

**21St. Mark's Community Cook-Off
General Cook-Off Rules and Information 2023**

*For the general details of the Community Cook-Off, please visit
www.stmarkslutheran.com/community-cook-off/*

- 1. This is an amateur cooking contest which includes three categories (see # 3 below). All contestants must register for the cook-off by September 22nd, 2023, at www.stmarkslutheran.com/community-cook-off/register. Consent must be given at the bottom of the registration form. Registration is limited.**
- 2. Each cooking team will designate one person as head cook. The head cook will be held responsible for the conduct of his/her team and guests.**
- 3. There will be three categories in the contest that will be judged separately: ribs, chicken, and beans/chili. Teams may submit an entry for multiple categories. ALL PREP & COOKING IS TO BE DONE ON SITE (see # 10 below).**
- 4. Contestants must prepare enough of each entry to have 5 portions for the judges and 10 portions for visitors of the Community Cook-Off.**
- 5. All entries must be prepared in as sanitary a manner as possible. All applicable local health department rules and regulations must be complied with. All meat and poultry must be obtained from USDA-approved sources.**
- 6. All applicable local fire department rules and regulations must be complied with. Fires are not to be built on the ground. Holes and pits will not be allowed.**
- 7. The Cook-Off Committee will provide one 8 ft. by 2.5 ft. plastic table for each cook-off team. (Please note: NO grills or other equipment are allowed to rest on the table that could melt the table plastic.)**
- 8. The Cook-Off Committee will also provide fire extinguishers for the cook-off area, but contestants are encouraged to bring their own as well.**
- 9. Contestants must supply all other equipment and supplies needed (grill, utensils, cookware, etc.). The Cook-Off Committee will not be providing any equipment other than the table and fire extinguisher. Props, trailers, tents, and any other equipment may not exceed the boundary of the contestant's assigned space. All other vehicles must be out of the cooking area. No golf carts or four wheelers. No tent stakes can be driven into the asphalt or driveway.**
- 10. Check-in and setup will be on September 30th, between 1:30 pm and 2:00 pm, on the northwest side of the St. Mark's Lutheran Church parking lot. The cooking ends and the event begins at 5:00 pm. Contestants will have the opportunity to share their grilling wisdom and the story behind their entries with the attendees of the Community Cook-Off from 5:00-6:00 pm. Cook-off judging will begin at 5:15 pm.**
- 11. Contestants will be provided with a number that will correspond with their entry. The entry must be labeled with that number when it is submitted. The judges will know only the number of the entry and will not know which contestant prepared which entry. Judging will be carried out by a panel of judges supplied by the Community Cook-Off Committee.**

12. Prizes will be awarded for 1st place in each contest category (ribs, chicken, and beans/chili).
13. Smoking is not allowed on campus. Alcohol will not be allowed on the campus. Absolutely no firearms or explosives will be allowed on campus.
14. Contestants are not allowed to sell barbeque or other products, items, or beverages of any kind.
15. It is the responsibility of each entry/team to see that the contest area is kept clean and policed during the contest. Following the contest, it is the responsibility of each entry/team to clean their assigned cooking area. No items or equipment will be allowed to remain after the close of the event. If you have any questions regarding the Community Cook-Off, please contact the church office at 916-961-7891, or by email at churchadm@stmarkslutheran.com.

Thank you!

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