May we donate food even though we cannot help in the evenings?

Although many volunteers prefer to prepare the food at the church together as it is a wonderful opportunity for fellowship, volunteers may prepare sandwiches and soup at home. Let one of the coordinators know your plans and then just bring donations to the church by 4:30 pm the day of the dinner. Place the donation in the refrigerator in the Great Hall kitchen. Please be sure it is clearly labeled “Community Dinners”. We are also grateful for non-perishable food donations such as boxes of crackers and packaged cookies. Those can be brought to the church anytime but don’t forget to label them!

How can I learn more?

Our volunteers love to talk about what we do and would be glad to answer any additional questions you might have! Maybe you would like to attend a Community Dinner and see first hand what is involved and why we are so passionate and enthusiastic about our ministry. Please join us and we will help you get involved. We are richly blessed to be a part of our Community Dinners ministry!

Our guests are so very grateful and we are as well. Each week, we witness the people we serve grow in a sense of community, hope and compassion. This ministry provides each volunteer the opportunity to live out our faith and commitment to Christ as we grow in the knowledge of God’s abundant love.

God is good.

Yes! I want to join our Community Dinners ministry! Whom shall I contact?

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“Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these members of my family, you did it to me.”
Matthew 25:40 NRSV
What is the Community Dinners Ministry all about?

Trinity Cathedral’s Community Dinners ministry began in 2010. We welcome all people who are hungry, lonely, need companionship or need shelter for a few hours. A simple meal and a warm welcome is provided to anyone who wishes to attend. The women and men who are our guests 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. We know that all are children of God, made in his image.

*Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink?*  
Matthew 25:37 NRSV

When & Where Are Dinners Held?

Community Dinners are served on the 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 5th Wednesday of each month. We begin serving at 6:00 pm and finish up at 7:00 pm. Over 700 guests annually enjoy a light meal in the Great Hall of Trinity Cathedral — a safe place, off the streets.

How can I help?

Simply put, volunteers prepare and serve meals and visit with our guests. Your involvement may include:

- Cooking, serving and clean-up of meals
- Welcoming and visiting with guests
- Providing food and supplies

There are many opportunities to help. An experienced Team Captain, is always present to oversee the evening. This person is in charge of all aspects of the dinner including assigning responsibilities to the volunteers.

Who may volunteer?

All are welcome to join in this important and fulfilling ministry! Please note that volunteers must be 18 years of age or older. Our volunteers may work as many or as few dinners as their schedules allow. We usually arrive at the church around 4:30 pm so we are ready when our guests begin to arrive at 5:00 pm.

How many people attend?

On most evenings, we serve dinner to 25 - 30 guests. We may serve as many as 50 on the fourth Wednesday of the month. In addition, we need five or six volunteers to serve as hosts, preparing food, serving the meal, visiting with our guests and clean-up.

What’s on the menu?

The meals are simple. In warmer months, a typical meal consists of sandwiches, salad and a dessert such as cookies. We switch to soup, salad and dessert when the weather gets cooler.

What if I have never worked on something like this before?

Rest assured, there will always be “seasoned” volunteers to support you and help you learn every step of the way. The most important skill you need is a loving heart and willing hands. Before you know it, you will be a leader in this ministry!