



Elaine Bickel to Headline Annual CLW Luncheon

First and foremost, Elaine Bickel considers herself a Child of God and a Servant of God's People. She also is an author and a popular speaker who brings her inspirational and humorous message at banquets, meetings and retreats in the United States and Canada. Bickel will speak at the **54th annual Women of the Year Luncheon** on **Tuesday, March 20, 2018**, at Wyndham Garden in Sterling Heights, Mich.

Bickel is the author of numerous Concordia Publishing House curriculum materials for Sunday schools, vacation Bible schools, and Lutheran day schools. She is also the author of three Bible study books as well as devotions and articles published in Lutheran Woman's Quarterly, Guideposts, and other publications. She also is an experienced

youth and family life director and a coordinator for Rainbows for All God's Children, a support group for children experiencing loss due to death or divorce.

Bickel is a recipient of the Saginaw News Crystal Apple Award for teaching excellence, and is consistently listed in Who's Who Among America's Teachers. Currently, she is teaching part-time at Immanuel Lutheran School in Frankentrost, MI.

Bickel shares free downloadable devotions at www.elainebickel.com



Make Women of the Year Luncheon Reservations Now

You are cordially invited to the 54th annual **Women of the Year Luncheon** hosted by the Council of Lutheran Women on **Tuesday, March 20, 2018**, at Wyndham Garden, 34911 Van Dyke Rd., just south of 15 Mile Road.

The luncheon honors Women of the Year from member congregations and inter-congregational organizations. Surplus funds from the luncheon receipts will be used for scholarships awarded to seminarians, deaconess students and two memorial scholarships will be given to female students preparing for church related careers.

In January Barb Karowich sent a letter or email to each member congregation with a reservation form. **Reservations must be made by March 9, 2018**, and the cost is \$24 per person for the family-style **gluten-free** meal. Please send your reservation form and check to Barb, and she will send a return confirmation. Contact her by email at bakelephant@comcast.net or call her at 734-480-1644. The reservation form is also available on the CLW website.

CLW asks attendees to bring items for an ingathering that will support Inter-Congregational Organizations of the Council. Large donations may be dropped off at the north entrance (off 15 Mile Road) prior to parking.

Please visit the CLW website at www.clwmichigan.com for more detailed information about the items needed by these organizations.

CLW Awards Annual Scholarships

The Council of Lutheran Women (CLW) has announced the recipients of this year's scholarships for 17 students preparing for professions in the Lutheran church. This marks the 32nd year for the CLW scholarship program.

Two Concordia University Ann Arbor (CUAA) students received CLW memorial scholarships. Olivia Wonsey, a senior from Milan, Mich., was awarded the Leona B. Meyer Scholarship and will graduate as a certified family life educator. The John C. Streit Memorial Scholarship was given to CUAA senior Nora Scahel of Brunswick, Ohio, who plans to enter the Deaconess program at seminary after graduation.

The following seminarians listed with their home congregation, were awarded CLW 2017-2018 scholarships: Jakob Andrzejewski – Historic Trinity, Detroit;

Joe Casiglia – Faith, Troy; Tyler Cronkright – Christ our Savior, Livonia; Ryan Duerr – Hope, Warren; Sam Fink – St. Luke, Ann Arbor; Richard Grunewald – Faith, Troy; Michael Hansen – St. Luke, Ann Arbor; Dan Howard – Hope, Warren; Hayden Lucas – Trinity, Utica; Brian Muldowney – Historic Trinity, Detroit; Deaconess student Diana Rice – Emmanuel, Dearborn; Andrew Simpson – Faith, Troy; Dylan Thomas Smith – Christ the King, Southgate; Jacob Smith – St. John, Fraser; and Timothy Smith – St. John, Fraser.

Save the Date for CLW Spring Meeting

Watch your mailbox for upcoming information about the Council's spring meeting on Monday, April 30, 2018, at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Farmington, Mich.