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**61st Annual Luncheon**  
**Tuesday, March 25, 2025**  
**11:00 A.M.**  
**Crystal Gardens Banquet Hall**  
**Southgate, MI**

Dear Friends in Christ:

Everyone is invited to the 61<sup>st</sup> Annual Luncheon of the Council of Lutheran Women (CLW) on Tuesday, March 25, 2025. This year's luncheon will be held at Crystal Gardens Banquet Hall, 16703 Fort St., Southgate, MI. Parking is available in front of and to the east of the building.

**RESERVATIONS are \$38.00 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. Reservations are now being accepted and will be via Eventbrite. The link to the Eventbrite reservation will be available on the CLW website. Use that link and click on the **Reserve a Spot** button to reserve 1 or more seats for the luncheon. Every effort will be made to assign the best seating based on the date the reservation was received.

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! Please coordinate all reservations by setting deadlines for your members and only submit orders for guests who have paid. You may make more than 1 group of reservations and we will combine them so that your group will be seated together at the event. As a reminder, you will still need a Luncheon reservation for your WOY even though you completed the WOY form on Eventbrite.

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 1st are not guaranteed seating with their preferred group.

Please refer to the CLW website for items that we will be collecting on behalf of our Mission Partners. Tables will be set up to receive your gifts, and there will be containers for cash donations. Please note that any large donations can be dropped off at the door on the east side of the Hall for your convenience. The CLW will have a table of boxed religious cards for all occasions for sale. These boxed cards will be

available as a cash sale for up to \$5 per box.

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 61st Annual 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).

An optional donation for the CLW Luncheon has been added to the Eventbrite registration. If you are unable to attend, or if you are attending and wish to make an additional donation towards the scholarship fund, you may choose a second option that will be available for your donation. Like last year, we have set it up so that you can enter the amount you want to donate. If you wish to donate only, you will still click on the **Reserve a Spot** button and complete all the fields except the quantity in the Registration section. In the Donation section, enter the amount you are donating and click on checkout. You will be asked for your contact, payment, and church/organization you are registering with. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out to me.

In His Service,

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The Council of Lutheran Women is an auxiliary of the Lutheran Center Association and was founded in 1964 through the efforts of Lutheran Center Association director Rev. Kenneth Lindsay and a group of interested LCMS women. The Council is a federation of Detroit metropolitan area Lutheran Women's organizations. Members share vital concerns and combine their efforts to exert on these concerns a strong Christian witness in word and deed.

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