



## Is a Mission Opportunity Short Term in Your Future?

Mr. Marty Moro serves as Executive Director of MOST (Mission Opportunities Short Term) Ministries where he has served for 3 years. Prior to starting at MOST, he served as a Lutheran school teacher for 22



years and as a development professional for Lutheran organizations for 18 years. A graduate of Detroit Lutheran West, he has a B.S. Ed. from Concordia College (Seward, NE), and an M.S. Ed from Indiana University (Fort Wayne, IN). He and his wife, Audrey, live in Flat Rock, MI and are members of Open Arms Lutheran Church in Belleville, MI. They have four grown children and eight grandchildren.

Mr. Moro will share stories and information at the **Council's Fall meeting**

on **Monday, September 22nd at MOST Ministries in Ann Arbor.** Parking is available in the front lot. Registration information is at the bottom of this newsletter.

Check-in for the Fall meeting begins at 9:15 a.m. with opening devotions at 9:45 a.m. The business meeting includes the announcement of 2025-2026 scholarship recipients, including **exciting news about our memorial scholarships**, and updates from member inter-congregational organizations. Lunch and the speaker's presentation follow the meeting. Tours will be offered during the day to watch how eyeglass donations are transformed into glasses that will be distributed to recipients during international MOST mission trips.



## Serve others by volunteering to serve with CLW

The Council of Lutheran Women is volunteer-driven. Elected and appointed positions are all filled by women who support the mission and spirit of CLW as dedicated volunteers (see the bottom of this newsletter). Could this be your year to serve with us? We have current openings for:

- \* **Meeting Manager** to coordinate all regular meetings of the Council (contact Barb Collins at lwmlbarb@sbcglobal.net) and
- \* **Development Coordinator** to renew and seek new sponsors and advertisers for the Annual Luncheon (contact Laura Thomas at lthomas19428@yahoo.com)

## New Officers Elected and Installed at Spring Meeting



New officers (right) L-R: **Laura Thomas**, VP of Communications (appointed); **Marilyn Delpaz**, VP of Events; **Sue Boyle**, Recording Secretary installed by CLW Pastoral Advisor Rev. Dan Howard at Faith, Troy.



## CLW Fall 2025 Meeting: Registration information

CLW's Fall meeting will be at **MOST Ministries, 655 Phoenix Dr., Ann Arbor, MI 48108.** Register through a new link through Zeffy at <https://www.zeffy.com/en-US/ticketing/fall-meeting> by **Sept, 18, 2025** or call **Candie Sionkowski at (734) 323-8008** for assistance.

Save the date ~ **March 24, 2026**



**The Mirage**



Council of Lutheran Women Annual Luncheon

## Three ongoing CLW-sponsored projects that support metro Detroit

**The Food Bank at Bethany Lutheran Detroit joins Peace Lutheran Detroit Food Pantry** as recipients of CLW assistance through ingatherings and cash donations that help to stock food and pantry items for families at both sites.

Pastoral and deaconess **seminarians are eligible for scholarship assistance** as a benefit of their congregations' CLW membership. The Council also sponsors **memorial scholarships** for Concordia University church work students. Both are funded by proceeds from the Annual Luncheon and cash donations. Notes and pictures from recipients are posted on Facebook and the CLW website.

Save **October 18, 2025** for the next **Operation Layette assembly** at Hope Lutheran Church in Warren. Donations are always welcome and needed.

These important programs always need your help and support. Look for more information about item and cash donations and volunteer opportunities for all member organizations at **[www.clwmichigan.com](http://www.clwmichigan.com)** under the **Opportunities for Participation tab** and the **Support Us tab**. Thank you for your generosity in so many ways!



We thank God for the ordinations and installations of:

Rev. Alex Hinojosa, Prince of Peace,  
Farmington Hills

Rev. Alex Ogden, Family of God, Detroit  
Rev. Sean Sheppard, Promise, Ft. Wayne  
Rev. Jason von der Lage, Christ, Cincinnati

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](mailto:misskitty@redeemberirmingham.org) for details or visit the CLW website: **[www.clwmichigan.com](http://www.clwmichigan.com)**