



Sunday Night Suppers Host Volunteer FAQs

What is Sunday Night Suppers?

Sunday Night Suppers is a free community meal offered by Park Ridge churches and organizations on Sunday Nights from September through May. It exists to provide a space for our neighbors from the surrounding area who are experiencing food insecurity to come share a meal together, no questions asked. This community-based hunger program originated in 2007 with local Park Ridge faith leaders who believed their congregations had the responsibility and passion to serve the needs of vulnerable people in our community. Find out more [here](#). Sunday Night Suppers is held at First United Methodist Church at 418 W. Touhy Avenue, Park Ridge.

What does it mean to be a host volunteer?

As one of the three co-hosting churches of Sunday Night Suppers, St. Luke's provides a 3-person host team on 10 designated Sundays throughout the program year. The host team serves as on-site coordinators to support each week's volunteer team that is providing and serving the meal. Host team members become familiar with the location and the procedures for set-up, serving, and clean-up in order to guide other volunteers and help things run smoothly. Training and checklists of responsibilities are available and there is always at least one onsite volunteer coordinator to help with any questions.

What is the time commitment for being a host team member?

As repeat volunteers help things run most smoothly, we are requesting that each volunteer sign up for at least 2 dates and 3 if possible. On each date, you are asked to be on site at First United Methodist Church from 3 pm until about 6 pm.

What roles are there on the host team? What would I be doing?

Under the direction of one of St. Luke's host team coordinators, host team members serve in one of three roles:

- **Greeter** – greet and keep a count of guests as they arrive and direct them as needed
- **Dining Lead** - oversee volunteer serving team in setting up tables in the dining room, serving food and drinks, and cleaning up the dining room
- **Kitchen Lead** – help the serving team get the catered food and drink ready to serve (e.g., place in warmers, start the coffee maker, get out serving utensils); wash serving trays and utensils after the meal