



SEPTEMBER 2009

# COMUNIDAD

MINISTRY WITH LESBIAN AND GAY CATHOLICS, ST. MATTHEWS'S CHURCH, LONG BEACH, CA

## Mark Your Calendar

**Our Next Gathering: Tuesday, September 1<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 pm**  
St. Matthew's Meisel Hall, 672 Temple Avenue (at 7<sup>th</sup> Street)  
Program information is below. Light refreshments will be served.

Comunidad meets the first Tuesday of each month. We have a social time from 7:00-7:30 pm, with the program starting at 7:30. We ordinarily meet in St. Matthew's Meisel Hall.

### *September 1<sup>st</sup>*

Jackie Clark on Emergency Preparedness

### *September 11<sup>th</sup>*

Note Date change  
Mass and Potluck at St. Martin de Porres Parish, Yorba Linda. Contact Julie at (714) 744-3175 x 4406

### *September 20<sup>th</sup>*

St. Matthew's Fiesta

### *October 3<sup>rd</sup>*

Women Health Conference

### *October 6<sup>th</sup>*

St. Mary's CARE Program

### *October 16<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup>*

Annual Comunidad Retreat

### *November 3<sup>rd</sup>*

Annual Memorial Service

### *December 1<sup>st</sup>*

Posadas

*For additional information please e-mail us or call Ray at 562-590-9309 or visit our website:*

[www.comunidadlb.org](http://www.comunidadlb.org)

**Earthquake, fires, and flash floods are part of the California scene. Emergency preparedness must become a way of life. Everyone must know how to provide for their own needs for an extended period of time, whether at work, home, or on the road. The quality of life and the potential for survival are greatly increased by being prepared. Join us at our Sept. 1<sup>st</sup> meeting as Jackie Clark discusses the art of preparedness.**

### *2009 Annual Retreat October 16<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup>*

The annual retreat is the highlight of the Comunidad calendar. This is a time for a spiritual time-out. This year's theme is:

*Flow River Flow: Navigating the waters of our life as Lesbian and Gay Catholics.*

We are privileged to have Vicki Wenz, campus minister at Morehead State University, Kentucky lead our retreat. Visit website: [Vicki](#).

For retreat details and to sign up go to website: [Retreat](#)

### *2009 Annual Appeal*

We wish to express our grateful thanks to all who participated in this year's appeal. Because of economic stresses, our goals were not fully realized. Please send donations to St. Matthew's Comunidad at the above address.

### *Women Health Conference October 3<sup>rd</sup>*

Free Event including Health Information and Screenings

Contact Rosa Kelson at (562) 437-0791 (option 3) Ext. 224.

### *St. Matthew's Fiesta September 20<sup>th</sup>*

Support the parish that supports you. Come for the food, the games and the camaraderie. Purchase 50/50 raffle tickets after Mass or at the festival.

### *Table Fellowship Sept 11<sup>th</sup>*

Orange County GLBT ministries invite all to a Mass and Potluck at St. Martin de Porres Parish, Yorba Linda.

**Questions? Comments?  
Ideas? E-Mail us at:  
[comunidad@comunidadlb.org](mailto:comunidad@comunidadlb.org)**

**Look! God is my Savior. I am confident and unafraid, because the LORD is my strength and my song. He is my Savior.**

**-- Isaiah 12:2**