

2025 WOMEN'S
CANDLELIGHT DINNER
HOSTESS PACKET



Seek Him

YOU WILL SEEK ME AND FIND ME WHEN YOU
SEEK ME WITH ALL YOUR HEART.

- JEREMIAH 29:13



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TABLE HOSTESS INFORMATION

What does a hostess do?

Pray.

Spendtime prior to the event praying for your guests and the entire event.

Invite.

Invite friends, family, co-workers, neighbors, or even strangers to your table. Hostesses get first dibs on the tickets available at your table. After the hostess grace period, open spots will be made available for church-wide and public ticket purchases.

Decorate.

See the Table Setup section to know what your table will need. The decor is up to you. The church has all the basics available for you to use if you need them. Also, there are MANY women who are willing to lend out dishes and décor or to help you decorate your table – just ask!

Follow-Up.

Candlelight Dinner is our LARGEST outreach event! We have seen as many as 50 women say YES to Jesus during this event! As a hostess, you will receive an envelope at the end of the evening with the names and contact info of the women who responded on their comment cards. We ask that you follow up with those women in the days after the event. We will provide follow-up questions and conversation starters to help you with this. You can also encourage them to come to CrossPoint's Christmas Services and Growth Groups.

How much will it cost me?

As much or as little as you choose! Tickets are \$25 per person, including tickets for hostesses. Many women borrow centerpieces, dishes, tablecloths, etc. from others. We will help provide a list of women who are willing to help. Some hostesses choose to pay for the tickets for their guests, but that is not expected. Most hostesses direct their guests to pay directly to the church. Tickets do sell out, so we advise you to have your guest tickets purchased before the hostess grace period runs out (See timeline for dates).

Can I hostess with a friend?

Absolutely! We love seeing our women work together to serve! In past years, many women have split nights with a friend! Both help decorate the table, one hostess' on Friday night, the other on Saturday night. This is a great way to keep the workload low!

Will I have to talk?

It may be awkward if you don't! We simply ask that you help engage the women at your table in conversation and help them feel welcomed and loved!

Do I have to serve food?

NO!!! Our youth and men graciously serve us for this event! They will even wash the dishes if you wish! We want you to be able to enjoy the evening with your guests at your table.

What food will be served?

The meal will be determined and provided by the caterer. It will include a salad, dinner, and dessert. Diet accommodation is determined by the caterer, and we are not able to make additional special requests. We will have a gluten-free option and a vegetarian option. Please let us know if you or your guest will need a gluten-free or vegetarian meal.

Can I bring my teenage daughter and her friends?

This event is designed for women. We want High School girls to feel welcomed and included as young women at CrossPoint. To help them feel included with the women, High school girls can come if they attend and sit at the table with their mothers. We ask that Middle School girls do not attend but can be involved by serving.

What happens to my dirty dishes?

You have several options. You can have the youth and adult volunteers wash your dishes in the dishwasher or handwash them. If youth are washing your dishes, please be patient with them. They have over 250 place settings to wash and will do their best to get them done as quickly and safely as possible.

If you prefer or don't let us know you want them washed, you can take them home to wash them after the event. Please let us know your washing preference for your glassware, silverware, and dishes when you sign up to host.

Where do I get place cards?

You can make your own place cards (let us know if you need a list of names). We will have some plain white card stock place cards available during the table set-up times that you're welcome to use. We will not be printing place cards this year.

Can I be involved in other ways?

Yes! We need you to help decorate the church for the event. Sunday, November 30 at 2:00-6:00 pm (prayer walk at 1:30 pm) we will need you to help us put up the décor that has already been designed by the decorating team.

You can volunteer to bring/bake cookies for the men/youth who are serving. Sign up for cookies in the CP app or at cphutch.church.

You can also help the youth serve the meal (plate the food, serve food, and help with dishes) or serve the meal to the youth and men volunteers on the night that you aren't attending the event.

Can men and youth be involved?

Yes! We need men and youth to make this event happen. We could not do this without them. Men and Youth can sign up in the CP App, at cphutch.church, or at the information desk.

Men can sign up to valet park, escort women into the building (in a topcoat/long coat), handle coat check, and serve dinner.

Youth can sign up to be servers. This is an excellent opportunity for youth to earn money (\$25/night) that they can use towards youth events or mission trips. (Dress: black pants and white shirt)

Men and youth will be provided with dinner during the event. There will be other opportunities for men and youth to help with table set up and tear down before and after the event.

