

Community Dinner Volunteer

The Community Dinner ministry welcomes all who are hungry, lonely, need companionship, or need shelter for a few hours. Community dinners are served between 6 pm and 7 pm on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of every month. The women and men who are our guests for community dinners are our sisters and brothers and God is in them. We who volunteer do so because we believe this is what Jesus would have us do. All are children of God, made in his image. Volunteers work as many dinners, or as few, as their schedule allows. There are many opportunities to help. A team captain, the designated representative of Trinity Cathedral for the evening, is in charge of all aspects of the dinner. All are welcome to volunteer. Young men and women 17 years old and younger must provide a signed parental consent document to the team captain before serving.

Table set-up and water host – Place glasses, placemats, salt and pepper shakers, silverware on dining tables by 4:30 pm. Fill water pitchers with ice and water. Refill water pitchers on tables from 5 pm through end of dinner service at 7 pm.

Coffee host – Place cups, creamer, sugar, stirrers on coffee tables at 4:30 pm and brew 2 containers of coffee (instructions and training are provided). Serve coffee from 5 pm through end of dinner service at 7 pm.

Food providers – summer schedule: Please deliver food by 5 pm or arrange with team captain. Sandwich volunteers provide 2 loaves of sandwiches of any variety (individual sandwich bags are not needed); salad volunteers provide mixed green salad or potato salad or pasta salad to feed at least 10 guests; dessert volunteers provide desserts (cookies or brownies or cake) for 10 guests. If bringing food but not staying to serve, please label “for Community Dinner and the date,” and deliver to the cathedral kitchen by Wednesday at 5 pm.

Food providers – winter schedule: Please deliver food by 5 pm or arrange with team captain. Provide soup or chili or stew for 20 guests (either canned or homemade); provide cornbread or oyster crackers or saltine crackers for 10 guests; provide dessert (cookies or brownies or cake) for 10 guests. If bringing food but not staying to serve, please label “for Community Dinner” and the date, and deliver to the cathedral kitchen by Wednesday at 5 pm.

Food Handlers: Always wear gloves, wear aprons and if female, pull hair back if long. If serving coffee and helping with filling up water pitchers in the dining area, please wear name tags.

Servers – Arrive at the cathedral kitchen by 5:30 pm. Dinner is served promptly at 6 pm. Wear an apron (provided) and a name tag (provided). Wash hands and wear plastic gloves (provided) when serving. Smile. Greet guests. You are the face and hands of Jesus.

Cleanup – One person runs the dishwasher (instructions and training are provided) and others dry and put away the dishes. Cleanup begins at 6:15 pm and ends at 7:15 p.m. At the direction of the team captain, checks the grounds after the guests have left, and disposes of paper plates, cups, or other meal items found.