

The men of the congregation set up the tables and chairs. A committee of 4 women set tables with table clothes, silverware, salt & pepper shakers and bud vases of silk flowers. Usually we have 2 serving tables with a centerpiece and 2 tables towards the back of the room with drinks and cake. Depending on how many people are coming, more helpers are often required.

Serving tables are set up so that you can go down each side to get food. Pastor asks the blessing and people serve themselves. Plates are counted beforehand so that we can get the total number of people who were fed. Care is taken not to rush so the people have plenty of time to visit before tables are cleared. When cleanup is started, the family is asked if they would like some food to take home. Boxes are gotten together for the family for the remainder of the food.

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Funeral Luncheon Menu Suggestions & Planning Guide



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Evangelical Lutheran Church has a committee of four who arrange funeral luncheons - two chairpersons and two assistant chairpersons.

There are approximately three to four days, once the need has been established, by either the pastor, the funeral home, or the family to arrange the luncheon. A contact person in the family, and a chairperson work together to arrive at a menu, and the number of people to prepare for.

The **congregation** plays a large part in the funeral luncheon process, because telephone calls must be made to them for the donation of food. The people in our congregation appreciate the availability of the funeral luncheons, and most people who are called participate.

Sample Menu for 125 People

Ham Sandwiches

Chicken Salad Sandwiches

Baked Beans (4 Dishes - Serve 25 each)

Macaroni & Cheese (4 – 9 x 13” Size)

Jello Salad (4 Sheet Pan Size)

Fruit Salad (2 Large Dishes)

Deviled Eggs (5 ½ doz. = 132 halves)

Relish Tray

Vegetable Dip (1 qt.)

Cake (5 Sheet Cakes)

Chips (4 Large Bags)

Coffee/Lemonade (4 gal. lemonade)

Purchased 12 doz. Rolls and 9 lbs. Ham or Chicken Salad. Congregation is called to donate remainder. Coffee is always kept on hand at the church.



Sample Menu for 90 People

Steamers
Baked Beans
Macaroni & Cheese (2 - 9x13 Size)
Fruit Salad (10 qt.)
Relish Tray w/Dip (2 sm. Trays)
Cake (4 sheet Cakes)
Chips (3 Large Bags)
Deviled Eggs (100 halves)
Coffee/Lemonade (4 gal.)

Occasionally, the committee travels to the person's home or another area to serve the luncheon, but usually it is held in the Memorial Fellowship Hall of the church.



Sample Menu for 45 People

Ham Sandwiches
Chicken Salad Sandwiches
Platter of Cheese & Lettuce
Coleslaw (3 qts.)
Potato Salad (3 qts.)
Relish Tray/Dip
Jello-Salad (3 Sheet Cakes)
Cake (2 to 3 Sheet Cakes)
Chips (2 Large Bags)
Coffee/Iced Tea (2 gal. tea)

Purchase 6 pounds Ham or Chicken Salad and 7 dozen Rolls. Congregation members are called to donate the remainder of the food. It takes approximately one quart of Chicken Salad to assemble 16 sandwiches.

Sample Menu for 65 People

Fried Chicken (Legs, Thighs, Breasts)
Meat Balls (2 Crock Pots)
Macaroni & Cheese (3 Sheet Pans)
Baked Beans (3 Crock Pots)
Relish Tray with Dip (20" dia. Plate Full)
Fruit Salad (9 qts.)
Cake (3 Sheet Cakes & 1 Angel Food)
Chips (3 Large Bags)
Rolls (4 doz.)
Coffee/Iced Tea (3 gal. Iced Tea)

Purchased 4 doz. Tea Rolls, 36 Breasts, 36 Legs and 36 Thighs. Congregation is called to donate remainder of food. Amount of each item to donate is estimated by previous experience with luncheons. If a lot of food is left over, the family is asked if they would like to take some home.

Sample Menu for 75 People

Ham Sandwiches
Chicken Salad Sandwiches
Potato Salad (4 qt.)
Macaroni Salad (4 qt.)
Relish Tray w/Dip
Fruit Salad (9 qt.)
Deviled Eggs (3 Doz.)
Chips (3 Large Bags)
Cake (3 to 4 Sheet Cakes)
Coffee/Ices Tea

7 lbs. Ham, or Chicken Salad. Rolls, Cheese and Lettuce are purchased. Congregation is called to donate the remainder. Amount of each item to donate is estimated by previous experience.

