

WHY LUNCH?

Share with the Lord's people who are in need. Practice hospitality. ROMANS 12:13

Impact Church shares a meal together after church every week for two primary reasons. First, following Jesus's example, we find the meal table to be a great place to connect and deepen relationships in our community. Second, some in our community struggle to know where their next meal is coming from, and, at least on Sundays, we've got that covered.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUR GROUP

Visiting groups bless our church in so many ways. By providing food, they help defray costs and give our kitchen crew a break. They keep us connected with our community. But we have found that groups who serve at Impact walk away with blessings of their own. Our invitation is that groups that cook and serve also come eat with us, and we've seen people form new friendships with folks from very different social backgrounds. We believe that through the practices of hospitality and sharing, God dissolves barriers and shows us that we truly are brothers and sisters in his Kingdom.

How to

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PLANNING

- 1. Point of Contact: <u>Annette Zwerneman, (254) 541-0768</u>. Annette will coordinate with the Impact kitchen team.
- 2. The meal calendar is planned in advance, so we appreciate at least a month's notice, if possible.
- 3.Impact Church will provide tableware, serving utensils, and drinks (water, coffee, and sometimes lemonade). If your group would like to bring other drinks like tea or soft drinks, you're welcome to.

THE MEAL

- 1. Food should be prepared and cooked before arrival. There are two large ovens available for keeping the food warm, and we have plenty of outlets for warmers and crock pots.
- 2. We currently anticipate about 60 people from the church will participate in the meal. Extra food left-over will be used during the week and will not be wasted.
- 3. Plan to individually prepare and serve each plate (main dishes, sides and desserts). Meals are eaten in the dining area, with little exception, as a community event.
- 4. Please arrive by 10:30 am so that you can join us for Worship Service at 11. Groups may want to slip out during the closing song to prepare for serving.
- 5. Please join us for the meal and visit with the community. This is the best part of lunch!

FOOD SUGGESTIONS

Here are a few suggestions that have worked well:

- 1. Hot or cold sandwiches (e.g. pulled pork, deli-style cold cuts) individually wrapped with bagged chips.
- 2. Casseroles with a protein and vegetables.
- 3. Crockpot meals like chicken spaghetti, stews, chili, etc.
- 4. Fresh fruit is a always a hit. And who doesn't love dessert?
- 5. The community is so appreciative of a home cooked meal, so you really can't go wrong.



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