Council of Lutheran Women

2026 Woman of the Year

Dear Sisters in Christ:

Welcome to that special time of year. As members of the Council of Lutheran Women, it is your privilege to honor a special woman from your congregation or group as the "2026 Woman of the Year" (WOY).

It is required that your honoree be a member of your congregation/group. She does not have to be a member of your women's association (except in inter-congregational organizations). She should be a volunteer who cheerfully and willingly serves her Lord through her church and community. To be eligible, she must NOT have previously received this honor from your group. An honoree can now be honored by a second group (church or organization). It does have to be a different group that is nominating her. So for example if Suzie Que was honored by "My Lutheran Church of Wittenberg" she can now be nominated by her LWML Zone or another CLW Member church or organization.

You will be able to submit your nomination for Woman of the Year, via Zeffy, beginning **November 17, 2025**, using this link **https://www.zeffy.com/en-US/ticketing/woman-of-the-year-**

nomination. If you are not comfortable with Zeffy, please email or call me and I will be happy to work with you to nominate your WOY. **This is just to nominate your WOY, not for tickets to the luncheon.** You know all the great things about your WOY, but the luncheon attendees would also like to know a bit as well, so please include **25 words or less** about your honoree. Please be aware that your paragraph may be shortened if it goes over this limit.

ALL NOMINATIONS MUST BE SUBMITTED NO LATER THAN FEBRUARY 13, 2026.

The form does have a "shut off" date so be sure to get your honoree submitted by the deadline.

The Council of Lutheran Women's 62nd Annual Luncheon is scheduled for **Tuesday, March 24, 2026** at The Mirage, located at 16980 18 Mile Rd, Clinton Township, MI 48038.Tickets for the luncheon will be available via Zeffy on or after **January 15, 2026**. The Zeffy link for the luncheon will be found on the Council's webpage.

A letter of congratulations will be sent to your Woman of the Year during the month of February. Included will be information and instructions for the day of the luncheon. The Woman of the Year will receive a corsage and a certificate, and introduced. The lunch and our speaker will follow the presentations Every WOY name and nominating congregation/group will appear in the luncheon program.

We look forward to receiving the name of your special 2026 Woman of the Year and celebrating her in March. Remember, in order to submit a WOY honoree, your dues need to have been sent in to us.

In Christ's love,

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