



Author and Executive Director of Body of Christ and the Public Square to speak

Reverend Dr. Christopher I. Thoma serves as Senior Pastor of Our Savior Evangelical Lutheran Church & School in Hartland, Michigan.

Having become deeply involved in Church and State issues, Thoma regularly engages with executive, legislative, and judicial leaders at the local, state, and federal levels. He not only brings the concerns of the Church to the forefront of government but also carries back knowledge and resources to his congregation and the Christian community at large.

Thoma is the Executive Director of The Body of Christ and the Public Square (BOCPS.org). He is often called upon to speak at various assemblies and conferences. Thoma has partnered with tier-one thinkers, sharing the stage with prominent newsmakers such as Charlie Kirk, Matt Walsh, Ben Shapiro, Dennis



Prager, Dinesh D'Souza, and others.

Rev. Thoma will speak at the **Council of Lutheran Women Annual Luncheon on Tuesday, March 24th at 11 a.m. at The Mirage located at 16980 Eighteen Mile Road in Clinton Township.** Please encourage your congregation to join you in donating ingathering items for our mission partners (see www.clwmichigan.com under Opportunities for Participation tab). Large donation drop-off is located on the east side of the building near the front. Women of the Year registration and donation sorting and packaging will be in the VIP Room.

Reservations are open on the Zeffy link on the CLW website homepage (clwmichigan.com). The 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 supported by the Council.

Nineteen students receive 2025-2026 CLW scholarship awards

The Council of Lutheran Women announced the following Seminary student scholarships at its Fall meeting: Martin Banks, St. Michael-Wayne; Patrick Brooks, Christ the King-Southgate; Noah Dunsmore, Faith-Troy; William Ebel, St. John-Fraser; Henry Eising, St. Paul-Royal Oak; Justin Goodrich, Trinity-Utica; James Gramzow, Ascension of Christ-Beverly Hills; Aaron Halboth, Grace-Redford; Jenny Jaroneski, Trinity-Utica; Luke Konkel, Christ the King-Southgate; Austin Kudray, Faith-Troy; Matt Nelson, Trinity-Utica; Angela Post, St. Luke-Ann Arbor; Frederick Quitmeyer, Christ Our Savior-Livonia;

Adam Thiel, St. Michael-Wayne; and Brad Thomas, St. Peter's-Eastpointe.

The Leona M. Meyer Scholarship recipient is Jenna Oberly (Lutheran High Westland/CUW), an Elementary Education major. The John C. Streit Scholarship recipient is Eli Williamson (Lutheran High Northwest/CSP), a Pre-Sem major. The inaugural Rev. Kenneth Lindsay Scholarship recipient is Lauren McMahan (Lutheran High North/CUW), an Elementary Education/Art Education major with a History minor. New criteria for the memorial scholarship awards will be announced at the 2026 CLW Annual Luncheon.

Introducing Zeffy: CLW's new registration platform

Registration Coordinator Candie Sionkowski researched and implemented a new and improved registration system for all CLW events. The platform allows registrants to choose to pay fees at a custom rate or not at all. The "donation" fee system funds Zeffy and its



mission to offer a platform that is maintained through donor contributions. We're always looking for ways to improve!

Have you been praying about a new opportunity to serve?

All Council of Lutheran Women church and member representatives may make nominations for CLW President, CLW Vice President of Human Care, and CLW Treasurer. 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 2026 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).

Welcome to new CLW member:

Open Arms Church and Day Care

and new Board Member:

CLW Development Coordinator

Lisa Hicks-Clayton

Remember to designate your Thrivent Choice dollars to Council of Lutheran Women by March 31, 2026. Thank you!

CLW Spring 2026 Meeting: Registration information

CLW's Spring meeting and elections will be held on Monday, April 27, 2026 at St. Luke in Clinton Township. Registration through the Zeffy link will be posted on the CLW website homepage one month prior to the meeting. No cost to attend; lunch is provided with a free will offering.