Council of Lutheran Women

January 8, 2018



Dear Friends in Christ:

Everyone is invited to the 54th Annual Luncheon of the Council of Lutheran Women (CLW) on Tuesday, March 20, at The Wyndham Garden, 34911 Van Dyke Road, Sterling Heights, MI. The festivities begin promptly at 11:15 a.m. This year our entertainment will feature ELAINE BICKEL, "A Child of God," educator and author; also humorous, inspirational and listed in Who's Who among America's Teachers.

RESERVATIONS are \$24.00 per person, which includes a \$2.00/person donation to seminarians and CLW-supported food banks. NOTE: Seating is at tables of 10. When a group has less than 10 at a table, the table will be shared. In fairness to everyone, reservation orders MUST BE DATED ON OR AFTER JANUARY 19TH. Every effort will be made to assign the best seating based on the date of reservation order.

Hopefully you have already begun to publicize the Annual Luncheon and the name of your Woman of the Year. Please **PUBLICIZE THIS EVENT** by word of mouth and through church bulletins, newsletters, Facebook, and web blog postings. Treat your pastor(s) and their wives to the luncheon by making a reservation for them. What a nice way to demonstrate appreciation for all that they do! <u>Please coordinate all reservations by setting order deadlines for your members, and only submit orders for guests who have paid.</u>

MAKE AN EXTRA COPY of the attached reservation order form, in the event you need to make more reservations. Then complete the form and return it with your check, payable to the "Council of Lutheran Women." SEND ONE CHECK for all reservations made (rather than forwarding numerous checks from individuals). <u>Receipts will be sent via email, unless</u> otherwise requested.

Reservations must be paid in advance and no refunds will be extended. ADMISSION IS STRICTLY BY RESERVATION. Please note that reservations made after Friday, March 9th are not guaranteed seating with their preferred group.

Non-perishable food eyeglasses office supplies, paper products, sheets/blankets, towels, men's & women's underwear and socks, personal care items, and infant layette items are requested for CLW Operation Layette, supported food banks and affiliated auxiliaries. For a detailed collection list see our website at <u>www.clwmichigan.com</u>. Tables will be set up to receive your gifts, and there will be containers for cash donations. The Lutheran Center Bookstore will have a large display, including books and gift items.

We look forward to seeing a large group from each member church/organization. Good food, entertainment, fun, fellowship, and an opportunity to renew old acquaintances and make new friends, will make the 54thAnnual Luncheon another wonderful event to remember!

For those who may not know, any surplus in Annual Luncheon receipts is sent to seminary students from CLW member churches (whose names have been submitted to the Scholarship Coordinator) and urban food banks, as needed. We also support two Concordia University Ann Arbor students each year with these funds.

In His Service,

Barbara A. Karowich

Reservation Coordinator 734/480-1644

FINAL NOTES: The Wyndham Garden is on the west side of Van Dyke, just south of 15 Mile Road (34911 Vandyke) You can now also check us out on **Facebook** and visit us at our Website: **www.clwmichigan.com**