executive Chef and culinary team are committed to serving you the freshest meals prepared from scratch, which are wholesome and delicious. We use local/sustainable/in season products as much as possible and even grow some of our own herbs and vegetables. Our in-house baker produces all our breads and desserts with fresh ingredients and our cooks are always in search of new recipes and culinary inspirations.
- Your meals will be served buffet style. We ask that our guests bus their dishes to our dish return area following meals.
- An assortment of coffees, teas and juices are always available in the dining room and fresh whole fruit is available at all times.

- Menus are prepared by our Chef based on seasonal availability of ingredients. Special dietary items will be placed on the “Special Diets” table and labeled accordingly. Our Chef has experience in vegan restaurants and has taught special diets classes at a culinary academy. Please don’t hesitate to ask! We hope you enjoy your dining experience with us!

LODGING

- each heated/air conditioned room has a private bath
- hair dryer. shampoo, conditioner, bar soap
- Single and double-occupancy rooms have either two twin beds or a double bed and a twin bed.
- Quad rooms are split level with two twin beds downstairs and two twin beds upstairs in the loft.
- All rooms have wi-fi access.
- Lodges are split-level with ground floor parking and entrance.
- Bed and bath linens are provided; however, you may wish to bring extra towels and washcloths.
- **WALTERS' CHAPEL** – this beautiful building nestles at the east side of the pond...a perfect place to be as the morning sun streams through the stained glass window. This is our main meeting area and will be the location of Worship on Sunday. In the lobby area is Rivera Library with comfortable couches and chairs, where books can be borrowed during your stay.
- **ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI OUTDOOR CHAPEL** – overlooks our beautiful pond; look for the lovely swan and other waterfowl. This is the area for our morning and evening devotions.

RECREATION

- Even if you never leave ECCO’s premises, you’ll find plenty to do. Our grounds offer many places to reflect, work on a devotional or catch a glimpse of the local wildlife. We even have some new outdoor areas where you’ll be able to work off some excess energy.
- Stations of the Cross – A wooded trail along a seasonal creek near Campo Santo offers a time for meditation and prayer as you travel through the 14 Stations of the Cross. A booklet of prayers to help guide you through the Stations of the Cross is available in the office.
- 4th Green Recreational Area – Tucked away behind stands of ponderosa pines, incense cedars, and manzanitas is ECCO’s recreation and sports area. We’ve named it the 4th Green as historically it was the 4th green of the Sky Ranch Golf Course. Out of sight and earshot of the core of the conference center—but just a short walk away—the 4th Green offers a basketball court, grass volleyball field, soccer field, and horseshoes. Sports equipment can be checked out from the office.
- Self-Interpretive Nature Trail – ECCO’s self-interpretive nature trail is a mostly level, half-mile escape from all things bustling. It’s a great way to escape into your own private space for a few minutes... or a few hours, whatever you have available. The single track trail travels 11 informative posts through peculiar “weeds,” edible plants, foggy meadows, and ancient oaks pocked with corn holes bored by creative woodpeckers. The trail currently ends at a lively pond that we have dubbed “The Frog Pond” for good reason.
- Fishing – Occasionally our guests like to take a moment to enjoy a bit of fishing. Our pond has an abundance of perch and bass that practically jump onto your hook. Fishing on our pond is catch and

release and we ask that guest use barbless hooks. We have a few small fishing poles that can be checked out from the office but if you are particular about your equipment we recommend bringing your own.

- Lewis Creek – On the edge of ECCO's grounds is Lewis Creek. A popular spot that is part of our Sky Ranch Loop trail, is a lovely waterfall with nearby Indian pounding rocks. A perfect spot to take a moment to reflect and appreciate the wonder of God's creation.



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THINGS TO DO ON FRIDAY AND SUNDAY AFTERNOON

ANTIQUÉ & THRIFT STORES

- 41 Trading Post, 40598 Hwy 41, Oakhurst
- A Cause 4 Paws, 40455 Hwy 41, Oakhurst
- Artifacts, 40671 Hwy 41, Oakhurst
- Coarsegold Village, 35336 Hwy 41, Coarsegold
- Days of 49, 40571 Hwy 41, Oakhurst
- Delight-ful Treasures, 35300 Hwy 41, Coarsegold
- Methodist Church Thrift, 49223 Road 425, Oakhurst
- Tokens, 40410 Hwy 41, Oakhurst
- Wonderful Treasures, 40671 Hwy 41 #5, Oakhurst

ART GALLERIES

- Ansel Adams Gallery, 9031 Village Drive, Yosemite
- Gallery Row, 40982 Hwy 41, Oakhurst
 - Stavast Studio
 - Timberline Art Gallery
 - Williams Gallery West
 - Stellar Gallery

BASS LAKE

- Bass Lake Watersports, 54406 Road 432
- Forks Resort, 39150 Road 222
- Miller's Landing, 37976 Road 222
- Pines Village, Road 432/434 – market, shops, bakery

BOOKS – Branches Books & Gifts, 40282 Hwy 41 #14, Oakhurst

GOLF

- Big Trees Golf Course, 8308 Wawona Road, Wawona
- River Creek Golf Course, 41709 Road 600, Ahwahnee

HIKING

- Goat Mountain, Bass Lake
- Lewis Creek, Oakhurst
- Nelder Grove, Oakhurst
- Way of the Mono, Bass Lake
- Willow Creek, Bass Lake

MUSEUMS

- Mining/Mineral Museum, 5005 Fairgrounds Road, Mariposa
- Historic Museum, 31899 Hwy 41, Coarsegold
- Fresno Flats Historical Park, 49777 High School Road, Oakhurst
- Little Church on the Hill, 40188 Hwy 41, Oakhurst
- Museum & History Center, 5119 Jessie Street, Mariposa
- Raymond Museum, 31956 Road #608, Raymond
- Sierra Mono Museum, 33103 Road 228, North Fork
- Wassama Round House, Road 628, Ahwahnee

RAILROAD – Sugar Pine Railroad and Museum

- 56001 Hwy 41, Fish Camp
- Logger Steam Train, one hour ride, \$24
 - Fridays - 9:30 am
 - Everyday - 11:00 am

Jenny Railcars, 30 minute ride, \$19, daily 9:30 am – 3 pm

WINERY/BREWERY

- Idle Hour Winery & Tasting Room, 41139 Hwy 41, Oakhurst
- South Gate Brewing Company, 40233 Enterprise Drive, Oakhurst