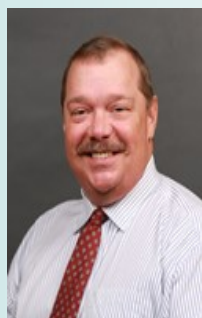




LCMS Seminary News Featured at Spring Meeting

Rev. Larry Wright and Mrs. Laura Thomas, will share important updates and insight into seminary life at the CLW spring meeting. Rev. Wright has served as an Advancement Officer for six years at Concordia Theological Seminary, Ft.



Wayne. Mrs. Thomas is in her third year as a Senior Gift Officer at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis.

As the LCMS anticipates significant clergy retirements, both seminaries are increasing outreach to help congregations participate in encouraging and supporting future pastors, deaconesses and church workers. Both speakers will share how the seminaries are utilizing new strategies to continue the important work of educating seminarians.

Registration begins at 9:15 a.m. followed by opening devotions at 9:45 a.m. The business meeting will include election of officers and will provide the inter-congregational organizations an opportunity to update guests on their needs and news. Ingathering of non-perishable food items, paper goods, baby layette items will be collected for our mission partners (www.clwmichigan.com). Lunch will be served following the meeting (free-will offering received).

First-time Mission Focus Event at Fall Meeting

Current CLW member ministry organizations have been invited to participate in a mission expo, called Mission Focus, at CLW's fall meeting on September 27, 2021. The event will run from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Faith Lutheran Church in Troy, Michigan. A buffet lunch is included.

Each ministry will host an exhibit table and give a 10 minute presentation from the podium. The goal of the expo is to inform attendees about service opportunities and encourage involvement.

Council members are encouraged to invite guests and share information with other groups about Mission Focus.

The business portion of the day is scheduled to begin at 1:00 p.m. following lunch. Seminarian and CUAA scholarship recipients will be announced for the 2021-2022 academic year. Member congregations will be contacted in August to submit names of seminarian students from their church who are eligible for scholarship support.

CLW Spring 2021 Hybrid Meeting; Registration information

Attendance at the Council of Lutheran Women spring meeting will be both in-person at St. Paul Lutheran Church, 22915 Greater Mack Avenue, St. Clair Shores, Michigan and by Zoom. Register through Eventbrite on the CLW website or at: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/clw-spring-meeting-tickets-148226376081> or call Candie Sionkowski at (734) 323-8008.

CLW 2020 and 2021 Women of the Year Celebrated Virtually

Forty-nine 2020 honorees and eight 2021 honorees were celebrated with virtual accolades for their selection as Women of the Year on Tuesday, March 23rd. In light of the ongoing restrictions and precautions due to COVID-19, the CLW Annual Luncheon moved to a new webinar format with the help of H2H Consulting's Kendra Corman.

The event combined live and recorded components during the 1 p.m. event which was rebroadcast for viewers at 7 p.m. Virtual Mistress of Ceremonies Laura Thomas "glued" together each segment with introductions and remarks.

New this year, the event included taped greetings from three Women of the Year honorees and three CLW Scholarship recipients. CEF VP of Marketing & Relations, Andy Sohn, delivered a wonderful virtual tribute to the Women of the Year. Both Peace and St. John Food Bank coordinators gave us an "inside look" at their operations and our Operation Layette coordinator shared details of the program with Pastor Andrzejewski at St. Paul, Royal Oak, where the program is located.

Humorist and speaker Jan Struck encouraged viewers to rejoice using Philippians 4:4-7 as her guide. She reminded viewers that the Lord is near us. No matter the circumstances we can rejoice because of what Jesus did for us on the cross.

CLW sent out over 200 webinar links!

