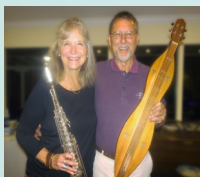




CLW Celebrates Its Diamond Jubilee in March 2024

Council of Lutheran Women will celebrate the festive occasion of its 60th anniversary at the **Council of Lutheran Women Annual Luncheon on Tuesday, March 19, 2024 at 11 a.m.** Together we will remember six decades of history serving as tireless advocates for Lutheran ministry in the metro Detroit area. Together we will honor volunteers nominated by their congregations as Women of the Year and recognize twenty scholarship recipients attending our local Concordia University Ann Arbor and our LCMS seminaries.

LivingTruth², a Christian faith-based husband and wife team of Elroy and Tammie Kosters, will play a folk/bluegrass concert of original compositions and old hymns using a variety of acoustical instruments. The Kosters are Michigan residents and lifetime musicians who have over 30 years of performing experience in LivingTruth².



The venue for this year's luncheon is **The Mirage, located on 16980 18 Mile Rd., Clinton Township, MI 48038.** Parking is available in the rear lot. Please enter through the north doors at the front of the building and deliver in-gathering items (listed on the Participation tab on the CLW website) to the doors on the east side of the building.

Reservations are open on the Eventbrite link on the CLW website (clwmichigan.com) through March 2nd. Cost of \$38.00 per attendee will help to cover event expenses and scholarships. You may contact Candie Sionkowski at 734-323-8008 for assistance.

The luncheon provides an opportunity to meet representatives of inter-congregational organizations in the display area and contribute in-gathering items to service organizations that are supported by the Council.



Encourage Your Church to Participate in the
CLW Annual Luncheon In-gathering:
Collect \$60 (or multiple of \$60) or 60 items for CLW ministry partners

Operation Layette looking for new coordinator and new home

Since 1997, a handful of volunteers have gathered at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Royal Oak to assemble layettes with donated materials stored in a dedicated space in the church. In-gatherings, cash donations and knitters provide items needed for CLW's **Operation Layette**. Pam Stasko, longtime coordinator of this CLW service, will be retiring after the Spring 2024 assembly and the ministry will need a new coordinator and new host church. A more detailed explanation of the volunteer position is available on the CLW website (clwmichigan.com).



Seminarions and CUAA Students Receive CLW Scholarships

Council of Lutheran Women awarded 18 scholarships to LCMS seminary students and 2 scholarships to female students studying for church work professions at Concordia University Ann Arbor (CUAA).

2023-2024 seminarian recipients (listed with home congregations) include: Martin Banks - St. Michael, Wayne; Brandon Boos - Faith, Troy; Josh Britton - Trinity, Utica; Patrick Brooks - Christ the King, Southgate; Janis Buelow - Trinity, Utica; Noah Dunsmore - Faith, Troy; William Ebel - St. John, Fraser; Henry Eising - St. Paul, Royal Oak; James Gramzow - Ascension of Christ, Beverly Hills; Alex Hinojosa - Emmanuel, Dearborn; Luke Konkel - Christ the King, Southgate;

Lucas Moody - St. Matthew, Westland; Matt Nelson - Trinity, Utica; Alex Ogden - Historic Trinity, Detroit; Sean Sheppard - Trinity, Utica; Chris Sturges - Faith, Troy; Adam Thiel - St. Michael, Wayne; and Jason von der Lage - St. Peter, Macomb.

Concordia University Ann Arbor students Hollie Johnson, teacher candidate, received the Leona M. Meyer Memorial Scholarship and Molly Breitenbach, Family Life Ministry major, received the John C. Streit Memorial Scholarship.

CUAA recipients are selected by the university and all seminarian awardees are nominated by member congregations every August.



CLW Nominating Committee seeking service-minded board members

All Council of Lutheran Women church and member representatives will receive a letter from the nominating committee asking for nominations for President, Treasurer, and Vice President of Human Care. Please consider how you might be equipped to serve in one of these roles. Candidates will appear on the election ballot at the CLW Spring 2024 meeting and those elected will serve terms of two years.

If you are interested in learning more about these board positions, their descriptions and responsibilities are published in Article VI of the CLW Bylaws posted on the About Us tab on our website (clwmichigan.com).