



Church of the Redeemer

Winter Connections 2024 Session Two Potluck Schedule

Week One - 3-6-24

Theme: *Chef's Choice*



Week Two - 3-13-24

Theme: *Breakfast for Dinner*

- Group 1 - Entrée
- Group 2 - Side
- Group 3 - Entrée
- Group 4 - Kid-Friendly Side
- Group 5 - Dessert

Week Three - 3-20-24

Theme: *Mediterranean*

- Group 1 - Dessert
- Group 2 - Entrée
- Group 3 - Side
- Group 4 - Entrée
- Group 5 - Kid-Friendly Side

Week Four - 4-10-24

Theme: *Chef's Choice*

- Group 1 - Kid-Friendly Side
- Group 2 - Dessert
- Group 3 - Entrée
- Group 4 - Side
- Group 5 - Entrée

Week Five - 4-17-24

Theme: *Backyard Picnic*

(think: sandwiches, chips, fruit; no cooking required; simple)

- Group 1 - Bread & Condiments
- Group 2 - Chips
- Group 3 - Dessert
- Group 4 - Sandwich fixings (e.g., meat, cheese, lettuce, tomato, etc.)
- Group 5 - Fruit and/or Veggies

Week Six - 4-24-24

Theme: *BBQ Bash*

- Group 1 - Side
- Group 2 - Entrée
- Group 3 - Kid-Friendly Side
- Group 4 - Dessert
- Group 5 - Entrée

A Few Notes

No matter which category you're assigned on a given week, please bring something that serves 8-10 portions. There are 80+ people signed up for a Connections class this winter—that's a lot of mouths to feed! Yet, if we all do our part and bring something to share, there will be more than enough.

RE: "Kid-Friendly Side" - not too different from a regular side, just something that would appeal to the little saints among us. Think fruit, chips, pizza rolls/bagel bites, cheese & crackers, mashed potatoes, etc.

****We do not have Connections on March 27th or April 3rd** due to Holy Week and the first week of Easter (church office is closed that week).

Group Assignments

Group 1

Fellows

Heidengren

O'Hare

Faulkner

Williams

Group 2

Fellows

Cox

Duy

Logan

Swenson

Group 3

Fellows

Burkhalter

Jesusadan/Anthony

Hamilton

Jones

Leonard

Group 4

Fellows

Bryant

Edscorn

Meeder

Sawyer

Weldy

Group 5

Fellows

Castillejo

Damore

Hendrick

Henning

Wensyel

A Theological Moment

There's nothing quite like a church potluck. Far from being just a collection of casseroles, salads, and desserts, potlucks are about fostering community and strengthening fellowship. For thousands of years, sharing a meal has been an act of love and unity—a way to care for one another. This truth is woven throughout scripture, and perhaps the most striking example is Jesus' institution of the sacrament of Holy Communion during the Last Supper.

It is understandable that the idea of preparing a dish each week might seem like just another item on the to-do list, a “*have to*.” But let's change our perspective. Rather than seeing it as a burdensome obligation, let's view it as a privilege. We each have the honor of adding to a communal feast, of placing our dish alongside those of our neighbors, and then sharing in the bounty **together**.

If Jesus were here in the flesh today, can you imagine the joy on His face seeing us continue the tradition of shared meals through our potlucks? Observing us, His cherished people, celebrate the Gospel in such a tactile way—literally “tasting and seeing that the Lord is good.” These potlucks take on a sacramental nature as they outwardly (or, edible-y) remind us of the beautiful truth that - *in Christ* - we are freed to live and enjoy His vibrant, abundant life with others. Thus, every dish, every bite, is more than just food; it's a tangible expression of our fellowship and a scrumptious means of celebrating the Gospel. So let's embrace this cherished tradition! Each Wednesday evening when we gather around the table, we can trust that Jesus is present and that there is more than enough for all of us.