



Serving the Underserved: Jacques' love for all God's children

Patti Jacques cofounded Gifts For All God's Children (GFAGC) in 1987 after an Advent project to collect Christmas gifts became an annual event. She currently serves as Executive Director with an expanded mission to provide underserved children with gifts, clothes, tutoring and summer camp.



Patti is the Urban Outreach Co-Coordinator at Faith Lutheran Church in Troy. Her volunteer experience includes Past President of the Detroit Rescue Mission Ministries (DRMM) Auxiliary and board member of North Oakland Thrivent Financial for Lutherans and Motown United Ministries (Motown Soup). Widely recognized for her work in the community, she received the 2024 Consumers Energy Cares Award. She earned a Bachelor Degree in Nursing from the University of Michigan and was a

Head Nurse at Mott Children's Hospital in Ann Arbor. She is married and has 4 children and 10 grandchildren.

Patti will share community engagement stories and strategies at the **Council's Spring meeting on Monday, April 28th at Faith Lutheran in Troy.**

Check-in for the Spring meeting begins at 9:15 a.m. with opening devotions at 9:45 a.m. The business meeting includes election of officers and updates from CLW committees and member inter-congregational organizations. Lunch at noon (free-will offering) and the speaker's presentation follow the meeting.

Please encourage your congregation to join you in supporting Gifts for All God's Children with financial gifts and donations of ingathering items for our mission partners (see www.clwmichigan.com under Opportunities for Participation tab).



Twenty-nine Women of the Year Honored at Annual Luncheon

Mistress of Ceremonies Lynn Corker and 455 Council of Lutheran Women members and guests celebrated our 2025 Women of the Year at Crystal Gardens in Southgate, MI. CLW Past President Doris August introduced honorees and highlighted service to their churches and communities. Proceeds from this year will fund scholarships for seminarians from member congregations and college students pursuing church work programs in Fall 2025.

Speaker Rev. David A. Davis, Michigan District President, shared his strategic emphasis on church planting, future church worker development, laity training, daily Bible reading. President Barb Collins cleverly compiled her report from cards and notes shared with the Council focusing on the struggles and joys in the life of seminarians that CLW supports. CLW Pastoral Advisor Rev. Dan Howard gave a moving tribute to the Women of the Year.

Mark your calendars for next year's Council of Lutheran Women Annual Luncheon on Wednesday, March 18, 2026.

Ministry partners accept donations and CLW accepts in-kind and cash donations for the food bank, layettes, and seminarian scholarships throughout the year. Find Information on the CLW website (www.clwmichigan.com) under the Opportunities for Participation and Support Us tabs.



L to R: Lynn Corker, MC: President
David A. Davis, Speaker; Barb
Collins, CLW President

Browse the CLW Website and Facebook Page for Publicity and Project Ideas

The **organizations and projects supported** tab lists CLW-sponsored activities that are part of our ongoing mission to strengthen our Lutheran and civic communities. The Council supports seminarians from member congregations with financial gifts, prayers and cards of encouragement. Operation Layette volunteers assemble layette items for distribution to local organizations twice per year. CLW-sponsored food banks at Detroit congregations are open year-round to serve the local community. The Council also provides guidance on issues

and actions that give us an opportunity for Christian witness.

A **photo gallery** tab on the CLW website and the photo tab on the Council of Lutheran Women Facebook page contain photos from events and scholarship recipients that you may use for promotion of CLW in your church publications and social media.

The **Council of Lutheran Women Facebook page** is updated regularly with events and registrations, seminarian news, and spring/fall meeting information.

CLW Spring 2025 Meeting: Registration information

The Spring meeting will be at Faith Lutheran, 37635 Dequindre Rd., Troy, MI, 48083. Register through Eventbrite on the CLW website (www.clwmichigan.com) by April 25, 2024 or call Candie Sionkowski at (734) 323-8008 for assistance.

The Council of Lutheran Women (CLW) began as the women's auxiliary of the Lutheran Center Association. For over 60 years the Council has united the efforts of affiliated Lutheran women's organizations by encouraging a Christian witness in the local community and cooperating with various service agencies to serve those in need. Membership is encouraged among LCMS churches and inter-congregational organizations. Contact Kitty Sweitzer at misskitty@redeemberirmingham.org for details or visit the CLW website: www.clwmichigan.com