

WORSHIP PARTICIPANT FUNCTIONS

Parish Coffee Hour

Hospitality is valued at St. Francis Lutheran Church, and coffee hour is an important manifestation of our hospitality. One or two people or a group may offer to host, providing greetings and food to all after the worship service.

The food need not be complicated. The point is hospitality, not a host competition. Some people like to prepare homemade foods; others buy food. The menu could be several kinds of cookies, cakes or pastry. Others offer fruit, vegetables, or cheese and crackers. Items should be finger food in small portions, not a lunch, but a snack with coffee.

Guests often take one of each item so if you offer 8 items, you will need 40 portions of each. If you offer 4 items, you will need fewer in total but allow for more than 1 per person. Usually we serve about 50 people.

The church provides coffee and tea and paper plates and napkins.

Plan to arrive at church before worship to arrange the food and other items. If you don't know where plates, cups, etc., are located, Clifton or a church member can help you. The food can be left covered in the kitchen through worship service and put out afterwards.

During service, Clifton will make the coffee and set up the table for food. Leave service early enough to arrange food on the table and be prepared to host. The small basket is put on the table to collect donations. Usually the host greets people by the coffee urn and serves them coffee. You also need to keep an eye on the platters and replenish them as necessary.

After people have left, gather any coffee cups still on tables and clean up any leftover plates or food that have not been put in the waste can. The cups and any serving dishes or utensils should be washed and run through the sterilizer, dried and replaced in the cupboards. Tables should be wiped, the sink cleaned, and any other necessary clean up done.

Do not put leftover food in the refrigerator or leave it in the kitchen. Take it home or give it to someone.