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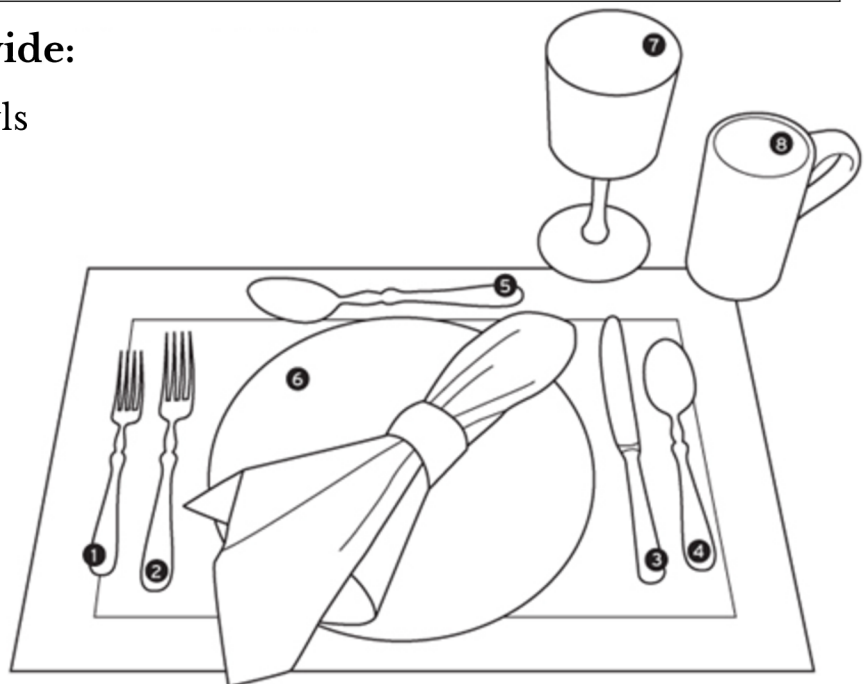
WHAT YOUR TABLE SHOULD INCLUDE:

Use your favorite table setting for eight, which includes:

☐ Dinner Plates	☐ Water Pitcher
☐ Salad Plates or Bowls	☐ Tablecloth (Table Sizes: Oval: 5'x6' Rectangle: 8'x3')
☐ Dessert Plates	☐ Cloth Napkins
☐ Glasses or Goblets	☐ Salt & Pepper Shakers
☐ Coffee Cups	☐ Breadbasket with Napkin
☐ Flatware	☐ Centerpiece
☐ Salad Tongs	☐ Small Dishes (for coffee creamer and butter pats (provided by CP))
☐ Candlelight (flames should be enclosed. Candles will burn for 3 hours, plan accordingly. CP will have lighters available)	

CrossPoint will provide:

- ☐ Salad Serving Bowls
- ☐ Coffee Carafes



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| SILVERWARE | PLATES & GLASSES |
| 1. Salad fork | 6. Lunch plate |
| 2. Dinner fork | 7. Goblet |
| 3. Knife | 8. Coffee cup |
| 4. Tea spoon | |
| 5. Dessert spoon | |



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IMPORTANT DATES

Hostess Meetings

October 5, 12, and 19 / 10:10 am between the services in room 200

Ticket Sales

October 25 / Last day tickets sales are reserved for hostesses only.

October 26 - November 16 / Ticket sales open to all CP Women

November 17 / Ticket sales open to all CP women and the public

Decorating

November 30 / 1:30 prayer walk. Decorate 2:00-6:00 pm

December 4 / 2:00 pm - 8:00 pm: Church open for table decorating

Day of Event / Friday

December 5 | 9:00 am-1:00 pm: Church open for table decorating Hostess Pre-Event
(Required to attend)

4:45 pm: Hostess Valet Parking/Coat Check

5:15 pm: Meeting in Room 200

5:40 pm: Light Candles

5:45 pm - 6:30 pm: Doors & Photo Booth Open

6:30 pm: Program Begins

Day of Event / Saturday

December 6 | 9:00 am - 1:00 pm: Church open for table decorating Hostess Pre-Event
(Required to attend)

3:45 pm: Hostess Valet Parking/Coat Check

4:15 pm: Meeting & Prayer in Room 200

4:40 pm: Light Candles

4:45 pm-5:30 pm: Doors & Photo Booth Open

5:30 pm: Program Begins