

# Last Friday Supper January—March, 2009 Newsletter

[www.LastFridaySupper.com](http://www.LastFridaySupper.com)

## January Summary

114 guests  
37 Volunteers  
Total: 151  
Donation Can: \$93.40

## February Summary

79 Guests  
29 Volunteers  
Total: 108  
**NOTE: Feb. 13 was the BIG snow day! We only had 9 guests and 7 volunteers that night. The meal, however, was given to Hospitality House since their cooks couldn't get into town. The Lord used us most remarkably!**

Donation Can: \$25.10

## March Summary

131 guests  
33 Volunteers  
Total: 164  
Donation Can: \$15.00

## **C**ost of Meals

Our cooks are VERY conscientious about being frugal and careful with their spending. I SO appreciate their dedication and creativity!

They always bring the best menu to the table for the best value.

## **C**urrent Budget

Individuals and faith-based organizations—did you remember to include this program in your 2009 budget? We pray diligently for this program's success. The economy is tough right now—for everyone. If you need to take a breather from financial giving, we understand. But please continue to serve with volunteers.

## **M**enus

If you've never been to one of our meals, you are missing a real treat! Not only do you meet so many wonderful people from all walks of life, but you eat well, too. Here are some examples of past (and future) menus.

- Spaghetti
- Beef Pot Pie (all from scratch!)
- Ham Hock Soup
- Turketti
- Nice green salads or vegetables served at every meal
- Ice cream, ambrosia, cookies, jello

## **W**ant to do more?

We have dedicated volunteers who greet people at both The Food Bank and at Interfaith. They have a cheerful disposition and encourage folks to bring themselves, friends, and family members to our meals.

If you would like to help in this area, please let me know. (Nan: 432-3071)

Another area of need is distributing and posting flyers. Consider taking a pile with you next time you are at the church. Post them on bulletin boards at your work, local deli, coffee shop, or barber. You would be surprised how a flyer can touch someone's life.

## **P**ositive Messages at Each Meal

Thanks to Jan Alessi's great idea, we are now reading a heartfelt story to our guests—five minutes before serving the meal. It kicks off the meal with a wonderful feeling, and seems to start conversations with other, similar stories that tables are sharing.

Many guests have given me

favorable comments about the messages. The source for acts of kindness can be found at [HelpOthers.org](http://HelpOthers.org)

From the site: "Acts of kindness and generosity come in many different forms: Giving food to a hungry stranger, donating one's time to aid homeless people or helping a fellow tenant make the rent. But it's their ability to touch us and stick in our memories that makes sometimes even small gestures a powerful and lasting force in our lives."

## **L**ast Friday Supper Web Site

Do you remember to check the web site for your organization's duties each month? If not, please take a moment to visit: [www.lastFridaySupper.com](http://www.lastFridaySupper.com)

As a treat for visiting, you can read a new verse for the day. Today's verse is *"You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous man, though for a good man someone might possibly dare to die. But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us."* ([Romans 5:6-8](#))

-editorial comments by Nan Spier